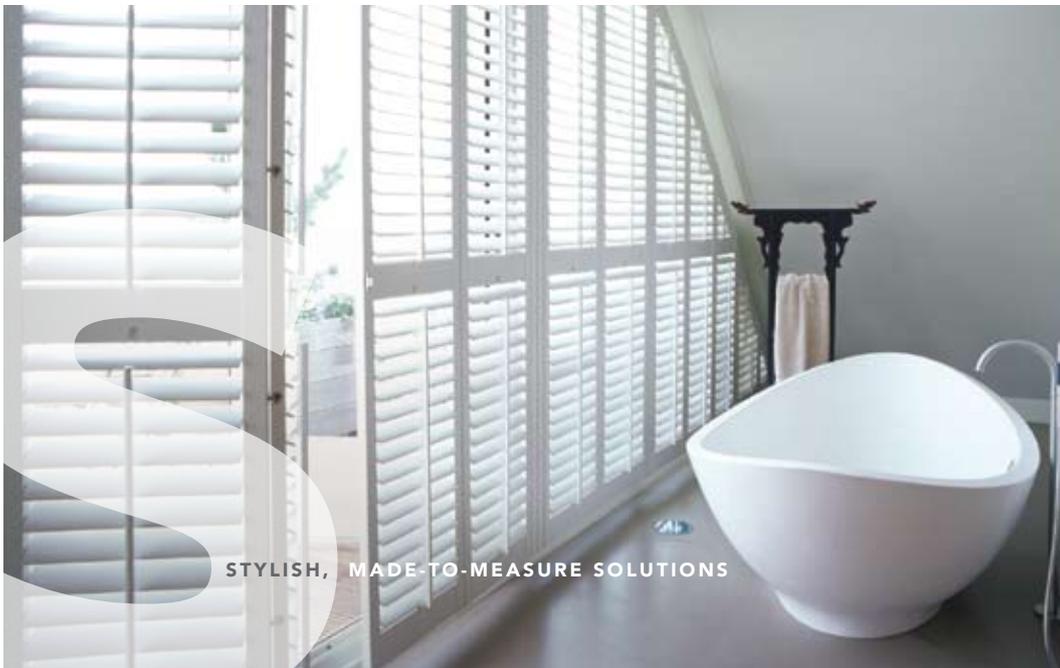




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PRODUCT QUALITY

S:CRAFT shutters are manufactured by the world leader in shutter production utilising a combination of state of the art manufacturing with hand crafted finishing touches.

The wood utilised in our hardwood shutters is stored for 6 months before kiln drying to allow the wood to settle before being treated.

UNLIKE...

... the majority of shutter manufacturers **our wood** is kiln dried twice in a computer controlled drying facility. The wood is specifically dried to take into account the climate of the country to which the shutters will be exported. This is very important as these shutters are manufactured for installation in climates as varied as Alaska and Australia. By utilising these methods frame warping is greatly reduced.

... many other manufacturers **we engineer** our stiles. The stiles are the side bars of the shutter panels. Rather than producing these as solid pieces we cut the wood into strips which are then bonded back together in opposing layers for greater strength. This has the effect of breaking the capillaries that run through wood through which moisture travels. This and the strength of the bonding agent ensures that S:CRAFT panels are unlikely to warp and will give your customers years of enjoyment.

... many other manufacturers **we use** mortise and tenon joints between the rail and the stile. These are far stronger than dowel joints and will minimise movement between these elements. Movement means cracking in the paint or stain finish and this will spoil the aesthetic look of the shutters. Again just in case there is some movement we engineer the S:CRAFT

panels with an additional grooved overlap that ensures any movement is handled by this expansion joint.

... many other manufacturers **we use** a high quality, proprietary paint system developed specifically for S:CRAFT shutters. Cheaper shutters use cheaper paints and stains and utilise less coats. We use 7 coats of paint or 6 coats of stain to ensure that the shutters we supply are less susceptible to fading and yellowing.

... other manufacturers **we do not compromise** on the thickness of our louvers as we believe thinner louvers, although less costly to produce, are much more susceptible to warping.

... other manufacturers **we use** the best quality marine grade stainless steel staples to attach our tilt rods to our shutters. In addition the tips of the staples are coated in a bonding agent to make sure they remain secure for years to come.

... many other manufacturers **we supply** our shutters with a large choice of frames rather than attaching them to batens. Not only does this give your customer the choice of framing their window and utilising the style of frame to match their décor/ tyle but it also gives a much stronger and appropriate fit for ease of installation.

... many other manufacturers **we assemble** our shutters prior to shipping to ensure that all the components fit together perfectly. Once photographed these are then disassembled and packed into custom made packaging to ensure your customers' shutters arrive in perfect condition. When shipping by airfreight we double pack the shutters for additional security.

All of this means we are able to provide a **3 YEAR WARRANTY** on all S:CRAFT shutters built within our published specifications.

