

SECTION 09 6623 - RESINOUS MATRIX TERRAZZO FLOORING

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

A. Section Includes:

1. Thin-set, epoxy-resin terrazzo flooring and base.
2. Precast epoxy-resin terrazzo units.

B. Related Requirements:

1. Section 079200 "Joint Sealants" for sealants installed with terrazzo.
2. Section 096723 "Resinous Flooring" for decorative resinous flooring systems applied as self-leveling slurries or as troweled or screeded mortars.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. Aggregate: Marble chips or other types of aggregate.

1.4 ACTION SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For each type of product.

B. LEED Submittals:

1. Product Data for Credit MR 4: For products having recycled content, documentation indicating percentages by weight of postconsumer and preconsumer recycled content. Include statement indicating cost for each product having recycled content.
2. Product Data for Credit IEQ 4.1: For adhesives, documentation including printed statement of VOC content.
3. Product Data for Credit IEQ 4.3: For sealers, documentation including printed statement of VOC content.
4. Product Data for Credit IEQ 4.3: For terrazzo flooring, documentation from an independent testing agency indicating compliance with the FloorScore Standard.
5. Product Certificates for MR 5: For Products and materials required to comply with requirements for regional materials.

- C. Shop Drawings: Include terrazzo installation requirements. Include plans, elevations, sections, component details, and attachments to other work. Show layout of the following:

1. Divider strips.
  2. Control-joint strips.
  3. Accessory strips.
  4. Abrasive strips.
  5. Stair treads, risers, and landings.
  6. Precast terrazzo jointing and edge configurations.
  7. Terrazzo patterns.
- D. Samples: For each exposed product and for each color and texture specified, 6 inches (150 mm) in size.
- E. Samples for Initial Selection: NTMA color plates showing the full range of colors and patterns available for each terrazzo type.
- F. Samples for Verification: For each type, material, color, and pattern of terrazzo and accessory required showing the full range of color, texture, and pattern variations expected. Label each terrazzo sample to identify manufacturer's matrix color and aggregate types, sizes, and proportions. Prepare Samples of same thickness and from same material to be used for the Work, in size indicated below:
1. Terrazzo: 12-inch- (150-mm-) square Samples for each type finish and color combination selected.
    - a. A maximum of four (4) separate submittals maybe required to obtain the desired aggregate proportions and color.
    - b. Provide samples finished as specified, numbered on the back side for reference with a description of the aggregate colors and proportions.
    - c. Color selection samples for abrasive warning strips.
  2. Precast Terrazzo: 6-inch- (150-mm-) square Samples.
  3. Accessories: 6-inch- (150-mm-) long Samples of each exposed strip item required.
    - a. Color selection samples for abrasive warning strips.
- G. Prior to start of terrazzo work, construct a sample mock-up of the proposed installation where directed by the Architect to be left in place after the Architect's review as guide until terrazzo work is complete. The mock-up sample will be reviewed by the Architect and Owner for acceptance of color, finish, and workmanship.
- 1.5 INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS
- A. Qualification Data: For Installer.
  - B. Material Certificates: For each type of terrazzo material or product, from manufacturer.
  - C. Installer Certificates: Signed by manufacturers certifying that installers comply with requirements.
- 1.6 CLOSEOUT SUBMITTALS
- A. Maintenance Data: For terrazzo to include in maintenance manuals.

1.7 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Comply with the most current edition of the Northwestern University Design Standards.
- B. Installer Qualifications:
  - 1. Engage an installer who is a contractor member of NTMA.
  - 2. Engage an installer who is certified in writing by terrazzo manufacturer as qualified to install manufacturer's products.
- C. Source Limitations: Obtain primary terrazzo materials from single source from single manufacturer. Provide secondary materials including patching and fill material, joint sealant, and repair materials of type and from source recommended by manufacturer of primary materials.
- D. Source Limitations for Aggregates: Obtain each color, grade, type, and variety of granular materials from single source with resources to provide materials of consistent quality in appearance and physical properties.

1.8 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver materials to Project site in supplier's original wrappings and containers, labeled with source's or manufacturer's name, material or product brand name, and lot number if any.
- B. Store materials in their original, undamaged packages and containers, inside a well-ventilated area protected from weather, moisture, soiling, extreme temperatures, and humidity.

1.9 FIELD CONDITIONS

- A. Environmental Limitations: Comply with manufacturer's written instructions for substrate temperature, ambient temperature, moisture, ventilation, and other conditions affecting terrazzo installation.
- B. Field Measurements: Verify actual dimensions of construction contiguous with precast terrazzo by field measurements before fabrication.
- C. Provide permanent lighting or, if permanent lighting is not in place, simulate permanent lighting conditions during terrazzo installation.
- D. Close spaces to traffic during terrazzo application and for not less than 24 hours after application unless manufacturer recommends a longer period.
- E. Control and collect water and dust produced by grinding operations. Protect adjacent construction from detrimental effects of grinding operations.
- F. Pre-Installation Conference: Conduct conference at the Project Site. Review methods and procedures related to installation including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Inspect and discuss conditions of substrate and other preparatory work performed by other trades.
  - 2. Review structural loading limitations.
  - 3. Review and finalize construction schedule and verify availability of materials, Installer's personnel, equipment, and facilities needed to make progress and avoid delays.
  - 4. Review dust-control procedures.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. NTMA Standards: Comply with NTMA's "Terrazzo Specifications and Design Guide" and with written recommendations for terrazzo type indicated unless more stringent requirements are specified.
- B. FloorScore Compliance: Terrazzo floors shall comply with requirements of FloorScore Standard.

2.2 EPOXY-RESIN TERRAZZO

- A. Epoxy-Resin Terrazzo: Comply with NTMA's "Terrazzo Specifications and Design Guide" and manufacturer's written instructions for matrix and aggregate proportions and mixing.

- 1. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:

- a. Crossfield Products Corp.
- b. Doyle Dickerson Terrazzo, Inc.
- c. Hi-Tek Polymers, Inc.
- d. Master Terrazzo Technologies LLC.
- e. Terroxy Matrix, Terroxy Resin Systems.

- 2. Thickness: 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) nominal.
- 3. Formulated Mix Color and Pattern: **[As selected by Architect from full range of industry colors] [As selected by Architect from NTMA standard-terrazzo plates] [As selected by Architect from NTMA thin-set terrazzo plates] <Insert manufacturer's or NTMA's color plate designation>.**
- 4. Custom Mix Color and Pattern: **[Match Architect's sample] [Match existing] <Insert custom design-mix attributes>.**

- B. Materials:

- 1. Flexible Reinforcing Membrane: Manufacturer's resinous membrane for substrate-crack preparation and reflective-crack reduction.

- a. Reinforcement: Fiberglass scrim.

- 2. Primer: Manufacturer's product recommended for substrate and use indicated.
- 3. Epoxy-Resin Matrix: Manufacturer's standard recommended for use indicated and in color required for mix indicated.

- a. Physical Properties without Aggregates:

- 1) Hardness: 60 to 85 per ASTM D 2240, Shore D.
- 2) Minimum Tensile Strength: 3000 psi (20.7 MPa) per ASTM D 638 for a 2-inch (51-mm) specimen made using a "C" die per ASTM D 412.
- 3) Minimum Compressive Strength: 10,000 psi (6.9 MPa) per ASTM D 695, Specimen B cylinder.
- 4) Chemical Resistance: No deleterious effects by contaminants listed below after seven-day immersion at room temperature per ASTM D 1308.

- a) Distilled water.
  - b) Mineral water.
  - c) Isopropanol.
  - d) Ethanol.
  - e) 0.025 percent detergent solution.
  - f) 1.0 percent soap solution.
  - g) 10 percent sodium hydroxide.
  - h) 10 percent hydrochloric acid.
  - i) 30 percent sulfuric acid.
  - j) 5 percent acetic acid.
- b. Physical Properties with Aggregates: For resin blended with Georgia white marble, ground, grouted, and cured per requirements in NTMA's "Terrazzo Specifications and Design Guide"; comply with the following:
- 1) Flammability: Self-extinguishing, maximum extent of burning 1/4 inch (6.35 mm) per ASTM D 635.
  - 2) Thermal Coefficient of Linear Expansion: 0.0025 inch/inch per deg F (0.0025 mm/mm per 0.5556 deg C) for temperature range of minus 12 to plus 140 deg F (minus 24 to plus 60 deg C) per ASTM D 696.
4. Aggregates: Comply with NTMA gradation standards for mix indicated and contain no deleterious or foreign matter.
- a. Abrasion and Impact Resistance: Less than 40 percent loss per ASTM C 131.
  - b. 24-Hour Absorption Rate: Less than 0.75 percent.
  - c. Dust Content: Less than 1.0 percent by weight.
5. Marble Chips: Standard quarry products of sizes and colors necessary to match plate selected from NTMA's "Terrazzo Specifications and Design Guide."
6. Glass chips:
- a. Through body color (not coated) recycled glass chips sized to NTMA standards and capable of being ground and polished. Color selections by Architect from epoxy terrazzo suppliers standard available colors.
  - b. Provide glass chips complying with the following:
    - 1) Abrasion and Impact resistance when testing in accordance with ASTM C 131, not exceed 40 percent loss.
    - 2) 24 Hour absorption rate to exceed 0.75 percent.
    - 3) Chips containing no deleterious or foreign matter.
    - 4) Dust content less than 1 percent by weight.
7. Finishing Grout: Resin based.

### 2.3 PRECAST EPOXY-RESIN TERRAZZO

- A. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
1. Precast Terrazzo Enterprises, Inc.
  2. Romoco Precast Terrazzo Products; a subsidiary of Roman Mosaic & Tile Company.

- B. Precast Terrazzo Base: Minimum 3/4-inch- (19-mm-) thick, reinforced portland cement terrazzo units cast in maximum lengths possible, but not less than 36 inches (900 mm). Comply with NTMA's written recommendations for fabricating precast terrazzo base units in sizes and profiles indicated.
1. Type: [**Coved with minimum 3/4-inch (19-mm) radius**] [**Straight**].
  2. Top Edge: [**Straight, unfinished**] [**Beveled with polished top surface**] [**Radius edge with polished top surface**].
  3. Outside Corner Units: With finished returned edges at outside corner.
  4. Color, Pattern, and Finish: Match adjacent poured-in-place terrazzo flooring.
- C. Precast Terrazzo Units: Comply with NTMA's written recommendations for fabricating precast terrazzo units in sizes and profiles indicated. Reinforce units as required by unit sizes, profiles, and thicknesses and as recommended by manufacturer. Finish exposed-to-view edges and reveals to match face finish. Ease exposed edges to 1/8-inch (3.2-mm) radius.
1. Tiles.
  2. Planks.
  3. Stair treads and landings.
  4. Thresholds.
  5. Sills.
  6. Color, Pattern, and Finish: **<Insert requirements>**.

#### 2.4 STRIP MATERIALS

- A. Thin-Set Divider Strips: L-type angle, 16 gauge thick and 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) deep.
1. Material: Aluminum **<Insert requirements>**.
  2. Top Width: 1/8 inch (3.2 mm).
- B. Control-Joint Strips: Separate, double L-type angles, positioned back to back, that match material and color of divider strips and in depth required for topping thickness indicated.
- C. Accessory Strips: Match divider-strip width, material, and color unless otherwise indicated. Use the following types of accessory strips as required to provide a complete installation:
1. Base-bead strips for exposed top edge of terrazzo base.
  2. Edge-bead strips for exposed edges of terrazzo.
  3. Nosings for terrazzo stair treads and landings.
- D. Abrasive Strips: Three-line abrasive inserts at nosings. Silicon carbide or aluminum oxide, or combination of both, in epoxy-resin binder and set in channel.
1. Width: 1/2 inch (12.7 mm).
  2. Depth: As required by terrazzo thickness.
  3. Length: 4 inches (100 mm) less than stair width.
  4. Color: **<Insert requirements>**.

#### 2.5 MISCELLANEOUS ACCESSORIES

- A. Strip Adhesive: Epoxy-resin adhesive recommended by adhesive manufacturer for this use.

1. Adhesives shall have a VOC content of 70 g/L or less when calculated according to 40 CFR 59, Subpart D (EPA Method 24).
- B. Anchoring Devices:
1. Strips: Provide mechanical anchoring devices or adhesives for strip materials as recommended by manufacturer and required for secure attachment to substrate.
  2. Precast Terrazzo: Provide mechanical anchoring devices as recommended by fabricator for proper anchorage and support of units for conditions of installation and support.
- C. Patching and Fill Material: Terrazzo manufacturer's resinous product approved and recommended by manufacturer for application indicated.
- D. Joint Compound: Terrazzo manufacturer's resinous product approved and recommended by manufacturer for application indicated.
- E. Resinous Matrix Terrazzo Cleaner: Chemically neutral cleaner with pH factor between 7 and 10 that is biodegradable, phosphate free, and recommended by sealer manufacturer for use on terrazzo type indicated.
- F. Sealer: Slip- and stain-resistant, penetrating-type sealer that is chemically neutral; does not affect terrazzo color or physical properties; is recommended by sealer manufacturer; and complies with NTMA's "Terrazzo Specifications and Design Guide" for terrazzo type indicated.
1. Surface Friction: Not less than 0.6 according to ASTM D 2047.
  2. Acid-Base Properties: With pH factor between 7 and 10.
  3. Sealers shall have a VOC content of 200 g/L or less when calculated according to 40 CFR 59, Subpart D (EPA Method 24).

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine substrates and areas, with Installer present, for compliance with requirements for installation tolerances and other conditions affecting performance of the Work.
- B. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions, including levelness tolerances, have been corrected.

#### 3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Clean substrates of substances, including oil, grease, and curing compounds, that might impair terrazzo bond. Provide clean, dry, and neutral substrate for terrazzo application.
- B. Concrete Slabs:
  1. Provide sound concrete surfaces free of laitance, glaze, efflorescence, curing compounds, form-release agents, dust, dirt, grease, oil, and other contaminants incompatible with terrazzo.

- a. Shot-blast surfaces with an apparatus that abrades the concrete surface, contains the dispensed shot within the apparatus, and recirculates the shot by vacuum pickup.
  - b. Repair damaged and deteriorated concrete according to terrazzo manufacturer's written recommendations.
  - c. Use patching and fill material to fill holes and depressions in substrates according to terrazzo manufacturer's written instructions.
- C. Verify that concrete substrates are dry and moisture-vapor emissions are within acceptable levels according to manufacturer's written instructions.
1. Moisture Testing: Perform tests indicated below.
    - a. Calcium Chloride Test: Perform anhydrous calcium chloride test per ASTM F 1869. Proceed with installation only after substrates have maximum moisture-vapor-emission rate of 3 lb of water/1000 sq. ft. (1.36 kg of water/92.9 sq. m) in 24 hours.
      - 1) Perform tests so that each test area does not exceed 200 sq. ft. (18.6 sq. m), and perform not less than two tests in each installation area and with test areas evenly spaced in installation areas.
    - b. In-Situ Probe Test: Perform relative-humidity test using in-situ probes per ASTM F 2170. Proceed with installation only after substrates have a maximum 75 percent relative-humidity-level measurement.
    - c. Test Method: Test for moisture content by method recommended in writing by terrazzo manufacturer. Proceed with installation only after substrates pass testing.
- D. Protect other work from water and dust generated by grinding operations. Control water and dust to comply with environmental protection regulations.
1. Erect and maintain temporary enclosures and other suitable methods to limit water damage and dust migration and to ensure adequate ambient temperatures and ventilation conditions during installation.

### 3.3 EPOXY-RESIN TERRAZZO INSTALLATION

- A. Comply with NTMA's written recommendations for terrazzo and accessory installation.
- B. Place, rough grind, grout, cure grout, fine grind, and finish terrazzo according to manufacturer's written instructions and NTMA's "Terrazzo Specifications and Design Guide."
- C. Installation Tolerance: Limit variation in terrazzo surface from level to 1/4 inch in 10 feet (6.4 mm in 3 m); noncumulative.
- D. Ensure that matrix components and fluids from grinding operations do not stain terrazzo by reacting with divider and control-joint strips.
- E. Delay fine grinding until heavy trade work is complete and construction traffic through area is restricted.
- F. Flexible Reinforcing Membrane:



1. Terrazzo Contractor shall make a written recommendation to install a crack suppression membrane and include specific recommendation on type and location.
2. Prepare and prefill substrate cracks with membrane material.
3. Install membrane to produce full substrate coverage in areas to receive terrazzo.
4. Reinforce membrane with fiberglass scrim.
5. Prepare membrane according to manufacturer's written instructions before applying substrate primer.

G. Primer: Apply to terrazzo substrates according to manufacturer's written instructions.

H. Strip Materials:

1. Divider and Control-Joint Strips:
  - a. Locate divider strips in locations indicated.
  - b. Install control-joint strips back to back directly above concrete-slab control joints.
  - c. Install control-joint strips with 1/4-inch (6.4-mm) **[other selected by Architect and reviewed by Owner]** gap between strips, and install sealant in gap.
  - d. Install strips in adhesive setting bed without voids below strips, or mechanically anchor strips as required to attach strips to substrate, as recommended by strip manufacturer.
2. Accessory Strips: Install as required to provide a complete installation.

### 3.4 PRECAST TERRAZZO INSTALLATION

- A. Install precast terrazzo units using method recommended by NTMA and manufacturer unless otherwise indicated.
- B. Do not install units that are chipped, cracked, discolored, or not properly finished.
- C. Seal joints between units with joint compound matching precast terrazzo matrix.

### 3.5 REPAIR

- A. Cut out and replace terrazzo areas that evidence lack of bond with substrate. Cut out terrazzo areas in panels defined by strips and replace to match adjacent terrazzo, or repair panels according to NTMA's written recommendations, as approved by Architect.

### 3.6 CLEANING AND PROTECTION

A. Cleaning:

1. Remove grinding dust from installation and adjacent areas.
2. Wash surfaces with cleaner according to NTMA's written recommendations and manufacturer's written instructions; rinse surfaces with water and allow them to dry thoroughly.

B. Sealing:

1. Seal surfaces according to NTMA's written recommendations.
2. Apply sealer according to sealer manufacturer's written instructions.

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- C. Protection: Provide final protection and maintain conditions, in a manner acceptable to Installer and Owner, that ensure that terrazzo is without damage or deterioration at time of Substantial Completion. General Contractor shall protect the finished floor after the Terrazzo Contractor has completed final grinding and applied sealer to terrazzo surfaces.

**END OF SECTION 09 6623**