

Stretch Ceiling Cost UK

A Complete Price Guide · 2026 · Supply & Installation · NeviTec Ltd

Stretch ceiling costs in the UK range from **£50 to £250 per m²** (supply and install), depending on system type, room complexity, and specification. This guide covers pricing for all NeviTec systems, the factors that move the price, what is included in every installation, and a detailed comparison with traditional ceiling solutions.

At a glance — 2026 UK guide prices (supply and install)

PVC Satin / Matte · **£50–£75 per m²**

PVC High-Gloss · **£70–£95 per m²**

Polyester Cold-Stretch · **£60–£90 per m²**

Acoustic Systems · **£95–£160 per m²**

Architectural Light Panels · **£130–£250 per m²**

Custom Print (add-on) · **+ £25–£60 per m²**

Prices by system type

All prices reflect supply and installation by NeviTec — a UK manufacturer that fabricates every system in-house. There is no distributor margin or import cost in our pricing.

System	Guide Price per m ² (supply & install)	Typical use
PVC Satin / Matte	£50–£75	Residential, retail, hospitality
PVC High-Gloss	£70–£95	Spas, pool surrounds, luxury interiors
Polyester Cold-Stretch	£60–£90	Commercial & architectural — removable
Acoustic Systems	£95–£160	Offices, hospitality, home cinemas, healthcare
Architectural Light Panels	£130–£250	Retail, healthcare, hotel reception areas
Custom Print (add-on)	+ £25–£60	Brand graphics, printed photography, art

Guide prices apply to standard rectangular rooms with straightforward access. Complex geometries, multi-level installations, and unusually high ceilings are priced individually. Contact us for a detailed quotation.

What affects the final cost?

The price per m² is only part of the equation. These six variables have the greatest impact on a project's total cost.

<p>System type</p> <p>The single biggest driver. PVC, polyester, acoustic, and light panel systems each have different material costs and installation scopes.</p>	<p>Room size</p> <p>Smaller rooms carry a higher per-m² rate. Larger installs (100m²+) benefit from economies of scale in materials and labour.</p>
<p>Room geometry</p> <p>Rectangular rooms are most economical. Curves, L-shapes, and multi-level designs typically add 15–25% to the base rate.</p>	<p>Service penetrations</p> <p>Every downlight, sprinkler, smoke detector, or vent requires a reinforced aperture ring. High-density layouts add to both material and labour costs.</p>
<p>Ceiling height</p> <p>Standard heights (up to 3m) require no specialist access. Heights above 3.5m may need additional access equipment.</p>	<p>Location & travel</p> <p>Projects in London and the South East are priced with standard travel. Remote locations and offshore may carry a supplement.</p>

System-by-system breakdown

Each system has a different material profile, installation method, and performance output. Here is what you get at each price point.

PVC Satin / Matte · £50–£75 per m²

The most widely specified stretch ceiling. Moisture-resistant, cleanable, and available in satin, matte, gloss, translucent, and metallic finishes. The thermal tensioning process produces a drum-tight surface with no visible fixings or joins on spans up to 5 metres wide. PVC membrane is 100% recyclable at end of life.

PVC High-Gloss · £70–£95 per m²

The mirror-finish variant of the PVC range. The reflective surface amplifies light and creates a sense of height — particularly effective in spa environments, pool surrounds, and luxury hospitality. Tensioned at 60°C for a perfectly flat, sag-free result.

Polyester Cold-Stretch · £60–£90 per m²

A woven fabric membrane tensioned by cold-clipping rather than heat. Delivers a structured textile aesthetic suited to commercial interiors. Polyester systems can be demounted and refitted — useful in leased commercial spaces. Available with acoustic-backing layers for combined aesthetic and performance applications.

Acoustic Systems · £95–£160 per m²

A tensioned surface — PVC or polyester — combined with a high-density absorption core delivering NRC-rated sound reduction. Available with polyester wool, mineral wool, or melamine foam cores, each selected for the target NRC value and frequency profile of the environment. Unlike acoustic tile systems, there are no visible perforations, grids, or joints — just a seamless ceiling plane that meets spec.

Architectural Light Panels - £130–£250 per m²

A purpose-engineered system: a custom LED matrix assembled in our UK facility, installed behind a precision-tensioned translucent membrane at a calculated throw distance that ensures consistent, hotspot-free illumination. No grids, no shadows, no visible fittings. Colour temperatures from 3000K to 6000K. Tuneable White available. Dimming-compatible as standard. All systems are commissioned with full LUX testing before handover.

Custom Print (add-on) - + £25–£60 per m²

High-resolution printing applied to PVC or polyester membrane — brand graphics, architectural photography, abstract art, or bespoke colour-matched prints. Printed membranes are installed using the same tensioning method as the standard range. Minimum order areas apply; contact us for print file specifications.

What is included in a NeviTec quotation?

Every NeviTec quotation is all-inclusive. The items below are part of our standard scope — there are no hidden costs for survey, fabrication, certification, or the structural guarantee.

Included	What it means
Technical feasibility study	Architectural review and system recommendation before any commitment.
Precision laser site survey	Sub-millimetre perimeter and soffit mapping.
In-house membrane fabrication	CAD-cut membranes, ultrasonically welded harpoon profiles — all made in our UK facility.
Structural framework ('first-fix')	Aluminium perimeter track engineered to withstand up to 50kg/linear metre.
Service apertures	Reinforced aperture rings for all lighting, sprinkler, detector, and ventilation penetrations.
Membrane deployment ('second-fix')	Thermal tensioning (PVC) or cold-clipping (fabric) to a drum-tight finish.
System commissioning	LUX testing (lighting) or resonance verification (acoustic) against design specification.
Handover pack	Maintenance guide, fire safety certification to Euroclass B-s1, d0.
10-Year Structural Guarantee	Backed by NeviTec — covers the structural integrity of the installation.

Not included in our standard scope

- Electrical first-fix wiring (completed by the M&E contractor before our first-fix visit).
- Primary structural alterations to the existing substrate.
- Specialist access equipment for ceiling heights above 3.5m (confirmed in quotation if required).

Stretch ceiling vs. traditional plasterboard

A direct cost comparison depends on the specification of the alternative. For a basic plasterboard finish, the per-m² material cost will be lower. But the full project comparison — trades, time, acoustic treatment, lighting, and finish — often closes that gap significantly.

Consideration	Stretch Ceiling	Traditional Plasterboard
Material cost per m ²	Higher	Lower
Trades required	1 specialist team	Multi-trade sequence
Installation time	Half day – 1 day	Multi-day
Drying / curing time	None	1–5 days
Decoration after install	Not required	Required
Acoustic performance	Spec-engineered	Separate treatment
Integrated lighting	Single system	Multiple trades
Maintenance	Minimal	Periodic redecoration
End of life	100% recyclable (PVC)	Landfill (board + skim)
Warranty (structural)	10 years	Typically 1–2 years

For acoustic performance, stretch ceilings routinely undercut the combined cost of a suspended grid, acoustic tile, and decorative plasterboard fascia. For integrated lighting, a NeviTec Light Panel replaces an entire lighting design — no recessed grids, no pendant distribution, no ceiling finish around individual fittings.

Frequently asked questions

How much does a stretch ceiling cost in the UK?

Between £50 and £250 per m² (supply and install), depending on system type. Standard PVC starts from £50–£75 per m². Acoustic and light panel systems range from £95–£250 per m².

What is the average stretch ceiling price per m²?

Around £60–£90 per m² for a standard PVC finish. Acoustic systems average £95–£160 per m². Architectural light panels range from £130–£250 per m² depending on LED specification and colour temperature.

How many m² is a typical project?

Residential single-room installs are typically 15–30m². Open-plan commercial installs commonly range from 50–300m². Projects above 100m² benefit from better economies of scale.

Do I need planning permission for a stretch ceiling?

No. Stretch ceilings are an interior finish — they do not require planning permission. Listed buildings may have interior alteration requirements; check with your local authority if in doubt.

Is a stretch ceiling cheaper than a traditional ceiling?

The per-m² material cost is higher than basic plasterboard. However, a stretch ceiling is installed in a single day by a single team — no multi-trade sequencing, no drying time, and no decoration. For acoustic and lighting applications, stretch ceilings are routinely the more economical all-in solution.

How long does installation take?

Half a day to one day for most single-room residential projects. Large commercial installs (100m²+) typically take two to three days. No on-site curing or drying time is required.

Can a stretch ceiling be removed and refitted?

Polyester cold-stretch systems can be demounted and refitted — useful in leased commercial spaces. PVC thermally-tensioned systems are designed to be permanent; they can be replaced but are not intended for repeated removal.

What warranty does a NeviTec stretch ceiling come with?

Every NeviTec installation is backed by the 10-Year Structural Guarantee and Euroclass B-s1, d0 fire safety certification, provided in the handover pack at project completion.

Does NeviTec provide free quotes?

Yes. We provide no-obligation feasibility reviews and detailed quotations for all project types. Contact us at hello@nevitec.com or call 0333 034 9998.

Ready to get an accurate price?

Guide prices are a starting point. Share your room dimensions and system preference and we'll come back with a full scope and price — no obligation.

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