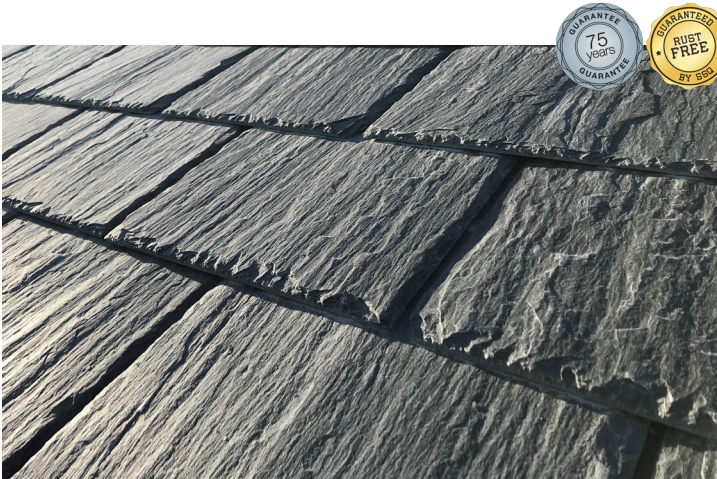


# Slate.





# Riverstone First



Riverstone is the diamond of natural roofing slate. SSQ's signature stone, quarried in Argentina, is not actually slate, it is phyllite. Phyllite is one step along in the metamorphic chain, being subject to heat and pressure for a longer duration than typical slate. Specifically, this rock heralds from the pre-Cambrian era and is approximately 650 million years old.

Harder, denser and stronger than slate, phyllite is a perfect stone for any design challenge or artistic feature.

### Appearance

Riverstone is medium grey in colour with a tinge of green. It has a characteristic phyllitic sheen that is a natural consequence of the mica minerals present in its geological makeup.

### Testing

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

### Guarantee

SSQ Riverstone First roofing slate is covered by a 75-year labour backed guarantee.

In addition to the above fitness for purpose guarantee, SSQ now also offers a full Rust Free guarantee for Riverstone First slates to ensure total peace of mind and 100% satisfaction.

SSQ is the only company in the industry that provides this, given the confidence it places in its premium range of slates.



# Riverstone Montana



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### Testing

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

### Guarantee

You should never have to bear any risk when you're choosing what to put on your roof.

SSQ Riverstone Montana roofing slate is covered by a 50-year labour backed guarantee.





# Del Carmen



Del Carmen slate was formed 505 million years ago. A true geological slate exhibiting a range of properties that make it highly suitable for use as roofing slate. The quarry is situated about 3 miles west of the village of La Bana in the Cabrera Mountains, Spain approximately 4,750 feet above sea level.

SSQ Del Carmen comes in Ultra, First and Celtas selections.

### Appearance

SSQ Del Carmen roofing slate has a distinctive riven texture; the deep blue-black colour is totally natural and will not fade, even in the strongest sunlight.

### Testing

In addition to passing SSQ's own, rigorous quality-control tests, SSQ Del Carmen roofing slate has been tested in accordance with EN 12326, carries the CE marking and is classified as 'W1-S1-T1'. Del Carmen also complies with the arduous Norm Francais (NF 228), which has the strictest slate testing criteria and procedures in the world.

### Guarantee

You should never have to bear any risk when you're choosing what to put on your roof. SSQ offers a range of Del Carmen labour backed guarantees starting from 50 years up to 100 years Rust Free guarantees depending on the selection.



# Del Carmen Heavy



The Del Carmen Slate was formed 505 million years ago. A true geological slate exhibiting a range of properties that make it highly suitable for use as roofing slate. The quarry is situated about 3 miles west of the village of La Bana in the Cabrera Mountains, Spain approximately 4,750 feet above sea level.

### Appearance

SSQ Del Carmen Heavy 8-10mm roofing slate has a distinctive riven texture; the deep blue-black colour is totally natural and will not fade, even in the strongest sunlight.

### Testing

In addition to passing SSQ's own, rigorous quality-control tests, SSQ Del Carmen roofing slate has been tested in accordance with EN 12326, carries the CE marking and is classified as 'W1-S1-T1'.

### Guarantee

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SSQ Del Carmen Heavy is covered by a 50-year labour backed guarantee.





# Domiz



Domiz slate is quarried from the Rozadais geological formation within the province of Orense in north-west Spain. The geological composition of the Domiz slate demonstrates a range of properties that make it suitable for high-performance roofing slates.

SSQ Domiz comes in First, Prime and Standard selections.

### Appearance

Domiz is rich in blue-grey overtones, coupled with deep bold texture, similar in appearance to the Ffestiniog Welsh quarry. It is increasingly being chosen by specifiers as a robust alternative to this material.

### Testing

Domiz achieves excellent results when tested to the BS EN 12326 achieving the all-important 'W1-S1-T1' classification. Domiz also complies with the arduous Norm Francais (NF 228), which has the strictest slate testing criteria and procedures in the world.

### Guarantee

You should never have to bear any risk when you're choosing what to put on your roof.

SSQ offers a range of Domiz labour backed guarantees starting from 50 years up to 75 years Rust Free guarantees depending on the selection.



# Amazonia



SSQ Amazonia is a mudstone roofing slate, mined exclusively for SSQ in south-east Brazil. Mudstone is a sedimentary rock which has similar characteristics to slate (which is a metamorphic rock) and is frequently used as a roofing slate. Geologically it is approximately 100 million years younger than typical slate rock resulting in the material being brittle.

### Appearance

SSQ Amazonia graphite is a mid-grey roofing slate with a tinge of dark green.

### Testing

In addition to passing SSQ's own, rigorous quality-control tests, SSQ Amazonia roofing slate has been tested in accordance with EN 12326, carries the CE marking and is classified as 'W1-S1-T1'.

### Guarantee

You should never have to bear any risk when you're choosing what to put on your roof.

SSQ Amazonia roofing slate is covered by a 30-year guarantee.







## ABOUT US

Ever since 1980, we've been dedicated to providing natural slate solutions to the building and construction industry.

Over this time we have formed exclusive long-term partnerships with some of the world's finest slate quarries in Spain and South America, enabling us to offer slate that rivals the best from any quarry, anywhere in the world.

We have several representative offices near the quarry locations to ensure a full audit and control of our supply chain from quarry to roof.

# 8 reasons to choose SSQ for slate...

## WE ONLY DO SLATE

The vision of our company is to specialise in one product – slate. You will never find us offering other materials, as we refuse to risk compromising our dedication to nature's finest product.

## QUALITY CONTROL

We employ quality controllers at source to ensure a high standard of delivered material. As slate is a natural product, this is particularly important in our industry.

## RANGE

Given the plethora of options available on the market, understanding the different grades and products can be a minefield. We go out of our way to standardise our product range so that your eventual choice is an informed one.

## TESTING

We believe in testing and this is reflected in us ensuring the products we offer comply with the leading international slate standards. Our slates are also tested frequently to ensure that any variations in quality are identified promptly.

## TRACEABILITY

Our branded products have remained the same since 1980 and are traceable right back to source. We never use generic names or numbers to chop and change our offering to the market.

## REFERENCE LIST

Being the pioneers in the importation of natural slate, our reference list is the UK's most comprehensive. There usually always is a local reference to inspect before your specification.

## GUARANTEES

Our guarantees are derived from the tests carried out on the slates as well as their track record of proven performance over the past 35 years.

Our best products are guaranteed to last for over 100 years, outlasting the life of the building they are installed on.

## STOCK HOLDING

We hold an average of 5 million slates at strategic locations across the UK. When your project is ready to be roofed, we are likely to have the stock on the ground for prompt deliver .

NB: Both BS5534 & BS8000 part 6 states that all slates shall be graded as to their thickness and should be sorted prior to fixing. Fixing guide available on request.

“SSQ's premium range of slate come with a lifetime guarantee and that was critical. Not only that, the on-site services promised - and delivered - by SSQ enabled a smooth and easy workflow.”

ROBERT LOGAN,  
ROBERT LOGAN CHARTERED ARCHITECTS, DOAGH



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