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## OIL STAINS ON TERRAZZO FLOORS

Oil will stain all types of terrazzo floor systems regardless of whether they are Portland cement or epoxy type binders.

With cement systems, both the Portland cement matrix and the marble chips can be stained with oil spills due to the nature of these materials.

An epoxy binder will resist oil penetration if good housekeeping procedures are in effect. The marble chips that normally make up the higher proportion of the floor's surface will be stained only if oil is spilled and not removed promptly.

The following method is effective for removing oil stains from cement terrazzo:

Saturate a white flannel cloth with equal parts of acetone and amyl acetate. Place over stain and cover with a panel of glass long enough to draw out the stain. This is not recommended for use on epoxy terrazzo.

Concentrated citrus solutions used according to manufacturer's recommendations have also been successful. There are also numerous proprietary poultice stain removal systems available.

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