

# Choosing the Right Skirting



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## Area of Application

Skirtings, cove formers and capping strips are used to provide clean, neat solutions for junctions where the floor meets the wall.

Gradus offers solutions to suit most contract applications, from 'critical' clean areas where a homogeneous finish is essential such as hospital wards, treatment rooms, and food & pharmaceutical environments, through to commercial office, education or retail environments where functionality needs to be combined with aesthetics.

Healthcare, food & pharmaceutical and education environments in particular benefit from the use of pvc skirtings that can be welded to resilient floorcoverings in order to create completely impervious seals to meet cleaning and hygiene requirements.

For further guidance on the use of pvc skirtings in healthcare environments refer to: Health Technical Memorandum (HTM): Flooring 61 – 3 Design Guidance, Skirtings 3.13 - 3.19.

## Materials & Profiles

Selecting the correct type of skirting profile will ensure that product performance matches the environment requirements and will result in a functional, low maintenance alternative to traditional skirtings.

### Pvc Skirtings

**Set-in** – typically used with resilient floorcoverings, this type of skirting is welded to the floorcovering in order to create an impervious seal. Ideal for critical clean areas (e.g. treatment rooms, pharmaceutical production) or areas subject to wet cleaning (e.g. school and hospital corridors). Selected set-in skirtings are available in 15m coils in order to reduce the number of vertical joints required.

**Sit-on** – typically used with hard floorcoverings. Ideal for use in areas where a neat, clean finish is required but an impervious seal is not required e.g. general circulation areas in schools and hospitals.

**Flat** – used primarily with textile floorcoverings to form a neat, low-maintenance alternative to timber skirting.

**Capping Strips & Cove Formers** – used when floorcoverings are continued up the wall. Cove formers ensure a consistent cove is achieved and supports the floorcovering at a weak point. Capping strips provide a neat finish where the floorcovering stops.

### Stratum Pvc Skirting

An alternative to traditional timber skirting, this 10mm thick skirting provides the look of painted wood whilst offering a low maintenance solution. Ideal for creating a neat finish in non-critical clean areas, and in all contract environments where ongoing maintenance and aesthetics are important factors.

### Metal Skirtings

Modern alternative to pvc or timber skirtings. Creates a modern, hi-tech finish for environments such as commercial office, retail and leisure. Low voltage cable management system also incorporated in selected profiles.



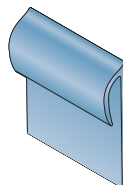
Set-In Skirtings



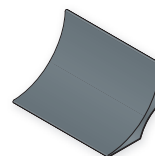
Sit-On Skirtings



Flat Skirtings



Capping Strips



Cove Formers



Stratum Skirtings



Metal Skirtings

# Aesthetics

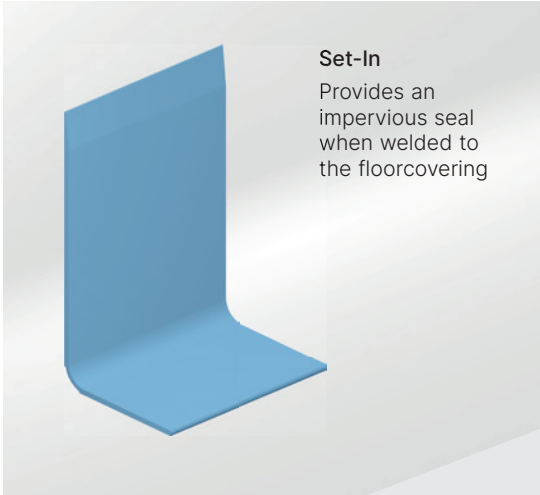
Gradus skirtings & cappings are available in a range of colours and finishes to complement most interior environments.

In addition, the use of a skirting that contrasts in colour and luminance with the floorcovering can assist visually impaired people to determine the borders of the room. As a guide, skirtings should either match the wall colour, or provide a complete contrast with both the wall and floor.

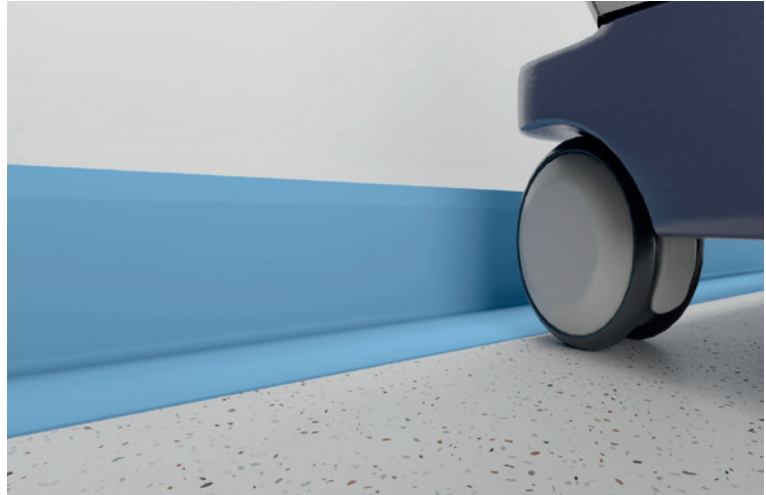


Pvc Skirting FS 100 B profile is rated as Class 1a. Finishes within these ratings can be used throughout dementia applications. We recommend a minimum contrast of 30 points LRV for critical surfaces. For further visit [www.gradus.com](http://www.gradus.com)

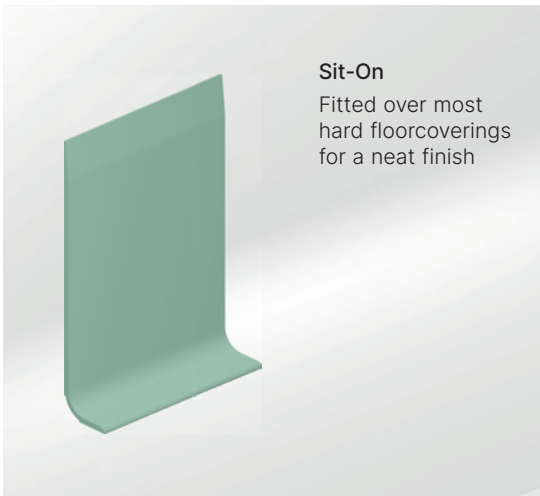
## Types of skirting



**Set-In**  
Provides an impervious seal when welded to the floorcovering



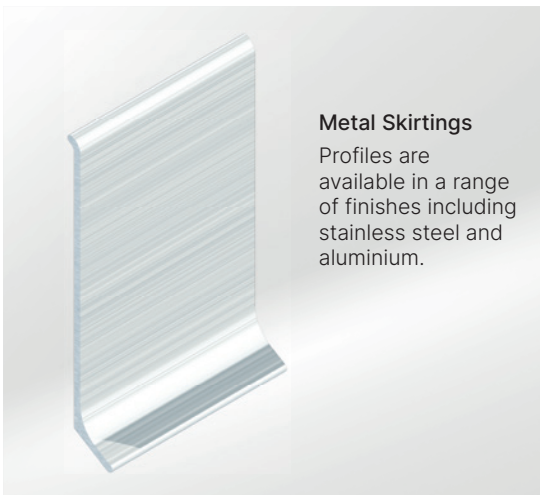
Set-In Pvc Skirtings



**Sit-On**  
Fitted over most hard floorcoverings for a neat finish



Sit-on Pvc Skirtings



**Metal Skirtings**  
Profiles are available in a range of finishes including stainless steel and aluminium.



Metal Skirtings

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