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Terrazzo Cleaning Guide

The origins of terrazzo flooring date back centuries and with many ancient terrazzo floors still in service, it is a real testament to the durability and longevity of the material as a floor covering solution.

Today, technological innovations have seen epoxy terrazzo flooring systems launched to market. These seamless systems are even more sustainable and durable than their cementitious predecessors and, with effective maintenance, including an appropriate cleaning regime, can withstand the daily abuses of areas such as shopping malls, entertainment venues, airports, hospitals and colleges for many years.

Do...

- Use neutral PH level cleaning agents and sealants.
- Dust and mop daily to remove the grit and dust that could cause surface scratches.
- Rinse floors well after cleaning to avoid the build up of slippery cleaning agent residue.
- Seal your floors with a water-based acrylic sealer in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Allow your neutral cleaner time to react as designed to loosen foreign matter, but do not allow solution to dry on surface.
- Follow the cleaning agent's instructions, giving plenty of time for foreign matter to be loosened without allowing the product to dry on the surface of the floor.
- Put out wet floor signs when prior to cleaning any terrazzo floors.

Don't...

- Use surface waxes or all-purpose sealers that can result in a slippery surface.
- Use all purpose cleaners containing water soluble inorganic or crystallizing salts, harmful alkali or acids.
- Use low-quality, cheap cleaning agents that aren't suitable for the job.
- Leave spillages un-treated for long periods of time as this may result in staining.
- Scrub terrazzo with abrasive cleaning tools as this may result in surface damage.
- Use an electric polisher without first sweeping your floors thoroughly, as this may result in debris being ground into the surface, causing pitting and scarring.

