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AFFIXING DIVIDER STRIPS

GENERAL: Divider strips are used to honor joints in concrete, as terminations and to separate colors or add aesthetic features. For general guidelines, refer to Technical Bulletin # G-29.

AFFIXING PRODUCTS: Divider strips can be adhesively adhered to the concrete slab. Most panel adhesives state “Not for use on Concrete”. Many adhesives are affected by slow cure in cold weather and alkaline exposure or vapor migration. The NTMA generally recommends using hot melt glues only as the temporary spot hold. Use one of the recommended procedures below for a permanent hold.

EPOXY TERRAZZO: The NTMA suggests a continuous ribbon or bead of a suitable viscosity epoxy compatible with the epoxy matrix to be used.

CEMENT TERRAZZO: The NTMA advises using a polymer thin-set mortar or a cement/sand mix with a latex additive.

INSTALLATION: Divider strips must be set tight to the concrete substrate. It is not recommended to shim divider strips. This can occur when concrete floors are not within specified tolerances and a flat, level terrazzo floor is desired. The gaps under the divider strips or the edge of the terrazzo are susceptible to crushing.

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