

Technical tips – spotting brushes.

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- Spotting brushes are used to provide mechanical action, helping the spotting agents penetrate the stain. A minimum of three brushes of different sizes and colors are needed for these tasks.
 - Black – usually large, for **DRY SIDE** agents only.
 - Dry side agents should not be flushed with steam so we need to keep this brush dry. Using a color different from the others is the best way.
 - White – usually smaller, for **WET SIDE, ALKALINE** agents (protein).
 - White – usually smaller, for **WET SIDE, ACIDIC** agents (tannin).
 - Protein and Tannin agents are PH opposites and can cancel each other out if one brush is used for all wet side spotting.
 - Using a color and size different from the dry side brush helps keep them separate. It even helps to mark them with a “T” (for tannin) and “P” (for protein).
- Spotting brushes should be kept vertically in a holder on the side of the board. If they do not have a holder then suggest that they lay the brushes bristles down. This will prevent spotters from penetrating the wood and help the brushes last longer.

