

Choosing Your Skirting Board Finish

Understand unprimed, primed and undercoated MDF before you order.

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Save this guide for reference during planning, fitting and decorating.

Choosing the Right Finish

Your finish choice affects how much decorating work is needed after fitting. The final topcoat is normally applied on site so fixing holes, joints and cut ends can be completed neatly.

Finish	What you receive	Work required after fitting	Best for
Unprimed	Raw Moisture Resistant MDF.	Prime exposed surfaces and cut edges as required, sand, undercoat and apply topcoat.	Trade customers or decorators using a specific paint system.
Primed	A factory-applied primer that seals and prepares the surface.	Fill fixing holes and joints, prepare cut ends, lightly sand, then undercoat and topcoat as required.	Customers wanting to save preparation time while retaining control of the final finish.
Undercoated	Additional factory coating and preparation beyond the primer stage.	Fill and prepare installation marks, lightly sand where necessary and apply the final topcoat.	Faster installation programmes and minimal decorating work.

Important preparation points

- Seal freshly cut MDF ends before applying the final paint finish.
- Fill nail holes, screw holes and joints with a suitable filler.
- Lightly sand between coats where recommended.
- Remove dust before applying paint.
- Use a paint system suitable for interior woodwork and MDF.
- Do not treat a factory primer or undercoat as the final decorative topcoat unless specifically stated.

MOISTURE RESISTANT DOES NOT MEAN WATERPROOF

MR MDF copes better with normal indoor humidity than standard MDF, but must still be protected from standing water, persistent damp and outdoor exposure.

Which option should I choose?

- Choose unprimed when price and full control of the paint system are priorities.
- Choose primed for a strong balance between convenience and flexibility.
- Choose undercoated when reducing on-site preparation time is most important.

VIDEO & IMAGE EXPANSION

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