

## **Yeomans Slate Wholesalers - Limestone Advice**

The following information is intended as a general guide only, if in doubt, please contact your supplier or distributor.

Limestone is a common sedimentary rock consisting mostly of calcium carbonate and is used as a building stone and in the manufacture of lime, carbon dioxide and cement.

Essentially a Dolomite stone possessing oil resistant properties, limestone shows a high resistance in freezing and thawing conditions.

It is generally used as tiles, slabs in flooring, wall cladding, vanity tops and to pave the floors of large commercial complexes, hospitals, airports, malls, parks etc.

All limestones are formed when the calcium carbonate crystallises out of a solution.

It leaves the solution in many ways and each way produces a different type of limestone.

Some limestones can be formed by the work of organisms such as oysters, clams, snails etc.

When the animals die the shells are broken up by the waves into shell and coral sand/mud.

Limestone makes an excellent building stone because it can be easily carved.

### **Flooring**

Limestone tiles are used in interior flooring to add a new dimension and are available in a wide range of colours, finishes and sizes which can be suitably matched with the interior walls.

### **Wall Cladding**

Limestone is also widely used for wall cladding of interior as well as exterior walls of buildings.

The strength of limestones along with their natural appearance are the first choice for facet, veneer façade and front elevations.

### **Paving and Others**

Limestones find no restrictions in a far reaching range of applications.

They are also used in paving of pathways, sidewalks, patios, driveways, garden beds, fencing and coping.