



Technical Bulletin – Header Coverage

Achieving uniform header coverage is something that can prove difficult in brick production. This has become even more true with the popularity of white brick. As the use of white brick has grown, there has been an increase in customers experiencing dissatisfaction with header coverage. This is due in large part to the contrast between red and brown brick bodies and white coatings. While it is our goal to produce brick with full coverage on each header all the time, it is something that is extremely difficult to achieve.

With added care and effort while brick are being laid, the number of poorly covered headers exposed on the face of the wall can be minimized or eliminated. Inspecting brick prior to laying them is something that should be conducted routinely. Brick with good headers should be identified and set aside for use at corners and openings. Additionally, most brick will have at least one good header, and this is the one that should be visible in the wall. Good masonry practices can eliminate most of the header issues that are brought to our attention. General Shale will not pay for the services of a professional stain contractor to address poor header coverage. Stain can be ordered by the quart if desired. We are very proud of our products, and always strive to provide the very best for our customers. If you have additional questions or concerns, please reach out to your General Shale sales representative.

