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Agrément Certificate  
**11/4833**  
Product Sheet 1

## ECODECKING ROOFING SYSTEMS

### NEWTECH ROOFING SLATES

#### PRODUCT SCOPE AND SUMMARY OF CERTIFICATE

This Certificate relates to Newtech Roofing Slates, recycled, polymer-based, injection-moulded slates for use on conventional pitched boarded timber roofs with a rafter pitch of 20° or greater.

#### AGRÉMENT CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Strength** — the product has adequate strength to resist the loads associated with the installation of the roof (see section 5).

**Behaviour in relation to fire** — the product will enable a roof to be unrestricted under the Building Regulations (see section 6).

**Liquid water penetration** — the product resists the passage of moisture into the building (see section 7).

**Durability** — the product will provide a durable roof covering with a service life in excess of 20 years (see section 9).

The BBA has awarded this Agrément Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. The product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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# Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Newtech Roofing Slates, if used in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate, will meet or contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations:



## The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales)

Requirement:	B3(2)	Internal fire spread (structure)
Requirement:	B4(2)	External fire spread
Comment:		A roof incorporating the product has an AA rating and meets the Requirements. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	C2(b)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		A roof incorporating the product meets this Requirement. See sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	Regulation 7	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 9.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



## The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)(2)	Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See sections 8.1, 8.2 and 9.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards — construction
Standard:	2.1	Compartmentation
Standard:	2.2	Separation
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying these Standards, with reference to clauses 2.1.15 <sup>(2)</sup> , 2.2.7 <sup>(2)</sup> and 2.2.10 <sup>(1)</sup> respectively. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	2.6	Spread to neighbouring buildings
Standard:	2.8	Spread from neighbouring buildings
Comment:		A roof incorporating the product is unrestricted under these Standards, with reference to clauses 2.6.4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 2.8.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> respectively. See section 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.10	Precipitation
Comment:		The product will contribute to a roof satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.10.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.10.8 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The product can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.
Regulation:	12	Building standards — conversions
Comment:		All comments given for the product under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 <sup>(1)</sup> . (1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



## The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (as amended)

Regulation:	B2	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is an acceptable material. See section 9.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	B3(2)	Suitability of certain materials
Comment:		The product is an acceptable material. See sections 8.1 and 8.2 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	C4(b)	Resistance to ground moisture and weather
Comment:		A roof incorporating the product can satisfy this Regulation. See sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	E4(3)	Internal fire spread — Structure
Regulation:	E5(b)	External fire spread
Comment:		A roof incorporating the product is unrestricted under these Regulations. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 1 *Description* (1.2) of this Certificate.

# Non-regulatory Information

## NHBC Standards 2011

NHBC accepts the use of Newtech Roofing Slates, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards, Chapter 7.2 Pitched roofs*.

## Technical Specification

### 1 Description

1.1 Newtech Roofing Slates are manufactured by injection moulding a recycled plastic compound, with fillers and pigments.

1.2 The slates have the nominal characteristics of:

Width (mm)	102, 127, 152, 178, 203, 229, 254 and 304
Length (mm)	430
Thickness (mm)	
top	2
bottom	6
Weight (g)	209, 272, 327, 395, 440, 513, 553 and 860
Installed weight (kg·m <sup>-2</sup> )	6
Colour <sup>(1)</sup>	Deep Red, Grey
Shape	Colonial tail design

(1) Slight colour variations may exist between batches. Other colours are available to order.

1.3 The slates are marked and supplied with blind nail holes for fixing in accordance with BS 5534 : 2003.

1.4 Quality control checks are carried out on the incoming materials, during production and on the finished product.

### 2 Delivery and site handling

2.1 Slates are supplied with a peelable backing film and are delivered to site on pallets, protected by a shrink-wrapped polyethylene cover.

2.2 The slates should be stored on a dry level base in a dry protected area away from direct sunlight and possibility of damage. If incorrectly stored the slates can become twisted or curled, the original flatness can be restored by laying them on a flat surface in a warm place.

2.3 The wrapping bears the product name, manufacturing date, raw material lot number, colour and shape and the BBA identification mark incorporating the number of this Certificate.

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Newtech Roofing Slates.

## Design Considerations

### 3 Use

3.1 Newtech Roofing Slates are satisfactory for use on conventional, pitched boarded timber roofs with a rafter pitch of 20° and above. It is essential that roofs are designed and constructed to incorporate precautions to prevent moisture penetration and the formation of condensation (eg by adequate ventilation).

3.2 Roofs incorporating the slates should be designed and constructed in accordance with the relevant recommendations of BS 5534 : 2003 and BS 8000-6 : 1990. In particular, the designer should follow the recommendations of BS 5534 : 2003, Clauses 5.1, 5.2, 5.5 and 5.8 on rain and snow resistance, roof pitch, head-laps and side-laps, structural stability and control of condensation, respectively, and select a construction appropriate to its location paying due attention to design detailing, workmanship and materials used.

### 4 Practicability of installation

The product is designed to be installed by a competent roofing contractor, experienced with this type of product.

### 5 Strength

5.1 The slates have adequate resistance to damage during site handling and installation.

5.2 When installed on boarded roofs in accordance with BS 5534 : 2003, the slates have adequate resistance to the uniformly distributed loads (ie wind and snow) likely to be encountered. Where high local snow loads may occur, the Certificate holder's advice should be sought and the guidance given in BRE Digest 439 : 1998 *Roof loads due to local drifting of snow* should be followed.

## 6 Behaviour in relation to fire



6.1 When tested in accordance with BS 476-3 : 2004, the slates when installed on 11 mm OSB decking with a 6 mm thick Firefly Vulcan cavity barrier achieved an EXT.S.AA rating.

6.2 A roof incorporating the slates is designated AA, and consequently, is unrestricted by the relevant requirements of the national Building Regulations:

**England and Wales** — Regulation B4(2)

**Scotland** — Mandatory Standard 2.8, clause 2.8.1

**Northern Ireland** — Regulation E5(b).

## 7 Liquid water penetration



7.1 The water absorption of the slates after 24 hours water immersion was less than 0.5%.

7.2 When used in conjunction with a Type 1F underlay on a boarded timber roof, the slates will provide a roof covering with satisfactory resistance to the passage of snow or rain.

## 8 Maintenance



8.1 Roofs covered with the product should be the subject of twice-yearly visual inspections to ensure continued performance, as is good practice with all roofs. Any damaged slates should be replaced in accordance with section 14.

8.2 Care is required when carrying out maintenance work on any roof clad in slates and the recommendations contained in BS 5534 : 2003, Clause 6.13 *Installation, Repairs and maintenance*, and BS 8000-6 : 1990, Section 5, Clause 5.2, *Safety* should be followed.

## 9 Durability



9.1 The product will have a service life in excess of 20 years.

9.2 Extensive exposure to sunlight will cause fading of the surface colouring.

# Installation

## 10 General

10.1 Newtech Roofing Slates are installed in accordance with the Certificate holder's recommendations, BS 5534 : 2003 and BS 8000-6 : 1990 using conventional slating techniques.

10.2 When used on large roof areas, slates should be randomly selected from different batches available to ensure consistent appearance. Any damaged slates must not be installed.

## 11 Cutting

Slates are shaped (for use at eaves, hips, valleys) by scoring with a sharp knife and snapping off the excess. Nail holes must be pre-drilled prior to fixing.

## 12 Health and safety

Any slate roof should be treated as fragile, and the recommendations given in section 8.2 should be followed. Precautions must be taken to prevent danger to the public from falling, broken or displaced slates.

## 13 Procedure

13.1 The slates are laid weather-face up and fixed in place using two 9.5 mm diameter copper or stainless steel nails.

13.2 Nails must be tapped rather than driven home and care is required to ensure that nails are not overdriven.

13.3 Each course is laid in a broken bonded pattern with the tails aligned. Courses are nailed in place with a minimum 10 mm gap between slates.

13.4 Each slate must be seated down correctly with the adjacent slate and the course below. Joints between slates must be properly constructed to provide the required degree of weathertightness and dimensional accuracy.

13.5 Where the product is to be used on an existing boarded roof structure, the recommendations contained in BS 5534 : 2003, Section 6, Clause 6.13 and BS 8000-6 : 1990, Section 5, Clause 5.1.3 on re-covering, must be followed. Consideration should also be given to the advice contained in BRE Defect Action Sheets DAS 124 : 1988 *Pitched roofs: renovation of older timber roof — re-tiling or re-slating* and DAS 125 : 1988 *Pitched roofs: Re-tiling or re-slating older type timber roofs*.

13.6 Ridge and hip details should be completed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

## 14 Repair

Damaged slates are replaced in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and the relevant Sections of BS 5534 : 2003 and BS 8000-6 : 1990.

## Technical Investigations

### 15 Tests

15.1 Tests were carried out on Slates and the results assessed to determine: Newtech Roofing

- dimensions
- mechanical characteristics
- apparent density
- ash content
- water absorption
- dimensional stability
- impact strength.

15.2 Tests were carried out on the slates and the results assessed to determine the effects of:

- artificial weathering and colour stability
- prolonged water immersion and heating
- freeze/thaw cycling
- warm water immersion
- heat ageing at elevated temperatures
- heat/rain cycling.

### 16 Investigations

16.1 An assessment was made of existing data from independent laboratories relating to:

- BS 476-3 : 2004.

16.2 The manufacturing process was examined, including the methods adopted for quality control.

16.3 A user survey was conducted to evaluate performance in use.

## Bibliography

BS 476-3 : 2004 *Fire tests on building materials and structures — Classification and method of test for external fire exposure to roofs*

BS 5534 : 2003 *Code of practice for slating and tiling (including shingles)*

BS 8000-6 : 1990 *Workmanship on building sites — Code of practice for slating and tiling of roofs and claddings*

MOAT No 48 : 1991 *UEAtc Technical Guide for the Assessment of the Durability of Thin Fibre Reinforced Cement Products (without Asbestos) for External Use*

## 17 Conditions

17.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page — no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
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- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
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