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Fired roof tiles are said to have been used for architecture for the first time as early as in B.C.

A Sekisyu roof tile was born about 400 years ago at the beginning of the Edo period.

The basic functions have almost never changed since then until now. In other words, roof tiles such as Sekisyu Kawara are almost complete construction materials requiring no change even if construction style changes.

We have a mission to inherit to the future, the tradition Sekisyu roof tiles predecessors have created.

All we can do now is to make continuous efforts to brush up and evolve excellent quality and performances furthermore.

We strive to manufacture Sekisyu roof tiles, maintaining the traditional product quality created by our predecessors.



















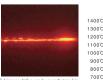


Performance and Quality

There are three major production areas of roof tiles in Japan, so called Awaji, Sansyu, and Sekisyu. Among them, Sekisyu roof tiles are highly appreciated not only in freezing cold San-in region but also all over the country, because they are extremely sturdy, with excellent water-resistance and cold-resistance performances.

Sekisyu roof tiles are made from both good-quality local clay and glaze materials, and their distinguished performances come from the firing temperature higher than 1200°C-1300°C. This firing temperature makes possible tremendously low water-absorption rate less than 5%, which overwhelmingly surpasses 12% maximum specified in JIS (Japanese Industrial Standard) and realizes their superior strength and durability.

■Comparison of firing temperature



Sekisyu roof tiles can be manufactured in almost highest level of temperature amongst fired roof tiles.

Craft and Technique

On Japanese traditional architecture, a ridge-end tile with a mask called "ONI KAWARA" has been used as a symbolic ornament of a house.

ONI KAWARA is a kind of art of roof tile craftsmen, and a symbol of seeking for a family's safe and peaceful life and securing a regional culture.

Roof tile craftsmen have ever continued to make a piece of roof tiles carefully and in all sincerity.

Even if times change and the way to manufacture roof tiles changes, it is those roof tile craftsmen that maintain the quality of Sekisyu Kawara. No matter how highly scientific technology advances, no technology would surpass their unique intuition "SHOKUNIN NO KAN".

We of our company have only good-quality products enter the market with our craftsmanship, not relying only on a computer and data.





Quality Management

Roof tiles are made from crude clay and glaze materials as the gift of nature, which are not kept in a certain condition, depending on the season and the weather and so forth. Therefore, high management skill to control the quality of the materials is required for manufacturing roof tiles.

We introduce the most advanced equipments for roof tile manufacturing such as a measuring instrument of crude clay quality, breaking strength, water absorption rate, while craftsmanship such as visual inspection, hammering test also is conducted.

We ensure proper and strict quality control with various repetitive inspections like test installing before shipping products,





Environmental Management

We are making efforts to research and develop environmentally friendly production and other work for environmental conservation demanded all over the world nowadaws.

First, we are aiming at improving firing efficiency and adjusting product inventory to reduce CO2 emissions from our manufacturing plants.

We are promoting use of pre-cut tiles for reducing wasted tiles on a construction

On the other hand, we are making utmost efforts to save resources by recycling the wasted materials in the production process into CERAMIC SAND.





Company Profile

Company Name: Maruso Co., Ltd. Inauguration: In April 1942 Establishment: In October 1949

Capital: 10 million Japanese yen

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695-0024, JAPAN Tel: +81-855-53-0811 Fax: +81-855-53-3623

Site Area: 30,000 m2

Factory Space: 1,808 m2

Monthly Production Capacity (equivalent in field tile): 1,300,000 pcs. with 2 tunnel kilns

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42,789 m2 Site Area: Factory Space: 19,434 m2

Monthly Production Capacity (equivalent in field tile): 2,000,000 pcs. with 3 tunnel kilns

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