

Damp & Mould

Practical skills

Three kinds of damp, and why the treatment differs completely.

Each type has a distinct pattern.

Type	Looks like	Cause
Condensation	Black mould on cold surfaces, windows	Moist air, poor ventilation
Penetrating damp	Patches on one wall, worse in rain	External defect
Rising damp	Tidemark up to ~1 m	Failed damp course

Most household mould is condensation. Ventilation and heating fix it; a damp-proof course does not.