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Agrément Certificate  
**05/4248**  
Product Sheet 1

## JAMES HARDIE CLADDING SYSTEMS

### HARDIEPANEL

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to HardiePanel<sup>(2)</sup>, a fibre-reinforced Portland cement board for use as an exterior non-loadbearing, decorative cladding over timber stud or masonry walls, or aluminium or steel framework.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

(2) HardiePanel is a registered trademark of James Hardie International Finance B.V.

#### CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.

#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Strength and stability** — the product has acceptable resistance to wind and impact loads (see section 6).

**Performance in relation to fire** — the product is classified as Class 0 or 'low risk', as defined in the national Building Regulations (see section 7).

**Weathertightness** — the product, when installed, is not weathertight and must be used in conjunction with a suitable vapour permeable membrane (see section 8).

**Durability** — the product is durable and can be expected to have a service life in excess of 30 years (see section 10).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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John Albon — Head of Approvals

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# Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, HardiePanel, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



## The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

<b>Requirement:</b> A1	<b>Loading</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product is acceptable for use as set out in sections 4.2 to 4.6 and 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> B4(1)	<b>External fire spread</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The uncoated product is unrestricted by this Requirement. See section 7 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> C2(b)	<b>Resistance to moisture</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product does not provide a watertight or airtight facing. To achieve a weatherproof construction, a breather membrane must be installed. See sections 4.7 and 8 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 7	<b>Materials and workmanship</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product is acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



## The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b> 8(1)(2)	<b>Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See sections 9 and 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 9	<b>Building standards applicable to construction</b>
<b>Standard:</b> 1.1	<b>Structure</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product is acceptable for use, with reference to clause 1.1.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See sections 4.2 to 4.6 and 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 2.6	<b>Spread to neighbouring buildings</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product is not classified as 'non-combustible' and therefore its use will be restricted under clauses 2.6.5 <sup>(1)</sup> and 2.6.6 <sup>(2)</sup> of this Standard. See section 7 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 2.7	<b>Spread on external walls</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product is not classified as 'non-combustible' and therefore its use will be restricted under clause 2.7.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See section 7 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 3.10	<b>Precipitation</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product does not form a watertight or airtight facing. To achieve a weatherproof construction a breather membrane must be installed to meet this Standard, with reference to clause 3.10.5 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See sections 4.7 and 8 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 7.1(a)	<b>Statement of sustainability</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.
<b>Regulation:</b> 12	<b>Building standards applicable to conversions</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	All comments given for this product under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and Schedule 6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . (1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



## The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b> 23(a)(i)(iii)(b)(i)	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product is acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 28(b)	<b>Resistance to moisture and weather</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product does not form a watertight or airtight facing. To achieve a weatherproof construction, a breather membrane must be installed. See sections 4.7 and 8 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 30	<b>Stability</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product is acceptable for use as set out in sections 4.2 to 4.6 and 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 36(a)	<b>External fire spread</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The product is unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 7 of this Certificate.

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, Principal Designer/CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections: 1 *Description* (1.2) and 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.1, 3.2 and 3.4) of this Certificate.

## Additional Information

### NHBC Standards 2014

NHBC accepts the use of HardiePanel, provided it is installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate in relation to *NHBC Standards, Part 6 Substructures (excluding roofs)*, Chapter 6.1 *External masonry walls*, Chapter 6.2 *External timber framed walls* and Chapter 6.9 *Curtain walling and cladding*.

### CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the product in accordance with harmonised European standard BS EN 12467 : 2012. An asterisk (\*) appearing in this Certificate indicates that data shown are given in the manufacturer's Declaration of Performance.

## Technical Specification

### 1 Description

1.1 HardiePanel is a fibre-reinforced Portland cement board, satisfying the requirements of Category A, Class 2 in accordance with BS EN 12467 : 2012.

1.2 The product has the following characteristics:

Thickness (mm)*	8
Width (mm)*	1220
Length (mm)*	2400, 3050
Weight (kg·m <sup>-2</sup> )*	8.6, 11.2
Finish	smooth and cedarmill as standard.

1.3 The product is supplied factory primed and coated with ColorPlus<sup>(1)</sup>. The performance of the primer and ColorPlus, including durability, resistance to fire and UV, has not been assessed by the BBA and is outside the scope of this Certificate.

(1) ColorPlus is a registered trademark of James Hardie International Finance B.V.

1.4 Ancillary materials for use with the product include:

- HardieTrim NT3<sup>(1)</sup> — a 25 mm thick fibre-reinforced cement board, complying with the requirements of Class 1, Category A in accordance with BS EN 12467 : 2012
- breather membrane meeting the requirements of BS 5250 : 2011
- galvanized or stainless-steel screw fixings, 40 mm long by 2.4 mm minimum diameter, with a minimum head diameter of 10 mm — for securing sheets to battens
- stainless steel 304 St/St grade T25 Torx drive screws, 5.5 x 25 mm, with a minimum head diameter of 12 mm — for securing the sheets to aluminium rails fixed to timber studs or masonry
- stainless steel self-drilling/tapping screws, T20 Torx drive 4.8 x 38 mm with a 12 mm head diameter — for securing to timber frame battens.

(1) HardieTrim is a registered trademark of James Hardie International Finance B.V.

1.5 Other items which may be used with the product, but which are outside the scope of this Certificate, are:

- EPDM gasket — used to cover vertical joints on timber
- Hz Z profile — coated aluminium flashing used at horizontal joints.

### 2 Manufacture

2.1 The product is manufactured by a batch blending operation, followed by the Hatschek process and high-pressure steam autoclaving.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

### 3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 HardiePanel and HardieTrim NT3 are delivered on wrapped pallets weighing up to approximately 2200 kg and 900 kg respectively. They can be unloaded using mechanical handling equipment or by manually removing individual boards.

3.2 The boards should be stored flat, under cover and on a dry, level surface. Stacks of loose boards should not exceed one metre in height.

3.3 Each board is marked with the product name and unique manufacturing code.

3.4 The boards contain crystalline silica, and reference should be made to the current version of EH40 *Occupational Exposure Limits*. In particular, when cutting, drilling or sanding in confined areas, dust levels should be controlled using suitable extraction equipment.

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on HardiePanel.

### Design Considerations

#### 4 General

4.1 HardiePanel is satisfactory for use as an exterior non-loadbearing wall cladding over timber-framed, masonry or concrete, or aluminium or steel-framed walls.



4.2 The designer must ensure that the strength and integrity of the intended substrate is commensurate with that required of the cladding system.

4.3 New brickwork or blockwork walls must be constructed in accordance with the relevant sections of BS EN 1996-1-1 : 2005, BS EN 1996-1-2 : 2005, BS EN 1996-2 : 2006, BS EN 1996-3 : 2006 and their respective UK National Annexes, and PD 6697 : 2010 or one of the technical specifications given in the national Building Regulations:

**England and Wales** — Approved Document A, A1/2, Section 2C

**Scotland** — Mandatory Standards 1.1 and 1.2, clause 1.1.1<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic)

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic)

**Northern Ireland** — Technical Booklet D *Structure*.

4.4 Timber stud walls must be constructed in accordance with the relevant sections of BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004 and its UK National Annex, and preservative-treated in accordance with BS 8417 : 2011. Guidance on recommended wood preservation is also given in *NHBC Standards 2014, Part 2 Materials, Chapter 2.3 Timber preservation (natural solid timber)*.

4.5 Studding and framing must be adequately supported by noggings to ensure rigidity.

4.6 A minimum 38 mm drained and ventilated cavity must be maintained behind the cladding, with minimum 500 mm<sup>2</sup> ventilation slots per metre wall length, in accordance with BS 5250 : 2011. This will also satisfy the NHBC requirements (see *NHBC Standards 2014, Chapters 6.2 and 6.9*) for a minimum 38 mm cavity behind cladding installed over timber and steel-framed backing walls.

4.7 The product must be fixed to preservative-treated, good-quality timber battens aligned vertically at 400 mm or 600 mm centres. The minimum batten thickness over timber studs is 25 mm; over masonry substrates this should be increased to accommodate the 40 mm length of the fixings.

4.8 Care should be taken to ensure that sufficient time is allowed for complete fixing or drying of the preservative before the panels are fixed.

4.9 When fixing HardiePanel cladding to metal frames, a sheathing layer of structural OSB or marine plywood must be installed over the face of the metal frame, followed by a weather-resistant membrane and installation of timber battens. Installation of the HardiePanel cladding must thereafter follow the normal installation instructions.

4.10 When fixing HardiePanel cladding to metal rails, these should be adequately fixed to the timber frame studing, masonry and/or concrete with the corresponding brackets specific for the type of application.

4.11 Additional guidance on recommended cavity widths is given in *NHBC Standards 2014, Part 6 Substructure (excluding roofs), Chapter 6.2 External Timber Framed Walls* and Chapter 6.9 *Curtain walling and cladding*.

#### 5 Practicability of installation

The product must be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with this type of product.

#### 6 Strength and stability

##### Wind loading



6.1 Under wind loading, the most likely mode of failure is by pull-through of the fixings owing to wind suction.

6.2 When installed at the appropriate spacings for the specified framing and in accordance with the requirements of this Certificate, the boards can withstand dynamic wind pressures as shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Maximum wind pressure

Frame type	Framing/stud centres (mm)	Fixing type/dimensions (mm)	Fixings centres vertically (mm)	Max wind pressure (kPa)
Timber battens fixed to timber frame or masonry walls	400	2.4 x 40 mm galvanized/ stainless steel screws <sup>(1)</sup>	200	1.9
	600		200	1.2
2.0 mm thick aluminium rail fixed to timber frame or concrete/masonry wall	600	5.5 x 25 mm stainless steel screws <sup>(2)</sup>	400	1.27
Timber battens fixed to timber frame/ masonry walls or timber battens fixed into aluminium rail	400	4.8 x 38 mm stainless steel screws <sup>(2)</sup>	300	1.73

(1) Minimum head diameter 10 mm.

(2) Self-drilling/tapping screw with 12 mm head diameter.

6.3 The permissible dynamic wind pressure may be increased by reducing batten spacing. This is particularly important at the corners of buildings and in exposed locations. In common with all cladding, the adequacy of a proposed installation must always be checked by a suitably-qualified engineer, who should include in the check the adequacy of the fixing of battens to the substrate (outside the scope of this Certificate).

6.4 The cladding should not be taken into account when designing a timber stud wall, with or without an additional metal rail, to resist racking forces.

6.5 Wind loads should be calculated in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005 and its UK National Annex.

### Resistance to impact

6.6 Results of impact resistance tests indicate that the product performed in a satisfactory manner. The product is considered suitable for use in areas where there is little possibility of impact or abrasion damage, ie at low levels in areas of restricted access or at higher levels in public areas. The product is therefore suitable for use in Categories C to F as described in Table 2:

Table 2 Access categories

Category	Description	Examples	
C	Accessible mainly to those with some incentive to exercise care. Some chance of accident occurring and of misuse	Walls adjacent to private open gardens. Back walls of balconies	} Zone of wall up to 1.5 m above pedestrian or floor level
D	Only accessible, but not near a common route, to those with high incentive to exercise care. Small chance of accident occurring or of misuse	Walls adjacent to small fenced decorative gardens with no through paths	
E	Above zone of normal impacts from people but liable to impacts from thrown or kicked objects	1.5 m to 6 m above pedestrian or floor level in public areas	
F	Above zone of normal impacts from people but not liable to impacts from thrown or kicked objects	Wall surfaces of high positions other than those defined in E above	

## 7 Performance in relation to fire

 7.1 The product has an A2-s1,d0\* classification in accordance with EN 13501-1 : 2002.

 7.2 The product is classified as Class 0 or 'low risk' as defined in the various national Building Regulations.

7.3 Care must be taken when selecting a coating system to ensure that the fire performance of the installation is not compromised.

## 8 Weathertightness

 8.1 The product is not airtight, watertight or water-vapour tight. When used on timber stud walls it must be backed by a breather membrane acting as a vapour-permeable water barrier, incorporated behind the cladding under the supporting battens. This breather membrane must meet the requirements of BS 5250 : 2011 and have a vapour resistance less than 0.6 MN·s·g<sup>-1</sup>.

8.2 Where the product is used as a decorative facing attached to weathertight masonry walls, a water barrier is not necessary as the amount of water that will penetrate the cladding will be small and will not have an adverse effect on the wall.

8.3 If the product is used in the renovation of a masonry wall which is structurally sound but not fully weathertight, the use of a vapour-permeable water barrier is advisable.

8.4 When used on metallic frames of aluminium or steel, the structural OSB/marine plywood sheathing must be backed up by a breather membrane to provide a vapour-permeable water barrier.

8.5 Provision must always be made to allow water that has penetrated behind the cladding to drain away.

## 9 Maintenance



Periodic inspections should be carried out to assess the need for cleaning, maintenance painting, localised repairs and replacing of elements such as joint seals and fixings. Advice regarding recoating and maintenance procedures can be sought from the Certificate holder.

## 10 Durability



10.1 When installed in accordance with this Certificate and the Certificate holder's instructions, and subjected to normal conditions of exposure and use, the product will have an estimated service life in excess of 30 years.

10.2 In common with other cementitious materials the matrix material can become brittle over time. This can be minimised by the selection of an appropriate coating and regular maintenance painting.

## Installation

### 11 General

11.1 HardiePanel is installed on external braced timber studs, conventional masonry, or aluminium or steel frames over timber studding, masonry or concrete.

11.2 Large cut-outs can be made using a circular saw, and small holes may be drilled using a carbide-tipped masonry bit, or scored and broken out with a hammer. Detailing around penetrations can be carried out using cutting tools.

### 12 Procedure

12.1 When required, a breather membrane (see section 8.1) is laid along the wall, with minimum laps of 150 mm.

12.2 Timber wall battens should be fixed over the breather membrane in accordance with section 4.9.

12.3 When installing the boards, a ventilation grille is installed and provision made for a 10 mm drip edge at the base of the first sheet (see Figure 1).

Figure 1 Typical framework

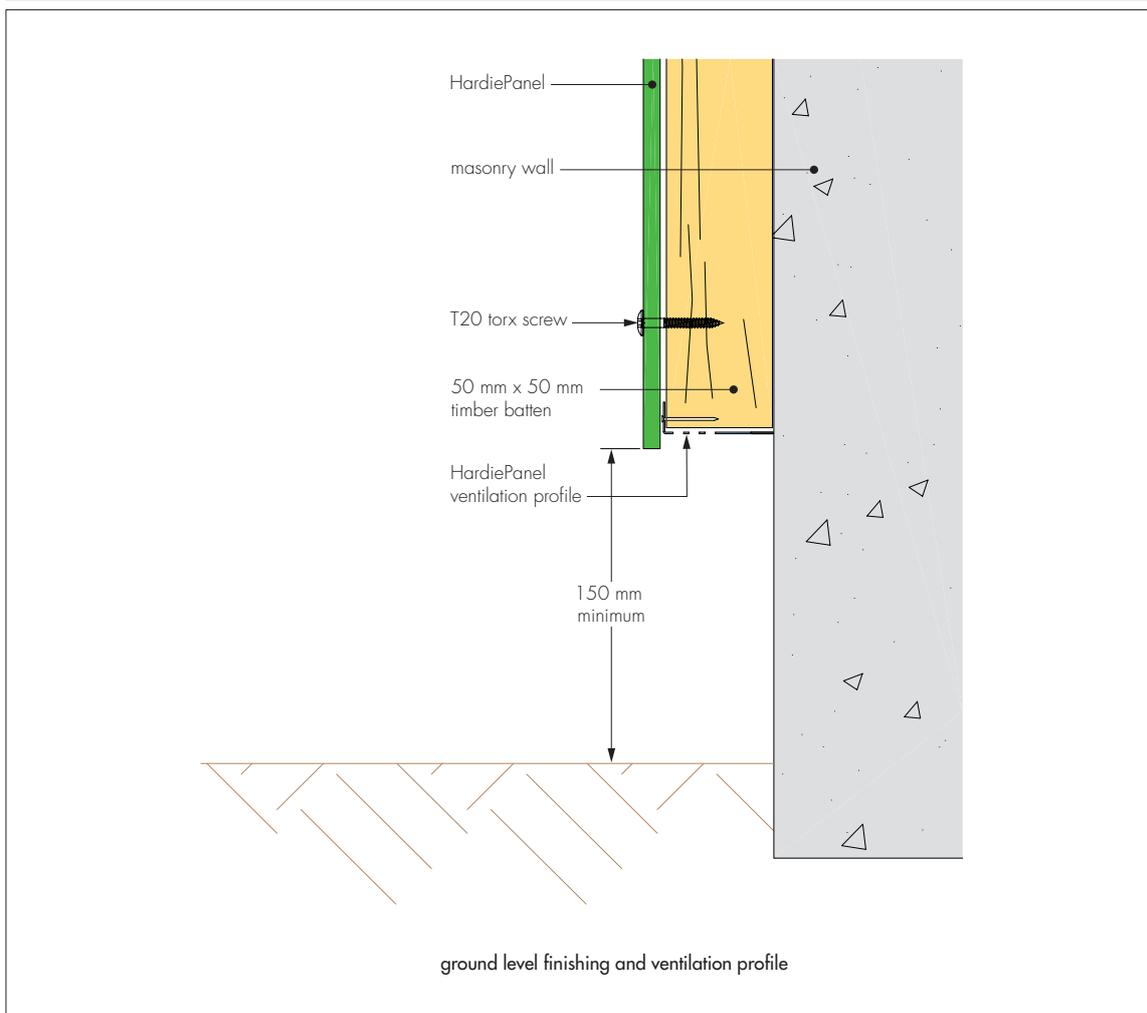
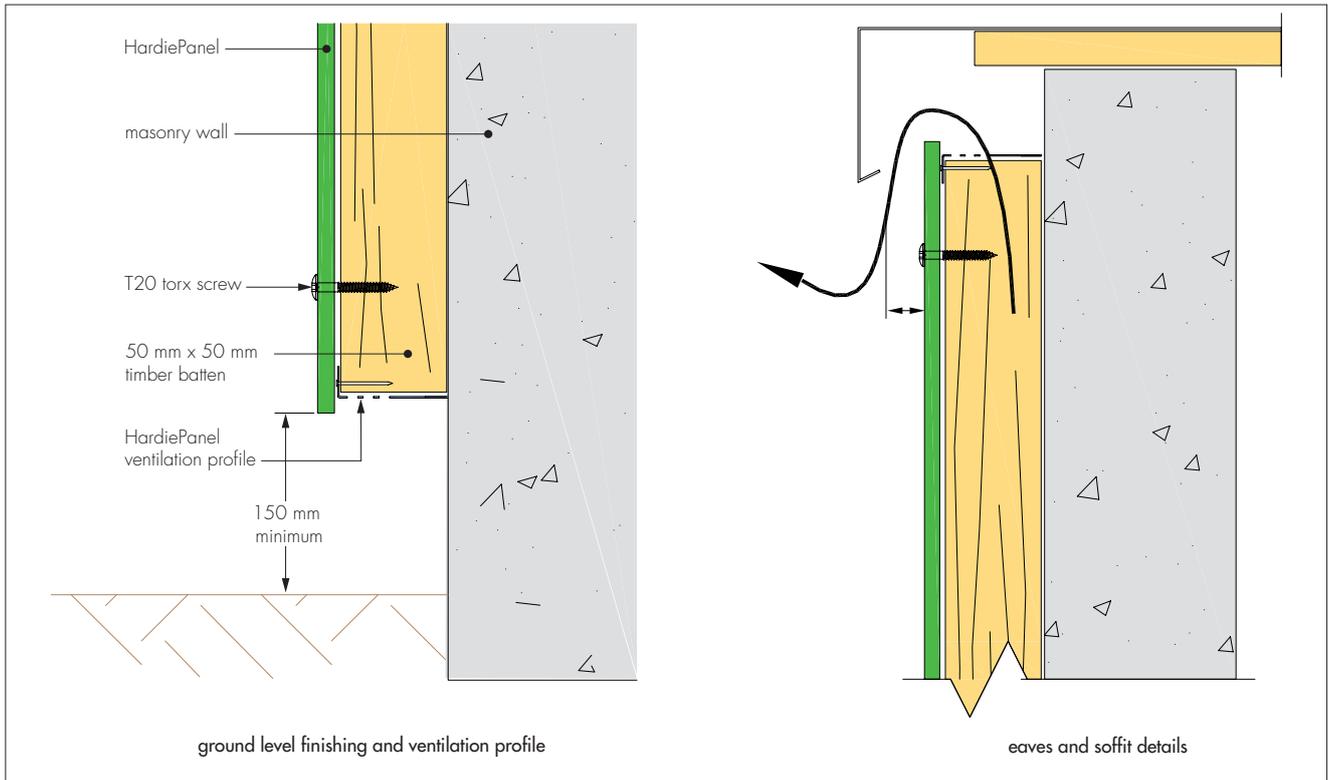


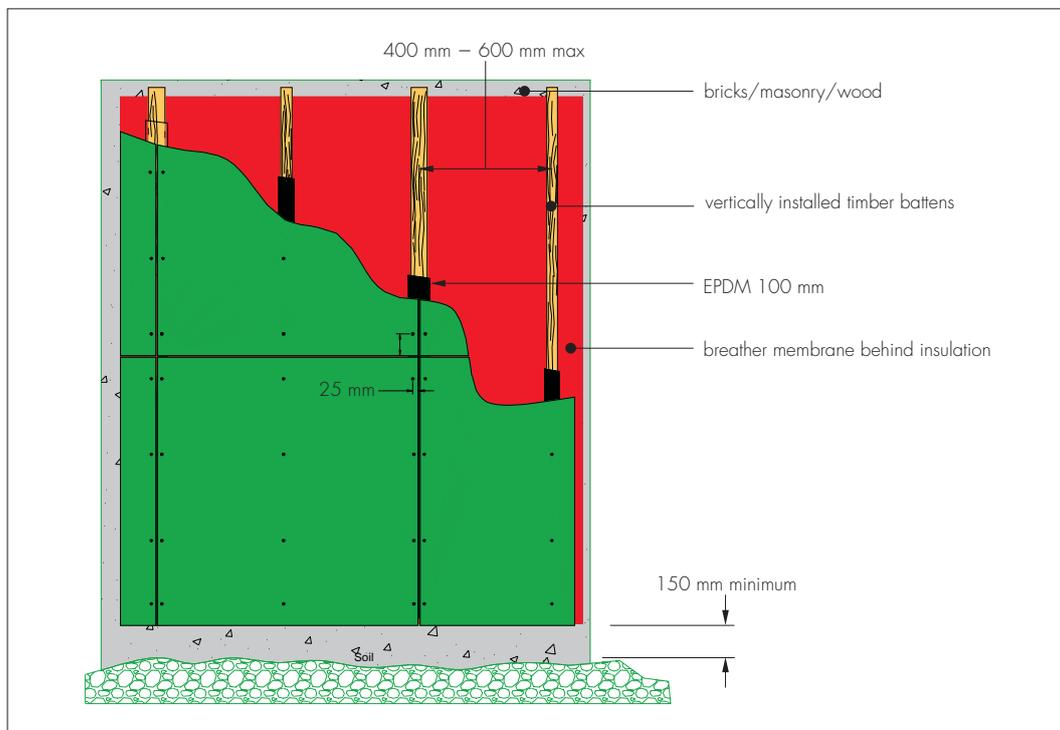
Figure 2 Parapet detail



12.4 Provision for ventilation must also be made at the top of the board (see Figure 3).

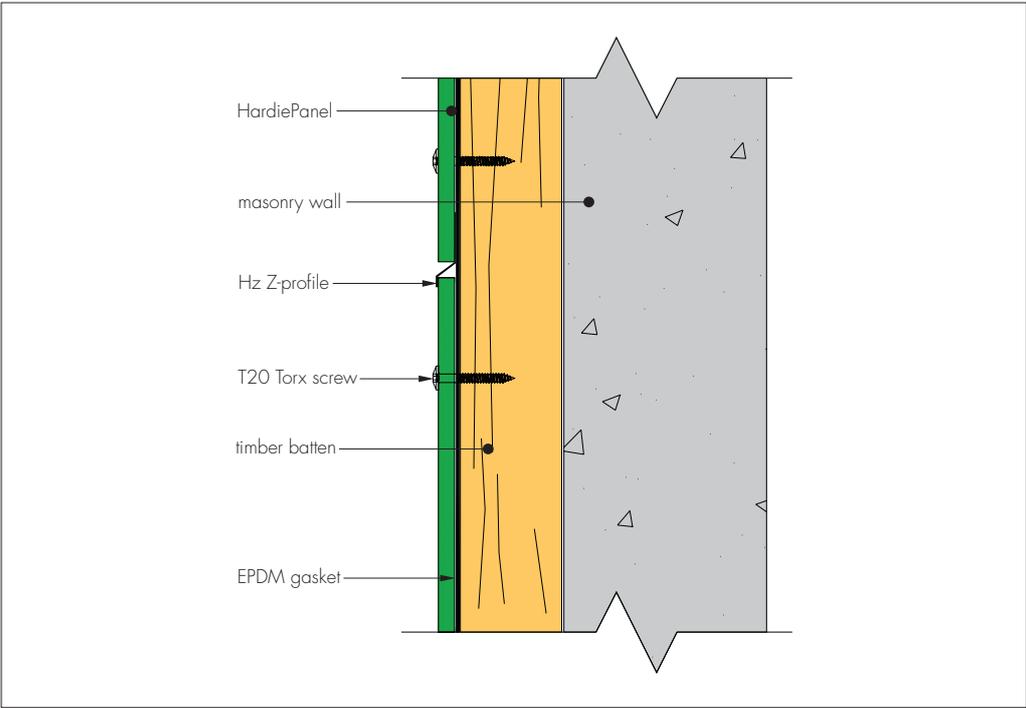
12.5 The boards are fixed to the battens or aluminium/steel rails using screw fixings as described in section 1.4. Fixings must be a minimum of 12 mm from vertical edges and 30 mm from the bottom and top edges (see Figures 3 and 5).

Figure 3 Fixing detail on timber frame



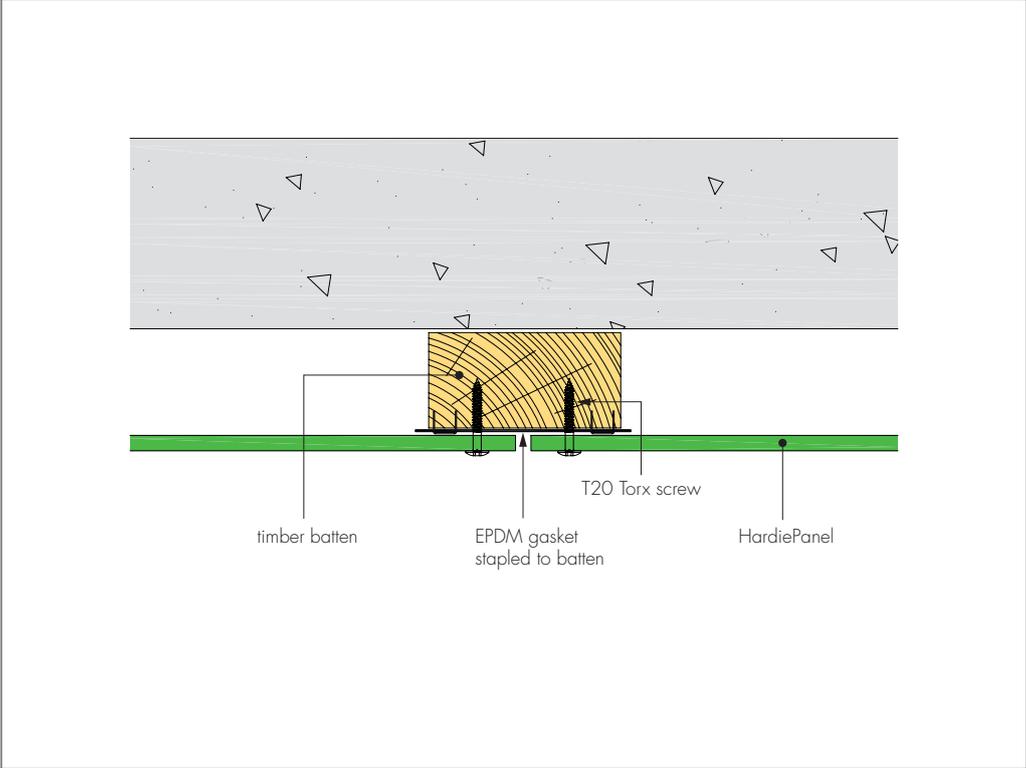
12.6 Where a horizontal joint occurs between boards, the joint can be left open 6–8 mm (express joint), protected with Hardie Hz flashing, concealed with HardieTrim NT3 or butt-jointed. Third-party approved H-profiles of PVC or painted aluminium are also permitted (see Figure 4).

Figure 4 Horizontal jointing detail — timber batten



12.7 Where vertical joints are required, the boards are butted together to form a joint that can be concealed using either an H-profile trim or HardieTrim NT3. Alternatively an ‘express’ joint is made between boards by using a UV-resistant EPDM gasket behind the joints (see Figures 5 and 8). In the latter case, the edges of the board must be painted.

Figure 5 Vertical jointing on masonry wall — timber frame



12.8 Building expansion joints must be followed through the boards and these must be not more than 10 m apart, or in accordance with the requirements of the substrate if less than 10 m.

12.9 When installing on timber battens, the corner junction can be made either with the HardiePanel Metal External Corner Profile or by a simple butt joint, leaving a 1 mm expansion gap between boards. In all cases, the corner must be structurally supported by using fully blocked timber battens (see Figure 6).

Figure 6 Corner detail on timber frame

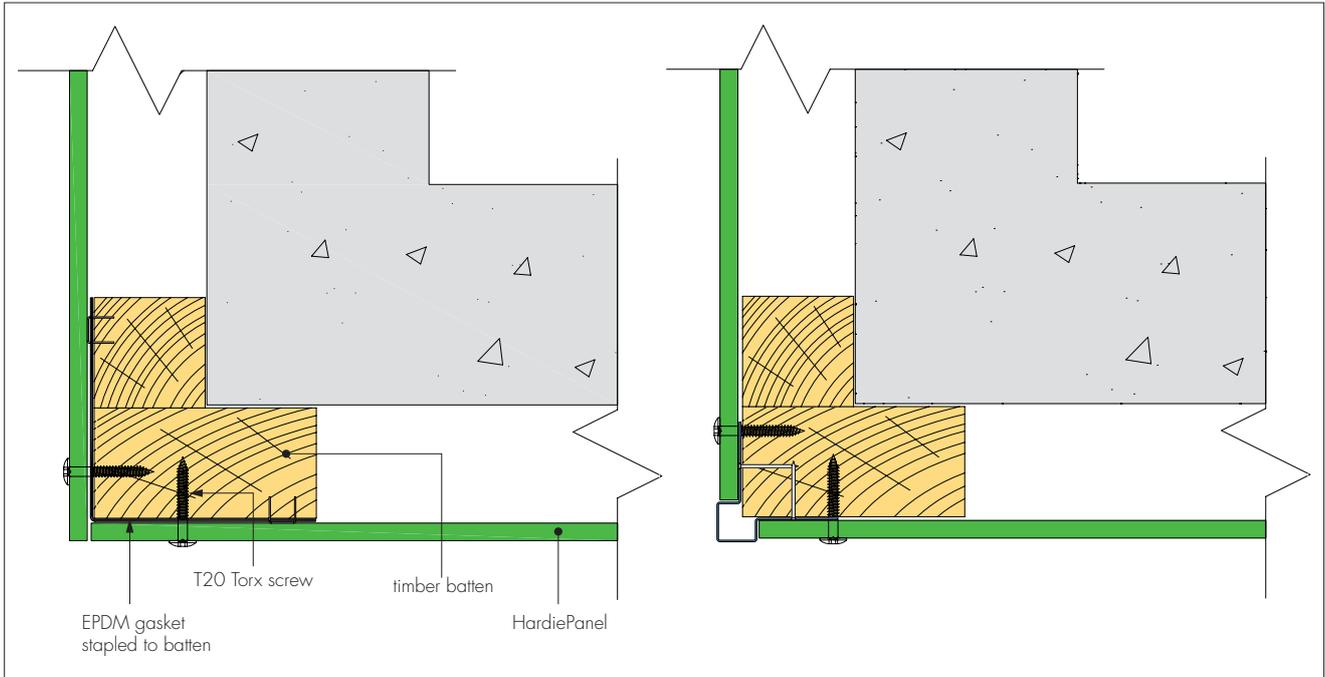


Figure 7 Fixing detail on metal frame

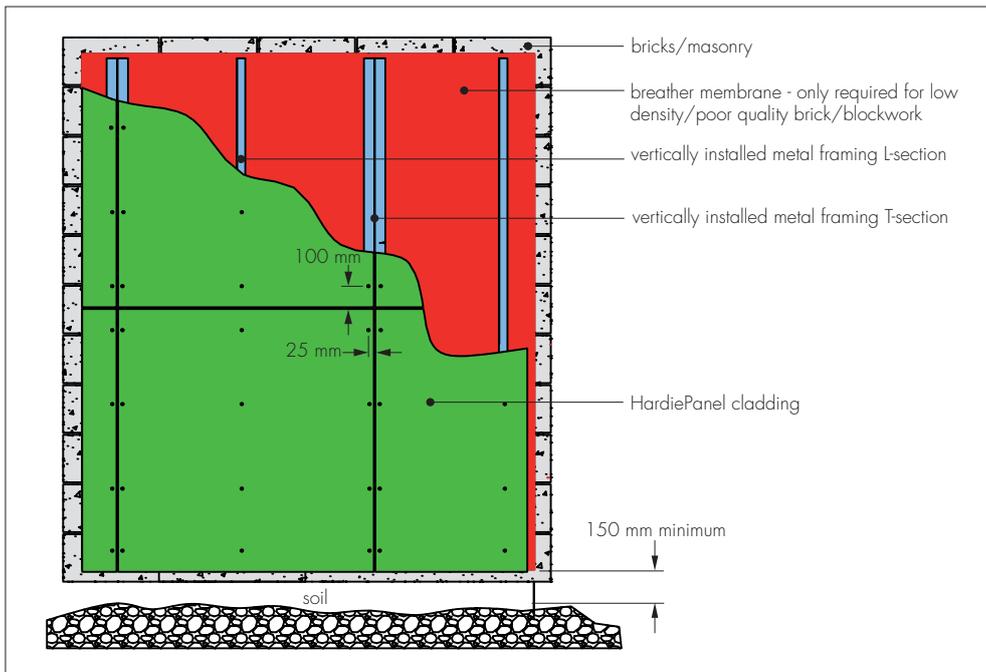
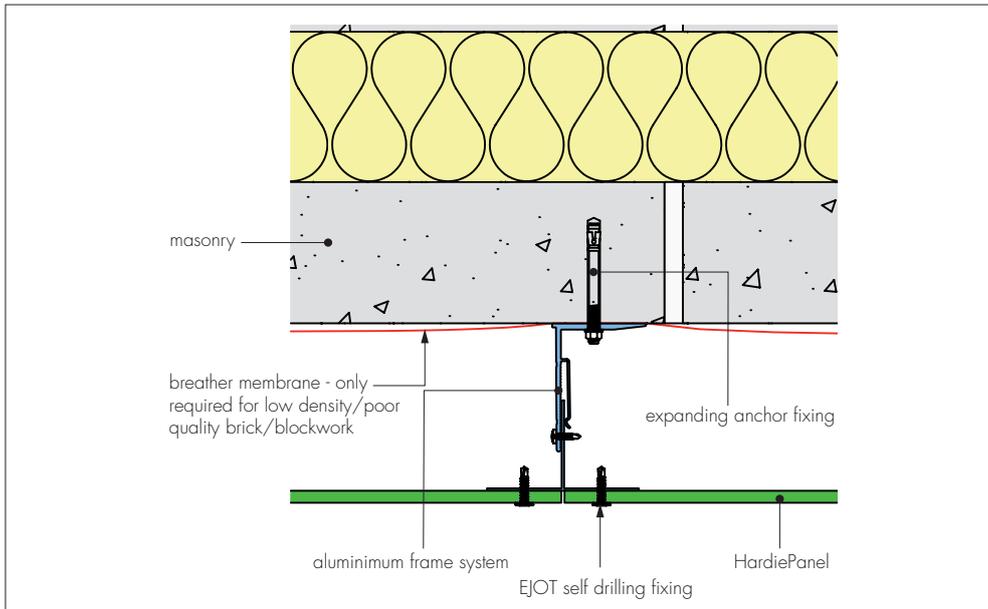


Figure 8 Vertical joint on masonry — metal frame



12.10 When installing on metal framing, the corner junction can be made either with the HardiePanel Metal External Corner Profile or by a simple joint butt, leaving a 1 mm expansion gap between boards. In all cases the corner must be structurally supported by using the Nvelope corner bracket system (see Figures 9 and 10).

Figure 9 Corner detail on metal framing using MetalTrim external corner

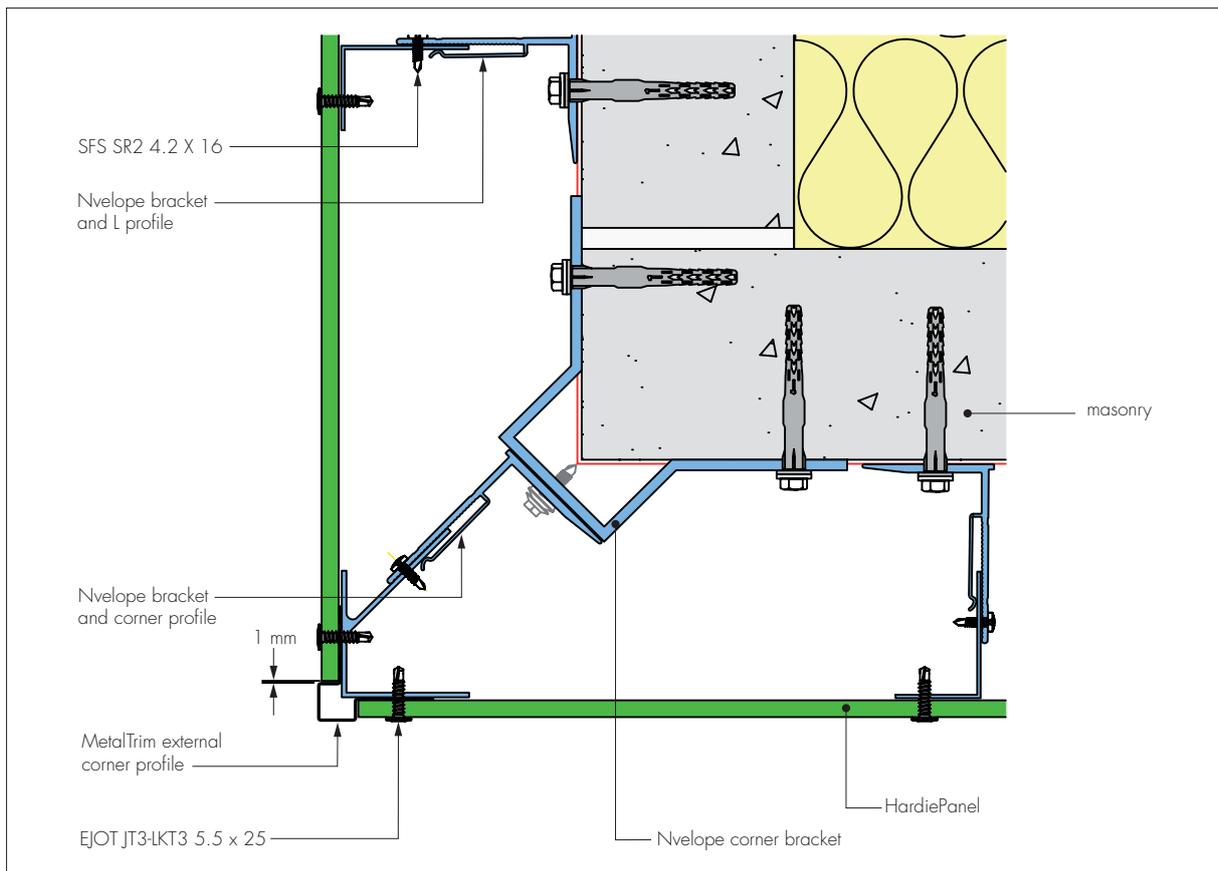
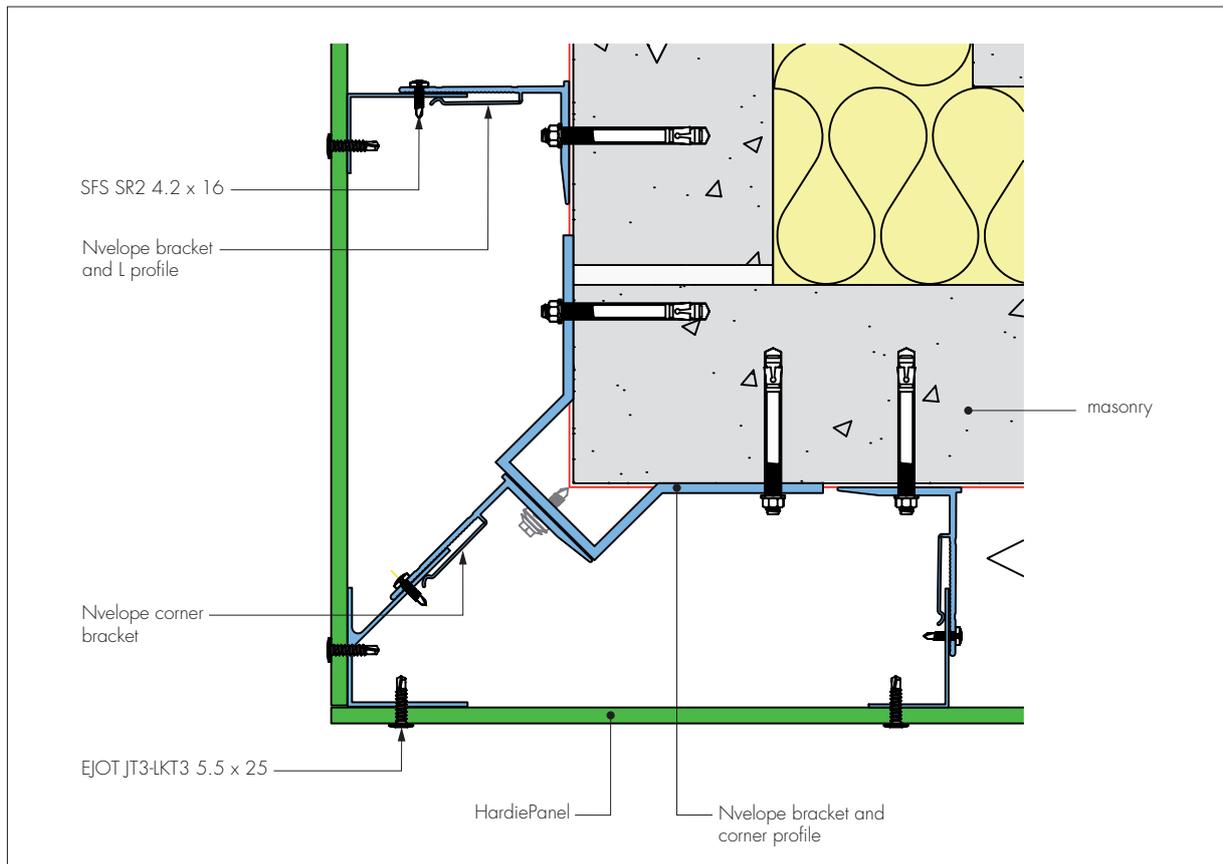


Figure 10 Concealed corner detail on metal framing



12.11 When HardiePanel is used with Nvelope brackets and rails, these must be adjusted, levelled and fixed appropriately to the substrate and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, prior to receiving the cladding panels.

### 13 Repair

Under normal conditions of use, the product is unlikely to suffer more than cosmetic damage, but, should large cracks or breakages occur, damaged panels should be replaced as soon as possible. This may require the temporary removal of undamaged planks above the damaged area.

## Technical Investigations

### 14 Tests

Tests were carried out and the results assessed to determine:

- water absorption
- water vapour permeability
- resistance to hard body impact
- resistance to soft body impact
- ease of overcoating
- adhesion of coatings.

### 15 Investigations

15.1 An assessment was made on data to EN 12467 : 2012, in relation to:

- dimensions\*
- bending strength\*
- apparent density\*
- resistance to freeze/thaw\*
- resistance to water soak\*
- resistance to soak/dry cycling\*
- resistance to heat/rain cycling\*
- water impermeability\*.

15.2 An assessment was made of existing data relating to:

- fire propagation
- surface spread of flame
- resistance to wind loading.

15.3 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

15.4 Visits were made to sites where the product has been in service.

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BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004 *Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures — General*

NA to BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004 UK National Annex to *Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures — General*

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PD 6697 : 2010 *Recommendations for the design of masonry structures to BS EN 1996-1-1 and BS EN 1996-2*

## 16 Conditions

16.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page — no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document — it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English Law.

16.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

16.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

16.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

16.5 In issuing this Certificate, the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

- the presence or absence of any patent, intellectual property or similar rights subsisting in the product/system or any other product/system
- the right of the Certificate holder to manufacture, supply, install, maintain or market the product/system
- actual installations of the product/system, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any works and constructions in which the product/system is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any loss or damage, including personal injury, howsoever caused by the product/system, including its manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal
- any claims by the manufacturer relating to CE marking.

16.6 Any information relating to the manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal of this product/system which is contained or referred to in this Certificate is the minimum required to be met when the product/system is manufactured, supplied, installed, used, maintained and removed. It does not purport in any way to restate the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, or of any other statutory, common law or other duty which may exist at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate; nor is conformity with such information to be taken as satisfying the requirements of the 1974 Act or of any statutory, common law or other duty of care.