

WARNING – STICK BUILD

Building a house is probably the biggest single investment you are EVER likely to make. Due to its flexibility, speed of construction, exceptional levels of insulation and energy efficiency, most new homes built in the UK are timber frame. In the majority of cases these are factory manufactured kits like ours, which are designed to be fully integrated “packages” delivered to site and are the preferred choice of well over 80% of self builders like yourself.

The remainder are more commonly referred to as ‘Stick Builds’ where the kit is made up on site, or in a shed, utilising materials sourced locally from builders merchants and others and then put together to accommodate a more flexible schedule and building standard and usually over a lengthier period of time.

Before you make your choice of supplier, may we suggest you take a few moments to contact the other companies or individuals you might be considering and assess how their products and services compare with the standard package offered by Scotframe.

Scotframe tick **ALL** the boxes, but if other suppliers do not, ***your investment could be at risk.***

	Scotframe	Other Suppliers	
1. Are financially independent, secure and have over 20 years of experience in manufacturing timber frame?	[✓]	[]	[]
2. Have a quality assurance system accredited to the internationally recognised ISO 9001 standard?	[✓]	[]	[]
3. Are members of the UKTFA (United Kingdom Timber Frame Association) and TRADA (Timber Research & Development Association)?	[✓]	[]	[]
4. Manufacture all timber frame components in a modern high-tech facility, ensuring total production quality?	[✓]	[]	[]
5. Use only the very best strength graded and kiln dried timbers to ensure the structural and dimensional stability of the kit?	[✓]	[]	[]
6. Use a superior size of timber studs (45x140/90/70) giving 16% more timber than many of our competitors, providing a larger surface area for fixings and a more robust kit?	[✓]	[]	[]
7. Store all structural timber under cover in a temperature controlled environment to maintain the correct moisture content?	[✓]	[]	[]
8. Have an in-house Computer Aided Design (CAD) facility to ensure dimensional accuracy and provide detailed working drawings?	[✓]	[]	[]
9. Have the expertise to “thermally engineer” your project and also ensure the property complies with all current building regulations including those which encompass the new thermal & CO2 emission requirements for 2013/2016 and existing disabled legislation?	[✓]	[]	[]
10. Employ an independent structural engineer, experienced in timber frame, to appraise & certify every house design ?	[✓]	[]	[]