

Comparing Bow, Casement, and Double Hung Windows: Unveiling the Pros and Cons of Each Window Type

Which window type is best? Bow, Casement, or Double Hung?

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- With an increasing number of homeowners embarking on renovation projects, the age-old question re-emerges: Which window type is best? Bow, Casement, or Double Hung? To help clarify this, [Robert Jacques](#), the President of America's Best Choice Windows and Doors of New Orleans, offers insights into the pros and cons of each window design.



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Bow Windows

A set of four or more windows that arc outwards from the home, bow windows are a modification of the bay window style and have been a classic choice for many.

Pros:

Aesthetic Appeal: Bow windows lend a refined, elegant

look to homes, elevating their curb appeal.

Added Space: Because they extend out from the exterior wall, bow windows can provide a cozy nook or shelf space inside.

Natural Light: The curved design means more window panes and, consequently, a flood of natural light.

Cons:

Price: Due to their intricate design, bow windows are often pricier than other window types.

Installation: The complexity also extends to their installation, demanding expert craftsmanship.



Casement Windows

Characterized by their hinge design, casement windows swing out horizontally with the turn of a crank.

Pros:

Ventilation: Casement windows open wide, allowing for optimal airflow and excellent ventilation.

Unobstructed Views: With no muntins (the strips dividing panes), these windows offer clear, expansive views.

Energy Efficiency: When closed, casement windows seal tightly, making them one of the most energy-efficient designs.



Cons:

Size Limitations: Due to their hinge design, there's a limit to how wide casement windows can be.

Exterior Obstruction: In areas with high foot traffic or exterior decorations, the outward swing can pose challenges.



Double Hung Windows

With two operable sashes (top and bottom), double hung windows are the most traditional

window design found in homes.

Pros:

Versatility: Both sashes can open, allowing for varied ventilation options.

Safety and Ease: Their design makes them easier to clean, especially on higher floors. Also, when opened from the top, they can be safer in homes with children.

Aesthetic Adaptability: Double hung windows fit seamlessly into both traditional and modern home designs.

Cons:

Energy Efficiency: While newer models have improved, they can sometimes be less airtight than casement windows, potentially leading to minor energy losses.

Price: High-quality double hung windows can come with a steeper price tag, especially when looking for advanced features.

"Choosing a window is not just about the view outside; it's about how you want to frame it and how it complements the functionality of your space," Jacques notes. He emphasizes the importance of considering the room's purpose, the home's architectural design, and the region's climate.

For those on the fence, Robert Jacques offers a nugget of wisdom, "It's essential to understand that no window design is universally 'the best.' It's about finding what's best for your unique home and your unique needs."

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