

## **MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS THIN-SET EPOXY TERRAZZO**

Sherwin-Williams High Performance Flooring thin-set epoxy terrazzo floor systems are easily maintained due to their tough finish and absence of grout joints or seams. Floors do, however, take the most abuse of any surface in the building and therefore require regular maintenance.

### **DAILY MAINTENANCE**

- Dust mop with clean non-oily dust mop that suits the size of the floor area.
- Remove fine dust particles from mop frequently by vacuum hose.
- Remove any wet spillage by damp mopping.

### **PERIODIC MAINTENANCE**

- Damp mop the surface with an all-purpose cleaner according to label instructions.
- Polish with polishing pad brush to remove scuff marks. Dust mop surface after polishing.
- If floor finish is wearing in traffic areas, wet mop with an all-purpose cleaner.

### **RECONDITIONING THIN-SET EPOXY TERRAZZO**

- Remove existing floor finish with a floor finish stripper.
- Apply with cleaning mop or sponge.
- Agitate with brush or scrubbing pad.
- Remove dirt solution with clean mop, wet vacuum or automatic scrubber.
- Rinse thoroughly.
- Allow floor to dry.

## TERRAZZO FLOOR CARE

### HELPFUL HINTS FOR TERRAZZO MAINTENANCE:

Your terrazzo floor has a minimum of 70% marble chip density on the surface. It has been ground, polished and sealed with a penetrating solvent-based terrazzo sealer. This protects your surface from stains, but no spillage should be ignored or allowed to soak and dry into the floor. Good housekeeping procedures require that your floor remains clean. With proper maintenance procedures, your terrazzo floor should give you ease of maintenance and a lifetime of performance, not to mention the aesthetics. Before you commence with a maintenance program or purchase materials, it is best to understand this flooring system by reading available details of care from your terrazzo contractor or The National Terrazzo and Mosaic Association (NTMA).

### DO

- Ask your installing terrazzo contractor to recommend the proper neutral cleaner and sealers to be used on your floor.
- Dust mop your floors daily, this not only picks up the dust, but also the grit tracked into your facility. The grit acts as an abrasive on your hard surface floor.
- Scrub your floors a minimum of twice a week where a new terrazzo floor has been installed for the initial two to three months as the construction dust is still in the air and will eventually be deposited on your floor. After this period, once per week should keep your floor clean in appearance, depending on the amount of foot traffic. Always rinse your floors well to prevent a build-up of residue of cleaner that could become slippery.
- Seal your floors with a water-based acrylic sealer in accordance to the manufacturer's instructions. Normally a new floor requires two or more coats, which should provide a good sheen for a period of 45 to 60 days, before it would need additional coats.
- Use maintenance products designed for terrazzo.
- Allow your neutral cleaner, once applied to the terrazzo surface, time to react as designed to loosen foreign matter. Several minutes should be adequate, but DO NOT allow solution to dry on surface.

### DON'T

- Use purely surface waxes, or "good for everything" sealers. Employment of such can result in a slippery surface.
- Use all purpose cleaners or soaps containing water soluble, inorganic or crystallizing salts, harmful alkali or acids. Use of such products could prove harmful to your terrazzo floor.
- Use cheap cleaners or sealer as the majority of your maintenance cost is labor.
- Try miracle cleaners or sealer on your floor without getting an opinion on such products from you local terrazzo contractor or the NTMA.

**Note:** If your floors get badly soiled, consult Sherwin-Williams technical service before attempting to clean. Always keep rinse water, mops and pails clean.