

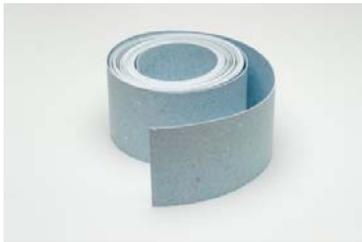
## Installation Guidance Note: Colorex Skirtings

### General Advice

Where coved skirting is required with the installation of Colorex ESD floors for hygiene reasons there are four options.

#### 1. Colorex welded skirting strip.

This comprises 150mm high strips of Colorex tile material 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".



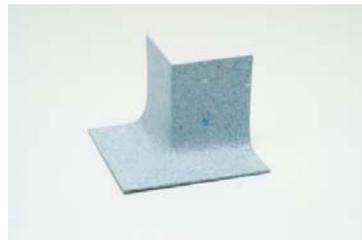
When using this skirting strip, the field tiles are installed first to leave a uniform gap between the edge of the field tiles and the wall of approximately 45mm. The skirting strip can then be warmed with a hot air gun and installed either; as a set-in skirting, using a clean carpet bolster or similar round edged tool to ease the material into the junction at the base of the wall and the skirting; or installed as a site formed cove skirting using a traditional cove former. 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 scribe ("over and unders"). When warmed, the material is flexible enough to use over a 20mm radius cove former, but larger formers may be used if desired.

#### 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 skirting material is removed by either tracing through with a knife or using a recess scribe ("over and unders"). Pre-formed corners should be installed prior to the skirting strip. All vertical and horizontal seams should be hot welded.



Inner Corner



Outer Corner

#### 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.

A proprietary PVC set in skirting (for example Gradus SI100) may be selected to close match or contrast with the main field.

##### Points to note:

Using Colorex pre-formed corners or Colorex skirting strip as a set-in skirting for the first time will require different techniques on the part of the installer than conventional site formed skirting. It is therefore advisable for the installer to obtain some experience through off site practice prior to the main installation.

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 however, 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