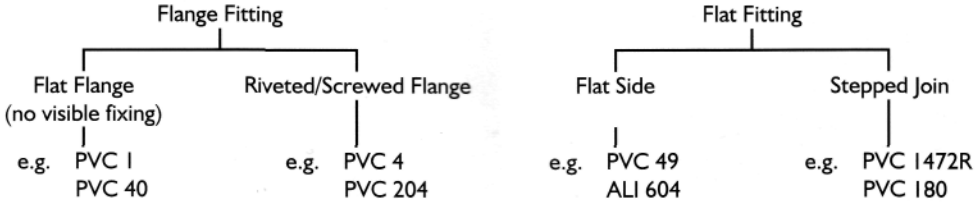
Choosing your Fendering Profile

The foremost question as to which profile to choose is, do you have a flange or flat surface onto which to fit your Wilks Fendering Profile? The profiles then break into the following categories:



The size of profile to choose is totally personal preference, it will be determined by the space available on the gunnel/flange and also what your requirements are for the fendering: i.e. a working boat will generally have a 'D' profile whilst a pleasure boat may choose a Rigid PVC or Aluminium profile.

Flange Fitting

Some flange fitting profiles are available in two types of material, Hard or Soft PVC. There are two considerations to make

a) The soft PVC does not require pre-heating and is easier to fit, however, it will remain soft (as Rubber) and there is the possibility of pulling it from the flange.

b) The hard PVC is generally used by the trade and will give a better final fit. However, it does require heating preferably in hot water or alternatively hot air.

Flat Fitting

'D' Profiles

Our 'D' profiles are available in three types of material. The smaller sizes are available in PVC, the medium sizes are available in PVC and our new PVR material, which is a blend of PVC and Rubber, and the larger sizes are available in Rubber. PVC is fine for lighter weight boats and where the fender will not encounter heavy usage. The PVR profiles are even stronger than Rubber and they are still non-marking and should be the choice when considering a working fendering system. Wilks can supply the fixing strips and plugging for all their profiles. Rubber profiles should be used when a large fender is required.

Rigid PVC or Aluminium Profiles

More boats are increasingly changing over to Rigid PVC, it is easier to fit and can offer a modern look whilst retaining the straight clean line of Aluminium (and at a lower price!) Both Rigid PVC and Aluminium will bend around the average Bow and Transom bend, the Rigid PVC will also bend downwards if the gunnel leads to a bathing platform, with the application of heat.