

Engineering progress
Enhancing lives



High-flying polymers

Solutions for the aviation industry
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REHAU

Profile
Solutions

We are specialists in the development of polymer profiles and profile-based systems. Coupled with our material know-how, process expertise and functional integration, we redefine the of the possible every day.



DECORATIVE PRODUCTS

Worldwide, our exclusive partner Decorative Products supports with the distribution of selected line fit and aftermarket items.



Innovative Engineering partner

REHAU has been a respected engineering partner and 1st-tier supplier to the aircraft industry since 1980. We actively drive developments forward on a permanent basis. Our innovative RAU-FLIGHT family of materials has had a decisive impact on the industry. This ensures better economy and energy balance for our customers.



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- BOEING
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Materials and formulations

Development of its own materials has been a cornerstone of REHAU's engineering success since the company was founded. Top priority is always given to quality, reliability and benefit for the customer.

With several thousand formulations for the various sectors, REHAU now possesses one of the largest material portfolios worldwide.



The object of REHAU's material, process and product developers is sustainable management of valuable resources and low-waste production through active recycling concepts. Thus, particular attention is paid to the processing characteristics of materials in REHAU's production works. With more than 40 production sites worldwide, our researchers and developers have the perfect base to ensure their materials are fit for production and the market. Consequently, this yields synergies for the premium products that represent REHAU on the market.



Certified reliability

On the way to developing the right product and system solution, we accompany our customers at every stage and offer maximum security in meeting European, international or industry-specific standards.

The thermoplastic extrusion and fabrication have been successfully qualified by AIRBUS in accordance with AIPS03-02-034 and AIPS03-07-002.

All materials and components used meet the FST requirements for aircraft cabins and are ReaCH and RoHS compliant.

Comprehensive quality management and process reliability are a matter of fact for us, confirmed by external audits by OEM and 1st-tier:

- ISO 9001 – Quality Management
- ISO 14001 – certified environmental management
- ISO 45001 – Health & Safety
- ISO 50001 – Energy Management



Certification according to aerospace standard EN 9100:2018

All processes for the design, development, production, assembly, maintenance and distribution of aerospace products are carried out according to the rules of EN 9100:2018.

Both REHAU and Decorative Products fulfill the requirements in the areas of documentation and verification, traceability, process stability, delivery monitoring and control.



We take on responsibility

As a family business, we have always thought long-term and in the sense of future generations.

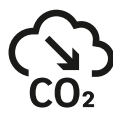
Circular economy, climate-neutral energy supply, diversity, these are our central topics on the way to even more sustainability. We will not make any compromises – even where it demands special efforts of us.

For REHAU, this is the only way to achieve lasting success – with the certainty of preserving the quality of life on the planet for current and future generations. This is entirely in line with our claim:
Engineering Progress. Enhancing Lives.

What we are moving:



> 70.000 t
Recycled Post-industrial/post-consumer material (2022)



68 %
CO₂-Reduction (2022)



18 %
Recycling rate in total tonnage (2022)



42 %
Reduction of primary energy consumption (2022)

Since 2020, REHAU has committed to the UN Global Compact initiative on corporate responsibility and its principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption. As part of the network, the REHAU Group is obliged to publish a report once a year on the extent to which it implements the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and in which areas progress has been made or there is a need for action. The REHAU Global Compact Progress Report 2022 has been published and can be viewed and downloaded here.





Responsible use of resources, durable and innovative products and sustainable investments are part of our DNA.

We are proud to be part of the 50 Sustainability & Climate Leaders initiative, as one of 50 leading companies that have implemented measures to make their business models more sustainable.



The 50 Sustainability & Climate Leaders initiative brings together companies around the world that are taking the lead and demonstrating the will to take effective action in the fight against climate change. Learn more: www.50climateleaders.com

REHAU publishes its 9th sustainability report covering the 2023 reporting period in accordance with the guidelines of the Global Reporting Initiative.



50 SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE LEADERS

A RACE WE CAN WIN 

Professional solutions

REHAU's development engineers and technicians accompany the product from the initial idea to development, installation and final use.

They are at the customer's side to provide advice and support, allowing easy implementation of special requirements and innovative solutions.



Bending test



Abrasion test



Our production and process engineering departments offer a host of solutions to meet any requirement, from one-off production to series production, and they work to optimise manufacturing processes.



In Post-processing, REHAU relies on various options, such as painting, surface finishing and fabrication, in order to implement the various product properties.



REHAU's in-house material development department provides cost-effective and beneficial solutions, even for customised applications.



In the logistics department, REHAU provides optimal conditions and made-to-measure solutions right through to just-in-time deliveries.

Process expertise	Details
Material expertise:	RAU-SIK, RAU-FLIGHT, RAU-FLIGHT PA
Production processes:	Extrusion, injection moulding, extrusion blow moulding, thermo forming
Design:	3-D design, FEM calculation, Moldflow simulation
Material development:	RAU-FLIGHT PA, RAU-FLIGHT PA 2.0, RAU-FLIGHT PC
Processing:	PC, PA6, PA66, PA12, PEI, PPSU, PPS, TPE and silicone (Shore 50 and 70), CETEX
Fabrication/finishing:	Milling, grinding, CNC, drilling, bonding, painting, assembling
Painting:	Smooth and textured aeronautial-approved painting systems



Energy efficiency made easy with RAU-FLIGHT

In the aviation industry, every gram counts. Lightweight construction has always been a significant factor in aviation, not least because of flight physics.

In addition to lightweight structures, light innovative materials also make a vital contribution. The use of these materials reduces energy consumption, thus improving cost efficiency, and also makes a sustainable environmental contribution.

Improved cost efficiency with consistent properties

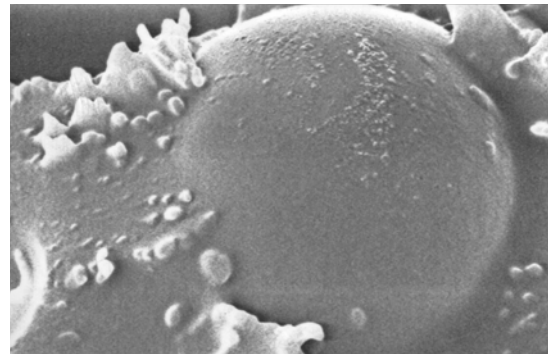
Through the use of intelligent polymer solutions, REHAU is able to provide customers with tailored solutions that not only have a positive impact on the energy balance but also meet engineering and design requirements.

The RAU-FLIGHT material family was specially developed for the aviation industry and achieves a weight reduction of up to 10%.

The challenge was to maintain the mechanical properties of the approved basic materials and the technical feasibility to produce an end product suitable for series production. Fabrication operations, such as milling, painting, bonding etc., are still possible in accordance with the original material properties.

The new material RAU-FLIGHT can be customised to meet specific customer requirements; e.g. high-temperature applications with PPSU or PC for light-scattering effects.

The relevant fire regulations are verified as part of the development process, and also during classification if necessary.



The weight reduction is achieved by inserting glass bubbles. The illustration shows a 3000-fold magnification.



RAU-FLIGHT,
the unique
material principle:
'glass bubbles'
embedded in the
polymer matrix





Polyamide material RAU-FLIGHT PA

In the polyamide sector, REHAU has succeeded in creating a perfect RAU-FLIGHT PA formulation. This material has been approved by AIRBUS in accordance with AIMS 04-01-025 and by BOEING in accordance with BMS8-270.

RAU-FLIGHT PA sets completely new standards in terms of appearance and feel. It completely eliminates the surface treatment of dyed PA profiles normally carried out afterwards in order to prevent the material-specific lustre.

RAU-FLIGHT PA surfaces can be optimally combined with other components, which are especially thin-walled and contribute to weight optimisation without compromising load capacity. Areas of application for the lightweight material RAUFLIGHT PA in aircraft construction are bumper systems, cable guides, seat rail covers and floor trim strips.

Polyamide material RAU-FLIGHT PA 2.0

The first generation RAU-FLIGHT was further developed with a focus on improved mechanical component properties and the proven surface qualities.

RAU-FLIGHT PA 2.0 is also approved by AIRBUS according to AIMS 04-01-025 and designed for even more demanding applications.



The advantages of RAU-FLIGHT PA 2.0 at a glance:

- Improved mechanical properties:
4 times higher Charpy notched impact strength: 70 kJ/m²
- Increase in elongation at break to 10%
- Excellent surface quality and low density
- Low effort for BMS qualification
- Extrudates and moulded parts for aircraft construction



Engineering progress

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A close-up, profile shot of a young child with curly hair, looking out of a window. The child is wearing a red garment. The window frame is visible, and the background outside is blurred. The text "Enhancing lives" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Enhancing lives

REHAU flies high



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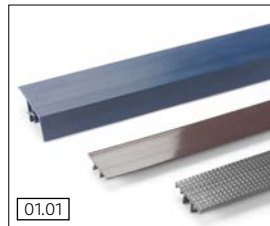
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Our products for the aviation industry:



01.01

Seat rail covers

The safe connection point between passenger and aircraft.



01.02

Bumper system

The bodyguard for lightweight structures.



01.03

Cover profiles

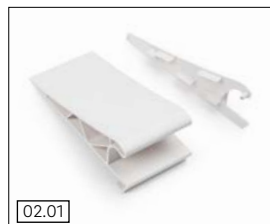
The clever transition between different floor coverings.



01.04

Lighting covers

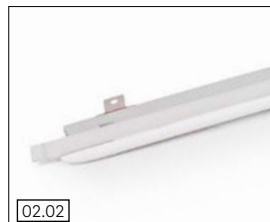
Elegant design with sophisticated functional details.



02.01

Handrails

Ergonomic and functional safety.



02.02

PSU intermediate rail

The elegant connection between operating unit and overhead locker.



02.03

Air ducts

For a pleasant and hygienic atmosphere in the aircraft.



03.01

Edge protector

Safely covered, both in the overhead locker and on the handrails.



04.01

Retainers and slide guides for window systems

Permanent fixing of interior elements.



04.02

Guide rails for side wall panels

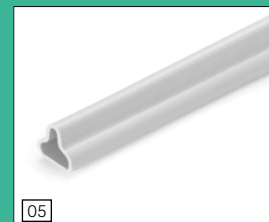
The custom-fit connection between wall panels.



04.03

Clamping rails for side wall panels

Fixation between side walls panels and the fuselage.



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Silicone profiles

The professionals for sealing, fixing and covering.



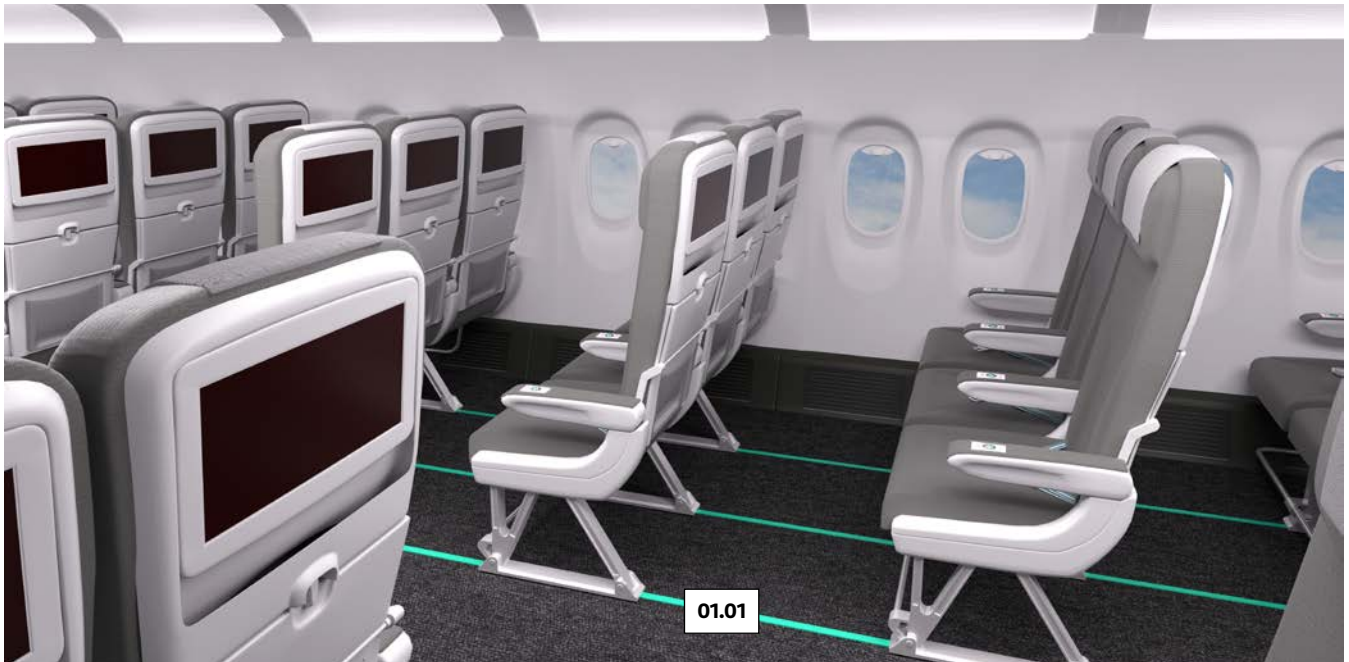
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RAUSILAM hose

Silicone hoses for production of fibre reinforced components.

01.03



01 Profiles

01.01 Seat rail covers

Function

The seats in the cabin are anchored in aluminium rails. The positions and distances between them are variable. The variable distances between the seats are closed with the seat rail covers.

Surface

Uniform matt

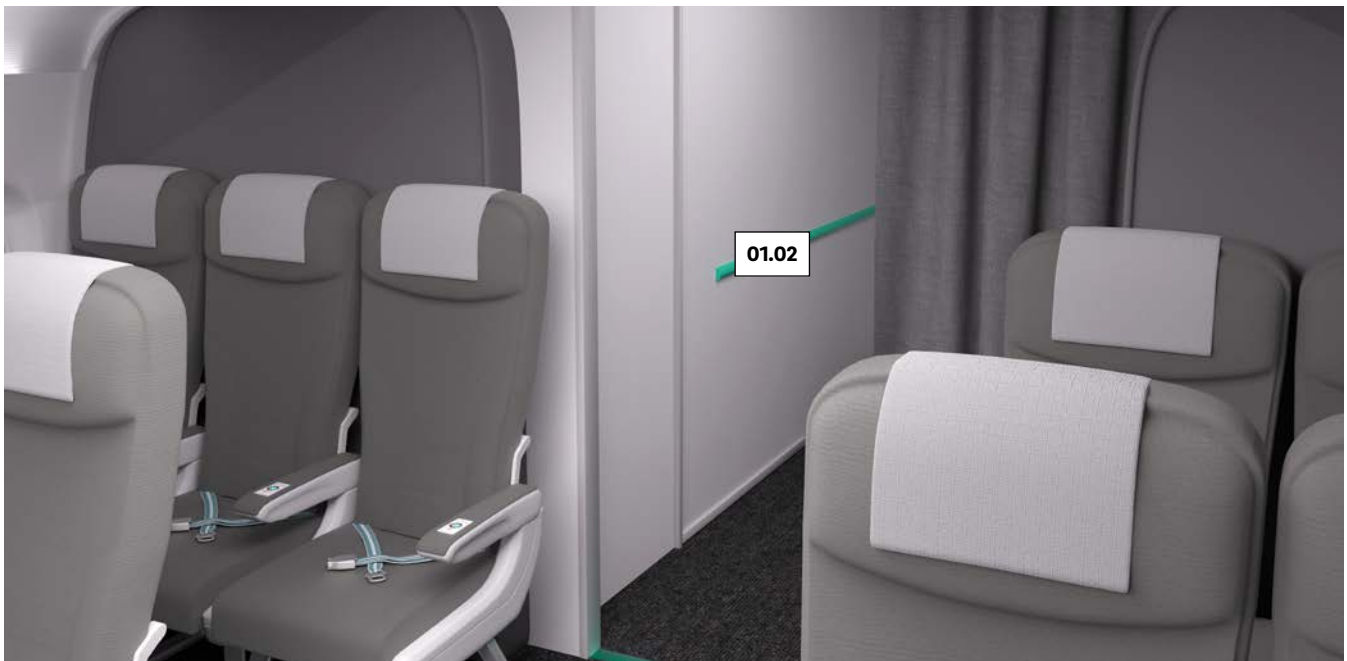
Material

- Polyamide 12 (RAU-PA), flame-retardant, coloured, brushed matt
- RAUFLIGHT PA, flame-retardant, coloured
- RAU-FLIGHT PA 2.0

Process

Extrusion





01.02 Bumper system

Function

Protection of lightweight structures, cable routing

Surface

Uniform matt

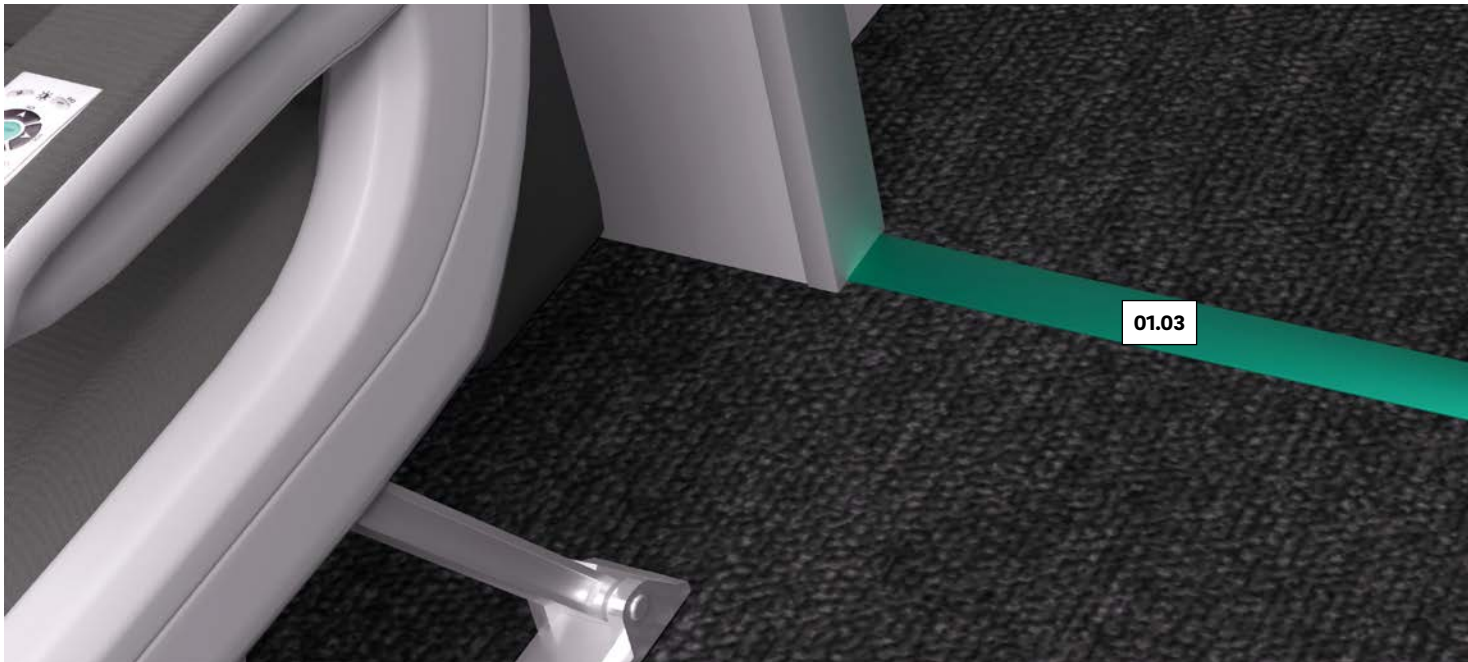
Material

- Polyamide 12 (RAU-PA), flame-retardant, coloured, brushed matt
- RAU-FLIGHT PA, flame-retardant, coloured

Process

- Extrusion (retainer and cover profiles)
- Injection moulding (end caps)





01.03 Cover profiles

Function

Decorative profiles to cover gaps

Surface

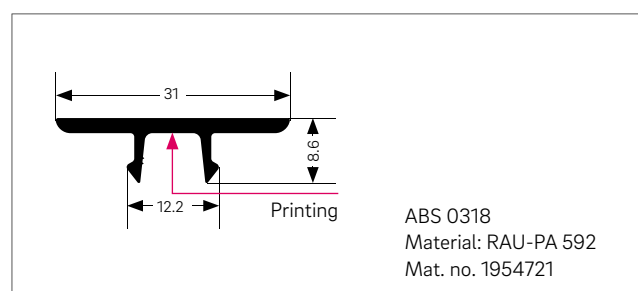
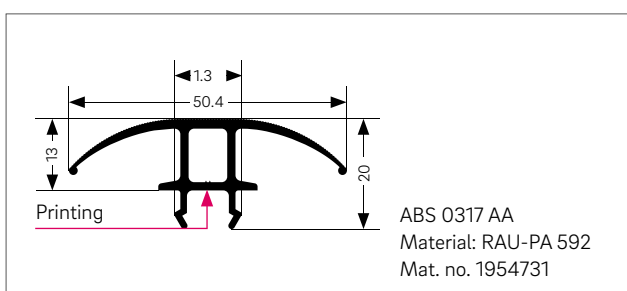
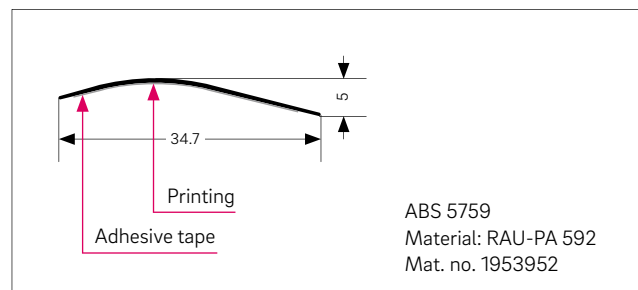
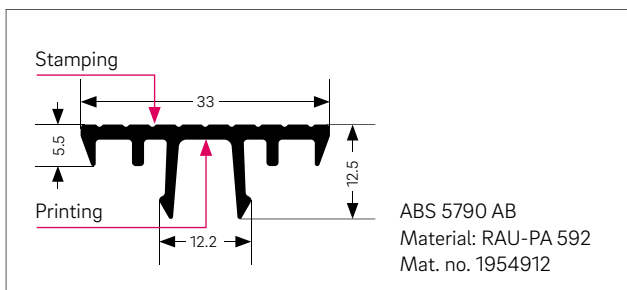
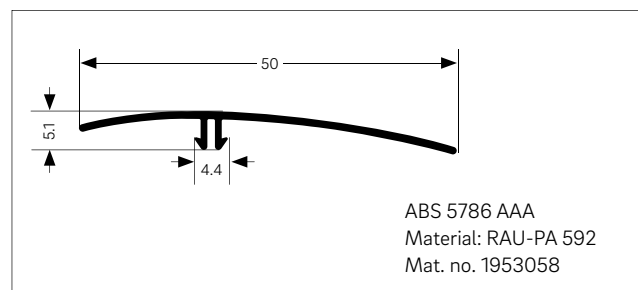
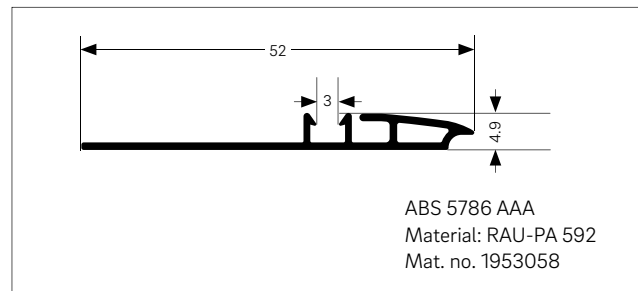
Partially brushed

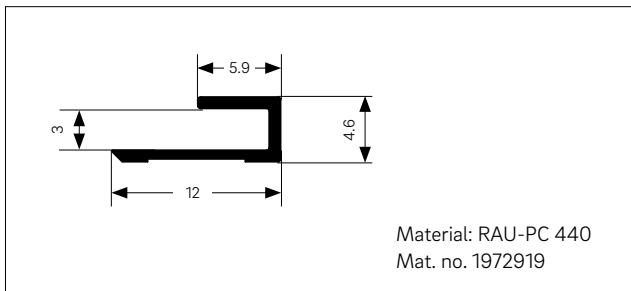
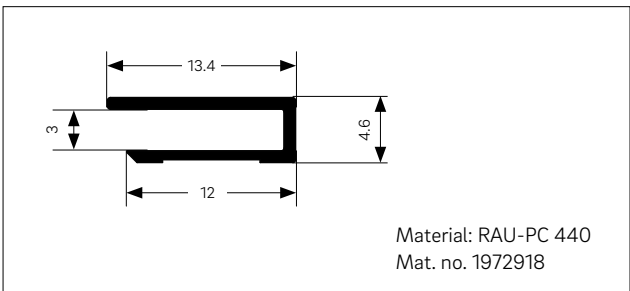
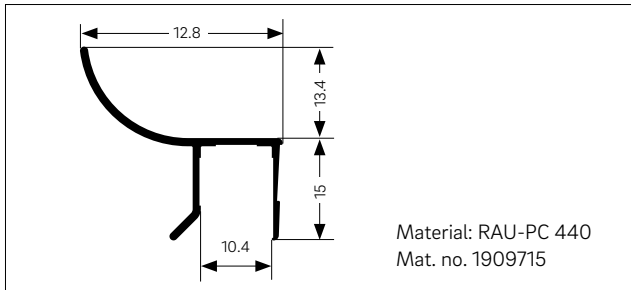
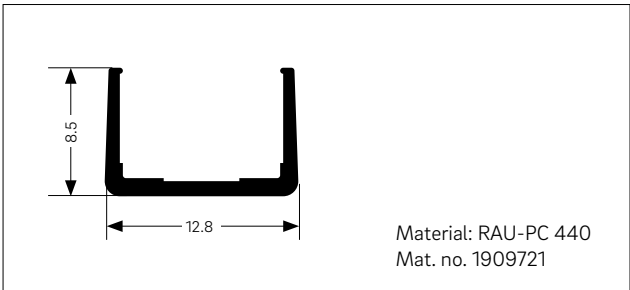
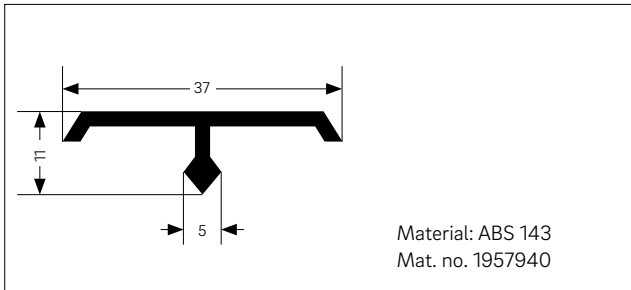
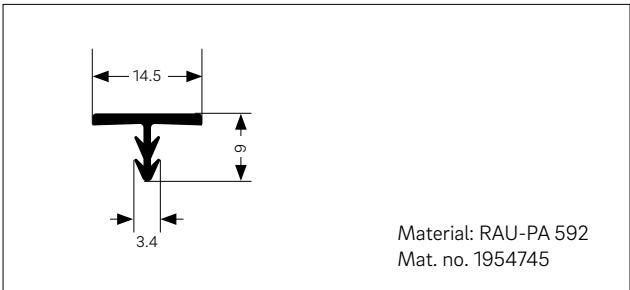
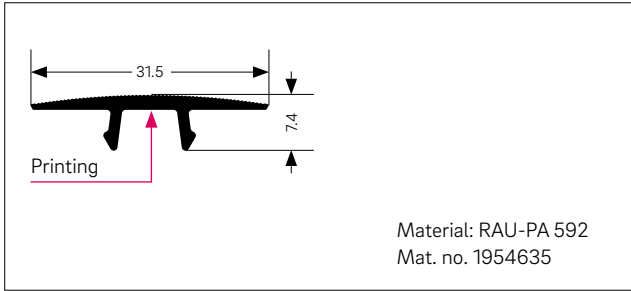
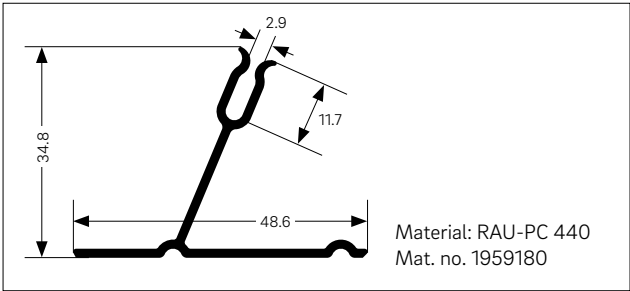
Material

Flame-retardant materials approved for aircraft use;
e.g. polyamide 12 (RAU-PA), polycarbonate (RAU-PC), etc.

Process

Extrusion







01.04 Lighting covers

Translucent cover profiles

Function

Translucent lighting cover

Material

Polycarbonate (RAU-PC), flame-retardant, transparent, UV-stabilised

Process

- Extrusion
- Mechanical processing (milling, cutting to length)



Material: RAU-PC 440
Coextrusion with integrated SIK seal
Mat. no. 1903802, 1904162, 1834209



Coextruded lighting cover

Function

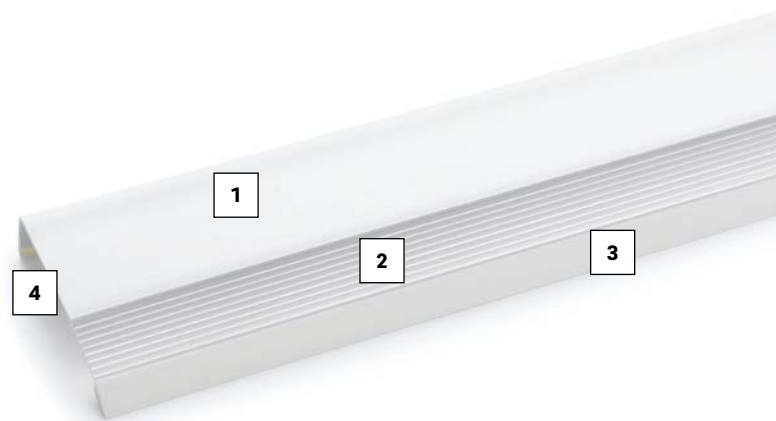
Transparent lighting cover

Material

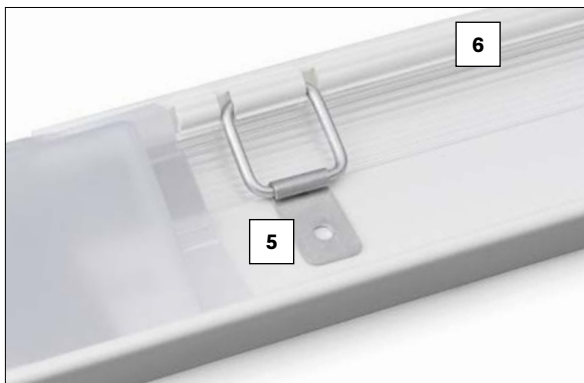
- Polycarbonate (RAU-PC), flame-retardant, transparent, UV-stabilised
- Polycarbonate (RAU-PC), flame-retardant, coloured
- Aluminium foil

Prozess

- Coextrusion
- Mechanical processing (milling, cutting to length)
- Assembly (clamp insertion)



- [1] RAU-PC, coloured
- [2] RAU-PC, transparent
- [3] RAU-PC, coloured
- [4] Aluminium insert, 57 mm x 0.3 mm;
Due to the low wall thickness, an integrated layer of aluminium foil keeps some product areas opaque.



- [5] Hinge
- [6] Profile



Lighting covers

Function

Translucent lighting cover

Material

Polycarbonate (RAU-PC), flame-retardant, transparent, UV-stabilised

Process

- Extrusion
- Mechanical processing (edge-milling)



Material: RAU-PC 440
Mat. no. 1956486



Material: RAU-PC 440
Mat. no. 1956476



Material: RAU-PC 440
Mat. no. 1909710



02 Systems

02.01 Handrails

Function

Handrail

Material

Polyetherimide (RAU-PEI)

Process

- Extrusion
- Mechanical processing (milling, cutting to length)
- Injection moulding
- Assembly



Material: RAU-PEI 140
Mat. no. 1264162



Material: RAU-PEI 140
Mat. no. 1264162



02.02 PSU intermediate rail

Function

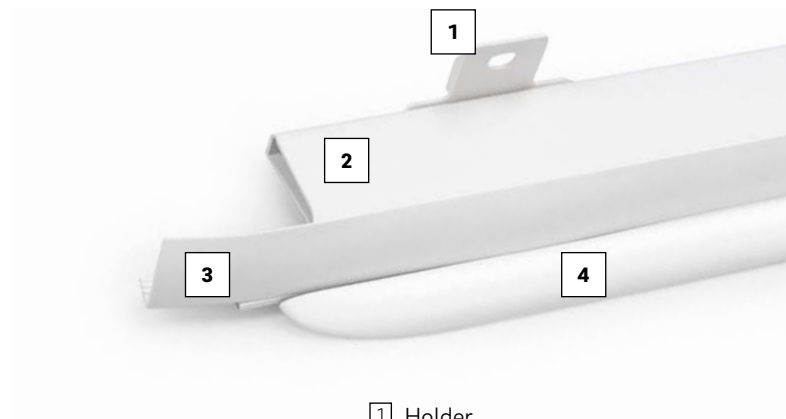
Cover between PSU (Personal Service Unit) and overhead locker

Material

Polyetherimide (RAU-PEI), silicone

Process

- Extrusion
- Mechanical processing (milling, cutting to length)
- Injection moulding
- Painting
- Assembly



- 1 Holder
- 2 Rail
- 3 Silicone seal
- 4 End cap



Material: RAU-PEI 140
Mat. no. 1953293



02.03 Air ducts

Function

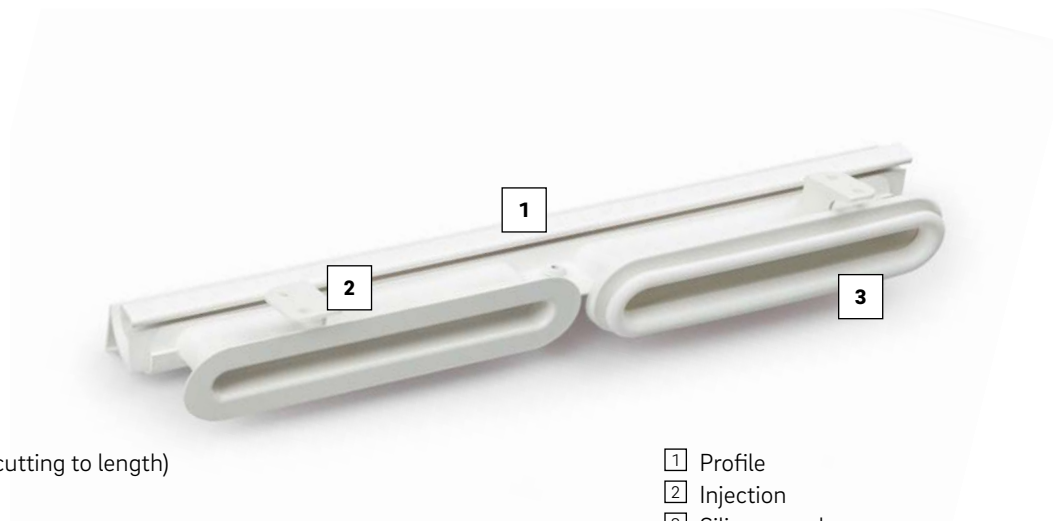
Air duct

Material

Polyetherimide (RAU-PEI), silicone

Process

- Extrusion
- Mechanical processing (milling, cutting to length)
- Injection moulding
- Painting
- Assembly



Material: RAU-PEI 140
Mat. no. 1969770



03 Mouldings

03.01 Edge protector

Function

Edge protection mouldings cover sandwich components, hiding gaps between two overhead lockers

Material

- Polycarbonate (RAU-PC)
- Silicone

Process

- Injection moulding
- Extrusion
- Cutting to size and bonding silicone profiles



Material: RAU-PC 440
Mat. no. 1229913

Material: RAU-PC 440
Mat. no. 1229913





04 Fibre-composite components

04.01 Retainers and slide guides for window systems

Function

Fixing for interior parts; e.g. in emergency exit area

Material

- Glass-fibre fabric with polyetherimide (RAU-PEI)
- Carbon-fibre fabric with polyetherimide (RAU-PEI)

Process

- Thermoforming consolidated panels
- Mechanical finishing



Material: RAU-TC 13304
Mat. no. 1766212



Material: RAU-TC 13307



Material: RAU-TC 13307
Mat. no. 1766152

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**Function**

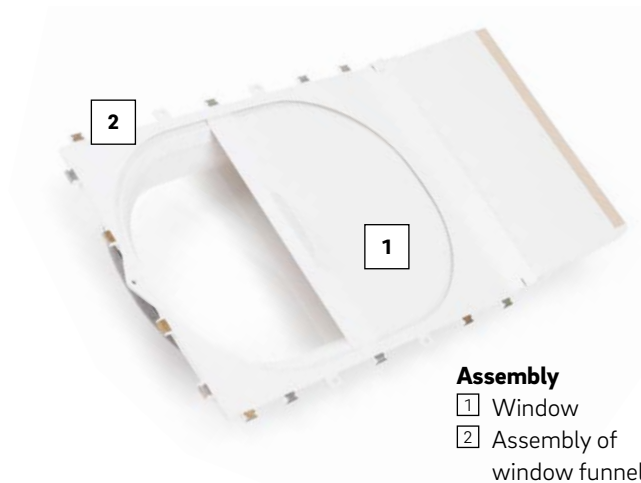
Guide for window blind

Material

- Polycarbonate (RAU-PC)
- Glass-fibre fabric with polyetherimide (RAU-PEI)

Process

- Injection moulding (window funnel)
- Thermoforming of window blind guide

**Assembly**

- 1 Window
- 2 Assembly of window funnel



Material: RAU-TC 13304
Mat. no. 1766212



Material: RAU-TC 13304
Mat. no. 1766212



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Mat. no. 1766212



Material: RAU-TC 13304
Mat. no. 1766212



04.02 Tracks for side wall panels

Function

Connecting rails for side wall panels

Material

Glass fibre fabric with polyetherimide

Process

- Thermoforming consolidated panels
- Mechanical finishing



Material: RAU-TC 13302
Mat. no. 1766104



04.03 Clamping rails for side wall panels

Function

Fixes side wall panels to fuselage

Material

Carbon fibre fabric with polyetherimide

Process

- Thermoforming consolidated panels
- Mechanical finishing
- Assembly



- 1 Screw, pane, safety pane
- 2 Retaining bracket
- 3 Blind rivet
- 4 Rail
- 5 Clip bonded to track



Note

Prototype tool available.
The rail has passed the AIRBUS static test.



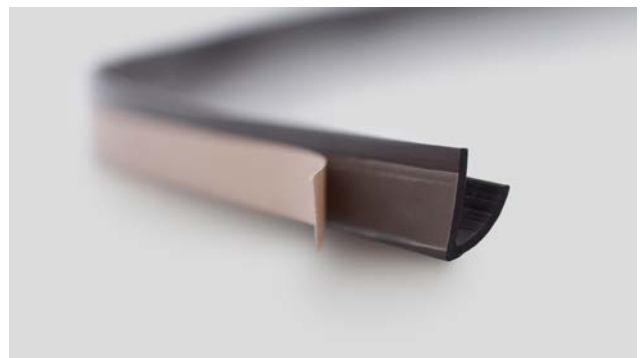
Material: RAU-TC 13302



Synergizing silicone

Wherever other materials reach their limits, silicone scores. But the material alone does not make a product solution.

Our colleagues at Silnova GmbH develop profiles, seals and moulded parts for equipping aircraft interior cabins in aviation.



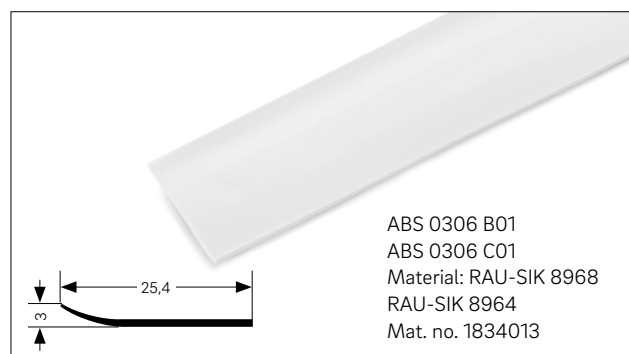
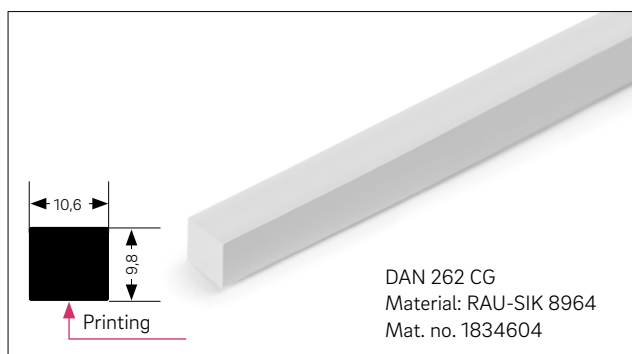
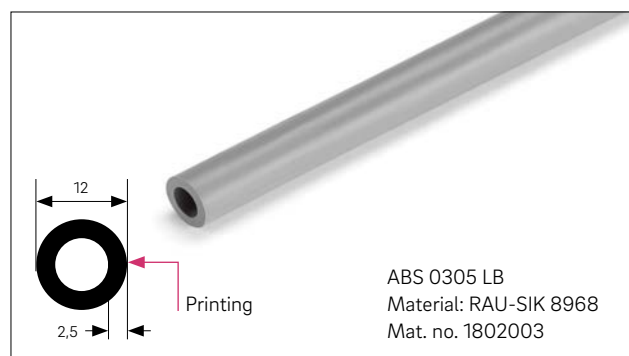
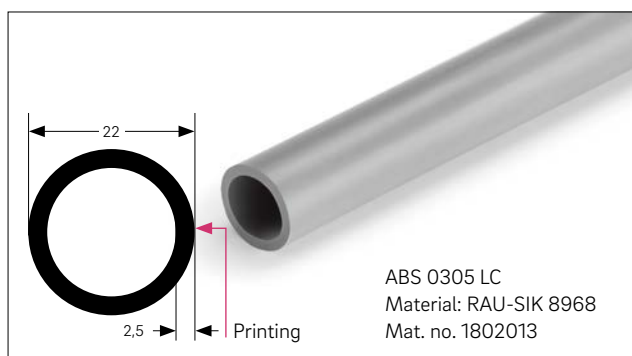
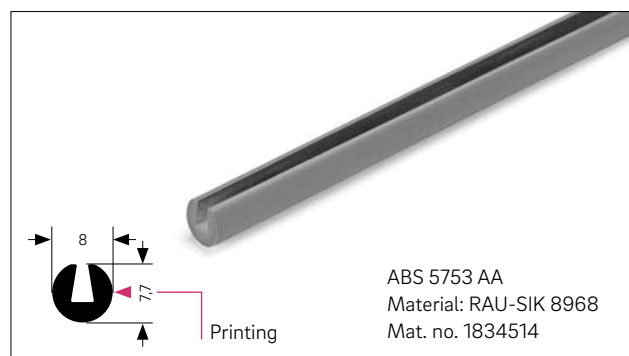
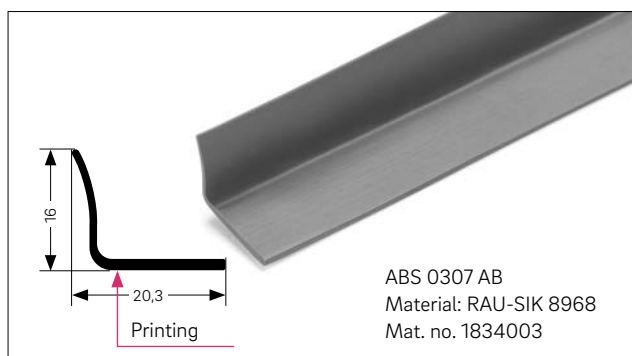
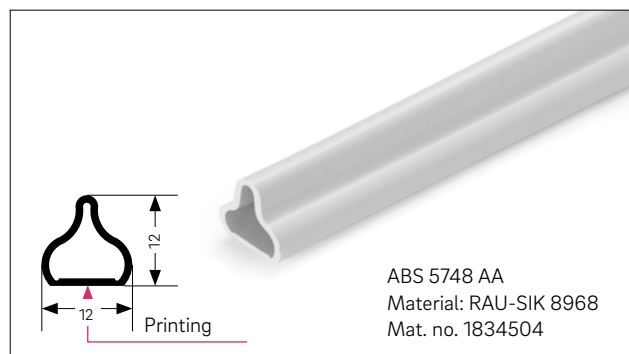
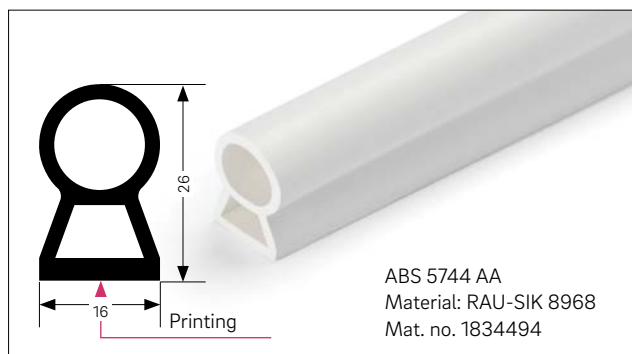
The innovative silicone formulations with aviation approval meet the strict requirements for fire behaviour and toxicity. Thanks to the company's own silicone compounding, customised colour adjustments can also be made.

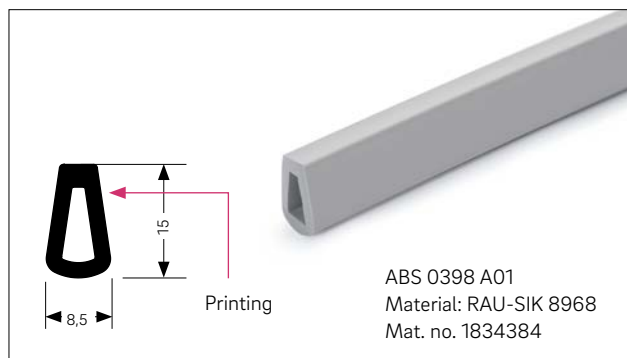
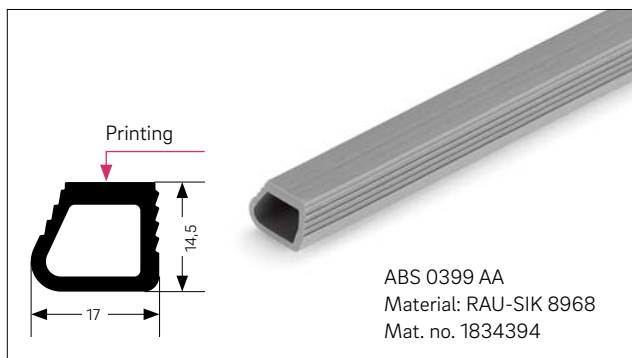
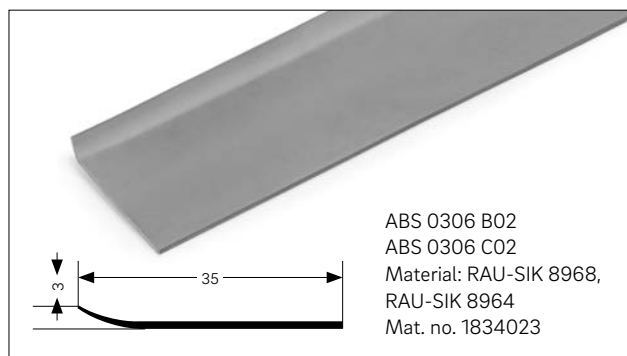
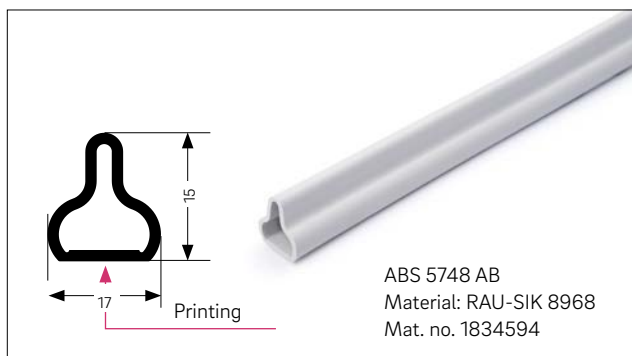
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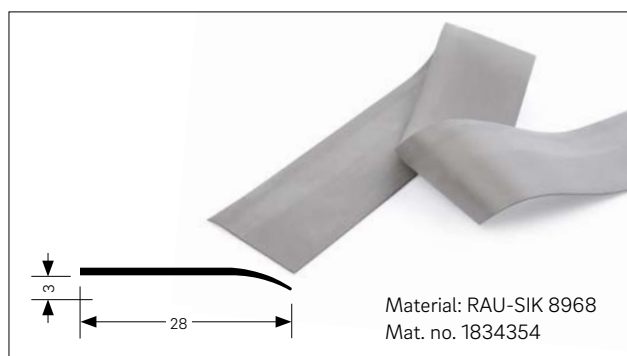
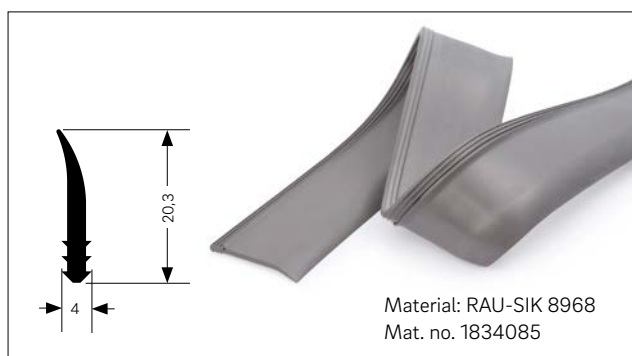
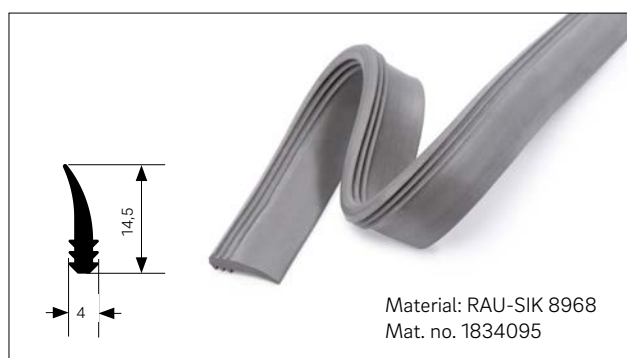
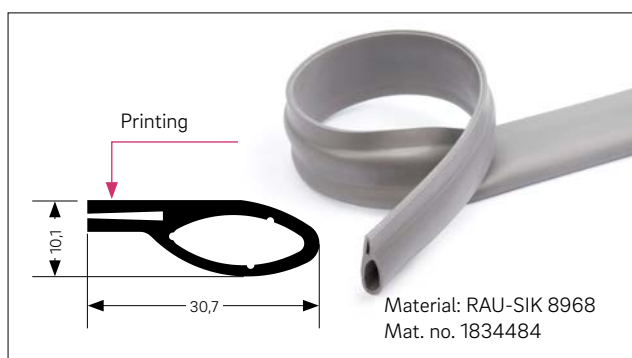
05 Silicone profiles

05.01 Standard ABS components





05.02 Interior area seals

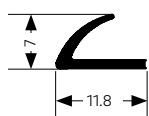




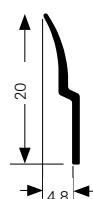
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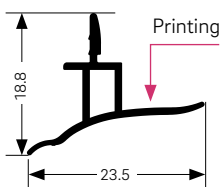
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Mat. no. 1834175
Fabrication: Punching +
adhesive tape application



Material: RAU-SIK 8964
Mat. no. 1834224
Fabrication: Punching +
forming bonding

06 Silicone hoses



Material: RAU-SIK 8763
Mat. no. 1807388



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