



TEACH Passiv

FACT SHEET No. 17

Building a Passivhaus -

Choosing a Builder

This fact sheet gives a few pointers on how to choose a builder to construct your Passivhaus:

1. Choose someone that's done it before:

Nothing replaces the experience of having done it before.

Example: [Passive House Builders](#)

2. Go for a Passive House system build:

There are many systems now available that will reach Passivhaus Certification upon completion. These systems are tried and tested and will have examples of previously certified Passivhaus buildings.

Example: [Viking House](#) and [Beattie Passive](#)

3. Go for a high quality builder that's willing to put the time and effort in to ensure your house is constructed to the Passivhaus standard.

Again, check the builder's work and obtain references asking the following questions:

- Did the builder do what was asked of him from the architects & engineers ?
- Did the build give the construction sufficient time and effort and was it constructed well? A good way of determining this is to ask for the results of the airtightness test which you can compare to the Passivhaus standard
- Did the builder ask if he/she was unsure on any subject or did they just blindly go ahead 'Doing it the way they've always done'?

4. Choose a builder that has completed the Passive House Tradespersons Course.

This actually should be a pre-requisite of any of the methods described above. Completing this course shows that the builder has understood the Passivhaus principles and can apply them in constructed form.

Companies providing the Passive House Tradesperson course are:

- [Target Zero](#)
- [Passive House Academy](#)

For more information on the Passive House tradesperson Course click [HERE](#)



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