



University of Wolverhampton

Altro on cutting edge of excellence at new university science centre

Altro Whiterock™, Altro Reliance™ 25

Altro flooring and wall cladding are providing a total, high-level solution of hygiene, safety and contemporary style at a new state-of-the-art science and engineering centre at the University of Wolverhampton.

Designed and equipped to offer cutting-edge teaching and research facilities to future scientists, the new £25m Rosalind Franklin Building has been fitted with Altro Whiterock hygienic wall cladding and Altro Reliance 25 safety flooring.

The bronze-clad building was designed by architect Berman Guedes Stretton. The architects' Principal Director, Gary Collins, explains how they realised this vision. "Science and technology is a huge growth area at the university, both in terms of student demand for courses, and also because local industry in that field is on the up. This meant the university wanted to invest in a teaching and research facility that could meet this increasing need and provide the most sophisticated, state-of-the-art experience, both in terms of structure and the resources and equipment inside.

"Wall cladding for the labs had to be hygienic, easy to maintain and have real impact to complement our design for a modern contemporary space. Altro Whiterock is the industry standard for this type of requirement, and we and the scientific community know and trust it. We specify it all the time, so this was our number one choice."

"We also asked Altro to give some guidance about safety flooring for the labs and upper floors of the Rosalind Franklin Building.

"They showed us Altro Reliance 25 and it ticked all the boxes. We were particularly impressed that it can be hot welded to produce flooring that is impervious to dirt. Plus, at 2.5mm thick, it can stand the test of time against heavy footfall, and resist chemicals in the lab."



Kier appointed specialist floors and walls contractor, Pinnacle, to install the Altro Whiterock and Altro Reliance 25 in the new build. Pinnacle's longstanding relationship with both Altro and Kier was instrumental in the final choice of products.

Pinnacle MD, Scott Myers, says: "We have worked closely with Altro for many years, and in our experience their products are second to none in terms of quality and reliability – but they also offer colours, textures and overall solutions that can deliver visual appeal in the most innovative and challenging design projects. There is a great deal of confidence in the industry for Altro and their reputation is well deserved.

The University's Maintenance Manager, Neil Howells, comments: "We are very happy with the completed job. The Altro products reflect the cutting edge design of the building, providing vision and opportunity for our students.

"I would recommend the use of Altro as quality products that give competitive whole life value for money, and the professional helpful technical support that is readily provided. In short; a valued supplier."

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