



## **NO EXPOSURE/PARTIAL EXPOSURE**

for new slabs

The slab must be absolutely perfect to achieve this No Exposure or Partial Exposure look finish. This is where, the least possible exposure of aggregate and sand is sought. This finish is totally reliant upon the quality of the slab, and this makes it the most difficult of all finishes.

If you, your architect or designer really desire this look it is really important to understand the complexities of achieving your expectations.

### **It all starts with the concreter and the slab!**

#### **We can't stress enough how important it is to have a good concreter.**

The slab must be flat and highly burnished, achieved by as many passes as needed (multiple) with the powered trowel (helicopter) by the concreter. Screed bar marks and footprints must be removed. The concreter needs to burnish, as close to the edges as possible, otherwise unevenness in the finish will result.

Evenly vibrating the slab during the pour assists the aggregate and sand to sink, leaving more cream on the surface, reducing the chances of stone being visible when the buff or grind (with very light resin pads) and seal, or polishing procedure commences.

Even with these steps, there is no guarantee that some degree of pebble or sand will not be exposed in some areas.

*(Note: The slab should not be poured on a wet day, as this will not allow your concreter to finish the slab to a high standard)*

### **Then we begin our work.**

As uneven burnishing results in an uneven floor, we will inspect your slab before we proceed and report the outcome to you or your authorised representative (eg builder).

As stressed above, we are not responsible for the standard of the slab and as such cannot guarantee that some screed marks, some areas of more exposure than desired or footprints may become visible and this is not the responsibility of Southeast Floors. Concrete is a naturally porous product and can be subject to staining. This is not treated as a defect of the product. Similarly, if the concreter leaves small dips in the floor, these will be highly visible in the finished product.

It is important to understand that a concrete polishing company cannot remove the marks that can be left by a concreter without grinding further into the surface (taking you into full exposure).

It is also important to understand that if you do not like your no/partial exposure finish, you will be required to pay to have the floor reground and polished a second time to full exposure.

*The customer has read and understood this document and has received copy for their records.*

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