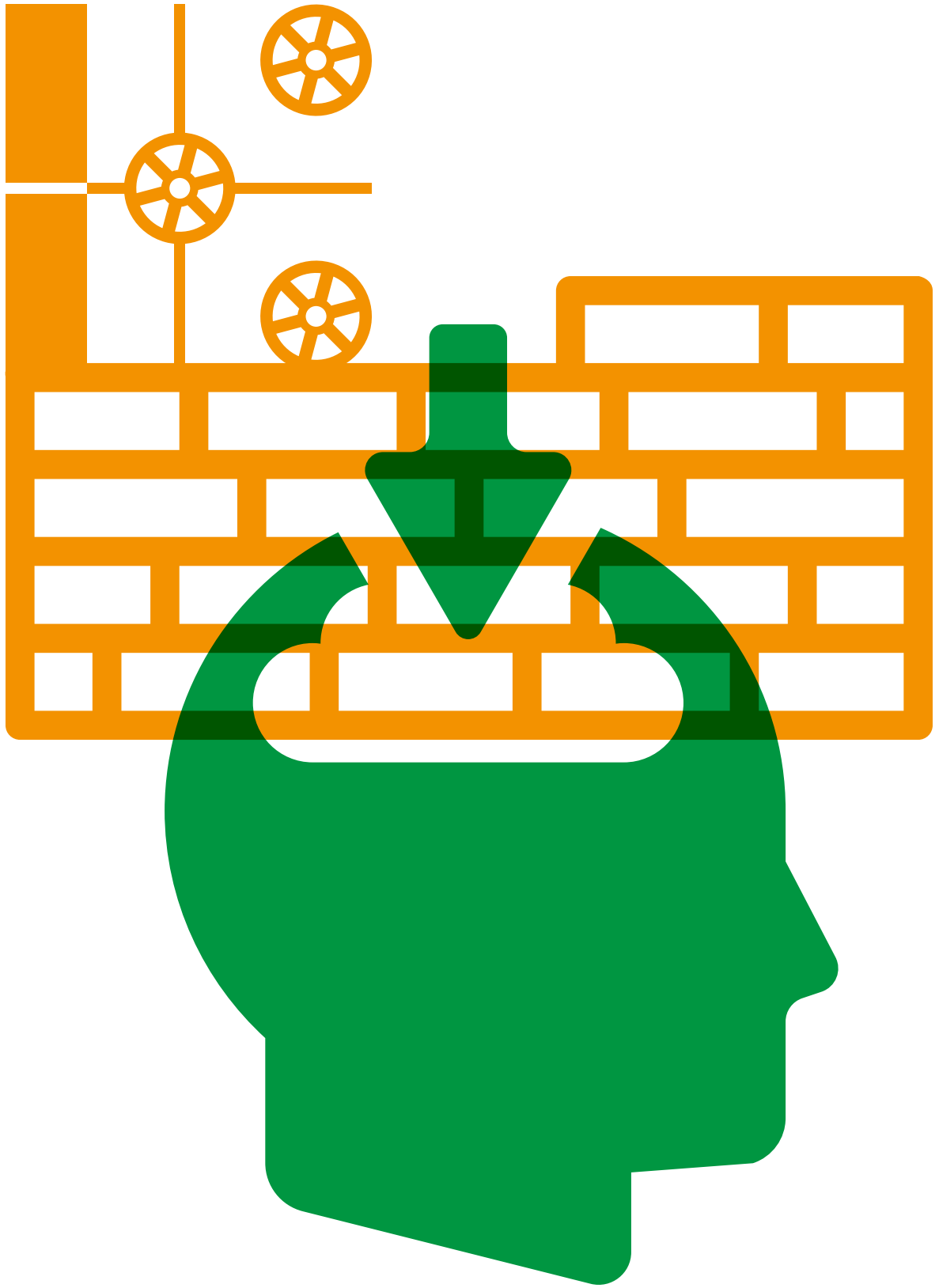




Training

Preparing the next generation of SWI installers





Training the industry

The correct installation of SWI is vital, to not only deliver a robust system that performs correctly and looks attractive, but to ensure the validation of warranties. Spot checks on-site are becoming ever more stringent so it is vital that installers possess the relevant certifications and approvals to demonstrate they are adept in the necessary skills to work on SWI projects.

One of the more popular guarantee providers, the Solid Wall Insulation Guarantee Agency (SWIGA), stipulates that one in four installers on site must be manufacturer approved. It is therefore crucial that contractor and installation companies invest in providing their workforces with the required training to ensure they not only avoid hefty fines, but can continue to compete for valuable contracts.

“Qualifying approved installers is definitely being policed more on site; we are receiving more and more enquiries asking if individuals are approved to install our systems. Whether you are operating independently or work on behalf of a major contractor, you cannot afford to miss out on major schemes due to a lack of skilled professionals.”

Ian Coatsworth,
Wetherby Lead Trainer

We have trained more than 7,000 installers since 2010, offering the reassurance that those completing our training courses are fully equipped with the knowledge and skills to hit the ground running on site.

Our membership of the National Insulation Association (NIA) ensures we are kept fully up to date with the latest legislation, market trends and industry insight, ensuring our training programmes address the current issues and challenges affecting installers and end clients.

We have dedicated training facilities at our head office in Golborne along with our Bridgend and Glasgow depots, ensuring our programmes are accessible to installers across the country.



Recognised Contractor Network

We are committed to providing the highest possible standards and invest significantly in compliance and testing to ensure all of our solutions are of exceptional quality. It is equally important to us that the standard of installation matches the product performance, which is why we only provide product guarantees if the system has been installed by a company, which is included on our recognised contractor network.

We have a rigorous process in place for managing our recognised contractor network, with all companies required to meet strict criteria following detailed checks, training and on-site audits. Our stringent procedures ensure we can be confident that all of our recognised contractor partners will deliver a professional installation of our solutions.

To ensure our high standards are maintained, all companies on our recognised contractor network are regularly monitored, with on-site audits taking place to confirm our installation techniques and procedures are continuing to be followed correctly.

Further details on the application process, necessary criteria and terms and conditions of our recognised contractor scheme can be found on our website at wbs-ltd.co.uk

“With Wetherby being a market leader in SWI solutions, its products are specified on some of the UK’s largest insulation schemes and we would miss out on the opportunity to work on major projects if we were not a recognised contractor partner.”

Rob Storton,
Hamilton





Applicator Training Courses



Our applicator training courses are designed to provide installers with detailed product knowledge of our material components, along with the application methods for our SWI systems and decorative renders.

Open to all abilities, from those with no previous experience, to those with proven plastering and rendering capabilities looking to upskill, our training courses have been approved by cskills, the awarding body of the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB).

All following a similar format, the one day courses begin with a theoretical presentation, followed by a practical

demonstration from our dedicated trainer, before delegates put their skills to the test in practical application sessions, which they will be assessed on at the end of the day.

Every trainee that successfully passes the course is provided with a Wetherby Approved Applicator card to verify they are qualified to install Wetherby systems.

Detailed information regarding course synopses, availability, timetables and costs can be found on our website at wbs-ltd.co.uk

System Maintenance Course



Each of our EWI systems requires periodic maintenance to retain its warranty and ensure the product continues to provide the same performance levels throughout its lifetime. Regular inspection, cleaning and damage repairs are integral to ensuring the system's longevity.

We offer a specific system maintenance course to enable building owners, housing associations, local councils and facilities managers to carry out the correct monitoring and maintenance procedures.

With no previous experience of working with solid wall insulation systems required, the one day course provides an overview of our different systems, along with their build ups and applications. Our experienced trainer will then outline the necessary inspections and discuss how to identify when a repair is needed. A range of different maintenance solutions will be reviewed including washes, paints and protective coatings.

The trainer will also provide practical demonstrations on how to make patch repairs to our render and brick slip systems, with delegates welcome to try their hand at making a repair, under supervision.

Management Overview Course



It is not just installers that can benefit from our training courses, we offer a session for those that are not directly involved with the application of our systems but would still find it valuable to gain a more detailed understanding of our SWI solutions.

We have tailored our training format specifically for groups of managers, sales teams, compliance departments and funding managers from a range of companies including contractors, energy companies and certification bodies.

The one day course provides an overview of the benefits of SWI and a presentation on our systems, followed by an informal Q&A session. Our experienced trainer will then provide a series of practical demonstrations including surface preparation / enabling works and fixing of the installation boards. There will then be a

final practical session to demonstrate the application of the following finishes:

- **Silicone thin coat render**
- **Dry dash**
- **Brick slips**
- **Brick effect render**

Delegates are always welcome to try their hand at applying any of the finishes under the guidance of the trainer.

This course has been designed as a flexible format, which can be tailored to a company's specific needs.

For further information about our management courses or to discuss your requirements please contact the training department on **01942 529336** or email info@wbs-ltd.co.uk



Course	Topic	Requirements
Level 1	Insulation boarding	No experience necessary
Level 2a	Insulation and Silicone Render	2 – 3 years plastering / rendering experience or Level 1
Level 2b	Insulation and Dry Dash	2 – 3 years plastering / rendering experience or Level 1
Level 2c	Insulation and 15mm Brick Slip	2 – 3 years plastering / rendering experience or Level 1
Level 2d	Insulation and Brick Effect Render	2 – 3 years plastering / rendering experience or Level 1
Level 2g	Insulation and 7mm Brick Slip	2 – 3 years plastering / rendering experience or Level 1
Level 2h	Insulation and Mineral Render	2 – 3 years plastering / rendering experience or Level 1
Level 2i	EWI Repair and Maintenance	Successful completion of a Level 2 course
Level 3a	Silicone Render	Successful completion of a Level 2 course
Level 3b	Dry Dash	Successful completion of a Level 2 course
Level 3c	15mm Brick Slips	Successful completion of a Level 2 course
Level 3d	Brick Effect Render	Successful completion of a Level 2 course
Level 3e	Scratch Render	Successful completion of a Level 2 course
Level 3f	Rail Fix (Epsitec)	Successful completion of a Level 2 course
Level 3g	7mm Brick Slips	Successful completion of a Level 2 course
Level 3h	Mineral Render	Successful completion of a Level 2 course
Level 4a	Internal Wall Insulation	2 – 3 years plastering / dry-lining experience
All Levels	Management Awareness	No experience necessary
All Levels	System Maintenance & Awareness	No experience necessary





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