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Whether you're a professional tradesperson, a property developer or landlord, if you're installing a roof window you'll find these tips from the experts at Dakea invaluable. And for further best advice on roof window installation, see Part 2 of this series.



TIP #1.

It pays to be prepared. Before deciding on the size and style of your roof window, check the structural integrity of the roof. 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 you start work. It's also vital to check local regulations and requirements as these differ depending on your location.

TIP #2.

Safety first. If you're opening a hole in the roof to fit the window, always cordon off the area below just in case you lose a tile. Dakea roof windows can be installed from the inside so working outside isn't always necessary. You may still need to carry out part of the installation from the outside, so it's vital to take all necessary measures to prevent falling or dropping items, in accordance with Health and Safety regulations.

TIP #3.

Know your limitations. You may be an experienced installer who's put in a roof window alone many times. But if you're not, remember roof windows are very heavy so it's always worth thinking about having an extra pair of hands especially when handling the roof window from the packaging and lifting into position.

TIP #4.

Minimise cutting of the roof material. Adjust the position of the roof window sideways, if possible, to minimise the need for adjustment and cutting of the roofing material. 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).

TIP #5.

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

TIP #6.

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

TIP #7.

Don't forget the IFC. 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 as part of the package, free of charge.

TIP #8.

Take out the sash. The sash should be removed when installing 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.

TIP #9.

Read the instructions! Every Dakea roof window comes with an instruction leaflet in the box showing the correct method of installation, so take the time to read it properly. Handling of the product – from delivery to finished installation in the roof – depends on the product type and size and the installation conditions so make sure 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.



TIP #10

Remember the golden rule. Ask any tradesperson – including roof window installers – and they'll tell you: measure twice, cut once!

KEY TAKE OUTS

- ▶ Be prepared – check the structural integrity of your roof, and local regulations.
- ▶ Safety first – follow Health & safety rules, and take measures to prevent falls and dropping items, as well as cordoning off the area below the roof.
- ▶ Know your limitations – have an extra pair of hands to help lift the heavy roof window into position.
- ▶ Minimise cutting – adjust the position of the roof window sideways if possible to minimise the need for adjustment and cutting of roof material.
- ▶ Check the box for damage, and make sure all the parts are included before you start.
- ▶ Store correctly – Dakea roof windows need storing in the vertical position so the corner label faces up.
- ▶ Don't forget the IFC – the pre-cut Insulation Foam Collar is easy to fit and forms an insulating frame around the window.
- ▶ Take out the sash – remove the sash before fitting the roof window.
- ▶ Read the instructions – and refer to the Dakea YouTube channel for more information on installation and types of flashings.
- ▶ Remember the golden rule – measure twice, cut once.

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