

## GLUE-DOWN: ADHESIVE GUIDING STRIPS

Before laying the guiding strips, it is a good idea to inspect them and to identify any problems with the appearance. If there are visible defects, please notify GERFLOR and wait to hear from them before laying the flooring.



Min. ambient temperature: 10 °C



Min. surface temperature: 10 °C

PRODUCTS	DIMENSIONS	GERFLOR CODE	REFERENCE
CORDUROY GUIDING STRIP 150 X 600-20 U	600 x 150	058J	0002 Grey 0003 Black
GUIDING STRIP 150 X 600-20 UN	600 x 150	058I	0002 Grey 0003 Black

### REGULATIONS:

Extract from the CFPSAA (French Federation for the Welfare of the Blind and Partially Sighted) July 2010 - [www.cfpsaa.fr/accessibilite](http://www.cfpsaa.fr/accessibilite) - Contact: [access@cfpsaa.fr](mailto:access@cfpsaa.fr)

The purpose of guiding strips is to provide an indication of the direction where this cannot be done by audible or tactile means (foot/stick). They can only be installed effectively if the physical environment (building plans, gradients) as well as the human environment (flow of passers-by) are carefully studied. Their main purpose is to allow fluid movement and to make large spaces easier to read. It does not seem to be necessary to install guiding strips in smaller spaces (corridors), as the visually impaired can easily situate themselves and orient themselves using audible cues. If they are used excessively in smaller spaces, there is a risk that the visually impaired may come to depend on these guiding strips.

**THE INSTALLATION OF GUIDING STRIPS HAS NOT YET BEEN STANDARDISED, SO THEY REQUIRE APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION.**

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The guiding strips are self-adhesive and are laid on the existing floor covering.

## 2. PREPARATION

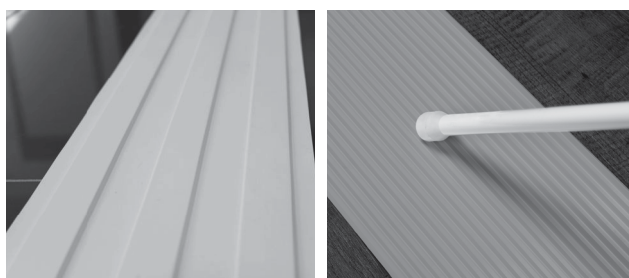
### 2.1 - SUBSTRATE

All Gerflor coverings apart from GTI products with a very pronounced surface grain.

Gerflor guarantees this product with the following floor coverings: Taralay Matières, Massifs, Taralay Impression, Nera, Mipolam Homogènes and Taradal Confort. To check compatibility with other Gerflor products, please contact our technical department.

### 2.2 - PREPARING THE GUIDING STRIPS

The guiding strips must be acclimatised for at least 12 hours before laying.



### 2.3 - LAYING THE GUIDING STRIPS

#### 2.3.1 Layout

The exact positions must be defined in advance by marking out with a chalk line.

#### 2.3.2 Cutting

- The tiles do not need to be cut before laying.
- Cutting may be necessary during the laying process.

#### 2.3.3 Bonding

- The tiles are self-adhesive – remove the backing before laying.

#### 2.3.4 Laying the guiding strips

Follow the layout you marked out in advance, and follow these principle:

- Lay the strips to guide users to specific places in a building, primarily:
  - Lifts: The guiding strip leads to the call button and not to the centre of the list.
  - Doors: The guiding strip leads to the handle and not to the centre of the door.
  - Counters: The guiding strip leads to an area specifically for disabled people and not to the centre of the counter.
  - Stairs: The guiding strips leads to the handrail and not to the centre of the stairs.
- Smooth out the strips very firmly using a smoothing block and a 50 kg roller.
- Finishing: It may be necessary to seal the edges – if so, use an MS Polymer mastic.

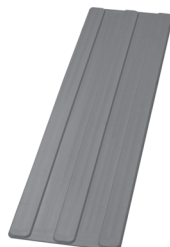
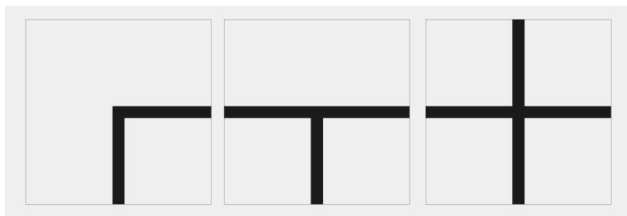
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## 2.3.5 Changes of direction and intersections:

There are several solutions:

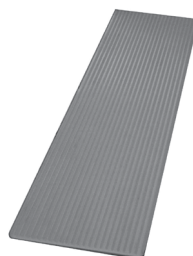
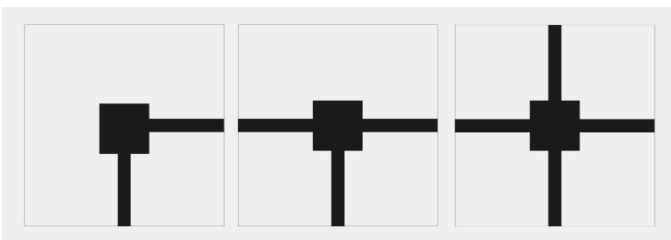
- **Butting:**

The strips are simply bonded to each other. This method does not really help the visually impaired to use their stick to detect the junction of strips.



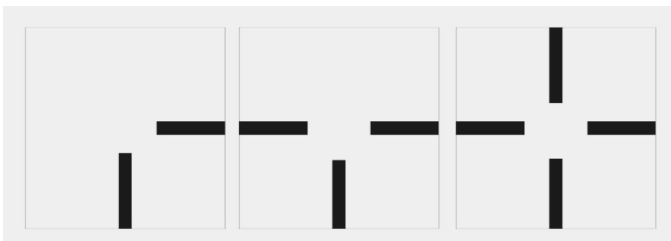
- **Installing an indicating feature:**

The guiding strip runs over a square tactile or corduroy feature which is wider than the guiding strip (at least 60 x 60 cm). The feature can be covered with Gerflor corduroy guiding strips.



- **Interrupting:**

The guiding strip is interrupted, creating an empty space at the change of direction or the intersection (at least 60 x 60 cm).



## 3. FIRST USE

**LIGHT TRAFFIC:** Immediate

**HEAVY TRAFFIC:** Trolleys: 24 hours after laying