

# READ - before buying Aluminium Windows!!

## OPEN WINDOWS: PRODUCT FEATURES

## STRENGTH & DURABILITY

We offer **Semi-Commercial** grade aluminium products. They are a lot stronger than many budget residential windows.

## QUALITY HARDWARE

Our windows and doors are fitted with high quality hardware such as heavy duty rollers as standard.

## GLASS TYPES

We only use appropriate glass in all our products. When required we will fit Grade A safety glass or double glazing or other performance glass options.



Windows and doors are an important part of your house. They can be opened and closed every day to control your home environment.

Inferior quality windows and doors can sometimes become hard to use or even inoperable after only a few years.

Home owners don't always think about using better quality windows and doors when building their homes. Also, builders will commonly select the cheapest option for their projects. After all, they won't be using or repairing windows outside of the warranty period! As the home owner you want your windows and doors to last the life of your house!

**How can you tell if the windows and doors are of good quality?**

Generally speaking good quality windows and doors have the following features:

## 1. MORE ALUMINIUM

Aluminium is expensive. Cheaper windows and doors use less aluminium. They can become twisted and bent even before you move into your home. More aluminium in frames and sashes gives them better strength and durability.

High rise and shop-front projects use commercial grade aluminium windows and doors because they need to be good for many years of intensive use. While not everyone can afford full commercial products for their home, it is often worth paying a little more for quality that will last.

## 2. QUALITY HARDWARE

Aluminium joinery hardware includes handles, locks, hinges, rollers and others moving parts. You may not always know if the hardware is good quality simply by looking at them.

## 3. THE RIGHT GLASS

There are minimum glass requirements as specified by the Australian Standard AS1288. However, you might want to consider if the minimum is good enough for you?



### (ESD) ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

All our products have been rated under the Windows Energy Rating Scheme (WERS). The ratings are used by registered NatHERS assessors to achieve 6-star plus rating for your house.

All our windows and doors can be *double glazed*. For further saving, you may even double glaze only selected rooms such as the north facing windows, or bedrooms and living areas. Our double glazed products look similar to our single glazed products, so mixing and matching won't make the house look strange.

Some companies need to use entirely different products for double glazing, making it hard to mix and match double glazed and single glazed windows seamlessly throughout one house.

## Window Features and Benefits



Some window companies buy glass from unwarranted sources. Some use thinner glass or illegally use annealed glass instead of safety glass. You cannot tell them apart until it is too late! Don't you want to have the peace of mind just in case "what if" did happen?

### 4. BETTER DESIGNED

All window and door products must pass basic performance requirements for wind loading and water penetration and air infiltration. A well designed window and door system also gives you a varied selection of window types to suit your house design, incorporating double glazing as an option.

Mass produced, budget windows can be quite cheap for the common window types. But when you have specialist requirements such as bi-fold doors, hinged doors, double hung windows and double glazing, the costs can quickly increase.

Send us your plans or ask us for a quote, and you might be pleasantly surprised how little it costs to have personalized service from a boutique window fabricator.

## WHO WE ARE

Open Windows and Doors is a locally owned business supplying and installing premium aluminium window and door systems throughout Western Australia.

As a licensed fabricator of **Vantage** and **Elevate** aluminium systems we offer a complete range of architecturally-designed commercial and residential products.

We boast a highly experienced team with a wealth of industry knowledge and are dedicated to providing a quality product and superior customer service.

Feel free to phone, drop us a line or just call into our office—our doors (and windows) are always Open.

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