

Trade Terms and Conditions of Sale

S&A Builders Merchants Ltd

These terms do not apply if you are a consumer, where a consumer means any person acting for purposes outside his trade, business or profession. If you are a consumer please ask for a copy of our "**Consumer Terms and Conditions of Sale**".



Buyer's attention is in particular drawn to the provisions of condition 11.4.

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 The definitions and rules of interpretation in this condition apply in these conditions.

Buyer: the person, firm or company who purchases the Goods from the Company.

Company: S&A Builders Merchants Limited

Contract: any contract between the Company and the Buyer for the sale and purchase of the Goods, incorporating these conditions.

Delivery Point: the place where delivery of the Goods is to take place under condition 4.

Goods: any goods agreed in the Contract to be supplied to the Buyer by the Company (including any part or parts of them).

Recipient: the person, firm or company to whom the goods are delivered when it is not the buyer.

1.2 A reference to a particular law is a reference to it as it is in force for the time being taking account of any amendment, extension, application or re-enactment and includes any subordinate legislation for the time being in force made under it.

1.3 Words in the singular include the plural and in the plural include the singular.

1.4 A reference to one gender includes a reference to the other gender.

1.5 Condition headings do not affect the interpretation of these conditions.

2. APPLICATION OF TERMS

2.1 Subject to any variation under condition 2.3 the Contract shall be on these conditions to the exclusion of all other terms and conditions (including any terms or conditions which the Buyer purports to apply under any purchase order, confirmation of order, specification or other document).

2.2 No terms or conditions endorsed on, delivered with or contained in the Buyer's purchase order, confirmation of order, specification or other document shall form part of the Contract simply as a result of such document being referred to in the Contract.

2.3 These conditions apply to all the Company's sales and any variation to these conditions and any representations about the Goods shall have no effect unless expressly agreed in writing and signed by the Director of the Company. The Buyer acknowledges that it has not relied on any statement, promise or representation made or given by or on behalf of the Company which is not set out in the Contract. Nothing in this condition shall exclude or limit the Company's liability for fraudulent misrepresentation.

2.4 The Company reserves the right to alter these Terms and Conditions without notice to the Buyer. Changes will apply to any subsequent orders received.

2.5 Each order or acceptance of a quotation for Goods by the Buyer from the Company shall be deemed to be an offer by the Buyer to buy Goods subject to these conditions.

2.6 No order placed by the Buyer shall be deemed to be accepted by the Company until a written acknowledgement of order is issued by the Company or (if earlier) the Company delivers the Goods to the Buyer.

2.7 The Buyer shall ensure that the terms of its order and any applicable specification are complete and accurate.

2.8 Any quotation is given on the basis that no Contract shall come into existence until the Company despatches an acknowledgement of order to the Buyer. Any quotation is valid for a period of 30 days only from its date, provided that the Company has not previously withdrawn it.

2.9 The Company reserves the right to withdraw a Quotation at any time before the receipt of an order from the Buyer subject to notifying the Buyer.

3. DESCRIPTION

3.1 The quantity and description of the Goods shall be as set out in the Company's quotation or acknowledgement of order.

3.2 All samples, drawings, descriptive matter, specifications and advertising issued by the Company and any descriptions or illustrations contained in the Company's catalogues or brochures are issued or published for the sole purpose of giving an approximate idea of the Goods described in them. They shall not form part of the Contract and this is not a sale by sample.

4. DELIVERY

4.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Company, delivery of the Goods shall take place at the branch where the goods were ordered.

4.2 The Buyer shall take delivery of the Goods within 7 days of the Company giving it notice that the Goods are ready for delivery and the Company may invoice the Buyer prior to delivery of the goods should the buyer request the delay of delivery.

4.3 Any dates specified by the Company for delivery of the Goods are intended to be an estimate and time for delivery shall not be made of the essence by notice. If no dates are so specified, delivery shall be within a reasonable time.

4.4 Subject to the other provisions of these conditions the Company shall not be liable for any direct, indirect or consequential loss (all three of which terms include, without limitation, pure economic loss, loss of profits, loss of business, depletion of goodwill and similar loss), costs, damages, charges or expenses caused directly or indirectly by any delay in the delivery of the Goods (even if caused by the Company's negligence), nor shall any delay entitle the Buyer to terminate or rescind the Contract unless such delay exceeds 180 days.

4.5 If for any reason the Buyer fails to accept delivery of any of the Goods when they are ready for delivery, or the Company is unable to deliver the Goods on time because the Buyer has not provided appropriate instructions, documents, licences or authorisations or there is no suitable road to the point where delivery is requested:

- (a) risk in the Goods shall pass to the Buyer (including for loss or damage caused by the Company's negligence);
- (b) the Goods shall be deemed to have been delivered; and
- (c) the Company may store the Goods until delivery, whereupon the Buyer shall be liable for all related costs and expenses (including, without limitation, storage and insurance).

4.6 The Buyer shall provide at the Delivery Point and at its expense adequate and appropriate equipment and manual labour for loading the Goods. If the Company's delivery vehicle is kept waiting for an unreasonable time or is obliged to return without completing delivery or if the Company provides additional staff to unload the Goods or if for any reason the Buyer fails to accept delivery of the Goods, an additional charge may be made.

4.7 The Company shall deliver the Goods as near as possible to the Delivery Point as a safe hard road permits. The Company reserves the right to refuse the delivery of the Goods to premises considered at the discretion of the driver to be unsuitable.

4.8 The Company may deliver the Goods by separate instalments. Each separate instalment shall be invoiced and paid for in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

4.9 Each instalment shall be a separate Contract and no cancellation or termination of any one Contract relating to an instalment shall entitle the Buyer to repudiate or cancel any other Contract or instalment.

4.10 If the Goods are to be deposited other than on the Buyers premises, the Buyer shall be responsible for compliance with all regulations and for all steps which need to be taken for the protection at all times of persons or property and will indemnify the Company in respect of all losses, damages, costs and expenses the Company may incur as a result of such delivery, whether on the public highway or elsewhere.

4.11 The Company has an absolute discretion as to whether it accepts the return of goods which for example are ordered in error by the Buyer and in the event that the Company chooses to exercise this discretion the Company may charge the Buyer a sum of 25% of the value of the returned stock as a restocking charge.

5. NON-DELIVERY

5.1 The quantity of any consignment of Goods as recorded by the Company on despatch from the Company's place of business shall be conclusive evidence of the quantity received by the Buyer on delivery unless the Buyer can provide conclusive evidence proving the contrary. Any alleged damage, shortage or discrepancies at the time of delivery must be notified to the Company within 3 working days of receipt of the Goods by notice in writing.

5.2 The Company shall not be liable for any non-delivery of Goods (even if caused by the Company's negligence) unless the Buyer gives written notice to the Company of the non-delivery within 7 days of the date when the Goods would in the ordinary course of events have been received.

5.3 Any liability of the Company for non-delivery of the Goods shall be limited to replacing the Goods within a reasonable time or issuing a credit note at the pro rata Contract rate against any invoice raised for such Goods.

6. RISK/TITLE

6.1 The Goods are at the risk of the Buyer or Recipient from the time of delivery.

6.2 Ownership of the Goods shall not pass to the Buyer until the Company has received in full (in cash or cleared funds) all sums due to it in respect of:

- (a) the Goods; and
- (b) all other sums which are or which become due to the Company from the Buyer on any account.

6.3 Until ownership of the Goods has passed to the Buyer, the Buyer shall:

- (a) hold the Goods on a fiduciary basis as the Company's bailee;
- (b) store the Goods (at no cost to the Company) separately from all other goods of the Buyer or any third party in such a way that they remain readily identifiable as the Company's property;
- (c) not destroy, deface or obscure any identifying mark or packaging on or relating to the Goods; and
- (d) maintain the Goods in satisfactory condition and keep them insured on the Company's behalf for their full price against all risks to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company. On request the Buyer shall produce the policy of insurance to the Company.

6.4 The Buyer may resell the Goods before ownership has passed to it solely on the following conditions:

- (a) any sale shall be effected in the ordinary course of the Buyer's business at full market value; and
- (b) any such sale shall be a sale of the Company's property on the Buyer's own behalf and the Buyer shall deal as principal when making such a sale.

6.5 The Buyer's right to possession of the Goods shall terminate immediately if:

- (a) the Buyer has a bankruptcy order made against him or makes an arrangement or composition with his creditors, or otherwise takes the benefit of any statutory provision for the time being in force for the relief of insolvent debtors, or (being a body corporate) convenes a meeting of creditors (whether formal or informal), or enters into liquidation (whether voluntary or compulsory) except a solvent voluntary liquidation for the purpose only of reconstruction or amalgamation, or has a receiver and/or manager, administrator or administrative receiver appointed of its undertaking or any part thereof, or documents are filed with the court for the appointment of an administrator of the Buyer or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given by the Buyer or its directors or by a qualifying floating charge holder (as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986), or a resolution is passed or a petition presented to any court for the winding-up of the Buyer or for the granting of an administration order in respect of the Buyer, or any proceedings are commenced relating to the insolvency or possible insolvency of the Buyer; or
- (b) the Buyer suffers or allows any execution, whether legal or equitable, to be levied on his/its property or obtained against him/it, or fails to observe or perform any of his/its obligations under the Contract or any other contract between the Company and the Buyer, or is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or the Buyer ceases to trade; or
- (c) the Buyer encumbers or in any way charges any of the Goods.

6.6 The Company shall be entitled to recover payment for the Goods notwithstanding that ownership of any of the Goods has not passed from the Company.

6.7 The Buyer grants the Company, its agents and employees an irrevocable licence at any time to enter any premises where the Goods are or may be stored in order to inspect them, or, where the Buyer's right to possession has terminated, to recover them.

6.8 Where the Company is unable to determine whether any Goods are the goods in respect of which the Buyer's right to possession has terminated, the Buyer shall be deemed to have sold all goods of the kind sold by the Company to the Buyer in the order in which they were invoiced to the Buyer.

6.9 On termination of the Contract, howsoever caused, the Company's (but not the Buyer's) rights contained in this condition 6 shall remain in effect.

7. PRICE

7.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the Company in writing, the price for the Goods shall be the price set out in the Company's price list or shown on the Quotation, website or promotional media published on the date of delivery or deemed delivery.

7.2 The price for the Goods shall be exclusive of any value added tax and all costs or charges in relation to packaging, loading, unloading, carriage and insurance, all of which amounts the Buyer shall pay in addition when it is due to pay for the Goods.

7.3 Whilst every effort is made to ensure that the correct price is provided by the Company, errors may occur. If the Company discovers that such an error has been made the Buyer will be contacted to confirm this. The Buyer will then be given the option of cancelling the order or re-confirming it at the correct price. If the Company is unable to make contact with the Buyer the order will be treated as being cancelled.

8. PAYMENT

8.1 Where monthly account facilities have been granted to the buyer, subject to condition 8.5, payment of the price for the Goods is due in pounds sterling on the twenty fifth day of the month following the month in which the Goods are delivered or deemed to be delivered. Where no such facilities have been granted payment shall be in cash with the order or, at the Company's discretion, on delivery.

8.2 Where the Company has agreed a credit limit with the Buyer the Company can vary or remove such credit limit without notice to the Buyer at which point the Buyer must immediately pay any balance in excess of the credit limit.

8.3 Time for payment shall be of the essence.

8.4 No payment shall be deemed to have been received until the Company has received cleared funds.

8.5 All payments payable to the Company under the Contract shall become due immediately on its termination despite any other provision.

8.6 The Buyer shall make all payments due under the Contract in full without any deduction whether by way of set-off, counterclaim, discount, abatement or otherwise unless the Buyer has a valid court order requiring an amount equal to such deduction to be paid by the Company to the Buyer.

8.7 If the Buyer fails to pay the Company any sum due pursuant to the Contract, the Buyer shall be liable to pay interest to the Company on such sum from the due date for payment at the annual rate of 8% above the Bank of England Base Rate, accruing on a daily basis until payment is made, whether before or after any judgment. The Company reserves the right to claim interest under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.

8.8 The Company reserves the right to debit a Buyer's account with any costs incurred as a result of any cheque or payment provided by the Buyer being dishonoured.

8.9 Credit accounts must be settled by bank transfer, debit card, cheque or cash in accordance with agreed payment terms

8.10 The Buyer shall pay all legal and other costs incurred by the Company in recovering any amounts owing from the Buyer and such costs shall be due for payment immediately on invoice.

9. QUALITY

9.1 Where the Company is not the manufacturer of the Goods, the Company shall endeavour to transfer to the Buyer the benefit of any warranty or guarantee given to the Company.

9.2 The information provided via the Company's website, brochures or any other such advertising or promotional media, to the fullest extent permitted by law excludes all representation and warranties relating to the promotional media and its contents, including inaccuracies or omissions.

9.3 The Company warrants that (subject to the other provisions of these conditions) on delivery, and for a period of 12 months from the date of delivery, the Goods shall:

(a) be of satisfactory quality within the meaning of the Sale of Goods Act 1979;

(b) be reasonably fit for purpose; and

(c) be reasonably fit for any particular purpose for which the Goods are being bought if the Buyer had made known that purpose to the Company in writing and the Company has confirmed in writing that it is reasonable for the Buyer to rely on the skill and judgement of the Company.

9.4 The Company shall not be liable for a breach of the warranties in condition 9.3 unless:

(a) the Buyer gives written notice of the defect to the Company, and, if the defect is as a result of damage in transit to the carrier, within 14 days of the time when the Buyer discovers or ought to have discovered the defect; and

(b) the Company is given a reasonable opportunity after receiving the notice of examining such Goods and the Buyer (if asked to do so by the Company) returns such Goods to the Company's place of business at the Company's cost for the examination to take place there.

9.5 The Company shall not be liable for a breach of [the warranty OR any of the warranties] in condition 9.3 if:

(a) the Buyer makes any further use of such Goods after giving such notice; or

(b) the defect arises because the Buyer failed to follow the Company's or Manufacturer's oral or written instructions as to the storage, installation, commissioning, use or maintenance of the Goods or (if there are none) good trade practice; or

(c) the Buyer alters or repairs such Goods without the written consent of the Company.

9.6 Subject to condition 9.4 and condition 9.5, if any of the Goods do not conform with any of the warranties in condition 9.3 the Company

shall at its option repair or replace such Goods (or the defective part) or refund the price of such Goods at the pro rata Contract rate provided that, if the Company so requests, the Buyer shall, at the Company's expense, return the Goods or the part of such Goods which is defective to the Company.

9.7 If the Company complies with condition 9.6 it shall have no further liability for a breach of [the warranty OR any of the warranties] in condition 9.3 in respect of such Goods.

10. SPECIFICATIONS

10.1 Except where specifically agreed in writing the selection and choice of the Company's Goods and assessment of the Goods suitability and fitness for the purpose is the Buyer's sole responsibility. It is up to the Buyer to satisfy itself that the Goods are suitable for any product or application for which they are to be used or incorporated into such product or application.

10.2 Any specifications, formulations, data, literature and statements as to the content, suitability, performance or otherwise, issued and description and samples given, by the Company in connection with the contract are offered in good faith but are intended to be approximate only and shall not be deemed to constitute representations for the purpose of the contract.

10.3 Goods are supplied on the condition that the Buyer undertakes at all times to take and comply with (and to draw to third parties attention and require them to take and comply with) all instructions and recommendations issued with or contained on or relating to the Goods or any relevant data sheets, and all reasonable and prudent precautions as to the installations, use, maintenance, cleaning and otherwise.

10.4 The Company reserves the right without notice and without affecting the validity of the contract to make such changes in materials, dimensions and design as the Company feels reasonable or desirable in all circumstances having regard to the Buyer's wishes.

10.5 Any Goods sold or described by the Company as "untested" or "random length" or "miscellaneous" or any similar description are sold in the actual state, as seen, without warranty with all faults whether or not the Goods have been inspected by the Buyer prior to delivery. If the Buyer re-sells such Goods the Buyer must ensure that a provision in a similar form to this is incorporated in the Resale Agreement unless prior to him selling the Goods the Buyer has caused the Goods or such part of the Goods subject to the resale to comply with a recognised specification standard.

11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

11.1 Subject to condition 4, condition 5 and condition 9, the following provisions set out the entire financial liability of the Company (including any liability for the acts or omissions of its employees, agents and sub-contractors) to the Buyer in respect of:

- (a) any breach of these conditions;
- (b) any use made or resale by the Buyer of any of the Goods, or of any product incorporating any of the Goods; and
- (c) any representation, statement or tortious act or omission including negligence arising under or in connection with the Contract.

11.2 All warranties, conditions and other terms implied by statute or common law (save for the conditions implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979) are, to the fullest extent permitted by law, excluded from the Contract.

11.3 Nothing in these conditions excludes or limits the liability of the Company:

- (a) for death or personal injury caused by the Company's negligence; or
- (b) under section 2(3), Consumer Protection Act 1987; or
- (c) for any matter which it would be illegal for the Company to exclude or attempt to exclude its liability; or
- (d) for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

11.4 Subject to condition 11.2 and condition 11.3:

- (a) the Company's total liability in contract, tort (including negligence or breach of statutory duty), misrepresentation, restitution or otherwise, arising in connection with the performance or contemplated performance of the Contract shall be limited to the Contract price; and
- (b) the Company shall not be liable to the Buyer for loss of profit, loss of business, or depletion of goodwill in each case whether direct, indirect or consequential, or any claims for consequential compensation whatsoever (howsoever caused) which arise out of or in connection with the Contract.

12. ASSIGNMENT

12.1 The Company may assign the Contract or any part of it to any person, firm or company.

12.2 The Buyer shall not be entitled to assign the Contract or any part of it without the prior written consent of the Company.

13. FORCE MAJEURE

The Company reserves the right to defer the date of delivery or to cancel the Contract or reduce the volume of the Goods ordered by the Buyer (without liability to the Buyer) if it is prevented from or delayed in the carrying on of its business due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Company including, without limitation, acts of God, governmental actions, war or national emergency, acts of terrorism, protests, riot, civil commotion, fire, explosion, flood, epidemic, lockouts, strikes or other labour disputes (whether or not relating to either party's workforce), or restraints or delays affecting carriers or inability or delay in obtaining supplies of adequate or suitable materials, provided that, if the event in question continues for a continuous period in excess of 90 days, the Buyer shall be entitled to give notice in writing to the Company to terminate the Contract.

14. GENERAL

14.1 Each right or remedy of the Company under the Contract is without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Company whether under the Contract or not.

14.2 If any provision of the Contract is found by any court, tribunal or administrative body of competent jurisdiction to be wholly or partly illegal, invalid, void, voidable, unenforceable or unreasonable it shall to the extent of such illegality, invalidity, voidness, voidability, unenforceability or unreasonableness be deemed severable and the remaining provisions of the Contract and the remainder of such provision shall continue in full force and effect.

14.3 Failure or delay by the Company in enforcing or partially enforcing any provision of the Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any of its rights under the Contract.

14.4 Any waiver by the Company of any breach of, or any default under, any provision of the Contract by the Buyer shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default and shall in no way affect the other terms of the Contract.

14.5 The parties to the Contract do not intend that any term of the Contract shall be enforceable by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 by any person that is not a party to it.

14.6 The formation, existence, construction, performance, validity and all aspects of the Contract shall be governed by English law and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

15.1 All communications between the parties about the Contract shall be in writing and delivered by hand or sent by pre-paid first class post or sent by fax or email:

(a) (in case of communications to the Company) to its registered office or such changed address as shall be notified to the Buyer by the Company; or

(b) (in the case of the communications to the Buyer) to the registered office of the addressee (if it is a company) or (in any other case) to any address of the Buyer set out in any document which forms part of the Contract or such other address as shall be notified to the Company by the Buyer.

15.2 Communications shall be deemed to have been received:

(a) if sent by pre-paid first class post, two days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and bank and public holidays) after posting (exclusive of the day of posting); or

(b) if delivered by hand, on the day of delivery; or

(c) if sent by fax or email on a working day prior to 4.00 pm, at the time of transmission and otherwise on the next working day.

15.3 Communications addressed to the Company shall be marked for the attention of the Director.