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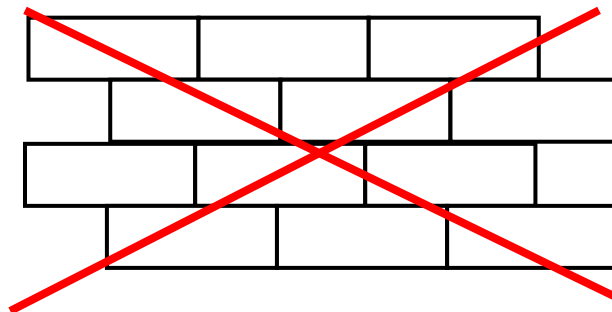
### Important Notice

#### Fixing Advice for Oblong Tiles on walls and floors

Despite the popularity of brick bond fixing in the UK, European and US tile markets, it is becoming apparent that this method of tiling is unsuitable for today's modern large format tiles. As tiles become larger it is impossible to guarantee that they will always be totally flat. All tiles regardless of their origin are susceptible to warpage during the manufacturing process, and as a result there are tolerances in place to allow for this inherent curvature. The longer the tile the greater level of allowed curvature as the measurement is calculated in mm as a percentage of the tile's length.

Taking this information into consideration it is the view of Stokes Tiles that we cannot endorse any installations where a brick bond fixing method has been used. We are happy to endorse stacked bond, or staggered bond where tiles are offset by no more than 30%. Where either a wall or floor tile is fixed using staggered bond, a suitable size grout joint must be used which does not exaggerate any of the inherent curvature that may be present in the product.

50% overlap - Not recommended



No more than 30% overlap — Recommended

