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## DIVIDER STRIPS IN DIRECT BOND SYSTEMS

Divider strips have three functions.

1. Divider strips allow for movement at the concrete joints.
2. Divider strips are used at the end of the day pours.
3. Divider strips create decorative panels and color patterns.

Divider strips do not prevent all reflective cracking. Divider strips are not to be used as flattening aids. They need to be tightly bonded to the surface of the concrete. Concrete slab installation shall follow ACI 302.1R recommendations including concrete depth, reinforcement, curing, joint spacing, joint depth and timeliness of installation. The concrete subsurface should be at the required flatness prior to the strip installation. Shimming of the divider strips to attempt this purpose is not recommended.

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