

# Dry lining to walls with chemical dpcs

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## Question

Can dry lining be fixed using adhesive dabs to walls that have received a chemical injected damp proof course?

## Considerations

- Plasterboard manufacturers recommend that adhesive dabs should not be used if the background may be damp.
- Walls that have received a chemical injected damp proof course may take a considerable time to dry to an acceptable moisture content.
- Contamination on the surface of the wall such as salts may affect the bond of the adhesive to the wall.
- Hygroscopic salts in the wall may attract moisture that can break down the adhesive.

## Answer

Dry lining should not be fixed using adhesive where the walls have previously suffered dampness.

Dry lining should instead, be fixed to treated timber, or metal firrings. These should be mechanically fixed to the wall over strips of vertical dpc.