



Technical Guidance

Gaps around PVC-U windows

Question

What is the maximum gap that should be permitted for sealant around a PVC-U window?

Considerations

- A gap should be provided to allow for thermal expansion of the window.
- British Plastics Federation guidance specifies a maximum gap of 15mm.

Answer

A gap of 5-10mm (evenly distributed) should be provided around PVC-U windows. In the case of large windows or patio doors a maximum gap of 15mm may be permissible.