

Crossrail C257 Central (XSP10)

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Summary Note on Building Materials

A total of seven fragments of building material were recovered from XSP10 (contexts [2] and [3]). These comprise six pieces of Roman tile and a fragment of what may be either Roman daub or medieval / post-medieval brick.

The building material from XSP10 has been fully recorded and the information added to the Oracle database.

Listed below is a summary of the building material in each context:

Context	Fabric	Type	Context date
[2]	2815	Probably tegula or brick	AD70-160
[2]	3030?	Brick?, or daub	
[2]	3054	Flue tile	
[3]	2815	Tegula	AD50-160

Discussion

The Roman building material all appears to be of 1st or 2nd century date. Of particular interest is a relief-patterned flue tile keyed with die 70. This is a relatively rare die stamp having only been found on three other sites in Roman Britain, all in London (Betts, et al 1994, 128, 160). This tile, which dates to around AD75-100, would have been used in an early Roman bath complex. It originates from a tiler believed to have been situated somewhere along the south coast, possibly in the Chichester area.

Possible post-Roman building material is represented by a small fragment of what may be a brick with a speckled fabric (3030?). Alternatively, it could be an odd fragment of Roman daub.

Reference

Betts, I, Black, E W, and Gower, J, 1994 A corpus of Roman relief-patterned tiles in Roman Britain, *Journ Roman Pottery Studies*, 7