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Caring for Your Terrazzo Countertop

Suggested Maintenance of Precast Terrazzo

Your precast terrazzo can be easily maintained. This does not mean that your precast terrazzo is maintenance free. It is important to understand the care requirements in the early stages of your new precast terrazzo to get it to look its best and realize the long-term benefits of its low maintenance cost.

Your precast terrazzo has been sealed (*PLEASE NOTE: countertops slabs are unsealed and will need to be sealed*) with a penetrating sealer to provide you with the time to clean up any spills or other foreign matter without the precast terrazzo staining or being adversely affected.

We recommend that you do not wax your precast terrazzo. If you choose to wax your precast terrazzo, then you should refer to the wax manufacturer's maintenance procedures for maintaining your waxed precast terrazzo.

Your precast terrazzo is a combination of a binder of either epoxy or cement with various aggregate. Most of the aggregate and fillers are made from natural marble stone. This maintenance procedure will still apply if your precast terrazzo contains glass, mother of pearl or other aggregates.

PRECAUTIONS

CLEANERS: Harsh cleaners can damage your precast terrazzo. Only products that have a neutral pH (factor of 7.0) should be used to clean your precast terrazzo.

SEALERS: Permanent sealers can damage your precast terrazzo. We recommend that you do not apply any acrylic, urethane or other topical sealer products to your precast terrazzo. If you do apply another sealer to your precast terrazzo, then use a water-based sealer.

CLEANING PROCEDURES

Your precast terrazzo must be cleaned with a neutral pH cleaner. Neutral cleaners are designed to react only in solution with clean water, mixed in accordance to the manufacturer instructions, and allowed to remain on the floor surface for several minutes. Do not allow the solution to dry on the surface. Rinse the precast terrazzo with clean water and remove the dirty solution from the floor by a squeegee, vacuum, or mopping.

CLEANERS: Neutral pH cleaners are readily available. You should contact your cleaning supply company for recommendations. Examples of cleaners that are suited for terrazzo floors are:

- EcoLab (Stone Medic)—TCC Terrazzo Cleaner/Conditioner
- Diversey—Stride Cleaner
- Majestic Stone Care—Stone Soap
- Buckeye—Crossbow, Straight-Up or True Seven
- Spartan—Damp Mop or Marble Mop