# **Terrazzo Care and Maintenance**



## **Material Description**

Terrazzo is a mosaic-looking natural stone and concrete material polished to a high gloss and sealed with clear polyurethane resin for long lasting beauty. Terrazzo is precast and composed of 85% stone and 15% binder with steel reinforcing rods cast into the howl

### **Routine Cleaning**

Clean daily or as often as conditions require with any standard detergent, warm water, and a soft cloth.



Do not place acid or alkaline solutions (example: floor stripper or drain cleaners) into the terrazzo bowl or use them to clean the bowl. If these solutions come in contact with the terrazzo, rinse the bowl immediately with water and inspect the bowl for damage. If damage has occurred, follow the directions for restoring the surface listed below. If the bowl begins to haze, it is usually a sign that the terrazzo has come into contact with an acid or alkaline chemical or has been exposed to UV radiation. To repair this condition, follow the instructions for restoring the surface listed below.

#### Stubborn Stains

If stains have permeated the surface of the terrazzo follow the instructions for restoring the surface listed below.

## **Restoring the Surface**

The terrazzo finish can be easily restored.

#### Supplies required (supplied by others):

Paint stripper, light grit sandpaper, and high quality exterior polyurethane.

#### Instructions:

- 1. Turn off water to the unit.
- 2. Use paint striper to remove the existing polyurethane (it is important to remove all of the old polyurethane to ensure a high quality finish).
- 3. Use light grit sandpaper to remove any stubborn stains that have permeated the surface of the terrazzo.
- 4. Clean and thoroughly dry the bowl.
- A If the bowl is not completely dry, the polyurethane will not adhere to the surface.
- 5. Apply 2-3 coats of polyurethane to the terrazzo in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Make sure the surface is completely covered with polyurethane to prevent water from penetrating the surface and damaging the terrazzo.
- 6. Allow the polyurethane to dry completely per manufacturer's recommendations before turning on the water.

## Resurfacing Kits

Terrazzo resurfacing kits are available. Contact your Bradley representative for part numbers and pricing.

#### **Brand Names**

Use of brand names is intended only to indicate a type of cleaner. This does not constitute an endorsement, nor does the omission of any brand name cleaner imply its inadequacy. Many products named are regional in distribution and can be found in local supermarkets. department and hardware stores, or through your cleaning service. All products should be used in strict accordance with package instructions.

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When cleaning units equipped with infrared (electronic eye) activation, it is helpful to turn off the power to the unit or cover the windows to prevent accidental activation. After the window is covered, the water will run for approximately 30 seconds and then shut off.