

Italian Flair And Anti-Corrosion Too

Hardware specialist, VBH, claims it is experiencing increased sales thanks to the addition of the ArTech tilt & turn system from Italian hardware manufacturer, AGB.

The firm also says that one of the main reasons for the new business, is ArTech's 'impressive' anti-corrosion performance.

ArTech is treated with 'Activeage Hi-Protection' coating that enables the hardware to withstand over 2,000 hours of testing in a neutral salt spray environment. Activeage is a 3-stage finish, incorporating layers of zinc, chromic passivation with silica nano particles and finally, an organic mineral protection coating.

The security specification for windows incorporating ArTech have been tested to forces of

5.5KN, nearly double the forces specified in PAS24. ArTech is covered by 'hardware Kitemark' KM727991 and is listed as a Police Preferred Specification by Secured by Design.

Dan Powell, the head of brand at VBH, says: "ArTech is built to resist the effects of harsh climates, including our wet and salty air here in the UK. Figures of 2,000 hours salt spray test resistance are phenomenal when you consider that the 'Very High Resistance' top grade of BS EN 1670 equates to 240 hours.

"Add to that the PAS24 performance of nearly double the forces specified in the standard



and you can see why AGB ArTech has become a mainstay of our range in a short period of time." [i](#)

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A True Modern Classic

AluK has launched an aluminium heritage patio door in the tried and tested, 58W system. It is billed as a 'true modern classic' - with the industrial style nods of the steel it replicates.

With slim 51.7mm sightlines throughout and authentic detail-

ing, including period inspired handles in matt black, antique bronze, heritage black or heritage grey, it will still fit any age of property

The new door is also easy to fabricate with profiles, beads and ancillaries shared with the 58BW HI Heritage window system.

Paul Booth, AluK's R&D director, says: "With the launch of this new heritage door, we're making sure AluK fabricators can get a bigger slice of the lucrative steel replacement market and offer their trade and retail customers a fully suited glazing solution.

"With minimal additional stock holding, they can make single and double doors, with fan and side lights to create a fully glazed wall and sell that solution alongside our heritage windows for the rest of the property."

Booth adds: "We have designed a dedicated slim door and fixed light transom to seamlessly match the horizontal lines of the door with screen work on either side, so there is no need for dummy sashes or astragal bars. It is a fully compliant Part L door, with third party accredited 1.4 W/m²K U-Values and exceptional weather performance." [i](#)



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