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CREATING ACCENT PANELS IN AN EXISTING CEMENT TERRAZZO FLOOR

This bulletin deals with an existing terrazzo floor where there is a desire to create design or a color change using accent panels. The accent panels are often different versions of terrazzo, marble, hard tile, granite, or metal inserts.

The required procedures are:

1. Remove the existing terrazzo where the accent panels are to be positioned by saw cutting straight lines to the size desired. The depth of the saw cut should be a minimum of 1/4 inch for terrazzo with an under-bed like sand cushion or 1-1/4 inch with a monolithic terrazzo system. With this depth of the cut, divider strips can be inserted.
2. With the saw cutting completed, remove the terrazzo topping. If the under-bed appears distressed by the removal, remove the under-bed down to the isolation membrane.
3. Place divider strips into saw cuts, replace the under-bed if required and follow with the material to be used for the accent panel. If a different terrazzo color is used, place the terrazzo topping 1/8 inch higher than the adjacent existing terrazzo to allow the grinding procedure to follow.

Since the grinding of the terrazzo will require the overlap of the existing terrazzo, it is necessary to establish a straight-line stopping point.

It is suggested that the entire terrazzo surface be polished to result in an overall uniform appearance.

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