

QR code of conduct

Qualicoat UK and Ireland has added a QR code to its member certificates transforming a static certificate into a live verification tool. Scanning the code verifies a Qualicoat member's credentials.

This investment helps to prevent errors and misrepresentation, or non-compliant suppliers being specified, and enables specifiers to select suppliers with confidence.

This initiative forms part of a wider programme of continuous improvement, ensuring the Qualicoat quality label remains robust, relevant and trusted.

Chris Mansfield, chair of Qualicoat UK and Ireland says: "As a quality label organisation, we value trust and transparency. Possession of a printed or digital certificate alone does not necessarily mean that a company or system currently holds a valid Qualicoat licence so, we have taken positive action to address

this by adding a QR code to each Qualicoat certificate which links to the member's profile.

"This addition aligns our certification with modern demands. The construction industry is under pressure to demonstrate compliance and

competency, and decision makers need evidence not just claims. Our QR code provides practical support for those responsible for due diligence and compliance. Better still, verification can now be completed in seconds, saving time across specification, procurement and audit processes."

By scanning the QR code, users are redirected to the relevant



record in the Qualicoat QCT360 database, where the current validity status can be confirmed. If valid, the user can access key information, including licence number and type, certification year and expiry. This additional transparency also helps specifiers identify established and experienced supply chain partners. [i](https://www.qualicoatuki.org)

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It's a breeze

ERA has launched a new flush fit trickle vent for bi-fold doors.

ERA says its streamlined design allows doors to open and close without obstruction.

Incorporating two internal canopies for simple control of each section independently, the dual-pivot hinge allows maximum canopy adjustment, enabling smooth and precise

airflow direction.

According to ERA the flush fit trickle vent eliminates the need to fit any additional header door sections or install obtrusive surface-mounted ventilation. The vent comes supplied with fixing clips to be pushed into place for quick and easy installation.

The new design has been



developed to meet the requirements of building regulations part F1:2010 and approved doc F, with routing requirements of 16 x 364mm to achieve 2700mm² EQA per installed vent. It also offers reduced external noise, even with the vents fully open.

The flush fit trickle vent is available in five colours: white, black, anthracite grey, black/white, and anthracite grey/white. On mixed vent colour options, the external vent is finished in black or anthracite grey to mirror the external profile colour, and white on the internal vent.

The new design is compatible with aluminium, PVC-U, and timber door and window systems. It carries a one year mechanical guarantee. [i](https://www.eraeverywhere.com)

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Heritage winner wins

A heritage-sensitive installation showing expert craftsmanship has earned Bramley Window Systems FENSA's March Installation of the Month title. Bramley Window Systems has built, and continues to

As the 2025 FENSA Installation of the Year winner, the company continues to demonstrate the standards of workmanship that define leading installers across the sector.

FENSA's Installation of the Month initiative recognises projects that highlight the technical standards and professionalism delivered by its approved network of installers across the UK.

According to FENSA, this month's winning project stood out for its careful execution within a property with sections dating back as far as the 1700s.

Working within a heritage setting presents challenges, requiring products that are aesthetically sympathetic to the character of the building, while still maximising performance. Combined with a precise and considered installation

process, this ensures a successful and well-balanced outcome.

"This project is a great example of how experience and attention to detail are critical to more complex installations," said Sam Davies, technical manager at FENSA. "Working on older properties requires a considered approach from the outset, and



Sam Davies

Bramley Window Systems have clearly demonstrated that throughout this installation.

"Having previously been recognised as Installation of the Year winners in 2025, it's clear that Bramley continue to deliver consistent, high-quality results across a range of installation types." [i](#)



Pioneer Trading Company has premiered the launch of its Gerda steel and aluminium residential door TV commercial. The premier was announced to the trade, in readiness for nationwide broadcast this spring. This investment is designed to drive greater brand awareness for its customer network by making the Gerda name familiar to homeowners.

The decision to invest in a TV commercial comes after three years of building the Gerda brand since it was first launched at FIT Show 2023. Manufactured in Poland, the door has filled a vital niche in the market, with an engineered structure and high performance at a more affordable price. The commercial focuses on the emotional connection a family has to the front door, centering around the Gerda 'thunk' that has become synonymous with the brand.

Pioneer managing director Danny Williams says: "We launched the 'Love the Thunk' concept last year, and the strapline has become affiliated with the Gerda brand in search engines and Ai searches. We now want to capitalise on that progress." [i](#)

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