Choosing tiles for the job

Compare intended use, installation and verified performance.

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1 Wall or floor

Confirm the product is intended for the proposed location and loading. A wall tile is not automatically a floor tile.

2 Wet and external areas

Check water absorption, frost suitability and the complete waterproofing/detailing strategy.

3 Slip risk

Specify suitable slip performance for expected water, contamination, footwear and use. Finish appearance alone is insufficient.

4 Substrate compatibility

Select the adhesive, grout, preparation and movement joints for the substrate and tile.

5 Layout and supply

Check size variation, batch shade, wastage and availability for repairs before ordering.

6 Tile or brick slip

Brick slips are a separate cladding selection. Confirm system adhesive, jointing, support, exposure and fire evidence.

Before ordering: confirm the tile or brick-slip system, substrate, exposure and installation detail.

REFERENCE GUIDANCE

GOV.UK: Approved Documents (England)
HSE: construction dust controls

Use current product instructions and the approved project design. For regulations, confirm the UK nation, applicable edition and transitional arrangements.

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