

Cookies on our website

1. Background

Cookies are small text files that are downloaded to your device by websites you visit. They are widely used in order to make websites work, or work more efficiently, as well as to provide information to the owners of the website.

We use different types of cookies for different things, such as:

- To help you use the aosphere.com website;
- Analysing how you use the aosphere.com website; and
- Analysing the effectiveness of our content.

We have listed the cookies that we use on the aosphere website, what each cookie is used for and how long it is retained below.

You can find more information about cookies at www.allaboutcookies.org.

2. Your choices

You can change your cookies preferences at any time by clicking on the “C” icon in the bottom right corner of our website. Some cookies are essential cookies and cannot be turned off using the cookie preferences tool. We have listed these “necessary” cookies, what they are used for and how long they are retained below. You can also follow the instructions under the **Changing cookie settings in your browser** heading below in order to disable and/or clear cookies, including strictly necessary cookies.

The third-party cookies listed below cannot be turned off using the cookies preferences tool. In order to remove these cookies you will need to visit the third party sites and follow the instructions in their cookie notices. Alternatively, follow the instructions under the **Changing cookie settings in your browser** heading below.

3. Necessary cookies

Cookie name	Purpose	Expiry
.AspNetCore.Antiforgery*	To protect our website against anti-forgery requests	When you close your browser session
AspNetCore.Mvc.CookieTempDataProvider	To store data between requests	When you close your browser session
_GRECAPTCHA	To protect our website against spam	When you close your browser session

4. Analytics cookies

These cookies help us to improve our website by collecting and reporting information on how you use it.

Cookie name	Purpose	Expiry
Google Analytics _ga _gid _gat _ga* _utma _utmb _utmc _utmt _utmz	These cookies are used to collect information about how visitors use our website, and for advertising analytics purposes. They distinguish users on the website by assigning a randomly generated number as an identifier. They collect information on the number of visitors to the site, whether they are unique or returning visitors, the pages visited, the length of time spent on the site and how the visitor reaches the website (e.g. a search engine result, social post or direct link). The user data provided to aosphere is aggregated and therefore anonymous.	_ga: 1 year _gid: 24 hours _gat: 1 minute _ga*: 2 years _utma: 2 years _utmb: 30 minutes _utmc: when you close your browser session _utmt: 10 minutes _utmz: six months

5. Marketing cookies

These cookies help us understand how those visiting our website via Google Ads have interacted with our ads.

Cookie name	Purpose	Expiry
Google Ads IDE test_cookie	These cookies are used to collect information about how visitors use our website after clicking through from a Google Ad. They distinguish users on the website by assigning a randomly generated number as an identifier. The user data provided to aosphere is aggregated and therefore anonymous.	IDE: 1 year test_cookie: 1 day

6. Other third-party cookies

These cookies are set by websites other than www.aosphere.com (e.g. when you view a video on our website that is hosted on a third party site).

Cookie name	Purpose	Expiry
CIVIC UK Cookie control CookieControl	This cookie is used to remember a user's choice about cookies on our website. Where users have previously indicated a preference, that user's preference will be stored in this cookie.	3 months
YouTube AEC (Google) SOCS (Google) NID (Google) Secure ENID	If you view a video on our website, which is hosted on the YouTube platform, cookies will be used by YouTube to provide bandwidth estimations, anonymously track views of that video, and to detect if the visitor has accepted the marketing category in the cookie banner. Opt-out of YouTube cookies here .	AEC - 6 months SOCS - 13 months NID - 6 months Secure ENID - 13 months
Jotform Guest language theme userReferer PHPSESSID	Jotform Inc. may store user preferences, such as your default language, in cookies to personalize the content you see. Jotform Inc. also uses cookies to ensure that users cannot retake certain forms that they have already completed. For more information about the cookies used by Jotform Inc., please see Jotform's privacy policy .	Guest: when you close your browser session. language: 1 day. theme: Forever. userReferer: 1 month. PHPSESSID: when you close your browser session.

7. Changing cookie settings in your browser

For information on how to disable and/or clear cookies, including third-party cookies, on your device please follow the instructions in the links below:

- [Microsoft Edge](#)
- [Google Chrome](#)
- [Safari \(desktop\)](#)

- [Safari \(mobile\)](#)
- [Firefox](#)
- [Opera](#)
- [Netscape](#)

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