**3 Common Problems With Shutters & How To Fix Them**

Problems with shutters are rare when you choose to install quality products, installed by expert fitters.

That doesn’t mean things won’t go wrong…

The good news is that, on the rare occasions that issues occur with your shutters, there’s often a quick fix.

Knowing the three most common shutter problems and how to repair them yourself will enable you to get your shutters functioning as they should with minimal stress, time and expense.

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**Why Problems With Shutters Occur**

[Window shutters](https://www.scottishshutters.co.uk/our-products/shutters/) help to filter light, increase your privacy and act as insulators of noise and warmth. And with so many options available to you, there is a style to suit every taste. You can even have your shutters custom-made to your specific requirements, so they’re exactly what you want for your window space.

But no matter how hardy they are, problems with shutters may still occur. Your window shutters get **a lot of use**, and it’s often through general **wear and tear** that they can develop small issues.

The good news is that you can likely fix the three most common problems with shutters at home yourself. There’s no need to wait for someone to come and repair them or use your warranty - you just need a little know-how.

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**How To Fix The 3 Most Common Shutter Problems**

1. **Loose Louvres**

Louvres are the slats in your shutters that can be angled to allow you total privacy and light control.

* **The Issue**

Over time, you may find that your louvres have trouble staying at your desired angle. Although frustrating, it’s a very common issue which arises because of continuous use.

* **The Culprit**

Loose tension screws at either end of the louvre.

* **The Fix**

Open your shutters and identify the tension screw hole at both ends of one of the slats. Using an appropriately sized Phillips head (crosshead) screwdriver, turn the tension screws a ¼ turn to the right - be very gentle - **no more than a ¼ turn** This will tighten them.

* **The Test**

Close your window shutters and tilt them to your desired angle. Repeat the above fix if any louvres are still saggy. If any are stuck shut, the tension screws may be too tight. A slight turn of the screws to the left will loosen the tension.

1. **Broken or Loose Magnets**

You might not have realised, but magnets keep the panels of your shutters closed within the frame.

* **The Issue**

The panels in your shutters no longer stay closed because the magnets have lost their magnetism, don’t line up or have fallen out of their housing completely.

* **The Culprit**

UV exposure causes deterioration.

* **The Fix**

Check how many magnets and casings need replacing and source the same-sized replacements. Remove the damaged items by using an appropriate screwdriver and turning the screws to the left. Install the new magnets and casings, turning to the right this time.

* **The Test**

Shut the panels within the shutter frame. If they don’t hold, you may have put your magnets in wrong. Remember, all magnets have a north and south pole. Opposites attract and cling together, but the same poles will repel one another and stay apart.

1. **Cracked Shutters**

Cracked shutters is a less common problem. With shutters, they are durable but sudden impact can break or damage the louvre. If you’ve bought quality shutters, it was likely caused by an accident rather than something that just appears one day.

* **The Problem**

A louvre in your window shutter has cracked so it no longer functions as it should, allowing light in and a view into your home from the outside.

* **The Issue**

A ball, a cat, an ornament. Many things may have put additional stress on your shutter, causing it to crack.

* **The Fix**

A small clean crack can usually be fixed with wood glue: Carefully open up the crack, follow the instructions for the glue and hold closed until set.

A large rougher crack may require you to replace the louvre: You can contact the manufacturer for a replacement and install by removing the tension screws, and placing the slat into position. (Tighten as per point 1.).

* **The Test**

Open and shut your shutters to ensure they have restored full working order.

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**Help I Can’t Fix It!**

The three main problems with shutters listed above are not the only issues which may arise, plus you may not feel confident to fix your shutters yourself.

If this is the case, don’t worry. **You can get help** from the company you purchased them from or the shutter manufacturer itself.

Most shutter companies offer an **aftercare service**. Your supplier guarantee or manufacturer warranty may cover minor repairs, but you might incur a charge if not. Before you agree to anything, find out if your **guarantee or warranty** covers you, and what the cost for a repair call-out will be.

Many companies only offer a 3-year guarantee, but at the [Scottish Shutter Company,](https://www.scottishshutters.co.uk/) we’re so confident in the craftsmanship of our window shutters, we give you the 5-year **‘perfect fit’ promise.**

If you have any problems with shutters that we have expertly fitted during this time we’ll solve them. Giving you **peace of mind** that your investment is protected for years to come.

Problems with shutters can always be solved, but as with anything… **prevention is better than cure**. To find out how you can keep your newly installed shutters newer for longer, click here.

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