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### Suitable for all roofs.

Tudor roof tiles are used on a full range of new and refurbished buildings, including private residences, commercial developments, barn conversions, historic houses, churches and listed buildings. and numerous National Trust and English Heritage properties.

In addition to the standard sizes of clay plain tiles, peg tiles, ornamentals and associated fittings including the ventilated ridges and bat access tiles, Tudor also specialise in the production of bespoke sized and shaped tiles. These create additional opportunities not only for conservationists but also for architects, who can design roofs that are more impressive than standard projects.

By choosing Tudor Roof Tile, the largest independent English manufacturer of exclusively handmade clay roof tiles, you will be choosing not only a 'foremost brand' but also a mark of craftsmanship and enduring quality that can transform your home! The uniqueness of the tiles with their inherent variation and character adds aesthetic appeal to any roof.



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## Why Buy British Made Roof Tiles?



## Tudor Roof Tiles

The origin and environmental impact of products are factors that a growing number of buyers wish to look into before deciding on a purchase.

We at Tudor Roof Tile believe there are compelling reasons why products made locally can, even if they cost a bit more, compare favourably with those imported from many hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

### So how do you know if it is Made in Britain?

Research has shown that buyers often find it difficult to understand where the products they are looking at are made. Many are given confusing names and labels which do not disclose clearly that they are made outside the UK.

Some factors that might be considered before making a decision are:

#### 1. Environmental Considerations

Most ceramics are fired using fossil fuels. In the UK the predominant fuel used is natural gas whereas many imports have been made using coal or oil which generate much greater carbon emissions, They also need to be transported to the UK which adds to their carbon footprint. We would be deluding ourselves if we believed achieving carbon neutrality in the UK by importing goods with a high carbon footprint was benefiting our environment.

#### 2. Quality

Everyone will inevitably consider price as a major influence on a buying decision but there are other factors that also need to be weighed against this such as the quality and durability of the product, particularly one that

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(Quality continued) ... is expected to last for many decades. If there is a problem the chance of a satisfactory resolution will normally be more straightforward with a local manufacturer.

### **3. Employment**

In order to grow, the British economy needs people to have productive jobs. Based in Kent, Tudor and other manufacturers employ local people, with many being long serving and highly skilled. Not only must the products comply with all relevant British Standards but the production area must also comply with strict rules designed to protect all involved in the production process.

We at Tudor are proud to contribute to the economic vitality of our community by providing jobs and supporting local supply chains and producing traditional roofing materials that contribute to the attractiveness and conservation of the built environment.

### **4. Factory visits**

If you are interested to establish if a product is made in the UK, one way to find out is to ask if you can visit the place they are made. All are welcome to get in touch if they would like to visit Tudor in Lydd on Romney Marsh to see our tiles and fittings being hand moulded, dried and fired.

Please contact us to arrange the visit so that we can ensure you have a suitable guide to help you.

## **Why Buy Tudor Roof Tiles?**

### **Enhance your roof with 'Handmade in Britain' tiles.**

Whether you are restoring an old property or building a brand-new dream home the choice of roof tiles can help to create a stunning roofscape with charm and individuality. Tudor Roof Tile handmade plain and peg tiles have made roofs a real design feature of both modern and historic properties.

### **Quality recognised with awards.**

Over the past 40 years, Tudor tiles have won numerous awards for their authenticity and quality of workmanship. One of the most prestigious was

the 'Best Commercial Property Application using Roof Tiles' award for King's College Music School in Wimbledon, featuring bespoke shaped and sized tiles made by hand using clay.

### **Use of British raw materials.**

Tudor tiles are fired from Etruria Marl clay - reputed to be the best raw material in England for the production of roof tiles. In addition, local sands are used to create the face colours which harmonise and blend naturally into the landscape of English towns, suburbs and countryside.

### **Craftsmanship and quality.**

Handmaking skills and craftsmanship has been refined over the years at Tudor with local staff, many who have been with the company for 20-30 years. They give Tudor tiles their unique characteristics that cannot be copied by modern machine-made processes. Each tile is individually pressed, moulded and trimmed by hand, and then fired in a computer-controlled kiln to ensure consistency where it matters ... in performance, strength and durability.

All Tudor roof tiles are made in accordance with British Standards including BS EN 1304 and independently tested to BS EN 538 for strength and to BS EN 539-2 for frost resistance.

### **Appearance and durability.**

Whether you are restoring a listed property or building a traditional home in a conservation area, planners and conservation officers will often insist on like-for-like replacement roof tiles or a close compatible match to blend with their surroundings. Our sand-faced plain and peg tiles have a naturally weathered and aged appearance and are guaranteed for strength and durability. Please note that if you register the tiles at the time of use, your statutory guarantee will be extended to 30 years.

### **Standard or bespoke.**

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