

COLOUR MATCHING

Frequently-asked questions and answers

“Can you colour-match my paving?”

The process of colour-matching is not as simple as it seems. Over time, all paving products develop a natural patina which enhances the appearance of the paving. This means there will always be a subtle variation between new and existing paving - even if the mix design is exactly the same.

The appearance of pavers can be impacted by several factors:

MORTAR/GROUT



Grout smear or mortar stains are often present after pavers are laid. A professional acid wash is required to remove these marks after installation.

TIME



Paving can be affected by moisture bruising, dirt buildup and general wear and tear over time, all of which can cause subtle changes to its appearance.

WEATHER



Once paved areas are exposed to the weather, changes in temperature and exposure to sunlight will alter their appearance over time.

SEALING



The use of a penetrating sealer makes paving easier to clean. When paving is unsealed, it is likely to be more affected by dirt and stains.

STAINS



If left for a prolonged period of time, stains from food, dirt and organic material can cause lasting damage to paved areas.

MAINTENANCE



How often the paved area has been cleaned and the type of cleaning products used for cleaning can also affect paver appearance.

“What can I do to get the closest colour match?”

Before you perform any colour comparisons, we recommend organising a thorough clean of your existing paved area by an experienced professional contractor. This is the best method to reveal the true colour of your paving.

“How can Anston help?”

The colours in the Anston product range have changed slightly over time, due to subtle changes in the raw materials used (which are a natural product) and the refinement of our mix designs to improve product quality. Anston can provide product samples for customers to compare with their existing paving.

If you are not satisfied with the colour of any of the samples provided, you may wish to specify a custom colour outside our standard product range. Please note that custom colour options are charged accordingly, depending on the choice of oxides and aggregate materials used.

Every care must be taken when selecting a colour match or custom mix for a paving order. Orders for colour-matching product cannot be refunded or replaced once confirmed for production or delivered to site.