

# beinspired

*Home improvements to add style and value to your home*

**Live your life in colour**  
*with our Woodgrain Collection*

*Bring the outside in  
with bi-fold doors  
the fastest selling home  
improvement product*

*Create space and light  
with a conservatory or orangery*

**VERTICAL SLIDING  
SASH WINDOWS**

*Traditional looks with the  
benefit of modern technology*

*Top things to consider  
for a new conservatory*

***Be your own environmentalist!***  
*Clever ways to save energy and money*

# Welcome *home*

**Whether you're making your home warmer, quieter and more secure or you're creating a better space to relax or work, improving your home is all about adding your style and personality, as well as protecting the value of your biggest asset and increasing its worth in the long term.**

If you're replacing your windows, building a conservatory, changing doors or making your place more energy efficient we can help you through the process with useful information and key things to remember.

Before you start work on any kind of home improvement, it's important to plan ahead in terms of the timescales, costs and the installation companies you'll need. You should also check out the local authority rules and regulations, particularly if you're making changes on a larger scale, such as a conservatory, or if you live in a listed building or within a conservation area.

On the following pages we will show you some of the choices you have available to you in terms of window and door options, frame finishes, glazing and how to make your home more secure or extend your home with a new conservatory or add style with new contemporary bi-fold doors!



*Make your home warmer, quieter and more secure...*

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# Time for a change

**Is it time to change the windows in your home? If you've draughty timber windows that need constant maintenance or old double glazed ones that are now past their best, replacing them with modern PVC-U is an economical way to transform your home.**

Choosing PVC-U windows benefits the environment and can reduce your carbon footprint. PVC-U is a tough, durable product that will last for at least 35 years according to the Building Research Establishment.

They are virtually maintenance free so you avoid damaging the environment with repair products like solvents and paints. PVC-U windows are also fully recyclable; old PVC-U windows are already used in the manufacture of new window products.

Because your new PVC-U windows will last for decades it's worth taking a little time to consider the options available to you. Our windows are custom made for you in a choice of traditional white or coloured 'real' wood finishes and a choice of glazing and various window styles - so whatever you decide it will add value to your home, providing you with windows that retain their good looks year after year.

## *Reasons to change your windows:*

- High heating bills
- Windows difficult to open and locks stiff to use
- Draughts in cold weather
- Condensation
- Windows look old and outdated, devaluing your home

Things to consider when choosing new windows and doors:

### **Security**

Modern doors and windows contain better security systems to ensure that they cannot be easily levered open and ensuring forced entry is more difficult. A modern door or window often employs multi-point locking systems. Whereas a traditional system may have one turn key lock, a multi-point system employs a number of dead bolt locks along the window or door strengthening the frame in different areas. Multi-point locks are often hook shaped so that they slot securely into the opposite frame making levering or forced entry more difficult.

### **Energy efficiency**

Energy efficient windows help to maintain the temperature in your home and reduce your heating bills. Not only are you saving energy, being more environmentally friendly but you are also saving money!

### **Styles**

Traditional, contemporary or modern; our versatile window designs will create the look you want to complement and enhance your home.

### **Finishes**

If you want windows that are as individual as you, our range of coloured and woodgrain windows offer you fifteen different colours and finishes - see page 17.

*PVC-U windows are a great replacement choice, they are tough and durable and will last at least 35 years*



# Choose a window to suit your home

**Casement windows are custom built to fit and are installed with minimal disruption to the internal or exterior areas around the window. You can have a classic window tailor made to virtually any size that will be fitted to the highest standards.**

Made from PVC-U, your new windows will be virtually maintenance free and keep your home wonderfully warm, quiet and secure. Remember, your replacement windows pay for themselves over time. High quality, energy efficient windows will reduce energy consumption and reduce your carbon footprint!



*The styles of window  
are endless and the  
choices to suit your  
home are bigger  
than ever before*



*White casement windows*



*Vertical sliding sash window*



*Mahogany casement windows*



*White bow windows*



*Golden Oak casement windows*



*White bay window*

# Traditional sash windows with the benefits of modern technology

**Your property is so much more than just a house, it's your home and normally your largest single asset. So when you want to capture the look of a traditional vertical sliding sash window PVC-U windows are a perfect solution.**

Manufactured to maintain the elegant proportions of traditional sash windows, whilst incorporating the very best of modern day technology, enables you to enjoy the low maintenance and high security of PVC-U without the upkeep issues associated with timber sash windows.

Windows feature tilting upper and lower sashes for ease of cleaning, low line beads and gaskets for improved sight lines, energy efficient glass to reduce your heating bills and child safety restrictors. Above all vertical sliding sash windows are quality assured for your peace of mind.

From a terraced house to a stately home, PVC-U vertical sliding sash windows are made to measure and ensure that your property retains its character and charm. Available in a wide range of styles, colours and hardware options, whilst giving you the benefits of modern day technology.



## Key features:

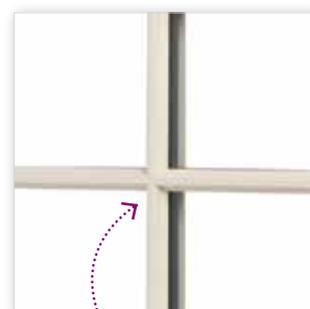
- Sculptured Georgian bars
- Traditional sash horns
- Two sliding sashes
- A choice of hardware
- Reinforced with sturdy galvanised steel
- High quality balances
- Robust locking devices
- Low maintenance - no painting or sanding



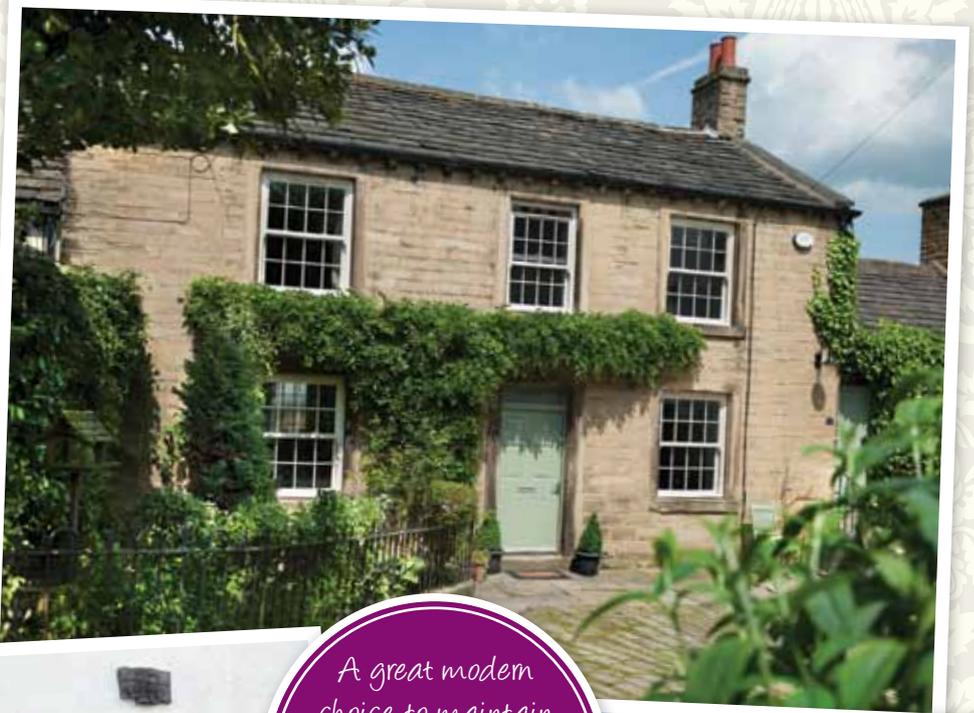
Decorative sash horns



Sash lift pull for ease of use



Sculptured Georgian bars



*A great modern choice to maintain the style and elegance of traditional sash windows*



*Also a great choice for modern properties, adding an elegant touch*



# Design a perfect place with space and light

**Are you looking for an indoor area from which to enjoy your garden, somewhere to work from home, entertain friends, somewhere to relax or just some extra space? Then choose a conservatory that has been individually designed to enhance and extend your home beautifully.**

Adding a conservatory to your home not only adds value to your property, but also is a relatively low cost and easy way to extend your living area. There are so many choices available from a contemporary space to a classic traditional style, your conservatory can be tailored to meet your own needs.

Give careful thought to how the conservatory will alter the look of your home. Your installer will be happy to talk you through its location, ventilation, heating and fittings etc...

One thing you may need to consider is planning permission. In England and Wales you often don't require planning permission, but if you live in a conservation area or in a listed building or have previously extended your home you should seek clarification from your local council.

Your conservatory is available in a variety of woodgrain finishes, as well as white, with a choice of roof types, glazing, hardware and locks - so look no further for a conservatory especially made for you.



## Top things to consider...

### *Have you considered your neighbours?*

Will your conservatory affect their enjoyment of their garden/sunlight? Also try not to take up too much of your garden space, your conservatory should be an extension of your home, but not at the expense of your entire lawn!

### *A dwarf brick wall or a glass wall?*

Do you want your conservatory to have a low wall, or have a full height glass wall to maximise the light?

### *What style will suit your home?*

Is your home a period property or more contemporary? There will be a conservatory to suit every style. Try to match your conservatory seamlessly to your home in terms of brickwork, colours and style.

### *Do you require planning permission?*

In England and Wales planning permission is not usually required for a conservatory. If you are planning to buy a conservatory to expand your home you will be able to proceed without the need for planning permission so long as you do not exceed the development limit. But remember, if you live in a listed building or within a conservation area it is best to get council advice... better to be safe than sorry.

### *Have you considered an alternative to a white finish?*

Personalise your conservatory to make it as individual as you are. From finials to cresting, lighting to heating and flooring to furniture, there are so many choices. Also with modern production techniques you are now able to choose coloured PVC-U which looks exactly like real woodgrain or with a paint effect. You can even decide to have your conservatory light oak on the inside to match your kitchen or wooden floor, but white or a beautiful painted effect on the outside!

### *What is the best position for it to be installed?*

Your installer will be able to advise you on this, so remember to think about where the sun will be in the daytime. Will you require extra ventilation or blinds?

### *Will your conservatory be secure?*

Remember to lock up - for added security ensure you lock not just your external conservatory door, but also the door linking the conservatory to your house.

### *Have you considered bi-fold doors?*

Bi-fold doors can open up the whole elevation of your conservatory and bring the outside in! These versatile doors can even be used from your house into your conservatory, so making use of all the space available to you.

### *A glass or polycarbonate roof?*

A glass roof is more energy efficient, helping you save money and keep your room cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter - and its more visually pleasing! Our high performance glass range includes solar control, tinted and low maintenance glass, so will keep your room at the right temperature and the glass cleaner for longer.

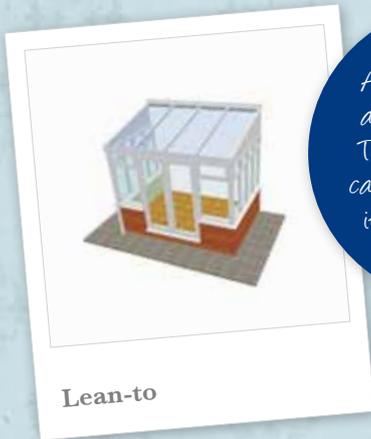
### *Plan your conservatory carefully beforehand*

Mark out where in your garden the conservatory will be. Make sure you ask your installer what the internal dimensions of the finished conservatory will be.

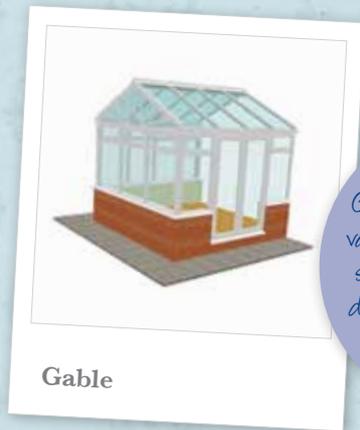
**Enjoy, enjoy, enjoy!** You have spent a lot of time choosing and designing your new conservatory, so enjoy the light, space and style that your new room has brought to your home.

# Made to measure conservatories

Your conservatory should be just that - yours. There are so many options available that one will be the perfect choice for you and your home.



A conservatory with a mono pitched roof. The pitch of the roof can be varied making it a versatile option.



Gable ended roofs are a variant of the Edwardian style roof and consist of duo-pitched sides with a flat faced frontage.



The T-shaped combines a double hipped main roof with either a Gable or Edwardian shaped roof to create a large open space.



A bay fronted duo-pitched roof with a central ridge, normally with three or occasionally five segments at the front.



The P-shaped can combine a Lean-to section at the side of a Victorian/Edwardian shaped roof to create a versatile open space.



A square fronted duo-pitch roof with a central ridge, providing a flat fronted design that optimises floor space.

**The interior design of your conservatory is so important - you need to ensure your dreams and aspirations come true! Whatever style is right for you, there are furniture, fabric, lighting, heating and flooring options to create an atmosphere to dine, work or just relax in. New designs in furniture and trends in blinds, accessories and flooring has meant that a conservatory is not just an extension, but an extra room, a room from which you can enjoy light, space and your garden.**

### *Furniture*

It is important to consider what furniture to put in your conservatory. Your new room could be the first entry into your home from the garden, which means that your furniture could potentially attract mud and grass stains, especially if you have children around! So the furniture you choose has to be up for a bit of wear and tear. Cane furniture is a popular choice as it is a natural material and is light enough to carry out into the garden on a lovely sunny day.

### *Flooring*

Whether you choose laminate, solid wood or tiles, the options in terms of colour and style are endless. The floor should be easy to clean and with so many choices available you will certainly find one that suits your new room.

### *Blinds*

A conservatory is an ideal way to bring light and space into your home, but you may want to consider blinds to control the light at certain times. All these types of blinds are an ideal solution and come in different styles and some can simply be cut to fit. You can choose from roller, roman, woodweave, vertical or venetian blinds, all are available in different patterns and colours, and can be rolled up/opened to allow the maximum amount of light to flood your room or let down for privacy.

### *Heating*

An ideal way to heat your conservatory is with slim line electric wall heaters - they are controllable and are small and discreet. You could even choose under floor heating. It is an efficient way to heat your room and once installed is invisible and enables you to design your room without having to work around radiators or wall mounted heaters.

### *Fans*

Fans come in various sizes and can offer different speeds, forwards and backwards. Forwards to move the air around in the room and backwards to draw down the warm air which has risen and trapped in the roof - perfect for winter. Fans can be fitted with lights and can be operated with pull chains or by wall operated switches, or even by remote control.

### *Glazing*

You may wish to locate your conservatory near to your neighbour's fence, or by an open road, if so then you could choose a glazing option which will ensure that your room is kept private. Our range of glazing solutions can offer different levels of obscuration, providing you with the privacy you require, whilst maximising the level of daylight passing through the glass.



# Stylish & inspirational spaces



*Ensure your new orangerie blends in beautifully with your residence and its surroundings by choosing one of our designer colours, specially selected to complement homes and gardens.*

## **Elegant and pleasing on the eye, orangerie buildings boast refined architectural shapes to achieve the height of sophistication.**

Originally designed to house and grow exotic fruits and plants, orangeries evolved into symbols of wealth and status. Nowadays they provide beautiful and stylish alternatives to traditional conservatory extensions.

Featuring a signature decorative orangerie fascia on the outside and a perimeter ceiling on the inside, with a glazed lantern roof above, all the models in our orangerie collection use the very latest building materials and modern construction techniques to provide a well balanced mix of style and design for living.

Once built, your new room will become an integral part of your home for all the family to enjoy, blending light with reassuring sturdiness.

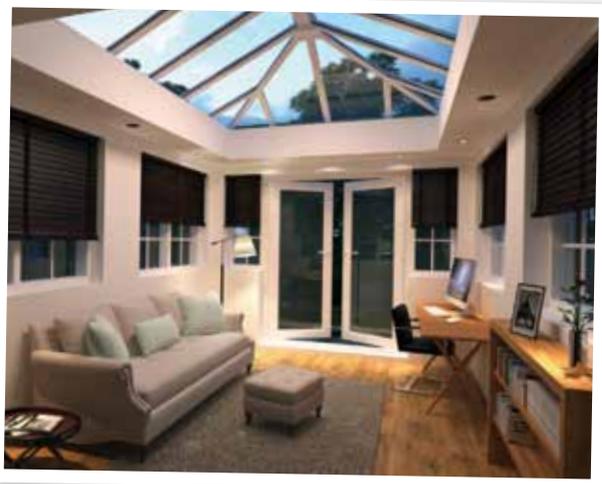
Personalise your orangerie by adding modern bi-fold doors or a set of elegant French doors. Within the internal perimeter roof you could choose to add downlighters and/or speakers.

Available with both low E coatings for enhanced thermal efficiency and tinted coatings for solar control, high performance glass can increase comfort to ensure you enjoy your orangerie all year round.

*An orangerie can transform your home with stylish open plan living, an ideal solution to increase your existing living space...*



Integra



Venetian



Rio



An orangery can be a busy living room, a quiet study or simply a room to relax in and enjoy the garden.



Modena



# Live life in FABULOUS COLOUR!



**Get out of neutral! Add warmth and style to your home with a range of coloured windows, doors and conservatories. Coloured windows offer an authentic alternative to timber windows, but without the associated problems of high maintenance and of course cost.**

The colour revolution has transformed Europe over the last 20 years, with 40% of European homes choosing a coloured product... and the UK is catching on fast. Brilliant white is still the most popular exterior and interior colour on the windows of Britain's homes - but more and more people are personalising their homes to suit their style.

Why not have a woodgrain finish on the interior of your windows to match the oak kitchen, or wooden floor you have but still maintain white on the exterior? Or white on the interior and a fabulous coloured woodgrain to match the stone on the exterior of your home? Bring your home to life with colour and style. For a more creative look, why not choose a coloured finish from our range?

*Or 15 coloured woodgrains*

Available in textured woodgrains, brights and neutrals to give your home a genuine painted look.



*Irish Oak*



*Rustic Cherry*



*AnTeak*



*Golden Oak*



*Mahogany*



*Cherrywood*



*Woodgrain White*



*Woodgrain Brilliant White*



*Cream*



*Grey*



*Black/Brown*



*Chartwell Green*



*Deep Red*



*Blue*



*Green*



*Windows*



*Doors*



*Orangeries*



*Conservatories*



The colours shown are designed as a guide to the Woodgrain and Artisan Woodgrain Collection. Before making your final decision, please ensure you have seen a foil swatch. Colour information is correct at the time of printing but subject to change.

# Be your own environmentalist!

**Energy saving is incredibly important and so is keeping your fuel bills down. We are continually looking for ways to make our homes energy efficient and one way is to choose new PVC-U windows and doors. Not only will they help to keep your home warmer, they will reduce your energy loss.**

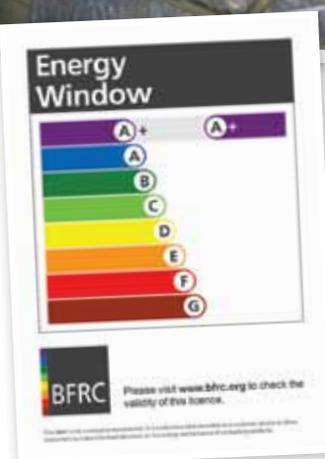
The British Fenestration Rating Council (BFRC) introduced the Window Energy Rating (WER) labelling scheme to assist consumers to make an informed decision regarding the energy performance of a window.

Energy ratings labels are in a traffic light style and give a rating based on the performance of the whole window (frame and glass) and therefore allows you to compare one window with another and make an informed choice. The A+ rating is the most efficient rating and G is the least energy efficient. Not only can it save an enormous amount of money on energy bills (which today seems to be the most expensive payout for many homeowners), but can also contribute to saving the environment.

So what exactly are energy efficient windows? They are windows that help to contain and conserve heat within the home keeping out wind and rain, resisting condensation and yet allowing natural 'free' energy - the warmth of the sun - to heat the home. They are easily recognised, just look for the traffic light label.

Every time you watch the television, listen to the radio, or read a newspaper it is reported that energy prices are going to keep rising, so reducing your energy usage is more important than ever. Choose windows and doors that not only save you money, but reduce your carbon footprint.

If you have single glazing in your home, or your double glazing was installed before 2002 you could literally be throwing money out of your windows! By replacing your windows, installing energy efficient windows with a minimum rating of a C and making small changes within your home you could save hundreds of pounds a year, as well as reducing your carbon footprint.



# Top energy saving tips

Follow the following tips below to save energy and money!

## Turn your thermostat down by 1°C

This could save you up to 10% on your heating bill!



Turn off lights in empty rooms



## Fit double glazing

Replace single glazing with double glazing and save around £180 a year on heating bills.

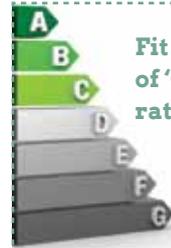


## Check your boiler thermostat

Set it to 60°C and no higher.



Fit a minimum of 'C' energy rated windows



## Insulate your loft

In an uninsulated home a quarter of your heat is lost through the roof. Insulating your loft is a simple and effective way to save by reducing your heating bills, you can even do it yourself.

Use energy saving light bulbs



## Don't fill your kettle right up every time!

Just boil the amount of water you need.



A dripping hot water tap wastes energy and in one week wastes enough hot water to fill half a bath

Fix leaking taps and turn them fully off.



## Upgrade your appliances

For example upgrade to an energy efficient fridge freezer and save around £23 a year.



## Cavity wall insulation

If a home was built after 1920, the chances are that its external walls are made of two layers of brick with a gap or cavity between them. Cavity wall insulation fills that gap, keeping the warmth in to save energy.

## Avoid standby

You could save between £50 - £90 a year by ensuring appliances and devices are switched off and not left on standby or idle.



Do a home energy check!

Visit [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk) for full details.

All tips and advice from [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk)

# Bring the outside in

**Transform your home with beautiful folding doors and make the most of a lovely garden. Bi-fold doors open up your home and create stylish open plan areas. These versatile doors can be installed wherever you want to transform your home, conservatory, kitchen or living room – the choice is endless. You could install bi-fold doors on your conservatory to open up the whole back elevation of your home for maximum light and space, or install them in your home as an opening into your conservatory making one large room.**

Bi-fold doors allow the maximum use of space and glide along aluminium top and bottom tracks using stainless steel rollers - making opening and closing effortless. The PVC-U door leaves are thermally efficient and will keep your home warm and help reduce heating bills. Due to the wide choice of sash configurations you do not have to fully open your new doors, open them like a French door or from the side like an entrance door and you can even choose whether you want them to stack inside or outside of the building.

The doors are available in a wide range of colours, so you can match your new doors to the style of your home. High security multi-point locking systems are installed as standard to keep your home safe and secure.

*Achieve stunning open spans of up to 6.3 metres*





# Create *the right* impression



**Doors can create just as much of an impression as an expensive piece of furniture in your home. They are seen every day, so try to select a style with features that match the rest of your home as closely as possible. Choosing new doors requires as much care as picking out furniture or decor... so what to go for?**

The style and location of your new door can change the feel and use of the room, to radically improve and transform living spaces. Are you buying a door to secure your home, open up more convenient access to your garden, add some welcome privacy or to reduce noise? What kind of visual effect would you like to achieve?

From bi-fold doors to patio doors, French doors to front or back residential doors, the choice is endless. Available in a range of styles, finishes, glazing options and advanced security features, our high quality PVC-U doors will keep your home warm, quiet and secure.

We all know that door handles open and close doors, but what we don't realise is how much they play a part in the styling of our home.

They can decorate your door in a subtle manner and can give your home character and added finesse. All our high quality door handles have been designed for comfort and ease of operation.

Doors are available with multi-point locking systems which lock into the frames in multiple locations, passing through steel keeps and securely fastening into the door frame helping make your home more secure.

Our standard door thresholds are perfectly adequate for general use, however many people choose a low threshold to integrate a room more fully with a balcony, conservatory or adjacent garden space. Low thresholds are perfect for wheelchair or pushchair use, or where young children are often running across doorways.

To keep your home warm and quiet, a range of double or even triple glazed sealed units are available, to provide excellent insulation, draught proofing and sound reduction - improving your carbon footprint, reducing your heating bills and keeping the noise out!



## Residential doors

*High in style, low in maintenance*

Choose an appealing front or back door to enhance the look of your home. Available in a wide range of colours, designs, glass options and with a choice of matching door furniture - we are sure to have the perfect door for you to make a grand entrance.

Our PVC-U doors come with fully reinforced frames and multi-point locks to ensure maximum security, giving you added peace of mind.



## Stable doors

*Traditional with maximum ventilation*

PVC-U stable doors provide maximum ventilation without the need to open the whole door, so you can keep your pets and children safely indoors, whilst allowing lots of fresh air into your home.

Doors come with galvanised steel reinforced frames and multi-point locks to ensure maximum security. Doors are available in a range of colours and you have a wide choice of glazing and hardware options to complement your home.



## Patio doors

*Custom built for a perfect fit*

Patio doors are designed to enhance any room, balcony or conservatory. Whether traditional, contemporary, town or country, patio doors suit every property. Made to measure for your home, they are available in different door panel configurations and feature easy slide panels. Doors are double glazed to ensure your home is warm, quiet and with multi-point locking systems to ensure the security of your home.

Available in a range of colours and glazing options, patio doors will not only complement your home, but ensure you enjoy your garden all year round from the comfort of your home.



## French doors

*Classic choice offering unrestricted access*

French doors are a charming addition to your home or conservatory, allowing unrestricted access, letting in more light and with maximum ventilation. Available in a range of colours and glazing options, French doors offer you choice, style, warmth and security.

# Ways with glass

**Areas of your home will need to be a little more private than others, such as the bathroom, toilet, conservatory or your front door.**

With our range you can choose a glass which will be perfect for its purpose. Each of the popular patterns offers a different level of obscuration, providing you the privacy you require whilst maximising the level of daylight passing through the glass. Contact us to see the full range on offer.



Choose a glass pattern to complement the style of your home



## Glass

Our range of low E, low maintenance and solar control glasses are the perfect choice for customers looking for the ultimate in glass solutions. A glass roof dramatically improves the views from within your conservatory, allows for more natural sunlight and instantly gives your new conservatory that all important wow factor.

### Low E glass

Low E glass has a microscopic metal coating which reflects the heat back into the room. Double glazed units which incorporate this glass offer up to 33% better insulation than conventional insulating glass units, therefore keeping your home warmer and reducing your heating bills.

### Solar control glass

Solar control glass can be used on our conservatory roofs to help prevent the build-up of heat during the hot summer months. The coating on the glass helps reflect the heat from the sun back to the outside of the conservatory giving you a more comfortable and usable living space. The glass is available in a range of tints which allows the glass to absorb more heat, whilst the coating reflects the heat back to the outside.

- Tinted to absorb the heat
- Coated to reflect the heat back to the outside
- Tint and coating together absorbs and reflects heat for maximum comfort
- Eliminates the need for expensive window dressing
- Reduced fading of carpets and furniture.



Clear



Blue



Aqua



Bronze



### Low maintenance glass

A revolutionary coating can be applied to glass as part of the manufacturing process, which means that it is fused to the surface of the glass and therefore lasts the lifetime of the pane. The coating uses the rain and natural light from the sun to efficiently combat the dirt and grime that accumulates on the outside of the window. By reducing the need for manual cleaning it provides the ideal solution for keeping those dangerous or hard to reach areas clean, leaving you more time to relax and enjoy your conservatory.



Normal glass



Low maintenance glass

How does it work? There are two processes. Firstly, the special coating harnesses the natural daylight which triggers the breakdown of the dirt and grime on the outside of the glass and secondly, when the rainwater hits the glass, rather than forming droplets, it flattens and spreads out across the surface of the glass helping to wash away the dirt and grime. This sheeting effect also minimises spots and streaks by helping the glass to dry more quickly and evenly.

- A permanent coating that lasts the lifetime of the window
- Perfect for areas that are hard to clean
- Glass stays cleaner for longer
- Less dirt and grime adheres to the window, so any cleaning is quick and easy
- Reduced window cleaning bills
- Less frequent use of cleaning materials, so kinder on the environment
- Available in a range of tint colours.

# Keep your home safe

**Has one of your neighbours been broken into? Far too often we hear about someone's home being broken into and we ignore the warnings as "It won't happen to me". But in reality if your windows and doors are not secure it just might. You need to feel confident that your home and family are secure and choosing the right hardware is vital.**

You can't put a price on security, however you could count the cost of not choosing the most secure replacement windows and doors.

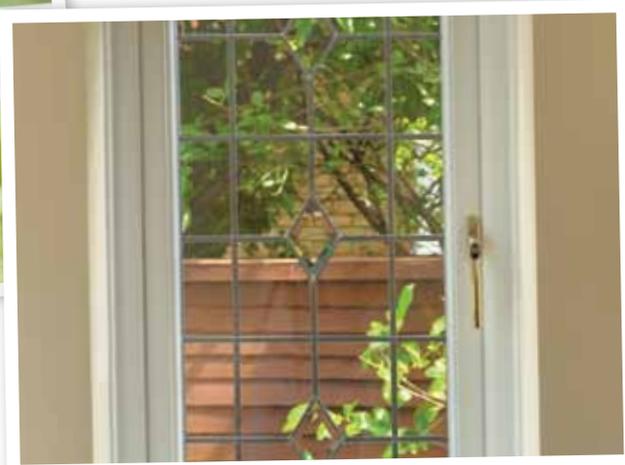
Our windows and doors come with the latest high-performance multi-point locking technology meaning you can rest assured that you're keeping your home and family well protected.

All new PVC-U windows are fitted with locks - so ensure you use them and keep the keys out of sight, but handy in case of an emergency.

Two thirds of burglars gain entry through a door. If your front and back doors are not secure, neither is your home. So for peace of mind ensure your doors are fitted with high quality multi-locking hardware.

With a 14% increase in burglaries in 2011\* its never been more important to make sure your home doesn't become one of the statistics. We're committed to finding the right security solution for your needs. We aim to make secure mean more.

\*Home Office statistics for England and Wales 2011



# 10 top home security tips

## Keep your house and car keys safe

Don't leave them near windows and doors.



## Use timers for lights and radios

Great for if you need to be away from home overnight. Your home should always appear occupied.



## Fit a burglar alarm

Make sure it is installed properly and works - and don't forget to set it.



## Don't broadcast!

Keep your whereabouts off social networks but on your neighbours' radar.



## Fit security lighting

It's a great deterrent, but make sure it doesn't disturb your neighbours.



## Trim back any plants or hedges

Burglars could hide behind these if not.



## Fitting a 'spy hole'

Allowing you to see who is at the door. Having a door chain means you can open the door a little way to talk to them.



## Be original!

If you must hide a key, don't put it under the doormat or on top of the door frame.

## Keep your garage and garden shed locked with proper security locks

Keep any tools secure and out of sight.



## When you go out, always lock the door and close the windows

Even if you are just going out for a short time.



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