

Rough Guide to Sash Windows

Imagine the beautiful character and charm of any traditional sash window, but you don't want those annoying rattles, draughts and non sliding casements of traditional sash windows. Well there is now a perfect solution with Andersen Insert replacement wooden sash windows. Take a look at the rough guide to things to consider before buying sash windows.

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1. The sash window are a part of British history and any styled property would be lacking without them, and this is why it's so important if you are renovating a Georgian, Regency or Victorian property, or building a new house in one of these styles, that you include them in your project.
2. So what are sash windows? A traditional 'sliding sash' window is usually made up of two sashes that slide up and down, one in front, and one behind, in vertical grooves, counterbalanced by lead weights on cords (though in many modern windows, the weights have been replaced with springs). Sliding sash windows can be opened at the top or bottom, or both, depending on the design, and though traditionally they have no outward swing, many modern designs tilt in and out for easy cleaning.
3. All too often, renovators make the mistake of removing original period timber sashes and replacing them with new models, with insert wooden sash windows you can keep original appearance of your building.
4. Genuine wooden sash windows are likely to be the first and only choice for traditionalists and those living in either a Conservation Area or a listed building. You simply cannot achieve the same effect with plastic. Wood is very durable and an excellent insulator, and if taken care of properly, a timber frame can last for centuries. A common misconception is that timber windows are high maintenance, but with the use of modern finishes don't require a lot of upkeep, just some periodic maintenance and to be examined once a year for cracked, flaky paintwork and decay.
5. It is becoming popular for sash windows to be composite in their construction, with timber on the interior, but clad with aluminium on the exterior. This ensures they retain the classic look of wood on the inside, but outside are extremely low-maintenance and are able to withstand all weathers.