

Gatecraft

MAKERS OF FINE WOODEN GATES

Established 1980



"We create beautifully designed, handcrafted wooden entrance gates, using the finest hardwood materials. At Gatecraft we take pride in our workmanship, always aiming to exceed our customers expectations"

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Robert Wright - Gatecraft

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Gatecraft Craftsmanship

To build a quality gate it is vital that the right materials are used and that skilled craftsmen carry out the construction.

We mainly use 'utile' an African hardwood for gate building. It is naturally durable and stable. The timber arrives at our workshop rough sawn and kiln dried. We then put the timber "in stick" in our yard for secondary seasoning, during this period the timber will take up moisture until an optimum of 18 per cent is achieved.

At this stage the timber is ready for machining. The joints used are mortise and tenon right through, wedged, dowelled and fixed with boat building glue. We have complete confidence in this time tested construction method.

You may find some gate builders use a stub or blind tenon (not right through) this takes half the time but is only a half job.

Our gates are 70mm finish thick with a steel reinforced bottom rail to spread the load of an underground motor the full length of the gate, rather than an eight or twelve inch shoe.

On this page you can see examples of "stop chamfering". This is a bevel created by removing the timber's corner or arris. When stopped they are in a decorative form before the connection of the next piece of timber.

We machine the cladding to our own unique profile to allow for any expansion and contraction. Two coats of stain are applied as standard.

All fixings are non ferrous and hammered in manually.



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Entrance Gates

Fine hardwood entrance gates are a Gatecraft speciality. When you commission us to produce your gates you can be assured of receiving a product built with the experience we have gained over the years.

All our entrance gates are built in our workshop in a rural part of South East England.

Gatecraft entrance gates can be found in Richmond Park and many fine homes in London and the home counties.

All Gatecraft entrance gates are designed and built with automation in mind.



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