**Aluminium Shutters: The Pros and Cons**

When you think of aluminium shutters, you probably visualise heavy-duty external shutters used for retail premises.

But did you know they are also a popular choice for internal and external shutters at home, too?

If you’re looking for a stylish shutter that will also provide extra security, then the Porchester range of aluminium shutters is a popular choice.

Read this blog to find out all the pros and cons of aluminium shutters.

**What Are Aluminium Shutters?**

Aluminium shutters are super strong yet lightweight enough to be handled with ease. They are incredibly hard-wearing, weatherproof, and even recyclable.

These interior shutters have the same timeless and sleek style as wooden shutters, and you choose to have them installed in a variety of different colours. There are 3 standard colours, but you also have the option to customise them to suit your decor.

One of the most important features is what they’re actually made from - architectural-grade aluminium. Anything made to an “Architectural Grade” represents products that are made with higher grade materials and higher quality fabrication methods. These shutters have been growing in popularity because, as a material, aluminium is around 25% lighter than steel but very nearly as strong.

In the case of aluminium shutters, the architectural grade makes them one of the most durable, long-lasting shutters on the market because they will retain their strength indefinitely. The hard-wearing finish is resistant to scratches and bumps, and you won’t experience any colour fading.

**The Pros Of Aluminium Shutters**

**Security & Privacy**

The aluminium makes these shutters the perfect window covering for added security because they can not be broken. They work as a barrier of protection for your home and are a proven burglar deterrent.

You can also opt to have them fitted with the ​​patented Italian Strip-Proof Lock. This uses a double key turn, which operates the locking bolts to securely fix both the top and the bottom of the shutters simultaneously,

Rather than a visible rod, the Porcester blinds are controlled using Silent Tilt. This controls the louvres by a mechanism within the panel itself, meaning that if you tilt one, the others move with it.

If you want to sell your home, this feature may appeal to a security-conscious buyer.

**Durability**

Aluminium shutters are incredibly strong, and because of this durability, they are suitable for internal and external use, as well as for most windows and doors.

The material is completely water and fireproof, making the Portchester range an ideal choice for bathrooms, kitchens or any other rooms that are constantly exposed to moisture, steam, or splashes.

They have a very long lifespan, so installing a set will be a lifetime investment, but they can significantly boost your home's resale value.

Minimal maintenance is required, and they are very easy to keep clean.

**Stylish**

Despite their robust makeup, they’re just as stylish as any other shutter. In fact, their sleek appearance adds curb appeal and can increase your home’s value.

They don’t look like security shutters, so they blend in rather than being an obvious sign to intruders. In some cases, security shutters can draw unwanted attention, which is certainly not the case with the Porchester range.

They can be made in any colour you choose, or you can simply select from the 3 standard neutral shades.

You have three shutter options: bypass, bi-fold or hinged.

* The Bypass Track Shutter System allows your shutter panels to slide past each other via top tracks to open and close.
* Bifold shutters are shutters that have more than one panel while each is hinged together.
* Hinged window shutters, also known as tracking system shutters, are ideal for larger windows.

You can choose whichever best suits your room and window.

**Thermal Capabilities**

All shutters are excellent insulators and trap cold air between your shutter and the window. They will help reduce heat loss in the winter months and reduce heat gain in the summer.

**The Cons Of Aluminium Shutters**

**Warmth**

Aluminium shutters can absorb more heat than their wooden counterparts. But if your room gets direct sunlight, picking a lighter colour should reduce this.

**Requires Professional Installation**

These shutters are more complex to fit, so you will need someone who knows what they’re doing. Luckily, this is all part of our service.

**Fire Safety**

The locks can only be opened with a key. If you lock a door or window that is part of your evacuation plan, you must always know where it is.

**Cost**

It likely isn't surprising, but aluminium shutters cost more than others. There are much higher upfront costs, but the product will last longer, and the peace of mind they offer is priceless.

**Pros vs. Cons: What’s Right For You?**

Choosing the Portchester shutter gives customers peace of mind that only additional home security can provide.

Aluminium shutters can make you feel incredibly safe in your home, and they are ideal for houses that are frequently left unattended like holiday lets and second homes.

They can be fitted to most windows and are ideal for windows that are an easier access point for burglars.

If cost is a big factor, then you can easily combine them with our wooden shutters without impacting the aesthetic of your home.

Buying shutters through The Scottish Shutter Company gives you a Five-Year warranty for all shutters installed internally and a three-year warranty for external ones.

Aluminium shutters are a beautiful way to add high-level security to your home, and if you want to learn more about the Porchester range of shutters, you can download our brochure.

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If you want to learn more about the pros and cons of these shutters then you can read our latest blog.