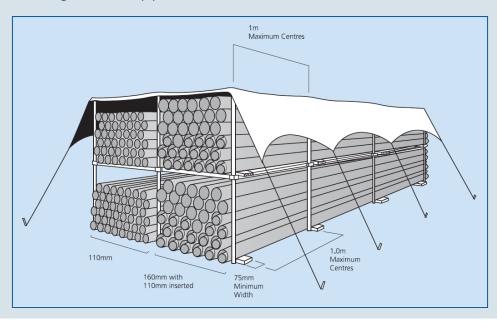
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Storing PVCu Pipes in Hot Climates

Ultra-violet light can affect PVCu pipes and fittings and a few basic precautions should be taken to protect the materials from high ambient temperatures, aggressive environments and increased solar radiation.

- Store pipework and fittings in well ventilated, shady conditions; do NOT expose to direct sunlight.
- Keep fittings in the original packaging until required, and again in a shaded area.
- Cover the pipe with opaque sheeting if exposed to direct sunlight.
- Store all solvent weld and cleaning fluid in a cool, well ventilated and secure location away from direct sunlight.
- Store pipes on level, clear ground, preferably on 75mm x 75mm timbers at 1 metre centres.
- Provide side supports with 75mm wide battens at 1m centres.
- Maximum stack should be six layers high; stacks should contain one diameter pipe size only. If this is not possible stack the largest diameter pipes at the base of the stack. It is possible to store small pipes inside larger diameter pipework.



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