

Head to Head **Special Gutter Requirements**

As conservatory designs become increasingly influenced by architects, designers & homeowners, the manufacture of the roof & frames to the required brief for a particularly complex design can pose quite a challenge, particularly in terms of the roof. Whilst in the hands of competent fabricators the system can easily accommodate such requirements, certain areas may prove problematic. These areas are often overlooked in the initial stages only to prove critical to the successful completion of the project.

Box Gutter Situations

For example should a particular design call for a boxgutter, whether it be 'raised back, 'elevated' or simply requiring a special angle, the junction between the boxgutter & the rest of the conservatory guttering may require a special adapter. Such instances may include adapters simply being 'modified' to suit a required non-standard angle or offset, to fully fabricated items.

The base of a conservatory may have already been built against a house wall (the usual case!) which may require a relatively simple modification in order for the adapter to fit the boxgutter correctly (see detail). A more complex scenario may involve the levels of the boxgutter to conservatory gutter being different, in this case a 'stepped' adapter will be required.

Other situations, which call for custom adapters such as offset 'T' shapes, doglegs & special outlet positions may also be encountered.

Special Guttering

Many conservatories utilise thicker frames i.e timber, or are positioned on a full height wall with a cill. In these cases should the outlet be required in the centre of a run of frames a standard component is likely to foul the frame. In this circumstance a long reach or what is now commonly referred to as an 'elephants trunk' outlet can be produced. This type of outlet can also be made to suit situations where the down-pipe is required on the angle of a facet, again to clear the frame. Other non-standard angles including compound mitres can also be produced.

Although where gutters are concerned, it is often better to stick to the more standard conservatory designs, good communication between fabricator & designer could mean seemingly impossible situations are overcome in order to satisfy a client.