

## **COMAP'S MULTISKIN SAVES TIME AND MONEY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES SITE**

When Urban Vision was briefed to re-fit the pipework at a social services rehabilitation house in Salford, the specifier selected Comap's (Westco's) range of MultiSKIN pipe and crimp fittings for the job.

Space is extremely limited in the boiler room at Hollybank day care centre, so it was vital that any system used was neat and flexible enough to work with and around existing fixtures. As a maintenance project it also had to be as undistruptive as possible to residents.

MultiSKIN pipes and fittings are an innovative crimp solution, with tubes that are a combination of pex/aluminium/pex, making them workable by hand yet rigid enough to retain their shape. This means that bends can be formed in the pipe, reducing the number of fittings required – minimising both hassle and cost. At Hollybank the contractor used rolls of MultiSKIN pipe and straight lengths of 50mm pipe, which were simply cut to length, minimising waste on site.

Only one installer was required for the job, thanks to MultiSKIN's time saving benefits – which significantly reduced labour costs. Harry Jeffries, of the contractors Tom Fish Ltd, found the flame free application a huge advantage, as it meant no permit was required, and the installer didn't have to stay on site until it had cooled down, allowing him to easily schedule his next project.

Jeffries said: "MultiSKIN was ideal for the job, as we were tight on space and it was simplicity itself to work with in a confined area, really light and manageable. The easy-to-see green ring that shows when the fittings are secure was an added bonus, and speeded up the job even more."

The MultiSKIN fittings feature Comap's patented Visu-control technology, which enables instant verification of which fittings still need crimping at the time of installation – securing fittings before filling or pressure testing of the system.

Having been attracted to the system by Comap's advertising campaign in the trade press, Mike Binns, a heating and mechanical surveyor at Urban Vision, was introduced to MultiSKIN by Comap's specification team, which offered him an in-depth demonstration of the system.

Urban Vision was so impressed with the efficiency and security of MultiSKIN, that it also specified the use of the system for a further project: Brookhouse changing facilities in Eccles.

The MultiSKIN system is available with a full range of fittings and dimensions. Sizes 16-32mm are all WRAS approved.

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