

Technical Information Melcourt Bark Nuggets[®]

Product Description

A long-lasting, versatile, high-performance mulch from our 'deluxe' range, suitable for a wide range of professional and domestic landscape applications, including prestigious sites. Particularly effective when a high quality, decorative finish is required.

- Nominal particle size range 15 to 65mm
- Naturally acidic
- Free flowing and easy to handle
- Very attractive visual appearance
- Rich mid-brown in colour
- Long effective service life of 4 years plus
- Fire resistant characteristics, confirmed by testing in accordance with BS 4790:1987, make Melcourt Bark Nuggets[®] particularly useful in areas of potential fire risk, e.g. car parks, vehicle fuel filling stations, adjacent to offices and pedestrian walk ways, housing estates etc
- Processed from natural, sustainably produced pine bark, Douglas fir and larch
- Certified by the Forest Stewardship Council[®] (FSC[®])*
- Hostile living environment for pests
- 100% peat free
- Sold in 60 litre bags, bulk bags and in loose bulk

* Product sold in loose bulk is FSC certified by special request only.



User Benefits

- Suppresses weed growth replacing expensive shrub bed hoeing and chemical weed-killing
- Conserves soil moisture, minimising drought stress and plant death and eliminating the need for excessive plant watering
- Substantially enhances the visual appearance of new and existing planted areas
- Successfully used for many years on sites throughout the UK and proved to perform extremely well
- Provides an insulating layer, substantially reducing the effects of ground freezing and over-heating during extreme weather conditions
- Good resistance to wind and rain erosion
- Suitable for use on moderate slopes
- Slowly improves the soil's organic content, as it decomposes
- Easy to lay and install, using simple tools and requiring little subsequent maintenance
- Allows clean access onto mulched areas for plant pruning

How To Use

- Ensure the area to be mulched is entirely free from both annual and perennial weeds
- Lay Melcourt Bark Nuggets[®] evenly onto freshly cultivated moist soil, after planting has been completed.
- The mulch should be laid at between 50 to 100mm depths, allowing at least 5% for settlement
- For greatest longevity, do not disturb once applied

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Product Specification

- The product shall predominantly consist of matured pine, Douglas fir and larch bark with an even nominal particle size distribution of 30 - 75mm with minimal dust and fines and less than 5% wood content.
- The pH to be between 4.5 and 5.5.
- The product shall be pest, disease and weed free and not have been treated with any additives.
- The product shall be Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certified*
- The product shall have been tested in accordance with the requirements of BS 4790:1987, for fire resistance and be classified as having 'low' potential to burn

Process Specification

- The natural heat treatment maturing process shall have been sufficient to ensure that excess volatile substances are driven from the product.
- During the process, temperatures within the product heaps must exceed 50°C for a minimum 14 day period, followed by a further period of stabilization.

Application Rates

Lay Melcourt Bark Nuggets® - FSC® to a finished depth of mm (insert finished depth required) allowing at least 5% for settlement after 30 days.

Additional Clauses

- Copies of current British Standard Fire Test Certificates to be provided upon request.
- Typical product samples to be provided upon request.
- All product volumes to be calculated using The Bulk Density method, as set out in BS EN 12579:2000 and BS EN 12580:2000.

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The following table gives a guide to the area in square metres, covered by one cubic metre, when evenly laid at the given depths:

Mulch depth required (mm)	50	75	100
Square metres covered by 1m ³	20	13.3	10

A suitable allowance for settlement should be made, as stated in 'How to Use' above.

Product settlement percentages are provided for your guidance only. If the product settles more than the minimum figure stated, it is the customer's responsibility to order sufficient additional material, to give the required finished depth

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Main Constituent	pine, Douglas fir and larch bark
Origin	British
Nominal particle size range mm	15 - 65 mm
Wood Content	< 5 %
Dust and Fines	minimal
pH	4.5-5.5
Typical Bulk Density Range	200 -250 kg/m ³
Quality Range	Deluxe
Minimum effective depth	50mm
Settlement factor	5%
Durability	4 years+
FSC Certified	YES*
BS 4790 Fire Tested	YES

All values given in the Technical Specification are typical. However, some variation may occur from time to time.

Melcourt Industries Ltd reserves the right to alter the specification without notice, for the purpose of product improvement.

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