

Product Data Sheet – Richmond



Material	Richmond - Diamond Sawn Natural Sandstone.
Description	Richmond is a fine-grained cream-buff coloured sandstone selected for its quality, durability, colouring, and versatility.
Country of Origin	Spain.

Test Properties - Summary

Water Absorption	EN 13755 - 3.6%	Slip Resistance	EN 1341 – 72.8mm
Flexural Strength	EN 12372 - 6.3 Mpa	Abrasion	EN 1341 - 20.62mm
Compressive Strength	EN 22185 - 49 Mpa	Apparent Density	EN 1936 - 2.452 Kg/cm2
Frost Resistance	EN 12371 - Approved	Thermal Emissivity	0.81 E
Please note: Sandstone is a natural product, and all results are indicative and subject to variations. Production tolerances, expect +2mm			

Aftercare

Natural stone can age gracefully with time. It is often considered that natural stone is at its best when mature, aged and naturally 'bedded in' to its environment. You might consider leaving the stone in its natural form to allow time, use and the elements to impart the aesthetic that makes a natural product unique. On the other hand, consideration might be given to ways of maintaining the original, newly quarried form for as long as possible. Another consideration might be to safety, such as reduced slip resistance from the build-up of organic growth.

Moss, Lichens, Algae etc.

If you have concerns over reduced slip resistance due to the build-up of a green substance on your paving or setts then we suggest removal via a hosepipe or careful use of high-pressure water jet. Green growth will usually appear in areas of low traffic and high planting, also in areas subject to damp and with little or no direct sunlight. The growth cannot be stopped entirely by applying a sealant as it can still grow on top of the sealant. Certain products such as moss inhibitors may alleviate the problem. We would point you to www.lithofin.com in your research to find suitable products for use on natural stone. Careful use and application on test areas are always recommended.

Stain Protection

If you wish to retain the newly quarried colouring of your natural stone and reduce the effect of natural ageing then you can apply products that will offer protection against staining. There are many products on the market offering various properties. Be sure to conduct a thorough test sample prior to applying as some products can influence colouring, appearance and slip resistance of the natural materials. Again, www.lithofin.com is a good starting point for product research.

Cleaning

We suggest the best method of cleaning is to wash down with a hose pipe. Careful use a high-pressure water jet if a more intensive clean is required being mindful not to wash out the aggregate or pointing that may be in the joints. We do not recommend the use of acid-based cleaners due to their invasive actions. Discolouration will likely occur with the use of acid-based patio and brick cleaners. Other natural stone cleaners should be used with care and sufficient tests carried out in an inconspicuous area prior to widespread application.

Frost / Chemical Protection

All natural stone is porous to some degree. A combination of deep frost and absorbed water content can be harmful to the stone. Prevention of this kind of damage is best dealt with by means of sealing the stone to prevent moisture ingress. Rock salt or other salts can be invasive to natural stone. Use of rock salt is likely to shorten the lifespan of the product due to accelerated erosion. If salt or other invasive chemicals are to be used in the proximity, we suggest at the very least sealing the stone with a product that is salt resistant and re-applying at the specified intervals, applying the salt sparingly and not in concentrated heaps. In some circumstances it may be worth considering alternative, non-natural materials for these areas.