

Driveway Slate vs Block Paving

How to save over £700!

Price Comparison

In this example we show you the typical costs of undertaking a driveway project using traditional block paving and our driveway slate system. This example assumes you have an existing concrete drive that is in good order and its area is 20m², this is typically the area of a single driveway. In both cases, we have shown the costs broken down into materials and labour.

Block Paving - Overview

This process requires the existing concrete to be removed. Essentially the blocks are laid on a bed of compressed sand and joints filled with Kiln dried sand.

Item	Total costs	Explanatory Notes
Skip 8yrd	£240.00	On site for duration of the job
Hardcore / MOT Type 1	£240.00	6 tonne
Edging kerbs	£85.00	Assume 12 kerbs
Concrete	£40.00	To hold edging kerbs in place
Weed membrane	£30.00	Minimise weed growth
Sharp sand	£160.00	4 tonnes
Entry level Block paving, 50mm	£300.00	£15.00/m ²
Kiln Dried Sand	£15.00	4 bags
Concrete Breaker	£40.00	Hire costs for breaking concrete
Mini-digger	£100.00	Hire costs to remove soil
Wacker Plate	£40.00	Hire costs to compact hardcore and blocks
Block cutter	£40.00	Hire costs for cutting blocks to size
(A) Material Cost	£1,215.00	
(B) Labour	£600.00	Assumes 4 man days at £150/day

So for a 20m² driveway project using entry level block paving total project costs are:-

(Material A) + (Labour B) = £1,815.00

works out at £90.75/m²

Driveway Slate System

In this system we keep the existing concrete drive and using a special adhesive, we bond the slate to the concrete and fill the joints with cement based grout. We finally coat the slate with a sealer to protect and make it easier to clean and maintain.

Item	Total costs	Explanatory Notes
20m2 Package Deal	£581	Package Deal - massive ££ saving
Slate	£0	Included in package
Jointing compound	£0	Included in package
Impregnator	£0	Included in package
Acrylic Primer	£0	Included in package
Delivery	£0	Included in package (most areas)
Tile cutter	£40.00	Hire or purchase
 (C).Material Cost for Driveway slate	 £621.00	
 (D) Labour	 £450.00	 Assumes 3 man days at £150/day

So for a 20m2 driveway project using 100% natural slate, total project costs are:-

(Material C) + (Labour D) = £1,071

works out at £53.55/m2

Conclusion

Using driveway slate, for a 20m² project the costs saving is £744. This is a saving of over 40% when compared to block paving.

Further details of all our project value pack deals can be found on our [package deals](#) page on our website

Advantages of Driveway Slate vs. Block Paving

Advantages
Cheaper
Minimal tools
No weeds through joints
Easy cleaning
No sinking
No colour loss
No need to fill joints periodically
Less space required on site
All materials arrive in one delivery

Notes

1. All costs for materials and labour based on UK average costs - in some cases this could be higher or lower based on regional differences
2. Block paving costs can start from £15/m² and rise to £30/m² and over

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