

Framed vs Carcass Wardrobes

When it comes to wardrobes, despite looking the same from the outside, quality overall varies greatly; and you may be paying a bespoke price for a more standard installation.

More often than not, if it sounds too good to be true then it generally is; which can explain some price variations from company to company.

What's The Difference?

All Deanes wardrobe installations are bespoke, tailor-made to your measurements; We start making your wardrobes from scratch once your order is placed.

This is critical to you getting the custom fit and finish you are looking for as you don't want standard-sized units that are cut down to fit into your space with bigger fillers than necessary. You will find some companies use misleading messaging when advertising their products. So make sure it's a genuine 'made to measure' service and not just 'made to fit'.



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Carcass Wardrobes

At Deanes, we use by default the carcass wardrobe method as it offers the best quality and bespoke storage solution. Our carcass wardrobes are designed and constructed with solid 18mm panels with internal top, bottom, side and back panels.

Creating a 'full carcass' box-like enclosed storage that completely covers all walls, floor, and ceiling within the wardrobe. With this method, behind every wardrobe door, all internal fittings, shelves and storage layouts are cut to fit perfectly regardless of the width. So, you can tailor the storage space exactly to your needs.

As the interior of the wardrobe is completely enclosed it helps to protect your valuable clothes from dust and moths and makes the wardrobe more stable too. Be aware that materials differ greatly with each supplier. Therefore, check the thicknesses and materials used when getting a quote. You don't want to find 4mm backs and thin panels are being used that last only a few years. At Deanes, every panel, even the backs, is constructed using 18mm materials. This ensures a strong, stable cabinet that stands the test of time.

Front Framed Wardrobes

A front frame method, as the name suggests, is a method that just creates a front frame of the wardrobe. So, this method creates the wardrobe's doors and supporting frame, with no internal carcass. The noticeable difference here is when you open a framed wardrobe, you will see your bedroom walls.

You can still add the storage solutions you require for your clothes and items; they just won't be enclosed internally compared to carcass wardrobes. We use this method most often where there are limitations to putting huge carcasses, like around a beam, or into a ceiling wedge, or when getting the massive panels up tight stairs such a loft rooms presents a problem.

Typically, front framed wardrobes are installed as part of our sliding door systems, as the large doors are best fitted straight to the floor and ceiling for stability, and it keeps the cost affordable too.

However, with no back or side panels, walls often need to be prepped before the wardrobe is fitted. Also, consider you may have to paint the walls inside your wardrobe too if you ever come to redecorate your bedroom!

