

Radiators

1 Choosing a radiator

There are four main types of radiator. They differ in the way they work and the materials they are made from. Almost all radiators are still made of metal, either steel, cast iron or cast aluminium. These differences affect the appearance, the efficiency (heat output), the durability and the price of different types of radiator. A customer buying a radiator must consider all these factors and needs expert advice.

a) Listen as a customer finds out about different types of radiator at a plumbing supplies shop. Then match the sentence halves below to make complete sentences, which describe the different types of radiator.

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| 1 Steel radiators are | A heat output than other radiator types. |
| 2 The disadvantage of steel radiators | B not expensive to buy. |
| 3 Cast metal radiators | C is that they corrode easily. |
| 4 One of the main advantages of cast metal radiators | D is that they don't corrode easily. |
| 5 Pipework radiators normally look | E depends on their size. |
| 6 Pipework radiators are | F more expensive than cast metal or steel radiators. |
| 7 Pipework radiators have a higher | G are made of cast iron or aluminium. |
| 8 The amount of heat that panel radiators give off | H more attractive than other types of radiators. |

1 ____, 2 ____, 3 ____, 4 ____, 5 ____, 6 ____, 7 ____, 8 ____

b) Label the radiators below. These words can help you.

cast metal • panel • pipework

