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SSQ Heritage Roofing Slates



Conserving the nation's architectural heritage for future generations to enjoy is a considerable responsibility. Apart from protecting the building's construction, accurately preserving its 'look-and-feel' is also an essential aspect.

The quality of SSQ roofing slate has led to it being approved as an alternative to indigenous slate by many of the UK's principal conservation agencies including English Heritage, Historic Scotland, Cadw and both the Brecon Beacons and Snowdonia National Park Authorities. Here, only the best will do.

SSQ is one of the world's leading producers and suppliers of slate products for use by the building and construction industry. Formed in 1983, the company has built a worldwide reputation for supplying premium-quality slate and an enviable standard of customer service.

During that time it has developed close partnerships with some of the world's most prestigious quarries, supplying slate from them on an exclusive basis. It is also the principal shareholder in La Florida Quarry in the San Luis region of central Argentina, the source of SSQ Riverstone® roofing slate and Riverstone® architectural stone.

SSQ roofing slate is marketed by its quality, with the best – the strongest, the most durable, the most consistent – appearing as the SSQ Ultra range. This 'best-of-the-best' range features three very different slates that have been especially selected for use as an alternative to indigenous slate used in specific regions of the UK.





Products

SSQ Ultra Riverstone® Grey roofing slate

The perfect alternative to roofing slate indigenous to Cornwall and Cumbria and also for Norwegian slate, it has been extensively used throughout the UK, especially in south-west and north-west England, Wales and Scotland.

SSQ Ultra Del Carmen® Blue-black roofing slate

Although approved for heritage projects throughout the UK, it is one of the only roofing slates approved by the Snowdonia National Park Authority as an alternative to Welsh Blaenau Ffestiniog slate.

SSQ Ultra Heavy Matacouta® Black roofing slate

A heavy roofing slate, frequently specified for use on projects in Scotland.

Technical information

To qualify as an SSQ Ultra or SSQ Ultra Heavy roofing slate, the slate must receive an EN 12326 classification of:

Strength (MoR)	> 60MPa
Carbonate content	< 3%
Water absorption	A1 (< 0.3%)
Free from oxidation	T1
Resistance to pollution	S1

Although all roofing slate used for building work in the UK must carry the CE marking, this only shows that a sample has been tested in accordance with EN 12326 – it is not an indication of its quality.

SSQ's relationship with its quarries allows it to monitor both the rock extracted and the roofing slates produced from it: a combination of the finest quality rock and SSQ's rigorous quality assurance programmes ensure consistent quality backed by guarantees of up to 100 years.

Design Advice and Technical Support Service

Having been closely involved with roofing slate for over 25 years, SSQ has extensive knowledge and experience and takes pride in offering easily understandable advice to help its customers make informed decisions.

The company's Technical Department and team of eight Regional Business Managers can offer advice on any aspect of slate roofing no matter whether it's related to the roof's design or the slate's performance or installation.

RIBA-approved CPD Seminars

A RIBA-approved CPD Seminar, *An Introduction to Roofing Slate*, is available. For further information about the seminar or to arrange a booking, please call 020 8961 7725 or email info@ssq.co.uk.



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