

How to Achieve a Good Air Test Result

Most importantly ensure that your Plastering contractor does a solid dot and dab to the bottom of each plaster board. This is even more critical if oak/wood floor is to be used. Also, essential where skirting is not going to be fitted.

General

- Radiator pipes should be sealed where they emerge from the floor but, more importantly, where flexible piping is used and fitted through the plasterboard behind the radiators proprietary fittings should be used and additionally sealed if ill-fitting.
- Skirting to all rooms should be sealed top and bottom including skirting to internal walls.
- If wooden flooring or tiles are fitted prior to fitting the skirting, the plasterboard needs to be seal against the floor and ideally the skirting sealed top and bottom once fitted.
- Internal soil stacks should be sealed where they penetrate through floors or into the roof space, also where soil pipes enter the 'boxed' sections they should be carefully sealed.
- Trickle vents should be removed or sealed prior to attendance of air test operative.
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Kitchen

- Fit skirting behind kitchen units or seal between the bottom of plasterboard and the floor prior to fitting units
- Silicon seal where wastes and pipes penetrate through the plasterboard
- Seal around boiler flues/exhausts/vents where they penetrate the wall/ceiling.
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Bathrooms

- Bath/sink and toilet wastes and water supply pipes should be sealed where they penetrate the floor or walls
- In some instances, 'traps' fitted beneath baths and specifically shower trays are 'cut' in to the floor to allow for their physical size and to make fitting easier. The cutting away of sections of flooring for this purpose causes serious air leakage and should be avoided where ever possible.
- Bath and shower panels should be fitted and sealed.

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