

Polyacrylate Terrazzo Overlay

DESCRIPTION • *TopCrete 710 Polyacrylate Terrazzo Overlay* is a pre-mixed, polymer-modified cementitious binder that is mixed with decorative aggregates such as crushed marble, onyx, and/or glass chips. The mix is poured in place on existing concrete floors, cured, grinded, and polished to expose the aggregates and produce a seamless terrazzo finish.

USES • *TopCrete 710* is low-cost alternative to more expensive epoxy resin-based terrazzo and is suitable for use as a topping in interior as well as exterior floors ranging from residential to heavy commercial. *TopCrete 710* is provided as a ready-to-use dry-mix binder that is mixed with decorative aggregates and cast in thicknesses from 10 to 30 mm over a reinforced concrete slab and grinded down to expose the aggregates then polished to a smooth surface. *TopCrete 710* may be polished to 200 or 400 grit then sealed with a topical sealer such as *ElastoCrete 212* or may be polished to 1500 or 3000 grit to produce a high natural gloss finish then sealed with a burnishable penetrating type sealer.

ADVANTAGES •

- ✓ Highly durable and abrasion resistant surface.
- ✓ Highly decorative attractive floor.
- ✓ Seamless and hygienic floor.
- ✓ Minimum need for maintenance.
- ✓ Wide choice of matrix colors and aggregates.

COVERAGE • Coverage will vary depending on substrate surface profile and required depth of installation. When mixed with decorative aggregates at 50% by weight, on average a 25 kg bag of the *TopCrete 710* binder can be expected to cover about 1.5 square meters at 12 mm thicknesses (pre-grinding) depending on the density and grading of the aggregates.

LIMITATIONS • *TopCrete 710* must be applied over structurally sound and non-moving surfaces. Suitable for interior applications only. Do not apply in areas subject to negative hydrostatic pressure. All joints in the existing substrate must be extended through the full depth of the *TopCrete 710* topping by installing a divider strip over the joint or saw cutting the overlay, allowing for the simultaneous movement of the substrate and the *TopCrete 710* topping. New cracks or joints in the existing substrate will reflect through the *TopCrete 710* overlay; treatment of the cracks will reduce the possibility of cracking but will not necessarily eliminate the risk completely. It is recommended to allow new concrete surface to fully cure prior to application of *TopCrete 710* to allow for settlement of the substrate. A priming coat of

EpoPrime 100 Epoxy Primer or equivalent with broadcast silica must first be applied to the substrate prior to application of *TopCrete 710*. The surface must be sealed after polishing.

TopCrete 710 is designed as a wearing surface for areas experiencing foot traffic and rubber-wheeled traffic, thus subjecting the surface to localized loads, such as steel or hard-plastic wheeled traffic, heavy metallic equipment, or other hard sharp objects, may result in abrasion, gouging, or scratching of the surface.

TopCrete 710 is intended to have a non-uniform, natural cementitious surface appearance, therefore optical variations in the surface should be expected.

Do not apply if ambient temperature is expected to drop below 7°C during installation or in the proceeding 48 hours, or if rain is expected in the proceeding 24-hour period after application. Do not mix or apply when ambient temperature is expected to exceed 35°C.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES •

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| Compressive Strength (ASTM C109) 1 days 28 days | 27 MPa 61 MPa |
| Tensile Strength (ASTM C307) 7 days 28 days | 4.1 MPa 5.6 MPa |
| Flexural Strength (ASTM C348) 7 days 28 days | 7.4 MPa 8.7 MPa |
| Flash Point | Non-flammable |

SURFACE PREPARATION • Concrete substrate must be fully cured, sufficiently rigid, and clean of any surface contamination such as oil, dirt, dust, grease, coatings, curing compounds, and laitance that may prevent proper adhesion. Mechanical means of surface preparation such as shot blasting or rough grinding are highly recommended to open the pores of the concrete and produce a rough surface profile. Acid etching, solvents, and adhesive removers are not recommended. Dense, smooth surfaces, and those retaining excessive amount of form release agent can cause delamination from the base and must be prepared by mechanical means. Any painted or coated surfaces should be sandblasted or grinded to remove existing coatings. Use of detergents or soap is not recommended as they may leave a film that can cause bonding failure.

Surrounding areas should be covered and protected from material spills and equipment contact. Rope off

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work area, remove surrounding vehicles, and close off to traffic.

Cracks should be opened with a small hand-held grinder and filled with an repair compound such as *MortCrete 3000* or *CementAll*. However, it should be noted that any cracks more than hairline should be considered permanent moving cracks and could therefore cause reflective cracking in the topping. Any surface imperfections or holes should be patched with *MortCrete 3000 Epoxy Patching Compound* or *CementAll* repair compound and allowed to cure for a minimum of 24 hours. For internal applications with a controlled environment, it is recommended to fill control joints in the substrate with *MortCrete 3000* or *CementAll*.

PRIMING • Apply a coat of *EpoPrime 100* Solvent-Free Epoxy Primer to the prepared concrete surface; refer to the CCC relevant data sheet for application instruction. Immediately after applying the coating and while still wet, broadcast coarse silica sand such as *A-Z Quartz* size #2.5 until the coating takes no more. Allow to cure overnight then use broom off all excess silica that has not bonded to the epoxy primer.

MIXING • *TopCrete 710* may be mixed with decorative aggregates at a ratio of up to 5 parts powder to 2 parts aggregate by volume, or approximately up to 50% by weight of the binder depending on the size and grading of the aggregates; it is highly recommended to conduct trials to determine the best mixing ratio. The maximum size of the aggregates that can be used depends on the installation thickness; generally, the maximum size of the aggregates should not exceed 1/3 of the overlay's thickness, for example, for an installation thickness (pre-grinding) of 12 mm, the aggregates used should not exceed 4-5 mm in size.

Mixing should be done with a drill mounted jiffy-type mixer at low speeds or a paddle type mixer. Always add clean potable water first. Mixing duration should last for a few minutes to ensure proper color and material dispersion within mix; never retemper. Approximate mixing ratio is 3.4-3.6 liters of water per 25 kg bag; however, additional water may need to be added depending on the absorbency of the aggregates used. For best results start at the low range and add water gradually as needed to achieve the desired workability; the mix should be stiff but workable, *TopCrete 710* is not a self-leveling compound. Do not exceed 3.7 liter of water per 25 kg bag; a high water ratio will negatively impact the physical properties of the material.

DIVIDER STRIPS • Dividers made of zinc, brass, or plastic may be used as construction joints for placement of the topping. In cases where control joints in the substrate are expected to continue to function as lines of thermal expansion and

contraction, dividers strips may be placed at these locations in lieu of extending the control joints into the topping. For expansion joints or wide joints in the substrate, place two divider strips back-to-back and later fill with an appropriate joint sealant. Dividers may also be used to separate different colors or as design accents, which act as decorative elements and do not function as crack preventers. Dividers also serve as good screeding guides.

APPLICATION • Application temperatures should be between 5°C and 35°C. It is highly recommended to test a small area to ensure bonding ability and satisfaction of appearance before complete application.

TopCrete 710 must be applied in a minimum thickness of 10 mm; the application thickness is governed by the size of the aggregates used, among other factors, with the maximum size of the aggregates not exceeding 1/3 of the overlay thickness. Install all brass or zinc divider strips prior to application of *TopCrete 710*. Divider strips must be installed where control joints exist in the concrete substrate; alternatively, these joints can be extended into the topping by saw cutting. Make sure that the strips are securely fastened to the substrate to avoid movement during casting of overlay. Install the divider strips so that the top of the strip is at the level of the intended application thickness. These strips can be used as a guide for the screeding process.

Due to the short working time, the *TopCrete 710* mix must be promptly poured onto the floor and quickly spread using stainless steel trowels. An aluminum straight edge may also be used to rake the material and ensure a level application. Once the material has been spread it must be quickly and lightly troweled to smoothen and level the surface. Do not over-trowel the surface as this may cause local fine cracks to appear.

CURING • DO NOT WATER CURE. *TopCrete 710* is self-curing; under high temperature or windy conditions where the material might dry too quickly a curing membrane such as *A-Z 100 Curing Compound* or a sealer coat may be used. It is recommend to allow the overlay to cure for at least three days prior to grinding; longer curing times will produce better results.

GRINDING & POLISHING • Depending on ambient conditions, it is recommended to allow *TopCrete 710* to cure for at three days before grinding begins. For best results, *TopCrete 710* should be grinded and polished with professional floor grinding machines and diamond tools. Depending on the aggregates type in the mix, different grinding pads might be called for on occasions. *TopCrete 710* may be grinded and polished dry or wet depending on the aggregates used. Please consult the polishing machine

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manufacturer's representative for details; trials are highly recommended.

Coarse grinding typically starts at 30-40 grit with metal-bond diamond tools to fully reveal the aggregates and level the surface, progressing to higher levels by roughly doubling the grit number (40, 80, 150 grit).

Generally, grouting the surface takes place after grinding with metal diamond tools prior to polishing with resin pads; consult the machine and diamond tools manufacturer for details. Sieve the corresponding *TopCrete 710* color through a fine screen to remove coarse materials, then mix with water and apply to the surface with a trowel or a scrapper, ensuring any excess grout is removed.

For optimal results, it is recommended to densify the surface of the topping using *Lythic Densifier* or equivalent product, especially if the surface will be polished to a high grit number. Densification typically takes place after the first resin polishing step.

If a topical sealer will be applied for a matte finish, then polishing may be terminated at the 100 or 200 grit stage.

After all grinding, grouting, and polishing is completed, clean the surface with water or a wet mop to remove the residue from the surface. Allow to dry overnight before sealing.

SEALING • Once the in-place *TopCrete 710* has been allowed to dry, the surface must be sealed with *ElastoCrete 212 Water-Based PU Sealer*, *A-Z Ultra Sealer Solvent-Borne Acrylic Sealer*, or *A-Z Mega Sealer Water-Based Urethane Sealer* if the surface was polished to 400 grit or less. If the surface was polished to 1500 grit or higher for a natural gloss finish, it must be sealed with a penetrating-type, burnishable sealer such as *Lythic Protector*. Please refer to the relevant CCC technical data sheets for instruction. Sealed surfaces should be inspected periodically for traffic-worn areas and re-sealed as necessary.

CLEANING • Clean all tools and equipment promptly with clean water.

STORAGE & SHELF LIFE • Keep material covered and off the ground to prevent exposure to moisture. Store in a dry, covered area away from direct sunlight. Expected shelf life is 12 months from the date of purchase when stored in original unopened packaging under recommended storage conditions.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS • KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. DO NOT TAKE INTERNALLY. CONTAINS CEMENT AND SILICA (QUARTZ). Portland cement and silica based products present health hazards. May cause delayed lung injury (silicosis). Irritating to eyes and skin. Use in adequate ventilation and do not breath dust. Extremely fine material, always use a NIOSH/MSHA TC 21C approved dust mask when handling, especially during spray applications. Use neoprene gloves, safety goggles, and a dust mask when handling. FIRST AID: Eyes – Do not rub eyes, immediately flush with fresh water. Skin – Wash with soap and water. Inhalation – If experience difficulty breathing or if inhaled, move to fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

PACKAGING • 25 kg bags.

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