

Testing on-the-spot

The British Fenestration Rating Council (BFRC) has further extended the scope of its testing division with the introduction of CWCT on-site testing. CWCT testing, developed by the Centre for Window and Cladding Technology (CWCT), is an effective way to check that the building envelope is performing as expected.

Lee Dearman, development officer at BFRC says: “We are delighted to announce that BFRC is now a UKAS accredited testing laboratory (No. 20057) to conduct on-site CWCT testing in line with the CWCT *Standards for systemised Building Envelopes*, TN41, BS EN 13051:2001 and the NHBC Chapter 6.9 S17 and S18 standards.

“Onsite CWCT testing evaluates the ability of cladding, curtain walls and window systems to resist water penetration, under simulated weather conditions. The on-site CWCT standards are recognised across the UK and are becoming a regular requirement for warranty providers. The testing can assist with identifying any construction or design issues at an early stage of the build and can also assist when a live building is having water ingress issues.

“CWCT testing standards are vital for ensuring the materials used in facades can withstand environmental pressures, giving developers confidence that their facade systems will perform as intended.”

Richard Sellman, managing director says: “We are fortunate at BFRC to have a very experienced team with long-standing knowledge of the standards and test



procedures, along with hands-on, on-site testing of fenestration products. We know that this testing can be daunting, but, as with everything we do here, we are client-focused and committed to making the process as easy as possible.” □

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Getting back to FIT

Durham-based AT Precision will return to the FIT Show in 2025. Visitors will find AT Precision at Stand S46, where, says sales director Michael Hewitt, it will be showing its latest innovations and expanded product lines.

Says Hewitt: “Building on previous appearances, AT Precision will demonstrate how it has evolved to become a one-stop shop for fabricators. The stand will feature our full range of offerings, from the established Everglide bifold hardware and Everseal gaskets to the newer developments in aluminium profiles for bi-fold doors.”

According to Hewitt a key focus of AT Precision's exhibit will be its integrated approach to bi-fold door systems, showing how the various components work together to provide fabricators with cost-effective and high-performance solutions. Visitors will have the opportunity to get hands-on experience with these products and discuss their applications with the AT Precision team.

Hewitt says: “We are really looking forward to returning to the FIT Show in 2025. Our previous appearances have been very positive, and since then, our business has grown and developed significantly. We've expanded our product range and refined our integrated approach, which has been well-received by fabricators, particularly in terms of



cost savings. At this year's show, we're keen to demonstrate our latest innovations and show more fabricators how AT Precision can add value to their businesses. It's a great opportunity for visitors to see why our existing customers choose to work with us.” □

A window genius

The Window Company (Contracts) has announced that it has appointed Genius PVC Trade Frames for a major project. The project specifies Genius's new Deceuninck range.

David Thornton, chairman of The Window Company (Contracts), says: "We have partnered with Genius since its inception, starting with the Kömmerling range in 2019. Its consistent reliability gave us the confidence to choose it for this substantial housing association contract, spanning 5-6 years, using its new Deceuninck range.

"The Deceuninck system impressed because of its distinctive grey gasket and high-quality hardware, as well as its superior energy efficiency and extensive colour options. David Eagle and his team at Genius are true experts in window fabrication. Their research into new products and attention to detail is always impressive.

"Many fabricators claim to have quality control, but with Genius, it is a tangible reality. The company demonstrates real craftsmanship, and it shows in every product they deliver.

"It's a true partnership, built on trust and shared commitment to excellence. Genius consistently delivers on time and on budget, and we pride ourselves on maintaining prompt payment terms. This mutual reliability forms the foundation of our successful collaboration."

David Eagle, co-founder and director at Genius, says: "We are delighted to continue our long-standing



David Thornton (L) with David Eagle

partnership with The Window Company (Contracts). It is a stellar example of excellence in the industry, and its decision to use our Deceuninck range for this significant social housing project reflects the trust we've built over the years. The Window Company (Contracts) sets high standards, and meeting its requirements consistently is something we take great pride in." □

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Closing the sustainable loop

Boutique sustainability and circular economy consultancy Oakdene Hollins is inviting companies to stress test their levels of sustainability through its simple circular economy checklist. Concerned about the potential to fall into a greenwashing trap, the checklist is a comprehensive insight into the multilayered approach needed to implement a robust, closed loop system across all operations.

Oakdene Hollins has put forward a number of simple questions highlighting the key areas of a company's operations that need greater scrutiny. Answers are a simple tick box to get the conversation started. Oakdene Hollins' support goes far beyond the tick box approach as it says that being too simplistic can sometimes lead organisations down the road of making sustainability claims that cannot actually be verified with science and data.

Oakdene Hollins director Simon Scholes says: "At Oakdene Hollins we see sustainability as more than simply complying with the bare minimum of regulations. The creation of a circular economy is a key part of an organisation's strategy for growth. Gaining a more rigorous understanding of what it involves, and how it can benefit your business, will position you firmly over and



Simon Scholes

above your competitors. Our circular economy checklist highlights gaps that may need filling and provides an initial road map towards integrating more robust closed loop and sustainable processes within your organisation.

"The formulation of a circular economy within a business will have a long term positive impact both on the overall profitability of a business as well as on local communities and the wider environment. Giving more thought to the retention of resources, and product value on a circular system, will give a greater return on those resources." □

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