

Wessex Lifts

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— 1976–2026 —



VM Open Car Home Lift

We exist to give people the freedom and confidence to live independently in the homes they love

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ABOUT WESSEX

Wessex Lifts, a family owned business, have been designing manufacturing, and installing home lifts that improve everyday living since 1976.

At the heart of our approach is lifetime excellence, a commitment to long-term safety, reliability and performance. Every new model that is introduced to the market is rigorously tested before release, including over 50,000 operational cycles to replicate real world use.

We then work with independent certification bodies to ensure full compliance with the latest industry regulations, standards and best practices.

All Wessex lifts are manufactured in the UK and supported by comprehensive aftercare. This includes industry leading warranties, a flexible range of extended cover packages and ongoing servicing from our nationwide network of experienced engineers.

Our UK-based support centre operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, ensuring help and assistance is always available.



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THE CHALLENGE

When mobility around the home and stairs becomes a significant barrier, we support you for independent living.

As mobility declines, stairs can become a significant barrier within the home. For many residents this limits access to essential living spaces such as bedrooms and bathrooms, impacting independence and overall quality of life.

For families, local authorities and housing providers adapting existing homes is often more desirable, practical and cost-effective than relocation.

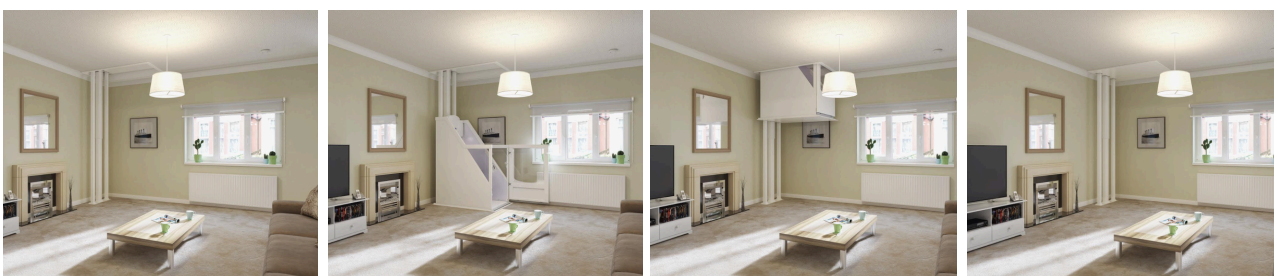
A stairlift is often seen as the first option. However, it does not provide the same future-proof solution as a home lift. A home lift offers a more adaptable and long-term answer to changing mobility needs.

FUTURE-PROOF INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Wessex VM Open Car Home Lift provides a comfortable, secure, and space-saving solution that enables safe movement between floors without the disruption and intrusion of major home adaptations. Designed to support changing mobility needs, our home lift helps people maintain their independence and continue living confidently in the home they know and love.

Unlike solutions that can feel restrictive or temporary, the VM Open Car is a fully integrated, long-term accessibility solution offering smooth and effortless travel between floors. It adapts to your needs both today and in the future, helping to reduce barriers within the home while preserving valuable living space.

Whether supporting recovery, managing reduced mobility, or planning for future needs, the VM Open Car provides reassurance, comfort, and the freedom to remain independent in your own home for longer.



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WHY CHOOSE A HOME LIFT?

A Wessex open car home lift not only provides a quiet, safe and comfortable travel from ground to first floor, it also delivers;

- High specification as standard
- A lift design for safety & comfort
- Lifetime excellence

High specification as standard with options to meet your specific requirements

Standard features:

- Spacious open car home lift
- Home friendly design (space saving allowing for full use of room)
- Soft white finish with front and side vision panels
- Hydraulic drive system delivering a quiet and smooth ride
- Illuminated easy to use lift controls
- Subtle automatic interior lighting
- Door interlocking safety mechanism
- Child lock system
- Wireless external controls x 2 (fitted on ground and 1st floor)
- Emergency battery for lowering in the event of a mains failure
- Manual lowering system
- UKCA, CE, Machinery Directive and BS5900:2012 compliant

Options:

- Powered door
- In-car telephone
- Additional remote / specialist control
- In-car seating options (tip up, perched, fixed & heavy duty)
- Handrail
- Extended Warranty options for all service and maintenance needs

"I can recommend Wessex lifts for anyone considering putting in a lift (through floor lift in my case), knew exactly what was required, where best to site and sorted everything out inc building control, the fitters were great, very tidy and no mess and the building company they use for the building work were also brilliant"

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A lift that is designed for safety and comfort

At Wessex Lifts safety is not an afterthought—it is engineered into every detail.

Fire protection, structural integrity and operational safety are fully integrated, meeting the requirements of BS5900:2012, the Machinery Directive, and UKCA and CE compliance.

In the event of a power failure, the lift is equipped with a battery backup and manual lowering system, safely returning the user to the ground floor. Controls are accessible both inside and outside the car, ensuring that even lone occupants can operate the lift with confidence.

Additionally, the VM Open Car Home Lift has a fully tested and comprehensive safety system including sensitive edges around the top, bottom and around the car to ensure that in the event of an obstruction the lift will automatically stop, ensuring the safety of the passenger, others in the house or pets.

Key Safety & Performance Features:

- 250kg - 300kg load capacity as standard (model dependent)
- Certified to BS5900:2012, UKCA & CE and EU Machinery Directive
- Pressure-sensitive safety surfaces that immediately stop the lift if an obstruction is detected above or below
- Fire-sealed aperture between floors, maintaining 30 minute structural fire integrity
- Battery backup & manual lowering for safe operation during power loss
- Intuitive controls accessible from inside and outside the lift



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Engineered For Lifetime Excellence

Designed for Living Space

- Space-saving design with a compact footprint
- Maximises usable living space without major structural compromise
- Multiple car sizes to suit different property layouts

Safe, Stable & Reassuring

- Smooth, stable and comfortable lift travel
- Advanced safety control system for complete peace of mind

Engineered for Performance & Durability

- Proven and reliable hydraulic drive system
- Built for long-term durability and consistent performance

Simple, Intuitive Operation

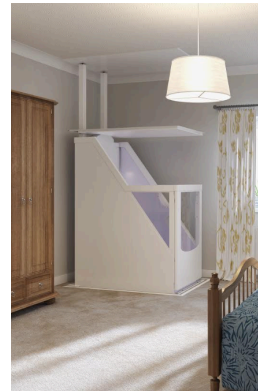
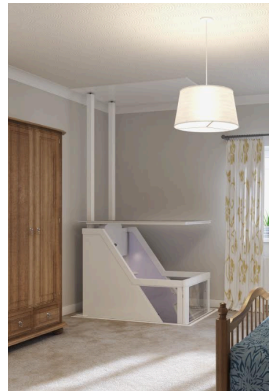
- In-car controls designed for ease of use
- Remote control operation for added convenience

Quiet & Discreet

- Low-noise operation for minimal disruption within the home

Lifetime Confidence

- Range of Lifetime Warranty packages available (from 3, 5, 10 years and Lifetime)

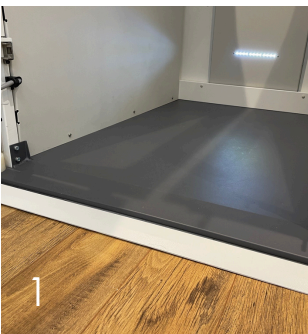
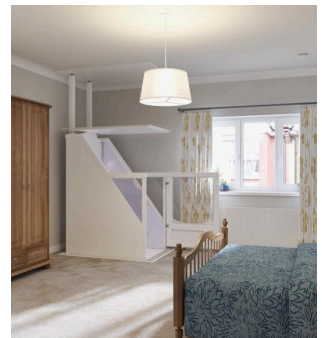
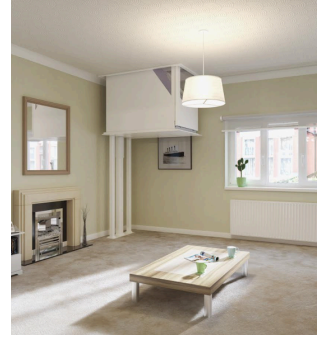
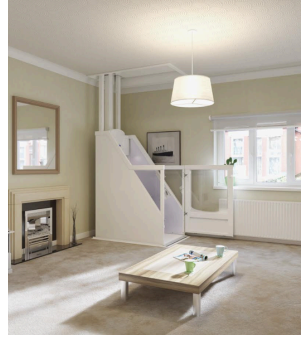


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VM OPEN CAR HOME LIFT IN PICTURES

The pictures below show the lounge with a VM Open Car Home Lift installed and travelling to the 1st floor bedroom.

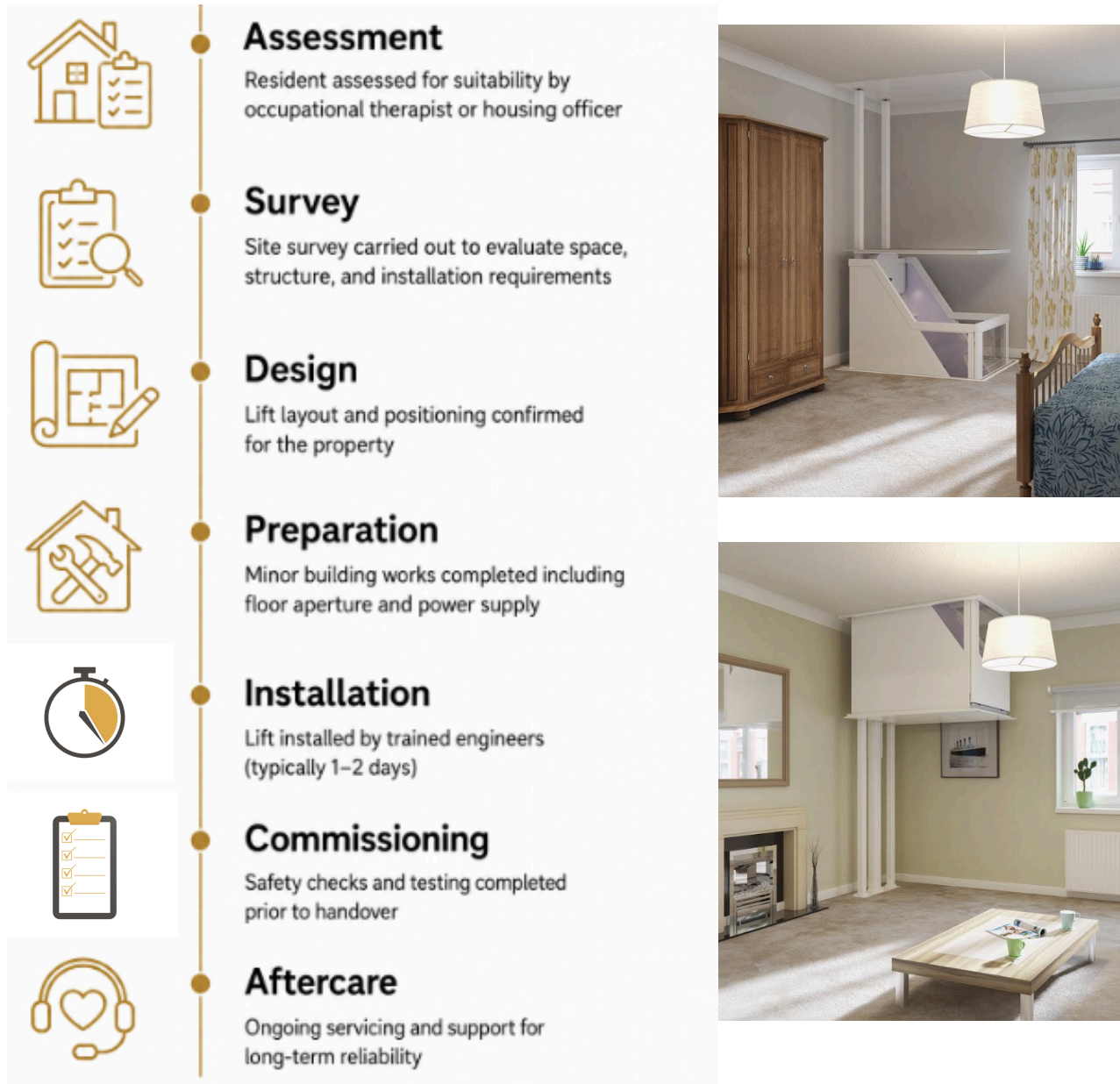


1. Low entry ramp 2. In car controls 3. In car controls illuminated
4. In car phone option 5. wheelchair accessible 6. upstairs floor
7. power unit (internal) 8. power unit (external)

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MANAGED INSTALLATION PROCESS



Fully Managed Service Provided:

- All works managed and co-ordinated with the home owner
- Building Control process completed with certification
- Standard time from order to install around 8 to 10 weeks
- Standard build work 1 to 2 days
- Installations often completed in 1 day

“The through floor lift installation work and positive customer care approach could not have been better. It was on time and smooth.”

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If I plan to keep my lift long-term, will Wessex Lifts support it?

Absolutely. That's at the heart of our promise.

We offer tailored service and maintenance packages designed to keep your lift operating safely and reliably for years to come.

With Wessex Lifts, you're not just purchasing a product—you're investing in Lifetime Excellence, with long-term support you can rely on.

Can I use my wheelchair in a VM Open Car Home Lift?

Yes. Accessibility is at the core of the design.

The VM Open Car Home Lift supports both wheelchair and non-wheelchair users. It is designed as a single-occupancy lift, with the passenger remaining safely seated during travel.

Does Wessex Lifts manage the building work?

Yes. The level of support is entirely your choice.

We can fully manage all building works as part of a complete, end-to-end solution, or we can provide a detailed specification guide for your chosen builder.

How much space does a VM Open Car Home Lift require?

Minimal. The design is intentionally compact.

The footprint is typically no larger than a standard armchair.

During our initial home visit, we can show a physical footprint template so you can visualise exactly how the lift will fit within your space.

Can installing a home lift be more cost-effective than moving home?

In many cases, yes. Customers regularly tell us that installing a home lift is not only more cost-effective than moving, but significantly less disruptive and far less stressful.

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TRUSTED AFTER SALES SUPPORT

UK wide service infrastructure supported by network of mobile engineers capable of being with you when needed.

- 2 manufacturing sites in Romsey
- UK wide network of engineers
- 2 regional warehouses in Birmingham and Manchester.

Sub regional depots to support access to spare parts and speedy delivery.

- Bathgate
- Bristol
- Leighton Buzzard
- Winsford

Inhouse UK Call Centre operating 24hr everyday, to give you peace of mind.

- Northampton

Comprehensive service and maintenance packages available to support all budgets throughout the life of the lift.

“With using a wheelchair, a broken lift has a huge impact on my life. I was super happy that the engineer turned up so quickly and was able to repair my through floor lift, allowing me to be independent again.”



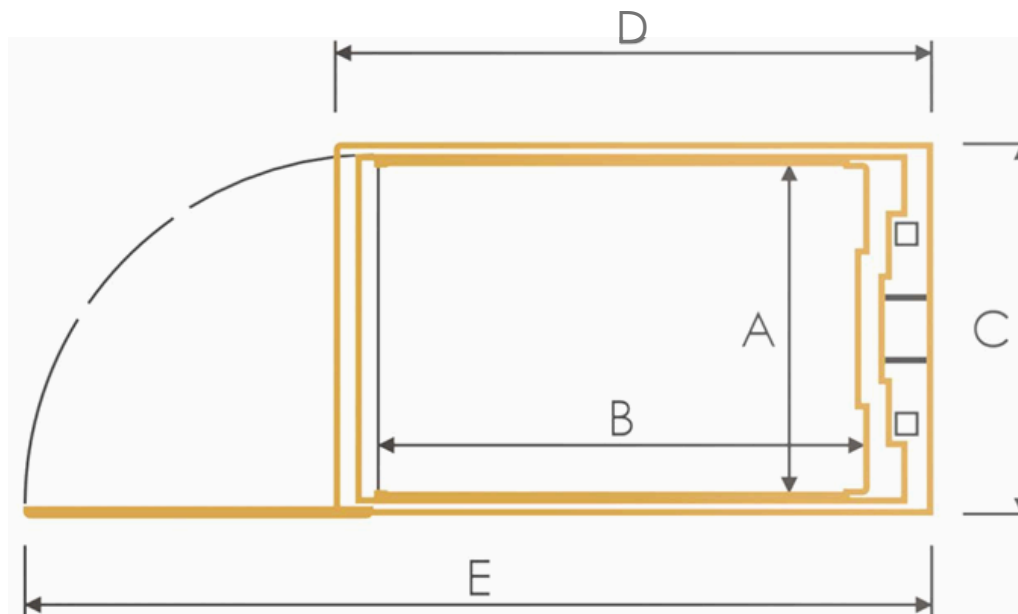
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LIFT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Model application, dimensional data and installation requirements

Models		VM30 VM50	VM31 VM51	VM36 VM56	VM38 VM58	VM3638 VM5658	VM3836 VM5856
APPLICATION MATRIX							
Standard seated lifts		✓					
Standard wheelchair lifts			✓				
Large wheelchair lifts				✓			
XL wheelchair lifts					✓		
Hybrid lifts						✓	✓
DIMENSIONAL DATA							
3m maximum travel		VM30	VM31	VM36	VM38	VM3638	VM3836
3.5m maximum travel		VM50	VM51	VM56	VM58	VM5658	VM5856
Internal width	A	590	740	790	900	790	900
Internal length - manual door	B	790	1180	1230	1400	1400	1230
Internal length - power door	B	N/A	1150	1200	1370	1370	1200
Total external width including floating platform	C	722	872	922	1032	922	1032
Total external length floating platform to wall	D	1090	1475	1525	1695	1695	1525
Total external length with door open to wall	E	1655	2190	2290	2570	2455	2395
Minimum shaft width		846	996	1046	1156	1046	1156
Minimum shaft length		1120	1505	1555	1725	1725	1555
Safe working load		250kg	300kg	300kg	250kg	250kg	250kg
Minimum first floor ceiling height 3m model		2055					
Minimum first floor ceiling height 3.5m model		2295					
INSTALLATION AND PERFORMANCE							
Mid floor dimensions		from 165mm to 385mm					
Lift speed		60mm per second					
Ramp gradient		1.8					
Car control illumination		5 minutes					



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