

## QM Luxury Terrazzo – Care & Maintenance Guide

***Keeping your surfaces looking as flawless as the day they were installed.***

Terrazzo has been used as a decorative surface for centuries due to its' aesthetic and physical properties – it is a beautiful and durable material that will provide a lifetime of satisfaction.

Terrazzo surfaces do need to be properly maintained if they are to remain in pristine condition and it should be remembered that they are not indestructible or completely scratch and stain proof. All the terrazzo products we produce are chemically sealed before they leave the factory and on-going maintenance is a generally simple, inexpensive affair involving a common-sense cleaning regime combined with the use of proprietary maintenance products – the following tips may help:

- Prevent surfaces from being in contact with very hot items such as pots and pans, use appropriate stands.
- Use chopping boards and avoid cutting directly on terrazzo surfaces.
- Prevent the following substances from having prolonged contact with terrazzo surfaces: concentrated food colouring, turmeric, alcohol, beetroot, lemon and other acidic substances.
- Immediately wipe away any oil or fat stains when cooking.
- Keep an eye on lime scale building up around taps and draining grooves as lime scale can be damaging. Use a green scourer in the draining grooves if they start to look dull.
- Always wipe down surfaces after use and prevent standing water.
- Use appropriate cleaning products and avoid chemicals that contain high levels of acid or alkaline. We recommend the use of Massimo Piraccini products to clean and maintain all terrazzo surfaces. Accordingly, we provide a proprietary Care Kit with every terrazzo product supplied.
- A professional clean and re-application of sealant once a year is recommended. Further information is available on request.

Adherence to these guidelines should keep any terrazzo surface looking as good as new. However, there is also an alternative point of view:

Should customers prefer to ignore the above guidelines, a terrazzo surface will, over time, develop an aged patina and together with any scratches and stains sustained in normal everyday use, will result in a particular and unique “character” similar in appearance to that of an antique piece of furniture. This approach also has its' merits.