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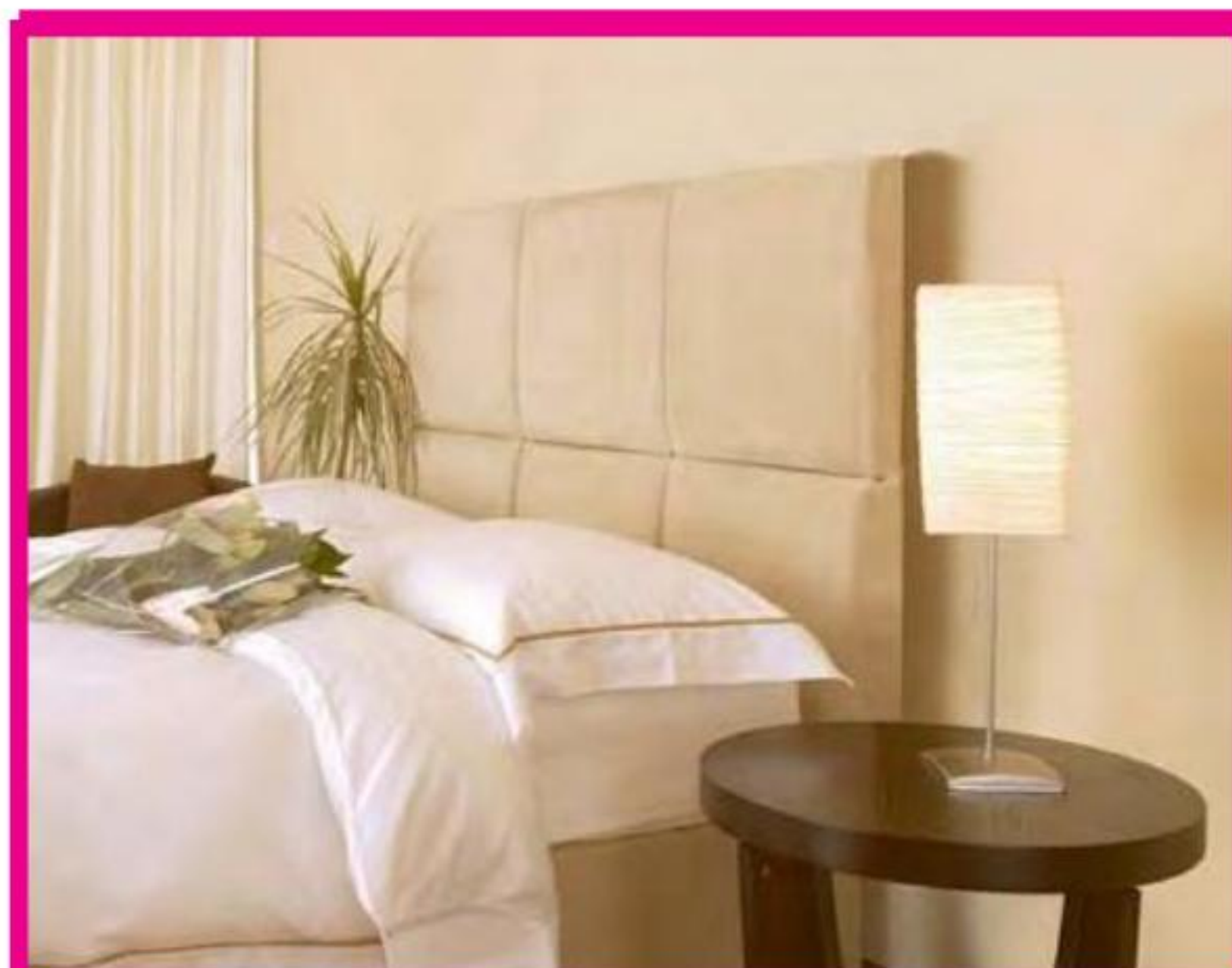


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Hudson Reed



Hudson Reed launches the Eco-Click mono basin mixer in the Tec brassware range, at the same price as the standard model. Helping customers to save water, and water heating bills, Hudson Reed introduces the "Eco-Click" mono basin mixer into the popular Tec range of bathroom brassware. On the inside the high tech ceramic disc Eco-Click cartridge developed by Hudson Reed includes two settings. Opening the flow to the first

'click' stop allows up to 50% of the possible flow. Lift the flow control further and a second click provides full flow when required.

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Mira Showers

The latest shower range brochure from Mira Showers is available and includes even more choice for installers, merchants and retailers to offer their customers. The stylish A4 full-colour brochure features stylish new photography and offers showers to suit all styles and budgets.

A new section at the front shows the latest new products for introduced at the end of 2008 for 2009 including the stylish Flight Low shower tray. Other recent additions include the new Bijou, and the innovative Elevate electric shower, combining a shower with useful storage.

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A Guide to Heat Recovery Systems

Now that whole house ventilation systems are firmly on the list of "must haves" for new build projects, what is there to help buyers choose between available units in the market?

Whole house ventilation incorporates a heat exchanger for recovering heat from the exhausted air of the building. The level of efficiency and overall performance of units are tested by BRE. Systems that achieve a high pass mark are awarded Appendix Q status. This independent testing ensures that units with appendix Q status are airtight, have low energy motors and efficient heat exchangers.

Systems are tested using rigid ducting. It is imperative that rigid ducting is used to enable the test results to be inputted in the SAP calculation to claim the performance benefits. If rigid ducting is not used, a default setting must be applied for the buildings in question. Since April 2008 the defaults have changed in SAP for MVHR systems and the implications can be huge if the design has included the benefit but it is not realised on site.

Rigid ducting has the added benefit of being airtight and easier to design correctly. It does not transmit noise and is very durable.

A useful installation check list is available from the SAPQ website which also gives guidance to the type of installation that is expected to be seen. The web address is www.sap-appendixq.org.uk

Look out for these features when choosing a heat recovery system:

- Automatic summer by-pass to stop recovering heat in summer. By being automatic you will not need to manually remove the bulky heat exchanger which could be located in a far away part of the loft.
 - EC motors have the benefit of being controllable to ensure systems are configured exactly for your home.
 - Appendix Q Status
 - Rigid ducting, preferably with rubber seals for airtightness.
 - Compatible with ground to air heat exchangers
- Increasingly, a number of installations are now incorporating earth pipe technology to pre-heat outdoor air before it is brought into the building. Like all good ideas, this is really simple. The ground is a constant 10 degrees Celsius just one meter below the ground all year round. Using a duct that prevents any mould growth, air is brought into the property via the ground and into the ventilation system. This has the benefit of pre warming the air in winter and so adding to the efficiency of the whole house ventilation system.

Cooling to the property is achieved in summer when outdoor air is then cooled using the same earth pipe. It is often overlooked that as much energy can be consumed cooling a property as is spent heating them.

Comprehensive computer software combined with CAD drawings enables systems to be designed efficiently. Airflows can be accurately predicted and ducting layouts and sizes can be predicted and planned to ensure the installation is straightforward. Once the

mystery of how to install the ducting is overcome, the work of assembling the pipework is very straightforward.

Most systems are installed by plumbers and existing labour on site. A growing network of approved engineers is also another way to have a system installed.

Previous attempts to install systems from schematics and rules of thumb have led to systems being noisy and not efficient at recovering heat. For this reason it is essential to plan a system well and ensure all designs are comprehensive and underwritten.

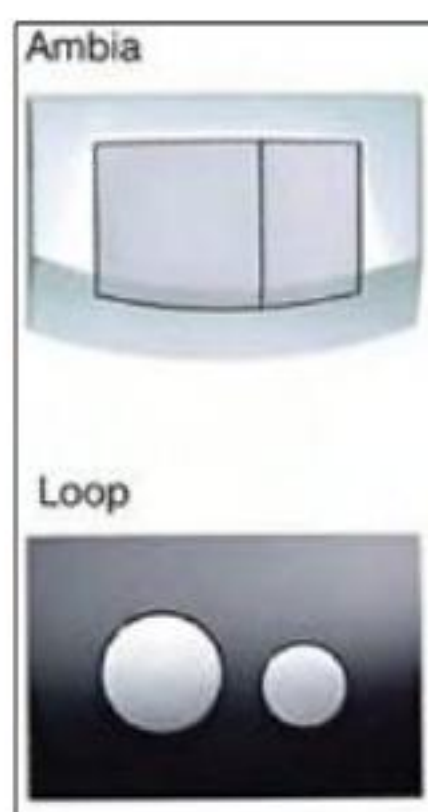
In accordance with best practice, systems should be balanced and tested using a calibrated airflow meter once completed. Self certification is permissible to save visits to site.



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CME Sanitary Systems



CME Sanitary Systems has extended its family of flushing plates with the introduction of new models into the Ambia and Loop ranges. These new plates join the existing range of WC wall-hung frame systems, which when combined, create the ideal sanitary system solution for any new-build or renovation project. Available in different colour finishes in line with contemporary bathroom designs, the new push plates combine an attractive appearance with a robust construction. This makes them ideally suited to a wide variety of domestic and commercial applications for both new work or refurbishment projects.

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Pegler Yorkshire



This year's KBB has been the launch pad for the very latest brassware ranges from Pegler Yorkshire. Storm is at the cutting edge of design, with a mix of rounded shapes and minimalist designs. Storm is simple and elegant, with distinctly angular features in the overall design. Boasting a magnificent seven-piece selection of bathroom brassware, Storm is a perfect marriage of form and function, with the tubular style of the tap body being offset by the more angular handles and spout.

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Roman

Roman have launched a Pre-formed Shower Floor which is designed to make the installation of a wetroom as simple as possible. Roman's Pre-formed Shower Floor, which was previewed at the KBB 2008 Exhibition, can be placed directly down to joists, it is then simply tanked and tiled over to create an ultra modern wetroom. The Pre-formed Floor then creates a natural fall towards the waste, eliminating the need for the installer to create the drainage slope with adhesive.



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Hepworth Terracotta

Airbricks are a necessary component for any new home, but they don't have to lack style as the experts at Hepworth Terracotta can testify. Product Manager for Hepworth Terracotta, Paul Wydell explains: "Terracotta products are often the preferred choice for properties, particularly for more traditional builds. They tend to better complement the bricks and general design of the building, ensuring a consistently high end finish. Over time terracotta airbricks weather naturally ensuring that harmony is achieved with the brick or stone around them."



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that the top of the flange is on a level or fractionally lower than the floor surrounding it. There can be no step upwards into the shower outlet.

Some tanking systems are not compatible for use directly over conventional narrow wooden floorboards. These can be replaced or covered with a sheet material such as plywood.

Step 1 Supporting the Pre-formed Floor

A pre-formed shower floor can be installed directly onto joists without additional support, or to a concrete floor. It can be trimmed down if necessary and is screw fixed to the joists. WBP/Plywood can then be used to complete the level shower room.

Step 2 Preparation

Ensure all surfaces in the construction area are dry, solid, supportive and level, as well as free from oil, grease, dust and other separating layers.

Step 3 Applying the Primer

The floor area of the room should be primed with a turn up of 100mm onto the wall. The walls should also be primed floor to ceiling in the showering area, and in the splash zone of the shower, normally 100mm past the showering area. Leave the primer to cure.

Step 4 Apply the Outlet Sleeve

Apply the outlet sleeve; this is usually self-adhesive. Ensure it is flat with no raised edges, creases or bubbles. The centre of the outlet sleeve should then be removed and the waste traps clamping ring fixed into position.

Step 5 Apply the Tanking Tape and Pipe Sleeves

The tanking tape and pipe-sleeves are bedded down using the tanking compound. All wall-to-wall and wall-to-floor junctions as well as butt joints and nail or screw heads must be reinforced with the tanking tape. The compound should be applied using a medium size paint brush.

Step 6 Pre Checks

Ensure the tape, pipe-sleeves and outlet sleeve have been fitted to the appropriate areas and wait until the tanking compound is dry.

Step 7 Apply the Tanking Compound

The entire floor area of the room should be tanked with a turn up of 100mm onto the walls. The walls should also be tanked floor to ceiling in the showering area and in the splash zone of the shower, normally 100mm past the showering area. The recommended finishing thickness is 1mm which can usually be achieved in 2 or 3 coats.

Step 8 You can now start tiling the room

Once all these steps have been completed you can then finish the room to your design. For the ultimate in indulgence, complete the look with a 10mm thick wetroom panel and add a multi-function shower valve with the option of a drencher head, multi-mode hand shower and body-jets.

Wetrooms Installation Guide

Wetrooms are the ultimate modern style statement. They are a sought after look and more and more consumers are looking to install them. David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman, takes a look at how to install one utilising a pre-formed shower floor...

Installing a wetroom is a simple process; you are building up a series of comprehensive barriers which reinforce each other, the only additional tasks to tiling are preparing the room with a primer, sealing all joints with sealing tape and then applying the tanking membrane, which is simply rolled on to the floor and walls. It gives your bathroom a failsafe protection against leaking, unlike a standard bathroom which has no protection. There are also now pre-formed trays available to sit under the floor, which you then tank over. These create a slope towards the drain, making the installation process

even more straightforward.

There are several ways of constructing a wetroom, but each have some basic principles that must be observed;

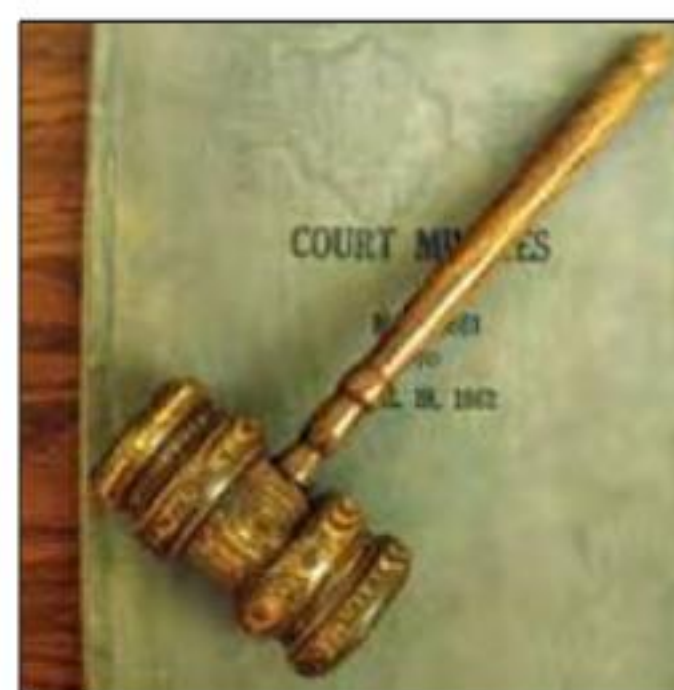
The floor should be screeded, constructed from heavy duty wooden sheets such as plywood or created using a pre-made shower tray former. In all cases there must be a gradual slope to fall towards an appropriate shower outlet, the structure must be solid without flexing, and any joints in the construction material must be firm and well fitting.

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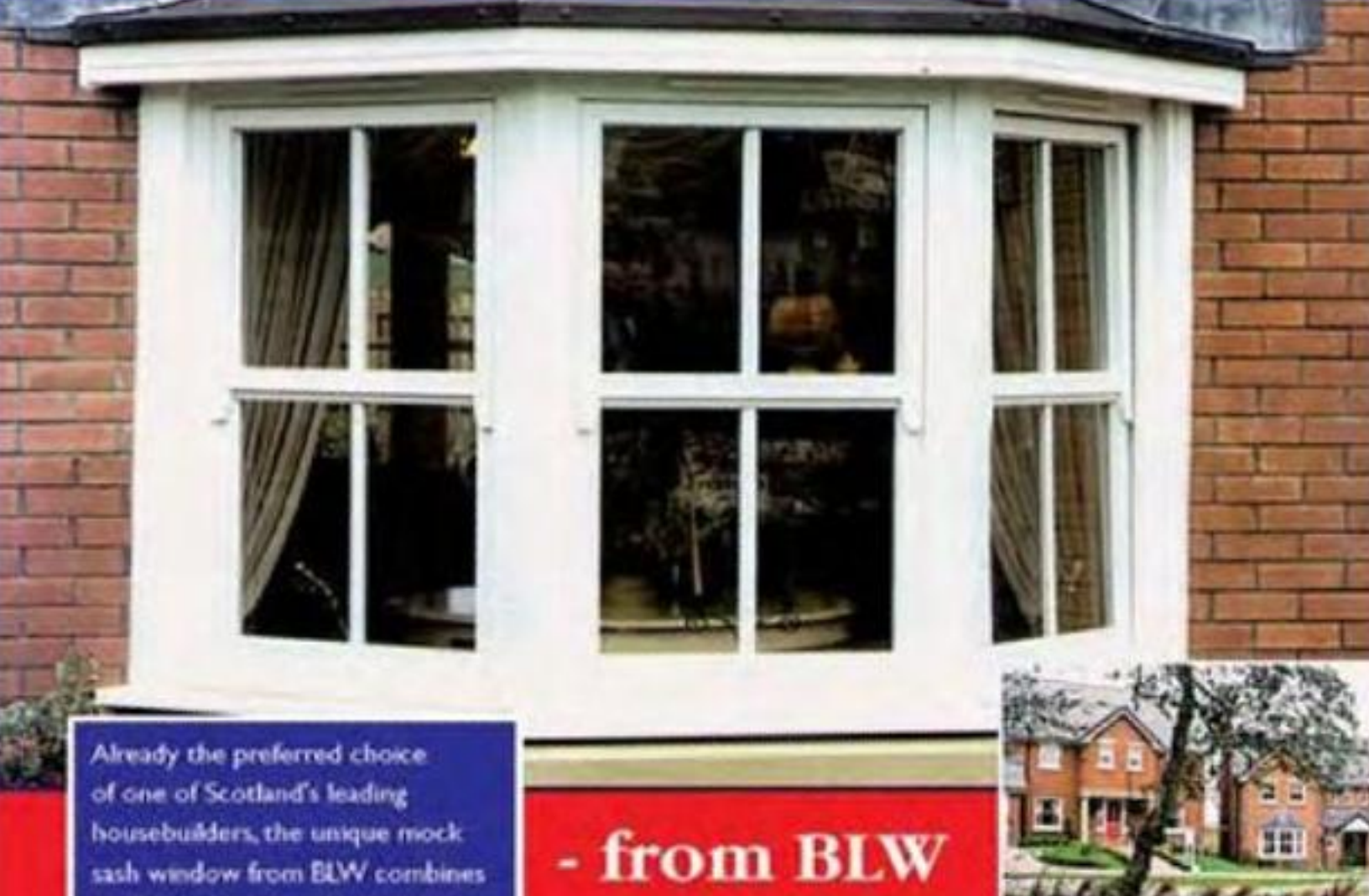
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Ideal Stelrad

Former England rugby international star, Austin Healey, has received another perfect delivery with the installation of an Elise high efficiency boiler from Ideal Boilers at his home. The Elise HE is compact, but powerful, providing homeowners with a modern, fresh look ideal for smaller spaces such as kitchen cupboards, together with the highest levels of energy efficiency. SEDBUK-A rated and offering low NOx emissions, the Elise HE is specifically designed to provide installers with greater SAP design flexibility.



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NIBE Energy Systems



NIBE Energy Systems will be showing a wide range of its products on Stand 1557 at Ecobuild 2009 in early March next year at Earls Court in London. With the sharply rising interest in energy conservation from the public, the industry and

from Government, Ecobuild is expected to be a vibrant occasion and its billing as "The world's biggest event dedicated to sustainable design, construction and the built environment" seems well justified.

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CVO Fire



CVO Fire has designed a range of Open Flamed Gas Fires. Designed to be admired, the clean burning open flame is delightfully captivating and will bring a room to life. This is contemporary styling at its best achieving the perfect balance of function and form, and also one of the slimmest fires on the market with only minimal projection from the wall. The wide range of interchangeable fascia options means this fire is equally at home in a contemporary or traditional home.

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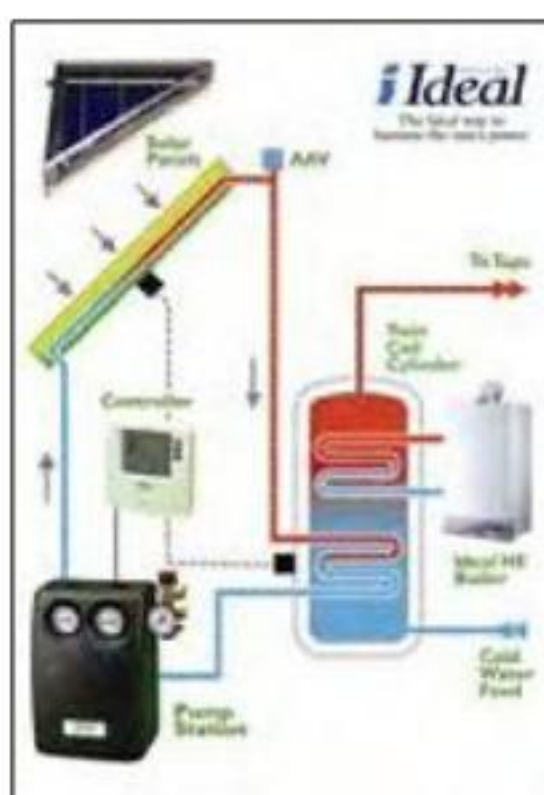
Ideal Stelrad

Ideal Stelrad is heating up the solar market by launching an energy efficient and simple to install solar water heating system; Ideal Solar. Specifically introduced to further extend the company's comprehensive product offering, it now means installers, specifiers, social housing organisations and local councils have a 'one stop shop' for all their heating needs. This includes Ideal Solar, along with Ideal Boilers' range of HE appliances and Stelrad's extensive range of radiators. Ideal Solar can be roof mounted to obtain maximum energy from the sun.

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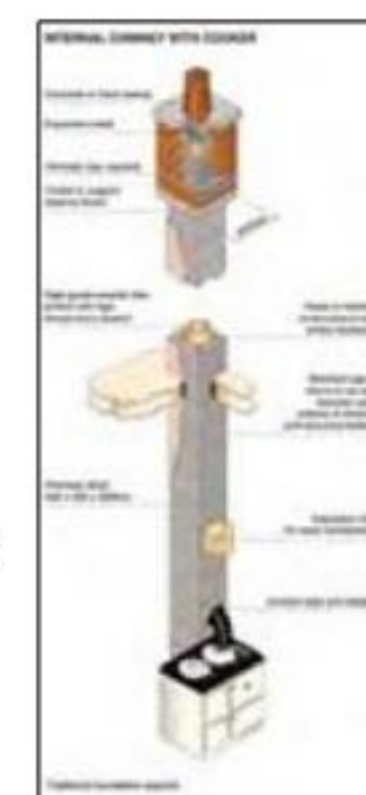
Schiedel Isokern

The Schiedel Isokern DM system has a specially designed access block to allow the outlet pipe from the cooker fit directly into the chimney. The chimney can be fitted internally or externally with the connection pipe passing through the wall of the building. The Schiedel Isokern DM System is a neat and simple solution that offers modular, prefabricated units to speed construction and facilitate consistent quality standards. What's more the DM system is made with Pumice, a natural insulator, sourced from the Hekla Volcano in Iceland. The unique insulating property of Pumice separates it from all other chimney materials.

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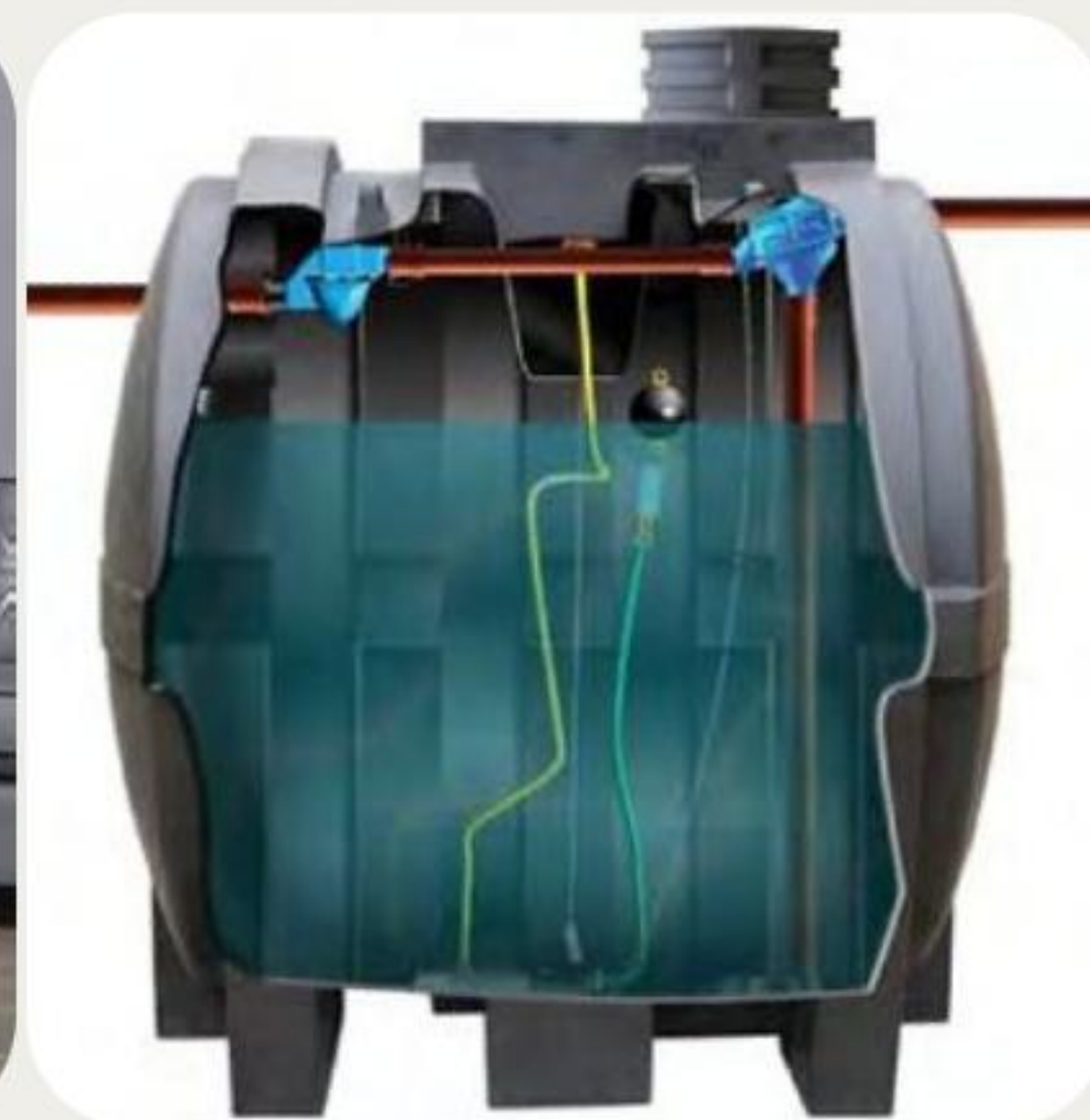


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Subtle Styling

Designed and hand-built in the U.K, the subtle styling and pleasing proportions of the **Firebelly** Stoves ensure they look at home in any interior. The huge glass window gives the wood burning flames priority and creates a great ambience when the stove is burning. The unique and uninterrupted 'air-shield' system helps maintain the view by keeping the glass panel clean, whilst the air convection channels distribute heat evenly and efficiently into the room. Heat reflective fire bricks line every face of the firebox keeping the fire bed at optimum temperature.

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More Thermally Efficient

Birchdale Glass is an approved fabricator and installer of Beaufort Secure Design's Advanced Plus, the first UK aluminium system to achieve an 'A' WER (Window Energy Rating) with a double-glazed sealed unit. It features a state-of-the-art polyamide thermal break and a U-value as low as 1.3w/mK², which qualifies for Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes. Windows and doors supplied to this standard exceed all current regulations and bring benefits to the consumer in terms of a more thermally efficient product and lower SAP rating.

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Innovative Products

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Thermal Economics

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Purmo

Purmo has launched the Eljet, a new electric underfloor heating mat system, designed with the self-builder and DIY-er in mind. The Eljet's high standards and exceptional quality underpins its design, safety, and calibre. Designed to be very user friendly, Purmo's Eljet comes with a thorough instruction manual that includes informative pictures demonstrating the installation. The ten-year warranty on the heating mats as well as the two-year warranty on the room temperature controller guarantees a high level of quality and safety.

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Underfloor Heating Supplies



In a pledge to reduce waste and landfill, Underfloor Heating Supplies Ltd is one of the first underfloor heating companies to supply its systems with 'green' recyclable pipes. The green pipes are now the standard piping for

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A Revolutionary Material

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Innovative Design

▶ Combining innovative design with market-leading efficiency, the xeoos TwinFire promises to be a hit in 2009. Available from **Anglia Fireplaces**, the xeoos is a contemporary and stylishly-designed inverted wood burning stove that cleverly draws flames downwards to a visible bottom fire chamber. Not only does this inverted eco stove make for an impressive and unique focal-piece to any room but the TwinFire boasts an efficiency rate of 93%, making it one of the world's most environmentally-friendly stoves.

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Grundfos Pumps



As part of their commitment to continue to support the industry, Grundfos Pumps have completed a full review of the training courses they offer and are now pleased to advise on their new training schedule for 2009.

The diverse range of course topics covers a range of

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Grundfos recently made the draw for their GPlus Ecademy raffle at PHEX Chelsea. The Ecademy is an online training facility provided by Grundfos free of charge for Industry Professionals. There were many ways of gaining tickets for the Ecademy raffle, including completing the training

modules and answering the question of the week on the site. The lucky winner of the first prize of 500,000 points to spend in the Ecademy gift shop was Mr Lewis Kemp of PHASE NRG Ltd.

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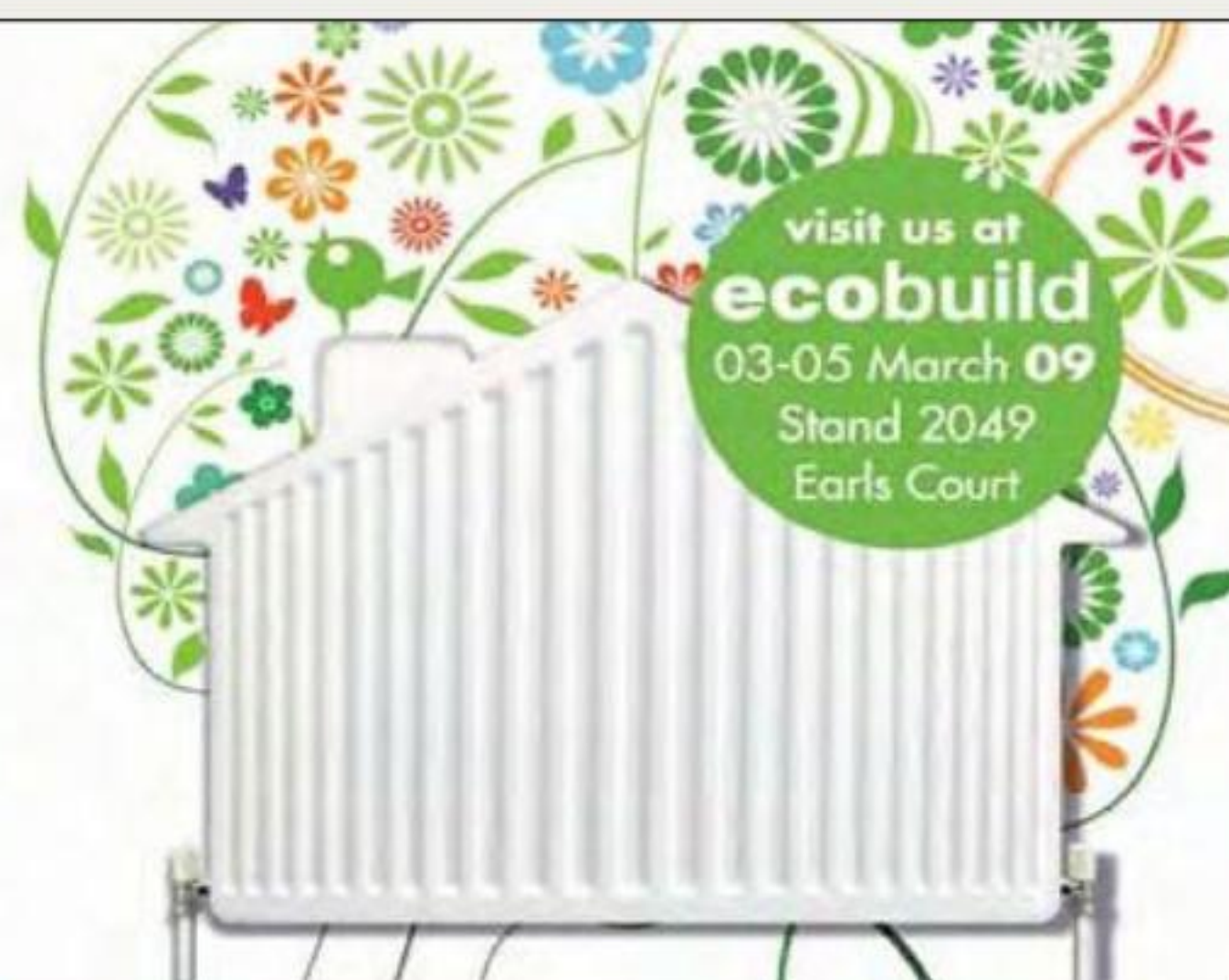
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Eurocell

Quantum Windows, a fabricator based in Corby, Northamptonshire, has become the latest window and door business to take advantage of Eurocell's recent acquisition of Plastmo Profiles. Following Eurocell's acquisition of Plastmo, Quantum Windows took the decision to add Eurocell profiles to its offer and installers have already commented on the advantages of being able to provide their customers with more choice. Martin Saunders, Sales Director, South at Eurocell, explains: "Quantum Windows has one of the most comprehensive ranges in the market and we are encouraging all professional installers to take a look at its offer."

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Every selfbuilder has their dream home pictured in their mind long before their final plans are submitted; maximising the outside space into the inside living area, 'bringing the outside in' has now become a desirable and almost essential ingredient to any new build making folding sliding doors a main feature in the design.

The possibilities are only restricted by the imagination; indoor swimming pools become open to the elements in the warmer months and 'al fresco' dining areas can be swiftly created by sweeping back the doors. Folding sliding doors allow a 90% opening as opposed to 40% with conventional systems, creating light and space giving more flexibility to living and garden areas.

Specialist folding sliding door companies now provide specifically designed and guaranteed hinge mechanisms along with sleek design options. This has raised both the quality and confidence in folding sliding doors since they first appeared in the marketplace making them a reliable option for giving properties the 'wow' factor.

When choosing your folding sliding doors the following issues are probably the most frequently considered and relevant to your decision:

Top-hung or Bottom Rolling

A top-hung system will generally give a smoother glide for your doors. Check with your supplier what requirements are needed as a load-bearing lintel is essential for a top-hung system. If in any doubt discuss with your structural engineer who will be able to advise the viability for your build.

If a top-hung system is not suitable, bottom rolling systems are available. Do bear in mind that these may be higher maintenance, as the track will need to be regularly cleaned to stop any debris affecting the mechanism.

Sill Types

For externally opening doors a flush sill is often the first choice for selfbuilders so that they can have the same flooring both inside and outside the property, or to comply with disabled access. This is achievable but do check that the sill type comes with adequate drainage. It may be advisable to opt for a system with a small weather stop to guarantee water will not enter your property. If you are having a step down to your patio or decking

then a standard sill will be necessary.

For internal doors, the track can be set into the floor for a seamless transition room to room. If your doors are between a conservatory and the main part of the house then a slightly different sill will be required to cover the necessary building regulations. Do check with your folding sliding door supplier that their sill complies with these regulations.

Glazing

In any property where large areas of glazing are to be used, check that the glazing complies with Building Regulations and that the U-value is compatible for your build. Argon-filled glazed panels will help keep rooms cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Internal beading is also advised for additional security.

Inward or Outward Opening Doors

The majority of builds suit outward opening doors although where space is limited on the outside of the property or there is a Juliet balcony, inward opening doors may be your only option. If you have the choice of either opening options do bear in mind that inward opening doors will take up valuable space inside your property and may restrict the use of curtains.

Opening Configurations

Extensive opening configuration options allow the doors to glide open all to one side or split two ways dependent on how the space is to be utilised. For heavy traffic areas, choose an opening configuration with the option of a single opening door. This will give you the

same access as a normal door when you do not wish to fold and slide the remainder of the doors back. Also think about where you are placing furniture when the project is finished, or where kitchen cabinets will be as this may affect the configuration you choose.

Finishes

Timber has a higher thermal capacity and life expectancy than aluminium but will require regular maintenance. Choose a manufacturer who offers a fully factory finished product and check the durability of the finish.

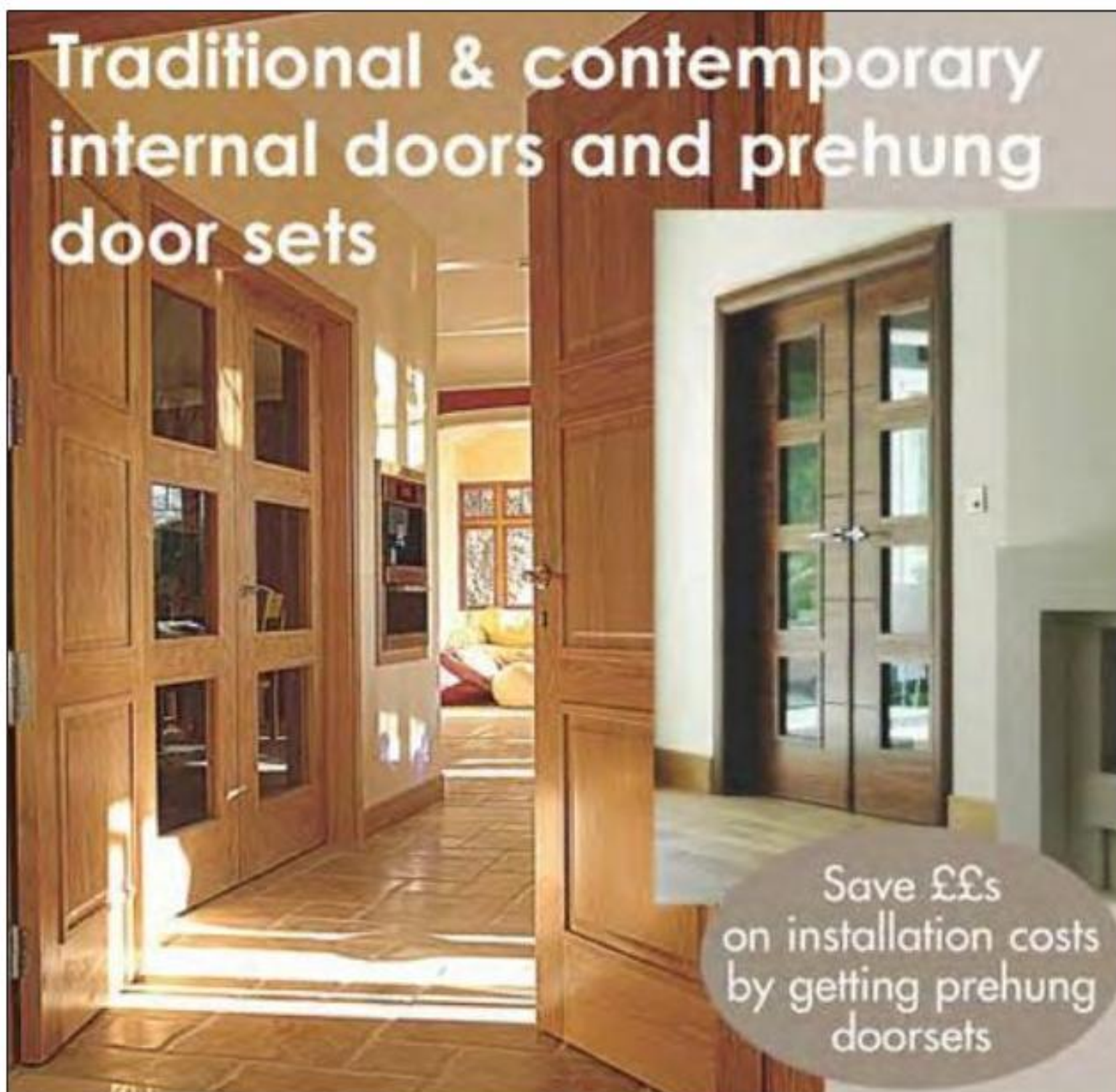
The finished product will very much dictate the look and feel of your build. In addition to the widely available traditional stained finishes, painted doors are now available in any RAL colour giving the option for a very contemporary look and feel.

For any selfbuilder, opting for folding sliding doors will be a major part of their budget. It is highly recommended that you view your chosen product first hand with any questions you may have. Not all folding sliding doors are the same and asking key questions could save disappointment in the long term. Ultimately the decision is yours but there is no substitute for seeing the product first hand to compare the different systems and feeling how they glide. Do take time to visit your supplier's showroom and see the doors for yourself before making that key purchase.

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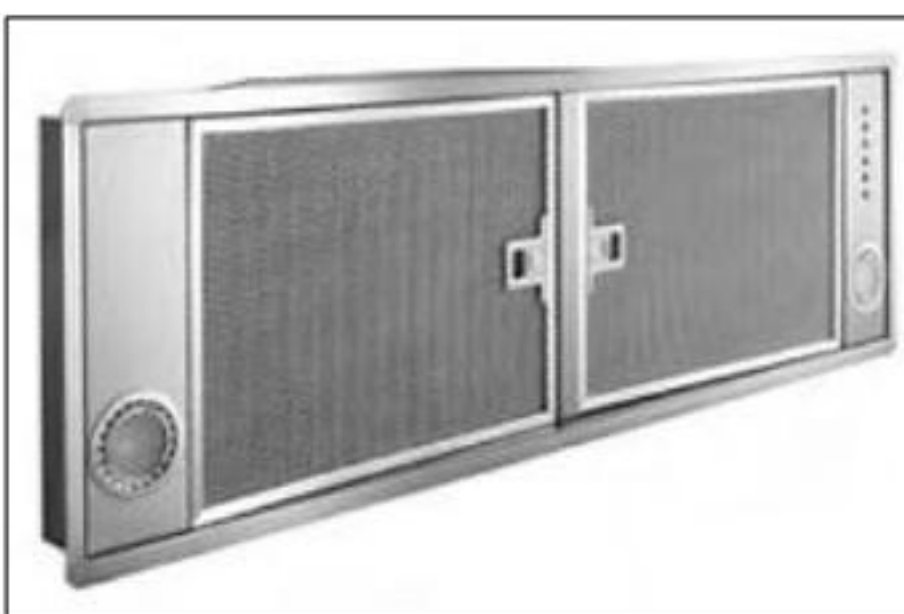
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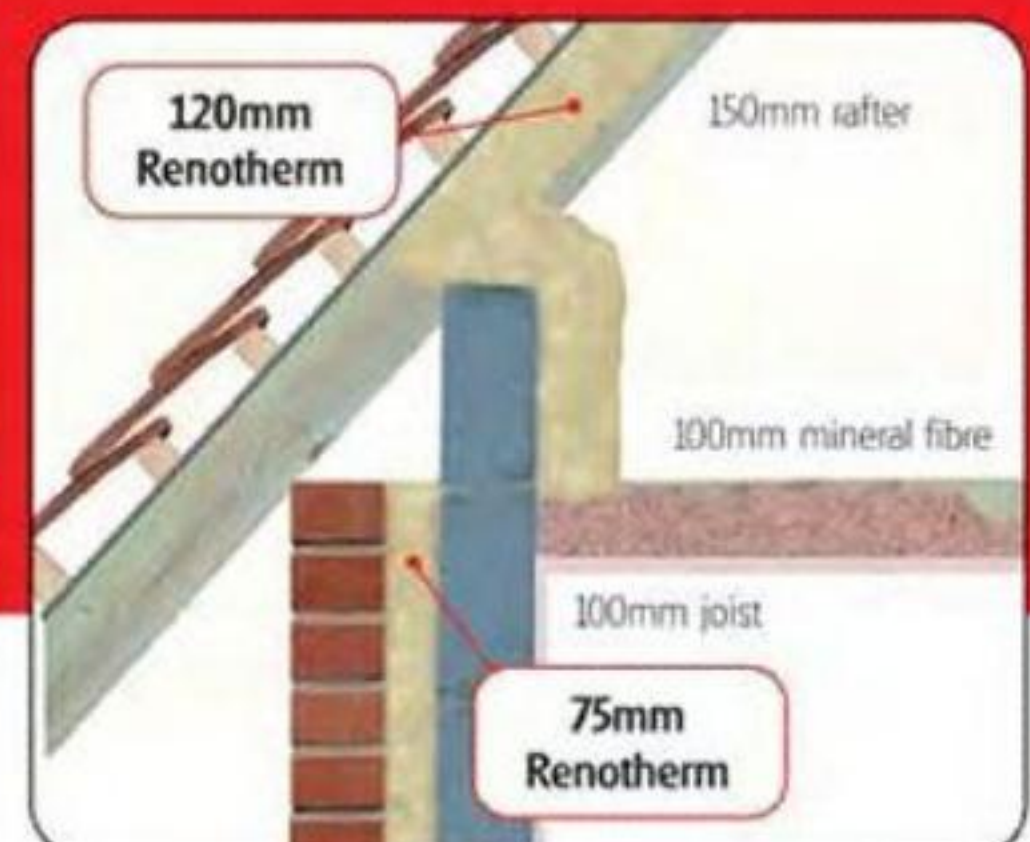
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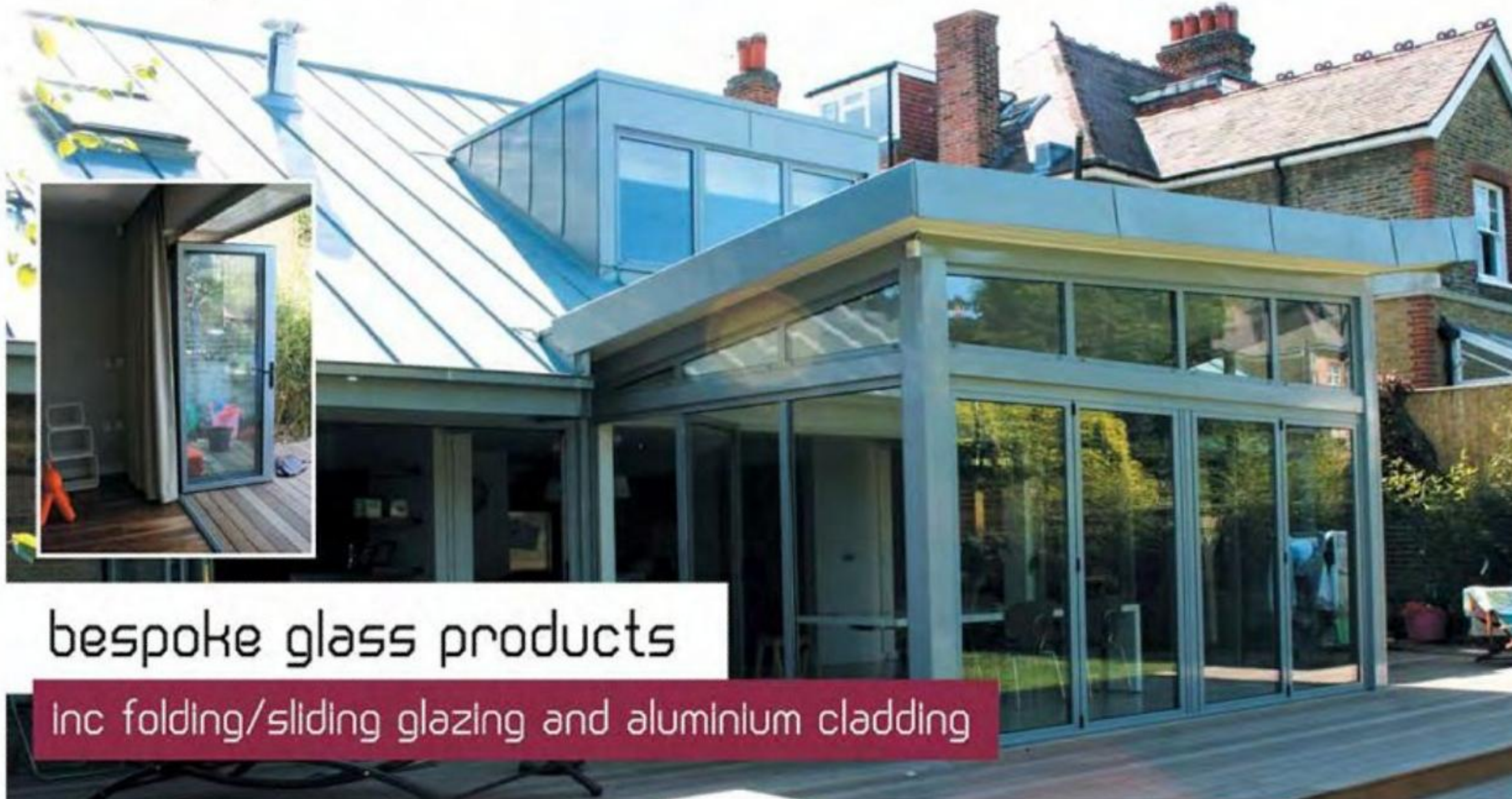
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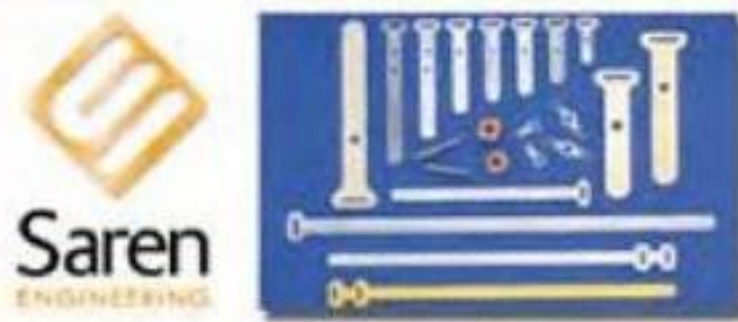


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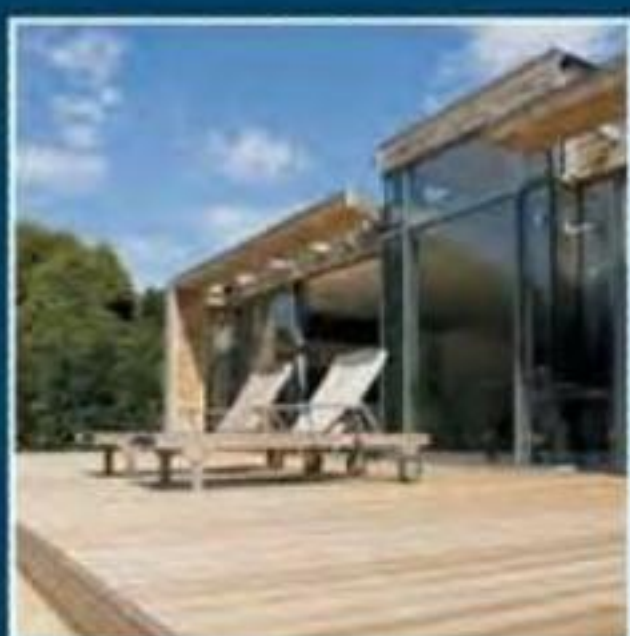
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