



HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

Non-Compliant Roof Battens

WHAT HAPPENED

The National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC) and the HBF have sent out guidance relating to the fact that there is a large volume of fake roof batten in the UK that has been incorrectly stamped with BS5534.

Non-compliant roof batten **MUST NOT** be installed, as they can lead to an increase in failures and accidents.

ACTION TO TAKE

WHO NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION: Contracts Managers, SMs/, Site Teams and Roofers

WHAT TO DO

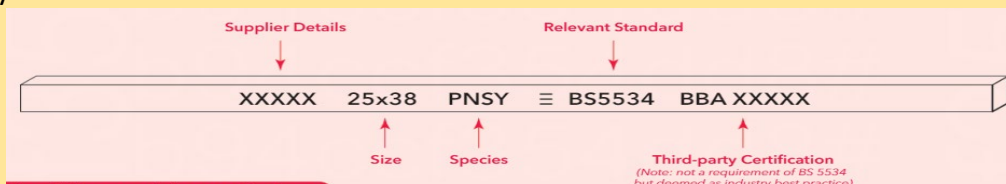
- Battens must be a minimum size of 50mm x 25mm (maximum span 600 mm). They must also meet the grading requirements specified in BS 5534.
- Do not use non-compliant roof battens.
- Pre use checks of the battens must be carried out by the roofer.

HOW TO IDENTIFY COMPLIANT BATTENS

The NFRC has issued the following checklist for compliance, following BS 5334 requirements.

Check that each batten is individually marked with:

- Suppliers' details
- Batten size
- Species
- Relevant Standard (in this case BS 5534)
- Third-party certification



If in doubt, do not use the roof batten and speak to your site manager or roofing contracts manager.