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UNDERLAYMENTS TO FLATTEN SUBSTRATE FOR TERRAZZO

It is a better practice to grind or scarify to flatten the surface where possible. In some cases, the filling of low areas may be necessary. The following is recommended:

Where an epoxy system is specified, the underlayment is a mixture of sand, marble, pea gravel or other appropriate aggregate and epoxy troweled to flatten the surface at the recommendation of the epoxy formulator.

For monolithic terrazzo, use the same procedures as described above, but use a cement/polyacrylate/sand mortar for the leveling underlayment. The edges should not be feathered, but the edges should be cut vertically, and the concrete should be chipped to ensure the underlayment does not become less than 1/4 inch thick.

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