

Introduction

The aim of this guide is to provide you with advice on caring for and maintaining the new exterior of your home. Whilst it may not cover every eventuality, most of the common points to consider are highlighted in the following pages.

General considerations

To ensure the exterior walls of your property remain clean and undamaged, there are several things you should take into consideration.

Garden plants and vegetation

Garden plants and shrubs should not be planted or positioned too closely to the finished render. Wall climbing plants or creepers should be avoided.

Refuse bins

Refuse bins should be positioned away from the wall. Bin lids could cause damage if in heavy contact with the render.

Guttering and overflow pipes

Gutters and downpipes should be regularly checked and cleaned to remove leaves and moss. Overflowing gutters could stain the render.

Vehicle emissions

Avoid parking vehicles too close to the finished render as exhaust emissions can leave unsightly black marks.

Use of ladders

Ladders should be positioned carefully to avoid unnecessary heavy contact.

Airbricks, flues and other ventilators

It is very important airbricks, flues and other ventilators are not covered. They should be kept clear at all times. If you are considering a modification which means an airbrick, flue or other ventilator may need to be covered please discuss with the system designer before commencing work.

Roofline, fascia and rainwater goods

In addition to the specific items detailed above, regular maintenance of the roofline, fascia and drainage is important to ensure rainwater cannot penetrate at the head of the external wall insulation system.

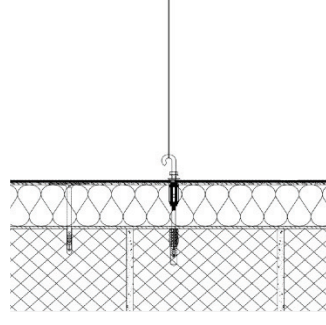
External wall fixings

Fixing to the exterior walls

It is possible to fix items to the wall such as satellite dishes, hanging baskets, washing lines and wall lights. However the method, type of fixing and plug is different to what you may use for brick or timber.

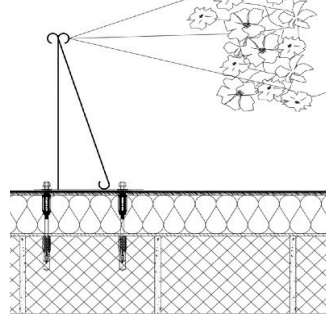
The type of fixing recommended is dependent on the weight of the item. In general terms, items up to 10kg can be fixed to the wall using Fischer Thermax 10 fixings available from Fischer Fixings local stockists.

Typical fixing details are detailed in the pictures below:



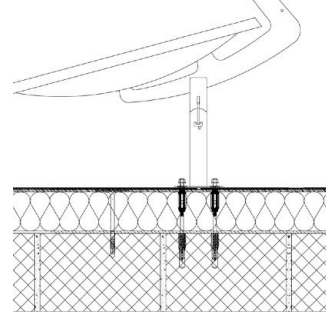
Washing line

Minimum 1x thermax 10 fixing



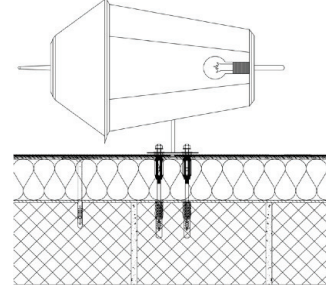
Hanging basket

Minimum 2x thermax 10 fixing



Satellite dish

Minimum 4x thermax 10 fixing



Wall light

Minimum 2x thermax 10 fixing



Lakehouse

