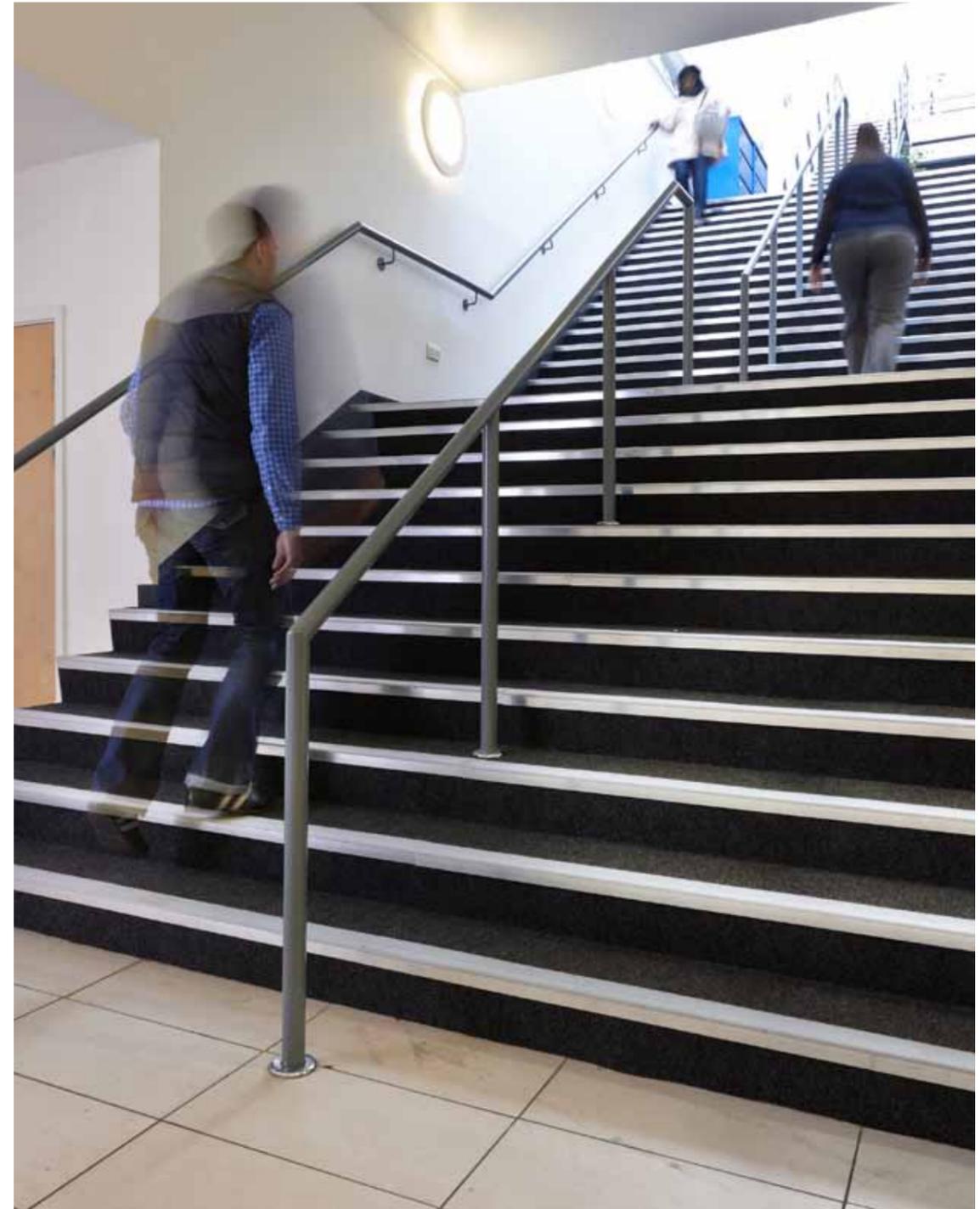


Accessories

Project: Michael Smith Building, The University of Manchester



“ The staircases in the new Michael Smith Building will see heavy traffic on a daily basis. Our range of XT edgings are ideal for use in the education sector, as they help to protect against slips and falls, help protect surrounding floorcoverings and also help provide an ‘inclusive’ environment for all users. ”

Chloé Taylor
Marketing Product Manager

The newly built £35m Michael Smith Building provides 21,000m² of teaching and advanced research facilities over an impressive four-storeys. With a number of staircases throughout the building, specifying and installing fit-for-purpose stair edgings was key.

Gradus' market-leading XT range of stair edgings was specified because each profile features an extended slip-resistant insert that wraps around the leading edge of the step, which reduces the risk of slips, trips and falls by maximising underfoot contact with the slip resistant element of the stair edging. The XT range was developed specifically in line with the latest legislation and guidelines including Approved Document M (ADM) of The Building Regulations 2000, BS8300:2009+A1:2010 and research from the BRE (Building Research Establishment).

Gradus' GXT52 aluminium stair edgings with interior inserts in Glacier (light grey) were installed on the main staircases, where the surrounding floorcovering is carpet. GXT52 is a rake back, double channel profile with a 5mm gauge, and is ideal for use with carpet or resilient flooring with bevelled underlay in heavy use areas.

Product Specified:

- Product Range: [GXT52 Aluminium Stair Edgings](#)
- Insert Colour Specified: Glacier