

Fitting Instructions

General installation instructions / preliminary work / Care



General information

In addition to the installation instructions, the specifications for the installation of the skirting boards and profiles are as follows:

- DIN 18365 "Floor covering work," including the relevant comments and explanations, as well as additionally the latest pamphlets "Evaluation and preparation of subfloors – laying of elastic and textile floor coverings, laminates, parquet and wood block paving – heated and unheated floor construction", published by the Bundesverband Estrich und Belag e.V. (BEB) (Federal Association of Screeds and Coverings), as well as the TKB pamphlet No. 8 – "Evaluation and preparation of subfloors for floor covering and parquet work", published by the Technische Kommission Bauklebstoffe (TKB) (Technical Commission for Construction Adhesives) in the latest versions respectively.
- Further to be observed are the recognised rules of the branch/technology and the working recommendations of the respective floor covering manufacturer.
- With the selection and fitting of the profiles, the type of subfloors, the intended utilisation and especially the circumstances on the site are to be considered.

further remarks

All Döllken cove former profiles underlie a careful quality control. It is necessary that the profiles are immediately examined after delivery. After cut / fitting, complaints which were discernable before cut/fitting cannot be recognised. Should you nevertheless have a reason to complain, please give your wholesaler/ Döllken staff a preferably 1 m long strip with signature on the back of the objected goods and the top label of the packaging.

In addition, please observe the following advice:

- Acclimatisation: the profiles have to be stored 24 hours before being fitted, lying flat on a flat surface in at least 18°C and at the most 23°C for acclima-

tisation. If the acclimatisation is insufficient, the profile can come off the wall due to expanding.

- Cleaning and care: For care and cleaning, the relevant instructions must be observed (on the Internet or directly requested).

In case of unfavourable climatic spatial relations or wall properties, concerns must be declared to the customer/ building owner and the duty of notification is to be carried out.

Subfloor examination

Before fixing the profiles, the wall is to be examined on its suitability for the respective method of attachment. The same subfloor examinations are valid as those specified for installing floor coverings in the DIN 18365 "Floor covering work". Regarding this, the special focus for inspection measures on the subfloor is on the following:

- Evenness and angularity of the subfloor,
- no moisture in the subfloor,
- sufficiently firm, no porous or rough surfaces of the subfloor,
- no defiled surfaces of the subfloor, e.g. due to oil, wax, varnish, residues of paint, etc.
- suitable temperature of the subfloor.
- suitable indoor climate
- no cracks in the subfloor.

As with floor covering work, valid for the evenness are the tolerances levels of DIN 18202 "Tolerance levels in building construction", table 3, line 3.

The indoor climate conditions are to have temperatures not under 18°C and not over 23°C. These requirements apply to the storage, acclimatisation, as well as fitting of the cove former profiles. The surface temperature of the subfloor is not to be under 15°C.

The following experienced data apply for the residual moisture of different substrates when mounting the solidcore skirting boards:

- Stucco < 0.5 weight-%
- Cement mortar < 2.5 weight-%
- Lime mortar < 2.0 weight-%
- Concrete < 3.0 weight-%

Loose / unstable subfloors which are porous, have a rough surface or are worn away are to be primed with suitable primer coats before fitting the cove former profiles and if necessary to be smoothed (observe manufacturer information).

Cleaning and Care

Dust and deposits can simply be cleaned from the surfaces of the skirting board with a slightly damp cloth. Commercially available water-based floor cleaners can also be used, but dosage instructions for the respective cleaner must be carefully observed. Excessive doses can cause damage to the floor covering and to the skirting board. No solvents or cleaners containing solvents with release ingredients may be used. The use of cleaners or disinfectants containing substances such as alcoholic and similar ingredients must be tested beforehand on the surface of a test piece.

Cored skirting boards may not be cleaned with abrasive cleaners and materials with a rough, rigid surface, such as scouring pads, brushes or microfibre cloths. High mechanical loads from brushing and dry-rubbing must absolutely be avoided.

The boards must only be wiped with a slightly damp cloth - no steam cleaning may be used. Moisture on the floor must be removed immediately.

Foreign substances such as paint, sealant, primer, etc., which are deposited on the skirting board during work on adjacent components such as walls and floor coverings, can attack and alter the surface. Appropriate measures to provide protection from accidental soiling of the installed profiles must be taken.

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