HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

Hard landscaping products can be hazardous, especially when lifting, cutting, drilling or abrading. Always carry out a risk assessment. Refer to the Health and Safety Executive before commencing work. Tel: 0845 3450 055 or visit www.hse.gov.uk.

HANDLING AND STORAGE

Special notice must be taken with regard to the pack and individual product weights. You need to consider a number of factors including the:

- weight of the load
- distance from the body during lifting
- number of repetitions of the lift
- local environment e.g. is the floor or ground uneven or slippery?

When storing packs on surfaces specifically designed as stock areas, most packs can be stacked up to four high. Where only level hard standing is available, packs should not be stacked more than two high, and on any other surface one high.

Irregular shaped packs should not be stacked. All packaging should be recycled where possible, or disposed of according to local regulations.

ON SITE

When using our products, especially when lifting, cutting, drilling or abrading, you should take sensible precautions to help avoid the risk of injury to yourself or others.

You should also assess the centre of gravity of the load and look for any rough edges – it may be helpful to wear rigger gloves. Before moving packs, check that the packaging is not damaged, Brett cannot accept any responsibility for damage to packs when being moved. Product dependent, packs can weigh up to 1.3 tonnes. Therefore, if using a crane, ensure they are enclosed in a net or cage before lifting.

Depending on the weight (and other factors mentioned above) it may be that the item has to be mechanically handled or team lifted.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Brett products are manufactured to relevant nationally recognised standards and each product is intended for installation in accordance with the relevant installation standards.

COLOURS

To minimise colour and texture variations we recommend that you use product from one batch. If re-ordering, quote batch code numbers. Products should be laid from a number of packs at the same time and in the order delivered. In the case of paving three packs should be mixed for single colours, 5 in the case of multi-coloured product. Ideally, product should also be mixed by being taken from several layers of the same pack. The degree of rumbling of our Prestige Block Paving may also vary from product to product and batch to batch.

Continual development and review of the Brett product range means that changes to the ranges including the addition of new products may occur whilst this brochure is still available. Therefore, please ask your local stockist to check you have the latest information.

SUITABILITY

Our Garden products are not intended for use on driveways or any public areas such as shopping precincts. For information on the Brett range of commercial products see www.brett.co.uk/commercial

PRODUCT MEASUREMENTS

All product measurements and weights shown in this brochure are approximate and subject to change. Block paving is made to BS EN 1338 standard tolerances to ensure efficient installation.

ORDERING

To order Brett product contact your nearest Brett stockist www.brett.co.uk/findastockist. Ensure products are carefully inspected prior to laying.

No responsibility will be accepted for any delays, relaying or removing costs if this has not been done.

COLOUR

The colours shown in Brett marketing materials are as accurate as current photographic and printing processes allow. Prior to ordering and installation, products should always be inspected and chosen in daylight. Most Brett stockists can supply samples or displays.

The total quantity required should be ordered and delivered at the same time to reduce the risk of using products from different batches. Product should be laid from a number of packs at the same time to further reduce the risk of visible batch variation.

EFFLORESCENCE & DIFFERENTIAL CURING

Efflorescence is a temporary salt residue that can occur on all concrete products in their initial life. The salt masks the colour of the product and is often mistaken for fading. The best course of action is to leave the paved area to weather over time and efflorescence will usually disappear.

Dark patches occasionally appear on the surface of garden products. This is know as Differential Curing and is caused by varying moisture levels within the flag drying the surface at different rates. Like efflorescence, given time and the natural weathering process such patches will tone down and become less visible.

Concrete continues to cure for many years after manufacture. Whilst this happens, and usually only during its initial life, a level of porosity may exist where some product retains water giving a damp appearance.

This will disappear as the concrete continues to harden and the product dries out.

The instances mentioned above are not covered under any product guarantee provided by Brett. For more information on any of the topics above, please contact our

Technical Assistance/customer relations office on 0845 6080 570.

MAINTENANCE AND SEALERS

High pressure washers and de-icing salts are not recommended for use on Brett Product. Proprietary liquid cleaning, de-icing agents and concentrated pool chemicals should be used with care, as some products may cause bleaching. To reduce the risk of permanent staining, it is recommended that you regularly clean paved areas of detritus. Where trees are nearby, more frequent attention should be given to manage any build up of leaves and sap which may stain paving surfaces.

Never use acid on natural stone, only water and a brush. The use of sealers should be carefully considered, particularly with regard to the risk of trapping efflorescence and other contamination.