

STORAGE & ACCLIMATISATION OF PVC-U PROFILES

Wherever possible, profile should be stored indoors at an optimum working temperature between 17- 23°C, with the packaging vented to prevent condensation. However, indoor storage is not always practicable with some stock levels and where profile is stored outside, measures should be taken to protect against rain, moisture, dirt ingress and direct sunlight.

All profiles should be stored flat to prevent distortion, preferably in purpose made storage racks, with intermediate supports spaced between 1000 to 1200mm.

Profiles should be stored and carried securely to prevent any impacts or damage.

The profile stack height should not exceed 1 metre and in order to avoid scratching, the profiles should be lifted lengthways from the stack.

VEKA UK Group profiles are supplied with low tack protective tape to exposed internal and external faces. This protective tape on the PVC-U profiles should be left intact but **MUST** be removed upon completion of the installation, prior to perimeter sealing and final cleaning.

Note; this protective tape should not be exposed to direct sunlight for long periods either prior to or preceding installation as it may become difficult to remove.

During profile storage, particularly when external, care should be taken to avoid contamination or staining to surfaces;

Cement, plaster and sand will not affect the properties of PVC-U and may be cleaned easily from the frame surface – though care should be taken to avoid scratching.

Tar and Bitumen may stain the surface of white PVC-U and contact should be avoided during storage and installation.

In order to acclimatise the profiles, we advise that the lengths are stored indoors for a minimum of 24 hours at a working temperature between 17-23°C prior to use.

