

# Baseboards

## Before installation

- The mouldings are for indoor use only and should not be in direct contact with water.
- Possible faults in the material can only be claimed back if noticed before fitting!
- Room temperature and moisture have to be normal. Room's temperature should be approx 20°C and air's relative humidity approx 40%. Basically this means that the walls and ceiling should be dry and the doors and windows should be glazed.
- Before mounting, you should leave the moulding to acclimatise for 72 hours in the room where it is to be fitted. This will ensure that the mitre cuts do not split after installation. The packaging does not have to be totally removed. It is enough to open the ends of the packaging so that the possible humidity is released.

## Installation instruction

### Cutting the end pieces of the baseboard:

When the baseboard is thicker than used architrave or when the baseboard has to be finished in a middle of the wall:

- Measure the wall for the required length for the moulding.
- The end mitre cut should be cut the same way as the external mitre corner, but the moulding continuing from the corner is only as long as the width of the board used.
- Before cutting the mitre angle, cut a small piece (the so-called factory end) off from the ends of the mouldings to ensure the ends are straight.
- The mitre angle should be cut at 45-degrees, so that the longer corner or the angle is at the finished surface. The cut mitre angles should form a 90-degree external corner when joined together. Once the angles have been matched, measure the thickness of the moulding, which is going to be the length of the end piece.
- Measure the end piece's length from the longer mitre angle, i.e. the external corner. Please take extra care when cutting the end piece, as it is a very small moulding piece!!
- Glue the pieces together with quick drying wood glue and apply the glue evenly to both mitre angles. Press the pieces together firmly so that the external mitre and joints become tight and neat. Wipe the extra glue off immediately with a wet cloth before the glue dries. Leave the joints to dry properly before fixing the moulding to the wall.

### Adding length to a baseboard in the middle of the wall

- The most unnoticeable joint is done by mitre cutting the ends of the moldings to a 45-degree angle with the mitre angle facing away from you. Joining the molding together like this will prevent the joint possibly opening up later if the moulding shrinks.
- Before cutting the mitre angle, cut a small piece (the so-called factory end) off from the ends of the mouldings to ensure the ends are straight.

### Installing a baseboard / 90-degree corner

- Before cutting the mitre angle, cut a small piece (the so-called factory end) off from the ends of the mouldings to ensure the ends are straight.
- The moldings in the corner should be mitred to 45-degree angles, so that they will form a 90-degree corner when joined together.
- Cut the mitre angle to the first molding and fix the molding to the wall. Cut a reverse mitre angle to the second molding, shorten the molding to the correct length, so that the angles will fit together tightly.
- If one length is not enough for one wall, cut the necessary mitre angles to join the moldings.
- External corners are done like the internal corners, but the mitre angles are cut the other way around.

Installing the moulding is easy and simple using screws, nails or nail gun. For white mouldings, the Maler patch paint is great for covering marks incurred whilst mounting.

Fastening the moulding is easy and neat also using the Maler attachment clips (if mounting grooves can be found behind the moulding).