

# TRICKLE VENTS

## Why Not Open A Window Instead?



### What Is A Trickle Vent?

A trickle vent is a device usually fitted at the top of a window that allows fresh air to circulate in your home. The vent on the inside regulates the amount of air, the canopy or hood on the outside protects against bad weather conditions.

- Plastic or metal
- Available in various colours
- Some have gaskets, which improves sealing in bad weather
- Acoustic versions can limit noise pollution



### Their Main Purpose

Trickle vents provide background ventilation and work in conjunction with extract (fans) and rapid (opening windows) ventilation.

Building Regulations require background ventilation because as houses are made more airtight there is more need for constant ventilation.



### How Do They Work?

By letting a small amount of air through a slot in a window, they allow a building to breathe, which helps prevent condensation, mould growth and the build-up of pollutants and airborne viruses.



### Maintaining A Healthy Indoor Environment

Poor ventilation affects our health. Microscopic organisms, like house dust mites and fungi, thrive due to the moisture produced inside a home through everyday activities.

These pollutants present a health concern and can cause or aggravate allergies, depression, and lung or heart conditions.



### Why Not Open a Window Instead?

Ventilation through the handle 'night vent' position (leaving the window ajar) is discouraged, to eliminate the risk of break-in. Many break-ins occur whilst the occupants are in the property.

Trickle vents are the best option for controlled and secure background ventilation.



### Using Your Vents

Keep your vents open as much as possible. Close them for short periods, but remember to open them up again.

If you move into a new property you must keep your vents open for at least two weeks, as this will eradicate the moisture contained within building and decorating materials.



### Looking After Your Vents

To maintain the efficiency of the vent, wipe the vent with a damp cloth and clean the slot with either a vacuum cleaner or brush.

