

GREATSTOCK

YOUR home should be a haven for your family – keeping them safe and dry regardless of the weather conditions. But do you dread the sound of rain, knowing your roof has weaknesses and might not withstand the onslaught of yet another downpour? Dampness in your walls caused by a leaking roof might be another concern at the back of your mind.

This is when you need a consumer champion on your side – a company such as Cashbuild. As southern Africa's largest building materials retailer they'll provide you with all the roofing advice you need and the best prices.

With so many products on the market to choose from making a decision about roofing can be daunting. One of the important decisions is whether you want your roof covered by tiles or corrugated or IBR (inverted box rib) sheets. If you're looking for excellent insulation, stylish roof tiles are the way to go.

Cashbuild's Double Roman concrete roof tiles retain heat in winter and deflect it in summer. And you get much more than just a pretty roof – the tiles are also fire and noise resistant, durable and maintenance free. With four colour options – red, brown, charcoal and terracotta – you can let your imagination flow.

Also from Cashbuild's stable is the durable Harvey range made from high-performance and aesthetically pleasing lightweight steel roof sheeting material. The steel carries a 30-year guarantee and the coating (either Stone-coat or an acrylic silica-textured coating) is guaranteed for 15 years.

If you prefer corrugated or IBR sheets the thicker sheets give better resistance against the elements and galvanising inhibits corrosion of

SINGING in the rain

With a good roof over your head you're sure to be safe and dry in the heaviest downpour



USEFUL TIPS

- Make sure you choose materials that are either SABS approved or fit for purpose.
- Design, sun exposure and environmental damage such as hail, wind and heavy rainfall can affect your roof's lifespan.
- A steeper roof pitch reduces chances of leaking.

Fix the leaks

■ Corrugated or IBR sheets – start by paying special attention to bent areas and tightening all loose bolts.

Step 1 Do your waterproofing on a dry day with Cashbuild Waterproofing and Membrane which deals with leaks effectively and quickly.

Step 2 Apply the waterproofing like paint to the joint or leak area.

Step 3 Add the membrane and another coat of the waterproofing to seal it. This will fix leaks on sloped or flat roofs and openings or cracks where two walls join and where the wall

and ceiling meet. Once the Waterproofing and Membrane is dry and hard it won't leak again. **Step 4** Paint your roof when all the leaks have been fixed.

■ Tiled roofs – use concrete mortar to repair the concrete ridges. **Safety is important, especially when working on roofs. All workers must be equipped with safety lines and harnesses if required.**



the underlying steel. However rain is naturally acidic because of the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere; even unpolluted rain is normally slightly acidic with a pH of 5,6, making rusting inevitable.

So what advice does your consumer champion offer? Cashbuild says coating the metal is important, especially if you live at the coast. Prepare the surface well by ensuring it's completely clean before applying any paint.

Preparation includes proper degreasing of surfaces otherwise the paint will peel off and rust will make its flaky appearance sooner than expected.

Modek Econospan offers the most effective solution for your car port area. The sheets are available in clear and a variety of colours

■ **Call the Cashbuild Helpline on 0860-100-582 for more info.**



LEFT: The high-performance Harvey range.



Corrugated roof sheets.



IBR (inverted box rib) sheets.



Modek Econospan.



Steel roof tiles.



Double Roman concrete roof tiles.