

Movers' & Shaker's Marketplace

Different types of gutters

Consumers are faced with a wide range of materials when choosing new guttering. Here are a few facts to guide you in making a decision.

Vinyl (PVC) guttering is inexpensive and resistant to scratching, corrosion, bad weather, and ice. It offers only average resistance to extreme variations in temperature. During installation, leave enough room for expansion to avoid warping, which can cause leaky joints. Most gutters are white, but there are now more colours available that are resistant to discoloration. PVC guttering is adaptable to all types of homes and has a life span of approximately ten years.

Aluminum gutters are more expensive but lighter and sturdier. Highly resistant to scratches, corrosion, bad weather, ice, and discoloration, they are also vulnerable to expansion and warping. They can be made to mea-

sure without welded joints, which helps avoid leaks. In that case, installation must be done by a professional. They are available in a wide range of shapes and styles and their useful life span extends over several decades.

Galvanized steel gutters are protected from corrosion. Models that are covered in baked enamel or polyester paint are stronger, can support heavy loads, and are less subject to warping and expansion. They can be made to measure without welded joints but must be installed by a specialist.

Copper gutters need hardly any maintenance work, are non-corrosive, and are highly resistant to bad weather and abrupt changes in temperature. Their colour changes over the years to the distinctive patina of copper. With a life span of over 80 years, this type of gutter is the most expensive and should be installed by a professional.



There is a wide range of gutters that can blend with the colour and style of your home.

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