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# Glass Bending Excellence

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# Toughened Glass Bends

Firman Glass new toughening plant includes two bending chambers which work alongside the standard flat bed.

The smaller chamber will bend glass from 5mm to 12mm thick to a maximum size of 2850mm x 1000mm bent and with the following minimum radii.

5mm, 6mm = 450mm 8mm, 10mm = 1000mm 12mm = 1200mm

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# Jackoboard awarded BBA Certificate for total system



ileBacker Limited is delighted to announce the award of a BBA (British Board of Agrement) Certificate for Jackoboard products and systems. British owned TileBacker Limited is the sole distributor of German manufactured Jackoboard products in the UK and Eire.

The Jackoboard BBA Certificate covers the full range of Jackoboard XPS (Extruded Polystyrene) cored products including construction boards, shower bases, and sealing systems – a rarity in this type of product. In addition, Jackoboard's Certificate covers usage of the construction boards to achieve high thermal insulation values – again almost unique for this type of product.

The British Board of Agrement, based at the Building Research Establishment, is a non-profit distributing organisation which has developed rigorous inspection and certification services to provide reassurance to the construction industry



that manufacturers' products are 'fit for purpose'. Only products that have passed a series of comprehensive assessments – including laboratory tests, on-site evaluations, quality management checks and production line inspection – are awarded an Agrement Certificate.

With XPS products a particular area of concern is that gases used in manufacture are legally compliant with environmental legislation related to ozone layer depletion. This is currently a major issue with recent tests showing that boards manufactured in China are being produced incorporating banned and toxic substances.

For architects, specifiers, building control, construction companies and government departments the BBA Certificate is a mark of quality, safety, reliability and 'peace-of-mind' and, crucially, that the product is all a manufacturer claims it to be.

Colin Higham, Managing Director of TileBacker said "We are delighted to be awarded a BBA Certificate after only three years activity in the UK marketplace. Jackoboard's reputation for very high quality in both materials and processes is well-established throughout Europe and our BBA Certificate now confirms this position in the UK. The inclusion of thermal values in the Certificate opens up further exciting opportunities for Jackoboard in the insulation fields."

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### SE Controls helps keep 'Dragon's fire' under control

ragon Mart 2, the recently completed 175,000 sq metre extension to Dubai's massive Dragon Mart Chinese trading hub, is using control solutions and more than 1,100 actuators from SE Controls as part of the fire safety and smoke ventilation system at the 1.2 kilometre long retail centre.

Designed by Dubai-based, Dar Al Handasah, the two-storey Dragon Mart 2 mall forms part of the International City development by master developers, Nakheel, and in addition to being the largest trading hub for Chinese products outside mainland China, housing more than 1,100 shops, it also includes a nine-screen cinema complex, two hotels and 1,120 apartments.

Throughout the mall, a series of openable skylight panels not only provide natural light into the shopping area, but also act as smoke vents to keep escape route clear of smoke should a fire occur.

The SE Controls' system includes; 1160 TGLA



24 65 linear actuators, which are used to open the skylight panels and 24 SECO N 24 40 chain actuators for opening vertical top hung windows, which are triggered by 44 OS2 30A controllers once they receive a signal from the mall's fire alarm system.

In normal operation the skylights remain closed until triggered and are then opened fully by the TGLA and SECO N 24 40 actuators, which have stroke lengths of 1000mm and 600mm respectively. Both types of actuator are 24 Volt DC units and are tested to EN12101-2. The fan cooled OS2 30 controllers also incorporate a battery backup to maintain operation in the event of a mains power failure.

SE Controls' Middle East Project Manager, Madhava Prasad, commented: "We have a tremendous amount of experience and expertise in retail smoke control and natural ventilation solutions in projects across the globe, so we can use this ability to support designers, fire consultants and engineers and ensure the systems are effective and help save lives by keeping escape routes clear of smoke."

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### New, improved and accessible on the move!



Remmers UK Ltd has given their website a fresh new look and the fluent, responsive design means that it can now also be viewed on both desktop and mobile devices easily. The new site enables all visitors access to a wide range of detailed information quickly and efficiently. Highlights include Remmers product catalogues, technical data

sheets, in-house and NBS specification guides, colour charts, literature and system specific project references along with a host of other helpful product and system information. The website also has an up-to-date news section and integrated social media links to Remmers Twitter, Facebook and Linked-In pages.

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### High demand for modern touches



Almost 70 per cent of people would like new build properties to be better equipped for modern living, with people citing a desire for more storage, renewable energy, and pre-wired TV and broadband. The figure comes from a nationwide survey, commissioned by **Sky** to explore consumer expectations of new build property against a backdrop of changing

media consumption and rapidly advancing technology. Broadband and TV services ranked in the top five essential services, just behind more traditional utilities such as electricity, water, and gas. 08442 410 331 www.sky.com/communalty

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# Fire safety, smoke control and compliance. Charting a path through the regulations

By Nelson Godinho – Fire Engineer with SE Controls

The legislative environment governing the smoke control and fire safety industry is, unsurprisingly, complex, far-reaching and absolutely vital to ensure that these systems not only operate faultlessly when they're needed, but also provide effective safety protection and allow people to escape.

Even so, you would probably be surprised by the number of construction companies that find that Building Control has rejected the structure due to the omission of a smoke ventilation system, which is required by law for any residential building of three storeys and above.

Clearly, there's no suggestion that designers, specifiers and building companies are brazenly flouting the regulations, but it is apparent that the main issue is ignorance of the complex and essential regulatory framework that governs this sector. But, as is often quoted, "Ignorance is no defence."



Effective residential smoke ventilation

### Navigating the maze

Building Regulations Approved Document B, The Machinery Directive and The Construction Product Regulations, via the various parts of the European EN12101 standard, provide a tight and far-reaching regulatory framework. Yet, this is only part of the story.

The Smoke Control Association's (SCA) 'Guidance on Smoke Control to common escape routes in apartment buildings' quickly became



the default reference document for many designers, installers and approving authorities throughout the UK.

Alongside this, BS 9991:2015, which covers 'Fire safety in the design, management and use of residential buildings – code of practice' is also a vital reference when addressing fire safety specification and requirements.

However, for an effective route to achieving compliance, the best starting point is the BS7346 – Part 8 Code of Practice. Prior to this, no single document existed that provided guidance for the industry from initial design, through installation to maintenance.

The core benefit of BS7346-8 is that by adhering to its guidelines; designers, installers and maintenance teams can create, install and operate a fully compliant smoke control system.

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### Nationwide Windows & Doors continues to impress with CCS



Nationwide Windows & Doors is very pleased to once again represent the new build and public sector, in conjunction with Nottingham City Homes, with a Bronze award at the Considerate Constructors Scheme's National Site Awards. Daryl Cashmore explains: "The CCS's National Site Awards are presented to construction sites of all sizes which are recognized to have raised the bar in considerate construction. Together with Nottingham City Homes, we were incredibly proud to be rewarded by CCS. That this is the fifth time we have been commended by the scheme makes the achievement special to us. The site was proven to have shown the highest levels of consideration towards the public, its workforce and the environment through adhering to the Scheme's five-point Code of Considerate Practice: Care about Appearance, Respect the Community, Protect the Environment, Secure everyone's Safety, Value their Workforce, and it was commented within the report that the site 'was a credit to Nationwide Windows & Doors and to the site team'. We have worked closely with Nottingham City Homes for several years from our dedicated depot in the area, so for us, this award is a fantastic demonstration of our ability to seamlessly integrate within a customer's community." **01788 569 228** www.nationwidewindows.co.uk

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These fire tests are carried out for the manufacturer by an approved third party and measure readings such as; rate of fire propagation, lateral fire spread, total heat release and smoke production.

Andrew Wright, Director of Lathams Limited said,

"The number of projects where Fire Retardant products are being specified is increasing. When the correct fire retardant product is specified and installed in accordance with the Field of Application, they can provide the first line of defence in a fire, helping to protect lives in both commercial and residential properties."

Mr Wright added,

"We are continually reviewing our range to ensure we have the most

### Marc Overson joins Panasonic UK



**Panasonic** is delighted to announce the appointment of Marc Overson to Panasonic Heating & Cooling, who joins the team as the Country Manager for the UK & Ireland. Marc Overson joins Panasonic from the European air conditioning division of Samsung Electronics, where undertaking the role of the European B2B & Distribution Sales Manager, he gained a

broad understanding of the European heating and air conditioning market. Marc succeeds in this position from Marc Diaz, who returns to the Panasonic operation in Spain. Marc will focus on building market share within the commercial air conditioning arena, a key growth target area for the company in the UK & Ireland. The reinforcement and development of Panasonic's sales distribution network and support services are of primary importance.

### Quik Drive First for DeckMark



Simpson Strong-Tie's Quik Drive collated screw system has become the first ever tool to be awarded DeckMark\* Plus accreditation from the Timber Decking and Cladding Association. The leading construction connector manufacturer has previously also achieved DeckMark\* Plus for its range of CE marked decking and cladding fixings.

DeckMark<sup>\*</sup> Plus is a quality assurance and performance scheme run by the Timber Decking and Cladding Association, the recognised authority on all matters that relate to creating high performance, timber decking and cladding structures.

With a huge range of applications, from decking to drywall, modular homes to mezzanine floors the Quik Drive is the world's most advanced screw system. Built to last, all moving parts are coated with Teflon<sup>\*</sup>, which is one of the reasons it comes with a lifetime warranty.

Sales Director Jon Head says, "We're proud to have achieved DeckMark<sup>®</sup> Plus accreditation and demonstrate our commitment to quality, as well as supporting the industry to help ensure good quality standards are met." The Quik Drive brochure can be downloaded from the website.

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### EVO-STIK expands its foam range



**EVO-STIK** has added to its range of foams with the launch of a Fire Retardant Gun Applied Expanding Foam Filler. Offering a more accurate and efficient application through the use of a gun, the foam can be used for gap filling and insulating to prevent the transmission of smoke and is fire rated to the latest European standard DIN EN 1366-4. It is

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# Glidevale presents ultra-low maintenance ventilation system

Gildevale, the specialist building products and ventilation solutions provider, has launched *i*PSV<sup>®</sup>, a humidity-sensitive, intelligent passive stack ventilation system which requires virtually no maintenance once installed. Designed to combat harmful condensation, the energy efficient system is ideally suited to new build social housing and refurbishment projects.

The system has no electrical connections making installation straightforward. Once fitted, it requires no further adjustments or commissioning. With 'intelligent' yet simple components containing very few moving parts this has the net effect of lower lifetime costs.

*i*PSV offers comparable and in some cases superior energy efficiency compared with other ventilation systems. Operating without the need for power, there are no direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as a result of ventilating a property. A whole-house ventilation system, *i*PSV is controlled by responsive air inlets and extracts which react automatically to changes in relative humidity. When the condensation risk is high, the humidity-sensitive control provides an automatic boost effect to allow greater airflow. As the humidity levels fall, the airflow is reduced. Working silently 24 hours a day with no operating controls or electrical connections, the *i*PSV system is less likely to be tampered with by occupants, ensuring that the system runs at optimal performance.

"Efficient and effective ventilation is mandatory under building regulations for modern airtight dwellings and to meet the need for low energy consumption," says Senior Product Manager Laura Hughes. "Glidevale's *i*PSV



allows the most up-to-date ventilation requirements to be met with ease."

With over 30 years in operation, the *i*PSV system meets the requirements of Building Regulations and Standards in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and is also BBA certified.

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### Genuine team hits the road



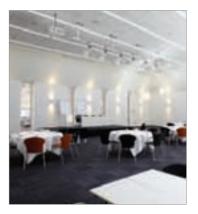
To further support its customers, **Simpson Strong-Tie** has expanded the activities of its nationwide merchandising team, which includes Danny Cawthra, who is responsible for the Midlands.

The team has also been kitted out with all new vans, complete with Simpson Strong-Tie livery. Marketing Manager Chris Sanders explains: "we have the largest team of merchandisers in our sector and between them they cover over half a million miles each year, visiting our distributors to provide sales and promotional support. We saw this a great opportunity to push our "Genuine" promise, however it also means our guys on the road are even better equipped to help keep our customers stores ship shape".

The move to outfit the merchandising fleet follows the launch of Simpson Strong-Tie's "Genuine" campaign, the objective of which is to convey the fact that there is much more to manufacturing a steel connector – Chris continues: "we want to speak about customer service, quality and innovation".

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### Perfect acoustics for conferences



Hotel Koldingfjord enjoys a beautiful location near Kolding in Denmark. The attractive Baroque building, originally a sanatorium for children, has been extended and upgraded by Arkitema Architects. This includes the installation of **Troldtekt** acoustic ceilings in an existing space converted to accommodate up to 250 conference guests. The result is a stunning facility which makes Koldingfjord one of the best conference hotels in Denmark. The new facility has been designed to blend in with the existing Baroque buildings which are listed. The two identical rooms, both being extremely light and airy, have been designed and equipped to provide the very best facilities for conferences. Danish manufactured Troldtekt acoustic tiles are specified throughout the UK and Europe and can be delivered as either FSC\* or PEFC certified panels. Manufactured using 100 per cent natural wood fibres, their benefits include high sound absorption, high durability, natural breathability, low cost life cycle performance and sustainability. The panels are widely used to improve acoustics in many different projects, such as meeting rooms, schools, leisure centres, pools, commercial and public buildings. Available in various sizes and in three grades from ultrafine to coarse, they can be left unpainted or painted in virtually any RAL colour. For samples and comprehensive technical information, please visit the website.



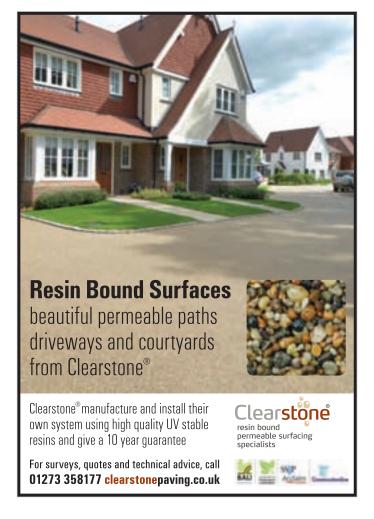
### Smooth finish for professionals

Leading construction connector manufacturer **Simpson Strong-Tie** has launched a new catalogue dedicated to its range of bead and mesh products for the professional plasterer. Covering a high quality range of galvanised, stainless steel and PVCu products, and fully tested CE marked items, the catalogue also features handy hints and tips for fixings and installation, for a smooth and professional finish whatever the environment.

Sales Director Jon Head says "Our new beads and mesh catalogue has been created exclusively to provide professional plasterers with suitable solutions for all indoor and outdoor applications and to provide advice on how to prevent issues such as premature rusting."

The catalogue is available on request from Simpson Strong-Tie and can be downloaded via the website.

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### Triton supplies Type C waterproofing for landmark London scheme

The White Collar Factory will be a mixed-use area of workspace, residential and retail, designed by architects, AHMM. The development, sited on London's City Road, comprises a new 16-storey office tower, a new public square and refurbished existing buildings to the rear.

The new 2-storey basement has been waterproofed using a Type C system applied internally, to provide drained protection in accordance with BS 8102: 2009. The waterproofing system has been supplied by Triton Systems.

During demolition of the existing structure, the sub-contractor (Dunne Group) worked closely with Triton's CSSW qualified technical team, to design the most appropriate and cost effective waterproofing system that was subsequently approved by all relevant parties as the most suitable protection against potential ground water ingress. 2,000m<sup>2</sup> of Platon P20 cavity drain membrane was



subsequently specified for all earth retaining basement walls on both levels and the ground bearing slab at lower level. BBA certified Platon P20 membrane is a high capacity drainage membrane recommended for use where it is important to significantly reduce the risk of blockages behind the membrane caused by lime deposits.

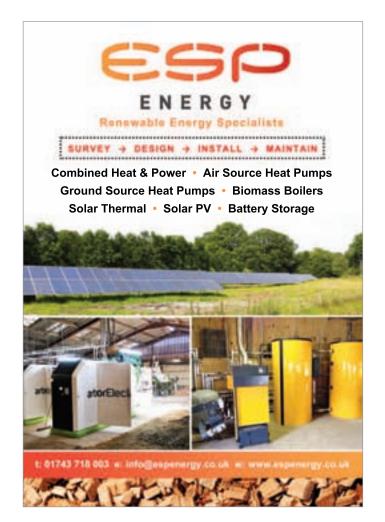
Prior to the installation of the membrane, all fresh concrete at earth retaining elevations was

treated with Triton's Anti Lime solution. This treatment hardens and dust proofs the concrete as well as locks in free lime to further reduce the risk of blockages in the drainage elements of the system.

Any water entering the construction at upper and intermediate basement levels is gravity drained behind the studded P20 membrane down to a waterproof concrete bund/upstand which provides a 100mm cavity, onto which internal block walls can be built.

A series of 40mm holes at 900mm centres were drilled within the bund to allow any water to drain down behind the membrane installed to the walls at lower level. The bund was also waterproofed with Triton's cold liquid applied TT Vapour Membrane (TTVM) that will prevent potential damp patches being visible on the internal block wall faces.

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### Stannah lift products star in spectacular new entrance to Leeds Station

pened on 3rd January 2016, the new southern entrance to Leeds Station features four Stannah escalators and two passenger lifts.

Following multiple escalator and lift installations at the Midlands hub of Birmingham New Street and Grand Central for Network Rail and Mace, Stannah were again the chosen supplier and installer of all vertical transport within the southern entrance building (known as the LSSE scheme), this time working with main contractor Carillion to fulfil the brief. The work was completed by the Stannah Escalator & Moving Walkway Department and Stannah Major Projects team in just twelve weeks.

Funded by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Leeds Council, the Department for Transport and Network Rail, the new extension provides an attractive new accessible entrance and additional concourse built in the River Aire. The building was created to diminish congestion at this busy commuter station into and out of West Yorkshire and the North of England, making it an attractive route for tourists again. Up to 20,000 passengers (or 20 per cent of current footfall) are estimated to benefit from using the new entrance, shortening commute times and providing easy access from the south of Leeds.

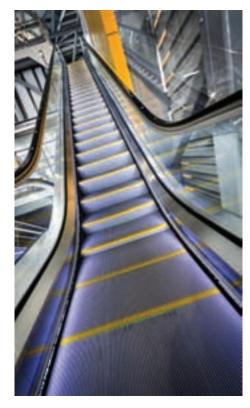
The four escalators provide continuous vertical transportation for ambulant people. Those travellers with heavy luggage, child buggies or wheelchair-users are well provided for with two bespoke 13-person traction passenger lifts located just inside the entrance.

The tight restraints on the site meant some of the features of the lift equipment had to be modified to achieve the design and vision without compromising safety.

The escalators are to NR specification with some additional features bespoke to the Leeds station project. These features were based on the tight restraints of the site and the designers risk assessment required to mitigate those risks.

This included special software so that all the machines operate to a special design philosophy when stopped in an emergency situation, including





installing an additional stop button on each machine during mid travel. Bespoke manufacture of the machines at 35 degrees instead of the standard NR specification of 30 degrees, and the reduction of the speed of the machines from the standard NR .65m/s to .05m/s all result in safe, efficient travel within the constraints of an unusual and stunning building design. With no room for housing external controllers these became an integral part of the escalators.

The lifts had restricted space so machine room-less traction equipment was installed to enable the largest capacity possible within the tight footprint of the new building.

The new pedestrian entrance will be of great benefit to people living and working south of the river, and will open up new travel opportunities providing a further stimulus to redevelopment and expansion of the city centre, and will support the continued regeneration of the southern quarter of the city.

Stannah continues to add to their portfolio of high-profile rail projects, helping Network Rail achieve their target of 'Step-free access' across the rail network.

The North West England and North Wales Stannah service branch, part of Stannah's nationwide branch network, will be maintaining the lifts and escalators to ensure the safe flow of people and goods through this new entrance.

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### Washroom's one-of-a-kind changing rooms



Washroom Washroom has created a truly unique changing area at a new luxury central London health club. Washroom worked closely with both Third Space and main contractor Vincent Stokes to install all four new changing areas as well as additional joinery works around the poolside. A stand-out feature is the bespoke diamond

pattern design on Washroom's Luminoso glass shower cubicles. Manufactured from 10mm low iron toughened glass with obscured white screenprint to the reverse of each panel, the full height Luminoso cubicles offer a striking shower solution befitting of this luxury health club setting. Washroom installed a full glass panelled end wall as a feature at the poolside.

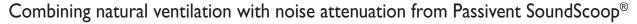
### Connekt Flushfit Sink



Abode's Connekt Flushfit – an ultra slim flush fit or inset sink range that delivers a sleek contemporary look to any chosen worktop. Both 1.0 and 1.5 bowl sinks are produced in premium 18/10 grade stainless steel. Connekt Flushfit can be fitted perfectly flush by insetting or alternatively fitted conventionally as an inset. Either option creates a minimal look

which is easy to keep clean. Both sinks come with the unique Abode Orbit waste and all plumbing pipework plus a pre-fitted seal strip around the underside edge.

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SoundScoop is a range of innovative acoustic air transfer units from natural ventilation specialists **Passivent**. With an optimised acoustic design for the transfer of air between noisy and noise sensitive places, it provides natural ventilation airflow through a building, combining high levels of acoustic attenuation with very low airflow resistance.

Ideally suited to schools, SoundScoop is positioned at high level in the partition/wall between two internal spaces enabling natural air movement with minimal pressure drop. A patented sound absorbing design attenuates the mid frequency band of 500 – 2000Hz that speech and noise circulation fall into.

Developed in association with Arup, SoundScoop can be used to meet the acoustic and ventilation requirements of BB93 and Building Regulations (Parts F and E).

As James Hammick, Passivent design manager explains: "SoundScoop allows low resistance air movement around the building without the associated noise transmission, enabling natural ventilation to be effective in 'closed plan' environments such as classrooms as well as cellular offices and hotels."

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### Dramatic Water Savings by Ambassador Theatre Group



Six famous London Theatres have now installed Falcon Waterless Urinals from **Relcross** in their gents' toilets. The Savoy Theatre, The Harold Pinter Theatre, The Playhouse Theatre, The Duke of York's, The Fortune and The Trafalgar Studios are now enjoying water savings of up to 150,000 litres of water per year, per urinal – a massive saving in water charges. They are soon to be joined by The Apollo Victoria. The Falcon Flax urinals are designed to optionally carry advertisements across the top of the urinal. This maximises the commercial opportunity presented by a captive audience while removing a hygiene problem of wall mounted advertisements. The urinal mounted ads are easily cleaned with the urinals and offer no nooks or crannies to harbour bacteria. Venues such as theatres, sports stadia and conference centres are enthusiastic users of waterless urinals as so much water is currently wasted by automatically flushing urinals all day, every day but with actual usage concentrated into short, busy periods followed by further inactivity. The Ambassador Theatre Group joins the Dolphin Stadium in Miami, the Nou Camp in Barcelona, the Riverside Stadium in Middlesbrough and many others who have installed Falcon Waterless Urinals.

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### Shopping centre washrooms sport new look



Washroom has played a key role in upgrading the washrooms at a busy shopping centre in Northampton. The Weston Favell shopping centre, which is home to one of the largest Tesco stores in the country as well as more than 70 shops and restaurants, attracts thousands of visitors each week. Originally built in the 1970s, the centre was in need of a full refurbishment and HFM Architects took on the project, giving the centre a vibrant new look with new brand style and signage throughout. Working closely with both HFM Architects and main contractor Base Build Services, Washroom delivered a modern washroom area, including disabled toilets and baby change facilities, all designed to match the new bright and contemporary centre. Key to the success of the washroom design is the installation of the new Alavo integrated consumable unit from Dolphin Dispensers which features subtle colour changing LEDs as well as concealed soap and hand dryers. Combined with bespoke sloping Corian troughs, the Alavo system adds to the high specification finish yet will withstand the rigours of a high traffic environment and significantly reduces the client's cleaning burden, making it ideal for a busy shopping centre. Washroom installed its Senza cubicles in solid grade laminate (SGL) finished with an attractive walnut veneer to complement the contemporary style.





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### Home improvement ideas: Five remodelling tips



The latest home improvement report indicates that UK homeowners would choose to remodel their existing properties, rather than move to a new house. Hayley Fenn of **Granite Transformations** has five affordable tips for enhancing living space and adding value to property: add an ensuite; explore magical mosaics; go island style; transform a humble downstairs loo; modernise the shower. The best thing about these tips is that they can be mostly carried out within exist-

ing room layouts, without re-siting the plumbing and electrical connections, and by simply overlaying the worktops, tiles and bathroom surfaces.

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### BLM British Lead launches new website



**BLM British Lead** (BLM) are inviting visitors to explore their new website. The new website has been designed with a fresh new look and user-friendly navigation, allowing visitors to access extensive product and technical support information with an option to share content across all major social network platforms. The new site

offers detailed information on Rolled Lead Sheet and a full range of Lead ancillary products, all incorporated to help visitors discover BLM's complete range of lead roofing solutions. The new website also allows users to learn more about BLM's history and 84 years of experience in Lead Sheet manufacturing. Technical support, fitting guides, H&S tips and project case studies are also available.

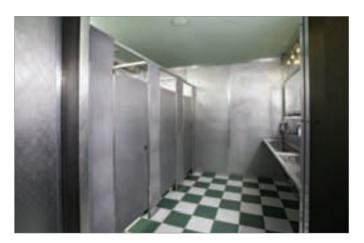
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### Advanced Manufacturing in Sheffield



Factory 2050, the latest development within the University of Sheffield's Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC), has a striking, ultra-modern appearance, partly thanks to an external Solar Shading solution from **Levolux**. The development comprises a main rotunda building and an adjoining rectangular building. Levolux was approached

to develop a passive solar shading solution, to be applied to both buildings. The solution proposed by Levolux comprises oval-shaped aluminium louvres, arranged horizontally between vertical aluminium carriers. Each louvre measures 60mm wide by 50mm thick and is formed from extruded aluminium components. Based on Levolux's Infiniti Fin system, the oval-shaped louvres feature concealed fixings for a clean, uncompromised appearance.



### Style and performance in Oaks washroom

PPHE Hotel Group is known for brands that offer quality with an individual style and that's definitely true of the washrooms attached to Oaks Restaurant and Bar in Nottingham. Reviews on Tripadvisor have likened them to a Butcher's cold storage room with "Freezer" style doors and Hadrian unpainted steel cubicles. Steel clad walls and stainless steel sink troughs complete the fittings along with bare industrial light bulbs. Hadrian toilet cubicles are supplied in the UK by **Relcross Ltd**. They can be supplied to match any RAL paint colour as well as in a number of special effect finishes including brushed or polished stainless steel. The 5 galvannealed steel "Elite" cubicles fitted at Oaks are floor mounted and head rail braced with privacy ensured by using continuous stop and hinge sight line fillers along the door edges. For more information please visit the company website, or contact them directly.

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# Landmark Byker Wall estate recharged by solar

onstructed in the 1970's Byker Wall is regarded as one of the most significant pieces of architecture of its era in the UK. As part of a £26 million refurbishment scheme on the Grade II listed residential estate, which features a continuous block of over 600 properties, work was performed to not only repair the existing roof but to bring Byker Wall to the forefront of modern-day roofing technology with the installation of a state-of-the-art photovoltaic (PV) system.

Prior to undertaking any remedial work the project team had to first get permission from the local planning authority, due to the building's protected status. Once approved the first phase of work began to remove the original asphalt roofing, which had exceeded its serviceable life and been experiencing water ingress. As part of the required works the team had to convert the pitched metal roof back to its original flat roof status. All of the original waterproofing was replaced with 4,500m<sup>2</sup> of Bauder's top quality reinforced bitumen system,



BTRS, which has a life expectancy in excess of 40 years, and included a highly efficient 120mm PIR insulation to achieve the required U-value and satisfy building regulations.

One of the major challenges for this project resulted from the district heating pipe, which runs the

entire length of the roof but its exact path was unknown until the roof was removed. This meant that many design revisions were necessary for the PV layout and because the pipe penetrates the roof, the roofing contractor had to come up with innovative ways to temporarily support the pipe during the waterproofing installation. In addition, all residents remained in-situ throughout causing logistical challenges, however deliveries were timed as not to conflict with vehicles moving in and out of the facility and the team worked closely with residents to agree working hours. Creating sustainable employment was another important requirement of the project brief. In response, Hodgson Sayers created an apprenticeship programme that used Byker Wall as a starting point for employment, guaranteeing full time work at the end of the apprenticeship. As a result, four new recruits were accepted on to apprentice schemes.

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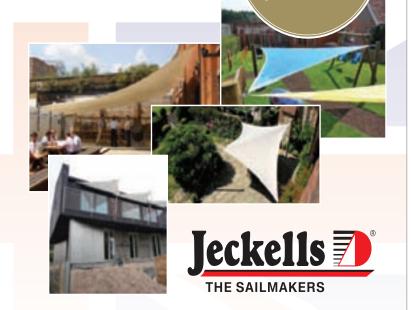
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### Comprehensive Schöck range meets Embassy Gardens demands

Stretching along the Thames from Battersea to Vauxhall, Nine Elms will see 20,000 homes built over the next ten years, along with schools, parks, a pedestrian bridge over the Thames and two new underground stations.

The heart of this huge development is Embassy Gardens, London's new diplomatic riverside precinct, which forms the backdrop to the new US Embassy. Blocks are arranged around raised courtyards, with differing building heights to minimise overshadowing and overlook. The first release of apartments is the Ambassador Building, comprising six distinct cores, which house residential apartments boasting high ceilings and abundant natural light. A key feature being the wide variety of balcony types. Each is governed by unit size and orientation – and the minimisation of any possible thermal bridging problems at these points is crucial.

Schöck has the ideal solutions to these differing demands with its comprehensive range of Isokorb load-bearing thermal insulation products. Each thermal break has totally verifiable performance standards, meets full compliance with the relevant UK building regulations and offers BBA Certification and LABC Registration. Specifically, the thermal breaks used at the Ambassador Building involved firstly the Schöck Isokorb type K, for concreteto-concrete connectivity. The type K units were incorporated into cast in-situ cantilever balconies on the road-facing external elevation; and where a shear force transfer element was required, also involving concrete-to-concrete loggia's or supported balconies, the Isokorb type Q was installed.

A further variation, Isokorb type K-WU units were also used as slab-to-wall thermal breaks. The Isokorb type KS for concrete-to-steel were used on the internal courtyard balconies; and to assist the structural engineer in keeping the transverse beam continuous between the external columns, Schöck SLD dowels were also used to support the propped cantilever walkway externally.

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### Nationwide makes Step change for charity

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# UK Roofing Awards 2016 – Winners revealed

- he winners of the UK Roofing Awards were announced at a ceremony hosted by BBC's Steph McGovern at the Hilton London Metropole on Friday 13th May 2016.
- The CompetentRoofer Registered Contractor winners are:
- Roof Sheeting KGM Roofing, Marshgate Drive, Hertford
- Solar on Roofs Bauder Ltd (with Hodgson Sayers), Byker Wall, Newcastle Upon Tyne
- Reinforced Bitumen Membranes Bauder Ltd (with Mitie Tilley Roofing Ltd), ROM Ltd, Sheffield
- Single-lap Tiling and Slating Wienerberger (with Timby Traditional Roofing), Burgess, Wellingore
- Double-lap Slating Timby Traditional Roofing, Tait Gazebo, Gainsborough
- Double-lap Tiling Karl Terry Roofing Contractors Ltd, Shipley Farm, North Elham
- Heritage Roofing Karl Terry Roofing Contractors Ltd, The Cloth Hall, Smarden

The UK Roofing Awards also reward the individuals and organisations that go above and beyond the call of duty.

The companies that scored highest within their roofing discipline in the NFRC Safety in Roofing Awards for 2015 were, in slating and tiling; Wensley Roofing Ltd, for flat roofing, CompetentRoofer Registered Contractors; Stormforce Roofing & Maintenance Ltd and for industrial roofing and cladding; Industrial Construction (Sussex) Limited.

The Lead Contractors Association presented the Murdoch Award and Murdoch Sponsor's Award for best leadwork. The former was won by



CompetentRoofer Registered Contractor Lead-Tech Roofing for Rygar House in London.

The Roofing Awards bring everyone within the industry together. Along with CompetentRoofer, the awards hosts were the Roof Tile Association (RTA), the Liquid Roofing and Waterproofing Association (LRWA), the Lead Contractors Association (LCA), the Lead Sheet Association (LSA), the Federation of Traditional Metal Roofing Contractors (FTMRC), Single Ply Roofing Association (SPRA), the Metal Cladding and Roofing Manufacturers Association (MCRMA), National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC), and the Green Roof Centre.

You can view this year's winner's and finalists projects on the website. For more information visit www.competentrofoer.co.uk

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### **RENOLIT EXOFOL Smooth 2: Style with performance**



**RENOLIT** has launched Smooth 2, a new architectural surface texture with improved scratch-resistance into its RENOLIT EXOFOL MX range of exterior films. A smooth emboss with increased scratch-resistance opens up new perspectives as well. It offers a pleasant feel while being resistant against contact. The surface geometry has been developed so that the raised areas are slightly rounded, which improves performance whilst maintaining the uniform surface structure. The new emboss is available ex-stock in seven shades and can also be produced in any other RENOLIT EXOFOL colour on request. Year on year foiled window installations are growing and within that growth the percentage of installations which are solid colours has also increased. As demand for solid colour continues and so does the trend towards smooth surface solid colours which create modern architectural statements on new builds or refresh older buildings with a modern facade. This new trend is reflected in the UK where sales of the RENOLIT EXOFOL MX solid colours with smooth surfaces have grown by 35 per cent in 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. The many colours reflects the requests from increasingly design-led consumers. It is no longer enough to only offer one or two shades, this new generation of discerning customers want far more choice.

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### Aluminium grilles become a decking favourite



**neaco's** patented aluminium open grilles have attracted widespread demand as a more practical alternative to traditional timber decking. The company's Techdek system has become a popular choice for garden decking, sun terraces, external walkways. Architects have been quick to appreciate Techdek's advantages: the product is non-toxic, non-combustible, corrosive-free, extremely durable and easy to install without requiring hot works such as welding. A patented swage-locked construction between bars enables high structural efficiency and load-bearing capacity.

neaco's National Sales Manager, Peter Melia, comments: "We have been attracting a lot of specifications from projects which require low-maintenance decking and terraces – Techdek is virtually maintenance-free, which gives it a clear advantage over wood, which can be vulnerable to the elements and requires regular surface treatment is required to protect the grain. Our grilles are available with a ribbed surface for anti-slip performance." Techdek is similarly suited to balcony flooring with grille profiles that provide a generous 74 per cent contact area yet drain water efficiently. The system can be specified as part of neaco's all-in-one modular balconies.

### Double success for Bauder

Relat roofing specialist Bauder was recognised at this year's UK Roofing Awards, winning two of the prizes on offer for its work on Byker Wall in Newcastle and ROM's manufacturing facility in Sheffield. The award winners were announced on May 13th at the Hilton Metropole in London, an event hosted by TV presenter Steph McGovern and overseen by the voice of the National Lottery Alan Dedicoat.

Now in its eleventh year, the Roofing Awards are an industry-wide competition that celebrates outstanding standards of workmanship and safety within the roofing industry. This year the level of competition was particularly high with almost 300 project entries being submitted for the fourteen award categories available. A wide range of criteria are taken into consideration by the judging panel when determining category winners including: degree of difficulty, aesthetics, problemsolving and environmental qualities.

Bauder's first win of the night came for its photovoltaic (PV) installation at the landmark, Grade II listed Byker Wall estate, which won the



'Solar on Roofs' category. As part of the  $\pounds 26$  million refurbishment of the residential properties, work was required to not only repair the failing roof but to also bring Byker Wall to the forefront of modern-day roofing technology with the addition of a photovoltaic system. The works included converting the pitched metal roof back to its original flat roof status and replacing the waterproofing with Bauder's high quality reinforced bitumen system.

Following on from this success, ROM Ltd was then chosen as the winning project for the 'Reinforced Bitumen Membranes' category from a group of four finalists that included two other Bauder projects. The phased roof refurbishment at the manufacturing facility involved replacing the failing waterproofing with Bauder's premium bituminous system, BTRS, which was installed by Mitie Tilley Roofing. The project had various health and safety implications, with the mainsubstructure proving unstable due to corrosion and the facility remaining operational throughout the works, however all remedial work was completed on time and to budget much to the delight of the client.

Bauder's Managing Director, Andrew Mackenzie, expressed delight with the company's success, "Bauder is always delighted to be recognised by the Roofing Awards, which serve as an industry benchmark for quality. Byker Wall and ROM's manufacturing facility illustrate the exceptional levels of workmanship that our approved contractors deliver and we are extremely proud of the work performed by everyone involved with these projects."

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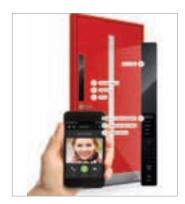
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### SMART Door from NorDan - at the forefront of technology



NorDan, a manufacturer of high quality Scandinavian timber windows and doors, unveiled its SMART door technology for the first time in the UK at Scotland's Homebuilding and Renovation Show in Glasgow on 21st May. SMART Door is a completely new product. Developed from NorDan's top of the range composite door range, with first class thermal properties, stability second to none, and security to keep you feeling safe at nights. The robust security layers of rust proof steel sheets also contribute to the stability of the door, ensuring it doesn't warp or bend in hot weather or in a damp Scottish winter. These external doorsets protect against driving ran and winter winds, and we have test certificates to prove it! New for 2016, is the additional of a high tech locking system which enables you to open the door from a distance using mobile telephony. This door of the future has no key, but has every other security aspect you would expect. It can be locked using a key fob, or from your mobile phone app. The new SMART technology in the door will also help you turn on and off the burglar alarm system. A camera with a wide angle lens and high resolution can record who was at the door, log any entry calls that you have allowed, and let you talk to whoever is at the door.

# Trespa® Meteon® chosen for unique private dwelling



Astartlingly modern private dwelling in Steeple Morden, Cambridgeshire, has been designed and constructed by its owner using Trespa® Meteon® architectural cladding panels over the entire external, non-glazed surface.

The two-storey dwelling totalling some 10,000 sq feet is of steel frame construction set on concrete pads enclosed in SIPP wrapping. 635 square metres of Trespa® cladding in Loft Brown matt finish and a further 243 square metres of Nordic Black, also in matt finish, were used on the external elevations, installed by means of the TS200 invisible fixing system. The form of the building was created by owner/developer David Grainger with Trespa® in mind. He says: "Having seen this material used for offices in and around London and major apartment buildings I decided to use the product on the house." He adds: "It was well worth doing, particularly in respect of the low-maintenance requirements of the product."

The property is designed with energy-saving very much to the fore. It features triple-glazed window and door units, an air source heat pump, under floor heating and solar tiles for lighting which produce 15KVA output.

The building also boasts a water reclaim system by which all rainwater is captured for re-use within the home.

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### Long-standing construction firm Sisk nominates Hueck UK as preferred supplier

The UK arm of international construction contractor John Sisk & Son, part of the family-run SISK Group, has chosen aluminium building systems specialist, Hueck UK, as preferred supplier for future projects.

The development follows a very successful collaboration between the two companies at the recently completed Rathbone Market regeneration scheme, which has seen the creation of more than 650 new homes, alongside community areas and retail spaces.

Ange Francis, Facade Manager at John Sisk & Son, said: "We were involved in the Rathbone Market project right from the early stages and worked with Hueck to deliver the high performances and look that the client and architect wanted, while firmly controlling the costs.

"Hueck's design capabilities, their extremely wide and versatile collection of products, and their



expert approach to the architect's design and contractor's implementation have all contributed to the successful completion of Rathbone Market, and the subsequent announcement of an even closer collaboration with John Sisk & Son on future projects," added Ange.

A preferred supplier status is becoming increasingly important, as an earlier and tighter project collaboration between architects, contractors and building envelope specialists is now deemed necessary in order to ensure effective cost control while meeting the desired performances and requirements.

Leon Friend, Hueck UK Project Development Director, said: "There were strict requirements for effective noise reduction as the project is situated close to the busy A13 road. We used our Lambda 77 L inward and outward opening windows and doors, boasting a sound insulation level of 46 dB, to deliver excellent comfort for the end-user."

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## **Guernsey flats go thoroughly modern with Trespa**

A landmark high-rise apartment block that was once thought to have outlived its usefulness has been given a new lease of life and a fresh appearance, thanks to Trespa® Meteon® cladding panels.

Built in 1963, Cour du Parc is 11 storeys high and the tallest building on the Channel Island of Guernsey. Only five years ago it stood empty of tenants and was considered to have reached the end of its useful life. Then an imaginative refurbishment and upgrade was given the go ahead by the States of Guernsey planners.

The result is an eye-catching structure where it's previously uninspiring dun-coloured brickwork has given way to vibrant Trespa® Meteon® cladding panels in two shades of light green. "Visually the improvement to the building and



the ability to detail openings and vary colour to enhance vertical features were key to choosing Trespa," says Phil Roussel, Development Manager of Guernsey Housing Association, which carried out the transformation in partnership with the States of Guernsey Housing Department.

"The new panels have rejuvenated a tired old building and brought it up to date for the 21st century," says architect Ricky Mahy whose practice, Create, masterminded the new design.

Of crucial importance was protection against the elements. By using a ventilated facade system, the continuous air flow draws air through the cavity between the cladding and the inner layer of the exterior wall aiding in the removal of heat and moisture from rain or condensation.

"On the subject of environmental impact, using a ventilated rainscreen cladding system allowed us to increase the amount of insulation, thereby improving the energy efficiency of the building," says Mr Roussel. "There were less expensive options we first looked at but, with knowledge of other use of Trespa® on the island both at Sir Charles Frossard House and Oakvale School, we were satisfied that the product was capable of withstanding the harsh coastal environment to provide a long-term solution without high maintenance costs," he adds.

The refurbishment project reconfigured space internally to provide 50 flats where previously there had been 42 and also made provision for an additional lift. The end result has been a welcome increase in social housing units for the island.

Says Mr Roussel: "GHA is a long term owner of this property so we wanted something without a high maintenance requirement. Trespa<sup>®</sup> Meteon<sup>®</sup> panels have good resistance to dirt, so we are confident the building will look good for many years."

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