

# UK Installation Guidance Note: Colorex SD | EC skirtings

## General Advice

Where a coved skirting is required with the installation of Colorex ESD floors there are four options. The option chosen will depend on the aesthetic, electrostatic and hygiene requirements.

### 1. Colorex welded skirting strip.

This comprises 150mm wide strips of Colorex tile material which have been welded together to form a continuous length of material to match or contrast with the main floor colour.

Colorex skirting strips are supplied in lengths of approximately 12 metres. The strips are welded in such a way that the vertical joints are effectively “invisible”.



When using this skirting strip, the field tiles are installed first to leave a uniform gap (of approximately 45mm) between the edge of the field tiles and the wall. The skirting strip can then be warmed with a hot air gun and installed either:

- As a traditional site formed coved skirting detail skirting with welded internal and external corners
- Where the optimum hygienic corner detail is required, in conjunction with Colorex preformed internal and external corners.

The skirting strip is applied to the wall first so that the “foot” of the skirting overlaps the field tiles. The excess skirting material is removed by either tracing through with a knife or using a recess flooring scriber.

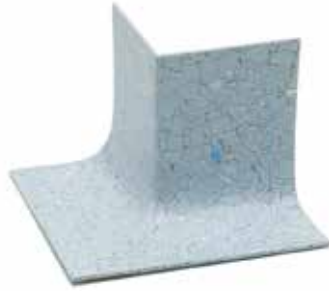
When warmed, the material is flexible enough to use over a 20mm radius cove former. Use a clean carpet bolster or similar round edged tool to ensure correct adhesion of the material onto the cove former and at the base of the wall and the skirting.

### 2. Colorex welded skirting strip with pre-formed corners.

Colorex skirting strip may be used with pre-formed inner and outer corners made from the same Colorex tile material to match or contrast with the main floor colour. The pre-formed corners can be heated with a hot air gun to help form the material into the corner and installed with a contact adhesive. The corner is applied to the wall first so that the “foot” of the corner overlaps the field tiles. The excess material is removed by either tracing through with a knife or using a recess flooring scriber. Pre-formed corners should be installed prior to the skirting strip. All vertical and horizontal seams should be hot welded.



**Inner Corner**



**Outer Corner**



**Welded skirting**

### **3. Site formed coving of tiles.**

Colorex tiles can be individually installed on site over a cove former, however, when using this method, the number of vertical welded seams will obviously increase.

### **4. Proprietary PVC set-in coved skirting.**

Where the application allows, a proprietary PVC set in skirting (for example Quantum Profiles Q100 50 2 SI) may be selected to close match or contrast with the main field.

#### **Points to note:**

- When warming the skirting strip prior to fitting it is essential that the material is heated until it is fully flexible in order to allow forming at the base of the cove.
- Colorex skirting and pre-formed corners provide the optimum solution for a hygienic, fully sealed installation. If a proprietary PVC set-in skirting is to be offered, then prior approval should be sought from the end user before commencement of the installation.

Video guides showing the installation of Colorex tiles and preformed corners and skirting can be found at:

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