

Sheds Online & OUTSIDEinterests Specifications & FAQ's.

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Building Sizes

All dimensions are approximate and imperial. The dimensions are external measurements (unless stated otherwise) – PLEASE NOTE: they do not include roof overhang. Please allow for any overhangs when choosing the size of your building, bearing in mind space required for installation and maintenance.

We advise you check internal sizes if buying a building for a specific purpose, or any other sizes if critical.

Planning permission may be required for certain buildings depending on its size and location. Please check with your local council if unsure.

L x W x H = Length x Width x Height.

FW x D x H = Front Width x Depth x Height.

Size Code = approximate imperial size. E.g. 806 = 8ft x 6ft approx.

Standard Treatment

All our buildings come with a standard treatment.

They are sprayed inside and out with a water-based base coat of treatment in a light brown colour. To keep this building in best condition, we recommend giving it a topcoat of treatment within 6 months of assembly, or as soon as you like (ideally straight away). Treating your shed is an important part of keeping the building weatherproof as it helps to seal the timber and repel water. Please note small areas such as the inside of doors may not be reached by the spray, and it is normal to have some irregularities and drying marks from the treatment process.

Untreated buildings should be treated as soon as possible.

We recommend buildings are re-treated every year, though the higher the quality of wood preservative, the longer the protection should last.

Doors

Standard doors on apex sheds are hinged on the left-hand side. Right hand hinge doors are available on request.

Double doors on sheds are supplied with a galvanised pad-bolt or black japanned slide bolt instead of a lock and key. Double doors can only be fitted in sections at least 600mm larger than the doors.

All summerhouses are supplied with hardwood doors, which are slightly darker than cladding in appearance. Summerhouse doors are 44mm thick.

All door glass is safety glass as standard.

Windows

Quantity of windows refers to standard buildings only.

The number of windows on our pent sheds depends on door position. All windows are fixed unless otherwise stated.

Standard glass supplied is 3mm horticultural (except children's playhouses) and fixed with beading.

Toughened glass or Perspex can be ordered at extra cost on most buildings. Buildings can be supplied without windows at no extra cost. All summerhouses except for Devon and Rosedale are supplied with hardwood windows- which will be slightly darker than cladding in appearance- and toughened glass as standard.

Specification

All buildings are supplied complete with floor (unless otherwise stated), polyester based green mineral felt, glass, trims, and fixings.

Roof purlins and trusses are supplied where necessary.

Timber sizes stated are finished size after machining.

We reserve the right to alter specification at our discretion. All timber used is from well managed sustainable sources.

Delivery Time

Some of our buildings are held in stock, these are indicated on the web pages.

Standard delivery lead time is 4 weeks.

Some products are made to order, so please allow sufficient time when ordering if you require your building for a certain date.

Our busiest time is spring, and summer so please allow extra time if ordering during this period. Please contact the office for approximate delivery time.

Ordering your building

First select your choice of building & size from the drop-down list. Once selected you can go ahead and place a deposit with a debit or credit card. After the deposit has been received by Outside Interests, you will receive a confirmation email. We will check the design over and process the order, we will contact you with any queries or to discuss any amendments if required.

Prices

Prices include VAT at 20%. Free delivery is included to locations within a 15mile radius from our showroom.

We are happy to deliver to further destinations, but a charge may occur, please contact the office.

Guarantee

Buildings are supplied with a standard 12-month guarantee covering faulty parts and workmanship. In the unlikely event you have a have a problem that needs addressing please contact us immediately. Photos may be required so the problem can be assessed.

Timber is a natural product subject to shrinkage and expansion throughout its lifespan. Cracks, splits, loose knots, resin pockets and general movement are beyond our control and not considered a fault.

Most buildings are made to order and cannot be cancelled once the manufacturing process has commenced. The guarantee covers the cost of replacement goods only. Components should be inspected for problems before assembly to allow for replacement parts to be supplied if required. Albany Shed Co Ltd are not responsible for any costs incurred due to the incorrect manufacture of products, missing items, or delayed delivery.

We do not recommend storing items in outdoor buildings that could be adversely affected by damp air so we recommend not leaving items unchecked for long periods of time and to regularly open the shed door/s to allow fresh air to circulate. Failure to do so can increase the risk of mould developing. Items should be dry prior to storing in your shed.

Please consider whether items are suitable for storage in an outdoor building before putting away. We recommend you check if your building is covered by household insurance in case of storm damage etc.

FAQ's

Why do you not offer a 10-year guarantee like I have seen on other websites?

This is used as a selling point by some other suppliers. However, if you investigate the details of these guarantees you will discover that this is essentially only an "anti-rot" guarantee that is void if you do not treat the building every year with a high-quality wood preservative, as well as a long list of other terms & conditions, so does not really mean anything. We agree that a regular coat of quality treatment is the best way to keep your building in good condition – if you do this your building should not rot for a long time!

Will the building fit in my garden?

You should consider whether you have any height restrictions (doorways, archways, gates within walls or with bars across the top) or sharp turns. Some panels can be quite large, especially on larger sizes, so if you have any concerns please check before ordering. Generally, if you have a side entrance to your garden with no height restrictions or turns, it is unlikely there will be any problems.

What kind of base is suitable for my building?

We cannot stress enough the importance of putting your new building onto a solid, flat, level base. Get it right, and your building will fit together properly and last for years. Get it wrong and you could have problems with assembly, the shed will not last nearly as long and the doors may not close properly and will void the warranty. We are able to offer a base-laying service, please contact the office for details.

What are your sheds treated with?

Where treatment is specified, we apply a base coat of water-based Albany Brown treatment.

Why aren't your sheds tanalised?

We believe tanalised or pressure treated sheds are frequently misrepresented as being maintenance-free, whereas in our experience the best and only proper way to keep a shed in good condition is a regular coat of treatment. Although it sounds like a good selling point, many in the shed industry agree that it can lead to more shrinkage and cracking than would otherwise occur. If left untreated, any tanalised shed would soon deteriorate, as it begins to look grey and unmaintained; it would also be more likely to leak in wet conditions.

Do you use chipboard or OSB on floors and roofs?

No, we use tongue & groove boards, except on the Cottage where we use solid close-boarded timber.

How long will delivery take?

Delivery time varies depending on the time of year so please order in plenty of time. Please allow longer during Spring and Summer, please contact the office for advice on the approximate lead times.

Will my shed come with felt, glass & fixings?

Yes, where necessary we supply felt, glass, fixings, trims - all the required components.

*please note that glass is not safety glass unless stated

How often do I have to treat my shed?

If the shed has been factory treated, we recommend to re-treat after installation or within 6 months and from then on annually. If it is untreated, it must be treated straight away. The hardwood doors and windows supplied on some models should be treated as soon as possible with a high-quality treatment such as a Sadolin product.

What should I use to treat my shed?

As mentioned above, Sadolin offer some high-quality products that we recommend on hardwood doors and windows but can also be used for the whole shed. For standard treatment, we stock 'Albany Brown' in 5L tubs which you can purchase.

Other products in a range of colours can be purchased from your local DIY store. We do not recommend clear treatment.

Are the cladding and framing sizes quoted, the finished size after machining?

Yes, some sellers quote sizes before machining so it's important to check.

Which way will the floor joists run on my shed?

It varies depending on the size and model. Floor plans are provided on this website but if crucial please check and then specify on order that they must adhere to the stated direction as they can be subject to change.

Are your buildings made from Redwood or Whitewood?

Both, but we only buy timber of a certain grade and from sustainable sources.

Will I need planning permission?

Planning permission may be required on larger / taller buildings depending on size and location – please check with your local council if unsure. We may be able to make certain buildings lower to avoid planning permission if necessary. It is the customer's responsibility to check if planning is required.