



JRC Specialist Slate Suppliers
What we've been up to...



We are celebrating a successful 2015 here at JRC, and we always ensure that this is shared with our customers. Read more to find out about the developments within our company, our services and the construction industry in general.

We sold approximately
5.5 million
slates last year

Side by side they would cover approx.

687500 sq m

that's:

10 slates a
minute...

24 hours a
day...

7 days a
week...



...for a whole year!



Lands' End

John O'Groats



Stretched end to end they would reach approximately **2750km**
That's from Lands' End to John O'Groats, back to Lands' End and then back to John O'Groats again

The slates weighed around

9300 tonnes, or



more than a type 45 Royal Navy destroyer

Stacked on top of each
other they would have
been **more than
twice as high**
as Ben Nevis



Record Breaking Year

In our 15th year as a company, we have experienced a record breaking year, with 16.6% growth on the previous year.

This came just in time for our 15th Birthday celebrations and is continued good news for us as a company as well as all of our partners.



This year our sales team dealt with around
30000 phone calls

Quarry Visit

At JRC we ensure that the products we supply are of the highest quality, and there is only one real way to check this - seeing the quarrying and production processes for ourselves!

The quarry owners and workers have a passion for getting the best products, possibly only matched by our passion for providing the best slates possible. After numerous quarry trips we have moved on from just being business associates with the quarry workers, and we use this relationship to get the best products into the UK market.

As well as representatives from JRC visiting the quarries, we ensure that some of our customers can go along and see the whole process for themselves. With traditional Spanish hospitality running through the whole trip, people always come back with great memories and a fuller understanding of the methods involved in getting world class slates.



“a passion for getting the best products”



Our Brands: **Calidad & Venta**

We are proud of the slate ranges we stock here at JRC, our Calidad and Venta slates ensure that you get the highest quality roofing. Sourced from the best quarries in Northern Spain, these slates are excellent when used in their own right and can also be used for repairs and replacements on existing roofs.

Calidad

From Northern Spain, the Calidad brand includes a great selection of high quality slates. With an excellent finish and a slightly textured appearance, the Calidad slates are ideally suited to projects where the highest quality is needed, as well as a more complex final result.

With incredibly stringent testing criteria, only the highest quality slates make the grade, so you can be sure of the best results when adhering to BS5534.



Venta

The Venta range is the ideal range of slates for those looking for functionality, without compromise. Sourced from the Mountains of North West Spain, the Venta range gives an aesthetically pleasing finish, with a lifetime of service when fitted to BS5534.

All of the roofing slate within the Venta range achieve the highest standards when tested to BS EN 12326. From residential properties through to commercial, the Venta range gives great looking and performing results, with a quarry backed guarantee for peace of mind.





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BS5534 Update

February 2015 saw the full rollout of an update to the British Standard 5534 - “. Code of practice.”

As this was a major change to our business and to those in our industry, we ensured that we were fully up to speed before the cut off period.

Through the education of our employees and the publication of information across our website, we made sure that every visitor knew about the change and that information was readily available where needed. We had numerous enquiries about the change, which were all handled quickly and efficiently by our sales team.

This shows how important it is for our staff to be knowledgeable in the areas surrounding slates. We can pass on the information and knowledge we have to you and your customers quickly and easily, giving the best service on top of our high quality slates.



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Our Green Credentials

Here at JRC Specialist Slate Suppliers we understand the need to reduce our impact on the environment as a company. Everyone tries to recycle and conserve energy at home, but doing so in the workplace is as important, if not more so!

Rosie Connor, director at JRC Specialist Slate, said: “By installing a biomass boiler and replacing our electric wall heaters with radiators, our energy bill will be reduced significantly.”

The boiler works by burning biomass, such as wood pellets or logs, in a controlled manner. With the right mixture of fuel and air, this provides a highly efficient heating process, with lower emissions than conventional heating methods.



“We’ve
decreased
our carbon
footprint.”



The JRC Team

2015 has not only been a fantastic year for us as a company, but it has been great for our employees as well.

Alan

Also at the beginning of the year we celebrated as Alan Clarke reached 10 years' service with us. As our first employee when the company was growing, Alan has been instrumental in the growth and success of our business. Helping us with expansion and maintaining relationships with our clients has been the core of Alan's success and loyalty.



E3 Business Awards

In June, we were pleased to announce our success at the E3 business awards in Bolton. We won the "Skills, Education and Training Award", which solidifies our standing as an employer who cares about its employees and their development.

**"a great year for
the company &
our employees"**



Kieron

August also saw us present the employee of the year award to Warehouse Manager, Kieron McCallion. Kieron was praised by all his colleagues for his dedication to customer service, hard work, team spirit and adaptability.



This year our ships coming from Spain made the journey to the UK and back **128 times**, covering around **88400 miles** in the process.

That's equivalent to going around the world

3.5 times



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