



Common Growths on exterior building materials:

Organism	Appearance	Remarks
Algae	Green, red or brown areas consisting of powdery deposits or filaments which may be slimy under wet conditions.	Found on all types of substrates.
Lichens	May consist of leathery incrustations on the surface or may be embedded in the substrate. Usually orange, green, grey or black.	Found on all types of substrates
Mosses	Typically consists of green cushion of spiky tufts but may also be low or spreading Usually brown when dry.	Usually found on surfaces where salts, soil and dirt have accumulated.
Liverworts	Typically leafy, close-growing, green-coloured plants but some occur as leathery tissues and may resemble lichens.	Usually found on surfaces where soil and dirt have accumulated.
Moulds	Moulds appear as spots or patches that may spread to form a furry layer on the surface: grey, green, brown or black. They may also grow within a paint causing a stain, usually pink or purple, but the mould itself may not be visible.	Found on painted surfaces and on surfaces where dirt and dust accumulates. Also occur on and under wood stains, glazing, putty, building sealant and plastics.

### Algo Bio Inhibitor

[www.tensid.com](http://www.tensid.com) can offer further advice on products that will remove organic growth, algal and mould stains to brickwork. The treatment has proved effective for up to 6 years.

For further information or advice regarding this topic please contact Ibstock's Design & Technical Helpline on **0844 800 4576** or email [technical@ibstock.co.uk](mailto:technical@ibstock.co.uk)

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