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## REMOVAL OF SWIRL MARKS ON NEW TERRAZZO

Terrazzo is a handcrafted product manufactured and installed at the job site. The composition is a combination of marble chips, which are quarried from deposits provided by nature and a matrix that can be cement or epoxy based.

Once this composition has hardened, the marble chips are exposed to the desired density by grinding. This requires the use of abrasives on the surface. The initial cut is made with a coarseness type abrasive and graduates to the finer grades to create the smoothness desired.

In the process of the fine-grinding, the weight of the grinding machine and the fineness of the abrasive hugs the floor surface, which often results in the appearance of swirl marks on the surface that are not noticeable until the floor has thoroughly dried.

There should be no concern, as these markings will disappear with normal foot traffic. If they are objectionable, they can be removed by using a scrubbing machine with either a 3M type screen mesh #100 grit pad or equivalent diamond pads.

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