

SignatureFlex™

Perfectly Flexible Moldings.

SignatureFlex is a flexible molding product line designed for curved architecture and is the perfect companion to Seneca Millwork's quality hardwood transitions.

Made out of polyurethane material, SignatureFlex™ is a strong, durable alternative to custom wood applications and polyester solutions. It is impervious to moisture, won't rot or swell, and is designed for interior or exterior use. The flexible moldings are available unfinished in a smooth finish or a wood grain texture that can be painted or stained.

The standard molding length is 12 feet. SignatureFlex can be ordered in straight or pre-curved pieces. Straight moldings may have some flexibility limitations, so pre-curved may be the best solution for your application. Flexibility depends upon several factors—shape, size, direction it will be bent, and application. Pre-curved moldings remain flexible and will be adjustable for minor variations. There is no additional cost to order pre-curved SignatureFlex.

Profiles

Our standard molding profiles include a variety of reducers, stair nosings, thresholds, t-moldings, wall base, quarter round, base shoe and cove. Additional and custom molding profiles are also available—contact us for more information.

Installation: Preparation

SignatureFlex will arrive coiled in a carton and is yellowish-beige in color before painting or staining. Remove from the carton, bend backwards and heat in the sun or a heated room, to let the material relax back into its original shape. Our flexible moldings install best when heated to 70° or more to bend easier and should only be installed in its relaxed position.

Double-check the molding style and application before proceeding. Verify that the molding flexes in the shape you want before continuing with installation. Make certain the surface you are applying the material to is flat and smooth to prevent irregularities telegraphing to the surface of the molding.

Do not paint or apply finish on the material prior to installation. The material may flex during installation and cause fractures in the finish. If staining, for best results stain the material after installation. Some gel stains may be applied prior to installation but a small area should be stained and tested for cracking when flexed, prior to staining the entire piece.

Installation: Cutting

SignatureFlex may be cut, fitted and fastened in the same manner as real wood. Miter saws work well when trimming this material. When using a miter saw, hold the material *firmly* to the table or fence when cutting. Cut the material long and then shave to the exact length—use several shallow passes rather than one deep cut. Our product can also be sanded, but sanding the face of the molding may remove any wood grain texture.

Installation: Fastening

Pre-determine material placement and layout *prior* to fastening the molding in place.

For best results, SignatureFlex can be installed with construction or panel adhesive; mastic or resin epoxy glue. Do not use wood glue. Sand the back of the molding for better glue adhesion. Apply the adhesive continuously on the back side of the molding and set the molding in place. If necessary, tape or weight the molding in place until the glue dries.

Nails and screws may also be used to install the material. Do not use staples, or nails or screws with large heads as they may make the material crack, similar to wood. To avoid surface protrusion defects, do not nail closer than 3/8" from the molding edge. Keep nails to a minimum and it is recommended that you predrill before nailing. Surface depression defects can occur if nails are not set deep enough.

If nails are only going to be used to temporarily hold the material in place until the adhesive bonds, keep them to a minimum and no closer than 6" between nails. It is recommended to nail through a block of wood placed over the face of the material and then remove the nail and block after the adhesive cures. Glue joints and miters with any fast cure resin or epoxy glue.





Installation: Painting

All SignatureFlex profiles can be painted. With a lint-free cotton cloth—wipe the surface clean with minimal amounts of paint thinner, a mild solvent, or with soap and water to remove any residues from the surface and let dry. Do not use mineral spirits. Fill any imperfections or depressions with hard plastic resin filler and sand the surface flat.

Never paint before installation as the material may flex during the install and cause fractures in the finish. Mask off any adjacent non-paint areas.

A primer coat is recommended, but not required. All paints work well but applying an oil-based paint is preferred.

Installation: Staining

Note that a few SignatureFlex profiles are available in paint grade only and are not suitable for staining. Profiles with smooth (maple) or wood texture (oak) can be stained. Note that oak grain will show more wood like texture than the maple grain. The wood grain appearance can be affected if the surface is scratched, sanded or altered.

With a lint-free cotton cloth—wipe the surface clean with minimal amounts of paint thinner, a mild solvent, or with soap and water to remove any residues from the surface and let dry. Do not use mineral spirits.

Fill any nail holes prior to staining with stainable plastic resin filler. Fasten without using nails for best stain results.

Gel stain or ones with heavy pigments are recommended. For best results apply the stain after installation. Some gel stains may be applied prior to installation but a small area should be stained and tested for cracking when flexed, prior to finishing the entire piece. Mask off any adjacent non-stain areas.

Wipe on the stain and remove any excess with a lint-free cotton cloth; dry brush the color lighter or darker if necessary. Let dry.

Do not apply any topcoat finish on the material until after installation as the material may flex during installation and cause fractures in the finish. Apply clear coat over the stain using spray application only (lacquer, polyurethane or varnish). Brushing on the finish may remove the stain. Do not sand in-between coats.

It is *highly recommended* to practice staining on an extra piece of SignatureFlex to achieve the correct color before staining the piece to be installed. Achieving light natural wood colors may require stain tinting and glazing techniques.

Standard Flexible Molding Profiles

Shown below are some of Seneca's standard SignatureFlex molding profiles that are available in smooth finish (maple) or wood textured (oak) surface options. Additional sizes and custom molding profiles may be created upon request.

BASE PRODUCTS	REDUCERS	T-MOLDINGS	NOSINGS	
<p>Quarter Round (QRTR)</p> <p>Base Shoe (SHOE)</p> <p>Colonial Base (CLBS / 96LB)</p>	<p>1/2" Reducer (12RE)</p> <p>5/8" Reducer (58RE)</p> <p>3/4" Reducer (34RE)</p> <p>1/2" Overlap Reducer (2ORE)</p> <p>3/8" Overlap Reducer (REDU)</p>	<p>T-Molding (TMLD)</p> <p>Long Stem T-Molding (TMLE)</p>	<p>3/8" Stair Nosing (38SN)</p> <p>3/8" Stair Nosing (38WN)</p> <p>1/2" Stair Nosing (12LN)</p> <p>1/2" Stair Nosing (12RN)</p> <p>1/2" Stair Nosing (12SN)</p>	<p>9/16" Stair Nosing (96RN)</p> <p>3/4" Stair Nosing (34RN)</p> <p>3/4" Stair Nosing (34SN)</p> <p>1/2" Overlap Nosing (2OSN)</p>
		THRESHOLDS		
		<p>Baby Threshold (BATH)</p> <p>Long-Stem Threshold (9BAT)</p>		



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