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Silktrim mouldings are manufactured from HMR (High Moisture Resistant) Medium Density Fibreboard, which is a reconstituted wood product containing wood fibre, waxes and formaldehyde resins. While Silktrim offers high moisture resistance, Hume Pine (NZ) does not provide a warranty on the product when used in the following applications:

- Around showers, baths, saunas, spas, laundries and other wet areas;
- For exterior applications such as swimming pools, carports and joinery;
- Where Silktrim is exposed to temperatures greater than 60°C;
- In direct contact with concrete or masonry surfaces, unless protected by a damp proof membrane;
- In residences using sub-floor heating.

Silktrim Conditioning

All wood based products will react to climatic change and we recommend that Silktrim should be acclimatised for a period of two days in the area it is to be installed. The profiles need to be protected from moisture, excessive heat and direct sunlight. Remove the profiles from their packaging and allow them to reach EMC (Equilibrium Moisture Content) prior to installation.

Silktrim Installation

We recommend the following methods of installation.

For 12mm thick Silktrim use 40-50mm finishing brads so that a minimum framing penetration of 25mm is reached. When joining the profile, mitre cuts should be used and the joint must be glued using a PVA adhesive.

For 18mm thick profiles use 50-60mm finishing brads. It is important not to over fix Silktrim and we do not recommend nailing within 20mm of the end of the profile as splitting may occur.

Silktrim profiles can also be fixed using contact and wall adhesives in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions

Silktrim Finishing

Silktrim profiles are factory sanded and finished with two coats of premium acrylic primer to achieve a superb finish. Fill all nail holes with a plastic wood filler and lightly sand with 280-320 grit sand paper when cured. Apply two coats of acrylic enamel, sanding lightly between coats.

Silktrim Health & Safety

Health and safety precautions should be adhered to when working with all wood products. Machine tools should be fitted with dust extractors and work areas should be kept clean. If dust levels exceed Work Safe New Zealand Standards, the wearing of a dust mask (AS/NZS 1715 & AS/NZS 1716) and protective eyewear (AS/NZS 1336 & AS/NZS 1337) is recommended. Storage and work areas should be adequately ventilated.