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CEMENT TERRAZZO TOPPING PLACED ON UNDERBED

If the terrazzo installation is an interior application, it is essential the divider strips be anchored adequately into the cement/sand under-bed to prevent any movement. Frequently, the strips can be moved the second day after the under-bed placement. The terrazzo contractor must decide whether the placement should be delayed for another 14 to 48 hours to prevent bending of the strips in the compaction process of the terrazzo topping.

Normally, the terrazzo topping is placed over the under-bed within four days after the under-bed placement to create a good bond between the two systems.

Care should be taken to prevent damage to the exposed metal dividers strips. Steps should be taken to prevent construction dust from settling on the concrete under-bed as this will create a film that would cause bond failure between the topping and the under-bed.

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