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Agrément Certificate

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Product Sheet 1

MIDLAND LEAD LTD'S CAST PRODUCTS

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This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to Midland Lead Ltd's Cast Lead Sheet, for use as external roofing, cladding and flashing.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Weathertightness — the product has adequate resistance to the passage of moisture (see section 6).

Resistance to wind uplift — when adequately fixed, the product can resist the effects of wind suction (see section 7).

Properties in relation to fire — the product is assigned an A1 classification without the need for testing, by BS 6915 : 2001. In roofs, constructions incorporating the product are assigned either an AA or BA designation to BS 476-3 : 2004, by BS 6915 : 2001; however, restrictions may apply to completed assemblies, depending on the material/components used and the overall construction (see section 8).

Durability — when correctly installed, the durability of the product will be at least equivalent to that of milled lead, with an ultimate life in excess of 60 years (see section 10).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Hardy Giesler
Chief Executive Officer

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Midland Lead Ltd's Cast Lead Sheet, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, will meet or contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement:	A1	Loading
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 7 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	B3(2)	Internal fire spread (structure)
Comment:		The product may be unrestricted under this Requirement. See sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	B4(1)	External fire spread
Comment:		The product is unrestricted by this Requirement. See section 8.3 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	B4(2)	External fire spread
Comment:		The product may be unrestricted under this Requirement. See sections 8.1 and 8.2 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	C2(b)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfy this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	7(1)	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See sections 10.1 and 10.2 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	7(2)	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is unrestricted by this Regulation. See sections 8.3 of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)(2)	Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship
Comment:		Use of the product satisfies the requirements of this Regulation. See sections 9, 10.1 and 10.2 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard:	1.1(a)(b)	Structure
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard. See section 7 of this Certificate.
Standard:	2.1	Compartmentation
Standard:	2.2	Separation
Comment:		The product may be unrestricted by these Standards, with reference to clauses 2.1.15 ⁽²⁾ and 2.2.10 ⁽¹⁾ . See sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of this Certificate.
Standard:	2.6	Spread to neighbouring buildings
Comment:		The product is unrestricted by this Standard with reference to clauses 2.6.4 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 2.6.5 ⁽¹⁾ and 2.6.6 ⁽²⁾ . See section 8.3 of this Certificate.

Standard:	2.7	Spread on external walls
Comment:		The product is unrestricted by this Standard with reference to clause 2.7.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 8.3 of this Certificate.
Standard:	2.8	Spread from neighbouring buildings
Comment:		The product may be unrestricted by this Standard, with reference to clause 2.8.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See sections 8.1 and 8.2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.10	Precipitation
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.10.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 3.10.5 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 3.10.7 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 3.10.8 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.
Regulation:	12	Building standards applicable to conversions
Comment:		All comments given for this product under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ .
		(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation:	23(a)(i)(iii)(b)(i)	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See sections 10.1 and 10.2 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	28(b)	Resistance to moisture and weather
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	30	Stability
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 7 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	35(2)	Internal fire spread — Structure
Comment:		The product may be unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	36(a)	External fire spread
Comment:		The product is unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 8.3 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	36(b)	External fire spread
Comment:		The product may be unrestricted by this Regulation. See sections 8.1 and 8.2 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections: 1 *Description* (1.2) and 13 *Safety* of this Certificate.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2021

In the opinion of the BBA, Midland Lead Ltd's Cast Lead Sheet, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Part 6 *Superstructure (excluding roofs)*, Chapters 6.8 *Fireplaces, chimneys and flues* and 6.9 *Curtain walling and cladding*, and Part 7 *Roofs* Chapters 7.1 *Flat roofs, terraces and balconies* and 7.2 *Pitched roofs*.

CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the product in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 14783 : 2013.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 Midland Lead Ltd's Cast Lead Sheet comprises lead with a fine dispersion of copper.

1.2 The sheet is available in 3, 6 or 12 m rolls⁽¹⁾ up to 1.4 m wide and in the thicknesses⁽²⁾ (and corresponding colour codes) given in Table 1. Tolerance on thickness is $\pm 5\%$.

(1) Other lengths are available to order, up to a length of 30 metres (depending on thickness).

(2) Also available in customised thickness up to 3.6 mm.

Table 1 Code designations for nominal thickness and mass per unit area

Code		Thickness and tolerance (mm)	Mass per m ² and tolerance (kg)
Number	Colour		
3	green	1.32 \pm 0.07	15 \pm 0.75
4	blue	1.80 \pm 0.09	20.4 \pm 1.02
5	red	2.24 \pm 0.11	25.4 \pm 1.77
6	black	2.65 \pm 0.13	30.1 \pm 1.51
7	white	3.15 \pm 0.16	35.7 \pm 1.79
8	orange	3.55 \pm 0.18	40.3 \pm 2.02

2 Manufacture

2.1 The product is manufactured by a continuous casting process, and contains a fine dispersion of copper.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management systems of the manufacturer have been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by BSI (Certificate FS 629362).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The product is delivered in rolls shrink-wrapped onto pallets.

3.2 Each pallet carries the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.3 The rolls should be stored flat on a clean, dry surface clear of the ground, under cover and secure.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Midland Lead Ltd's Cast Lead Sheet.

Design Considerations

4 Use

Midland Lead Ltd's Cast Lead Sheet, when designed and installed in accordance with the relevant parts of BS 5534 : 2014, BS 6915 : 2001, BS 8000-0 : 2014 and BS 8000-6 : 2013 and this Certificate, is satisfactory for use in external roofing, cladding and flashing applications, including use as flashings to cavity trays.

5 Practicability of installation

The product is designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or contractor, experienced with this type of product.

6 Weathertightness



The product, when incorporated into a roofing or cladding system designed and installed in accordance with conventional good practice and section 12 of this Certificate, will adequately resist the passage of moisture.

7 Resistance to wind uplift



The product, when incorporated into a roofing or cladding system designed and installed in accordance with conventional good practice and section 12 of this Certificate, can adequately resist the wind loads likely to be encountered in the UK.

8 Properties in relation to fire

Roof pitches ≤ 70 degrees



8.1 The specific constructions incorporating the product (codes 4 to 8) shown in Table 2 are assigned the classifications shown by BS 6915 : 2001, without the need for testing.

Table 2 Resistance to external fire exposure

Classification	Method	Construction
AA ⁽¹⁾	BS 6915 : 2001 Annex A	Tongued and grooved board or concrete
BA ⁽²⁾	BS 6915 : 2001 Annex A	Square edged boarding

(1) Low vulnerability in Scotland

(2) Medium Vulnerability in Scotland

8.2 This designation may not be achieved by other codes or constructions, and can also be affected by other components of the roof, eg insulation materials, substrates/ decking and membranes. These constructions should

therefore be evaluated by reference to the requirements of the documents supporting the relevant national Building Regulations and any consequent restrictions imposed by those documents, on a case-by-case basis. In the absence of a rating, such constructions should not be used within 20 metres of a boundary (24 metres in Scotland).

Walls (and roof pitches >70°)



8.3 The product is assigned a reaction to fire classification of A1 without the need for testing, by BS 6915 : 2001 and is therefore unrestricted by the documents supporting the national Building Regulations in terms of building height and proximity to a boundary.

All roofs



8.4 Where the products are to be carried over compartment walls, designers must ensure that the roof/wall junction detail provides sufficient resistance to fire penetrating into the neighbouring compartment.

8.5 Designers should refer to the relevant national Building Regulations and guidance for detailed conditions of use, particularly in respect of requirements for substrate fire performance, cavity barriers, service penetrations and combustibility limitations for other materials and components used in the overall construction.

9 Maintenance and repair



9.1 Regular maintenance inspections should be carried out to ensure that rainwater goods are present and in good order, that flashings are secure and that fixings are present and secure.

9.2 Damaged areas can be repaired using traditional techniques.

9.3 The product may be used to repair existing lead flashings, and may be used to repair zinc flashings without introducing a risk of corrosion.

10 Durability



10.1 The fine dispersion of copper (maintained by the casting process) improves the product's resistance to creep and fatigue. When correctly installed, its durability will be at least equivalent to that of milled material, with an ultimate life in excess of 60 years.

10.2 Lead is a corrosion-resistant metal and on weathering forms a strongly adhering and insoluble protective patina. It is compatible with materials likely to be encountered in the situations described in this Certificate. However, in coastal atmospheres, contact between lead and aluminium should be avoided.

10.3 The product can be fixed in contact with most types of hardwood and unpreserved and preserved softwoods (providing any preservative treatment is allowed adequate time for fixation), including those treated with fire retardants. It should be protected from acid-bearing timbers, such as western red cedar, oak or sweet chestnut, by a coat of bitumen paint.

11 Reuse and recyclability

The product is made of lead, which can be recycled.

12 General

12.1 Midland Lead Ltd's Cast Lead Sheet should be installed by specialist roofing contractors using traditional tools and techniques for lead sheet in accordance with the relevant parts of BS 5534 : 2014, BS 6915 : 2001, BS 8000-0 : 2014 and BS 8000-6 : 2013, the Lead Contractors Association's *The ultimate guide to best practice*, and this Certificate.

12.2 Adjacent lengths of lead may be joined by welding, soldering, lead burning or other details. Solder should conform to BS EN ISO 9453 : 2014. The maximum size for a single sheet of cast lead sheet in a particular situation should be determined by reference to BS 6915 : 2001.

12.3 Underlays are necessary to isolate the lead from the substrate and may be of inodorous felt or non-woven polyester felt.

13 Safety

The conventional precautions for handling lead defined in the *Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002*, the *Control of Lead at Work Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003* and the HSE Approved Code of Practice and Guidance *Control of lead at work* must be observed.

Technical Investigations

14 Tests

Tests were conducted and the results assessed to determine:

- tensile strength/elongation/fatigue
- cold bend
- chisel impact
- metallographic analysis
- short-term weathering
- tensile tests on lead-burned joints made using cast and milled lead sheet.

15 Investigations

15.1 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of materials used.

15.2 A practical demonstration of common details in cast and milled lead sheet was observed.

15.3 Data on the product's creep and fatigue resistance was assessed.

15.4 A user survey was conducted to assess the product's performance in use.

Bibliography

BS 476-3 : 2004 *Fire tests on building materials and structures — Classification and method of test for external fire exposure to roofs*

BS 5534 : 2014 + A2 : 2018 *Code of practice for slating and tiling (including shingles)*

BS 6915 : 2001 + A1 : 2014 *Design and construction of fully supported lead sheet roof and wall coverings — Code of practice*

BS 8000-0 : 2014 *Workmanship on construction sites — Introduction and general principles.*

BS 8000-6 : 2013 *Workmanship on building sites — Code of practice for slating and tiling of roofs and walls*

BS EN 13501-5 : 2005 *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Classification using data from external fire exposure to roof tests*

BS EN 14783 : 2013 *Fully supported metal sheet and strip for roofing, external cladding and internal lining — Product specification and requirements*

BS EN ISO 9453 : 2014 *Soft solder alloys — Chemical compositions and forms*

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

16 Conditions

16.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document – it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English Law.

16.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

16.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

16.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

16.5 In issuing this Certificate the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

- the presence or absence of any patent, intellectual property or similar rights subsisting in the product/system or any other product/system
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- actual installations of the product/system, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any works and constructions in which the product/system is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any loss or damage, including personal injury, howsoever caused by the product/system, including its manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal
- any claims by the manufacturer relating to CE marking.

16.6 Any information relating to the manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal of this product/system which is contained or referred to in this Certificate is the minimum required to be met when the product/system is manufactured, supplied, installed, used, maintained and removed. It does not purport in any way to restate the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, or of any other statutory, common law or other duty which may exist at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate; nor is conformity with such information to be taken as satisfying the requirements of the 1974 Act or of any statutory, common law or other duty of care.