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Technical Help

Category: Picture Framing Underpinners

Title: What type of underpinner wedges (Vnails) should I use?

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There are two different types of underpinner wedges (or V-nails)

Universal Type

Alfa Type

Of course we recommend our own branded wedges for everyone using our range of underpinners. All Charnwood & Framers Corner underpinners use Universal Type, which have a width of 10.3mm. There are Universal type wedges for using with soft woods and Universal type for using with hard woods, both will work fine. Most people in the UK only ever use the softwood type.

In general, try the softwood wedges first, if you have trouble with them, switch to the hardwood wedges. Hardwood wedges do not work well in softwood.

The other type of wedge is known as Alfa type. These are only used by the Minigraf range of underpinners, manufactured by Alfamachine. They are a slightly different width and do not work in our underpinners.