



### VITRIPIAZZA® Vitrified Porcelain Paving



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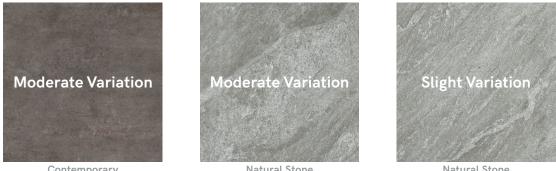
Talasey have produced this information to help you understand the importance of batch matching and production dates for our Vitripiazza Vitrified Porcelain ranges.

Porcelain products are a little like wallpaper, in that, the production batches are important. As with wallpaper, the same colour and print are used in every production run however there can be a slight shade variation between each production run. Every Vitripiazza range will have its own date of manufacture and/or shade number reference. This forms the batch number or batch date, required for matching products for one project.

So, what causes this shade variation? During the manufacturing process the porcelain is fired and baked in a kiln at extremely high temperatures. Even the slightest variation in temperature can affect the shade. The same print can have a slightly different shade as highlighted below. These shades are set in a spectrum tolerance and inspected to ensure they fall within this, after firing.



Within a range there can also be a chromatic and/or surface variation to reproduce a natural effect. A moderate or slight variation is typical within the natural stone replica finishes. Our contemporary ranges may have a moderate shading variation for which a homogeneous chromatic surface is an aesthetic feature of the design.



Contemporary

It is essential that when supplying multiple packs to customers, you select the same batch/shade or production date numbers. This is also vital if a customer returns at a later date, to purchase additional product, to complete their project.

Even when packs are batch matched, we recommend mixing from all packs during installation to ensure that a completely natural blend is achieved.

We recommend that anyone starting an installation keeps a record of the relevant batch number in case any further product is required. Please note without this batch number it is impossible to batch match the Vitripiazzza.

## Identifying the Batch Number

#### Rectified

When ordering a rectified range of Vitripiazza it will be the production date or the batch shade number that you need to match.

If you are ordering a non-rectified range, batches may have the same batch shade number but a different work size, so in these instances it is imperative to not only match the batch shade reference but also the work size number.

#### **Non-Rectified**

What does work size mean? The edges of our non-rectified ranges leaving the kiln may be slightly different dimensions. During the grade sorting stage of the manufacturing process, they are divided and grouped into work size batches that are the same dimensions according to the standards of the tolerance provided for by specific regulations.

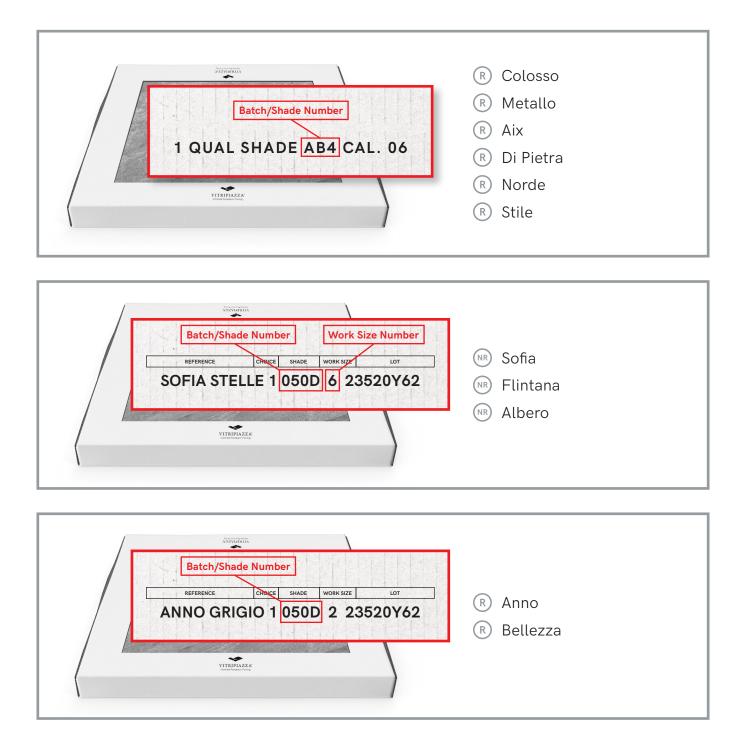
To explain further; there are up to ten potential work sizes that your batch could come in. Your batch will be identified as work size 1, through to work size 10. Each individual work size batch has industry standard tolerances of +/-2mm. As you supply the entire order from the same work size and batch/shade number, it makes no difference when installing.

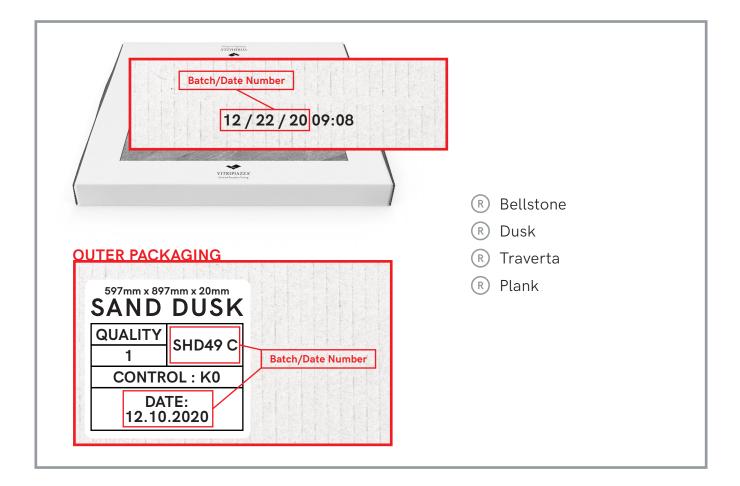
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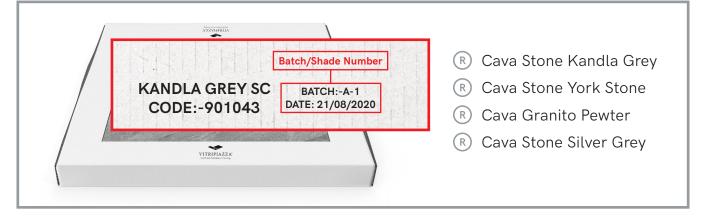


## **Batching Identification**

Highlighted below are the Vitripiazza packaging details, for both rectified ® and non-rectified products. These have been separated into the ranges, to help you identify the batching detail required.









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