

Outward Bound

Hardware specialist VBH has introduced the brand new greenteQ Securitas security window espagnolette to brings its outward opening window options to three.

The espagnolette sits alongside the entry level greenteQ window espagnolette and PAS24 tested Invicta window shootbolt.

Securitas features pairs of mushroom headed cams that lock into both sides of a night vent striker plate. VBH says that these double cam locking points are extremely strong as they spread the load if the window is attacked rather than allowing all the force to be concentrated on one point.

Each Securitas lock has a minimum of four mushroom cams (two pairs) with the larger sizes boasting four pairs.

Securitas is as quick to fit as a standard espagnolette as all fix-



ings are applied in the same direction and there are no extensions to fit.

The new window lock comes with industry standard 20 and 22mm backsets to ensure compatibility with most current window systems and with a choice of two mushroom cam heights.

"Fabricators have told the greenteQ design team here what they want from a window lock all through the development phase so we know that Securitas meets their needs. It will hit the

ground running and quickly become one of our core products," says Gary Gleeson, VBH's marketing manager.

Securitas has been successfully tested on a number of profiles to PAS24:2016 at BSI. As a result, it is rated as a Premium products in the Q-secure Approved Products List. [i](#)

To find out more about VBH's range, visit www.vbhgb.com, email sales@vbhgb.com or call 01634 263263.

There's No Place Like Home



AdminBase, the web-based installer business management software system from Ab Initio, has made an upgrade that becomes obvious the moment the system is activated – a new home screen.

Responding to input from existing users, the developers at AdminBase have designed a completely customisable screen

The new home screen can display images representing any aspect of the company's operations, giving users complete control over what they see first when opening AdminBase. Combined with recent updates to the AdminBase dashboard that are centred around the progress of leads and contracts in the

that allows crucial information to be viewed from when users first switch on their screens, with key data always available at a glance simply by pressing the Home button.

sales or installation process, the new screen style allows instant assessment by users, of the performance of key parts of their business, updated immediately as the data is entered onto the system.

With information and layouts that can be tailored by individual companies and users, the new home screen allows key performance indicators (KPIs) to be displayed in formats such as graphs and pie charts, to provide easy, glimpsable comparisons with weekly, monthly, or yearly stats.

The new AdminBase Home screen is available as a free upgrade to existing AdminBase Web users and will be included as standard on all new installations. [i](#)

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Those In The Know Choose Tuffx



When a homeowner came to aluminium and PVC-U specialists Framex asking for three bespoke rooflights, Framex chose to work with safety glass specialists TuffX to fulfil the brief.

The rooflights were required for a ground-floor residential extension, with the customer requesting blue-tinted solar glass to maximise the light, comfort and ambient feel of the space by reducing both glare and heat.

“We are seeing more and more customers requesting these flat rooflights to zone up the open plan living spaces within their properties, by introducing floods of natural light,” says Framex director, Tim Mooney, “We are very happy using TuffX’s Infinity rooflight products as they are always easy to install.”

TuffX’s Infinity fixed flat rooflights are available in clear, blue and privacy glass finish options, in five standard sizes as well as bespoke measurements.

Three rooflights of a standard size, 1000 x 1500 mm, were chosen with the blue glass option. The delicate blue tint provides 62% solar heat reflection and 51% light transmission to reduce the sun’s glare, ensuring indoor spaces are bright, welcoming and full of natural daylight. [f](#)

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On Camera – Berkshire Installer Transforms Homes

Freefoam Building Products recently visited and filmed registered installer Glen Young in Berkshire, to see how he transforms homes using PVC-U products.

The visit took in three properties, all of which had PVC Fortex or X-Wood cladding installed. The first two properties had previously featured hanging tiles above the ground floor elevation. Both homeowners were undertaking refurbishment inside and out and wanted a more modern feel. Young fitted Fortex weatherboard style cladding, in storm grey and misty grey, to tone in with the existing brickwork and complement the white windows and black doors.

The third property had been built originally with a white wood cladding to the front and the homeowner wanted a maintenance free option. He chose X-Wood cladding in white to create a smart, neat finish.

Over the last 12 months Young has seen quite an increase in cladding enquiries, with requests to replace hanging tiles, render and pebble dash a common theme. Young says: “I use both Freefoam’s Fortex and X-Wood cladding ranges. Fortex has a large colour range and it features an embossed wood effect finish, which is very popular with customers. X-Wood cladding has a woodgrain finish which means it is a great option where wood



might typically be chosen. It has the nicest finish and more customers are choosing it.”

As a Freefoam Registered Installer Young receives support from Freefoam, including marketing materials and sample packs. He also receives free homeowner leads for cladding and roofline work. [f](#)

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