

Terrazzo flooring rough-in inspection checklist

Terrazzo flooring rough-in is the last time the work is fully visible. Once the cover inspection passes and the walls, ceilings and slabs close, every defect left behind becomes a demolition bill. This checklist walks the rough-in in the order the work goes in, with the photo each item needs before it gets buried. Work is commonly verified against NTMA guidance, manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The terrazzo mechanic setting strips ahead of placement, with the GC's superintendent releasing the slab. When: After the slab is placed and cured and before the underbed goes down, early enough that a high spot or a live crack can still be dealt with under the system rather than through it.

Substrate

- ☐ **Slab flatness and soundness checked**
Slab straightedged for high and low spots, surface sound and free of curing compounds or bond breakers, moisture within the system's limit. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Isolation or crack-suppression membrane over joints**
Membrane continuous over control and construction joints where specified, lapped and turned up at edges, no gaps left over an active crack. 2 photos required

Strip layout

- ☐ **Divider and control strips set to the layout**
Strip pattern matches the approved shop layout, dividers placed over slab joints, lines straight and heights consistent. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Strips anchored true to line and grade**
Strips solidly bedded, not leaning or floating, top edge set to the finished grind height so aggregate exposes evenly. 1 photo required

Underbed depth

- ☐ **Underbed and matrix depth confirmed before placement**
Depth from strip top to substrate measured at several points, enough matrix over the underbed to grind and expose aggregate without hitting the bed. 2 photos required