

Training the trainers

The Association for Specialist Fire Protection (ASFP) has launched a new training recognition service to offer an independent third-party evaluation of training courses specific to passive fire protection (PFP). ASFP recognition ensures that all recognised providers work to the highest standards in both training delivery and passive fire technical input, and that recognised programmes provide current and up-to-date skills and knowledge by linking them to the industry-developed competence framework.

The service allows the association to work with training providers of all kinds and review their internal processes and ways of working to identify a commitment to high quality learning. This includes looking at how training is developed, delivered, and maintained, how technical accuracy of content is ensured, and how trainers are selected, developed, and managed.

Once companies have demonstrated their approach to training quality and technical capability, their application is reviewed by an independent panel. All providers that meet this quality benchmark gain recognition from ASFP for training delivery in their particular subject area(s), subject to ongoing oversight and quality monitoring. They are then permitted to use the ASFP Recognised Provider logo. This ensures high-quality providers are easily recognisable, making choosing the right training easier.

Providers may be dedicated training companies, those with significant internal provision for their staff, or manufacturers offering training or CPD to clients or the public, whether it is chargeable or not. By only using training delivered by the ASFP or its recognised



(L to R): Siderise Insulation’s technical manager Adam Heath and CEO Adam Turk receive their Certificate of Recognition from ASFP managing director Mike Ward

providers, learners can be confident that they will receive high quality input that is technically accurate, professionally presented, and both relevant and sufficient to demonstrate competence in PFP. All such training will be eligible to support registration on the ASFP Competence Register. □

www.asfp.org.uk

Pull, don't push

Dynamic Hardware has launched a range of pull bar handles. The handles are part of the company’s premium stainless steel door hardware collection and are available in a choice of style options, including round or rectangular designs to complement modern entrance doors.

Tony Chadwick, CEO at Dynamic Hardware, says: “Sleek door designs are a clear trend at the moment. Our pull bar handles offer the contemporary styling that elevates the aesthetics of modern doors whilst delivering reliable handle performance.”

Suitable for use on PVC-U, timber and composite doors, the Dynamic pull bar handles are manufactured from 316 stainless steel and are resistant to corrosion. The handles have been corrosion tested to 1000+ hours and come with a 20 year anti-corrosion guarantee and 10 year mechanical guarantee.

The pull bars are available in a brushed stainless steel finish in addition to matt black and gold. There is also a choice of inline and offset (cranked) variations. Bolt through or back-to-back fixing options are available to suit



the door application, with all fixing screws supplied in addition to a clear cover washer to protect the door surface. □

www.dynamichardware.co.uk

Smart security standard

ERA has partnered with Yorkshire window company Coral Windows and Conservatories, to create a smart offering exclusively available to Coral customers.

Coral SmartFrame, which comes free as standard with all newly fitted windows, is a smart security offering exclusive to Coral. When paired with its accompanying ERA Smart Hub, the cloud-based smart system, provides instant smartphone alerts when a window is opened or closed.

Coral SmartFrame also offers built-in tamper and vibration protection which senses unusual behaviour, notifies the user and triggers an alarm. When leaving their property users are also notified to close any open windows before the alarm is set.

The sensor connects to the ERA Smart Hub via the Coral Smart Home app, created by ERA as part of the project. Once a customer downloads the app and connects the hub to their router, they can check the status of their windows at any time, from anywhere with an internet connection.

Brendan Cowey, general manager at Coral Windows and Conservatories, says: “We are incredibly proud of our Coral SmartFrame offering. This new product fits the brief for our varied customer-base for whom we always strive to provide the most modern and convenient security solutions.



“ERA has exceeded our expectations on the Coral SmartFrame project. Not only has the team been completely flexible and supportive in helping us achieve our vision for the system, but they have done so with enthusiasm and to ambitious timeframes.”

Lisa Lund, technical sales manager at ERA, says: “Having had a great working relationship with Coral for decades, we were excited to work with them on the Coral SmartFrame project.” □

www.eraeverywhere.com

Rio renewed

Euroglaze has added Rehau Rio flush window and doors to its list of Secured By Design (SBD) accredited products.

Euroglaze already holds the PAS24: 2022 Secured By Design accreditation on its Rehau Total 70 windows and doors, as well as on the majority of Liniar windows and doors it also fabricates.

Martin Nettleton, Euroglaze’s managing director, says SBD accreditation is an ever important part of its offering to trade customers which more than justifies the investment it makes in testing and SBD membership.

He says: “We have seen demand increase steadily over the past few years for all our flush sash windows and doors – including Rehau Rio and Liniar Flush, so it makes perfect sense for us to offer Secured by Design options to give us and our customers a valuable competitive edge.

“Security remains high on consumers’ list of priorities and of course SBD is the instantly recognisable logo which they know and trust.”

Alife Hosker from Secured by Design says: “I am delighted that once again Euroglaze has renewed its SBD membership. It recently transitioned to PAS24: 2022 Police Preferred Specification and has an ongoing programme to add to this.”

As well as being Rehau’s longest continuous customer



in the UK, Euroglaze also offers what it says is the most comprehensive range of Rehau products of any trade fabricator– with Heritage vertical sliders, Rauferno fire rated windows and the new Rehau Slinova patio all available.

Euroglaze says its sales and customer service teams can give expert advice on the best products for every application. □

www.euroglaze.co.uk

A team-up for earth

Dekko Window Systems has announced a new partnership with Saint-Gobain to install an on-site glass recycling unit at its Lancashire headquarters.

The new initiative will enable Dekko to collect and recycle old and unwanted glass units from customers, diverting waste from landfill and reusing the materials in its manufacturing processes.

Dekko sales director Kurt Greatrex says: “This commitment to sustainability aligns with Dekko’s long-standing focus on environmental responsibility and reflects a growing trend within the industry.

“We’re thrilled to partner with Saint-Gobain on this important project. The new on-site glass recycling unit represents a significant step forward in our sustainability efforts, allowing us to reduce our environmental impact and offer our customers a more eco-friendly solution for waste glass disposal.

“Sustainability is a major priority for Dekko, and we believe it’s crucial for the wider industry to embrace more sustainable practices.

“This partnership with Saint-Gobain demonstrates our commitment to leading the way in this area and providing our customers with products that are not only high performing, but also environmentally responsible.” □

www.dekkowindows.com



Kurt Greatrex

For flexibility

AluK has launched an ultra-low U-Value, slim sight line lift and slide patio door which, it says, will ‘open up’ new opportunities for customers at the higher end of the retail market, where demand and margins are both still relatively strong.

AluK says the S140 lift and slide offers U-Values of 1.2Uw double glazed and 0.8Uw triple glazed.

AluK’s managing director Russell Yates says: “The S140 was designed in conjunction with AluK’s team in Italy so it has all the sleek, minimalist flair you would expect, as well as clever UK engineering which delivers a compact 140mm frame depth and effortlessly smooth, double or triple track frame options.

“It offers plenty of flexibility and can accommodate double or triple glazed units depending on the thermal performance required and, where acoustics are a priority, has plenty of capacity for the larger glass thicknesses.

“For fabricators, the S140 has been designed with easy preps to make it quick to manufacture and a dedicated sub sill and simple add-on for trickle vents. It also comes with the option of AluK’s Quik Clip clip-in bead system.

“This is a door which ticks every box for fabricators and installers looking to get a bigger slice of the lucrative



Russell Yates

premium market. It’s easy to manufacture and, thanks to the addition of our Quik Clip system, incredibly quick to glaze.

“Crucially, it is also available at a competitive price point which will ensure it can deliver strong and sustainable margins.” □

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