



**GENERAL:** Corner bead or “aid” is a reinforcement trim accessory. Corners may be square or rounded. They provide a straight line and reinforce stucco corners. Selection of style and material is often regional and by preference. While the finish coat generally covers the corner accessories nose, sometimes the nose is left exposed or painted. The nose should be selected to be compatible with the stucco finish and suitable for final use with the environment. It is recommended to discuss this selection with your SMA contractor.

**ATTACHMENT:** Attachment should be to the lath/framing and secured so as not to move during the application of cement plaster. Fastener spacing generally should not exceed 24 inches on center. Corner accessories are the guide and establish the ground or thickness of the brown/basecoat of cement plaster.

**CEMENT FINISH:** A wire nose is recommended for stucco to receive a cement finish coat. Cement finish is extremely permeable. Rusting should not occur in most regions of the USA. However, a thin cement coating on a PVC nose will likely flake off the plastic nose over time.

**ACRYLIC FINISH:** Acrylic finishes tend to be less permeable than cement finishes, and in humid or damp areas, rust may appear under the acrylic at the wire nose with direct application of an acrylic finish. The SMA recommends to use a PVC nose corners or a primer for acrylic finishes in damp or humid environments.

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