

POLISHED CONCRETE

THE OK

THE BAD

THE UGLY

Often seen as a lower-cost substitute for terrazzo, polished concrete is an increasingly popular flooring choice for big-box retailers, grocers, warehouses, gyms, and other large spaces requiring low-maintenance floors. In the end, however, it is no replacement for terrazzo.

THE OK

In high-traffic areas, where design consistency and appearance is not a concern, polished concrete could offer an alternative to terrazzo flooring.



THE BAD

Polished concrete can mimic terrazzo but does not offer the design options, aggregate placement, cracking control, or sophistication of terrazzo floors.



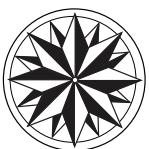
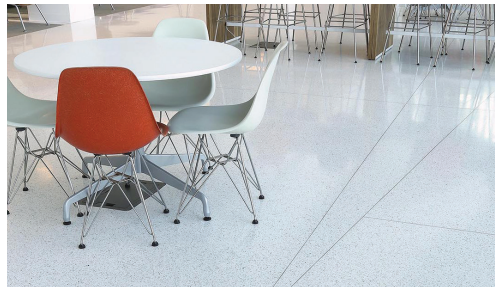
THE UGLY

Polished concrete does not show its age well, especially when coatings discolor and concrete cracks.



THE BEST

Terrazzo offers nearly limitless design flexibility, while providing a durable, sustainable, and low-maintenance flooring.



North Central Terrazzo Association

333 S. Wabash Ave, STE 2700 • Chicago, IL 60604 • ncterrazzo.com • USA

[f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [in](#) @NCTerrazzo