

TIPS

How strong will my greenhouse be in the wind?

It is worth noting that greenhouses are extremely vulnerable to storm damage — especially when they are new, so think about

Your positioning when siting your greenhouse – is this a good sheltered spot? Also we recommend that you ensure that your green- house is covered on your house insurance in case you do get any

Wind damage (they usually are covered).

If you live in a particularly windy spot then you may wish to consider extra measures, such as extra braces, one extra measure which seems to help in windy conditions is to put blob of silicone around your glazing clips to help keep them in

Place in blustery conditions.

Silicone the glazing clips in to help prevent losing panes in High winds.



Will my greenhouse be waterproof?

No greenhouse is 100% waterproof, particularly when new. However, you can eliminate most leaks by the application of silicone in strategic places. This is best done whilst you are putting the Greenhouse up (before you put glass in and whilst the frame is clean and easier to bond to). The main places to seal are the eave corners (seal from the inside) and the cill corners where the two Base sections meet (seal from the outside, see picture to the right). These are the two 'obvious gaps' to fill in. Then once you have finished your assembly, you can seal any other gaps with your Silicone as required.

We do not recommend that you seal between your metal base and the slabs or concrete. For two reasons, firstly it is very difficult to do effectively and secondly, because it does help if water can run out from your greenhouse floor by this route. However,

If you do wish to seal this we recommend that you pack up the greenhouse by about 5mm, seal the gap with a black bitumen based sealant and then pull out the packers (thus squashing the sealant to form a tight seal). If this does not provide a 100% seal, then you can also paint the joint with a bitumen paint. You could also consider having a brick base where this would not be an issue.

Silicone around base corners and mid- joints (if applicable).

