

## Schlüter®-BARA-RK

**Edging profile**  
for exposed screed edges

# 5.4

Product data sheet

### Application and Function

**Schlüter-BARA-RK** is an edging profile for the exposed edges of surface coverings on balconies and terraces. The profile provides a neat edge appearance while protecting the exposed edges of the screed bed against weathering and corrosion.

The sloped projecting drip edge covers the exposed edges of the Schlüter-TROBA-PLUS sub-surface drainage system which is installed below the load-distribution layer. During the application of the screed, the trapezoid-perforated anchoring leg of Schlüter-BARA-RK is solidly embedded into the mortar bed while the upper edge of the profile is used to screed the mortar bed to the appropriate height. Schlüter-TROBA-PLUS, serving as sub-surface drainage, shall be laid between the waterproofing layer and the screed in order to prevent penetrating water from collecting in the screed layer.

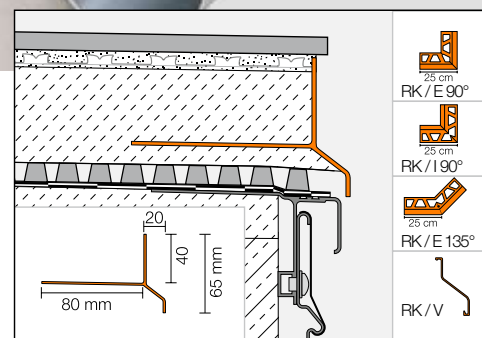
If Schlüter-DITRA is to be installed, the screed is levelled 3 mm below the top of the profile. Schlüter-DITRA uncouples the tile covering from the screed and neutralises stresses caused by differential movement, primarily due to temperature fluctuations, between the screed and the tile. In addition, Schlüter-DITRA in conjunction with the tile covering creates a bonded surface-water-proof layer.



### Material properties and areas of application

The powder coating of the aluminium profile is colourfast, as well as UV and weather-resistant. The surface must be protected against abrasion.

Penetrating water must not collect in the screed bed into which Schlüter-BARA-RK has been anchored (installation of drainage layer), since water enriched with alkali will attack aluminium. In special cases, the suitability of Schlüter-BARA-RK must be verified based on the anticipated chemical, mechanical, and/or other stresses.



### Material

BARA-RK comprises an aluminium profile that is suitably pre-treated and then powder-coated with a polyurethane covering. The profile is available in the following material version:

AC = colour coated aluminium

C/A = MyDesign by Schlüter-Systems



## Installation

1. At the edge area, Schlüter-BARA-RK is positioned into a layer of mortar. Pre-fabricated corner pieces for inside and outside corners are available. Between the ends of two profiles, a space of approximately 5 mm is left and covered by clipping on a connector.
2. Balcony and terrace surfaces shall be filled with mortar to the height at which the mortar bed's structural reinforcement (AKS lattice) is placed. In doing so, the reinforcing lattice must overlap the anchoring leg of the profile.
3. To produce the load distribution layer, the screed mortar is applied at the appropriate height and slope using the upper edge of Schlüter-BARA-RK as a screeding guide. If Schlüter-DITRA is to be installed as an uncoupling and bonded waterproof membrane, the screed is levelled 3 mm below the top of the profile and carefully compacted.
4. Please Note:  
Schlüter-TROBA-PLUS must be laid as an area drainage layer between the waterproofing layer and the screed. The visual gap created between the waterproofing and the screed, due to the installation of the drainage layer, can be covered by attaching the drip lip. The drip lip cannot prevent the dripping water from coming into contact with the front edge of the wall area in all cases.

## Maintenance

Schlüter-BARA-RK requires no special or preventative maintenance. The aluminium profile's powder-coated surface is colour-fast. Damage to the surface shall be repaired by re-coating.



As part of the MyDesign by Schlüter-Systems\* series, Schlüter-BARA-RK can be ordered with a coating in 190 colours of the RAL Classic chart (see BARA-RK for further properties).

\* The product advisors of our sales service and our Technical Department will be pleased to assist you with any questions you may have about MyDesign by Schlüter-Systems.



## Product Overview

### Schlüter®-BARA-RK

Colours: SB = black brown, PG = pastel grey, BW = brilliant white, GM = grey metallic,  
C/A = MyDesign by Schlüter-Systems\*

Length supplied: 2.50 m

Colours	SB	PG	BW	GM	C/A
Profile	•	•	•	•	•
Outside Corner 90°	•	•	•	•	•
Outside Corner 135°	•	•	•	•	•
Inside Corner 90°	•	•	•	•	•
Connector	•	•	•	•	•

\* RAL colour coating

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