

Update from the MD



I am pleased to tell you that we have had another amazingly successful year, as the business continues to serve the new build housing sector.

We have just completed our financial year end and we are pleased to announce that we have achieved a massive turnover of £5.8 Million an increase on last year from £3.5 Million.

This success has been achieved by winning a number of key contracts with Persimmon, Taylor Wimpey, Larkfleet and Gleeson.

We have seen a number of changes over the last year with significant investment in new machinery and equipment and also the further expansion of the factory premises by a further 7,000sq ft.

Our continuous growth plan, means that we are looking at new and innovative ways in which we can serve the new build market and sustain our productivity, profitability and customer service.

I am a big believer that our employees contribute to the success of the business and as we continue to the next stage of our success you can be assured that we are looking at continuous innovation and improvements to supply you with market leading products.

Ian Harrison
Managing Director



5 Star Customer Service Promise

As a leading UK supplier of windows, doors and cavity closers, we seek to redefine our customers experience when dealing with Building Product Solutions by providing exceptional customer service as standard.

We have incorporated customer service into our business goals and our vision as well as our employee goals to help our business reach our customer service objectives. Our customer service starts from within and we ensure that we constantly train our employees to do everything that makes for a great customer service experience.

We only invest in the best care of our customers and we only employ the best employees to deal with your customer service enquiries.

Communication is the key to our Customer Service policy and our aim is to respond to you as quickly as we can, by offering you different ways to contact us and access our services.

We carry out customer needs assessments and will be seeking feedback from our customers and homeowners, look out for these coming in the future.

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The Newsletter from Building Product Solutions

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In the wake of Brexit, we here, at Building Product Solutions are forging ahead with new technology and innovation to ensure that we bring you the best products available in the market place today. As a business, we position all of the products around your requirements, so we are confident we are able to meet your exacting standards and production schedules on time, first time.

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Part Q1

Is your business ready?

Approved Document Part Q1 creates security requirements in relation to doors at the entrance to a building, including houses that have garages and there is a connecting door to the dwelling, ground floor, basement and other easily accessible windows and any easily accessible roof lights.

The requirement is that the product must be shown to have been manufactured to a design that has been tested to an acceptable security standard. All accessible windows with non-key lockable hardware should incorporate laminated glazing conforming to the requirements of BS EN 356:2000 class P1A including all emergency egress windows.

When does Part Q1 take effect?

The requirement for all easily accessible windows came into effect on 1st October 2015 and does not apply to any work started or work subject to a building notice, full plans application or initial notice before that date, providing work is started on site before 1st October 2016. Any work started after the 1st October 2016 will need to comply.

Are replacement windows incorporated within the requirements of Part Q1?

No, replacement windows are not currently required to comply with Part Q1.



What products fall within the scope of Part Q1?

The following falls within the scope of Part Q1:

- All dwelling entrance doorsets
- All easily accessible windows, roof windows and skylights
- Communal entrance doorsets (flats/apartments)
- Emergency egress doorsets allowing access into the common areas of the building (flats/apartments)
- Other doors that may allow access into common areas of the building (flats/apartments) such as drying rooms, cycles stores and refuse areas
- If there is a connecting door set between the garage and the dwelling, then either the main vehicular doorsets, together with any pedestrian doorsets will fall within the scope of the regulation, or alternatively the connecting doorset

Do I need different locks?

Both main doors and others should be fitted with a multipoint locking system. If this is not practicable then a mortice type lock will be sufficient.

Does Part Q1 apply to extensions?

No, extensions currently fall outside the scope of Part Q1.

Does Part Q1 apply to all homes?

No, the New Building Regulation applies to new homes and existing buildings that are converted into new homes only (such as a warehouse, barn etc.). Existing homes are currently not required to meet the security requirements within Part Q1.

What does easily accessible mean?

Easily accessible is defined as any window or doorway, any part of which is within 2m vertically of any accessible level surface such as the ground or basement level, or an access balcony, or a window which is within 2m vertically of a flat or sloping roof (with a pitch of less than 30 degrees) that is within 3.5m of the ground level.

I would like to use products that meet the European Security Standard (EN 1627), does this meet Part Q1?

No, the National Forward for the UK version of the European Standard (BS EN 1627) makes it clear that PAS 24 is the preferred route to compliance. This is for good reason: the European Standard fails to address some of the important areas of security which would render such products vulnerable if utilised within the UK. All windows and doors must be manufactured to a design that has been shown by test to meet the security requirements of PAS24:2012 (other standards are included).

What type of glass do I need to use?

At least one pane of 6.8 Laminated glass meeting the requirements of BS EN 356:2000 class P1A is required in all entrance doors, patios, bi-folds etc. Any window located within 400mm of a doorset, easily accessible emergency egress windows, easily accessible roof lights, accessible emergency egress windows shall incorporate non-lockable hardware together with laminated glazing conforming to the requirements of BS EN 356:2000 P1A. PAS 24:2012 has almost identical glazing requirements.

How do I find out more information about Part Q1?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-in-dwellings-approved-document-q>



Winners...

We've only gone and done it again and won the Business Growth Award at Sheffield City Region Awards. We were up against some stiff competition, as we had been selected to go 'head to head' with other innovative and successful businesses within our region.

Shortlisted...

We've been shortlisted for the G16 Awards for the Fabricator of the Year Award and we've also been shortlisted for the Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber 2016 Awards, the Manufacturing Excellence Award and Business Person of the Year Award. Wish us luck...