



F. Ball and Co. Ltd.

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F. Ball and Co. Ltd. is long established as the UK's market leading manufacturer of flooring adhesives and subfloor preparation products for the contract flooring industry.

The comprehensive range of Styccobond and Stopgap products, including flooring adhesives, smoothing underlayments, repair compounds, waterproof surface membranes and primers, are renowned for combining high performance and superior quality with ease of installation.

With the focus firmly on contract flooring, F. Ball is dedicated to offering an unrivalled level of quality and service to installers, specifiers and distributors and an important part of this service is our ability to offer first class product training.

For this reason, we have recently invested in a state-of-the-art training centre at our head office located in the Staffordshire Moorlands.

Courses are held throughout the year and are designed to meet the needs of flooring installers who are new to the industry as well as refreshing the skills of more experienced installers.

Further details can be found in this guide and also on the F. Ball website.

Thank you for your interest in F. Ball training courses and we look forward to welcoming you to the F. Ball Training Centre soon!



WHAT IS THE COURSE ABOUT?

F. Ball training courses are designed to be the most comprehensive and authoritative guide to subfloor preparation in the flooring industry. Our general training course is titled 'Subfloor Preparation and Adhesive Selection'.

The stages of a flooring installation that are covered on the course include:

- subfloor moisture measurement and testing
- controlling subfloor moisture
- priming
- smoothing underlayment selection and application
- flooring adhesive selection and application

Prior to attending a course, we ask all delegates to complete a pre-course questionnaire which gives them the opportunity to highlight any specific subjects they would like to cover and enables the course leader to pay particular attention to those areas.

Who is the course aimed at?

Our courses are aimed at professional flooring contractors of all skill levels. However, we also hold training courses for groups such as wholesalers, floorcovering manufacturers and other interested parties. On such occasions, course content is tailored to the requirements of specific audiences.

Attendance on our courses can also be used as evidence towards a NVQ in Floorcovering.

What format does the course take?

Presentations are combined with practical demonstrations throughout the day and full course notes are provided. In this way participants understand the performance benefits of each product as well as how to apply them. There is no formal assessment although participants are expected to take part in practical work and group discussions. Where possible, a tour of our recently extended manufacturing facility is included to see F. Ball products in production.

Courses are held over one full day or two half days and groups are kept to a maximum of ten people to allow everyone to fully participate. On successful completion, all delegates will receive a signed certificate of attendance for their records.

Who presents F. Ball training courses?

All courses are presented by members of the F. Ball Technical Department who have considerable knowledge of the flooring industry. They are supported by experienced Technical Representatives who regularly provide on-site advice to flooring installers and are familiar with the day to day challenges they face.

Is lunch provided?

A buffet lunch and refreshments throughout the day are provided.

Any dietary requirements or food allergies must be advised on the pre-course questionnaire that is sent out to all delegates.





TRAINING CENTRE FACILITIES

The F. Ball Training Centre

Located at F. Ball's head office in Cheddleton, near Leek, the new F. Ball Training Centre is a state-of-the-art training facility for flooring professionals wishing to improve their knowledge of best practice flooring installation methods and F. Ball's market leading range of flooring installation products.

The centre comprises a large conference room which can easily accommodate around 30 people and includes the latest presentation technology in a comfortable, climate-controlled environment.

There are two separate meeting rooms and a relaxing, bistro-style refreshment area where lunch is served.

In addition, a large practical demonstration zone has been created to enable all participants to apply a range of F. Ball products during training courses.





TRAINING FOR ARCHITECTS AND SPECIFIERS

CPD Seminars

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) ensures that qualified professionals maintain their competence to practise. We are pleased to hold CPD seminars for architects or any organisations involved in the specification process at their own offices.

The seminar consists of a presentation which lasts approximately 45 minutes followed by a Question and Answer session. The seminar is titled 'Subfloor Preparation and Adhesive Selection' and has been approved by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). F. Ball and Co. Ltd. is a member of the RIBA CPD Providers Network, allowing architects to gain CPD hours by attending our seminars.

Interactive CPD

The F. Ball interactive CPD seminar is a RIBA assessed guide to floor preparation processes for architects and specifiers.

Covering subjects such as the current British Standards for the installation of floorcoverings, moisture testing, floor smoothing and selection of adhesives, the seminar is completed with a multiple choice test. The online availability of the seminar, combined with the option to complete the tutorial in small sections, means that users can undertake the seminar at their own convenience.

The seminar can be accessed through F. Ball's new specifier website www.f-ballspecifier.co.uk, which has been developed to provide a dedicated resource for architects and specifiers.

Offering expert advice and recommendations about subfloor preparation, the website also provides proven solutions to a wide range of commonly encountered flooring problems.

BOOK A PLACE

Course Dates

Training courses are held regularly throughout the year. Future course dates are published on the F. Ball website.

Booking a place

There are various ways to book a place on our courses:

- Online - please complete a booking form at **www.f-ball.co.uk**
- Phone - **01538 361633**
- E-mail - send your contact details to **training@f-ball.co.uk** and we will contact you

F. Ball Contractor Loyalty Card members benefit from a priority booking facility. Please state your loyalty card number when making a booking.





PLACES TO STAY

Accommodation

Accommodation is not provided for any of our courses. However, we have a list of local hotels and guest houses available that we are able to send out upon request. We have specially negotiated rates with some of these hotels (see list for details); to take advantage of these rates please mention F. Ball when making a reservation.

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HOW TO FIND US

Directions North & South

Exit the M6 at Junction 15. Exit toward Stoke on Trent/A500. Continue on the A500 for 2 miles, then take the A50 exit and at the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto the A50 (signposted Uttoxeter).

Leave the A50 at Meir (before tunnel) and take the A520 (direction Leek) for 8 miles to Cheddleton Village. Turn right after river bridge into Station Road. F. Ball is (0.5 miles) on the right.

Directions Northbound

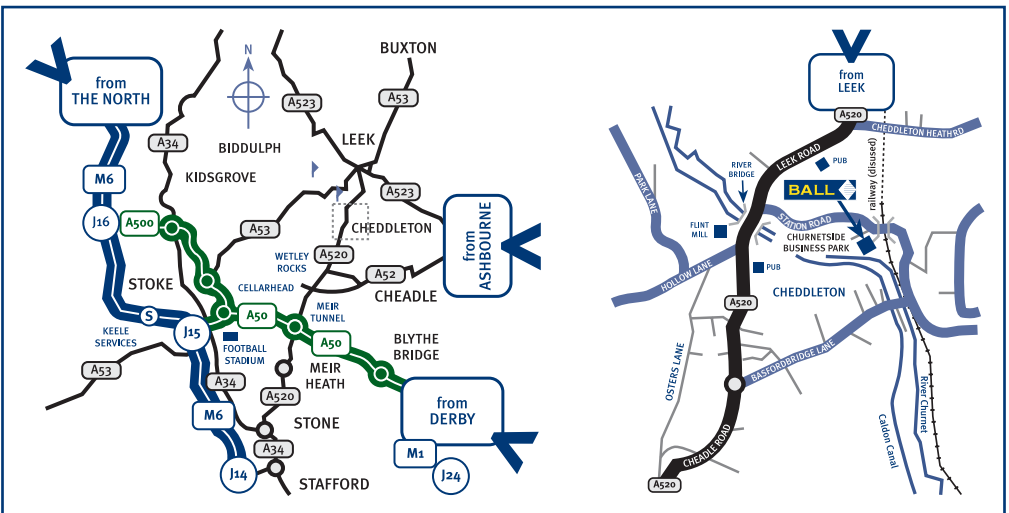
Exit the M1 at junction 24, East Midlands Airport. Take the A50 (directions UTTOXETER and STOKE). Leave the A50 at Meir (before tunnel) and take the A520 (direction LEEK) for 8 miles to Cheddleton Village. Turn right after river bridge into Station Road. F. Ball is (0.5 miles) on right.

Directions Southbound

Exit the M1 at junction 28. Follow the A38 to Derby, then take the A52 to Ashbourne.

Continue through Ashbourne (direction LEEK) until the A52 becomes the A523. Continue to Leek and take 1st exit left at the roundabout then left again at the traffic light crossroads.

Follow A520 (direction STONE) for 3 miles to Cheddleton Village. Turn left before river bridge into Station Road. F. Ball is (0.5 miles) on right.





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