

Quick installation and long-lasting style

With budget and time constraints increasing for specifiers, installers and end users alike, solutions that are quick to fit, easy to maintain and look good for years are in demand. Tiling takes expertise and time to install in the bathroom. However, wall panels are proving a game changer.

There are a lot of bathrooms in the UK...

Private sector



4.6m
private rental households in the UK¹



15.8m
mortgage or owned properties in the UK²

Social sector



4.0m
housing association and local authority homes in the UK³



181,965
people receiving support in residential care and nursing homes⁴

Social sector bathrooms need to last longer than those in the private rental sector, with bathroom replacements recommended:



Every
30 YEARS
in the social sector⁵

Every
10 YEARS
in the private rented sector⁶

Tiling a new or refurbished bathroom can be costly, with average prices of:⁷



Tiles:
£50/m²



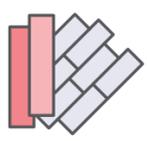
Labour:
£300/day

Tiling can also take up valuable time in a bathroom installation:⁸

Fitting of bath, toilet or sink:
2-5 hours



Installing laminate or vinyl flooring:
3-5 hours



Tiling a bathroom:
2+ days



Wall panels are an attractive, cost-effective and long-lasting way to replace time-consuming, maintenance-heavy tiling:

Cost effective:

40% cheaper than installing tiles on a standard 3m x 2m bathroom, with savings of approximately **£300** per job.⁹



Long lasting:

Up to **35 year** warranties on AKW wall panels



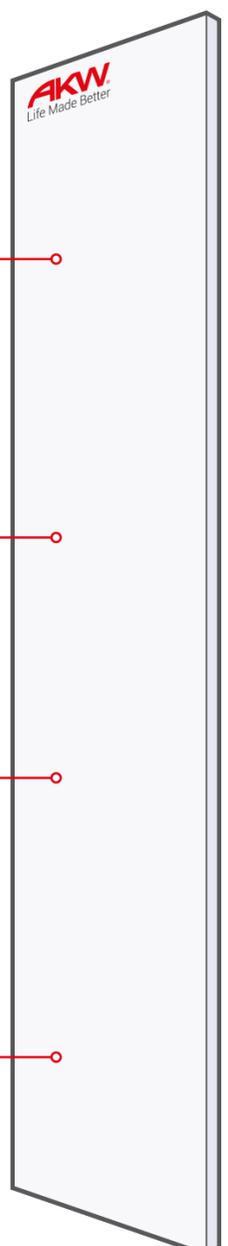
Quick to install:

Wall panel installation is **40% quicker** than tiling¹⁰



Stylish:

3 ranges of AKW high-pressure laminate and PVC wall panels, with over **26 colourways**, with classic and contemporary finishes available



For more information on AKW's Wall Panels range visit: <https://akw-ltd.co.uk/wall-panels-brochure/>

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10 Data sourced from contractor, Oct 2024: Based on tiling a 3m x 2m bathroom in 2.5 days, compared to 1.5 days for wall panels.