

Installation and maintenance

– Soft fluted skirtings

During the development of these products, PRIMO carried out exhaustive tests to ensure that they are as easy to install and functional as possible. On some (rough) surfaces, it may however be difficult to obtain a satisfactory bond, so a general guarantee for the products cannot be given.

Skirtings and stair trims are generally only suitable for indoor use. For outdoor use, contact your supplier or the manufacturer for more information.

The following guidelines should be followed when installing the products

Room temperature and acclimatisation

Installation in rooms with a temperature of less than 18°C is not recommended. The room should be evenly heated on installation and the profiles should be acclimatised to the temperature of the room. Profiles should therefore be kept for at least 3 days in the room in which they are to be installed.

Before installation, profiles should be unrolled to allow them to acclimatise.

The installation surface should be clean and dry:

The underlayer should be smooth and free from cracks / pores in the floor, doors, stairs, etc.

Dust and loose plaster should be removed using a soft brush. If any dust remains, the underlayer should be treated with a dust-binding agent.

Solid surfaces must be free from dirt and oil. The surface should be washed if necessary. The surface should be completely dry before fitting.

Irregularities, holes and grooves should be plastered over using a lime/cement mortar to at least the same height as the skirting profile or stair trim.

Note that self-adhesive skirtings do not attach as firmly to hessian, woodchip, wallpaper, etc.

Stair trims should be supported along the entire contact surface in order to prevent stressing during use.

Soft profiles can be stretched:

These profiles are manufactured from soft PVC, which means that they can be stretched and then contracted again.

The skirting profile must not be stretched during installation.

As with other floor coverings, it is recommended that cut corners and joints be welded.

Remove the cover on self-adhesive profiles gradually during application:

If too much of the cover is removed, there is a risk that the adhesive will be touched unnecessarily or contaminated, so reducing the strength of the adhesive.

Other profiles can be fitted using a water-based contact adhesive (MAL code 00-1). Before use, the technical properties and applications of the adhesive should be checked.

Adhesive should be applied to both contact surfaces.

No adhesive should be applied to the nose (the vertical part) of the stair trim and the skirting on the skirting profile.

Corners should be cut off:

Skirting profiles must not be bent unnecessarily in corners, as this will subject the adhesive to considerable unnecessary pressure, which could cause the profile to work loose. We therefore recommend that the profiles be cut in corners.

Additional contact adhesive in external/internal corners will give a more robust result.

On installation, the skirting profile should be pressed down, so that a right angle is formed.

Profile welding:

Profiles should be cut with the correct bevel. The cut surfaces are held against the heated welding iron. When the plastic begins to melt, the surfaces should be removed from the iron and held in place against each other while they cool (about 10–15 seconds). When the welds are cool, the welding flash on both sides should be cut away.

Remember to ensure correct suction during welding.

Handrails:

Once the handrail has been welded in a mitre, installation can be started. The handrail is warmed in a warming bag until soft. The heated part is then taken out and fitted, whilst the next section is warmed.

Installation is carried out by bending the part of the profile which is to be placed on the underside of the railing out to the side and then pressing the profile into position.

Avoid stretching the profiles, as they will then shrink later.

If the profile becomes detached, it will be necessary to hold the profile in place to prevent unrolling using gauze, tape, etc., until it has cooled fully.