

# Built In Box Guidance

- Guidance notes to installing a built-in Gas Meter box

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**You can purchase a built-in gas meter box at any reputable builders merchants or online. Please ensure that the box is suitable for gas meters (not to be confused with electric meter boxes).**

**Please read these guidelines very carefully to ensure that the box is installed correctly. If our contractors visit site and find that the box has not been installed correctly, for example screws used for fixing, this will result in the job being stopped and the work will need to be re-planned.**

## Installing the box

Ensure that the meter box is not damaged, if it is it cannot be used.

- Build the box into the wall at the position specified on Northern Gas Networks quotation and proposal drawing
  - The base and sides of the box must be fully bedded into the mortar to hold it into the wall with the sides of the architrave touching the outer leaf of the brickwork or any framework.
  - Boxes must be securely fitted and sealed with mastic.
  - A 0.1mm thick polythene sheet or similar at least 700mm wide must be fitted as a damp proof course above and behind the box.
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## Very important

- Built-in meter boxes must never have cracks or drilled holes within. Should there ever be any leakage of gas from the fittings within the box, the gas could get through the cracks or holes and into the cavity of the house – this could then go undetected by the householder and lead to potentially disastrous consequences.
- If any box has to be replaced for whatever reason, the same rule applies.