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TRIPOLI POWDER

AIR FLOAT CREAM - Super fine buffing, polishing and finishing, abrasive powder

TRIPOLI POWDER Air Float Cream (AFC) is a super fine abrasive powder used in French Polishing to impart a brilliant sheen to the final finish. Use it over **Shellawax, Shellawax Glow, Shellawax Cream or Aussie Oil** to give a dryer shine to the finish. It can also be used prior to applying a finish.

BASIC TRIPOLI POWDER INFO

Tripoli powder is a non-metallic, natural mineral powder that is insoluble in water. The Fine grade has traditionally been used by French Polishers, Jewellers and furniture restorers for decades to polish out brush marks, blemishes and minor imperfections on finished surfaces like varnish, shellac French polish and lacquer finishes. Also used for polishing other materials such as ceramics, Porcelain and non-ferrous metals like Bronze, Brass, Copper, Silver, Gold, and even used to polish resins and hard plastics.

Our Tripoli Powder is called **Air Float Cream** because it is extremely fine and if you throw some into the air it will hang there for quite some time making it appear to float.

Tripoli Powder AFC is a friable abrasive which starts cutting at around 1500 grit. Because it is friable it breaks down to finer and finer particles, but unlike most other abrasives it does not go blunt as it breaks down but instead continues to cut whatever it is being used on.

This means the abrasive can make an ordinary piece of timber or finish get a higher and higher polished surface through the break down of the particles.

USING TRIPOLI POWDER

Use on woodturning prior to applying Shellawax, Shellawax Glow, Shellawax Cream or Aussie Oil for a brilliant finish. - Sand up to 1200 grit abrasive, dip a clean soft rag into Traditional Wax then into the TRIPOLI work the surface of the turning with the lathe running until the desired amount of shine is achieved.

With the lathe still running - buff with clean soft rag to remove any traces of

wax and abrasive from the surface of the work

Apply Shellawax, Shellawax Glow, Shellawax Cream or Aussie Oil as per instructions for that product.

Use on woodturning after applying Shellawax, Shellawax Glow, Shellawax Cream or Aussie Oil to give a brilliant dry shine. - Dip a clean soft rag into Traditional Wax then into the TRIPOLI, work the surface of the turning with the lathe running until the desired finish is achieved. Can also be applied dry with out the wax if required or use paraffin oil as a lubricant Dry the surface after application to remove any residual traces of the Tripoli Powder.

Use over French Polish for a brilliant blemish free sheen. - Dust the polished surface with the TRIPOLI POWDER and with a clean soft rag firmly rub the powder over the work until the desired effect is achieved. Clean off with a clean rag and if desired go over the whole surface with our Polish Reviver to remove any residual traces of the Tripoli Powder and to help protect the finished surface from heat & water marks, etc.

Can also be applied with a soft rag that has been moistened with paraffin oil or water to help lubricate the surface of the polish and make the work go easier.

Use to dull a finish.

To cut a surface back from a wet-look gloss finish to a dry shine. Dust the finished surface with Tripoli Powder directly from the shaker and rub the surface with a **medium pressure** using a clean soft rag.

To dull surface to an egg shell look apply the Tripoli Powder as above then rub it or the palm of your hand until you have the desired effect and the surface is evenly dulled.

Do not continue to rub or use heavy pressure for either of the two processes above or the powder will start to break down and you may end up with a higher shine,

Hint Make a slurry of Paraffin oil and Tripoli Powder and use this as a liquid abrasive.

Use TRIPOLI POWDER over almost any finish for surprising and extremely pleasing results.

With Tripoli Powder you actually find out that you can....

"Make a silk purse out of a sow's ear".

THESE INFORMATION IS MEANT AS A GUIDE ONLY.
YOU MAY FIND MANY MORE USES FOR TRIPOLI POWDER.
Including using it as a grain filler, abrasive cleaner and more.

People using this product also use.

- Traditional Wax**
- Polish Reviver**
- Shellawax**
- Shellawax Glow**
- Shellawax Cream**
- Aussie Oil**
- White Shellac**
- Hard Shellac**
- Talcum Powder**

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