

CARPORTS 101

A quick guide to UK carports, planning permission and more...

Carports are a great addition to any home and are mainly used to provide limited protection to vehicles from the elements.

Most carports tend to feature just one or two walls and are either free-standing or wall-mounted. Keep reading this cheat sheet for a quick guide to UK carports, planning permission and more...

FOCUS AREA 1: Planning permission

One of the main questions that's asked about carports is whether or not you need planning permission to install one.

Planning permission isn't typically required, providing the carport is being used for domestic purposes only and the maximum height is 2.5 metres (if within 2 metres of the property boundary). It's only when a system's being installed that's larger than 50% of your existing floor space that permission is needed (and even then, it isn't always). If you're unsure about whether or not you need planning permission, get in touch and we'll advise you.



FOCUS AREA 2: Building regulations

If you were to build a new garage that was attached to an existing home, then you'd normally need building regulations approval.

However, building regs aren't usually required for attached carports (that are open on at least two sides) and cover less than 30 square metres in floor area. Again, if you're not sure if building regs apply to what you have in mind, get in touch and we'll provide you with the guidance you need.



FOCUS AREA 3: Materials

Carports can be made out of most types of materials, but we like to use a high quality composite material called Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP).

Not only it is super resilient, it's made to withstand the test of time (around 100+ years), which is incredibly important in making sure your carport can live up to being at the mercy of the great British weather all year long, year in, year out.



FOCUS AREA 4: Cost

There's no standard cost for carports, as they tend to be unique and bespoke to each home.

However, generally speaking, if you were to install one of our Connekt carports and it was 5 metres long and had a 2.5 metre projection (guttering included), then you would need to budget between £2,500 and £3,000 for it.



FOCUS AREA 5: Property value

While installing a carport won't increase your property price, it will make your home a whole lot more appealing to potential buyers when the time comes for you to move on.

Just like outdoor canopies, carports are designed to help you get more from your outdoor space come wind, rain or shine.



Got any questions or perhaps you'd like to discuss your carport requirements with us?

Contact us today on [01254 777 002](tel:01254777002) or info@canopiesuk.co.uk for a free, no obligation quote.

About Canopies UK

Canopies UK is the country's leading designer, manufacturer and installer of high quality canopies. Established for more than 25 years, the company employs over 50 staff at its Lancashire headquarters, which incorporates offices, production space and warehousing.

Serving a multitude of sectors, including hospitality, education, healthcare and construction, Canopies UK delivers excellence through site specific specification and unrivalled product quality.