



Technical Bulletin – Brick Tear Out and Replacement

There can be occasions when a homeowner, contractor, or architect contemplates the removal and replacement of brick. It is important to understand the consequences of such a decision. This is especially true when the issue involves a brick color problem since brick color correction applications are a proven industry accepted solution for brick color issues. Please be aware, should you decide to tear out and replace products, General Shale will not accept any responsibility for damage or expenses related to the tear out and replacement of General Shale products. Additionally, one should consider the following before making the decision to tear out and replace brick:

Potential Collateral Damage

Tear out of existing brick work involves considerable force and typically involves the use of hammer drills and heavy equipment that can result in collateral damage.

- Damage to existing sheathing caused by removal of brick tie fasteners.
- Damage to existing siding and trim.
- Damage to existing windows.
- Damage to existing fixtures such as lighting.
- Damage to the weather resistant barrier.
- Damage to landscape features plants and shrubbery.

Potential for color mismatch

Brick replacement can potentially lead to new color issues due to a mismatch of mortar color or change in brick color issues.

- Mortar color can vary for a variety of reasons including moisture content.
- Depending on the time lapse between replacement manufacturing changes or other factors may result in a change in the appearance of the brick units themselves.

Consequential Effects

Brick tear out and replacement can be a complex undertaking and result in many consequential effects.

- Considerable delay of construction schedule and project closing.
- Temporary loss of occupancy of the home or structure.
- Disruption of the property and noise issues during the process.

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