

M-Boss Coloured PVC-ue and PVC-u Profiles and PVC-u Fittings 15/5 Year Guarantee

I. Products covered by this Guarantee

- (a) This Guarantee applies to coloured PVC-ue and PVC-u profiles and PVC-u fittings within the cream (RAL 9001), sand (RAL 1015), light grey (RAL 7035) and light blue (X002) range of colours supplied by Swish Building Products (Swish) for its M-Boss range. All other coloured profiles and fittings are excluded from this Guarantee.
- (b) This Guarantee applies only to products sold and fitted within the UK and the Republic of Ireland. Any products purchased or fitted in another jurisdiction are excluded from this Guarantee.
- (c) Products which are not covered by this Guarantee may be subject to a separate guarantee.

2. Duration of this Guarantee

This Guarantee will remain in force from the date of installation of the products until the expiry of the relevant period specified in clause 3(a).

3. Cover provided under this Guarantee

- (a) Swish guarantees that, for the duration of this Guarantee, but subject to the other provisions of this Guarantee:
 - (i) for a period of 15 years, the profiles and fittings will not warp or crack;
 - (ii) for a period of 5 years, exposure to normal weathering will not result in any significant part of the coloured profiles or fittings changing colour compared to Swish's relevant colour specification, by more than a Delta E of 5 (where Delta E is the measurement determined in accordance with BS3900 Parts D8, D9 and D10, 1986). This paragraph 3(a)(ii) does not cover any change resulting from any form of shading (such as any overhang or any obstruction of the sun by any permanent or temporary structure or trees).
- (b) In the case of a valid claim under this Guarantee,

Swish will, at its absolute discretion, either repair or replace the defective profiles and fittings. This Guarantee does not cover any labour costs incurred by the Customer or any third party in installing the repaired or replacement profiles and fittings.

4. Exclusions

This Guarantee will not apply if:

- (a) the profiles or fittings have not been stored, installed and maintained in accordance with Swish's recommended fixing details and maintenance guidelines;
- (b) the profiles and fittings have not been used in accordance with Swish's instructions, including, in the case of PVC-u hollow soffit profiles, if they have not been used as soffit;
- (c) the profiles or fittings have been coated or had any other process or repair performed on them other than by Swish;
- (d) the defect is caused by wilful or accidental damage, vandalism or negligence (other than that of Swish or its sub-contractors);
- (e) the profiles and fittings have been stored and/or permanently installed
 - (i) in climate zones where the ambient temperature regularly falls outside the range +40°C to -10°C, or
 - (ii) at elevations above 1800 metres above sea level;
- (f) the profiles and fittings have been exposed, in storage or end-use, to atmospheric pollution, acid rain, harmful chemicals or vapours, fire, lightning, flood, abnormal winds or earthquake, or the effects of external heat sources or reflective surfaces, or undue wear and tear, or other unusual conditions; or
- (g) the profiles or fittings have been moved from the site where the defect is alleged to have occurred.

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5. Transfer of this Guarantee & how to make a claim

- (a) This Guarantee is for the benefit of the Customer and only applies if proof of purchase can be provided. Proof of purchase must detail the relevant property address.
- (b) Any unexpired part of the life of this Guarantee may be transferred to subsequent owners of the Property.
- (c) This Guarantee along with the receipt shall be retained by the customer to demonstrate proof of purchase. Swish reserves the right to refuse any claim under a Guarantee where the customer

cannot provide the original Guarantee document and the receipt.

- (d) To make a claim under this Guarantee, please contact Swish Technical Services on 01827 317200.

6. Your rights

This Guarantee does not affect any rights the Customer has in law relating to the quality of the guaranteed products. For further information about your legal rights contact your local Trading Standards Department or Citizens Advice Bureau.

COLOURED PVC-UE INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Coloured PVC-ue M-Boss installations can suffer from excessive expansion and contraction due to heat absorption. Specifiers and installers must therefore satisfy themselves that sufficient provision has been made to avoid significant thermal movement. The following installation guidelines highlight the minimum requirements. It is the specifiers and installers responsibility to determine the actual requirements of a particular installation to avoid excessive thermal movement.

CLADDING

Observe all general procedures detailed in Swish Design & Specification Guide (A226) for coloured cladding but specifically as below.

1. Install cladding to good quality treated softwood battens, minimum 25 x 38mm, fixed at maximum 300mm centres for twin planks, 600mm for single plank (battens set vertically for horizontal cladding and counter-battened for vertical cladding) so that a minimum continuous vertical air path of 25mm minimum is created behind the cladding boards.
2. To ensure a free air path between vertical battens do not install a horizontal batten at the bottom edge of the cladding. In addition the air path should be vented into the eaves above the soffit line. Alternatively a 10mm air gap should be left between the junction of the cladding and the soffit. Angle ventilator C065 can be installed to stop insect ingress.
3. Cladding planks should not be greater than 5m long.
4. Fix cladding with 30mm annular ring-shank stainless steel nails (C204) from the centre out. (Ensure all board ends are securely nailed to battens).
5. At joints use two-part joint trim, allowing 8mm expansion gap at each board end.
6. At all end abutments, corners and top edge terminations, allow an 8mm expansion gap, and ensure ends are fixed.
7. Installations must take place at ambient air temperatures between 0°C and 40°C. The temperature of boards that have been stored in conditions outside this range must be allowed to fall within the range prior to installation.
8. All products to be stored on a flat surface out of direct sunlight at all times prior to installation.

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