



Hambleside Danelaw Ltd
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Follow NHBC advice and switch to dry systems for pitched roofs

Hambleside Danelaw, the UK market leader for GRP mortarless flashing products, is urging builders to follow a new NHBC recommendation that they should seriously consider opting for dry systems on pitched roofs to reduce their risk of incurring remedial works due to mortar failure.

The NHBC has just reported that 60% of claims handled in 2010 related to pitch roofs and half of these claims were due to mortar issues. The Council's latest *Technical Extra* guidelines ask, "When was the last time you considered the latest dry systems available?"

Availability is easily found within one of the most comprehensive „dry roof“ ranges offered by a British manufacturer. The range includes Dry Fix valley troughs, ridge and hip systems, soakers, verges and bonding gutters. Some of these Danelaw products are listed in the WRAP procurement guide because they contain up to 50% recyclable content.

Scotland leads the way

The NHBC says that almost all of its insured sites in Scotland are now being built with dry systems for ridges, verges and hips. Claims figures appear to support this move to dry systems, with Scotland experiencing a smaller proportion of pitched roof claims per property covered.

Since the start of 2011, Project Managers for three local authorities in Scotland and the Glasgow Housing Association have specified Hambleside Danelaw's Dry Fix Bonding Gutters and HD TV15 Tile Vents.

Dry verges reduce claims

Verges are also reported by the NHBC to be a common feature of pitched roof claims and can require complicated and expensive scaffold access to facilitate repairs. Hambleside Danelaw supplies GRP Dry Verges in an attractive slate grey colour for batten and sark boards or face fixing which are suitable for all natural and man-made slates.

Chris Avery, Hambleside Danelaw's managing director, comments: "Repairs directly undertaken by builders add to the £11m bill which the NHBC faces for pitch roof claims, so it really makes sense for specifiers and contractors to look at the Dry Fix option. And if you choose Hambleside Danelaw, you are buying products designed and made in Britain."

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Notes to editors

1. Examples of specifying products

Dry Fix Bonding Gutters and HD TV15 Series Tile Vents from Hambleside Danelaw have been specified recently for projects funded by: North Lanarkshire Council; Glasgow Housing Association; Fife Council; Tayside Council; and North Ayrshire Council.

2. About Hambleside Danelaw

British based multiple sustainability award winner Hambleside Danelaw Ltd manufactures a range of products for the building industry in Daventry and Inverness. The company's product range includes Dryseal roofing products for flat and low pitched roofs; the award winning low carbon Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP) Insulator rooflight range and Contour rooflights and wall lights; Danelaw GRP flashings, roof and wall ventilation products; the Dry Fix or mortarless solution to roofing is increasingly being seen as the future of the roofing industry and Hambleside can now offer most of the components needed for a complete „dry roof“. An improved Dryseal GRP flat roofing range was launched in 2010, and the company is currently working on the development of a new Insulator Rooflight Lighting Control System, which will substantially reduce the need for artificial lighting inside a building. Hambleside Danelaw has been investing for over ten years in all areas of sustainability and many of its roofing and ventilation products feature recycled materials in their construction. This work has been recognised with a number of Green Apple and Green Hero Awards and the process has been recognised by the Green Organisation and the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP). A Planet Positive accredited organisation, Hambleside Danelaw has pro-actively taken steps to reduce its carbon footprint at its two UK factories, succeeding by over 20%. Find out more at: www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk.

3. New NHBC guidance on pitch roofs

The latest NHBC recommendations for reducing the chances of a claim on pitched roof installation can be found in Technical Extra issue no.1 dated February 2011 which can be downloaded at: <http://www.nhbc.co.uk/Builders/ProductsandServices/TechnicalExtra/>.