

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Facing bricks are manufactured by various methods, some of which can give rise to small visual blemishes that have no detrimental effect on the performance of the brick or brickwork.

- Crazing and oil cracks can appear on smooth bricks.
- Fire-cracking tends to occur on stock bricks.
- Small pits can appear on stock bricks where coal is added to the clay mix. When the coal burns out a small void is left, sometimes with some ash left behind.

None of these extend deep into the body of the brick. All occur early enough in the production process that they are bonded by firing and effectively become just a small variation in the shape of the brick surface.

It is within normal expectations for the products and is not indicative of any degradation in durability. Bricks bearing such blemishes have regularly undergone frost resistance testing and suffered no deterioration.

There is no reason to believe that such products are any way faulty or unsuitable for use.

All MBH PLC facing bricks are supplied to the EN 771-1 product standard and are manufactured under an independently verified ISO 9001 factory process control system.

The purpose of this guide is to provide you with a practical specification and design tool. Within the following pages, you may find reference to the wide range of Michelmersh products that are available. We hope that you will find this guide as useful in your everyday work as it was designed to be. We look forward to speaking to you personally, should you require any further information, please contact Michelmersh's Technical Department on 0844 931 0022 or email technical@mbhplc.co.uk.

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