



Technical Guidance

Dpc trays above soldier courses/stone heads

Question

Where provided, can dpc trays be located above the soldier course/stone head over a lintel?

Considerations

- The soldier course, itself, will be permeable to wind-driven rain.
- Locating the tray above the soldier course may cause difficulty with installation of insulation immediately above the lintel and problems of cold bridging/condensation.

Answer

Where trays are required because of the durability or profile of the lintel or the exposure to wind driven rain, there should be no gap between the lintel and the tray at the outer leaf.

For brickwork, weepholes should be provided above the dpc tray at 450mm centres. For stone lintels, the tray will need to extend beyond the lintel to enable weepholes to be provided at each end.