

# I can't find the material I need, what can I do?

There are two options here:

1. If you know the building fabric composition but not the U-value, you can click on the *[+] Custom material* button and select *Build Layers*. You can then add each layer of building material from the drop down menu and its associated thickness (mm). The software is then able to calculate the corresponding U-value of the building fabric.
2. If you already know the thickness of the material and its associated U-value then you can input this directly by clicking on *[+] Custom material* in the material selection section and clicking *Enter U Value*. This will allow you to type in a custom name, U-value ( $\text{W/m}^2$ ) and thickness (mm) for the entire building fabric.

For more information on this topic, see our guide on [Managing Your Material Library](#).

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