

## CLAY BRICK PACKAGING

Ibstock Brick packaging format will change depending on the factory at which it is manufactured, but will mostly consist of the following components;

- **Strap/banding**: This component holds the structure of the pack in place, with each band holding 1 “leg” of a pack securely.
- **Edge strip**: This component serves multiple purposes. It protects the strap from sharp edges on the corners of some of our products, it secures the pack in a horizontal direction, holding “legs” together and this is where we display important pack information such as the date of packaging and product type, batch codes and general safety information.
- **Void board**: This component is present in packs where there is no turned layer and is used to prevent bricks from falling into the spaces left open so that the pack can be moved with a fork lift. This is generally either a plastic or wooden board.
- **Interleaving paper**: This component is present in most packs in varying quantities, serves to increase the pack stability and provides additional protection to the products from damage.
- **Stretch hoods/bags**: This component is not present at most plants as standard however where it is, it is only present to protect sensitive products from aesthetic weathering and to provide some weather protection and does not form part of our structural packaging.



## Our Due Diligence

We have been making changes to our packaging and packaging standards for a number of years in order to prevent single use plastics and provide better processes for control of our pack security.

To this end, Ibstock has implemented an effective system of testing as standard practice at all sites.

These checks include;

- Edge strip position checks
- Strap position and alignment checks
- Strap tension checks

These quick and simple checks provide our production teams, highlight issues before they impact the safety of our packs and give a quick and easy way to identify any packaging application that needs attention via a go/no go system.

These checks ensure that our packaging is both secure, safe and that a well-protected product reaches our customers. This is of the highest priority for us as the manufacturer to not only supply a high-grade, beautiful product, but most importantly guarantee the pack safety and integrity for all our end users.



**Please note that only certain brick products are supplied on wooden pallets. Many are packed and banded with fork holes only for movement. This should always be confirmed when placing the order.**

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