

Colour Range Makes Freefoam 1st Choice

C&A Building Plastics, independent national stockist of plastic building materials, uses Freefoam for its wide range of high performance products and outstanding service.

Darren Beaumont, C&A General Manager explains: "Colour is a key trend and customers want a full suite of colours with matching accessories. Freefoam lets us capitalise on this growth market with a choice of 16 attractive colours in fascias and soffits and six colours in rainwater guttering, all with a 10-year guarantee.

"Homeowners choose colour to enhance their properties and add kerb appeal. Coloured cladding is another big growth



area and Freefoam's Fortex range is selling well, particularly in Slate Grey and Sage Green."

With depots in London and Kent, and a fully national service on its own fleet of vehicles, C&A celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. The company attributes its loyal customer base to being able to offer a wide product range from

leading manufacturers.

Beaumont adds: "We stock Freefoam's full product and colour range including fascias, soffits, rainwater guttering, cladding and interior wall panels. We have a strong relationship with Freefoam because they provide high quality products and reliable, on-time deliveries. **i**



A For Alitherm

Trade and commercial fabricator Astraseal has seen a surge in demand for Alitherm 800, their innovative aluminium flush casement window.

Since launching the eye-catching product earlier in the year, the firm has seen sales soar, becoming one of their fastest growing and most popular products. Alitherm 800 caught the attention of the market with its authentic design, combining smooth flush aesthetics with a slimline transom mullion profile. Add to this high security lock options and friction hinges and Alitherm 800 presents a highly-desirable and faithful flush casement.

Suitable for both residential and commercial applications, Alitherm 800 offers impressive U Values and a Window Energy Rating of 'A'. **i**



Seasonal Sealing

With the onset of colder weather, effective on site sealing of window or door frame connecting joints in minus degree temperatures or in wet conditions, is provided by advanced external sealing foil technology from Iso-Chemie.

Developed for the extreme cold of the Scandinavian market, the foil adheres quickly, even to rough surfaces such as hemp blocks, down to -8°C when wet seal would freeze at zero. This saves time and provides a high quality joint sealing solution, even if the foil remains exposed to the elements for up to six months due to construction work delays.

Iso-Connect Vario SD provides an excellent external weather seal, which exceeds UK Building Regulations and airtightness in domestic and commercial buildings when used as an internal seal. **i**

Training Day



A range of training videos now available at foam tape producer Iso-Chemie's web portal Iso-Portal, offer advice and tips on the effective sealing of window and door installations.

The videos provide fenestration contractors and specifiers with practical tips on the latest range of time and cost saving sealing tapes at the touch of a button.

Covering tape related project services and highlighting special tools for ease of installation, the clips reveal the step-by-step techniques for using products such as Iso-Bloco 600 foam tape for long term, high performance acoustic, temperature and weather sealing.

Iso-Portal at www.iso-chemie.co.uk improves the support offered to customers and specifiers around the planning and management of building and developments. The UK web site also includes a free of charge direct link to the National Building Specification (NBS) clauses for UK architects. [i](#)

Tradelink Trades Up



Tradelink Window Solutions has strengthened its link with Kenrick after choosing the high security Excalibur door lock for its 'Homeguard' branded PVC-U doors.

Kenrick and Tradelink worked closely together to finetune the lock before it was fully tested in-house at Tradelink to ensure that it comfortably achieved PAS 24 to meet Secured by Design.

Jim Moody, MD at Tradelink, explains: "We had been working with our previous supplier for 10 years and had been happy with the product. However, we knew that we could improve on the security of our lock and we wanted to make some refinements that would speed up the fitting time for our fabricators and installers.

"We looked at several systems and eventually opted for Kenrick's Excalibur door lock because it's a proven and robust solution that we knew would guarantee years of supply requirements without any interruptions for us. Kenrick supported us throughout the transition, so much so that they've now taken the top spot on our supplier list." [i](#)

Northern Exposure

Trade fabricator Kingfisher Windows has expanded its composite door collection to create a completely unique range for installers in Yorkshire and the North West to offer their customers.

By adding the new contemporary smooth and deep wood-grain styles to its already comprehensive choice of composite door products, Kingfisher Windows has created an exclusive suite of options for trade customers, backed by a glossy retail brochure.

Kingfisher Window's complete Classic & Contemporary ranges are available in a full choice of surface finishes including traditional woodgrain, deep grained or a smooth, etched surface for a flush, aluminium-like appearance. It also includes the ultra-modern Yorkshire Collection. There are nine popular door colours plus a further 28 options in on-trend colours, hues or shades for a more vibrant door. These are all completed with a choice of decorative glass options, hardware and matching sidelights. [i](#)



Two New Heritage Locks

Hardware specialist Winkhaus has introduced two new products – the autoLock AV3 Heritage Plus and Heritage Duo Pull – both designed to complement each other and suit a wide range of contemporary and period door styles.

Based on the popular AV3 range of multi-point locks, the AV3 Heritage Plus provides automatic locking once the door is pulled shut without the need for a key and comes with several new features.

Unlike the current Heritage locks, the AV3 Heritage Plus offers the daytime latch function that, when activated, makes it possible to easily open the door from the outside without a key. This added practicality is popular with end-users, enabling temporary, flexible entry and exit without using a key.

The euro cylinder position is similarly placed to a traditional eye-level round cylinder pull, making it ideal for use in traditional or period door designs.

Another new feature sees the latch located at the central gearbox position, which provides superior security and weather-resistance.

A distinct feature is AV3 Heritage Plus compatibility with the FAB slave door lock. This forms a perfect solution for double door entrance doors that permits, if needed, an upgrade to the automatic unlocking – blueMatic AV3-E Heritage Plus, which can provide unlocking via all access control systems.

Perfectly paired with AV3 Heritage Plus is the new Heritage Duo Pull. This high-security PAS24-compatible escutcheon/pull has been improved to offer new features, while retaining its quality and distinctively-crafted appearance. The Heritage Duo Pull now features an integrated internal and external scalloped finger pull secured by hidden fixing screw heads.

The external and internal scalloped pull enhances security with a reduced risk of

cylinder attack, snapping or drilling. It is TS007 3-Star-compliant when fitted with a 1-Star cylinder and suits standard Euro profile cylinders.



An elegant addition for a wide range of door styles, the Heritage Duo Pull is available in four standard finishes – Black, Stain Grey and Polished Chrome and Gold. [i](#)

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