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Foreword

Publishing information

This part of BS 8000 is published by BSI Standards Limited, under licence from The British Standards Institution, and came into effect on 30 September 2013. It was prepared by Subcommittee B/542/1, *Slating and tiling*, under the authority of Technical Committee B/542, *Roofing and cladding products for discontinuous laying*. A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

Supersession

This part of BS 8000 supersedes BS 8000-6:1990, which is withdrawn.

Relationship with other publications

BS 8000 is published in the following parts:

- *Part 1: Code of practice for excavation and filling;*
- *Part 2: Code of practice for concrete work;*
- *Part 3: Code of practice for masonry;*
- *Part 4: Code of practice for waterproofing;*
- *Part 5: Code of practice for carpentry, joinery and general fixings;*
- *Part 6: Code of practice for slating and tiling of roofs and claddings;*
- *Part 7: Code of practice for glazing;*
- *Part 8: Code of practice for plasterboard partitions and dry linings;*
- *Part 9: Cementitious levelling screeds and wearing screeds – Code of practice;*
- *Part 11: Internal and external wall and floor tiling – Ceramic and agglomerated stone tiles, natural stone and terrazzo tiles and slabs, and mosaics – Code of practice;*
- *Part 12: Code of practice for decorative wallcoverings and painting;*
- *Part 13: Code of practice for above ground drainage and sanitary appliances;*
- *Part 14: Code of practice for below ground drainage;*
- *Part 15: Code of practice for hot and cold water services (domestic scale);*
- *Part 16: Code of practice for sealing joints in buildings using sealants.*

Information about this document

This is a full revision of the standard, and introduces the following principal changes:

- new clauses to take into account revisions to BS 5534;
- updated clauses to reflect product innovations, e.g. dry fix systems;
- updated sitework practices to reflect new health and safety legislation;
- the addition of guidance on the installation of solar roof panels.

Where reference is made to proprietary products and to manufacturers' recommendations, the user is advised to obtain evidence that these products and recommendations have been proven by relevant experience or relevant test method data, based on the conditions and methods of use in the UK climate, to be fit for purpose.

It is advisable that all parties seek assurances at the outset of a project that such recommendations are appropriate for the product in its intended use and location.

Use of this document

The purpose of this code of practice is to encourage good workmanship by providing:

- a) the most frequently required recommendations on workmanship for building work in a readily available and convenient form to those working on site;
- b) recommendations on how designers' requirements for workmanship can be satisfactorily realized;
- c) guidance on good practice for supervision and for training purposes.

NOTE This guidance is not intended to supplant the normal training and craft skills.

- d) a reference for quality of workmanship;
- e) recognition that design, procurement and project information are likely to be conducive to good workmanship.

This code of practice has generally been arranged in accordance with the *Common Arrangement of Work Sections (CAWS) for Building Works* [1] so that it can be used easily with project specifications and bills of quantities using CAWS.

As a code of practice, this part of BS 8000 takes the form of guidance and recommendations. It should not be quoted as if it were a specification and particular care should be taken to ensure that claims of compliance are not misleading.

Any user claiming compliance with this part of BS 8000 is expected to be able to justify any course of action that deviates from its recommendations.

Presentational conventions

The provisions of this standard are presented in roman (i.e. upright) type. Its recommendations are expressed in sentences in which the principal auxiliary verb is "should".

Commentary, explanation and general informative material is presented in smaller italic type, and does not constitute a normative element.

Contractual and legal considerations

This publication does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract. Users are responsible for its correct application.

Compliance with a British Standard cannot confer immunity from legal obligations.

1 Scope

This part of BS 8000 gives recommendations on basic workmanship on building sites, both commercial and domestic, and covers those tasks which are frequently carried out in relation to the slating and tiling of roofs and walls of newly constructed buildings or buildings being refurbished and re-roofed. It makes recommendations and gives guidance on basic workmanship for conventional types of building work. The recommendations given are not necessarily comprehensive; particular project documents, e.g. project specifications, might be needed to cover recommendations not dealt with by this code of practice.

Some of the recommendations might not apply to historic building conservation or heritage roofing.

The recommendations given in this British Standard apply to the laying and fixing of clay and concrete tiles, natural slates and fibre cement slates and their associated fittings and accessories.

NOTE 1 The manufacture of concrete roofing tiles and fittings, fibre cement slates, clay roofing tiles and fittings and natural slates for use in the UK is covered in BS EN 490, BS EN 492, BS EN 1304 and BS EN 12326-1, respectively.

NOTE 2 Design aspects of slating and tiling are covered in BS 5534.

NOTE 3 The installation of timber shingles and shakes are described in NFRC Technical Bulletin 34 [2]. Manufacturers' instructions will apply to the installation of asphalt shingles and sheet metal or proprietary discontinuously laid roofing products.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Standards publications

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

BS 6100-6, *Building and civil engineering – Vocabulary – Part 6: Construction parts*

BS 8000-3, *Workmanship on building sites – Part 3: Code of practice for masonry*

Other publications

[N1] NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ROOFING CONTRACTORS. *Standard roofing mortar*. Technical Bulletin 27. London: National Federation of Roofing Contractors, 2012.

[N2] NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ROOFING CONTRACTORS. *Pitched roof underlay*. Technical Bulletin 06. London: National Federation of Roofing Contractors, 2012.