



Getting physical is better than taking chemicals



While it offers chemical damp proofing methods to counteract the adverse effects of rising damp, Dampcoursing believes that the physical insertion DPC is a far more effective option.

According to Managing Director Mark Brickell, "There is no doubt that the physical barrier method is my preferred choice for practically every installation. At its very best, the chemical DPC together with specialist plastering can never be as good as the physical."

Mark continues, "The Building Research Establishment, in its Digest 245, confirms that a physical DPC is the only completely sure method to cure rising damp, and Dampcoursing is happy to back-up its system with a 50 year guarantee."

"In every survey, Dampcoursing will recommend a physical DPC where practically possible. Indeed, it is only in party-wall work, where the neighbour refuses access, that I will consider using the chemical option."

The physical insertion method is a cost-effective and totally reliable option that is favoured by many housing associations, councils and property developers across the country.

It can be used on conventional brick and block construction, solid block walls, and even solid stone walls.

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Specialist cutting equipment is used to create a slot ready for the DPC, with the thickness of the cutting blade being the precise measurement required for the insertion of the DPC along with the necessary bedding mortar. The DPC itself is cut to meet the varying wall thicknesses of each individual project.

This operation is done in 1m stages, with repointing work carried out at the end of the project.

When the job is finished, the remedial work is barely noticeable – yet the threat of rising damp is totally eliminated.

In conclusion, Mark Brickell states: "Why go for second-best? Physical DPCs are the most effective solution to overcoming the problem of rising damp – a fact that has been proven over many decades."

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