

# SASH WINDOWS UPVC V TIMBER

There's been much debate about the difference between uPVC and timber sash windows. Both materials have their own unique benefits.

What's best for your home will depend on your budget, expectations and priorities. To help you to make a fully informed decision, here are some of the qualities of both uPVC and timber sash windows.



## COST UPVC



· **Cost effective** – uPVC sash windows are a more cost-effective window replacement option. Initial costs are slightly less than timber and there are no ongoing maintenance costs.



· **Versatile** – Three models in the Rose Collection, to suit different requirements and budgets.

## TIMBER



· **Cost Intensive** – Traditional timber is expensive and only suitable for larger budgets.



· **Wood Types** – Modern softwood is slightly more expensive than uPVC while hardwood is significantly dearer.

## COLOUR UPVC



· **Standard choices** – Rose Collection sash windows are available in seven woodgrain foils.



· **Can be spray painted in any RAL colour** – Almost unlimited choice of colours to choose from that never need to be re-painted.

## TIMBER



· **Any colour** – Timber windows can be painted and repainted with a wide range of off-the-shelf timber paints.



· **Maintenance** – Regular sanding down, treating and re-painting is required to protect the window.

## TRADITIONAL FEATURES UPVC



· **Run-through sash horns**



· **Mechanical joints**



· **Choice of traditional locks**

## TIMBER



· **Timber frames**



· **Bespoke options**



· **Hand-Crafted**

## MATERIALS UPVC



· **Environmentally friendly** – UPVC is a durable, long-lasting, sustainable material. It can be recycled up to 10 times, giving it a lifespan of up to 350 years.



· **High security** – uPVC sash windows are reinforced with steel for extra strength. They feature high security locking systems and can be upgraded to meet stringent Secured by Design and Part Q security standards.



· **Thermally efficient** – uPVC sash windows can be 'A' rated for energy efficiency. Their multi-chambered frames trap heat inside your home, creating a more comfortable living space and potentially reducing your heating bills.

## TIMBER



· **Environmentally friendly** – Sustainably sourced timber has a low environmental impact. It is ethically processed and is recyclable at the end of its life.



· **Natural** – Timber is a naturally occurring material. The imperfections of wood grain windows are unique to each individual window making timber sash windows a 100% bespoke product.



· **Versatile** – A skilled joiner can manufacture almost any size and shape of sash window. For an additional cost, they can also add custom moldings and period details.



· **Low maintenance** – uPVC sash windows never need to be sanded down and re-painted like timber. With only the occasional wipe down with soapy water, they'll continue to look great and perform at their optimum level for many years.



· **Durable** – uPVC has excellent weather resistant qualities. It will never be compromised by rot or insect infestation and will not fade, warp, or deteriorate even when exposed to the harshest weather conditions.



· **Sound insulation** – uPVC sash windows' modern design helps to reduce the impact of exterior noise on the interior of a building. This is particularly useful in busy city centres and near main roads and airports.



· **Suitable for listed buildings** – Timber windows are often essential for replacing windows in Listed buildings in order to obtain local authority approval.



· **Versatile** – Timber windows can be re-painted any colour to completely change the exterior property aesthetic.



· **Improved** – New timber windows generally perform better than old ones. They can be double glazed and provide better protection than their single glazed counterparts.

## CONSERVATION STATUS UPVC



· **Traditional** – Ideal for traditional and heritage properties, as well as more modern homes.



· **Conservation area** – Rose Collection sash windows have been permitted in conservation areas across the UK.

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· **Conservation area** – Timber windows are the traditional choice for conservation areas.



· **Listed** – Usually timber is the only material permitted for windows in listed buildings.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Rose Collection uPVC sash windows have been **approved** for use in conservation areas across the UK because of their **authentic period appearance**. In fact, they are so authentic that they are often mistaken for timber.

### FUN FACT

More than **95%** of our uPVC off-cuts are recycled and re-used for a variety of building applications. uPVC can be recycled up to ten times giving it a life span of up to **350 years!**