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Self-Build

When building your own home, it's important you know why...



.....9 out of 10 plumbing
and heating installers
choose copper systems
for their own homes.

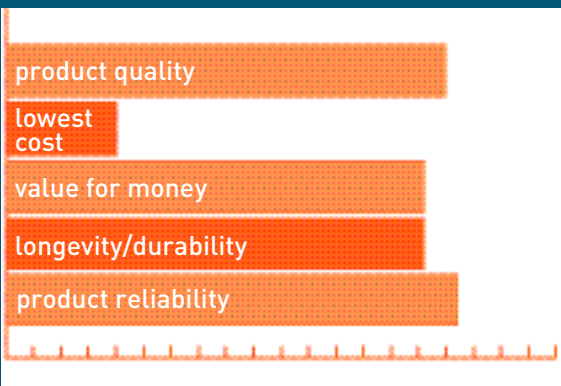


Why build your own home?

- to create a design that suits your exact requirements
- value for money
- to achieve your dream home

What do self-builders look for when selecting materials?

Market research* commissioned by the UK Copper Board has shown that self-builders are looking for the following when selecting their building materials:



*Source: Keith Gorton Services market research, 2000

(Self-builders were asked to rate the criteria they use when choosing materials for their new homes)



Copper offers you all this, and more....

- tried and tested – copper has no rivals when it comes to proven performance
- high standards of quality
- durability/reliability
- appearance – copper looks good when installed, giving you a neater finish – it can also be painted
- copper tube is guaranteed for 25 years by leading manufacturers
- adaptability – copper systems are available in standard interchangeable sizes
- better performance – copper provides better flow rates
- copper resists heat, corrosion, pressure and fire – giving you peace of mind

You can specify copper for your:

- cold and hot water supply
- central heating
- gas installations
- under-floor heating
- domestic residential sprinkler systems



Copper – the modern solution

Copper is a modern material. The latest copper flame-free jointing systems offer ease of installation and high standards of safety whilst not compromising on quality and reliability.

Push-fit fittings are ideal for use in the self-build market. They have an unobtrusive appearance, especially useful where pipe and fittings will be in view. Connections can be made in seconds, but with the strength of traditional metal fittings.

No flames, no risks



A professionally installed copper system looks good and offers high levels of quality for peace of mind.

For a better appearance, neater finish and outstanding quality – choose copper – the right choice for your new home.

What do self-builders say about copper?

“We have been very successful in our previous house building projects where we used copper, so we will use it again.”

“My husband is a qualified plumber and he has been trained to use copper.”

“We go for copper because of its track record.”

“I regard plastic to be for DIY.”

What do the professionals say about copper?

Independent market research* shows that professional installers:

- trust copper systems not to let them down
- are conscious of the established ‘track record’ of copper systems

Get the right advice:



For good and valuable advice talk to a professional installer.

“Copper is tried and tested. It has a proven track record.”

*Source: KGS research (1998)

To find out more about the UK Copper Board and copper plumbing and heating write to:

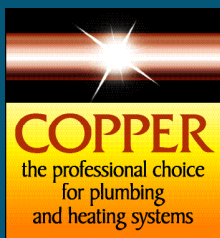
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