

FAQ's

Q Has Batsafe been agreed for use by Natural England, Natural Resources Wales and NatureScot?

A Batsafe has passed the required snagging test ([E., Essah et al. 2020](#)) for NBCRMs and has received the certification so that it can be assessed in a licence application submitted to the SNCO's. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has not formally changed position however advice is expected to be very similar and is currently going through the formal review process, at this time NRW will not licence the use of NBCRMs.

Q What industry tests do NBCRMs such as TLX 'Batsafe' have to pass?

A It has passed all UK Building Regulations requirements. NBCRM's are covered in Part L. (this section is concerned with the energy performance of new and existing buildings). It is not a public document. Please refer to your architect or Local Authority Building Control or call TLX Insulation hotline on 01204 674 730 for more information.

Q Has the steering group considered other tests for NBCRMs in relation to their impacts on bats?

The steering group will continue to monitor and consider other tests as appropriate. It is likely there will be a requirement for a longer monitoring period as is standard for all novel products on to the market.

Q What is BCT's role in this work?

A BCT have brought together Natural England, NatureScot, Natural Resources Wales, senior academics, bat ecologists and industry experts in roofing materials to form the steering group that has set up the test protocols for roofing underlays intended for use where bats are present. BCT facilitate this work but are not involved in a regulatory capacity (this is the SNCOs role) or technical capacity (this is the materials experts role) to give advice. Batsafe has passed the required snagging test for NBCRMs that has been endorsed by the steering group and has received the certification so that it can be assessed in a licence application submitted to the SNCO's.

Q Does passing the snagging propensity test mean a NBCRM can be used in a bat roost ?

A. Any roofing underlay that has passed the required snagging test ([E., Essah et al 2020](#)) for NBCRMs and has received the certification should be included within licence applications connected to locations where bats are present. However, this is considered to be a gateway requirement and the relevant SNCO will then assess the mitigation licence application as a whole along with the suitability of materials proposed for usage.

Q Does 1F roofing felt need a snagging test?

A You do not need to provide a certificate for licence applications involving bitumen 1F felt that has a non-woven, short fibre construction.

Q Is Batsafe breathable?

A Yes. Batsafe is a breather membrane that allows water vapour in the house to escape through the membrane, rather than through openings in the ridge and the eaves.

Q How is BatSafe used?

A BatSafe is installed in the same way you would traditionally install a breathable membrane. Further details of installation can be found on the TLX website www.tlxinsulation.co.uk

Q Can Batsafe be used with insulation?

A Yes. Further details can be found on the TLX website www.tlxinsulation.co.uk