

## Why the best beading blends in

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**Standing out from the crowd and making an impact is considered a good thing in many contexts, but when it comes to rendering, the opposite is true. If you don't know the builders have used Renderplas PVC render beads, that's probably because they are doing their job.**

In the world of building aesthetics, the most important and impactful elements are often the ones you never notice. While dramatic architectural features grab headlines, it's the subtle details that create truly polished facades, and render beads are a perfect example. The best render beads should seamlessly disappear into the building's exterior, creating clean lines without drawing any unwanted attention.

For Renderplas, a lack of visibility isn't a sign of failure – it's proof that it's doing everything right.

### **The art of going unnoticed**

Not all render beads are quite so good at fading into the background.

Traditional steel render beads, for example, have a habit of making themselves known, and not in a good way. Rust-stained bleeding down building facades creates unsightly reddish-brown streaks that immediately catch the eye for all the wrong reasons. These prominent blemishes not only ruin the intended aesthetic but also signal premature deterioration and poor material choices.

Renderplas PVC render beads take the opposite approach. By eliminating the chance for the beads to corrode entirely, they maintain their intended appearance throughout the building's lifespan.

No rust means no staining, no discolouration, and no unwanted visual interruptions that break up the clean lines of a well-designed facade.

### **Designed to disappear**

Neatly blending into the building facade requires careful attention to both form and function. Renderplas PVC render beads are specifically engineered with a very narrow arris – the sharp edge where the bead meets the render. This minimal profile ensures the bead doesn't create noticeable voids or raised edges that could compromise the smooth finish.

The range extends across different render thicknesses, ensuring architects and contractors can specify the perfect profile for their particular application. Whether working with thin renders on externally insulated developments or thicker traditional brick and block applications, the right profile maintains that seamless integration.

A key part of this ability to blend in lies in the range of colours available. Renderplas offers nine natural colour options designed to match popular render systems from leading manufacturers. In addition, UV stabilisation technology ensures these colours maintain their integrity over decades. This means that while inferior materials might fade unevenly, creating patchy appearances that draw attention, Renderplas PVC render beads age uniformly and as slowly as possible.

### **Strength without show**

Behind this understated appearance lies serious engineering strength. PVC's inherent flexibility helps prevent cracking around vulnerable areas, while polymer modifiers enhance impact protection. The material's resistance to moisture, salt, and chemical reactions means it won't compromise over time, maintaining both structural integrity and aesthetic appeal.

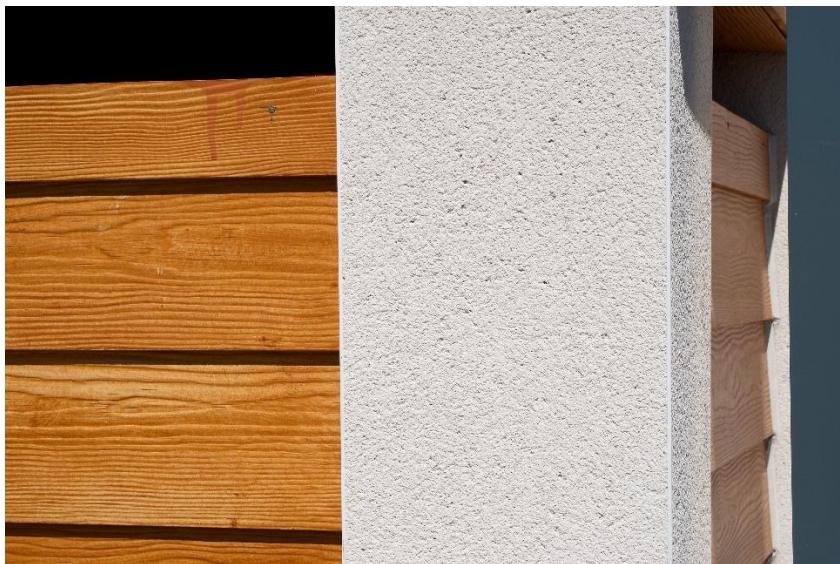
Renderplas guarantees its BBA-certified PVC beads for the full service life of the render, typically at least 25 years, which beats many metal alternatives. They won't need repainting, patching, or replacing, and they often survive re-rendering jobs without being cut out.

### **The professional choice**

For builders and developers, choosing materials that blend seamlessly demonstrates attention to quality and long-term thinking. When Renderplas PVC render beads are properly specified and installed, they become part of the background – allowing the building's design to take centre stage while quietly ensuring structural performance for decades to come.

Sometimes the best compliment a building element can receive is going completely unnoticed.

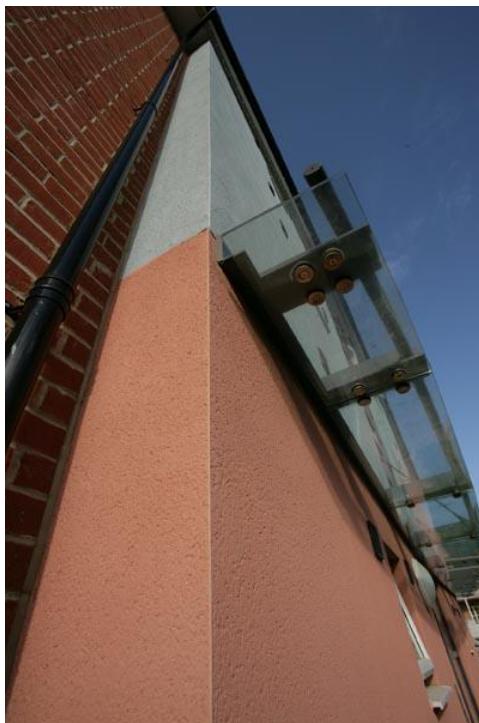
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**Image 1:** Renderplas PVC beads are designed to blend in, leaving a clean, seamless finish.



**Image 2:** Renderplas PVC beads are designed to blend in, leaving a clean, seamless finish.



**Image 3:** Renderplas PVC beads are designed to blend in, leaving a clean, seamless finish.



**Image 4:** For builders and developers, choosing materials that blend seamlessly demonstrates attention to quality and long-term thinking.



**Image 5:** Renderplas PVC beads are available in nine natural colours options to match popular render systems.

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## About Renderplas

*Renderplas was formed in 1990 to offer the plastering industry a new concept in beading. The first manufacturer of PVCu beads in the UK, Renderplas is the leading exponent in the field.*

*The business sets out to address the shortcomings of traditional profiles by designing a range of beads in PVCu to suit the British and Continental market. The key benefit of PVCu beads is that they use the most cost-effective, non-corrosive material to produce robust plasterer friendly beads. Renderplas PVCu beads conform to BS EN 13914-1:2016 - External Rendering.*

*Renderplas products are designed to be unobtrusive with an extremely narrow arris, making it ideal for scratched or scraped finishes. Very popular with major house builders, its beads are available in white or ivory as standard to blend with most coloured renders. However, in order to give architects and contractors even more freedom to use through-coloured renders in more vibrant colours, a range of beads in 7 further colours are also available for popular render depths.*

*Used internally, whether, in conjunction with wet plastering or dry lining, they will not stain during lengthy drying out periods and offer superior protection against impact in heavy traffic areas.*

*By specifying a Renderplas PVCu bead, the problems associated with traditional beads and the aggravation of costly callbacks are avoided. Two different CAD file formats are available for Renderplas profiles from the Downloads page of its web site. Alternatively, register with FastrackCAD to use all of their architectural database services.*

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