# The natural stone look







# Get the natural stone look

PGH Stone is our collection of manufactured stone veneer products that offer a great alternative to wall tiles and other forms of cladding, where a unique, natural stone look and feel is the desired finish. Suitable for internal and external use, PGH Stone provides a personal touch to your home, or adds character to commercial settings.

Cast from moulds created using actual stone pieces, PGH Stone displays the same textures, colours and patterns found in real stone masonry. Available in a selection of natural-looking stone finishes and formats, there will be a product to suit many different project needs. Give your residential or commercial project a beautiful, natural, tactile feature with PGH Stone.

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# Benefits of PGH Stone

PGH Stone is made in Australia, does not require painting or coating and can be used indoors or outdoors. It is backed by CSR, has minimal maintenance long-term and comes with a **manufacturer's warranty of 15 years.** 

# PGH Stone product colour variations

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#### WITHOUT MORTAR

#### **CLASSIC LEDGESTONE**

A typical rectangular appearance that is easy to install





GILDED SAND



SILVER PEAK



WHITEHAVEN

#### NATURAL FIELDSTONE

A rough and irregular texture allowing for a variety of unique looks











#### RUGGED LEDGESTONE

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Capping Stones are available to suit all products and colours.



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### CORNER STONES FOR EACH COLOUR:

NATURAL FIELDSTONE

#### CLASSIC LEDGESTONE



Alpine Grey



🗖 Russet



Gilded Sand



Silver Peak



Whitehaven





Russet



Gilded Sand



Silver Peak





**RUGGED LEDGESTONE** 

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Russet



Gilded Sand



Silver Peak







	Classic Ledgestone	Rugged Ledgestone	Natural Fieldstone	Capping Stone
Carton Weight (kg)	30 (flats) / 23 (corners)	30 (flats) / 23 (corners)	30 (flats) / 23 (corners)	13kg each
Cartons/Pallet	32 (flats) / 32 (corners)	32 (flats) / 32 (corners)	24 (flats) / 32 (corners)	80 per pallet
Weight/Pallet (kg)	960 (flats) / 736 (corners)	1024 (flats) / 768 (corners)	888 (flats) / 576 (corners)	1040kg
M²/Carton	0.42m² (flats) / 1.00Lm (corners)	0.42m² (flats) / 1.00Lm (corners)	0.6m² (flats) / 1.20Lm (corners)	n/a
Height (mm)	35–160	35–160	50-355	280–300
Length (mm)	100-530	100-530	100-450	490–510
Thickness (mm)	25-65	25–65	25–65	35–45
Corner Short Return (mm)	50–105	40–135	65–100	N/A
Corner Long Return (mm)	70–260	100-320	150–280	N/A
Corner Height (mm)	60–145	40–120	170–250	N/A





#### Composition

PGH Stone is made from sand, cement, additives, and water. Cast from moulds created using actual stone pieces, PGH Stone displays the same textures, colours and patterns found in real stone masonry. Available in a selection of natural-looking stone finishes and formats, there will be a product to suit many different project needs.

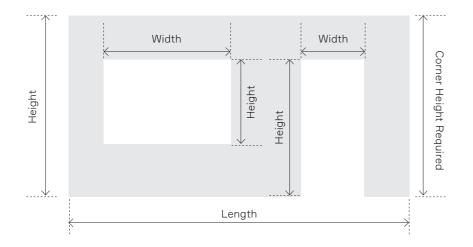
#### **Technical Information**

Property	Rating			
Compressive Strength	<21MPa			
Cold Water Absorption (CWA)	6.10%	6.10%		
Avg. Heat Release Rate	FTI (Failed to Ignite)			
Avg. Specific Extinction Area	4.7m²/kg			
Product Group	Group 1			
Product Weight	48-62kg/m <sup>2</sup>	48-62kg/m <sup>2</sup>		
Product Warranty	15 year (limited)	15 year (limited)		
Product Usage (Non-structural)	Interior & Exterior	Interior & Exterior		

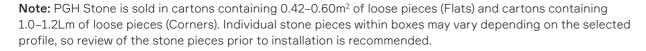
#### Estimating stone required

To determine the amount of PGH Stone Flat pieces needed, measure the area to be covered. Measure the length and height to arrive at the gross m<sup>2</sup> of flat stone needed [length (m) x height (m)]. Subtract m<sup>2</sup> for corners (if applicable), windows, doors, or other openings.

To determine the amount of corner pieces needed, measure the outer vertical edge in linear metres. Corners occupy approx. 0.2m<sup>2</sup> of wall space per linear metre of product, so this number can be subtracted from the requirement for Flat pieces.



Total stone required = (Wall area) - (Window + Door area). Corners required = Measure outer vertical length in linear metres.



#### Application

Utilising PGH Stone in a walling application requires bonding to a solid substrate such as a concrete or masonry wall. PGH Stone is not suitable to stand on its own, or on a non-structural element such as plasterboard. For height and wind load limit on wall applications, consult adhesive manufacturers for more information. PGH highly recommends that all standards and specifications be independently checked by the project designer(s), as well as the sealant and adhesive manufacturers for recommendations to suit the specific requirements of each project.

#### Tips to consider

#### Building code compliance

Building code requirements may vary from area to area. Check with local authorities for the requirements in vour area.

#### **Corner** installation

If your application requires corner pieces, start by installing a corner piece first, followed by the adjoining flat pieces. Note that the corner pieces may experience greater wind load.

It is recommended that corners be strengthened through continuous metal mesh wrap with min. 450mm at outside and inside corners, fastened at a framing member. Where lapping of expanded metal mesh is required, follow the manufacturer's instructions for the minimum lapping length.

#### Fire safety

Concrete is listed as a non-combustible material under the National Construction Code. Consult the adhesive manufacturer for a suitable product if you intend to use PGH Stone in a fire-resistant area such as a fireplace.

#### Substrate requirement

PGH recommends that wall construction be in accordance with the relevant Australian and industry standards when preparing a surface for stone cladding. The contractor must examine substrates and advise the general contractor and architect of any existing conditions or surface contamination which will require correction before work commences. Before starting, substrates must comply with maximum allowable deflection criteria as called for by Australian industry standards or the applicable local building code. Consult the adhesive manufacturer for the appropriate substrate surface treatment.

#### Other precautions

To reduce the risk of falling from height, it is recommended to install PGH Stone no greater than 2 storeys high. Contact the adhesive manufacturer for further guidance.

Cutting stone may generate silica dust. It is recommended that appropriate PPE be worn, and dust-reducing cutting methods (i.e. wet saw) are employed.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

#### How do you install PGH Stone?

- $\rightarrow$  Tile adhesive over properly prepared substrate
- → Mechanical fixing may be required in certain circumstances
- → Please refer to the PGH Stone Cladding Installations Recommendations document available on our website - https://www.pghbricks.com.au/-/media/ pgh-pluto/pluto/brochures/2023-brochures/pghstone-installation-recommendations.pdf

#### Can I seal PGH Stone?

It is not required to seal PGH Stone. A sealer will provide added protection and will usually be easier to clean if the surface becomes dirty. If you choose to use a sealer for added protection, use a penetrating breathable masonry sealer. NOTE: A sealer may affect the stone colour and may create a gloss or matte finish. Always test a small area beforehand.

## What maintenance is required for PGH Stone if any?

Periodic washing to remove surface dust and debris is all that is required. Most PGH Stone products are virtually maintenance free.

#### How much does it cost to install PGH Stone?

Contact installer for accurate price.

#### Where can I install PGH Stone?

PGH Stone can be applied to any structurally sound surface with the proper preparation. It fits nearly any building plan — large or small, interior or exterior, new residential or commercial projects — or on any remodel.

#### Is PGH Stone natural stone?

Our hand-crafted products are made with reconstituted sandstone utilising naturally occurring aggregates, with various advantages over natural stone; its ease of installation, prefabricated corner pieces and caps to suit all products, its availability, more economical to buy than natural stone, colour can be altered to suit personal taste.

#### What is PGH Stone made of?

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# What kind of surface is necessary to apply PGH Stone?

PGH Stone products may be adhered to any prepared clean, untreated, structurally sound wall surfaces. AC/ cement sheeting over timber or steel frame, Masonry and Brick, Tilt/Pre cast panel. Please refer to our installation instructions for further information.

# Can we install PGH Stone around a fireplace?

PGH Stone can be installed around a fireplace. The veneer must be a minimum of 20cm from any open flame.

## Can PGH Stone products be used on wall area adjacent to swimming pools?

PGH Stone products will perform the same as any other quality reconstituted stone. Although, it should be taken into consideration with any reconstituted stone or natural material, continued exposure to chlorine and other chemicals may eventually affect the colouration of the products. When frequently exposed to water, we recommend protection with a non-film breathable masonry sealer.

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#### How heavy are PGH Stone products?

The approximate weights range from 48kg to 62kg per m<sup>2</sup> depending on the PGH Stone product selected (exclusive of installation materials).

#### How is PGH Stone sold?

- → The loose stones are packed in corflute outdoor suitable boxes.
- → Flats are sold in boxes ranging from 0.42–0.6 per m<sup>2</sup>
- → Corners are sold in boxes ranging from 1–1.2 L/m
- → Capping is sold individually

### Can PGH Stone products be used on both exterior and interior applications?

Yes! The products are suitable for both applications. They allow you to bring the outdoors inside as well as emphasizing your design and continuity in your colour and texture schemes.

#### Will PGH Stone products weather?

The base colour is blended throughout, and permanent mineral oxide pigments are applied and absorbed when the veneer is cast. Colour becomes an integral part of the veneer and, like natural stone, there are minimal noticeable colour changes after years of weathering. 15 year warranty against colour fade no greater than 2%.

#### Should I colour the mortar or grout?

The choice between mortar or grout comes down to personal preference. Either can be used.

- → Sand and cement based mortar can be tinted with an iron oxide pigment. This style of application can enhance or accompany the stone colour used.
- → Tile grout can also be used to achieve the same outcome. Please refer back to the grout manufacturer for technical assistance.

#### Can I install PGH Stone myself?

In general, installation of PGH Stone can be installed by almost anyone. However, installation does require a fundamental understanding of stone masonry. For Classic Ledgestone and Rugged Ledgestone, we highly recommend a professional installer. Please refer to our user installation guide.

#### How important is a good stone installation?

As with any building material, the beauty of the product is greatly enhanced by how well it is installed. PGH Stone, careful consideration regarding the type of profile and colour selected, the actual installed stone "pattern", and the type of grout technique used, are all very important factors to regard. It is always best to create a mock up board with the desired aesthetic appeal prior to installation on your project.

#### Can PGH Stone products be cut?

Yes, PGH Stone are easily cut or trimmed using a hatchet or wide-mouth nipper. We highly recommend the use of a dustless vacuum saw.

#### What happens if PGH Stone chips?

Manufactured from crushed sandstone chips tend to blend in with the face colour and add a natural appearance to the stone.

# Can PGH Stone be used on water features and walkways?

- → Not recommended for walkways due to the undulating finish.
- → Not recommended for water features due to water absorption and adhesion.

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Warning: PGH Stone contain crystalline silica. Cutting or grinding these products creates dust, which may be hazardous and should not be inhaled. Please ensure that when cutting or grinding, an approved mask (respirator) is worn. For more information visit: pghbricks.com.au/product-info/working-safely-pgh

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