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## MONOLITHIC TERRAZZO SYSTEM

Monolithic terrazzo is bonded directly to a concrete substrate, which is typically installed by others. The performance is wholly dependent on the integrity of that substrate.

The directly bonded terrazzo's behavior will coincide with that of the substrate. Any control or construction joints in the substrate should be referenced directly into the terrazzo.

Any cracking that develops in the slab will reflect to the terrazzo's finished surface. It is beyond the control of the terrazzo contractor to prevent these cracks. By following the recommendations of the ACI 36OR-10, plus curing, substrate cracks and curling can be kept to a minimum.

If cracks do develop, it is recommended that filling these cracks be delayed until several months after the completion of the job to allow the building to acclimate.

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