



Award winning quality homes

Caring for your Drive

Care and Maintenance Guide

The surface of your drive is constructed with TARMAC. It is a specialist surfacing material which is manufactured from a mixture of aggregate, petroleum bitumen and a stabilising additive.

TARMAC surfaces are very durable but will last longest if you follow these simple instructions:-

- If TARMAC is subjected to oil spillage, the surface can become stained and, with prolonged contamination can soften. There, if the surface is contaminated, it is important that any surface oil should be mopped up and the spillage washed with detergent.
- Although TARMAC has been designed to withstand the stress caused by power-steering, when freshly laid the surface can be damaged if abrupt turning movements are made. This is due to the thermoplastic properties and the initial stickiness of the bitumen. It is advisable to make sure that this is avoided until the surface has several days to become completely cold. This is particularly important in periods of hot weather initially following laying. If damage starts to occur or the drive has to be subjected to turning vehicles in nits early life the surface can be wetted to reduce damage.
- The TARMAC surface should be kept clean by brushing occasionally.
- During periods of prolonged hot weather it is advisable not to point load the driveway surface e.g. with ladders.

Should repairs become necessary, it is essential that the work be entrusted to a competent contractor.