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Ashbury 440 cycles at Method E
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Ashbury genuinely hand-made clay roof tiles pass 440 cycles in demanding 150-cycle European Method E frost test

In totally independent testing, conducted by test institute, CERAM Building Technology, randomly selected samples of Ashbury hand-made clay roof tiles, from Midland Slate and Tile, have reached 440 frost test cycles in the exceptionally demanding Method E test from continental Europe.

Differing considerably from the current UK Method D standard, which requires tiles to pass 100 heavy rain/rapid freeze-thaw cycles, it is widely expected that the Method E test will be adopted in the UK within the next few years.

Complete submersion

Method E is unlike Method D in that one test cycle requires the tiles in question to be completely submerged in a bath of water, drained, frozen and rapidly thawed. Tiles are required to withstand 150 of these cycles without showing any visible signs of damage.

No signs of damage

In achieving 440 cycles at Method E, without showing signs of damage, Ashbury hand-made clay roof tiles have exceeded this challenging European test by almost 300 more cycles than is required.

Choose in total confidence

Commenting on this latest test result, Midland Slate and Tile Managing Director, Jason Hughes, said, “We are delighted to achieve this high standard in addition to our existing Method D and Method E certifications.

Last a lifetime

“Perhaps more importantly, however, whilst providing all the necessary aesthetics of a tile that looks as though it was made many years ago, buyers can also be confident that Ashbury will also last a lifetime. In achieving 440 cycles at Method E, we have demonstrated that architects, specifiers, property owners and builders can select Ashbury in total confidence.”

Additional confidence

Referring to an earlier test success, when Ashbury tiles successfully passed 300 test cycles at Method D, Dr. Andrew Smith of CERAM said: “Tiles tested to 300 cycles and showing no damage, can give additional confidence that the durability of these products is significantly greater than that of tiles tested to 100 cycles.”

About the Ashbury hand-made clay roof tiles range

Designed and produced to give the appearance of old weathered tiles, the Ashbury range of hand-made clay roof tiles is manufactured by time-served craftsman in a modern tiler in the brick and tile-producing region of Turkey.

Equally suited to both new build and renovation projects, unlike the majority of so-called ‘hand-made’ tiles, each Ashbury tile is produced entirely by hand and provides a welcome alternative to having to source reclaimed roofing tiles and all the wastage that can involve.

Distinctive shades, along with slight variations in size, camber and texture, provide a unique appearance that cannot be achieved by mass production.

The Ashbury tile is available in ‘Multi’, ‘Restoration’, ‘Red’, ‘Cambridge’ and ‘Huntingdon’ colourways, along with an additional three colour blends to suit different regional vernaculars. In addition to the plain tiles, a full range of accessory tiles and fittings are also available.

As Ashbury tiles are such a high quality product, Midland Slate and Tile are also able to cover them with a unique insurance-backed 30-year guarantee.

The facts behind Ashbury hand-made clay roof tiles:

- Ashbury tiles meet current Method D and E for frost resistance – copies of CERAM test reports are available on request
- Ashbury tiles are subjected to more regular independent testing than most UK-made tiles
- Ashbury tiles are covered by the industry's most comprehensive 30-year guarantee – underwritten by Royal Sun Alliance
- Ashbury tiles are produced at a high quality, closely monitored production facility in Turkey
- Ashbury tiles are imported by Midland Slate and Tile – a wholly reputable UK-based building products supplier with a proud reputation to uphold
- A full copy of the statement from Dr. Andrew Smith of CERAM is available on request

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