

Tommy Walsh Joins Forces with New Eco-Friendly Dansand® Joint Filling Sand to Send Patio & Driveway Weeds Packing

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Easy to Use - Eco-Friendly - Low-Maintenance - Durable

Ideal for renovations, maintenance and new installations

Try a little desert magic with new Tommy Walsh's Choice Dansand Joint Filling Sand and you'll no longer need to spend back breaking hours removing moss and weeds from paths, patios and driveways, leaving you more time to relax and enjoy a glass of wine on your patio instead!

TV's DIY and building Guru, Tommy Walsh has joined forces with Danish company, Dansand A/S to launch Tommy Walsh's Choice Dansand® Joint Filling Sand, a revolutionary new joint sand that inhibits weeds from growing in newly laid or renovated block paving, patios and driveways without using environmentally harmful herbicides.

The patented formulation contains a growth inhibiting combination of dried silica sand and special minerals that have a naturally high pH value and create desert-like conditions to help prevent weed growth and germination in the sand. Tests undertaken by the Danish Institute of Agricultural Sciences' Department of Integrated Pest Management proved that the weed inhibiting additives in Dansand® ensure shoots wither and die.

Dansand® is environmentally friendly and harmless to children and animals. It has a long lifespan, is weather resistant and has been tested to withstand up to ten years of permeated rain without reducing its weed inhibiting effect. Tommy Walsh's Choice Dansand® Joint Filling Sand is kiln-dried to make joint filling as easy as possible creating strong, stable and tight joints.

Tommy Walsh is the nation's trusted builder and celebrity DIY adviser. He says: "For renovations, maintenance or new installations this sand is the business. Eco-friendly, low maintenance and with a beautiful finish that's the name of the game for today's time-poor home owner. Imagine, no more back breaking weeding but increased time spent enjoying the garden instead.

"With UK planning permissions turning against non-porous paving and favouring the use of concrete block permeable paving wherever possible to alleviate the flood and subsidence issues, Dansand couldn't come at a better time. And I am particularly proud to be associated with this product because ninety percent of Dansand® Joint Filling Sand will be quarried in the UK by a British workforce and then combined with the patented 'black box' Danish technology to form the finished product. So, buying Dansand will also help support the British economy."

Tommy Walsh's Choice Dansand® Joint Filling Sand is suitable for areas with concrete block permeable paving or other pavements with small (1-5mm) joints. Approximately 3-5kgs of Dansand is required per square metre to ensure that your new paved area remains weed free with a sustainable permeable surface.

Where to buy?

Tommy Walsh's Choice Dansand® Joint Filling Sand is available from Garden Centres and DIY retailers

contact the UK distributor, Bradstone customer services on 01335 372289.

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Notes to Editors:

- Tommy Walsh: Tommy first found his place in the UK publics' hearts with his regular appearances on BBC1s popular gardening programme, Groundforce (1998-2005). Since then Tommy has forged his own presenting career and his interest in all things eco were never better demonstrated in his TV series Tommy's House (Discovery Realltime) where he and his team were tasked to build an affordable and sustainable house on a £60k plot, using £60k of eco-friendly building materials in 60 days. The project completed in 2007 and has since won the FENLAND DESIGN AWARDS 2009: Sustainability Award and Best New Build Dwelling. Tommy's Fix Your House for Free is currently on Discover Realltime.
- Dansand A/S: Incorporated in 1971 by the current Managing Director's father, Dansand sold a 50% share to Sibelego in 2002. Dansand's plant is arguably Europe's most technologically advanced plant with highly mechanised plant for extraction and treatment processes, robotic packaging lines and electronic analysis of every shipments quality. Last year, it delivered over 380,000 tonnes of specialised sand products. Customers that use its specialist products include; airports, water filtration plants, refineries, foundries, sports grounds, and golf courses. Whilst Dansand has the rights to extract sand over the next 70 years, it has placed a bond with the Danish government to return its quarry site to an area of natural beauty once extraction has ceased to include a lake and environmentally approved plans for other recreational features.
- Bradstone, an Aggregate Industries business, is a leader in the manufacture and supply of domestic paving, walling, edging, decorative aggregates and driveway products, which are available nationally through a large number of DIY stores, builders' merchants and garden centres. Bradstone originated from the family company of E H Bradley & Sons, which was established in 1902. Today, the company still operates on one of the original sites on the Southern edge of the Cotswolds.

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