# **Tier-on-Tier Shutters vs. Full-Height Shutters - Which Are Better?**

Once you’ve made the decision to install shutters in your home (well done, by the way!), it’s time to choose which design of shutters to have. For many, it comes down to a choice between tier-on-tier shutters and full-height shutters, but what is the difference between them and which would be best for your home? Let us at the Scottish Shutter Company share our experience.

## **The Difference Between Tier-on-Tier and Full-Height Shutters**

Tier-on-tier and full-height shutters have many similarities—they’re both available as louvred or solid panel shutters, provide excellent light coverage, and are both stunning additions to your home. So, what is the main difference?

Tier-on-tier shutters are split horizontally, with a top section and a bottom section that can be closed or opened independently, while full-height shutters are the height of your window space, thus the name.

It’s as simple as that… or is it?

## **Tier-on-Tier Shutters in a Little More Depth**

On the face of it, everyone should just pick tier-on-tier shutters; after all, can’t they be used to emulate a full-height shutter anyway?

It sounds like that should be the case, but that argument doesn’t consider many finer nuances of a tier-on-tier shutter.

Notably, tier-on-tier shutters are a little more complex than full-height shutters. While good-quality materials mean that there is little structural difference between them, tier-on-tier shutters may require more maintenance, and over time, a poorly maintained top panel may push unevenly on the lower portion. That said, professionally installed quality shutters rarely suffer such problems, even after many years of use.

Then, there’s an aesthetic consideration. This is neither a pro nor a con, as some will prefer the look of a tier-on-tier shutter, and others will like the larger size of the full-height shutters. In truth, both offer an incredible timeless style that’ll add to the look of your home, but personal preference is everything when determining the perfect home décor.

**Tier-on-Tier Pros and Cons**

**For:**

* **Versatility**—The flexibility to open the top and bottom sections independently provides excellent light and privacy control; sunlight can pour in from the top while you remain private at the bottom.
* **Aesthetics** - Tier-on-tier shutters add a sophisticated, layered look to windows that enhances interior design, so much so that many full-height shutters have a mid-line support style to match!

**Against:**

* **Complexity** - More moving parts mean more maintenance and a higher potential for issues, especially for extremely large window spaces where we recommend full height over tier-on-tier. [link to large window blog]

## **Full-Height Shutters in a Little More Depth**

Full-height shutters offer a clean and cohesive look that’s excellent for privacy and slightly superior as an insulator for both temperature and sound. They will offer shade from the summer heat, keep out the winter cold, and mean you never have to hear the chatter of passersby again (and they won’t wonder what you’re watching on TV!).

They also obviously offer the converse benefits to the tier-on-tier shutters, being somewhat more durable and cost-effective.

**Full-Height Pros and Cons**

**For:**

* **Simplicity** - Covering the entire window with a single panel is easier to use while also promoting a classic design aesthetic.
* **Insulation**—It’s a narrow margin, as tier-on-tier shutters are also fantastic insulators, but the data falls on the side of the full panel here.

**Against:**

* **Less Flexibility**—While a tier-on-tier shutter can emulate the feel of a full-height shutter, the opposite is not true. Unless you want to take a saw to your shutter (DON’T!), you’ll never be able to open the top, limiting your light control options.
* **Design Limitations** - Full-height is just that extra bit more inflexible when it comes to room design.

## **The Greatest Factor When Choosing Between Tier-on-Tier and Full-Height Shutters**

We’ve discussed maintenance and looked at insulation… but the true deciding factor when choosing between tier-on-tier and full-height shutters is always you.

Which do *you* like the best? Because, assuming you purchase quality shutters installed professionally, both styles will offer a first-class window covering that improves your home's energy efficiency, privacy, and house value (yes - shutters are an investment that adds value to your home). Now that you know the pros and cons of each shutter type, you can feel satisfied that the tie-breaker question of personal preference is undertaken as an informed decision.

## **Choosing Shutters with the Scottish Shutter Company**

Come to our showroom! The best way to make a decision between shutter styles is to look at them in person. Our showroom has a wide range of shutters to explore, and our friendly staff are always on hand to answer any questions.

Our showroom visits are always by appointment, making them personal to you. You can take the time you need to explore the shutter options without any other customers wandering around. It’s a great way to get a hands-on understanding of the different shutter types and see which of the tier-on-tier or full-height shutter types you prefer.

Of course, if you can’t come to us, then why not spend some time with our comprehensive brochure? Give us a call or download a brochure today!

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Tier-on-tier or full-height—which shutter style is best? At the Scottish Shutter Company, we have the pros and cons to help you make your decision.

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When it comes to choosing shutters, making a call between tier-on-tier, with their enhanced light control and modern style, and the classic aesthetic of full-height shutters can be tough! At the Scottish Shutter Company, we like to help - read the pros and cons of each shutter type in our latest article.