

Cool Radiators? It's Covered!

Frequently Asked Questions

I love your curved radiator covers, how do I get more details about them?

It is simple! Fill out the information request form online or send me an email at info@jasonmutedham.com and I will send you an information pack.

I cannot wait to get my hands on one of your curved covers, how quickly can you deliver it?

Each cover is handmade to order and is made to measure. Typically your cover will be ready in 4-6 weeks.

Will you come around to measure my radiator and then later install my cover?

It is not necessary. The information pack shows you how to measure your radiator for a cover. Send me the order form with your measurements along with a picture of your radiator if possible. I will check the measurements and only if everything looks ok, we will proceed with your order. Installing the cover is a very simple job, fully explained in the information pack.

Will your cover stop the heat from getting out?

No. Modern radiators despite the name work mostly by convection, 80% of the heat is via convection 20% via radiation. Convection radiators work by heating the cool air at ground level, the air is heated as it rises up and the hot air leaves the top of the radiator, this hot air will eventually cool and fall to ground level where the convection cycle will start again. My covers are open at the bottom and allow the heated air to leave via the top of the cover, so the convection cycle is not interrupted.

Will your timber covers warp in the heat?

No. My timber covers are made from a lamination of birch sandwiched between the veneer of your choice, this results in a very stable construction.

How easy is it to access the radiator with one of your covers?

Depending on the mounting option chosen it really is just a case of lifting the cover off a wall mounted batten.

Do you ship your covers internationally?

Yes. The covers are usually shipped fully assembled within the UK, however this becomes very expensive when sending a cover abroad. A cost effective method for international deliveries is to ship the slats and end panels flat packed. The cover can then be assembled locally with the addition of easily sourced materials by a crafts person.

Can I put things on top of the cover? I'd like to have a shelf.

I would not advise that anything is put on top of the cover, it will get very hot and interrupt the convection cycle which could result in a colder room.

My mother has a traditional style radiator cabinet which is covered in her china, in the winter the room gets very cold and we have to remove the cover to warm the room, why is this?

Basically traditional covers are badly designed. The heated air is trapped inside the cover, as traditional covers usually have a fixed shelf as a top. This air has no where to go and gets hotter, eventually tripping the thermostatic valves long before the room is warm. Remember hot air rises, no matter how fancy the front grill! Your mother has sacrificed her heating system to display her china collection.

A few radiator cover manufacturers claim that I can save money on fuel bills by installing one of their traditional styled covers, how could this possibly be true?

It sounds too good to be true, although trapping the warmed air in the cover and tripping the thermostatic valves too early will result in reduced fuel bills and of course a cold room too.

I am thinking about buying a designer radiator however after seeing your covers I am in a dilemma is there anything I need to consider?

Some designer radiators are very attractive but there are a few points you should be aware of. The most efficient radiator is the convection style, many designer radiators work by radiation alone, which means it is only warm when you are near to the radiator. There will also be additional installation costs with a designer radiator, as your pipe work will almost definitely require alteration to some extent.

I have a question that is not on your FAQ!

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