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CUPACLAD® is a group of ventilated façade systems CUPA natural slate. The natural slate chosen for the Cupaclad systems has been specially selected to meet the requirements of a façade cladding.

CUPACLAD® solutions are lightweight, easy to install and they help to create a modern building appearance. In new constructions and in renovation works, CUPACLAD® systems can be adapted to every architectural design.

CUPA natural slate is fixed on horizontal battens with different fixing elements. The horizontal battens are fixed over the vertical battens, which are mechanically fixed to the wall, allowing a ventilated cavity.

**CUPACLAD® INCLUDES THREE DIFFERENT SYSTEMS, DEPENDING ON THE INSTALLATION PROCESS AND THE DESIRED APPEARANCE:**

**CUPACLAD® 101**
Invisible fixing system. The slate is installed horizontally and it’s fixed with two stainless steel screws. The heads of the screws are under the lap and remain invisible.

**CUPACLAD® 201**
Visible fixing system. The slate is installed horizontally and it’s fixed with two stainless steel brackets. The outer part of the bracket at the bottom of every slate remains slightly visible.

**CUPACLAD® 301**
Visible or invisible fixing system. The slate is installed according to the traditional way, with vertical orientation.
VENTILATED FAÇADE

The existence of an air cavity behind the cladding gives CUPACLAD® systems the advantages of a ventilated facade. The main advantages are related to the “chimney effect”, effect of continuous ventilation due to the temperature variation between the outside air and the air inside the cavity:

CUPACLAD® SYSTEMS COMPONENTS

1. CUPA natural slate for façade

Natural slate gives unparalleled aesthetics. This is an ecological, natural, and long lasting material, and maintains its technical properties over time.

CUPA natural slate for CUPACLAD® systems has a thickness between 5 mm and 8.5 mm depending on the installation process, has a riven surface, and was specially selected for its technical features to provide the best guarantees for installation in façades.

It is recommended to increase by 5% the total amount of material to account for wastes due to corner cuts, windows or singular points.

2. Slate fixings

The slate can be fitted to the wooden structure using different kinds of fixings in stainless steel. It all depends on the selected CUPACLAD® system.

Reduction of condensation and humidity; and elimination of filtration of rainwater.
3. Substructure

Vertical battens

The vertical battens must have the following minimum requirements:

- A minimum treatment class 3 against biohazards according to EN 335-2, for dampness.
- Mechanical classification class C 18 according to EN 18 338.
- When fixing, the maximum wood moisture content must be below 20% (by weight).

Vertical battens must be secured to the supporting wall. The flatness deviation of the support must not exceed 5mm under the rule of 20cm or 10mm under the rule of 2m.

The vertical battens must have a minimum thickness of 25 mm, and a minimum width of 50 mm.

The maximum distance between vertical battens is 600mm.

Fixing of vertical battens

The type and spacing of fixings for vertical battens shall be defined in each project by a specialist, depending on the characteristics of the wall. In any case it is recommended that the distance between fixings should not exceed 1 m.
Horizontal battens

The horizontal battens must have the following minimum requirements:

+ A minimum treatment class 3 against biohazards according to EN 335-2, for dampness.
+ Mechanical classification class C 18 according to EN 18 338
+ When fixing, the maximum wood moisture content must be below 20% (by weight).

Fixing of horizontal battens

The horizontal battens are fixed to the vertical battens at each intersection. The fixing can be done either by nailing or screwing:

+ **Nailing** is done using two stainless steel nails which are fitted diagonally on the overlapped area formed by the battens. The distance between nails should be at least the specified in the following table.

+ **Screwing** is done using a stainless steel screw. The screw is normally fitted in the center of overlapped area formed by the battens.

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<th>Type of fixing</th>
<th>Distance D</th>
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<tr>
<td>SCREW</td>
<td>3 x screw ø</td>
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<tr>
<td>NAIL</td>
<td>5 x screw ø</td>
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The joining of two consecutive horizontal battens must meet the following:

+ Each end of the horizontal battens should have its own fixing to the vertical batten;
+ Leave a gap of 3 mm between them.

The vertical battens must have a minimum thickness of 38 mm, and a minimum width of 56 mm.
4. Air cavity

It is mandatory to have an air gap behind the slate. To get the air cavity perfectly ventilated, the following requirements must be met:

+ The gap must be no less than 2 cm deep.

+ Must allow enough space for the ventilation in and out. The surface of the ventilation holes at the top and bottom of the façade (expressed in cm per lineal meter of façade) must be at least:

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<th>Height of the building (m)</th>
<th>Minimal surface of ventilation (cm²/ml)</th>
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<td>≤ 3m</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>from 3 to 6m</td>
<td>65</td>
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<td>from 6 to 10m</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>from 10 to 18m</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>from 18 to 24m</td>
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At the base of the façade, the gap is protected by a ventilation grill.

5. Waterproof membrane

A waterproof membrane must be fitted over the supporting wall (only for timber houses). Make sure that the membrane does not cause any issues with the ventilation of the air cavity once is fitted.

6. Flashings

Flashings can be made of galvanized steel, aluminum or zinc, and are designed to give a solution for corners, window frames...

7. Supporting Wall

The supporting wall must ensure the stability of the building.

The wall must be sufficiently stable to support the weight of the cladding and the wind loads transmitted through the substructure.

CUPACLAD® systems can adapt to almost any constructive solutions (type of wall, location of the insulation material...).
CUPACLAD® 101

SLATE FIXINGS

CUPACLAD® 101 has invisible fixings. Two special CUPACLAD® 101 screws in stainless steel are used to fit every slate to the horizontal battens.

INSTALLATION STEPS

1. FIXING THE FLASHINGS

Installing a ventilation grill at the bottom of the façade, and the regular flashings for window frames, corners...

2. FITTING OF THE VERTICAL BATTENS

[Diagram showing fitting of vertical battens with 600 mm max spacing]
3 FITTING OF THE HORIZONTAL BATTENS

*PLEASE note the different gap between horizontal battens at the bottom of the façade.

4 FITTING AN ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BATTEN* AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FAÇADE

* The additional horizontal batten must have a thickness of 10mm.

5 CHALK MARKS

Make chalk marks for the vertical installation guidelines. We advise to mark at least the vertical joints for every three slates.
6. FIXING THE SLATES WITH THE SPECIAL CUPACLAD® 101 SCREWS IN STAINLESS STEEL.

STEP 1

STEP 2

STEP 3
TECHNICAL DRAWINGS CUPACLAD® 101

SYSTEM DETAILS
1. CUPA natural slate
2. Special screw CUPACLAD® 101
3. Horizontal batten
4. Additional batten of thickness 10 mm.
5. Vertical batten
6. Supporting wall
7. Ventilation grill

1. CUPA natural slate
2. Special screw CUPACLAD® 101
3. Horizontal batten
4. Vertical batten
5. Supporting wall
6. Sill flashing
7. Lintel flashing
8. Jamb flashing

1. CUPA natural slate
2. Special screw CUPACLAD® 101
3. Horizontal batten
4. Vertical batten
5. Supporting wall
6. Coping flashing
1. CUPA natural slate
2. Special screw CUPACLAD® 101
3. Horizontal batten
4. Vertical batten
5. Lateral flashings

**INTERNAL CORNER DETAIL**

**EXTERNAL CORNER DETAIL**

### CUPACLAD® 101

- **Slate dimension**: 40x20 cm
- **Thickness**: 7.5 (325%) mm
- **Color**: Blue-black
- **Overlap**: 5.6 cm
- **Exposure**: 40 x 14.4 cm
- **Horizontal battens**: Distance top edge/top edge 14.4 cm
- **No. slates /m²**: 17.4
- **Weight/m² (slate)**: 30 Kg/m² approx.
- **Weight per pallet**: 1500 kg approx.
- **Type of fixings**: Screw
- **No. fixings /slate**: 2 screws/slate
- **Fixings material**: Stainless steel
CUPACLAD® 201

SLATE FIXINGS

CUPACLAD® 201 has visible fixings. It is required to use two special CUPACLAD® 201 brackets in stainless steel to fit every slate to the horizontal battens. The brackets can have both metal and lacquered finish.

INSTALLATION STEPS

1. FIXING THE FLASHINGS

Fixing a ventilation grill at the bottom of the façade, and the regular flashings for window frames, corners...

2. FIXING OF THE VERTICAL BATTENS

600 mm. max.
3 FIXING OF THE HORIZONTAL BATTENS

4 CHALK MARKS

Make chalk marks for the vertical installation guidelines. We advise to mark at least the vertical joints for every three slates, as well as the position of the brackets.

5 POSITIONING AND FIXING THE STAINLESS STEEL BRACKETS
6 FIXING THE SLATES

STEP 1

STEP 2

STEP 3

STEP 4

STEP 5
BASE DETAIL

1. CUPA natural slate
2. Special bracket CUPACLAD® 201
3. Stainless steel screw 4x30mm
4. Horizontal batten
5. Vertical batten
6. Supporting wall
7. Ventilation grill

WINDOW FRAME DETAILS

1. CUPA natural slate
2. Special bracket CUPACLAD® 201
3. Stainless steel screw 4x30mm
4. Horizontal batten
5. Vertical batten
6. Supporting wall
7. Special screw CUPACLAD® 101
8. Still flashing
9. Lintel flashing
10. Jamb flashing

COPING DETAIL

1. CUPA natural slate
2. Special bracket CUPACLAD® 201
3. Stainless steel screw 4x30mm
4. Horizontal batten
5. Vertical batten
6. Supporting wall
7. Coping flashing
8. Special screw CUPACLAD® 101
1. CUPA natural slate
2. Special bracket
CUPACLAD® 201
3. Horizontal batten
4. Vertical batten
5. Lateral flashing
6. Special metallic fixing for lateral finish

**INTERNAL CORNER DETAIL**

**EXTERNAL CORNER DETAIL**

**CUPACLAD® 201**

- **Slate dimension**: 60x30 cm
- **Thickness**: 6 (325%) mm
- **Slate color**: Grey
- **Overlap**: 4 cm
- **Exposure**: 60x26 cm
- **Horizontal battens, Distance top edge/top edge**: 26 cm
- **No. slates /m²**: 6.4
- **Weight/m² (slate)**: 20 Kg/m² approx.
- **Weight per pallet**: 1500 kg approx.
- **Type of fixings**: Bracket
- **No. fixings /slate**: 2 brackets/slate
- **Fixings material**: Stainless steel

**Required additional fixing if L1<L-150**
CUPACLAD® 301

SLATE FIXINGS

CUPACLAD® 301 has both invisible and visible fixings. Two nails or two special CUPACLAD® 101 screws per slate are used for an invisible fixing; and one or two hooks per slate for a visible fixing. The fixings must be made of stainless steel.

INSTALLATION STEPS

CUPACLAD® 301 is the traditional method of fixing slates with a triple-lap. Several slate formats can be used as well as different overlap dimensions. For this reason, the installation of the system CUPACLAD® 301 must be performed by a specialist slate roofer.

The main installation steps are the followings:

1. Installing a ventilation grill at the bottom of the façade.
2. Fixing the vertical battens.
3. Fixing the horizontal battens.
4. Fixing an additional horizontal batten at the bottom of the façade.
5. Chalk Marks.
6. Fixing the slates.
TECHNICAL DRAWINGS CUPACLAD®

SYSTEM DETAILS

Nail system

Hook system
BASE DETAIL

1. CUPA natural slate
2. Stainless steel hook
3. Horizontal batten
4. Vertical batten
5. Supporting wall
6. Ventilation grill

WINDOW FRAME DETAIL

1. CUPA natural slate
2. Stainless steel hook
3. Horizontal batten
4. Vertical batten
5. Supporting wall
6. Nail
7. Sill flashing
8. Lintel flashing
9. Jamb flashing

COPING DETAIL

1. CUPA natural slate
2. Stainless steel hook
3. Horizontal batten
4. Vertical batten
5. Supporting wall
6. Coping flashing
7. Nail
This document is an installation guide for CUPACLAD® systems. The seller company cannot be considered responsible if the systems are not installed in accordance with these recommendations. The use of the screw CUPACLAD® 101 and the bracket CUPACLAD® 201 is essential for a correct performance of the systems. The seller will not accept any liability for damages caused by other types of fixings.