

# IF YOU CAN'T TAKE THE HEAT



## GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN

Only one floor covering can take the heat stoves and fryers throw off in commercial kitchens and it's **NOT epoxy.**

Most epoxy floors melt at a lower temperature than the heat generated by fryers and ovens. Spills from ovens and fryers can be just too hot for epoxy.



### *Metropolitan Ceramics' Quarry Tile CAN TAKE THE HEAT*

and everything else extremely demanding environments like commercial kitchens offer because Metropolitan quarry tile...

- **Is Not** compromised by extreme temperatures.
- **Does Not** promote mold and bacteria growth.
- **Does Not** require harsh chemicals to maintain.
- **Is** slip resisting in both dry and wet conditions.
- **Does** resist chipping and abrasion.
- **Will** last for decades.



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# Quarry Tile Floor VS. Full Epoxy Floor

## LET'S SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

**QUARRY TILE IS THE BEST FLOOR COVERING FOR RESTAURANT KITCHENS**



### Metropolitan Ceramics' unglazed quarry tile

Fired in tunnel kilns heated to in excess of 2,000° Fahrenheit for low absorption, added slip resistance, and extreme durability.

**You can trust decades in the market and thousands of repeat customers**

Backed by rigorous testing and standards.

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Millions of square feet installed all over the USA and around the world.



### Did You Know?

**Grout joints add slip resistance to the floor.** Grout joints channel water away from the surface and add another area of traction as you step across the floor. Long spans of smooth floor is never the best option.

**And,** today's grout is far superior to grout from 20 or 30 years ago. If properly installed and maintained, the grout will perform well for the life of the installation.

### Metropolitan Ceramics Quarry Tile

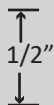
**Simple Maintenance** using low VOC, neutral cleaners.

**Natural Ingredients** kiln fired for a product that is inert, recyclable, and safe.

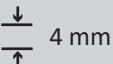
**Variety** of quarry tile shapes, colors, and textures available.

### Which level of protection would you rather have?

QUARRY TILE



EPOXY COATING



Not only is quarry tile much thicker than an epoxy coating, its unglazed, hard fired and vitreous - extremely durable.

**EPOXY FLOORS ARE NO MATCH FOR DEMANDING RESTAURANT KITCHENS**



You may have heard otherwise, but epoxy floors can be easily compromised. They can...

FLAKE	WEAR	SCRATCH
CRACK	MELT	

### A Compromised Epoxy Floor...

- Allows mold and bacteria to grow
- Can create slip and trip hazards
- Will require costly (and smelly) repairs

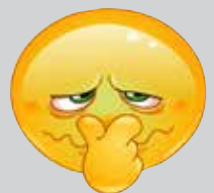


### EPOXY FLOORS CAN BE SLIPPERY

REMEMBER! Shiny and seamless doesn't equal clean and safe - **ESPECIALLY WHEN WET OR GREASY.**

### During Installation and repairs, the fumes can be overwhelming

And you will have to repair the floor every few years at best, **closing the kitchen and the restaurant for the duration.**



**NOTE:** Installing epoxy floors can be tricky. If the conditions and prep work aren't just right the floor can delaminate.



### Clean your floor with AMMONIA?

Ammonia is recommended for cleaning epoxy floors. When a skull and cross bones are part of your cleaner's packaging- maybe it's time to look at a better flooring option.

