

Guide to choosing your new conservatory

The ConservatoryLand Spec. ✓	What You Should Avoid ✗
<p>Conservatory Frames Material Used: PVCu made from 100% 'Virgin' materials with 0% re-grind content so there's no discolouration or cracking - and that's guaranteed.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies use cheaper PVCu profiles which contain recycled material. This will cause the conservatory frames to discolour over time. The frames may also become very brittle and cracking can occur.</p>
<p>Conservatory Frames PVCu Profile Thickness: We manufacture our conservatory frames using the maximum 70mm multi-chambered PVCu profiles which are reinforced with galvanised steel where required so there's no warping - and that's guaranteed.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies use cheaper PVCu profiles which are only 60mm thick (or even less). This can leave the conservatory frames and doors at risk of warping.</p>
<p>Conservatory Frames Design: We use the most up-to-date conservatory frame and door profiles that are fully sculptured inside and out. Low-sightline gasket seals are co-extruded with the profiles and glazing beads in one piece to eliminate shrinkage and are virtually invisible. All this to give the most attractive visual appearance possible from a PVCu conservatory.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies use cheaper and out-of-date PVCu profiles which give an old-fashioned squarer and boxier appearance to the whole conservatory. They also still use separate rubber gasket seals which slot into the profiles and glazing beads. These are what gives the thick black line appearance around the glass units and are susceptible to shrinking, leaving unsightly gaps in the corners.</p>
<p>Conservatory Frames Construction: All joints are mitred and fusion welded for maximum strength, clean visual appearance and weathertightness.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies use screwed butt joints to join their profiles together that make up conservatory frames and doors. This cheaper alternative leaves the joints susceptible to coming apart, harbouring dirt and leaking.</p>
<p>Conservatory Frames Drainage: All our conservatory frames feature an invisible concealed drainage system through the cill.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies use face drainage which means they drill holes in the face of the conservatory frames and fix cover caps just above the cill. These cover caps look unsightly and invariably yellow over time.</p>
<p>Conservatory Frames External Cills: We supply wide-faced, bull-nosed external cills on which the conservatory frames sit which greatly enhances the smart appearance of the conservatory.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies use thinner external cills, giving a low-quality look to the conservatory.</p>
<p>Conservatory Frames Security: We fit the best high-security locking systems to our conservatory windows which feature multi-point locking, locking night-vent facility and push-button auto-lock handles with additional key operation. Our doors are fitted with the best multi-point locking hardware incorporating roller locks, latch lock and dead-bolts. Our frames and doors are internally glazed - the glass is fitted from the inside and can only be removed from the inside.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies fit cheap and less secure locking systems to their windows and doors and still fit the glass from the outside. This leaves the conservatory more vulnerable to intrusion. Beware of companies that use double-sided adhesive tape or glazing clips to hold the glass units in place - this is no alternative to internal glazing.</p>
<p>Conservatory Frames Glazing: Our 70mm PVCu frames are designed to accept the maximum 28mm toughened safety double glazed sealed units - and this is what we supply. The glass units are held in place by internal glazing beads with co-extruded, low-sightline gasket seals (all in one piece) fitted to the inside of the conservatory frames and doors for the ultimate in security.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies supply only 24mm double glazed sealed units which can lower heat and sound insulation performance and be less effective in reducing condensation.</p>
<p>Conservatory Frames Joining: We supply purpose designed frame connectors to make joining your conservatory frames easy and for clean visual appearance. We also supply fully sculptured and reinforced PVCu corner posts as standard to compliment the style of our fully sculptured conservatory frames and doors.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies supply flat, square corner posts or even timber corner posts that need covering with PVCu trims. This makes installation harder and looks untidy.</p>

<p>Conservatory Roof Material Used: We manufacture our conservatory roofs from the best aluminium profiles with PVCu cappings, made from exactly the same PVCu materials as our conservatory frames ensuring a perfect colour match every time.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies supply conservatory roofs made from cheaper and lighter aluminium profiles with PVCu cappings made from different PVCu materials than the conservatory frames. This can lead to substantial deflection (bowing) of the roof, particularly with larger conservatories and poor colour matching with the conservatory frames.</p>
<p>Conservatory Roof Glazing: Our conservatory roofs are designed to accept up to 35mm polycarbonate or 24mm toughened safety double glazed glass sealed units.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies supply just 16mm polycarbonate roof sheets and conservatory roofs which are not capable of safely supporting the weight of glass units.</p>
<p>Conservatory Roof Wall Fixing Plate: Our conservatory roof wall fixing plate is specially designed to make lead flashing and sealing easy. Its ideal for the DIY conservatory market in which we specialise.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies supply out-of-date conservatory roofs which are far more difficult to lead flash and seal.</p>
<p>Manufacture ConservatoryLand are committed to continuous product development and manufacture both the conservatory frames and the roof which gives us total control over our service to you and guarantees a perfect colour match between frames and roof every time. We continue to invest in modern state-of-the-art machinery and equipment to ensure the accurate production of our products, making your installation that much easier.</p>	<p>Some conservatory companies buy their conservatory frames and roofs from third party manufacturers or manufacture the frames and buy-in their roofs from a different company. This restricts the level of service that they are able to give to their customers and often results in incompatible parts and poor colour matching.</p>
<p>The Company ConservatoryLand are specialist manufacturers of self-build conservatories for the UK DIY conservatory market and occupy approximately 20,000 square feet of factory and office space. We have invested over £25,000 in conservatory design software alone and over £200,000 in machinery. We have over 25 years of experience in the conservatory industry with expert technical knowledge and an after-sales service that is second-to-none.</p>	<p>Beware of double glazing companies that offer self-build conservatories as a side-line - are they really designed for self-build and how much experience do they have? If in doubt, always ask them to arrange a viewing of their previous work in your area or visit their trade premises. At ConservatoryLand, we welcome this as we have nothing to hide and everything to be proud of - just ask!</p>



Conservatory specification check list

Questions to Ask	ConservatoryLand	Other Company
Are your PVCu conservatory frame profiles made from 100% 'Virgin' materials with 0% re-grind content?	✓	
Are your PVCu conservatory frame profiles the maximum 70mm thick and reinforced with galvanised steel where required?	✓	
Are your PVCu conservatory frames made from fully sculptured profiles both inside and out?	✓	
Do your PVCu conservatory frames feature low-sightline gasket seals that are co-extruded with the profiles and glazing beads in one piece?	✓	
Are all joints on your PVCu conservatory frames fusion welded and not just screwed together.	✓	
Do your PVCu conservatory frames feature invisible concealed drainage with no face drainage cover caps?	✓	
Are your external conservatory cills wide-faced and bull-nosed?	✓	
Are your opening windows fitted with multi-point locking with locking night-vent facility and push-button auto-lock handles with additional key operation?	✓	
Are your doors fitted with multi-point locking including roller locks, latch lock and dead-bolts?	✓	
Are all your PVCu conservatory frames internally glazed for security, meaning that the glass is fitted from the inside?	✓	
Are your double glazed sealed units the maximum 28mm thick?	✓	
Do you supply purpose designed frame connectors and fully sculptured and reinforced PVCu corner posts (not just flat, square or even timber corner posts)?	✓	
Are your conservatory roof materials from the same systems company as your PVCu conservatory frame	✓	

profiles? This ensures that the PVCu cappings are made from exactly the same materials to ensure a perfect colour match between frames and roof.		
Does your conservatory roof system accept up to 35mm polycarbonate and is it capable of supporting the weight of 24mm toughened glass units?	✓	
Is your conservatory roof wall fixing plate specially designed to make lead flashing and sealing easy?	✓	
Do you manufacture your own conservatory frames AND your own conservatory roofs to ensure full compatibility, perfect colour matching and complete control over your level of customer service?	✓	