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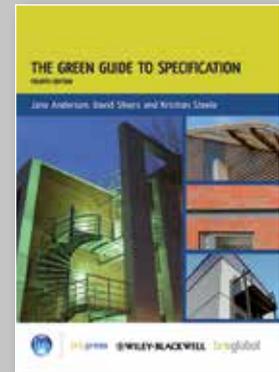
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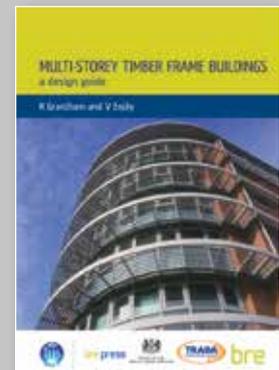


Multi-storey timber frame buildings

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This guide documents the results and lessons learned from research conducted on the world's first six-storey timber building using the platform-frame technique of construction. It will be of interest to all building professionals responsible for the design and construction of multi-storey timber-frame buildings.

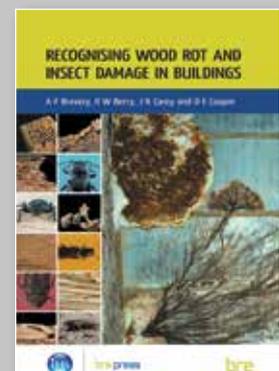
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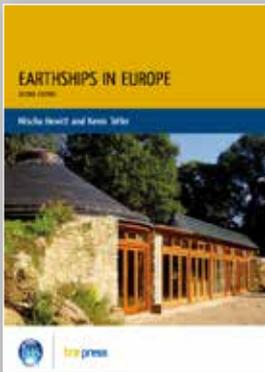
Recognising wood rot and insect damage in buildings

This best-selling pocket book, now in its third edition, has been improved by the addition of guidance on types of fungal growths, which, though less regularly encountered in buildings, nonetheless confuse correct identification and mislead diagnosis. It also has a short section on termites. The book retains its highly popular spiral-bound format, giving clear and authoritative guidance on the process of inspecting buildings for timber damage and on the identification of causal agencies.

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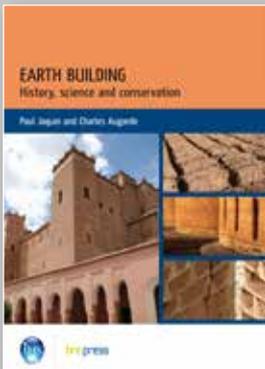
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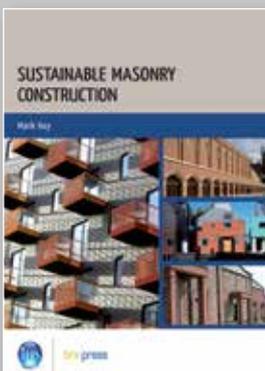
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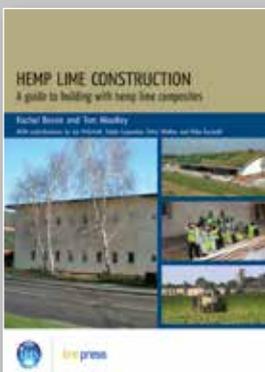


Hemp lime construction

A guide to building with hemp lime composites

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Concrete in aggressive ground

This Special Digest provides practical guidance on the specification of concrete for installation in natural ground and in brownfield locations. The procedures given for ground assessment and concrete specification cover the fairly common occurrence of sulfates, sulfides and acids. The more rarely occurring aggressive CO₂ found in some ground- and surfacewaters is also included.

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Design of normal concrete mixes

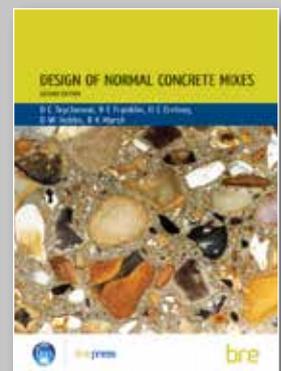
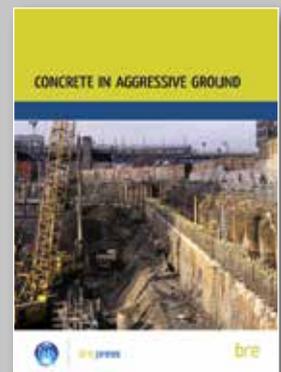
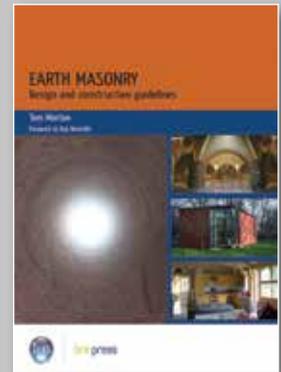
The second edition of this best-selling book remains the standard guide on concrete mix design. Amendments have been made to allow for changes in the terminology and materials used and changes in various British Standards.

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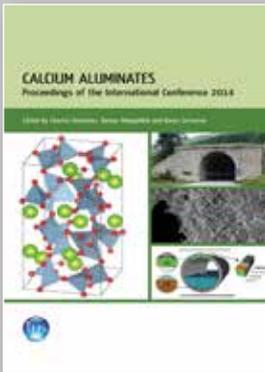
Design of durable concrete structures

Understand the complex phenomena governing durability and long-term performance of concrete structures, as a basis for service-life design, focusing on the behaviour of the structure and its interaction with its environment.

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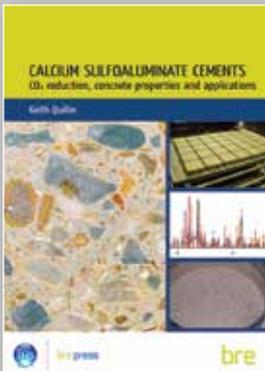


Calcium aluminates

Proceedings of the International Conference 2014

The proceedings of the international conference on calcium aluminates held in Avignon, France, in May 2014. Includes papers from Europe, Canada, the U.S., Japan, Brazil, Australia and South Africa.

EP 104



Calcium sulfoaluminate cements

CO₂ reduction, concrete properties and applications

The manufacture of calcium sulfoaluminate cements requires less energy than conventional Portland cements and produces lower CO₂ emissions. This report presents background information on these cements, and reports on practical work to assess their performance in concrete.

BR 496



Applications, performance characteristics and environmental benefits of alkali-activated binder concretes

Learn more about alkali-activated binders, which use less energy and produce less CO₂ than conventional Portland cement (PC). These binders also offer flexibility in materials sourcing and can give better durability to sulfates and acid than PC.

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Effects of chemical, physical and mechanical processes on concrete

Get an overview of the main considerations in designing, specifying and executing durable concrete in order to ensure that it continues to perform in aggressive environments without premature deterioration or unplanned maintenance.

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Assessment of timber structures

This Digest considers the structural role of the timber element, which can give an indication of its adequacy. It covers the inspection and appraisal of timber structures (roofs and floors) for signs of deterioration, modification and defects. It also provides information about biological attack of timber (insects and fungal decay).

DG 517

Specifying structural timber

Get up-to-date guidance on how to correctly specify timber at the design stage so that it is more likely to be supplied and fitted without trouble and will give better service throughout the life of the building. This Digest also provides a guide to the fuller information contained in relevant standards, Eurocode 5 and other documents.

DG 416, 2014 edition

Modified wood

An introduction to products in UK construction

Modified wood products add to the architect's and design engineer's resources by offering aesthetically pleasing materials with enhanced performance characteristics that extend maintenance intervals and hence add value for the building owner. This Digest reviews the modified wood products that are already being used in the UK construction market and the technologies that create them. It discusses the future for modified wood products, particularly in cladding, decking and flooring for domestic and commercial buildings.

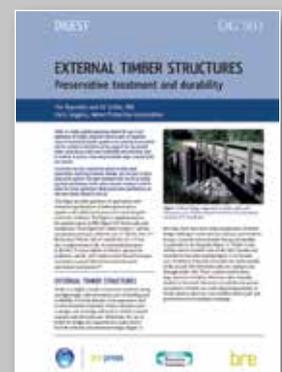
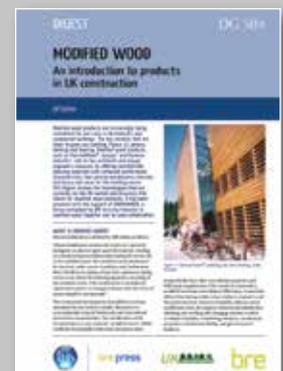
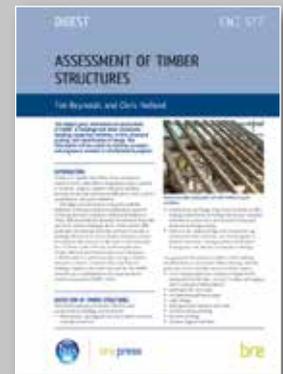
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External timber structures

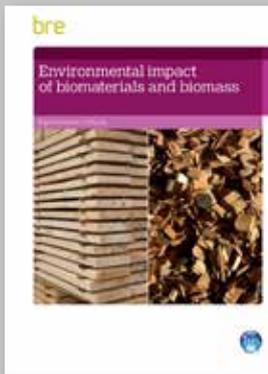
Preservative treatment and durability

This Digest provides guidance on appropriate and enhanced specifications of timber preservatives, with additional measures for maximising the service life of timber. It takes account of new types of preservative that are available, and guidance in recent BRE publications, British Standards and other industry publications.

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Environmental impact of biomaterials and biomass

Understand the significant benefits and impacts of biomaterials and biomass over their whole life cycle and identify opportunities for improvements to their environmental performance. This report reviews how biomaterials and biomass have been assessed within The Green Guide to Specification.

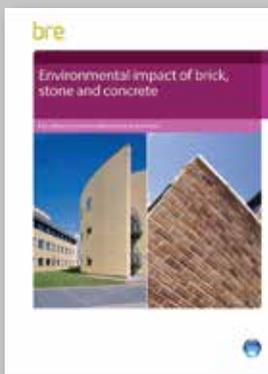
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Environmental impact of windows

Understand the significant benefits and impacts of windows over their whole life cycle and identify opportunities for improvements to their environmental performance. This report reviews how window units and frames have been assessed within The Green Guide to Specification.

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Environmental impact of brick, stone and concrete

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Environmental impact of metals

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Environmental impact of floor finishes

Incorporating The Green Guide ratings for floor finishes

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Environmental impact of vertical cladding

Understand the significant benefits and impacts of external wall cladding products over their whole life cycle and identify opportunities for improvements to their environmental performance. This report reviews how external wall cladding materials have been assessed within The Green Guide to Specification.

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Environmental impact of insulation

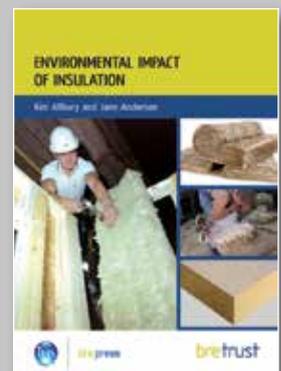
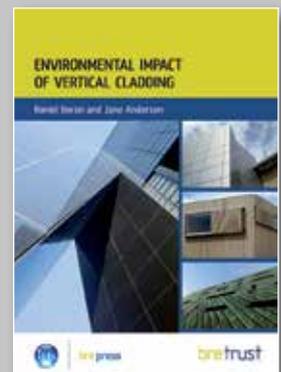
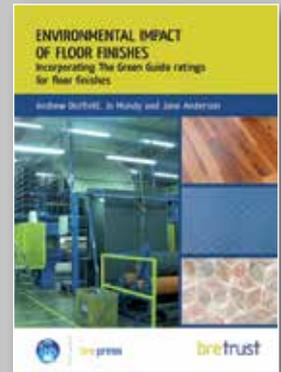
Understand the significant benefits and impacts of insulation products over their whole life cycle and identify opportunities for improvements to their environmental performance. This report reviews how insulation materials have been assessed within The Green Guide to Specification.

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Natural fibre-reinforced polymers (NFRPs) in the construction industry

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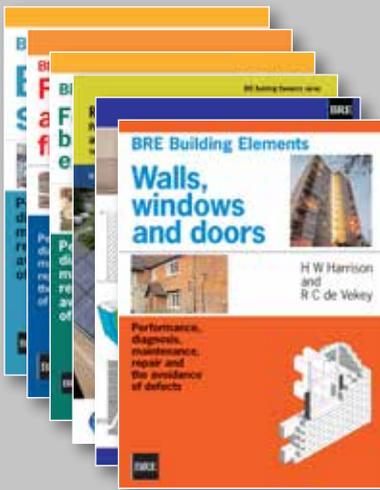
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IP 17/11: Cross-laminated timber (CLT)

IP 18/11: Natural fibre insulation

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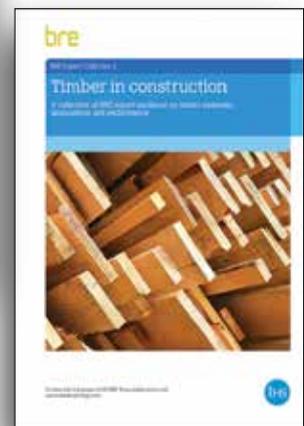
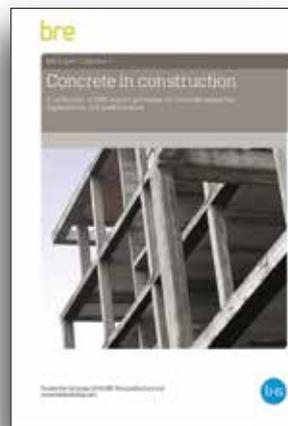
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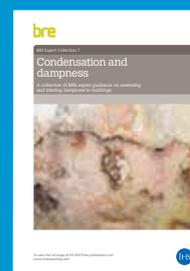
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