

CARE & MAINTENANCE FOR STONE, TERRAZZO & RESIN TERRAZZO SURFACES

Terrazzo is slightly porous and needs to be maintained correctly. Stains can be caused by liquids penetrating the surface and must therefore be dealt with as soon as possible to avoid permanent damage. Through following our simple recommendations for cleaning and maintenance, your terrazzo will always show its fine beauty.

ROUTINE CLEANING

Daily maintenance should be to ensure excessive water or other liquids, soaps etc. are not allowed to stand on your terrazzo top for long periods of time. The top can be wiped down with plain soap and water, dried and then an application of a good furniture spray wax (e.g. Johnson's) can be used with a dry, clean duster. Strong detergents or vinegar-based cleaning liquids must not be used. These materials will eat into the surface of the terrazzo, destroying the smooth, shiny finish and making it difficult for future maintenance.

All surfaces now come with a sealer as standard—please see details below:

SEALER

Stone, terrazzo and resin are historically susceptible to acidic food and liquids and subsequent staining. Diespeker are now treating their counter and table tops with a new sealant for:

- Protection against acids and stains
- Resistance to contact with acids and alkaline products
- Resistance to thermal shock
- Getting a polished or semi-polished finish

Most importantly the sealant provides a superb protective coating to terrazzo and stone without changing the appearance of the surface.

It is a combination of primer, protector and activator applied to the terrazzo and stone, either in the factory for table tops or after installation for counters. As well as the supplier tests,

Diespeker have carried out their own series of tests. 30 hours after the application of red wine and ketchup there was no evidence of staining on the terrazzo surface. The manufacturers of the coating have carried out other rigorous trials; testing to 24 hours with similar products to red wine, as well as testing to 4 hours with acidic products. The water-based coating has been rigorously analyzed to ensure it is suitable for food contact. Similarly, it has undergone tests to prove it doesn't yellow with age or through exposure to UV. There are sensible precautions to take after coating, including not using knives directly on the treated surface and to reapply the coating, should it become damaged. When honed surfaces are treated it will change the appearance slightly by increasing the shine. Terrazzo and stone should be maintained in line with our care and maintenance instructions, and acidic or aggressive cleaning fluids should be avoided. Diespeker can offer the coating to existing fitted counter tops and tables as well provide new coats for future maintenance. Treated samples are available for clients to test and assess to their own satisfaction the suitability of the sealant for their requirements.

DO'S AND DON'TS

To be clear the below list is key to keeping stone, terrazzo and resin terrazzo in good condition:

1. Do not cut citric food directly on the surface.
2. Do not place hot items, which are too hot to hold, directly onto the surface, use mats that will protect the surfaces.
3. Do not use abrasive cleaners or materials to clean the surfaces.
4. If there is a spill, clean the surface with plain soap and water as soon as possible.
5. If the surface gets damaged and the sealer is broken, request the surface to be retreated.