## What to look for in a window or door

## We're confident you can't buy better!

The outward appearance of most replacement windows and doors can be almost identical, but don't be fooled into thinking that all windows and doors are more or less the same. The quality of materials, construction, overall design, locking and weatherproofing systems can vary immensely from manufacturer to manufacturer. To help make you aware of the features you should consider when buying windows and doors, we've listed the main things to look for on this easy to use checklist. The specifications shown are standard on every Visage® window and door (unless shown as optional) and, as one of the very best systems on the market, we're convinced you can't buy better. But don't just take our word for it!

To compare our products with that of any of our competitors, please feel free to fill in the check boxes below

Windows	Visage®	Other	Other
Full 70mm frame depth with 3mm wall thickness. Stronger, improved thermal and acoustic performance and better fit with the existing plaster-line than 60mm systems.	<b>√</b>		
Load bearing baypole. Makes the framework of windows that have to support walls or heavy loads structurally sound. (Optional)	<b>✓</b>		
Low level, integrated gasket. Less obtrusive, integrated gasket gives the window a cleaner appearance while providing an effective barrier against the British weather	<b>✓</b>		
Centre locks. The next generation of window locking, with central twin locking. The twin locks powerfully grip the window frame, preventing potential attack from a jemmy or crowbar. Visage® windows have been tested to BS 7950, the British Standard that relates to resistance against forced entry.	<b>✓</b>		
Hingeguard is the ideal solution to the provision of extra security to the hinged side of a window.  Designed to engage only when the window is under attack, the security plates prevent disengagement by supporting the friction hinge.	V		
Hardened steel shootbolts anchors the window securely to the opening edge and corners of the frame.	V		
Hardened steel roller cams operate in unison with the centre lock and shootbolts to secure the window at both corners of the locking handle side, whilst providing compression to seal the opener to the frame.	<b>✓</b>		
A locking wedge that helps to locate the window firmly in its frame and acts as an additional anti-lever device on the hinge side. (Fitted to windows measuring over 800mm or more on the hinge side).	<b>✓</b>		
Stainless steel hinges, commonly seen as a weak spot by the would-be intruder, the unique hinge is tested to 30,000 cycles, the equivalent of 55 years use and can resist 4000 Newtons of force.	V		
Restrictor hinge for child safety (optional). Limits the opening of the window to prevent children falling from first floor windows.	V		
Fire escape hinge with easy clean facility as standard	V		
Secured by Design is the official UK Police initiative supporting effective crime prevention and security standards for a large range of products.	V		
Composite Doors			
Through colour glass reinforced plastic door sashes for maximum durability and colour fastness.	V		
U valves as low as .9 Wm2/k.	V		
B.S.I Kitemark certification.	V		
PVCu door frames made from world renowned PVC extruder Rehau.			

Composite Doors (continued)	Visage®	
Yale <b>5 point</b> high security multipoint locking with tapered hooks for maximum weatherproofing.	<b></b>	
High security, police approved adjustable hinges for maximum weight carrying and long term stability.	V	
Stainless steel handles/letter plates/knockers give long term piece of mind and corrosion resistance.  Available in gold, chrome, black and satin.		
Q lon gasket seal for long term draught proofing.	V	
Rehau door outerframe perfectly matches your Rehau windows.		
Exclusive glass designs to give you that unique difference.	V	
Superior grade fastenings for doors. For year-in, year-out dependability the screws used to assemble the Visage doors are of a grade that have been independently tested to withstand 500 hours of highly corrosive salt spray.	V	
Secured by Design option, is the official UK Police initiative supporting effective crime prevention and security standards for a large range of products.	V	
Aluminium strip down lock side to protect your door from everyday knocks and bumps.		
UPVC Doors		
Steel door locking mechanism, making it one of the strongest and most durable systems on the market.		
One-peice steel locking keep, runs entire depth of the door for maximum security.		
Door locking central deadbolt . Central deadbolt secures and protects the center of the door from attack and makes it one of the strongest and most durable systems on the market.	V	
Lock keeps screwed into steel reinforcement. Unlike some lesser specified door systems, all of the lock keeps are screwed into the steel reinforcement and not just the plastic!	V	
Hardened hookbolts. Two Hookbolts and trademark anti-lift pins for the highest level of security.	V	
Two protruding hingebolts make the door equally secure on the hinge side by snugly fitting into an aperture in the frame's steel reinforcement.		
Quality handles, highly durable corrosion resistant stainless steel handles, providing a tough, long lasting finish. The handle is available in gold, chrome, white, black and satin.	V	
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Hardware and Screws		
Superior grade fastenings for doors and windows. For year-in, year-out dependability the screws used to assemble the Visage doors are of a grade that have been independently tested to withstand 500 hours of highly corrosive salt spray.	•	
Corrosion resistant hardware for doors and windows. The screws, hinges and locking mechanisms are specified for their anti-corrosion qualities and carry a full supplier hardware guarantee as standard. (Subject to maintenance).	<b>✓</b>	