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CRAZING OF CEMENT TERRAZZO

Crazing is the development of fine random cracks or fissures on the surface of concrete caused by the surface layer shrinking.

In a new concrete slab that has been properly installed and cured, minute fractures often appear on the finished surface. This surface behavior, known as crazing, is related to cement product shrinkage and is beyond the control of the installer. This condition should not be construed as an inferior application as it is the nature of the product and has no effect on the integrity or performance of the system.

The same holds true for cement terrazzo. Through normal maintenance procedures of cleaning and sealing, such minute voids tend to close and eventually disappear as the routine sealers penetrate and reasonably fill such voids.

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