

Decorative Overlays or Polished Concrete



Decorative Overlays represent the future of concrete flooring, offering durability, design flexibility, and the ability to transform nearly any surface. While polished concrete has been popular for years, overlays provide a superior alternative that adapts to your space without the limitations of the existing slab.

Decorative Overlays

Decorative overlays are the contemporary choice for seamless, high-performance concrete finishes. Durable, and applied over concrete, tiles or timber, they offer design flexibility and twice the strength of polished concrete, ideal for modern renovations, residential and commercial spaces where durability meets detail.

- 🔧 **Double the compressive strength** of polished concrete, making overlays ideal for high-traffic residential and commercial spaces.
- 🔧 **Can be applied over** almost any surface: old concrete, tiles, or even timber.
- 🔧 **Warmer to the touch** and more comfortable underfoot than standard concrete or tile flooring.
- 🔧 **Completely bespoke** and a more contemporary option in tone, texture and finish.
- 🔧 **Perfect for renovations** and new builds where the existing slab isn't suitable for polishing.

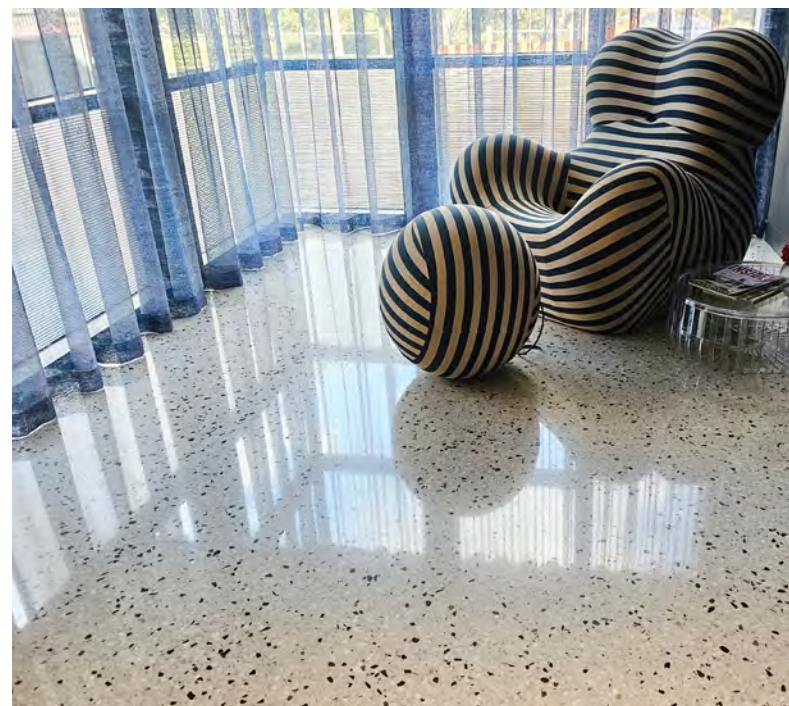


Decorative Overlay

Polished Concrete

Polished concrete, also known as 'Mechanical Polish', has been a popular flooring option for many years. But as its success relies entirely on the slab underneath, many projects fall short unless the concrete is specifically planned and poured for mechanical polishing.

- 🔧 **Slab must be perfect:** The success of a mechanical polish relies upon many things including; the brief, the mix selection and the pour itself.
- 🔧 **Outdated aesthetic:** The exposed aggregate (stone) or terrazzo-style look isn't for everyone. For many homeowners and designers, the raw grey finish feels cold or overused.
- 🔧 **No room for error:** Achieving a consistent mechanical polish requires meticulous planning and execution. If you're unsure about your slab or contractor, proceed with caution.
- 🔧 **Limited design control:** You're at the mercy of what lies beneath, no two slabs polish the same way.



Polished Concrete

Understanding Concrete Flooring Finishes

When choosing the right flooring finish for your space, it's important to understand the key differences between popular options: Decorative Overlays and Polished Concrete.

Decorative Overlays provide an architectural aesthetic with double the compressive strength of polished concrete, making them both beautiful and exceptionally durable. Polished Concrete offers a natural, shiny surface but requires a well-poured slab designed specifically for polishing. In contrast, Decorative Overlays can be applied over existing surfaces like old concrete, tiles, or timber, making them the more flexible and practical choice.

Which Finish is Right for You?

Decorative Overlays are great for those wanting a unique, custom cementitious look or when working with imperfect or old surfaces.

Polished Concrete is perfect for those seeking an exposed aggregate look, and a long-lasting finish. Ideal for new builds or well-prepared concrete slabs.

Need Help Choosing?

At Urban Concrete Floors, our flooring specialists are ready to guide you through the process of selecting the best flooring option for your space. Whether you're interested in the architectural designs of decorative overlays or polished concrete's high-end shine, we've got you covered!

