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MARBLE DUST RESIDUE

It is essential to understand that when making a sample in the shop, the person reduces the amount of the materials blended to produce the requested formula by using several handfuls of marble chips taken from the top of a bag that does not contain marble dust that accumulates during the shipping and handling. The residue of dust created by the abrasion of the chips rubbing in transit is automatically screened through the marble chips and is deposited on the bottom of the sack where it is retained.

When mixing these materials for the placement of the job, each bag of marble chips is dumped into the mixer. Due to the manner of turning the sack upside down, this dust falls into the mixer and tints the matrix.

This creates a slight color difference between the sample and the floor. The amount of marble dust will vary dependent on the hardness of the marble.

Many marble chips used in terrazzo are washed and dried prior to the bagging process but will collect additional dust during the shipping process.

This color difference occurs and is normally beyond the control of the terrazzo contractor.

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