



# BASE OPTIONS

## Plastic Base



Interlocking square panels which are light and easy to handle. They are made from Recycled plastic. These must be laid before delivery of your building ideally on sand to ensure that they are level. The open nature of the base allows water to drain away naturally from your garden building whilst promoting air flow under your building, which reduces the chance of it becoming rotten. For larger buildings you may want to weigh this down by putting shingle within the base squares.

## Anka Base System



Adjustable base foundation system which is for use on soft ground. The ground screw levelling system allows for precise adjustment and the plates help to anchor your building. Can be fitted at the time of delivery and installation of your building. Easier and greener than slab or concrete option and relocateable

## Slabs



Remove any vegetation from the area and lay the slabs onto sand or ballast. Ensure using a spirit level that the slabs are level. A suitable base for all buildings is sufficient foundation ballast installed.

## Concrete



Remove any vegetation from the area. Pour the concrete approximately 2" deep using 5:1 ballast to cement mix. Suitable for all bases if sufficient foundation ballast installed.

Whichever base method you choose it is essential that you allow approximately 9" extra clearance all the way around your base area to allow for the roof overhang of your building. By preparing an adequate base, you will eliminate the risk of problems with doors and windows sticking due to poor foundations.

Our sales staff can provide you with a base diagram if required.

**We do not fit / supply slab or concrete bases. Please ask our sales staff for contact details of local people who we recommend.**

**If you are in any doubt please contact us on 01449 711145  
or email us at [info@meritgardenproducts.co.uk](mailto:info@meritgardenproducts.co.uk)**

# ALTERNATIVE ROOF OPTIONS

**Merit buildings** are fitted with a standard felt.

**Woburn Garden Studios** are fitted with non rip felt

**Wessex Garden Buildings** no standard roof covering



**Non Rip Felt** - Polyester felt with bitumen back for longer life.



**Shingles** - These are fibre glass based bitumen, hexagonal shingles which are available in Green, Red or Black



**Steel Tiles** - Tile effect steel sheeting, available in Slate Grey, Juniper Green Or Terracotta. They are light weight but, Robust for long life.



**Bituline** - Corrugated Bitumen sheets available in Green, Red or Black



**Rubber EPDM** - 1 piece of black rubber sheeting which is glued down. Excellent resistance to water and weathering

Please see our brochure for prices.

For any further information please contact

01449 711145 or email us at [info@meritgardenproducts.co.uk](mailto:info@meritgardenproducts.co.uk)

# TREATMENT OPTIONS

**Merit buildings** - are treated with a base coat of preservative that provides an excellent first base coat.

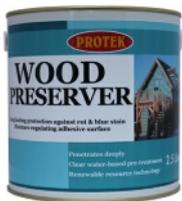
**Pressure treatment** - does not waterproof a building but helps to repel water and we recommend you apply either a clear sealing treatment or a coloured treatment.

**Wessex buildings** are untreated logs and therefore you will need to put a treatment on which is suitable for planed timber.

**Woburn Garden Studios & Thermowood** - buildings should be treated with a Wood Oil, to help maintain and enhance the appearance.



**Shed & Fence Wood Treatment** is a waterproof wood stain that is long lasting and Enhances the natural beauty of wood. This can be applied to planed or rough sawn timber. It is available in many attractive colours and natural looking colours. Life span - 1-2 years



**Wood Preserver Clear** - Ideal for a building which has not been treated with a preservative. A pre-treatment to protect against wood destroying and discolouring fungi/rot. A great primer which can easily be painted or stained over with Royal Exterior.



**Royal Exterior** - A high grade water repelling timber treatment that contains a mould inhibitor to protect the coating. Ideal for softwood & hardwood products. Available in many colours. Life span - 3-5 years



**Stable Coat** - A water-based, micro porous acrylic coating for use on pressure treated stables and other outdoor animal housings. Quick drying and highly water repellent. Life span - Approx 3 years.



**Restol Wood Oil** - A transparent or coloured oil which offers a UV protection against all weather conditions. Ideal if you wish to retain the original wood colour and appearance as much as possible. Life span - 5 years+



**Knotting Solution** - Patent Knotting solution is ideal for sealing knots and resinous areas of bare timber, prior to the application of paint.

**For a treatment colour chart or any further information please contact 01449 711145 or email us at [info@meritgardenproducts.co.uk](mailto:info@meritgardenproducts.co.uk)**

# AFTERCARE

## Treatment

**Standard Shiplap & Loglap Golden Brown dipped treatment** - Our buildings are treated with a base coat of preservative that provides an excellent first base coat. However, we recommend that you treat your building soon after delivery and then regularly to maintain the building in good condition, usually annually. Always follow the proprietary treatment manufacturers instructions with regard to use and how often it will need to be treated.

**Pressure Treated Shiplap** - Prevents rot and insect infestation, using treatment which conforms to British and European standards and which is impregnated using proven vacuum, high pressure technology. The colour of pressure treated timber slowly weathers from an initial green hue to a natural grey. The treatment does not, however, waterproof your shed and we recommend you apply a clear sealing treatment to your building when all timbers are completely dry. You can also apply a treatment to colour the building when the timber is dry. We do not recommend that pressure treated sheds are dipped treated at the time of manufacture. Where there is high humidity, and low air circulation, you may find that mould deposits may occur where air is unable to circulate and you may also find that chemical deposits may occur over time. Although, this may not be attractive, these can be brushed off and will not affect the integrity of the timber.

**Thermowood** - is a durable product that will last for many years without applying a surface coat. The natural effect of weathering and exposure to sunlight will however cause loss of colour, increased raised grain, surface cracking and higher risk of surface algae growth. A treatment of restol oil will help the timber and retain the natural thermowood appearance.

**Wessex** - We recommend that you should aim to treat you building within 14 days of installation and repeat as necessary. Ensure the treatment is suitable for planed timber,

**PLEASE NOTE THAT TIMBER IS POROUS AND NONE OF THE ABOVE TREATMENTS WILL TOTALLY WATERPROOF YOUR BUILDING.**

Wood is a natural product and should be regularly checked and maintained to ensure a long life. It is subject to shrinkage, cracking and warping due to it being a natural product. Special care should be taken both during extreme weather conditions and prolonged harsh conditions, particularly if the building or parts of the building are in exposed areas. This can be due to heat, rain, snow, frost, wind etc. **Moisture**, caused by damp, wet conditions can get trapped inside sheds, especially if they are not used often. If the outside temperature drops, any moisture inside the shed will cause condensation on the inside of the shed panels, roof, floor and possibly other items stored in the shed.

## Roofing

**Felt Roof** We usually staple the roofing felt in place. Check your roof regularly to ensure that the roofing felt is firmly fixed to the shed roof and particularly following high winds and storms. You may need to re-felt your roof from time to time or you can apply a product such as Thompson's Roof Seal which will prolong the life of your roof. You could ask for non rip felt as an optional extra to prolong the life of your shed.

**Shingle Roof** Please note that the shingles are both nailed or stapled on to the roof and have adhesive backing. Over the heat of the summer this will adhere strongly to the roof. Check your roof regularly to ensure that the shingles are firmly fixed to the shed roof particularly following high winds and storms. In the case of wind lifting the shingles please use a suitable roofing adhesive to re-affix.

**Check your roof regularly** to ensure that there is no debris or tree or hedge branches that can come in contact with the roof. Remove snow after a heavy fall, otherwise leakage may occur when the snow thaws.

## Windows & Doors

We recommend that you seal your window glass with silicone or suitable waterproofing to ensure that water doesn't come through. Ensure that you regularly oil or grease the door hinges and lock as necessary. Use the turn buttons at the top and bottom of the doors all the time to prevent the doors bowing.

## Check Your Base

If your base drops even a few centimetres, it can cause the building to become out of alignment. This can cause twisting or listing of the building and the door to drop. Take preventative action if this looks like happening. If your base is larger than the building then check to see if any water is pooling up on the base which can cause problems. Take action to stop this.

## Wessex Buildings

Timber is a natural product and as such is liable to move. Gaps may begin to appear between the logs. If this happens it may be possible that the storm batons have been fitted too tight. Loosen off the bolts of the storm batons and allow the building time to settle back into position. If this does not resolve the problem, then you should try and knock the logs back into the correct position. Take a block of wood and place it onto the ends of the logs and using a mallet hit them back into place gently. We strongly advise against installing any fixtures that will restrict movement of the building. Our partition walls are specially designed to allow the log cabin to move naturally.

**If you would like any further advice on any other matter that is not covered here, please contact  
01449 711145**