

Cardinal Slates are considered to be the most realistic reproduction roof slate available.

The unique and patented vertical casting process gives Cardinal Slates the authentic shape and look of a Cotswold stone slate. **All other manufacturers** use a horizontal moulding process which makes a flat backed slate of incorrect shape giving a featureless 'dead look' to the roof.

Natural stone slates have random tapering edges and a compound irregular shape. This can only be replicated by the two-part vertical moulding system used to make Cardinal slates.



The photograph illustrates how the slight irregularity of Cardinal Slates cast different shadows and bring the roof alive.

Vertical casting gives Cardinal Slates many other benefits:-

1. The perfect **concrete cure** ensures a strong slate. Flat moulding can allow premature drying out and a weak slate
2. Many more **slate moulds**, so repeats in the roof are seen less
3. More **narrow slates**, like a natural stone roof
4. Slight **curvature** in each slate ensures that slates lie better on the roof
5. Rough surface **textures** with added plant food, encourages the growth of lichens and weathering
6. **Nib & nail-hole** moulded into slate for a stronger slate and faster laying on the roof.



Cardinal roof (left)

Natural stone roof (right)

Cardinal slates have been produced since 1994, and planning approval is regularly given for use in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Conservation Areas, including use on or near Grade II Listed Buildings (including one II* so far). Please email us for a list of successful planning applications in your area.

Further benefits of using Cardinal Slates:

1. Advice on usage
2. Batten schedules provided for each roof
3. Matching ridge, hip, and flat and hooded roof vents available
4. Supplied in robust steel crates
5. Single price includes delivery, collection of empty crates, under-eaves, and cutting and breakage allowances. Please see our website for the latest prices.

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