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## FILLING PINHOLES IN A CEMENT TERRAZZO FLOOR AFTER THE SEALER HAS BEEN APPLIED

It is essential to remove all sealers and other foreign matter from the floor surface. A stripper will remove a water-based acrylic terrazzo sealer. Follow by scrubbing the floor surface with a coarse brush or using an approximately 60 grit screen mesh pad or equivalent diamond pads. Four passes, two in each direction, should be enough to assure a clean surface. Vacuuming is recommended to remove all dislodged foreign matter from the holes. When re-grouting affected area, it is important that there is no water in the pinholes and the grout is of drywall spackle or mayonnaise consistency. Residual water in the porosity can result in grout shrinkage, and the problem will re-appear after polishing is complete.

To ensure proper curing of grout, either the use of latex admixture and/or covering of grout with plastic are recommended.

Remove all surface grout from the terrazzo surface, preferably by using a standard-sized scrubber equipped with diamond pads or a screen mesh pad. Clean up and allow the surface to dry before applying terrazzo sealer.

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