



Care & Maintenance

TERRAZZO

Dex-O-Tex Terrazzo is a latex mastic resin decking incorporating decorative marble aggregates. It is finished with clear, water-based, sealer coats. This material is manufactured to meet the requirements of MIL-D-3134, Type I, Class 1.

Cleaning

Sweep or mop the deck as necessary to remove all loose dirt, litter, or foreign matter. Mop with a clean mop using a neutral liquid detergent solution in the strength recommended by the detergent manufacturer. Scrub any difficult to remove grease or soil spots with a brush and detergent cleaner. If possible, allow detergent cleaner solution to remain on the deck for 5 to 10 minutes before mopping or brushing, as this will give more time to penetrate the soil and allow it to be more easily emulsified and removed.

Use only clean mops and change cleaning solutions frequently. The use of dirty mops and dirty cleaning solutions are the biggest single cause of cleaning problems.

Maintenance

Periodically, as necessary, scrub the deck with a floor maintenance machine or scrubber-vac. The machine should mount a soft brush or scrubbing pad. Use neutral liquid detergent solution in the strength recommended by the detergent manufacturer (for resilient tile maintenance). When the cleaning solution becomes dirty, discard it and mix a fresh solution. Hard to remove dirt, black heel marks, etc. should be rubbed gently with a scrubbing pad wetted with detergent solution. Scrub all bases and other difficult to clean areas with a hand brush. Deck areas subject to scratching by tracking grit carried in from outside areas should be swept frequently.

Promptly clean up all spillages of liquids including oil, grease, etc. Promptly neutralize all acid or strong alkaline liquid spillages as these may stain or physically damage decking under prolonged contact.

Common Problems to Avoid

Avoid hitting the deck with heavy objects or containers with sharp edges. Mount garbage cans on rolling racks to prevent dropping or scraping on the deck.

For a medium gloss maintenance finish, if desired, apply a clear, water-based copolymer floor finish. We recommend Dex-O-Tex No. 16 Clear Finish or a material conforming to MIL-S-24522 Sealer, Deck Covering.

In the event of physical damage or after a prolonged period of use, it may be necessary to refinish the deck.

Refinishing may consist of:

- a. Stripping several coats of MIL-S-24522 Sealer from the surface

Stripping MIL-S-24522 Sealer is usually accomplished by washing the surface with a household ammonia solution (1/2% solution) and agitating the solution on the deck with a deck brush or stripping pad mounted on a floor maintenance machine.

- b. Refinishing the terrazzo sealer and/or latex grout coats

Refinishing the Sealer requires removal of the maintenance finish as in 'a.' above, light sanding of the surface with a #60 grit sanding disc, clean-up of sanding residue and application of an additional coat (or coats) of clear Terrazzo Sealer. The surface must be thoroughly clean and dry before application of the Terrazzo Sealer. If it becomes necessary to refinish the deck, including the latex grout coat, the recommended method is to grind the surface with a Terrazzo grinder. Small sanding machines may be used in small, tight spaces such as shower stalls, in lieu of Terrazzo machines.



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After grinding, the surface should be thoroughly vacuumed free of all dust. Reapply Terrazzo Grout and Sealer in accordance with Crossfield Products Corp.'s printed Application Specification S-307M (Marine).

c. Patching the Terrazzo Basecoat

If it becomes necessary to patch damaged Terrazzo Basecoat, the damaged area should be removed and replaced with new material. The edges of the area to be patched should be left "irregular" or as jagged as possible so as not to present a straight match line when the new material is placed and finished. The new Terrazzo material should be installed following the procedure described in Crossfield Products Corp.'s Application Specifications S-307M (Marine). The new Terrazzo should be troweled tight into the patch and against the irregular edges of the surrounding Terrazzo decking.

After curing, the Terrazzo Grout coat(s) should be applied following the Application Specification mentioned above. After curing, the Grout coat(s) are sanded or ground to expose the marble decorative aggregate. The surface is then thoroughly vacuumed free of dust, washed with clean water and allowed to dry. When thoroughly dry, the Terrazzo Sealer coats are applied following Application Specification S-307M (Marine). For maintenance, two coats of MIL-S-24522 Sealer should be applied.

No. 16 Clear Finish:

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