



# Riverstone® First



Riverstone is the diamond of natural roofing slate. SSQ's signature slate is not actually slate, it is phyllite. Harder, denser and stronger than traditional slate, phyllite is the perfect stone for any design challenge or artistic feature.





# Product information



## Product profile

SSQ Riverstone First is a premium-quality roofing slate produced exclusively by SSQ. Riverstone is a phyllite - a rock similar to slate, sharing its essential characteristics but surpassing its qualities - taken from SSQ's own quarry in the San Luis region of central Argentina.

In addition to passing SSQ's own, rigorous quality control tests, SSQ Riverstone First has been tested in accordance with EN 12326, carries the UKCA marking and is classified as 'W1-S1-T1'.\*

SSQ Riverstone has been accepted in the past by Historic England and Historic Scotland as an alternative to indigenous slates for use on restoration projects or within conservation areas.

\* Test results are available on request

Minimum headlap for fixing slates with nails or hooks according to BS 5534: 2014+A2:2018 Code of Practice for Slating and Tiling  
Moderate exposure (< 56.5 l/m2 per spell)\*

| Size (mm) | Rafter pitch |       |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|--------------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|           | 20°          | 22.5° | 25° | 27.5° | 30° | 35° | 40° | 45° | 80° |
| 600 x 300 | 130          | 120   | 95  | 85    | 80  | 70  | 60  | 55  | 50  |
| 500 x 300 | 130          | 120   | 95  | 85    | 80  | 70  | 60  | 66  | 50  |
| 500 x 250 | –            | –     | 120 | 100   | 80  | 70  | 60  | 55  | 50  |
| 400 x 250 | –            | –     | –   | –     | 80  | 70  | 60  | 55  | 50  |
| 400 x 200 | –            | –     | –   | –     | 80  | 70  | 60  | 55  | 50  |
| 300 x 200 | –            | –     | –   | –     | 80  | 70  | 60  | 55  | 50  |

Severe exposure (≥ 56.5 l/m2 per spell)\*

| Size (mm) | Rafter pitch |       |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|--------------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|           | 20°          | 22.5° | 25° | 27.5° | 30° | 35° | 40° | 45° | 80° |
| 600 x 300 | 150          | 140   | 130 | 120   | 100 | 90  | 80  | 70  | 65  |
| 500 x 300 | 150          | 140   | 130 | 110   | 100 | 90  | 80  | 70  | 65  |
| 500 x 250 | –            | –     | –   | 130   | 100 | 90  | 80  | 70  | 65  |
| 400 x 250 | –            | –     | –   | –     | 100 | 90  | 80  | 70  | 65  |
| 400 x 200 | –            | –     | –   | –     | 120 | 110 | 105 | 100 | 65  |
| 300 x 200 | –            | –     | –   | –     | –   | 90  | 80  | 70  | 65  |

## Size and weight

| Size (mm) | Thickness (mm) | Weight per 1000 (kg) |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------|
| 600 x 300 | 6 - 8          | 3024                 |
| 500 x 300 | 6 - 8          | 2460                 |
| 500 x 250 | 6 - 8          | 2100                 |
| 400 x 250 | 6 - 8          | 1680                 |
| 400 x 200 | 6 - 8          | 1344                 |
| 300 x 200 | 6 - 8          | 1008                 |

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## Appearance

Riverstone roofing slate has a medium-grey colour and is similar to indigenous slate found in South-West England and Norway. The colour is totally natural and will not fade, even in the strongest sunlight or harshest environments.

## Guarantee

SSQ Riverstone First roofing slate is covered by a 75-year guarantee.\*\*

\*\* Guarantees to be requested within 6 months of the date of completion of the roof.

## Coverage

### Nail fixing method

| Size (mm) | Lap (mm)                        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|           | 50                              | 65   | 75   | 80   | 90   | 100  | 110  | 115  | 120  |
|           | Number of slates/m <sup>2</sup> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 600 x 300 | 12.1                            | 12.5 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 13.6 | 13.7 | 13.9 |
| 500 x 300 | 14.8                            | 15.3 | 15.7 | 15.9 | 16.3 | 16.7 | 17.1 | 17.3 | 17.5 |
| 500 x 250 | 17.8                            | 18.4 | 18.8 | 19.0 | 19.5 | 20.0 | 20.5 | 20.8 | 21.0 |
| 400 x 250 | 22.9                            | 23.9 | 24.6 | 25.0 | 25.8 | 26.7 | 27.6 | 28.1 | 28.6 |
| 400 x 200 | 28.6                            | 29.9 | 30.8 | 31.3 | 32.3 | 33.3 | 34.5 | 35.1 | 35.7 |
| 300 x 200 | 40.0                            | 42.6 | 44.4 | 45.5 | 47.6 | 50.0 | –    | –    | –    |

(NB: No allowance has been made for wastage\*)

### Hook fixing method

| Size (mm) | Lap (mm)                        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|           | 50                              | 65   | 75   | 80   | 90   | 100  | 110  | 115  | 120  |
|           | Number of slates/m <sup>2</sup> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 600 x 300 | 12.1                            | 12.5 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 13.6 | 13.7 | 13.9 |
| 500 x 300 | 14.8                            | 15.3 | 15.7 | 15.9 | 16.3 | 16.7 | 17.1 | 17.3 | 17.5 |
| 500 x 250 | 17.8                            | 18.4 | 18.8 | 19.0 | 19.5 | 20.0 | 20.5 | 20.8 | 21.0 |
| 400 x 250 | 22.9                            | 23.9 | 24.6 | 25.0 | 25.8 | 26.7 | 27.6 | 28.1 | 28.6 |
| 400 x 200 | 28.6                            | 29.9 | 30.8 | 31.3 | 32.3 | 33.3 | 34.5 | 35.1 | 35.7 |
| 300 x 200 | 40.0                            | 42.6 | 44.4 | 45.5 | 47.6 | 50.0 | –    | –    | –    |

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\* Please refer to the SSQ Natural Roofing Slate Design and Fixing Guide for full details (available on [www.ssqgroup.com](http://www.ssqgroup.com)).

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