

Question We Are Asked Most

Why are some Corian colours unsuitable for my kitchen worktop?

Some colours in the Corian range are not designed to be used for everyday work surfaces. This is because a worktop is a heavily used area which has lots of daily traffic. Some Corian colours are more sensitive than others and are more susceptible to scratching and visible joints, which make the worktops look tired quickly. This is not ideal.

The list below contains all the colours which are not recommended for use in heavy traffic areas. These colours come with a disclaimer to confirm that they are not covered for the issues highlighted above

Disclaimer Colours

Anthracite	Coffee Bean	Medea	Silverite
Antique Amethyst	Copperite	Night Sky	Spring Green
Autumn Leaves	Elderberry	Nocturne	Summer Sky
Black Quartz	Grape Green	Olivite	Sweet Violet
Blue Powder	Gravel	Palladian Black	Sun
Bougainvillea	Hot	Pompeii Red	
Bronzite	Mandarin	Shale	
Cocoa Brown	Marine Blue	Sienna Brown	

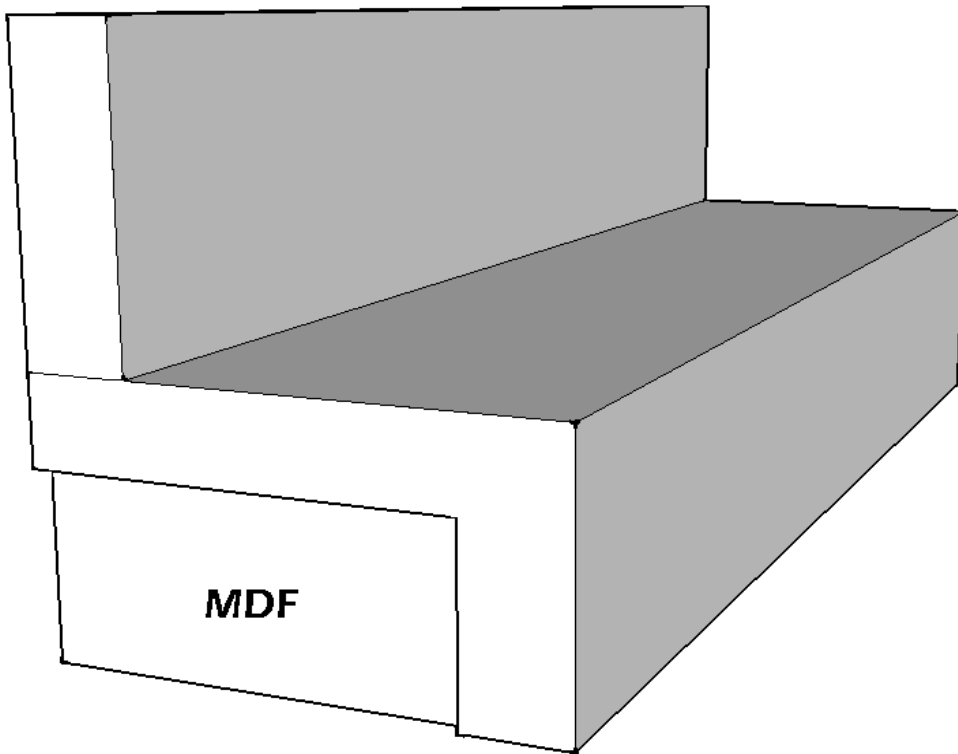
How thick can I have my Corian?

Corian can be manufactured to any thickness when there is no sub frame required. When an MDF sub frame is needed 24mm, 38mm, 50mm, 62mm, 70mm, 82mm, 100mm are the most common.

What is the difference between Coved and Square (plant on) up stand?

The best way to show the difference is to list the pros and cons of the two:

This image shows a Square



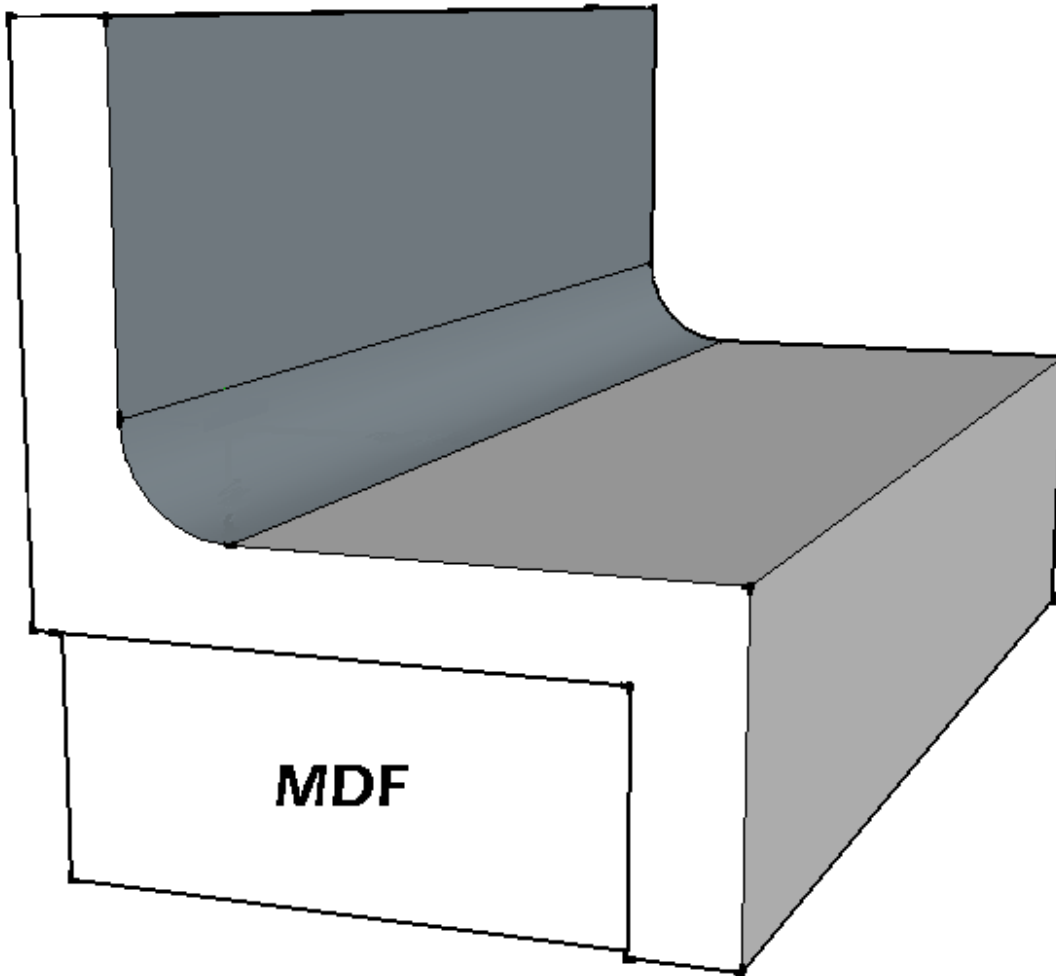
Pros

- Because it is fitted on site the up stand can be manipulated to fit any small ripples in the wall. Sometimes preventing the need for decorators caulk.

Because there is less work in square up stand on the manufacturing side, this is reflected in the price, it being less expensive than cove

Cons

- Square up stand is glued to the work surface on site. This creates a square joint, this can be an area that is difficult to clean.



The image above shows a coved upstand

Pros

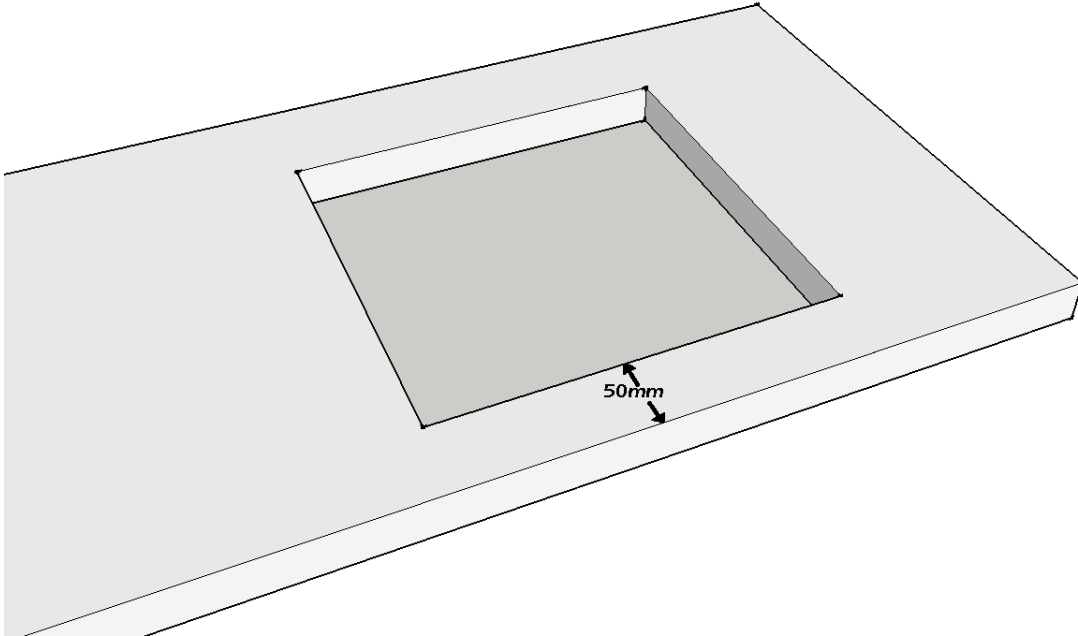
- Coved is fabricated in the factory, with a rounded bottom joining seamlessly to the worktop. This means there are no joints, nooks or spaces for germs to hide, making the entire top wipe friendly.

Cons

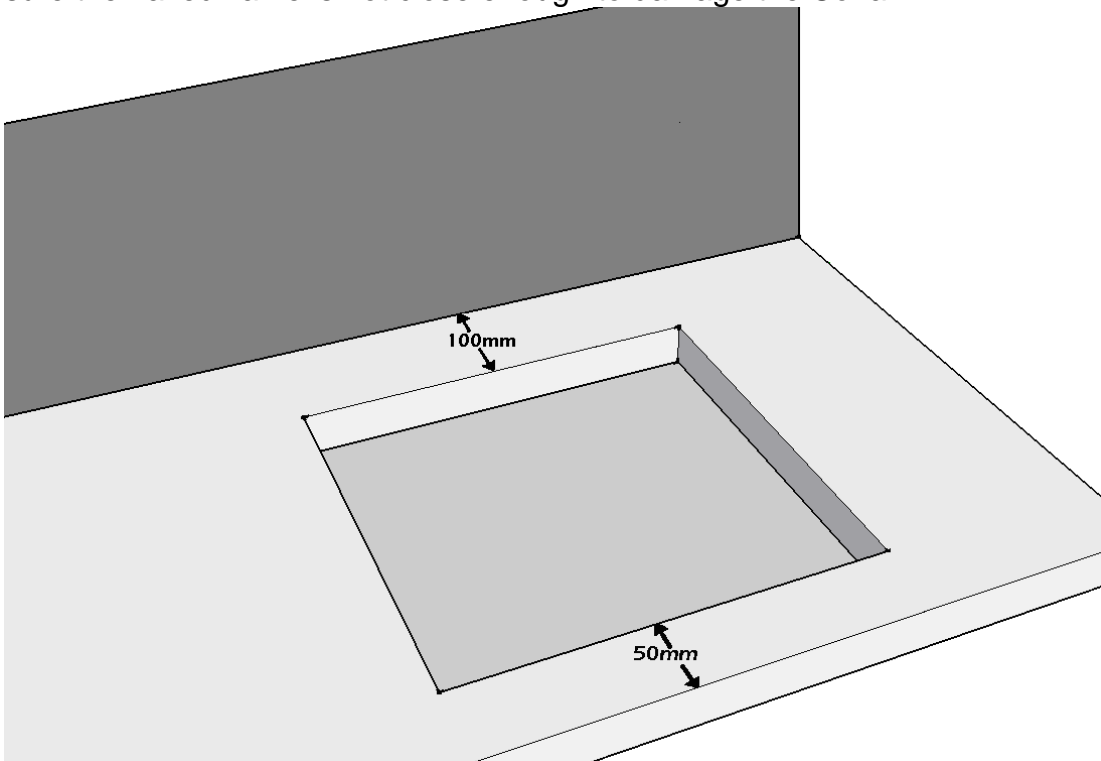
- As the cove is built onto the worktop it can only run in straight lines. Which means if the wall is not straight then the ripples will be made more apparent?
- As the cove requires more work on the manufacturing side this is reflected in the price, making it more expensive.

What are the guidelines for gas and electric hobs?

The dimensions for your hob are usually in the instruction manual. The Corian DuPont warranty specifications are that there needs to be a minimum of 50mm from the front of the cut out to the edge of the worktop.



If there is a Corian Splash Back behind a gas hob then the distance from the splash back to the hob needs to be a minimum of 100mm. This is to make sure the naked flame is not close enough to damage the Corian.



What do I need to do before my template?

Before a job can be templated all units and end panels need to be fixed in place. A date for your template can be arranged before the units are fixed, as long as the work is done before the templater arrives. If the template is being done over existing worktops, then it is just a simple case of all the area being cleared before the templater arrives.

Why do I need to be present for the template?

We have found it much easier for the customer to be on site during the templating process as it is important for us to go through all the information and details. It is far more efficient and quicker to do this face to face rather than over the telephone. It is also a benefit to your self as any questions you may have can be answered by someone technically trained with years of experience. This also means that as soon as the templates are back in the factory the fabrication of your new worktops can begin - as we are not waiting for details or specifications to be confirmed by you. We find this is an easy way to reduce the turnover time so you get your kitchen is complete as soon as possible.

What is the difference between a standard Corian sink and a Mixa and Fontana sink?

The standard Corian sinks are available off the shelf and come in 4 different colours – Glacier white, Bone, Vanilla and Cameo White. These sinks are made entirely of Corian and can be used to either contrast the worktop or if the same worktop colour is used, the two can be made to appear as if formed from the same piece of material.

The Mixa and Fontana sinks are both the same design in terms of style. These sinks are available in almost all the Corian colours, and come complete with a stainless steel base. These sinks are made to order so do come with a 3 week lead time, so an order in advance is required to keep the lead time as minimal as possible. The only real difference between the Mixa and Fontana is that they are made by different companies.