



THE BEST EXPERT TECHNICAL TIPS FOR INSTALLERS (PART 1)

PAUL EDWARDS, DAKEA ROOF WINDOW'S AREA SALES MANAGER, SHARES HIS BEST ADVICE FOR ROOF WINDOW INSTALLERS. SEE NEXT MONTH'S TRADE MATTERS FOR HIS FINAL TEN TOP TIPS...

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#1



It pays to be prepared. Before deciding on your size and style of the roof window, the structural integrity of the roof should be checked. As a general rule of thumb, homes constructed after 1960 have factory-built roof trusses so will need to be checked by a structural engineer before work commences. It's also vital to check local regulations and requirements as these are different dependent on your location.

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If you're opening a hole in the roof to fit the window, always cordon off the area below the roof just in case you lose a tile. Dakea roof windows may be installed from the inside so that working outside isn't always necessary. You may sometimes need to carry out part of the installation from the outside, and when you do it's vital to take all necessary measures against falling or dropping items, in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act which are the full responsibility of those involved in the work being carried out. Safety first.

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Maybe you're an experienced installer who has installed a roof window alone many times? But know your limitations: roof windows are very heavy so it's always worth thinking about another pair of hands especially when handling the roof window from the packaging and lifting into position.

To minimise the need for adjustment and cutting of the roofing material, adjust the position of the roof window sideways, if possible.

The type of flashing you're using dictates the direction you adjust the position of the window in. In roofs with profiled roofing materials, allow for a full course of tiles below the roof window. With slates, ensure necessary overlap between slates and flashing (To allow for correct insulation around the frame when constructing the roof window opening allow space for 20–30 mm insulation / side and 45 mm vertically.)

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When your packaged roof window arrives, always check the box for damage before you open it. If the box packaging is torn or broken, let the delivery driver know right away or call the roof window manufacturer as soon as possible. Ensure all the parts of the window are in the box: check the instructions and lay all parts out and identify them so you can know you have all you need for installation.

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Dakea's roof windows should be stored in the standing (vertical) position so that the corner label on the box faces up (not upside down). If you take the roof window out of the box for any reason, it's important that it should not be stored separately, without packaging. The roof window is only balanced when in the box.

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The Dakea Insulation Foam Collar forms an insulating frame around the window and restricts heat loss. It ensures a swift and smooth installation and is pre-cut so all you have to do is stick the adhesive side onto the frame. With the Dakea Ultima range the IFC comes part of the package free of charge.

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The sash should be removed to facilitate the installation of the roof window. Place it with the top of the sash downwards on a clean and even surface (ensure the aluminium cover parts are not bent or scratched) while you fit the window without it. Ensure the gasket on top of the sash isn't compressed.

Every Dakea roof window comes with an instructions leaflet in the box so take the time to read it properly. Installation instructions showing the correct method of installation are supplied with every Dakea product. Handling of the product – from delivery to finished installation in the roof – depends on the product type and size and the installation conditions so ensure you understand them before you start. Always check the Dakea YouTube channel for further clarification on installation, particularly on different windows and types of flashings. New videos are uploaded regularly.

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REMEMBER THE GOLD RULE OF TRADESPEOPLE EVERYWHERE INCLUDING ROOF WINDOW INSTALLERS:

MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE.

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