

# **TERRAZZO TILE**

# CLEANING, CARE, AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE

These instructions are provided as a general guide to most installations. Please read and understand this information before proceeding.

Inspect your terrazzo tile before installation to ensure this product meets your requirements. Installation of the product deems your acceptance.

Terrazzo tiles are made of a mixture of recycled marble chips, marble powder and cements. Natural stone chips come from different quarries; therefore, they may have slight differences in color, size, time of honing and material permeability due to humidity conditions during storage and installation.

## **STORAGE**

It is recommended to store the material indoor, adverse weather conditions may deteriorate or damage the surface of the tiles if they are not stored properly. It is recommended to install the material shortly after the delivery in order to avoid discoloration or efflorescence, especially for white tiles.

#### **INSTALLATION**

All Terrazzo tiles are to be installed following the latest guidelines of the Tile Council of North America and manufacturer's directions. Being an artistic production, there may be a few minor defects or variations in intensity, composition, tone and brightness of the colors.

- 1. Upon receiving your tiles, carefully inspect your order for to ensure accuracy. Absolutely no claims will be accepted for any reason after the material has been installed.
- 2. Install Terrazzo tiles following TCNA Guidelines utilizing recommended thin set (recommendations at bottom of instructions)
- 3. Quickly remove any thin set from the surface of the tiles.
- Recommended Grout Joint 1/16" 1/8"

- 5. After placing the tiles, allow the thin set to cure for at least 48 hours prior to sealing and grouting.
- 6. Prior to sealing your tiles, ensure they are clean and all moisture in tiles is evaporated, and they are completely dry. Drying period depends on the environment and conditions of the project. Moisture trapped under the sealant can cause issues with appearance and performance of Terrazzo tiles.
- 7. Apply sealer until tile is saturated. Wipe off any excess sealer before it dries. Allow the sealer to cure 12-24 hours before grouting.
- 8. Grout tiles with recommended grout following manufacturer instructions. NOTE: Dark and black colored grout is not recommended as it can cause stains on the tile that are difficult to remove.
- 9. Use a pH neutral detergent to clean the tiles, removing residual mortar and debris along the way.
- 10. Apply a final application of sealer. Terrazzo tiles must be sealed prior to the grouting process, again upon completion of installation and periodically thereafter to enhance / maintain the beauty of the tile.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

Routine maintenance is recommended with a PH Neutral Cleaner – Fila StoneClean or Miracle Sealants Tile & Stone Cleaner. Dilute to manufacturers recommendation.

## <u>RECOMMENDED MORTARS, GROUTS, &</u> SEALERS

MORTARS: Bostik Big Tile & Stone, Laticrete LHT / LHT Plus, Mapei Ultraflex LFT

<u>GROUTS:</u> Bostik Vivid, Laticrete Permacolor Select, Mapei Ultracolor FA

<u>SEALERS:</u> Miracle Sealants 511 Impregnator, FILA MP90 Natural Look / Eco Plus

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