

BUILDING TERMS K

KALSOMINE

A powder prepared in various colors, mixed with water and used to cover the surface of internal surfaces.

KERB

An up stand. A raised edging to a pavement or path.

KERFING

The process of cutting grooves or kerfs across a board so as to make it flexible for bending.

KEY

- **Carpentry: timber or metal wedges used across or between two or more members to act as a tightening agent.**
- **Plastering: the toughening of a surface to form a bond for subsequent work.**

KEYHOLE STRIPPING

Strips of punched metal onto which shelves and similar fittings are supported.

KICK PLATE

A metal plate, or strip along the lower edge of a door to prevent the marring of the finish by shoe marks.

KILN DRIED

A term used when referring to timber which has been dried or seasoned with artificial heat in a kiln.

KINGBOLT

In roof framing, a tie rod of iron which replaces the king post.

KING POST

Vertical timber tie used to connect the ridge and the tie beam of a roof, shaped at its lower end so as to afford bearing to two struts which support the middle points of the rafter.

KNOT

In painting, to cover the knots in timber with a knotting preparation generally composed of shellac and methylated spirits.

K-VALUE

See CONDUCTIVITY