

Sills, copings and cappings —

**Part 1: Specification for window sills of
precast concrete, cast stone, clayware,
slate and natural stone**

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