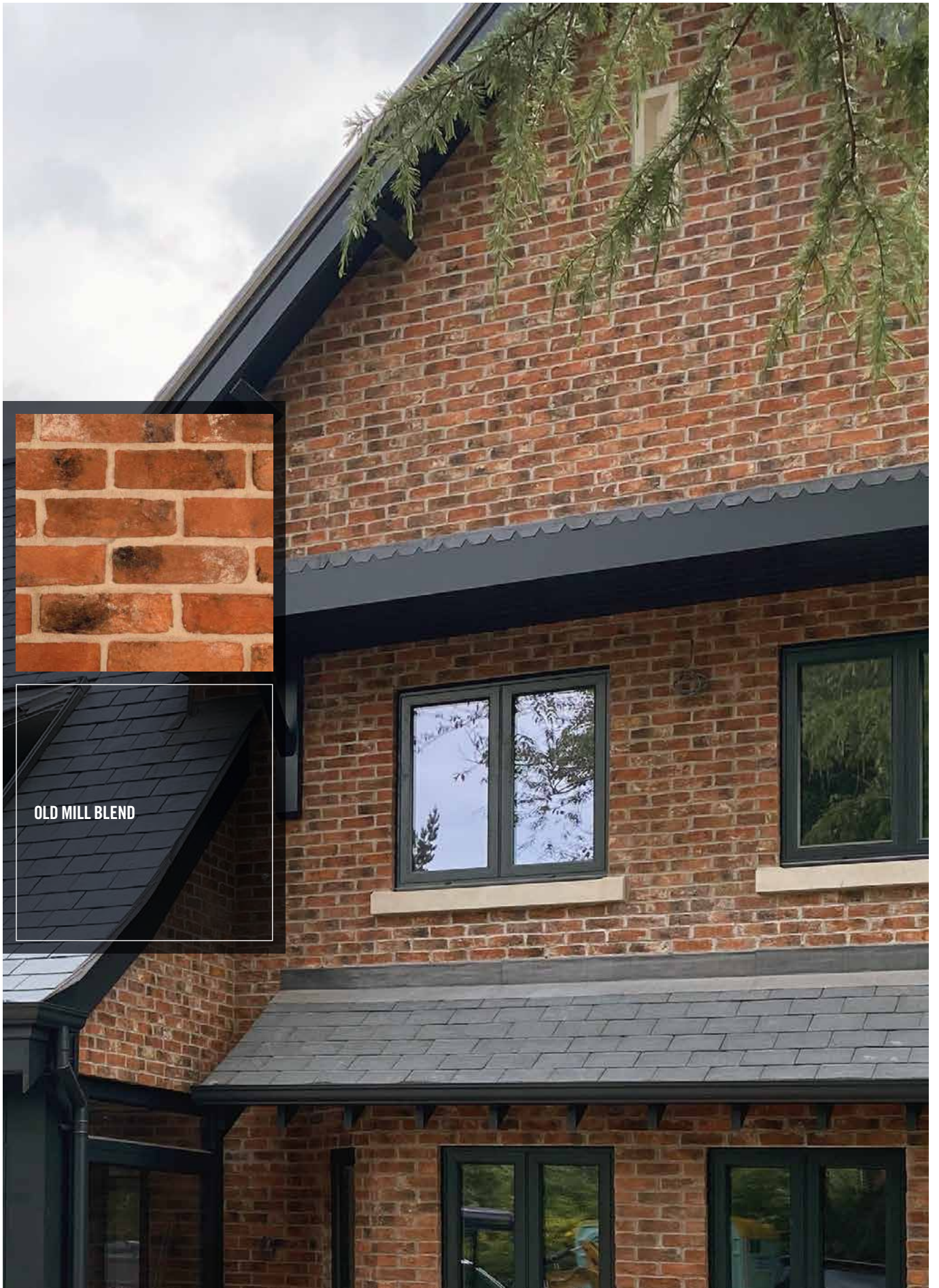


BRICK GUIDE



THE MERCHANT BRICK GUIDE
MANCHESTER BRICK SPECIALISTS



Manchester Brick Specialists are one of the UK's leading importers and distributors of clay bricks. Established in 2013, we work closely with our manufacturing partners to create outstanding products, while our strong ethical outlook ensures we only use factories audited within Sedex-approved guidelines.



SAMPLES

Before you commit to an order, we are always happy to offer free samples. This enables you to see an accurate reflection of the size, colour and texture of a selection of materials, and make a more informed choice.

You can either request a sample from our website or call our friendly customer care team on 0161 641 3579.

A typical turnaround for free brick samples is three to five days.

Because of slight variations in chemical composition, no two bricks are identical. This can lead to slight colour differences, although in certain styles which feature clay flashing or overburns, this is often a desirable effect.



We focus on replicating the UK's distinctive regional brickwork styles, which are weathered and aged so they are indistinguishable from genuine reclaimed bricks.

Brimming with character, our bricks have a true lived-in look and texture, with authentic shades of red and orange, firing overburns and clay flashing adding to their appeal. This makes them perfect for everything from renovations, restoration projects or being at the heart of new-build developments.

Urban bricks differ from those used in the country, and with hundreds of collective years in the trade, our team of experts can advise on the ideal materials for your building or wall to match its surroundings.

We are the country's leading supplier of pre-war wirecuts, and always stock a comprehensive range of clamp, pressed and traditional handmade bricks. Our lead times are among the best in the business, and with a depth of knowledge second to none, you can trust Manchester Brick Specialists to deliver where others can't.

Outstanding Quality



Each brick from MBS needs to withstand whatever the British weather can throw at it. From prolonged periods of sub-zero temperatures in winter, summer heatwaves, and the very worst wet and windy conditions – our products can withstand them all.

They are subject to an intense testing process which measures various key elements of each style of brick, including their:

- ◆ Freeze-Thaw/Frost Resistance
- ◆ Water Absorption
- ◆ Efflorescence
- ◆ Compressive Strength
- ◆ Hardness
- ◆ Dimensional Tolerances
- ◆ Durability

All our clay bricks carry a BS EN 771-1 certificate and comply in full with UK and EU laws and standards.

CE MARK

Becoming mandatory in 2013, products with a CE marking are shown to comply with EU and UK environmental and health and safety standards.

The CE certification allows free movement of our goods throughout the European Union, and gives our customers peace of mind knowing that they have chosen materials of the highest quality.

Declaration of Performance documentation and technical data sheet are freely available on our website.

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BARCOMBE BLEND



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	533
TOLERANCE	T1



BORDEAUX



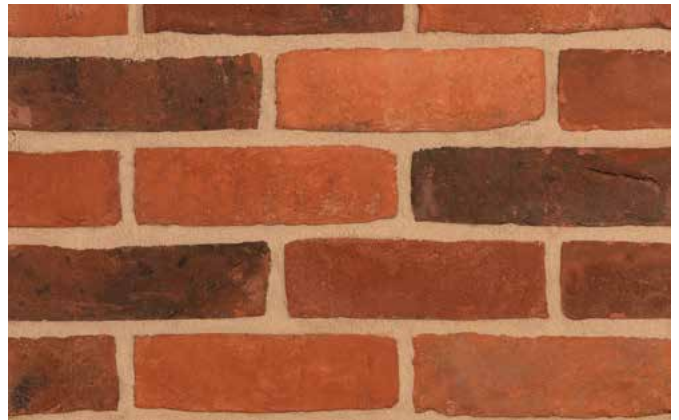
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CHANTRY BLEND



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm 68mm x 228mm x 110mm 73mm x 228mm x 110mm
PACK SIZE	650 / 525 / 500
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



CHAPEL LIGHT



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm 68mm x 228mm x 110mm 73mm x 228mm x 110mm
PACK SIZE	650 / 525 / 500
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



DIDSBURY ANTIQUE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	544
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



HANDMADE WEATHERED



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm 73mm x 228mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	480 / 585
TOLERANCE	RM



KNUTSFORD ORANGE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	480
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



LONDON ANTIQUE HANDMADE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	512
TOLERANCE	TM



MARCELLO



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	512
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



NEWLYN HERITAGE BLEND



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	544
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



OLD BARN HANDMADE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	544
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



OLDE MILL BLEND



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm 68mm x 228mm x 110mm 73mm x 228mm x 110mm
PACK SIZE	650 / 525 / 500
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



RADIUM



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	480
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



RECLAMATION HANDMADE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm 68mm x 228mm x 110mm 73mm x 228mm x 110mm
PACK SIZE	495
TOLERANCE	T1



RECLAMATION TUMBLED



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
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RED GILT



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	512
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



RED MULTI GILT



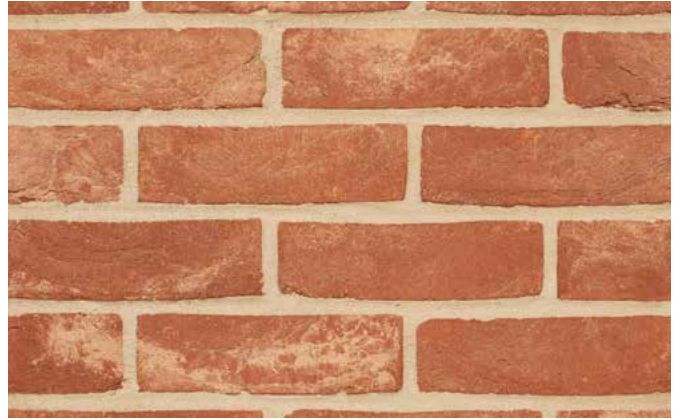
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SAFFRON KEMPLEY



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TOLERANCE	T1/R1



SHROPSHIRE RED



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	544
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



SMOKED RED



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm 68mm x 228mm x 110mm 73mm x 228mm x 110mm
PACK SIZE	650 / 525 / 500
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



SOFT RED HANDMADE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm 73mm x 228mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	480 / 585
TOLERANCE	RM



SOFT RED TUMBLED



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	585
TOLERANCE	RM



ST ALBANS BLEND



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	544
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



WEATHERED TUMBLED



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	585
TOLERANCE	RM



BANDED PRE WAR



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	544
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



BIRCHWOOD RED MULTI



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	520
TOLERANCE	T2/R1



BRAMPTON BLEND



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	512
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



BRUSHED BLUE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	512
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



CROXTON MIXTURE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
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TOLERANCE	T2/R2



CUMBER RED



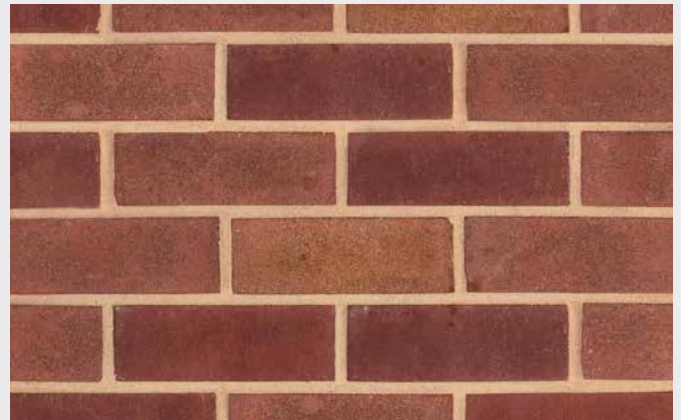
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HEATHER SANDED



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PACK SIZE	512 / 464
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



HEYWOOD RED MULTI



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	520
TOLERANCE	T2/R1



KILMARNOCK BLEND



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	512
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



LOWTON RED MULTI



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	240
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



MAPLEWOOD LIGHT



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	520
TOLERANCE	T2/R1



MIDNIGHT BLUE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	520
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



OUTSIDE BLEND



SIZE	73mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	540
TOLERANCE	T1/R1



PETROLEUM BLUE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	512
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



POLAR WHITE SMOOTH



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	520
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



PRESSED PRE WAR



SIZE	73mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
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PRESTBURY ANTIQUE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
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TOLERANCE	T2

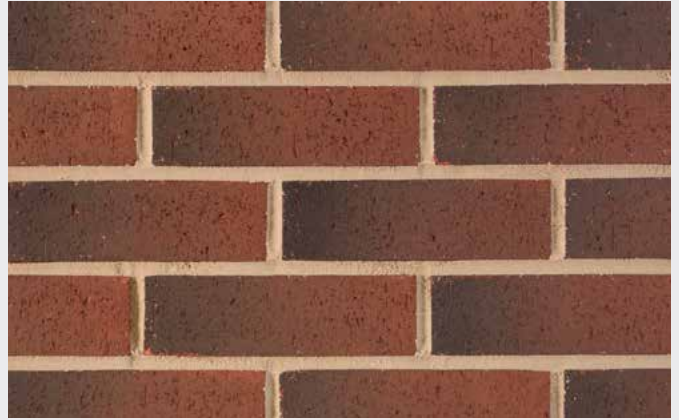


SMOKED RED

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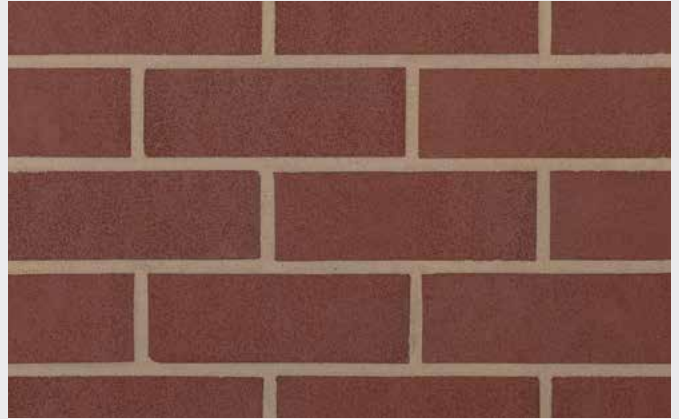
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RED PINHOLE



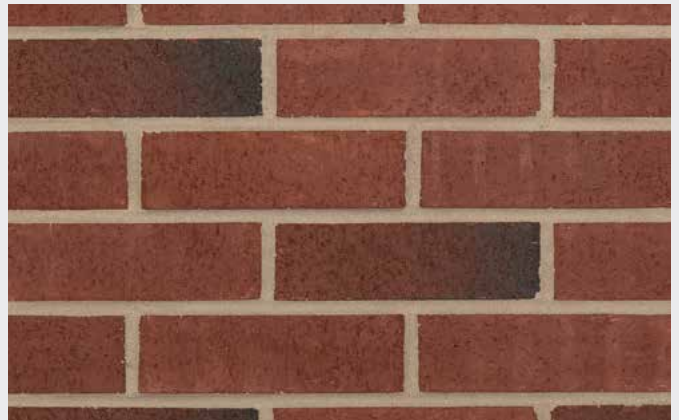
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ROTHWELL BLEND



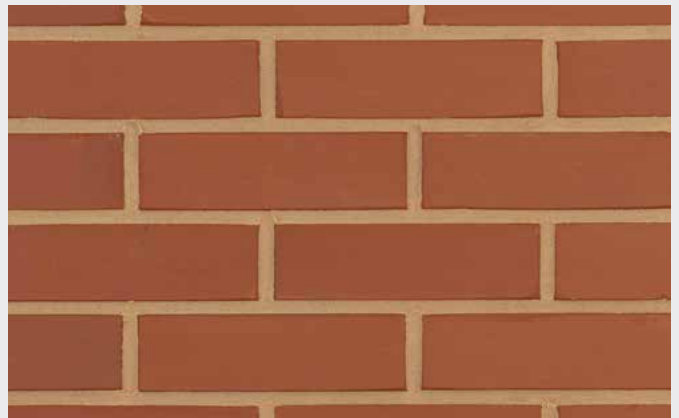
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PACK SIZE	512
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



SALFORD SMOOTH RED



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	520
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



SMOOTH BUFF



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	520
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



SMOOTH RED



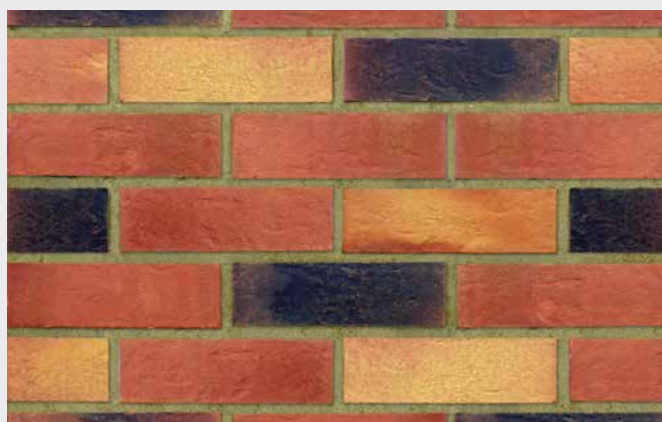
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TOLERANCE	T2/R2



STANTON ANTIQUE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	576
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



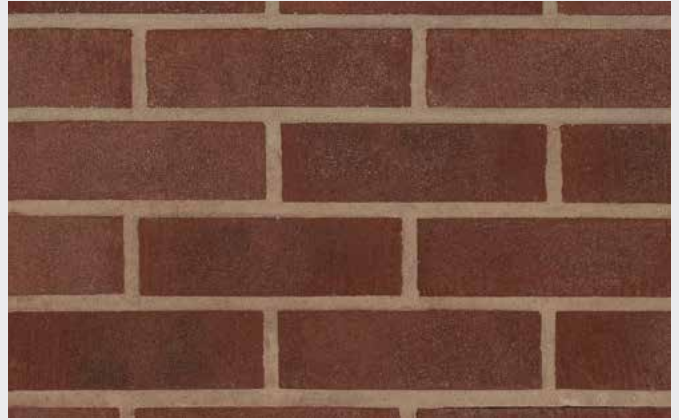
SWARLAND DARK BROWN





OLD MILL BLEND

SWARLAND LIGHT BROWN



SWARLAND RED



WALTON RED



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	512
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



WEATHERED PINHOLE



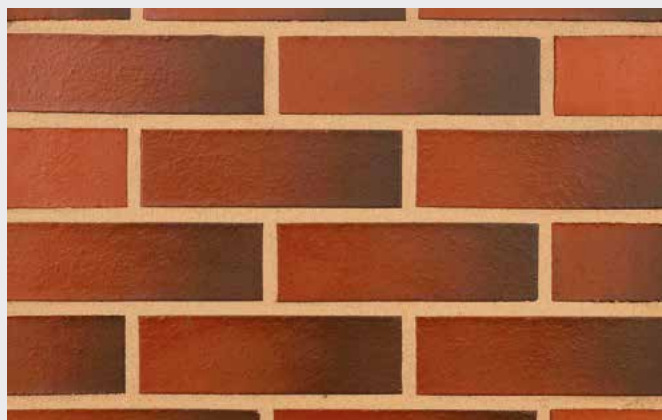
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PACK SIZE	512
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



WEATHERED RED



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm 73mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	512 / 464
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



WOBURN MIXTURE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	512
TOLERANCE	T2/R2



ALDERLEY ANTIQUE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	400
TOLERANCE	Tm/Rm



MANCHESTER VICTORIAN PRESSED



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	400
TOLERANCE	TM/RM

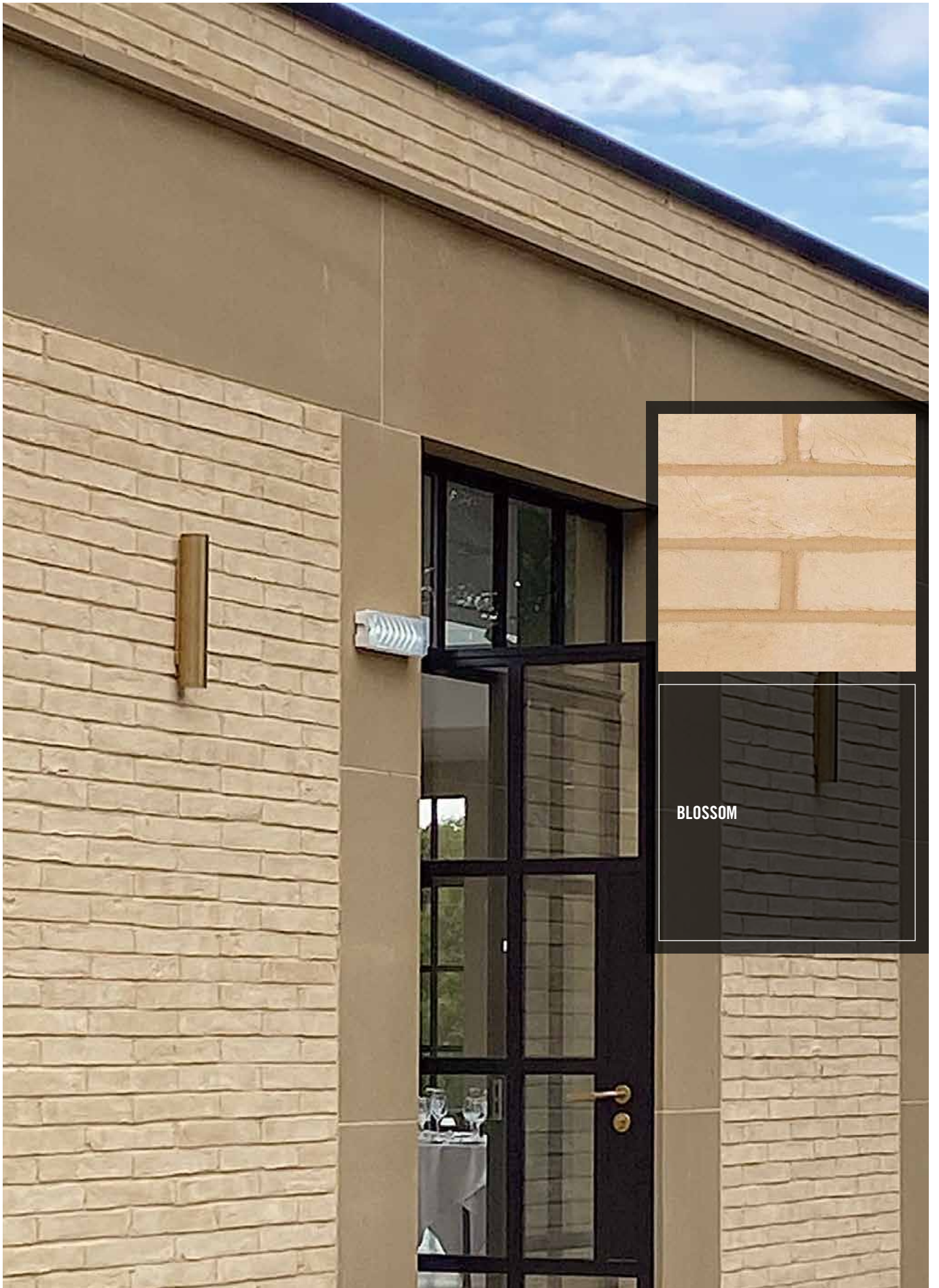


WILMSLOW ORANGE



SIZE	65mm x 215mm x 102.5mm
PACK SIZE	400
TOLERANCE	Tm/Rm





BLOSSOM

Technical Information



COLOUR & TEXTURE

Because of slight variations in chemical composition, no two bricks are identical. This can lead to slight colour differences, although in certain styles which feature clay flashing or overburns, this is often a desirable effect.

The ageing process we treat our lines with produces a weathered look and texture. This replicates the appearance of reclaimed brickwork, with none of the associated issues of coursing heights or unsuitable mortar mixes.

While giving as accurate a picture of each range as possible, the images used throughout this brochure are for illustration only.



EFFLORESCENCE

A harmless salt residue which can appear on the surface of brickwork or mortar, efflorescence occurs naturally, most often during the winter. It affects yellow bricks more than other colour types, but pressure washing, soaking in diluted white vinegar, or scrubbing with a hard brush removes the substance.



NEXT DAY DELIVERY

We always stock a vast range of bricks. While next day delivery is often available, there may be rare occasions when certain ranges are unavailable for brief periods. Please check availability before placing an order.



QUANTITIES & DELIVERY

Whether you are a homeowner embarking on a small project, a professional builder, or a merchant, we supply and deliver bricks in the pack sizes you need.

A full load may be as large as 20 pallets depending on the size of brick, and although we distribute single pallets, smaller orders may incur a charge from our hauliers. Please note that delivery vehicles require suitable unloading space.



COLLECTION

You may collect orders direct from our Salford depot. Arrangements must be made in advance, and we will advise on the most suitable collection times.

Manufacturing and Sustainability



TRADITIONAL MANUFACTURING

The character inherent in traditional bricks comes from each tiny imperfection. We shun the uniformity of mass-produced building supplies, choosing instead to embrace the unique nature of our handmade bricks.

Elizabethan craftsmen would recognise many of our brickmaking techniques.

Our high-quality materials and firing methods replicate historic regional styles, while our ageing process adds a weathered look and tactile texture to each brick.



RECYCLING

Construction waste makes up most of the recyclates used in our bricks. From broken glass to sand, and slabs of concrete to broken brickwork, all are natural products which can be reused again and again.

We also recycle any of our own products which become damaged during manufacture, or which fail to meet our strict quality guidelines. Seconds are all crushed, before being fed back into the closed loop system to create brand new bricks.



HOW OUR BRICKS ARE MADE

We model our clay into rectangular moulds, lightly dusted with sand. Any excess material is removed and saved for the next piece, while a wooden block presses the remaining clay into the mould, forming the correct shape.

Air-drying then helps these stacks of formative 'green' bricks develop their individual quirks.

Once they reach a low enough moisture content, the bricks head into the kiln. Temperatures over 1,000°C bake the clay solid and bring out the different hues in each brick. Once cooled, their colour depends on the heat of the oven and the mineral compounds present in the raw materials. Yellow bricks have a higher lime content, while concentrations of iron gather in pink bricks.

Creating a sustainable supply chain and introducing improved production methods is key to our environmental responsibilities. We wear our green credentials with pride.

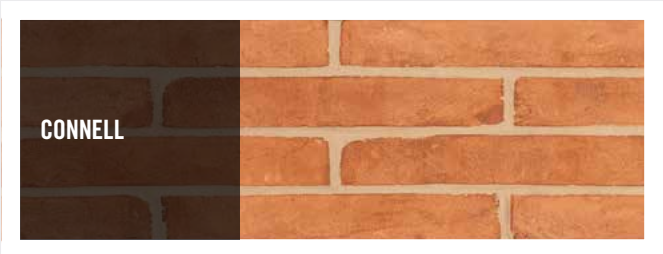
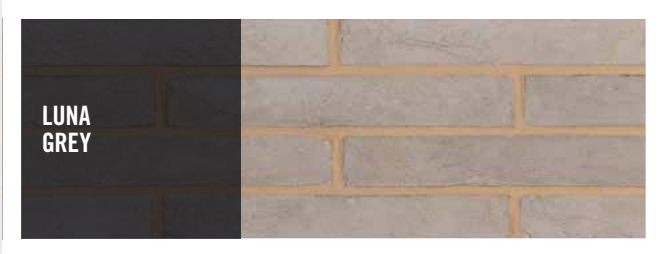
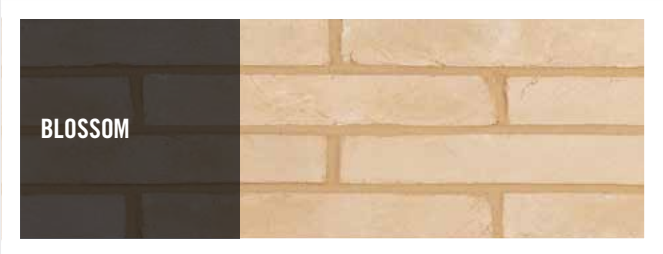
While we do use virgin clay in the brick-making process, we source many of our manufacturing materials from recycled products, and extract all raw clay from licensed clay fields.

Linear Bricks



Available in a number of colours, textures and sizes; up to 490mm in length and up to 65mm in height, our linear range gives creative scope for architects and designers whether it's a self build or a large commercial project.







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