

# SnapIt Aluminium Benefits



## ALUMINIUM MODERN EXTRUDED & PRESSED

Extruded, pressed aluminium combines modern manufacturing processes to give a long lasting, cost effective system. Stronger and more robust, these products tend to be more expensive than steel gutters and downpipes but far less expensive to purchase than cast aluminium systems.



## FEATURES & BENEFITS

### STRENGTH & DURABILITY

- Extruded and pressed aluminium provides high durability, the material thickness is generally 2-3mm so it is much thicker than an equivalent steel system at 0.60mm.
- The material lends itself to fabrication which offers flexibility to meet awkward site detailing.
- Pressed systems are generally available in large profiles so is a great choice for light commercial and industrial buildings.
- In a normal domestic application a good quality aluminium system should last in excess of 25 years.

### INSTALLATION

- There are a number of jointing systems available depending on the systems and profile type.
- Modern aluminium systems are lightweight, easy to handle and 3m long lengths make it an ideal choice for quick installation.
- The SnapIt range literally 'snaps' together with no nuts or bolts - a popular choice for the self-build market.
- Depending on which system is specified, it can be installed by a professional or an experienced DIYer.

### STYLE & FINISH

- There's a great variety of profiles available in extruded & pressed aluminium ranges. The SnapIT extruded ranges now come in half round, vintage moulded ogee and contemporary joggle box sections offering a great choice of finish.
- There is also a range of 26 colour choices available in each material - a finish to suit all types of project.

### ECO-FRIENDLY & SUSTAINABLE?

- The life time value of aluminium is high as it will generally last 25 years or more.
- 80% of the aluminium rainwater systems already in use in the UK have been manufactured from recycled aluminium and all aluminium is infinitely recyclable at the end of its life.

### GUIDE PRICE

Prices obviously vary hugely and discounts are available on volume but based on standard 115mm, half round, powder coated extruded aluminium gutter our guide price is £13.19/m.

### WHO DOES IT SUIT?

Modern aluminium systems offer a wide range of profile and coatings to suit all types of building projects. They are a long lasting, highly efficient solution for rainwater disposal and a leading choice for the construction industry.

### MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of all metal guttering is highly recommended. See advice on maintenance below.

- Clean out hoppers, outlets, angles and gutter lengths every six months ensuring these are always free from dirt and debris.
- Ensure joints and fixing points within your system and on brackets are sealed and secure.
- Always place ladders against structures and not the rainwater system.
- Clean external visible surface finishes to maintain aesthetic appearance.
- Regular inspection for signs of deterioration and any areas of corrosion damage should be repaired in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

### OTHER RANGES:

- Steel
- Cast Aluminium
- Cast Iron



# Gutter Warehouse UK

## ALUMINIUM TRADITIONAL CAST

Traditional cast aluminium is at the top end of the price range, more expensive than extruded aluminium and steel but generally less than pre painted cast iron. It is strong and long lasting and best suited to quality, traditional projects.



## FEATURES & BENEFITS

### Strength & Durability

- Cast aluminium is extremely durable and a great choice for coping with wet weather or snow.
- Aluminium does not rust, any exposed aluminium surfaces simply oxidize to create a natural barrier.
- Our beautiful textured black finish emulates the look and feel of cast iron but is substantially lighter weight which makes it much easier to handle and install.
- In a normal domestic application a cast aluminium system should last in excess of 25 years.

### Installation

- Installation is straight forward with a traditional silicone and bolted joint, typically installed on fascia brackets, rafter brackets or rise & fall brackets.
- The traditional cast aluminium gutters come in 1.83m (6ft) lengths with pipe choices of 2m or 3m long making it an ideal alternative to cast iron.
- It can be installed by a professional or an experienced DIYer.

### Style & Finish

- There's a great variety of styles, half round is the most popular with Victorian ogee and moulded profiles also available.

- Cast aluminium is available pre-coated in 26 standard factory-applied, powder coated options for immediate installation.

### Eco-friendly & sustainable?

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### Guide Price

Prices obviously vary hugely and discounts are available on volume but based on standard 125mm, half round, powder coated cast aluminium gutter our guide price is £23.82/m.

### Who does it suit?

An aluminium system is ideal for those looking for something robust and long lasting. It's available in both textured heritage finishes and more modern smooth finishes so looks great on a wide range of projects. Cast aluminium is generally a more cost effective alternative to cast iron where a traditional 1.83m length spigot / socket style is required.

### Maintenance

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### See details of our other ranges:

- Extruded Aluminium
- Steel
- Cast Iron

