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Shed & Outbuilding Installation Guide



The Importance of a Level Base

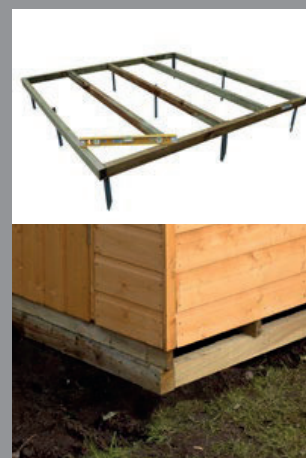
If you have an existing base and think it's suitable for your new Shed or Summerhouse to be sited on, it is imperative you check that it is level and doesn't deviate by any more than 15mm from edge to edge. If this isn't the case the building will twist, causing gaps to appear in the sections and the roof, doors and windows to misalign.

To check that your base is level, place a straight edged piece of timber across the length of the base and place a spirit level on top of the timber near the centre. The bubble in the spirit level should sit comfortably within the 2 centre lines. Repeat the process across the width of the base. If the base is not level, it is important that you rectify the problem before any installation can begin.



Timber Base

A timber base can be constructed from tanalised (Pressure Treated) 3"x 2" timber joists nailed together to form a frame. The frame is levelled by driving timber stakes into the ground at various points around the base and fixing the timber joist to these stakes. Shed bases are also available to buy pre-made - please make sure you purchase one correctly sized and compatible to the structure you are installing.



If you have taken out our installation service and purchased Timber base construction as of the installation it will be constructed by our installation team. Provided that the ground it will sit upon is of a gradient of no more than 65mm across the length or width of the base and is clear of obstructions and not saturated with water.

Concrete Base

Concrete is by far the best material for any size base to be constructed from. One of the biggest advantages is that it won't shift due to the movement of the sub soil beneath the base, a problem that can occur with other types of base.

A concrete base should ideally sit on a good dressing of sharp sand and hardcore to allow for adequate drainage of rainwater.



Concrete Slabs

Concrete Slabs are the next best alternative to a concrete base. The slabs should be laid in such a way to form a continuous base with no large gaps between each slab.

As with a concrete base, a concrete slab base should ideally sit on a good dressing of sharp sand and hardcore to allow for adequate drainage of rainwater.



Gravel Base

Your gravel shed foundation should be wider than your shed, all the way around the building. That means if your shed measures 8'x12', your foundation should measure 10'x14'.

In cases where your shed has an extra large overhang, you may want to make your foundation big enough so that the water that runs off the roof runs onto the stone pad.



Pro Shed Base

Made from 100% recycled plastic this base is eco friendly, plus it can be reused if you wish to reposition your shed in your garden. This handy base also allows for ventilation underneath your shed keeping it dry. Its interlocking design makes it easy to put together and although it is lightweight it provides a very strong and durable base for your shed.



Concrete, concrete slabs, correctly sized timber shed bases or a Pro/Eco base system are the most suitable types to cope with UK weather conditions and potential sub soil erosion. We do not recommend any other materials for the construction of your base.

A shed cannot be placed directly on soil, grass or sand

We also recommend that all bases are constructed by a qualified tradesperson.

Unsuitable Bases

The example images below show unsuitable bases which would result in an aborted assembly by our fitting teams if you have taken out our installation service. An unlevel base means the walls will not sit square to the floor. This will cause the structure to be unsecure and pull apart over time.



A mixture of broken slabs with no cement filled gaps



Not level due to sub soil movement beneath ground and gaps between slabs



A Base of soil only



An unlevel base means the structure walls will not sit square to the floor. This will cause the structure to be unstable and pull apart over time.



Access for Installers

Access to location:

Please ensure there is adequate access to where the shed is to be sited. Our installation team is unable to carry the shed through your home. If you have concerns about access, please discuss this when ordering so we can assess if this will be an issue and if it can be resolved.

Ideally you should instruct the delivery company to place all items as close to the installation site as possible

Access around base:

Please ensure that there is adequate space around the base to build your chosen outbuilding.

Please also ensure you allow a minimum of 610 mm (2ft) working space around the perimeter of the base so our installers have access to all areas of the structure. Please prune back any bushes or trees that may cause issues with the installation.

What happens if we cannot install your garden building?

If the installation team arrive and are not able to complete the installation of your building for any of the following reasons, the installation will be aborted. The re-visit installation will incur an extra charge. This charge will be 50% of the original installation cost previously paid.

- There is a problem with the product that you have not informed us of after your Product Check Upon Delivery
- A suitable base (or prepared ground where base installation has been purchased) is not available
- You or your chosen representative are not present at your property on the installation date



Post Installation Check

Our installation team will ensure you are completely satisfied before they leave the site and will ask you to sign off the project. It is therefore essential that you are available when the installation has been completed.

The installation team will guide you around the building to check the build with you. Please take the time to inspect the building thoroughly. Remember to open and close doors, check roof covering and check anchoring if required. The team will then ask you to sign the completion form to indicate that you are satisfied with the product and the build.

If you identify any issues that the team cannot rectify at the time, you should note these clearly on the form before the installation team leave your property. If there are any problems not noted at this point that later require a re-visit to resolve, a call out fee will be charged for the re-visit.

Please note that the installation company are unable to take away any packaging but will leave it tidily for disposal by you.

We hope you enjoy your new out building, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.