

Damp Proof Course

Why do we use a DPC?

The DPC is a very simple method of reducing capillary action of water to rise up a structure from the ground, this water will bring with it minerals and salts which will affect the internal surfaces of the structure, plaster, timber, decoration etc.

Q.1 There are different types of DPC materials available, can you give full descriptions of the various types of DPC's.

We use DPC's in many locations within a structure, not only at ground level.

Q.2 Can you think of a reason why we should use a DPC within the construction of a chimney or parapet wall?

With current building regulations we have to provide disabled access, this can require a level threshold at the properties main access door.

Q.3 What type of DPC would we provide in this location?

Various types of DPC's have been around for along time, well before the invention of plastic.

Q.4 What was used as DPC's before plastic?

To be affective the ground level and the clear cavity depth, have to be below the DPC in the external walls.

Q.5 What is the minimum distance to the DPC?

The construction industry uses many abbreviations.

Q.6 What is the difference between a DPC and DPM, 2. How would we link a DPC and DPM?

DPC's are used in many locations within a property some are listed above.

Q.7 Can you list all the locations within a property and name the type of DPC's used.