

Time and effort

Professionally certified

Halo fabricator, Coventry based Aztec Windows has invested in new machinery to meet greater customer demand for mechanically jointed frames.

Using System10 and Rustique profile from Veka Group, Aztec already offers the mechanically jointed FlushSash within its Prestige collection. Aztec will now offer this finish as an option on standard casements and doors. Director Michael Hagan says: "We are always keen to move with the market and ensure that we can provide whatever it is that our customers are looking for. We were the first Halo customer to fabricate the mechanically jointed FlushSash, and we've found that the majority of our customers love the square corners on that system but a flush casement doesn't always suit the specification of their project. That is why we have invested in new tooling and machinery to offer mechanical jointing on more of our products.

"The fabrication process is slightly more labour intensive, but we are willing to make the investment in time and technology to ensure our customers get the right products for



their requirements."

Veka Group sales director Neil Evans says: "Aztec is a great example of a Halo customer that really makes the most of the systems we provide. After 30 years of success, the company shows no sign of slowing down. Much like Veka Group, the team continues to adapt to market demand, providing products with a finish that meets the needs of today's consumers. I think that extending its portfolio with even more products that combine traditional aesthetics with modern performance will stand Aztec in very good stead." □

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According to Glazpart up to 1,000,000 windows have been fitted with the Link vents across the country.

Dean Bradley – sales and marketing manager at Glazpart says: "The Link vent has been a roaring success as it addresses many of the concerns expressed by the fenestration market and house holders alike. House



hold air quality improves as the product is used in the home due to a product designed with a very low air leakage and is available in a wide-ranging colour palette making it less obtrusive."

Bradley says that homeowners love the smaller size and greater performance. It is less drafty when closed and there are fewer gaps to create those little whistles combined with complete control of the closure plate to allow just the right level of fresh air.

He says: "Adopted by fabricators, distributors and installers alike the vents, which are the size of a traditional 2,000 vent, with the performance of a typical 4,000 vent are leading the market now with more than 1,000,000 windows fitted with the Link vent." □

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Certass is asking window companies to get together and champion local installers who are the connection between the industry and the consumer.

Jason Clemmit, managing director at Certass says: "This year, there has been a lot of bad industry press where skills and competency are concerned. Whilst we do have issues with a growing skills gap and an ageing workforce, we need to champion the local installers.

"At Certass, we believe in real, sensible certification to ensure these great standards are delivered to homeowners. That's done through our installer certification schemes and the Certass skills card.

"The Certass skills card has a set of requirements and everyone who holds one has completed a knowledge assessment, had their work observed



onsite by one of our assessors and had a professional discussion about their work too. It's called minimal technical competence, but really, we should be calling it mandatory technical competence, because nothing in our scheme is optional.

"The numbers speak for themselves for Certass members. Over the last 12 months, 99.92% of our audited jobs passed Building Regulation standards first time. "So, that's why we're calling on the industry to champion and celebrate local installers who are doing a great job of installing window and doors for UK homeowners." □

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Didn't 'e do well?



It's no secret that Morley MD Ian Short is passionate about dance. After winning last year's Variety Strictly Ballroom event and raising over £20,000 for the charity, now he has accepted a position on the judging panel for this year's competition. He is also helping others discover a love for dance by lending his support to local dance studio Freedom 2 Dance.

Morley has donated new glass for the frontage of the Castleford dance studio, along with child safe blinds.

It is also sponsoring a new dance scholarship to help dancers with potential to take their ability to the next level with the opportunity to enter the competitive world of ballroom & Latin dance.

The dance school has selected two dancers with natural talent to benefit from the 12-month scholarship that will

not only develop dance skills but also help them in confidence and self-esteem, as well as improving other vital interpersonal skills.

Short, says: "It gives me great pleasure to support this opportunity for the children to learn ballroom and Latin dance. It helps them develop great confidence and social skills as well as being active and keeping fit.

"The scholarship program Freedom 2 Dance is offering over the 12 months will give the selected students the chance to develop to a high level. The passion all the staff have is humbling and as Morley Glass takes seriously the commitment to put back into local community and good causes I'm more than happy to support the fantastic opportunity. Keep Dancing!" □

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Veka Group has added colour-matched laminated mouldings to its product offering.

The marketing director Dawn Stockell says: "Veka Group continues to make significant investment in our lamination department. We know that this is one of the fastest growing areas of our industry, and laminated product currently makes up 39% of Veka and Halo profile sales, which is well above the industry average.

"We have increased our ex-stock offering – with 16 combinations from our 29-strong Variations colour collection now available from stock. And now we've created a simple (and fast) supply solution for matching laminated mouldings.

"We've partnered with Allied Profiles to create a comprehensive laminated moulding offering that complements all the colours in our Variations range." □



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From Glutz with love

Glutz is launching a new suite of architect-designed handles and associated hardware that it says is both beautifully functional and functionally beautiful. Created by architect and designer Stephan Hürlemann and named after his home town, the Glutz Appenzell collection features sophisticated geometry with a cleverly designed 'kink'.

The range, manufactured by Glutz, comprises eight different versions for solid leaf or metal frame doors. From pull handles and escape door handles, through to window and sliding-door handles, the Appenzell range can help designers and architects to create settings that are modern yet timeless. Designed for use in public buildings,



office buildings or high-end residential developments with solid-leaf and metal frame doors, Appenzell hardware from Glutz has been tested BS EN 1906 and is suitable for installation in smoke and fire doors in accordance with BS EN 1634. All of the Appenzell range is available in satin and polished stainless steel, RAL or PVD coated.

Glutz is Europe's leading manufacturer of mechanical and electronic access control products. Established in Switzerland in 1863 the company is famous world-wide for its range of beautifully designed and engineered door handles. But its expertise extends much further than that from master key systems and door and window hardware through to state-of-the-art wireless online and custom access control systems. □

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