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COLOR OF TERRAZZO

Portland Cement Terrazzo

The finished terrazzo must have a reasonably uniform color. Hazy or milky areas ordinarily caused by grout film and diamond pad scratches are not acceptable. Especially with Portland cement terrazzo systems, it is not uncommon to notice some variations in the matrix color caused by the hydration of the Portland cement. During the curing/drying cycle, particularly in sand cushion terrazzo, this is often a darker tone along the strips. This condition will dissipate over time.

Epoxy Terrazzo

The finished epoxy terrazzo must have a reasonably uniform color. Shade differences caused by curing of the resin during cool/damp conditions and the resulting blush are acceptable.

Aggregate blends can have a great effect on the appearance of the terrazzo. Small differences in aggregate concentration or composition can give the terrazzo matrix a different appearance. This is not a reason to reject the floor

Note: All evaluations are to be made looking straight down from a standing position without extraordinary magnification.

Terrazzo is an in situ created product by human craftsmanship and the installer must endeavor to meet the standards for the entire project. However, the terrazzo should not be arbitrarily rejected for relatively minor non-compliance. This is especially true if the overall functional and aesthetic values were satisfied.

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