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# Bar and Serveries Roller Shutter Buying Guide

We have a very large range of Roller Shutters, all of which have many different configurations. This Security Direct Buyer's Guide is designed to help you understand ALL the options available, and with our help, select the right shutter for your particular application.

## WHAT IS THE ROLLER SHUTTER FOR?

Roller Shutters can be fitted over many types of openings, i.e; Bars, Kitchen Serveries, Reception Desk, Kiosks and Cabinets. The reason why roller shutters are installed can be 1) to provide just a Visual Barrier, 2) for Security of Property, or 3) Fire Protection. Depending on the type of opening and the reason why the Roller Shutter is being fitted will help narrow down the type of Roller Shutter required.

### EXAMPLES:-

**VISUAL BARRIER** - This could be to close off the area from the public, so they can't see through or to stop people gaining access or to stop people helping themselves when the area is closed.

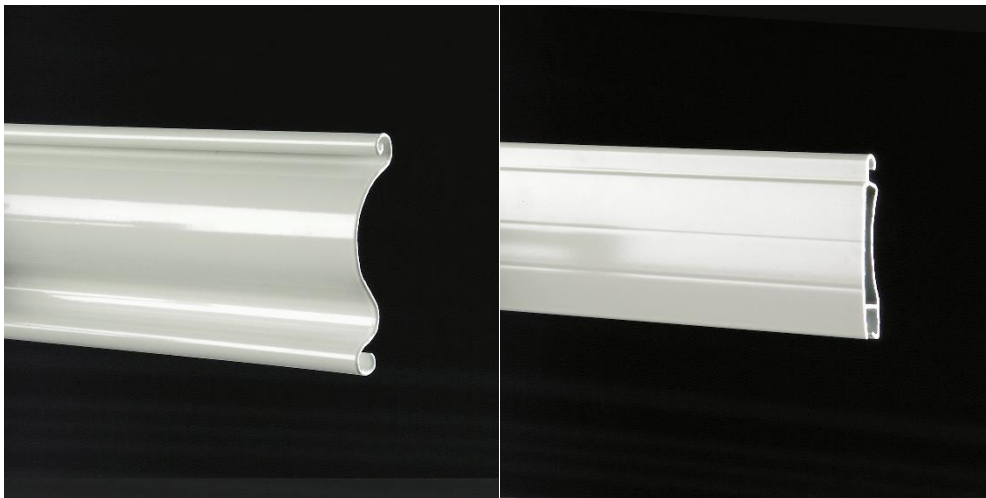
**SECURITY** - This is only usually required when fitted of High Risk Cabinets that contain high value goods ie; Cigarette Kiosks, Slot Machines, Chemicals.

**FIRE PROTECTION** - This is usually required on Kitchen Serveries and Openings that are located on a Fire Escape Route. Usually a Fire Office or Building Control will specify if a Fire Shutter is required. If you are not sure then I would recommend that you speak to your Fire Officer, as Fire Shutters are considerably more expensive than normal Roller Shutters. Fire Shutters have to be wired into a Fire Alarm System to be fully automated, OR, can be operated from a Manual Switch. Please see our "Fire Shutter Buying Guide" for more information.

## WHAT MATERIAL ARE THE ROLLER SHUTTERS MANUFACTURED FROM?

The majority of Roller shutters are manufactured from either Steel or Aluminium. Most people think that Steel is the strongest, but this is not necessarily the case when it comes to Roller Shutters. Steel Laths are usually Single Skin, where Aluminium Laths are usually Extruded and have a Twin Wall.

On Bars and Serveries we generally use Aluminium Shutters. This is because the Shutter Boxes and Guide Rails are two thirds of the size of Steel, making them a neater and more compact solution, particularly where there is Limited Headroom. They also have a better paint finish and are considerably quieter in operation.



**SINGLE SKIN STEEL LATH**

**TWIN WALLED ALUMINIUM LATH**

### Advantages of Aluminium Shutters:

- 1) The Guides and Laths are made from an Extrusion process allowing us to build in reinforcements to strengthen the important parts. With Steel Shutters we make the Guides and Laths from flat steel plate and then bend it into shape, hence it is not too difficult to bend it back to break through the shutter. Hence Aluminium is usually more secure than Steel.
- 2) Insurance Approved for external use whereas we can only get Steel Shutters Insurance Approved for Internal use.
- 3) Our RA2 & RA4 Aluminium Shutters roll up into a smaller box - 205 mm square, compared to Steel which rolls up into a 300 mm square box. Ideal where there is limited headroom.
- 4) Aluminium does not rust and so provides better weather and corrosion resistance, so retains its appearance better throughout its life.

5) Powder Coating keys very well onto Aluminium, providing a long lasting finish. Powder Coating onto Galvanised Steel on the other hand does not provide a very good key, hence does deteriorate over time as can be witnessed on many Shop Fronts who tend to go for Steel Shutters being the cheapest option.

6) Aluminium is the preferred solution for Coastal areas because Steel will corrode

7) Aluminium is much quieter and smoother in operation whereas Steel tends to provide more of a “Clanking” sound.

### **Advantages of Steel Shutters:**

1) Usually the lowest cost option

2) Aluminium will only go up to 6 metres wide and 5 metres high, whereas Steel is available for sizes up to 7 metres wide and 7 metres high.

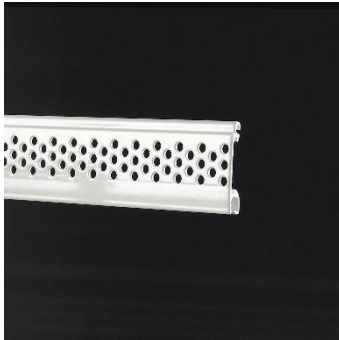
### **WHAT TYPES OF CURTAIN LATHS ARE AVAILABLE?**

There are basically THREE Types of Laths available. On some shutters we can Mix TWO types of Lath together in the same Shutter curtain, e.g 1 or more Punched Laths say at eye level for Vision with the remainder of the Curtain Solid Laths.

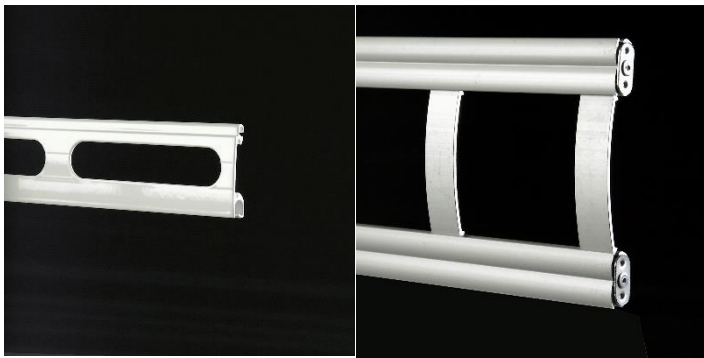
**SOLID LATHS** - Solid Laths are solid, you can't see through them and are usually the cheapest type of Lath. Solid Laths are also more secure than Vision laths.



**PERFORATED LATHS** - These are small holes that are punched into the Laths. They give usually around 15 % Vision.



**PUNCHED LATHS** - These are best described as Grille Type, Slotted or Letterbox Cut Outs. Depending on which type of Lath, provides between 44 and 69% Vision. On some of these laths you can get your hands through, so the option of either smaller spacing or polycarbonate inserts are also available.



## **TYPES OF GUIDE RAIL AVAILABLE**

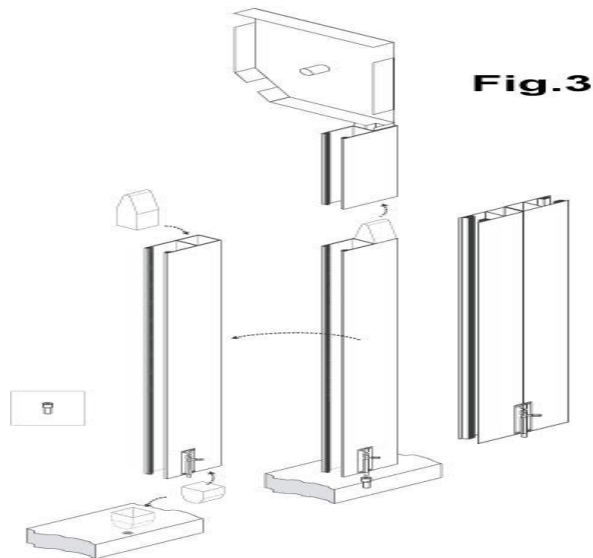
- 1) Standard Fixed – for Normal Security applications
- 2) Heavy Duty Fixed – for High Security applications - as little as £27 + VAT per Shutter. Available on our RA2 & RA4 Shutters – wind end locks will be fitted to the curtain as standard
- 3) Removable Type – for Bar and Served applications with 2 Shutters coming together and where the opening needs to be kept clear.

## **HOW DOES THE REMOVABLE GUIDE SYSTEM WORK?**

Another advantage of Aluminium Roller Shutters is that you can have the guide rails removable. This is common on Bars and Reception desks. Although it's a neat feature it does have some considerations to bear in mind.

As the Shutter doesn't have the guide rails to help support the weight of the shutter. The Shutter Box must be fitted to a solid structure that is capable of carrying the full weight of the Roller Shutter.

They can be fiddly to operate, as there is a small lug that hangs below the opening, which you must locate the top of the guide into.



## WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH TWO SHUTTERS ON A CORNER?

Sometimes Bars are “U” or “L” Shaped and two shutters meet on a corner. Unless there is a corner post which is the depth of the shutter box, then you would have to do one of the following:

**STEP THE SHUTTER BOXES** - This is where you fit one shutter box above the other. You will need double the headroom to enable you to step one box above the other. This will then allow the guides rails to butt up to each other on the corners.

**SHUTTER BOX TO FACE OUTWARDS** - Normally the shutter boxes point inwards and the flat back of the box faces the public side. Rather than stepping one box above the other, you can have one of the boxes pointing outwards to the public side.

## WHAT TYPE OF OPERATION?

There are Two Type of Operation, Manual Operation and Electric Operation. When trying to decide, ask the following Health and Safety questions;

- **Who is going to be operating the Shutter?**
- **What are their Physical abilities?**
- **Can you operate the Shutter without leaning or stretching across anything?**

## **MANUAL OPERATION**

**Spring & Lock** - This is the most popular type of Manual Operation. You simply Lift Up and Pull Down the Shutter – with a Spring Assist. It is locked using a Lock in the Bottom Lath, you turn the key and TWO Bolts Shoot outwards to lock into the guide rails at each side.

## **ELECTRIC OPERATION**

This involves a Motor that powers the Roller Shutter. On Domestic and Commercial Shutters we use a Tubular Motor that fits inside the barrel at one end and works off normal 240 Volt single phase electrical supply. We use Top Quality motors than come with a 5 year's parts Warranty. There are cheap Chinese motors on the market but we never use these.

We would normally recommend any shutter that you have to lean across to operate over 2000mm W x 1000mm H, should be electrically operated. We can supply Manually Operated Shutters bigger than this if required. The reason we recommend Electric operation is to comply with the Health and Safety Executive "Safe Lifting Loads" bearing in mind the Staff that will be using it.

Electrically Operated Shutters are not much more expensive than Manual Operation. On normal shutters it can be as little as £100 difference. What makes Electric operation expensive is when you introduce sophisticated control systems i.e; Remote Control and Battery Backups.

It can often be cheaper to have one Electric Roller Shutter than 2 or 3 Manual Roller Shutters, particularly if they are close together.

## **CONTROLS FOR ELECTRIC SHUTTERS**

We have a range of Controls for Single Roller Shutters, to suit most requirements. A Toggle Switch is provided as standard to operate the Shutter. However, at extra cost, other Shutter controls that can be provided, include;

Basic Key Switch – from £30 + VAT

Remote Control Operation – from £138 + VAT

Smart Phone Operation - POA

Access Control Integration - POA

Automatic Open and Close Devices - POA

## HOW TO OPERATE IN THE EVENT OF A POWER FAILURE

If your site has a power failure you may need to still be able to open or close the roller shutter. We have Two types of Manual Overrides;

**Winding Handle** - This is simply a winding handle with a Hex Bar attached which you feed into the shutter box and locate into the motor drive. You then simply wind the shutter open or closed. This can be a fiddly, depending on where the hole for the override is located and if you have the winding handle available. Also winding the handle can be a slow process. However, for the very occasional time that it may be required, could save a lot of time, cost and aggravation. So well worth paying the extra £45 + VAT but also specify a Manual Override Lock at an extra £24 + VAT to prevent other people being able to override your Shutter.

**Battery Backup Unit** - This is a Large Battery than is constantly plugged into the power source. The shutter is then wired through the Battery Backup. If the Power fails, the shutter draws its power from the Battery. The batteries are only designed to give 5-8 operating cycles. These are a more expensive options ranging from £200 - £600 + VAT depending on the size of the shutter.

## WHAT FINISHES ARE AVAILABLE?

Industrial Steel Shutters come in a Galvanised finish only as standard whereas Commercial Steel Shutters, as standard, can be either Powder Coated one of our FIVE Standard Colours OR left in Galvanised finish.

Aluminium Roller Shutters are Powder Coated as standard in one of our FIVE Standard Colours. We cannot supply the shutters in the natural mill finish.

On top of the FIVE Standard Colours, we have an additional range of SIXTY SEVEN colours in stock. Our quotations detail the extra costs for each of these colours. The full range of colours can be seen on our website. If we don't have the colour in stock, then we can buy it in especially at an extra cost.