

E-Book – Is Terrazzo® right for your project?

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WHAT IS EPOXY TERRAZZO?

Epoxy terrazzo is a thin-set flooring system, typically 1/4” to 3/8” thick, composed of decorative aggregates embedded in an epoxy resin matrix. It is one of the most popular choices for flooring, comprising around 90% of all terrazzo installations. Architects frequently specify epoxy terrazzo for settings like schools, hospitals, and airports because of its durability, sustainability, and low maintenance needs. The versatility of epoxy terrazzo allows for the creation of custom designs, with a wide range of colors and patterns. These designs can be applied to floors, stairs, walls, countertops, and more. From a construction standpoint, epoxy terrazzo is quick to install and user-friendly, adaptable for new concrete slabs or existing surfaces. Once installed, it offers a durable, cost-effective flooring solution for indoor environments.

Epoxy Terrazzo Floor Checklist

Thinking about using epoxy terrazzo for your project? This checklist can help determine if it's the right fit for your space:

- **Is Your Project Indoors?**
Epoxy terrazzo is meant for indoor use only.
 - YES
 - NO
- **Does Your Space Experience High Foot Traffic?**
Epoxy terrazzo excels in high-traffic areas, offering long-lasting durability.
 - YES
 - NO
- **Are You Looking for a Long-Lasting Flooring Solution?**
With proper maintenance, epoxy terrazzo can last over 100 years.
 - YES
 - NO
- **Do You Need a Low-Maintenance Floor?**
Epoxy terrazzo's smooth, polished surface is easy to clean and maintain.
 - YES
 - NO
- **Is Budget a Concern?**
Epoxy terrazzo's durability makes it a cost-effective investment over time.
 - YES
 - NO

- **Do You Want a Customizable Design?**
Epoxy terrazzo offers unlimited design options, from color choices to decorative aggregates.
 - YES
 - NO
- **Is Indoor Air Quality Important?**
With zero volatile organic compounds (VOCs), epoxy terrazzo promotes better indoor air quality.
 - YES
 - NO
- **Is Sustainability a Priority?**
Epoxy terrazzo can incorporate sustainable materials like recycled marble and glass.
 - YES
 - NO
- **Are Acoustics Important?**
The seamless surface helps create quieter spaces by reducing sound transmission.
 - YES
 - NO
- **Do You Need a Fast Installation?**
Epoxy terrazzo cures in under 24 hours, making it quick to install.
 - YES
 - NO

If you answered “yes” to most of these questions, epoxy terrazzo is likely a good fit for your project. Consult a terrazzo specialist for tailored guidance on installation and design.

Benefits of Epoxy Terrazzo

Epoxy terrazzo has become a top choice for flooring in commercial, hospitality, and institutional buildings. Its increasing popularity is due to its superior performance, cost-effectiveness, and exceptional design versatility, offering unique flooring solutions.

- **Durability**
Epoxy terrazzo’s high compressive, flexural, and tensile strengths make it ideal for high-traffic areas. Many older buildings have discovered terrazzo floors under old carpets, which can be cost-effectively refinished rather than replaced.
- **Low Maintenance**
The seamless, non-porous surface of epoxy terrazzo prevents dirt accumulation and is easy to clean, making it a low-maintenance option that inhibits bacteria and mildew growth.
- **Design Flexibility**
Epoxy terrazzo allows endless design possibilities with its customizable color and aggregate options. From intricate designs to minimalist aesthetics, terrazzo enhances any space’s visual appeal and can even incorporate logos or wayfinding elements.

- **Sustainability**

Terrazzo is eco-friendly, often using recycled materials and VOC-free epoxy resins. This makes it a sustainable option that contributes to green building certifications and promotes better indoor air quality.

How to Manage Flooring Costs

The long-term cost of a flooring system is a crucial factor when selecting materials. Epoxy terrazzo, though initially higher in cost, offers significant savings over its lifetime due to its durability and low maintenance.

Key factors to manage terrazzo costs include:

- **Material Choices**

Opt for economical aggregates like marble or granite, and use affordable aluminum divider strips to keep costs down.

- **Floor Design**

Simplified designs with fewer colors are more affordable, while intricate patterns or logos increase the cost.

- **Installation**

Professional installation is highly recommended for epoxy terrazzo, which cures quickly and allows spaces to be ready for use within 24 hours.

- **Project Size**

Larger projects tend to have a lower cost per square foot, making terrazzo especially cost-effective for large spaces.

Case Study: A Vibrant Dubai Venue

A well-known venue in Dubai recently underwent a renovation to revitalize its interiors. The owners wanted a flooring solution that reflected the venue's luxurious and energetic atmosphere, in line with the dynamic cultural pulse of the city. Epoxy terrazzo was chosen as the ideal solution.

The design of the terrazzo floor mirrors the venue's high-energy ambiance, with intricate, flowing patterns and custom colors that seamlessly tie into the brand's identity. Key areas, including entrances and high-traffic zones, feature eye-catching custom designs, while simpler patterns are used in hallways and other secondary spaces. The terrazzo flooring not only enhances the aesthetic appeal but also ensures durability and easy maintenance, accommodating the heavy foot traffic typical of Dubai's vibrant nightlife.

Next Steps

- **Consult with a Representative**

Work with terrazzo specialists to find the best product solutions tailored to your specific project.

- **Review Design Options**

Browse manufacturer websites for product data and design examples to better understand how epoxy terrazzo can meet your project's needs.

- **Request Samples**

Obtain samples to visualize the potential of epoxy terrazzo in your space.

Conclusion

Epoxy terrazzo continues to gain popularity as an excellent flooring solution for architects and designers due to its durability, low maintenance, and design flexibility. Whether for new builds or renovation projects, its long-term benefits make it a worthwhile investment, especially in commercial spaces where performance and aesthetics are key.

Terrazzo Company is ready to assist in creating beautiful, high-quality terrazzo surfaces that align with your project goals.

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include the airport case study as well and hide the name of the airport

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Here's the reworded version with both the Dubai venue and the airport case studies, keeping the airport name confidential:

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- **Are You Looking for a Long-Lasting Flooring Solution?**
With proper maintenance, epoxy terrazzo can last over 100 years.
 - YES
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- **Do You Need a Low-Maintenance Floor?**
Epoxy terrazzo's seamless, polished surface is easy to clean and maintain.
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- **Is Budget a Concern?**
While the upfront cost may be higher, epoxy terrazzo offers significant long-term savings.
 - YES
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- **Do You Want Customizable Designs?**
Epoxy terrazzo offers virtually limitless design possibilities.
 - YES
 - NO
- **Is Indoor Air Quality Important?**
Epoxy terrazzo contains no VOCs, enhancing indoor air quality.
 - YES
 - NO
- **Is Sustainability a Key Consideration?**
Terrazzo can incorporate recycled materials, contributing to eco-friendly projects.
 - YES
 - NO
- **Are Acoustics Important?**
Its seamless surface reduces sound transmission, making it ideal for noise-sensitive spaces.
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 - NO
- **Do You Need a Fast Installation?**
Epoxy terrazzo can cure in under 24 hours, allowing for quick installations.
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If you answered “yes” to most of these questions, epoxy terrazzo could be a perfect fit. Consulting with a terrazzo expert can help you navigate the technical aspects and ensure successful installation.

Benefits of Epoxy Terrazzo

Epoxy terrazzo has become a go-to solution for commercial, hospitality, and institutional projects due to its high performance, cost-efficiency, and design versatility.

- **Durability**
Epoxy terrazzo is incredibly durable, with high compressive, flexural, and tensile strength. Its long lifecycle makes it an ideal choice for high-traffic areas like airports, schools, and hospitals.

- **Low Maintenance**
The seamless design prevents dirt accumulation, making it easy to clean and sanitize, reducing long-term maintenance costs.
- **Design Flexibility**
With endless color and aggregate options, epoxy terrazzo allows designers to create both intricate and minimalist designs. It can also incorporate custom branding or logos for a distinctive look.
- **Sustainability**
Epoxy terrazzo can incorporate recycled materials, and the use of VOC-free resins makes it an environmentally friendly choice that contributes to LEED certifications.

How to Manage Flooring Costs

Over a building's lifespan, flooring costs can be up to 35 times the initial installation cost. Epoxy terrazzo offers long-term savings due to its durability and minimal maintenance needs.

Key factors to control costs include:

- **Material Choices**
Opt for aggregates like marble or granite to keep costs low, and use aluminum divider strips for a more affordable installation.
- **Floor Design**
Simple designs with fewer colors are more cost-effective, while intricate patterns and custom logos increase the cost.
- **Installation**
Professional installation ensures that the floor cures properly and is ready for use within 24 hours, streamlining the process and reducing downtime.
- **Project Size**
Larger installations often reduce the cost per square foot, making terrazzo an economical choice for large spaces.

Case Study 1: A Vibrant Venue in Dubai

A popular entertainment venue in Dubai sought a flooring solution that captured the dynamic energy of the city and the luxury of its setting. The owners chose epoxy terrazzo to create a visually stunning and durable floor that would enhance the guest experience.

The custom terrazzo design reflects the venue's vibrant atmosphere, with flowing patterns and bright colors that create an inviting and energetic space. Key areas, such as entrances and high-traffic zones, feature detailed custom designs, while more subtle patterns were used in hallways and quieter areas. The terrazzo not only met the aesthetic requirements but also provided the durability needed for heavy foot traffic in one of Dubai's busiest hotspots.

Case Study 2: Airport Modernization

A major international airport recently decided to upgrade its flooring as part of a broader modernization project. The goal was to improve both aesthetics and functionality, leading to the selection of epoxy terrazzo for high-traffic areas.

The airport had previously used carpet in certain sections, which required frequent cleaning and repairs. By switching to epoxy terrazzo, the airport was able to reduce maintenance costs and improve the overall appearance of its terminals. The seamless, durable terrazzo surface also made it easier for passengers to navigate the space with luggage. This upgrade not only enhanced the travel experience but also helped the airport meet sustainability goals, aligning with the airport's long-term strategy for growth and improved services.

Next Steps

- **Consult a Terrazzo Specialist**
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