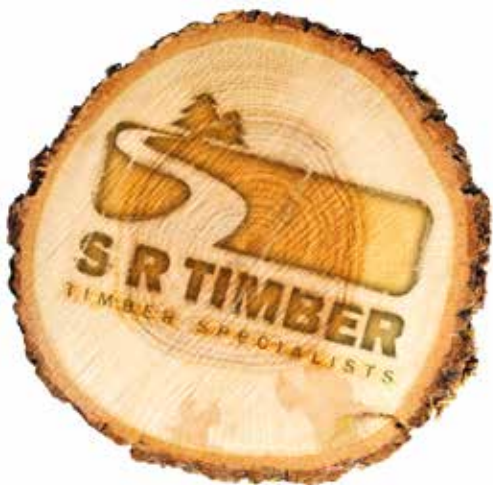


Graded Batten Frequently Asked Questions



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1. Is all coloured batten graded?

Yes, although colouring is not compulsory, it helps installers and inspectors to easily recognise graded batten. What is more important is that the stamping on each piece of batten to BS5534 is correct as well as documentation with the product.

2. I am renovating part of a roof; do I have to use graded batten?

It is recommended by the National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC) that for any roofing works, graded batten should be used and graded prior to delivering to site for installing. Graded batten is consistently available from SR Timber or stockists of SR Timber graded batten. That said, roofers are skilled craftsmen and for a repair project - dependent on the area of roof to be repaired - it is not compulsory to use a fully graded product and the roofer should determine what is fit for purpose as a product/grade for the repair.

3. When do I have to use graded batten?

Graded Batten must be used for all new build roofing works, specified by the National House Building Council (NHBC) and Local Authority Building Control (LABC). The NFRC have also recommended that fully graded batten should be used on all and any type of roofing works. Refer to Q2, regarding repair works.

4. What happens if I don't use graded batten on the roof?

If it is on a new build and the installer cannot prove the batten to be fully graded, there may be an instruction from the inspectors/ clerk of works to strip the roof and re-install using a fully graded batten. This is particularly relevant to new build roofing works and complete re-roofing works. This ensures properties comply with the guarantees stated by the NHBC and LABC.

5. What sizes does batten come in?

Graded batten comes in two dimensions only;

- 25x38mm
- 25x50mm

It is also distributed in different lengths, ranging from 3.0m up to 5.4m in increments of normally 0.3m.

Predominantly, deliveries will consist of a greater proportion of lengths in between 4.2m and 5.4m - specifically 4.8m.

- Lengths of 3.0m and 3.3m are classed as 'Short Lengths'.
- Lengths of 3.6m and 3.9m are classed as 'Medium Lengths'.
- The balance of lengths between 4.2m and 5.4m being classed as 'Long Lengths'.

For usage it is fair to offer customers the following:

A mixture of short, medium and long lengths.

The shorter lengths will be good for tiling low elevations, porches, bays and for use in valleys, medium lengths are good for garages, with longer lengths for main roof. However, for the main roof it is good practice to use a variety of lengths to ensure minimum waste and help ensure the staggering of joints and that installation of battens meets British Standards.

6. What makes Premium Gold the right choice to use?

Premium Gold is a correctly produced British Standard batten that conforms in every aspect set out in BS 5534. It is full in size and consistent in thickness with no product finishing under 25mm as stipulated by the British Standards. The width measurements of Premium Gold graded batten conforms to British Standard tolerances and finish above the minimum width dimension of 35mm for 25x38mm battens and 47mm for 25x50mm battens.

Knots which appear in premium gold batten, are also correct in size which provides maximum strength to carry the roof covering. Premium Gold batten is fully and correctly treated to British Standards 8417 and is at the correct moisture content set out in BS 5534. Overall and in every respect, Premium Gold is a British Standard Graded batten.

7. Where does Premium Gold come from?

Premium Gold batten is produced in Latvia - on the map it sits between Estonia and Lithuania forming the three countries of the Baltic States. Over many years Latvia has led the way in the production of graded batten.

8. Is all SR Timber batten from sustainable sources?

Yes - SR Timber is only produced from well managed and sustainable sources and carries an FSC chain of custody certification, covering the sustainability and legality of the material.

9. Are you members of any trade organisational bodies?

Yes - SR Timber are members of several organisations, including:

- TTF (Timber Trade Federation)
- TTF'S RRP Certification - (Responsible Purchasing Policy)
- NFRC (National Federation of Roofing Contractors)
- Trada membership
- Full Chain of Custody Certification with both FSC & PEFC organisations.

We class being members of trade bodies as an important investment, which benefits both ourselves and our customers.

10. Does SR Timber batten come with a guarantee?

SR Timber offer a 60-year warranty against insect attack and wood rotting fungi (when used correctly and installed above dpc level in buildings). You can find full details on our product data sheets on our website.

11. Can you offer technical backup and support?

This is an area where we are very passionate about and lead the market. As a team, the vast majority of employees within SR Timber are qualified timber graders, with qualifications to grade batten to BS 5534 which of course gives confidence and peace of mind to you our customer. We can back up what we say and offer guidance in all aspects of our products. We ensure that the batten you purchase is to what it supposed to be.

Led by Shaun Revill, Trading Director SR Timber, has been involved with the production and distribution of roofing battens for over 27 years. Shaun is a qualified structural timber grader, a trained grader of battens, scaffold boards and cedar shingles and he has also served time on the roofs, coming from a family of five generations of Slaters &

Tilers. All other members of the senior team have experience ranging from time served as qualified joiners, to production and stock managers - all being directly and indirectly involved with roofing battens for over 20 years.

12. How do you compare against alternative suppliers?

Like for like and against any other product, SR Timber's Premium Gold graded batten is a stand out performer. If customers want a correct graded batten which measures in dimension correctly, has the correct size knots and configuration, priced competitively, SR Timber is a supplier you should be working with. However, we cannot and will not compete with sub-standard, lesser graded batten.

We promise not to cut corners, offering our clients and their customers only the best batten which falls within the rules set out in BS 5534.

13. Can I order more than one size?

Yes - Orders can consist of either of the two dimensions of graded batten - 25x38mm and 25x50mm.

14. What is the minimum quantity you will deliver? - can you deliver half loads?

SR Timber can deliver half loads - which is approximately 20m³ or 16,000 metres (dependent on lengths) this is our minimum quantity.

15. Can you deliver straight to site for me?

SR Timber predominantly deliver to merchant's yards, who in turn deliver the batten together with any other roofing products to their customers. It is possible for SR Timber to deliver to site; however, minimum volumes are required, refer to Q14. It is important that there is sufficient room to offload materials safely either by a forklift, which should be on site, or a crane-offload vehicle. This can be offered, if available, and should be requested when placing your order.

16. What is the delivery time, and can I stipulate an AM or PM slot?

An AM or PM delivery slot can be arranged on request when placing your order. Delivery time is normally between 48-72 hours from the order being placed.

17. Can you deliver nationally?

Yes - SR Timber deliver to merchant distributors nationwide. Delivery again will normally be between 48-72 hours.

18. What happens if I have an issue with my batten?

As a business we are extremely open and inform our customers that timber is a natural product and although SR Timber batten will always conform with British standards, sometimes issues can arise. Customers who experience any problems should contact either their account manager or the SR Timber offices, where a member of the team will be there to assist and help in every way.



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