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Steam Brickworks A. Deppe, Lemke near Neuenhaus in the County Bentheim Drawing from the year 1921





Passing the torch to the next generation: Dr. Dirk Deppe and his father Wilhelm Deppe

Dr. Dirk Deppe and Bernd Deppe



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Many years ago the brick workers in the picture formed the bricks with their hands, dried and burned them. They are a part of our company's success today and the bricks they made more than 100 years ago still adorn many facades. Today we produce our bricks using modern technology, but these men's history, their dedication and their experience have a remaining influence on how we work.

### Tradition and experience



Our bricks are natural products and each and every one has a unique look.



#### We love bricks.

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# Strategists build with brick!







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One thing has remained untouched by all the technological progress we have made over the past 6.000 years: the elements earth, water, air and fire have formed each brick and made it durable and robust, protecting our houses from every kind of weather. Just think of all those old brick buildings that have been standing strong for centuries and are now under a preservation order as buildings of special architectural and historical interest.

The cavity wall, a special term for this type of construction, offers a lot of advantages:

- It requires no maintenance and if properly constructed offers a nearly unlimited lifespan.
- It is extremely weather resistant and due to its intelligent and massive construction has the effect of a natural air conditioning system
- Brick walls are open to water and vapour diffusion, which allows for a permanent exchange of air and humidity and creates a healthy living climate.
- Algae and mold stand no chance on the brick surface.
- Houses with cavity walls and brick facades effortlessly reach the energetic standard of a passive house.
- There are no maintenance costs which makes this way of facade construction the most cost efficient long-term solution.



# Triply effective with cavity walls



 A cavity wall construction consisting of facing bricks (11,5, cm), insulation layer (10 cm) and back wall (15 cm) is less than 40 cm thick (left picture). Good insulation does not necessarily go hand in hand with thick walls! By using innovative and reliable insulation material passive house requirements can be easily met with comparably thin walls. There is a variety of choices for insulation and back wall material. Some examples for cavity wall constructions that meet passive house standard are listed here from top to bottom: 11,5 cm facing bricks + 14 cm mineral rock wool + 24 cm porotherm blocks = 49,50 cm; 11,5 cm facing bricks + 14 cm mineral rock wool + 24 cm autoclaved aerated concrete blocks = 49,50 cm; 11,5 cm facing bricks + 20 cm mineral rock wool + 24 sandlime bricks = 55,50 cm

The cavity wall consists of three layers. Each one of them has an important function and together they provide for a massive outer wall and excellent thermal insulation:

- The load bearing back wall is a firm basis for the building.
- The insulation layer serves as a buffer zone between the inner and the outer climate. It can be up to 20 cm thick. To use more insulation material than that will only very marginally increase energy savings.
- 3. The brick facade protects the insulation layer and the back wall from climatic and environmental impacts and has a temperature balancing effect.



 Glass wool, mineral stone wool and polyurethane panels are the most used insulation materials.



# A passion for bricks.



The work continues with dedication and an eye for detail: DEPPE workers in the year 2013.



# Original handform



Around 1900, DEPPE brickworks produced handform bricks. Since 2004 the handform brick has been experiencing a renaissance. While 100 years ago the clay was put into the moulds and extracted again by hand, modern machinery is taking care of that job today. The quality of today's original handform bricks remains extraordinary and at the same time the characteristic and individual surface structure of each brick is preserved.

The basic process of forming the bricks is not different from back then: a lump of clay is pushed into a sanded form, the clay is pressed against the side walls which leads to the formation of reliefs and folds that remain visible after the bricks have been burned. This procedure provides each brick with a unique surface structure. Our original handform brick has a depth of warmth and colour developed generations ago and is often used for the construction of family homes and apartment buildings.

![](_page_8_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_9_Picture_0.jpeg)

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#### coloured-sandstone

**4590 WF** 210 x 100 x 50 mm **6590 WDF** 210 x 100 x 65 mm **7590 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

![](_page_10_Picture_0.jpeg)

sapphire

6595 WDF 210 x 100 x 65 mm **7595 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

![](_page_11_Picture_0.jpeg)

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#### red-blue-coloured

**4570 WF** 210 x 100 x 50 mm 6570 WDF 210 x 100 x 65 mm **7570** NF 240 x 115 x 71 mm

![](_page_12_Picture_0.jpeg)

#### black-brown-coloured

**6544 WDF** 210 x 100 x 65 mm **7544 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

Further formats upon request.

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#### baccara

**4561 WF** 210 x 100 x 50 mm **6561 WDF** 210 x 100 x 65 mm **7561 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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![](_page_15_Picture_0.jpeg)

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sandstone

4581 WF 210 x 100 x 50 mm 6581 WDF 210 x 100 x 65 mm

7581 NF 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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baccara-bright

**6562 WDF** 210 x 100 x 65 mm

**7562 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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red-coloured

**4560 WF** 210 x 100 x 50 mm **7560 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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## The aesthetic combination of classicism & modernism

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A lot of our employees have been with us for many years.

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# **Original Waterstruck**

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Whereas sand is used to extract the brick from the mould during the production of handform bricks, water serves as a lubricant for waterstruck bricks. Wet clay is pressed into moulds wetted with water. The surface is smoother than a handform brick, but the troweling effect given to each brick during the moulding process creates a textural effect and a patina after firing that has been unique for DEPPE bricks for many years. Our waterstruck bricks are used for the construction of family homes, the renovation of old buildings and special projects for architects, contractors and developers.

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![](_page_22_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_23_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_23_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_23_Picture_2.jpeg)

grey-white subdued

**1582 wged WF** 210 x 100 x 50 mm **1682 wged DF** 240 x 115 x 52 mm

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![](_page_25_Picture_0.jpeg)

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red-coloured

**1560 WF** 210 x 100 x 50 mm **2560 WDF** 210 x 100 x 65 mm

**1660 DF** 240 x 115 x 52 mm

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**1550 WF** 210 x 100 x 50 mm

red

**1650 DF** 240 x 115 x 52 mm

![](_page_28_Picture_0.jpeg)

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 3550 NF
 3050 RF

 240 x 115 x 71 mm
 250 x 120 x 65 mm

Further formats upon request.

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brown-blue-coloured

1535 WF 210 x 100 x 50 mm **1635 DF** 240 x 115 x 52 mm

3535 NF 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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red, orginal coal

**1573 WF** 210 x 100 x 50 mm **3573 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

**3073 ARF** 250 x 120 x 65 mm

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#### red-blue-coloured

**1570 WF** 210 x 100 x 50 mm **2570 WDF** 210 x 100 x 65 mm **1670 DF** 240 x 115 x 52 mm **3570 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

![](_page_34_Picture_0.jpeg)

red-blue-coloured, original coal

**3570 ek NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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#### red-blue

**1522 WF** 210 x 100 x 50 mm

**1622 DF** 240 x 115 x 52 mm **3522 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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![](_page_37_Picture_0.jpeg)

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brown-blue-coloured, original coal 1635 ek DF 240 x 115 x 52 mm

![](_page_38_Picture_0.jpeg)

red-blue-coloured, original coal

**1622 ek DF** 240 x 115 x 52 mm

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yellow-green-coloured 1581 WF 210 x 100 x 50 mm

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# Efficiency & Character

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Even though our production process has become highly automised nothing can replace the skills and know how of our employees.

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# Wirecut bricks

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There are two distinct methods of shaping bricks: pressing and wire-cutting. The pressing method creates handform and waterstruck bricks by pressing material into a mold or form and applying pressure. In contrast to this, wirecut bricks are formed by slicing a brick-sized piece from a bulk-length of clay with a wire tool. Wirecut bricks are molded on an extruder where the clay is forced through a nozzle. After the clay is formed into a large, rectangular piece of material, it is sliced into several brick-sized pieces by pushing wires through the material.

Suitable dies can produce perforations as well. The introduction of such holes reduces the volume of clay needed, and therefore the cost. Hollow bricks are lighter and easier to handle, and have different thermal properties from solid bricks.

The slicing of the clay in wirecut bricks leaves traces in the cured surface of the brick that makes them easily recognizable. Depending on what the customer wants, further effects like sanding, brushing, raking and embossing can be added. This is what gives the bricks the visual appeal that many builders and homeowners seek.

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baccara-blue-coloured

**124 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

Further formats upon request.

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red-blue-coloured

**128 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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![](_page_45_Picture_2.jpeg)

 red-coloured, raked, sanded

 560 WF
 121 NF

 210 x 100 x 50 mm
 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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![](_page_46_Picture_2.jpeg)

brown-blue-coloured coal

**144 k NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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# GELISCHES GYMNASIUM NORDHORN

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brown-blue-coloured, smooth

 733 DF
 83

 240 x 115 x 52 mm
 24

833 NF 240 x 115 x 71 mm

Further formats upon request.

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red, smooth

**10 DF** 240 x 115 x 52 mm **101 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm **1010 2DF** 240 x 115 x 113 mm

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red-blue-coloured, raked

**222 ges NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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52

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red-blue-coloured, smooth

**822 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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red-blue-coloured coal

**821 k NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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brown-blue-coloured coal

**733 k DF** 240 x 115 x 52 mm **833 k NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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black-brown-blue, original coal

**746 ek DF** 240 x 115 x 52 mm **846 NF** 240 x 115 x 71 mm

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#### Big formats for industrial and agricultural use

Wirecut bricks in large formats (2DF, 3DF and 4DF) offer economical and aesthetic solutions with guaranteed durability. The single leaf external wall construction is suitable for extreme requirements – for building halls as well as stables. If you throw our special formats into the mix there are no limits for creative solutions.

![](_page_57_Picture_3.jpeg)

 red, smooth
 red-coloured, smooth
 red-coloured, raked,

 2DF
 3DF
 4DF

 240 x 115 x 113 mm
 240 x 175 x 113 mm
 240 x 240 x 113 mm

Further formats and colours upon request.

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YEARS Deppe bricks from the County of Bentheim

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