

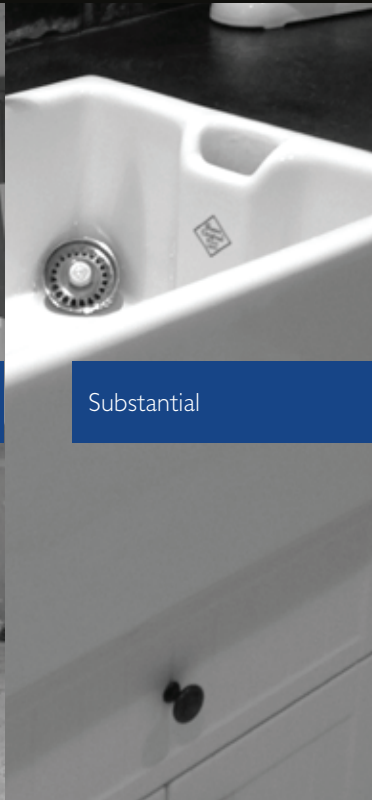


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SHAWS OF DARWEN



Dependable



Substantial



Durable

OVER 100 YEARS OF TRADITIONAL CRAFTSMANSHIP



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Strength and durability exist in a variety of ways, but none are more stylish and practical than a Shaws sink.

Since 1897 Shaws of Darwen have produced kitchen sinks from the finest quality heavy duty fireclay at their Lancashire base in England. Handcrafted using a process unchanged for 120 years, the Master Craftsman applies his own maker's mark ensuring the durability and unique qualities of each sink.



HEAVY DUTY FIRECLAY

Heavy duty fireclay is a blend unique to Shaws and is up to 25% more dense than the clay used by other manufacturers, that's why a Shaws sink is heavier and stronger.

Perfected over 120 years Shaws fireclay includes the world's finest Devon Ball Clay, which is still mixed and poured by hand, just as it was in 1897.

Our traditional fireclay is handcrafted into thick solid walls making each sink much heavier and more durable than thinner or hollow sinks.

HEAVYWEIGHT GLAZE

Glaze quantity directly affects the durability and lifetime of a sink. Shaws heavyweight glaze is produced to exacting standards of strength and gloss, and is applied twice to each sink to provide a smoother and harder wearing glaze which is 2-4 times thicker than sinks made by other manufacturers.

Unlike enamelled cast iron, a Shaws sink is fired at over 1200°C for 32 hours to enable the heavy duty fireclay and glaze to fuse into one inseparable and enduring body. This guarantees the sink's resistance, durability and beauty well into the future.

Such time honoured, perfected techniques and materials create product qualities that other sink manufacturers simply cannot match.



SCRATCH RESISTANT

Crockery and cutlery are abrasive and can easily scratch glazes and enamels, shortening the life of your sink. Our heavyweight glaze is 2-4 times thicker to protect the sink from scratches and daily wear & tear.

IMPACT RESISTANT

Accidents happen, but due to the unique product qualities of heavy duty fireclay, you can rest with the peace of mind that your Shaws of Darwen sink is resistant to impact marks and chips.

HEAT RESISTANT

Fired at over 1200°C, a Shaws sink will resist the hottest pots and pans and a quick clean will remove any traces of heat marks. Lesser sinks have the potential to stain permanently. A Shaws sink will maintain its style and practicality for years to come.

STAIN RESISTANT

Originally formulated for laboratories and hospitals, our unique glaze is guaranteed and certified as stainless and chemical resistant.

CHEMICAL SAFE

A kitchen sink is certainly put through its paces, none more so than when it's time to clean the kitchen with bleaches and other aggressive chemicals. Our superior glaze will protect your sink from staining and deterioration, giving you one thing less to worry about.

ANTI-BACTERIAL

Using a microscope, you'll notice the surface of other sink materials look like mountain ranges of peaks and valleys, which can harbour bacteria. The ultra smooth fired surface of Shaws glaze has been certified to reduce 99.99% of bacteria giving you peace of mind in the kitchen.

After 3-4 weeks of mixing, moulding, hand-finishing, drying, spraying and firing, methods that are unchanged for over 120 years, the sink is inspected and carefully packed before being delivered to its new home, where it will last for generations to come.

Each sink's manufacturing process requires 3-4 weeks of finely tuned skill and dedication by Master Craftsman who have taken up to 10 years to earn their prestigious title.

WEEK 1

Skilled Master Mould Makers use a unique plaster mix to make each sink model and mould by hand. At the same time, heavy duty fireclay is slowly blended before being rested ready for use.



WEEK 2

Liquid fireclay is poured into the mould before being rested and then removed to be finished by hand. After it's marked with the maker's name, the sink is dried at 110°C for two days.



WEEK 3

The sink is glazed by hand and then rested, before a second glazing is carried out. Once the glaze is dry, the sink is inspected and the Shaws brand is applied.



WEEK 4

The sink is prepared and fired at 1200°C for 32 hours to fuse the heavy duty fireclay and glaze. It then cools for one day, is carefully inspected and packed ready for delivery to your door.



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