

Wooden Windows & Doors Meet The Regs

Timber window and doors supplier Bereco has welcomed the release of the new Approved Document L as the company's products already achieve the new U-values.

The latest amendments to the building regulations, (Approved Documents F, L O) came into effect on 15 June. Part F refers to ventilation, Part L to the conservation of fuel and power and Part O refers to overheating. One of the key objectives is a 30% reduction in carbon emissions from new homes.

"We wholeheartedly welcome the new building regulations and have worked hard to ensure that our products not only meet the new standard but exceed it," says Craig Morris (pictured), Assistant Manager at Bereco. "Compliance with the

building regulations is something that every window installer, builder or developer has concerns about. Our timber windows and doors are designed with optimum energy efficiency and ease of compliance in mind. Every one of our windows and doors are up to 25 per cent more energy-efficient than the new requirements so our customers can make their purchases with confidence.

Not just windows

"We can offer sash windows double glazed with a U-value of 1.2W/m²K, bi-fold doors and sliding patio doors double glazed with a U-value of 1.2W/m²K. In addition, our Heritage range of windows and doors with SlimLine double glazing has a U-value of 1.4W/m²K, which is 12.5%



better than the limiting standards. This range of windows and doors is for buildings in conservation areas and has been approved by many conservation officers across the UK so developers can build in a conservation area and still exceed the new Part L regs." [i](#)

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Sheerline Smartening Up After Kabu Encounter

Sheerline and Kubu Smart have been working together to bring smart security sensor technology to aluminium products for the first time in the fenestration industry.

Sheerline's management understands the benefits of embracing new technologies and standing out in the aluminium window market.

"In the emerging smart hardware market, Kubu stood out to us for the clever but practical way they've implemented the move towards smarter homes. It offers the added peace-of-mind that consumers are looking for when they choose Sheerline aluminium windows and doors," says Roger Hartshorn, CEO of Garnalex, the company behind Sheerline. "We love the simple



to use interface. it's the kind of value-added sale that homeowners understand straight away. It's great to see Kubu's smart sensor products installed on aluminium products at last."

Ryan Bromley, Co-Founder of Kubu adds: "We are both committed to giving homeowners tangible benefits that make their

lives better such as the ability to check if you've locked the door via Kubu or improved your home's thermal performance thanks to Sheerline. As a partnership, we now plan to push boundary of what's possible even further." [i](#)

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Don't Let Your Doors Harm A Child

Strand Hardware is urging customers to apply the right standards for safety of finger guards to avoid crushing children's digits in door jambs.

BS8613 specifies requirements and test methods for durability, strength and effective function of finger protection.

Yet not all products sold in the UK meet this standard.

Strand Hardware only stocks products that meet BS8613 and clearly bear manufacturers markings and classification – making them easy to identify.

"None of our stock can be defined as one product fits all. Our extensive range provides a range of devices for various door materials and applications. We prefer to work closely with customers to provide the correct solution for their project needs,"

says Craig Fox the sales director at Strand Hardware (pictured).

"In addition to product durability, some products come with a lifetime guarantee," continues Fox. "There are other benefits to buying quality such as bespoke sizes for items up to 2500mm and special RAL powder coated finishes for customisation.

"Often buying choices come down to budget but safety should never be compromised."

BS EN 8613: 2017 defines finger protection as 'a device intended to minimise the risk of crushing injuries to fingers in the gap between the hanging stile of the door leaf and the door frame'. In premises that are used by the public, especially children, the elderly or

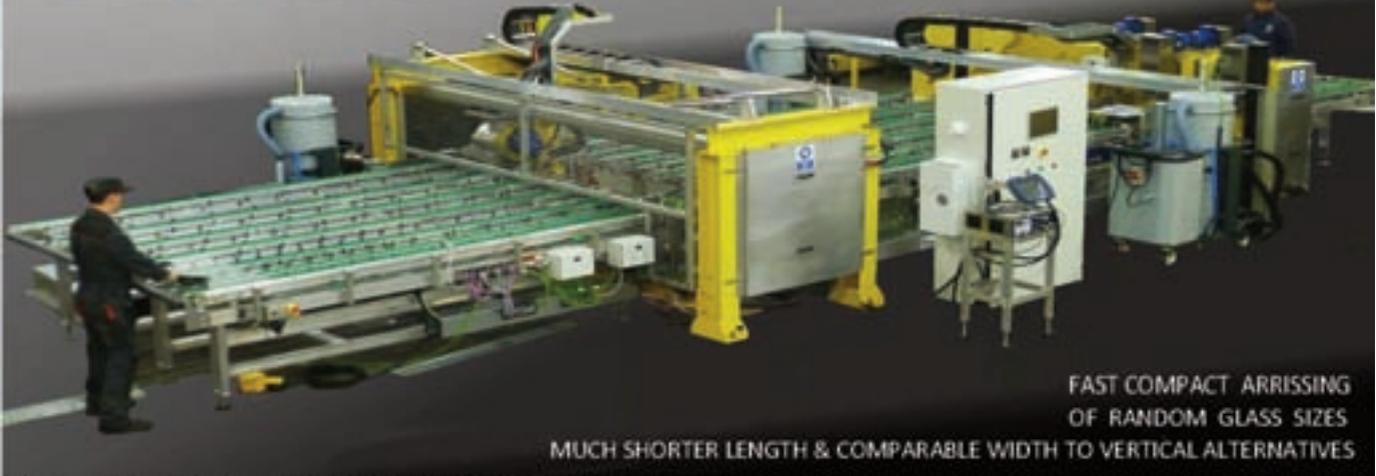


vulnerable adults, it is essential to minimise risk.

It is estimated that between 40,000 and 80,000 accidents occur every year, mainly involving children who trap their fingers in doors, leading to serious injury – and in some cases amputation. Many more minor injuries are believed to go unreported. 

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