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the newsletter from The Climatec Group

Now in our 33rd year of successfully supplying quality uPVC and aluminium windows, doors and conservatories

Summer 2026



It's only just August and we've already been spoilt with the weather and the sun shining over the whole country this last month.

These sunny days and warm nights are perfect for entertaining in the garden, and hopefully have inspired many homeowners to take a look at their home renovations and the longing for new doors and windows have been noticeable in your sales.

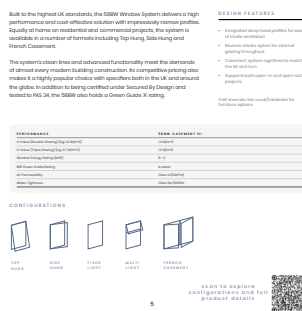
To elevate your sales portfolio further, this issue is packed with product updates and improvements so grab yourself a cuppa and have a read!

NEW RETAIL BROCHURE FOR ALU-TEC



Alu-tec have been working with aluminium supplier AluK to produce a retail friendly brochure for our customers.

The new brochure focuses solely on the products we manufacture here in Southend and has been designed with homeowners in mind.



For more technical details, each page on this new brochure has a QR code that will take you to a product card/data sheet for the extra information.

This brochure is now available to view in the information centre of the Alu-tec website, www.alu-tec.co.uk. Hard copies are available to order.

For those customers that prefer the individual product cards and data sheets that AluK have produced, these are still available from our website and can be ordered via the team here at Alu-tec.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE GUIDE FOR ALUMINIUM

AluK have produced a new guide for their windows and doors providing essential operating, cleaning and maintenance information to ensure safe operation, maximise product lifespan and maintain appearance and performance.

The following products are covered in this guide which can be downloaded from the maintenance section of the Alu-tec website.

Casement Windows • Tilt Before Turn Windows • Residential Doors • Inline Sliding Doors • Commercial Doors



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DRIP BAR FOR UPVC ENGINEERED DOORS



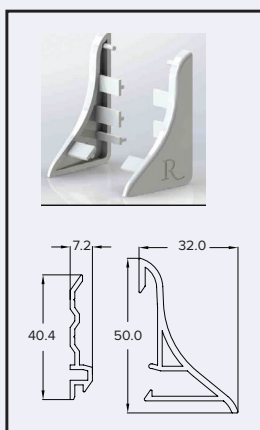
When a customer purchases one of our UPVC Engineered doors the traditional authentic styling that makes it a worthy rival to a timber made door is one of their top priorities.

The new mouldings and panel designs have already elevated our doors one step further and we can now introduce the new drip bar design that will be featured on the open-in door styles from our Period Door collection and the revised Residence Door designs due to be launched in August.

The new drip bar is a perfect replica of the timber versions found on older wooden doors. Sat on an aluminium backplate the door drip is available in the following colours:-

REHAU: white, whitegrain, clotted cream, schwarzbraun, anthracite grey (grained), slate grey (grained), elephant grey, pearl grey, irish oak, turner oak, pebble grey (grained), chartwell green, sage, racing green, ruby red and steel blue

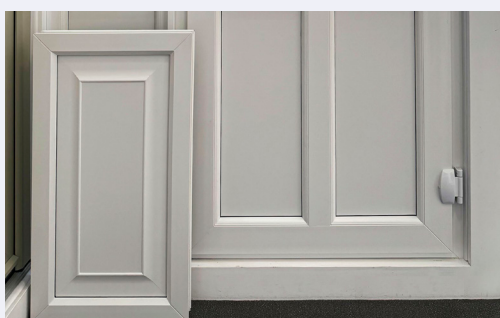
Residence: chalk white, grained white, vintage cream, clotted cream, clay, painswick, corse lawn, sage, pebble grey, no. 38 grey, eclectic grey, irish oak, english oak, turner oak, silvered oak, no. 10 black.



NEW DESIGN!



PRODUCT UPDATE - RAISED & FIELDDED PANELS



Climatec Windows are now supplying the Raised and Fielded door panels in standard white uPVC as well as the popular foiled finishes.

These panels are the perfect upgrade to the basic styling of a white uPVC door, replacing the flat white panel to give a more dimensional look.

Panelled timber doors were first introduced in the 16th century. The Georgian era then advanced on these designs by introducing residential front doors with six raised and fielded panels to create visual harmony and a 'symmetrical' entrance to the home. Interior timber doors with these panel styles are also commonly found inside the home today.

Being able to provide these raised and fielded panels in coloured foiled finishes and white not only allows homeowners to have a front door that oozes authenticity, they can also bring that styling inside too to match the overall style of their home.

For more details on our panel offerings, visit the hardware section of our Climatec Windows website, or search for 'Panels' in the menu bar.



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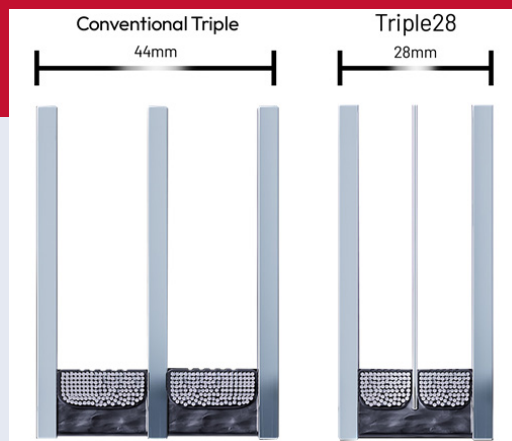
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TRIPLE GLAZED UNITS

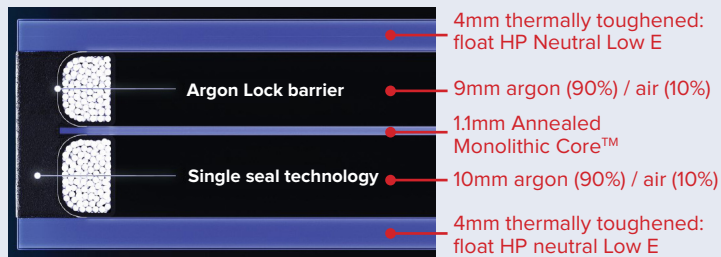
Following on from our last issue of Vista and the introduction of 28mm triple glazed units, we are now able to provide you with a snapshot of specifications for the units now available from The Group.

The new triple-glazed sealed unit has been engineered to deliver triple-glazing performance within a standard 28mm glazing profile which will mean that our customers can upgrade from double glazing to triple glazing without changing window frames or glazing beads.

Further more, we can now offer lighter 36mm triple glazed unit too!



28MM TOUGHENED - 4/9/1.1/10/4



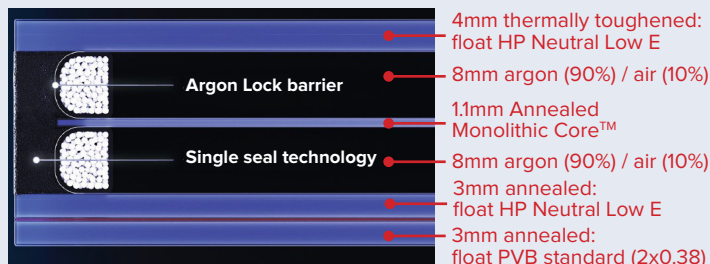
Solar Factors (g-value) - 0.3

Thermal Transmission (ug-value) - 0.8

Manufacturing Sizes - Normal Thickness - 28.1mm
Weight - 22.8kg/m²

Acoustics - Rw(C;Ctr) - 33 (-2; -5) dB

28MM LAMINATED - 4/8/1.1/8/6



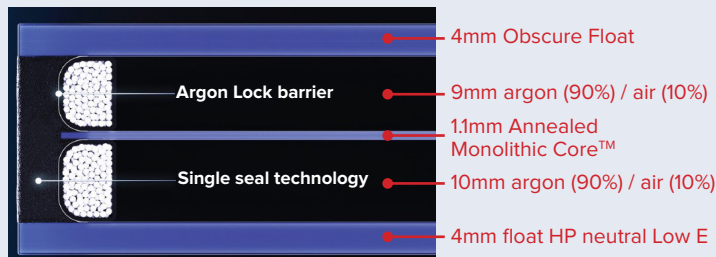
Solar Factors (g-value) - 0.3

Thermal Transmission (ug-value) - 0.9

Manufacturing Sizes - Normal Thickness - 27.9mm
Weight - 28.6kg/m²

Acoustics - Rw(C;Ctr) - 36 (-2; -5) dB

28MM OBSCURE - 4/9/1.1/10/4



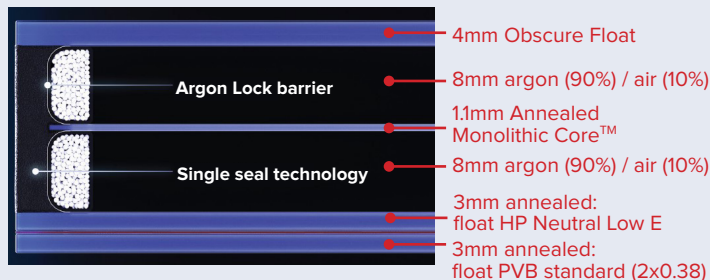
Solar Factors (g-value) - 0.4

Thermal Transmission (ug-value) - 1.2

Manufacturing Sizes - Normal Thickness - 28.1mm
Weight - 23kg/m²

Acoustics - Rw(C;Ctr) - 33 (-2; -6) dB

28MM OBSCURE LAMINATED - 4/8/1.1/8/6



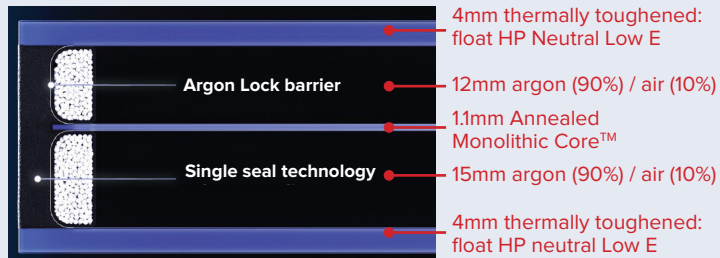
Solar Factors (g-value) - 0.4

Thermal Transmission (ug-value) - 1.3

Manufacturing Sizes - Normal Thickness - 27.9mm
Weight - 29kg/m²

Acoustics - Rw(C;Ctr) - 37 (-2; -6) dB

36MM TOUGHENED - 4/12/1.1/15/4



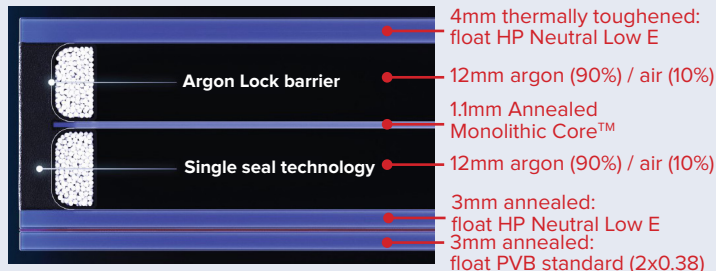
Solar Factors (g-value) - 0.3

Thermal Transmission (ug-value) - 0.6

Manufacturing Sizes - Normal Thickness - 36.1mm
Weight - 22.8kg/m²

Acoustics - Rw(C;Ctr) - 33 (-2; -6) dB

36MM LAMINATED - 4/12/1.1/12/6



Solar Factors (g-value) - 0.3

Thermal Transmission (ug-value) - 0.6

Manufacturing Sizes - Normal Thickness - 35.9mm
Weight - 28.6kg/m²

Acoustics - Rw(C;Ctr) - 37 (-2; -6) dB



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FIVE NEW DOOR DESIGNS FROM SOLIDOR

Solidor[®]

Solidor have introduced FIVE new door designs, now available to order from Climatec. The new additions from both the Traditional and Italia Solidor collections gives the homeowner a bigger choice of styles for their composite door.

New to the Traditional portfolio is the **KENSINGTON** and **CANTERBURY** as well as the **FLINT LUDLOW** which combines Solidor's bestselling design with the distinctive grooves that provide the cottage styled doors of the Flint collection. The new Italia doors are the **TUSCANY** and **PORTOFINO** contemporary designs to expand on the current portfolio of elegant doors.

These new additions have been designed to meet growing homeowner demand for standout kerb appeal, so download the latest brochure from our website for more images and information of these classic, and modern, doors.



KENSINGTON



CANTERBURY



FLINT LUDLOW



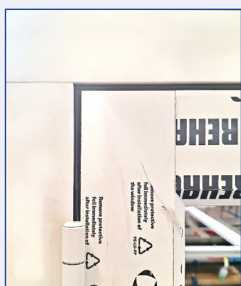
TUSCANY



PORTOFINO

ETL WELDS FOR RIO PRODUCTS WITH 62MM & 72MM FRAMES

The trials have been completed and we are now manufacturing our REHAU Rio products with the mechanical look ETL welds on the larger outerframes.



Windows with 52mm, 62mm and 72mm outerframes can now be specified with the ETL welds (the same sized frame must be on all four sides) and subsequently, the open out doors are now available with the mechanical weld look on the door frame to give our customer's more flexibility to sell a Rio door with the traditional styling of a timber door. Please note however that the doors are not available with low upvc threshold, but you can specify the low aluminium option.

Order forms have been amended on our websites for you to be able to pick your weld finish of choice.

PERIOD DOOR HARDWARE UPGRADES

As well as boosting the designs of our period door collection by adding the new door drip and panel moulding options we have upgraded our hardware too.

The Ultion Bolt has replaced the Maco slam shut door locks and will be used as standard for our Period Door collection. With it's three equally spaced latch bolts engaging as soon as the door has closed, this means there is no need for a lift lever operation. And even if the door isn't 100% closed the independently firing bolts mean the key will secure it.

Historically auto fire locks have had 2 security bolts at the top and 1 at the bottom. This method had proved unreliable due to the large space between the locking points. 3 equally spaced bolts have resolved this issue giving us a much more reliable door lock which also assists in keeping the door straight and true. We are also looking at adding the option for a smart module into these locks for more piece of mind.

Climatec have also upgraded their finger pulls and all doors will now have the slim versions as standard. This new slimmer design resolves an issue that we were facing with the standard pull being too close to the outer frame, and in some cases, catching on the frame gasket and subsequently required replacing.

Details on all of our hardware can be found on specifications sheets located in the Information Centre of the websites.



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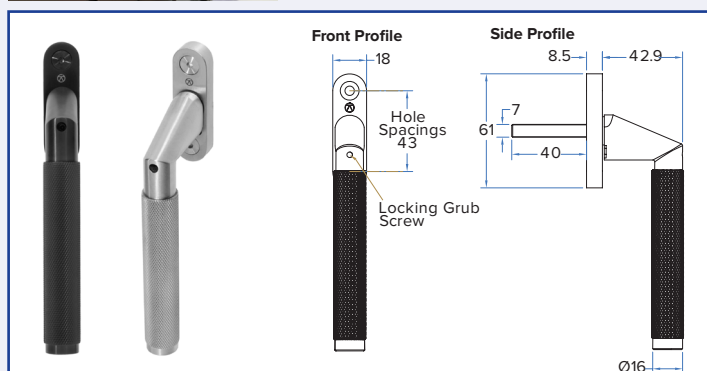
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ALTERNATIVE PREMIUM KNURLED WINDOW HANDLE



Luxury stainless steel window and door furniture brand, the Coastal Group, have now added a Knurled casement window handle to their collection.

These are now available to order in Satin Stainless Steel, Satin Brass and Matt Black from Climatec Windows and Alu-tec as an alternative premium handle to the current Regal version we have in our own portfolio. Matching tilt & turn handles and a door Lever handle will also be available soon.



- Sleek, contemporary design, handles which look good on both uPVC and aluminium windows
- Lockable for added security
- Manufactured from 316 marine grade stainless steel
- Ideal for use where corrosion levels are high such as city and coastal environments and with acidic timber

DOOR UPGRADES WITH INVISIBLE HINGES

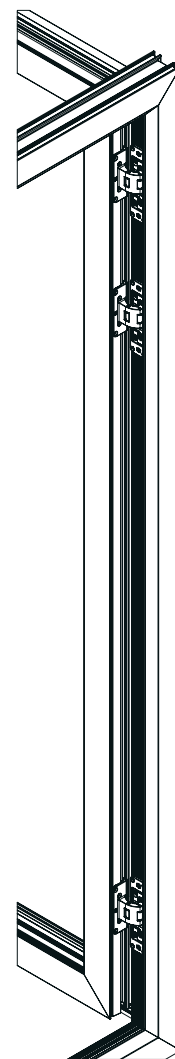
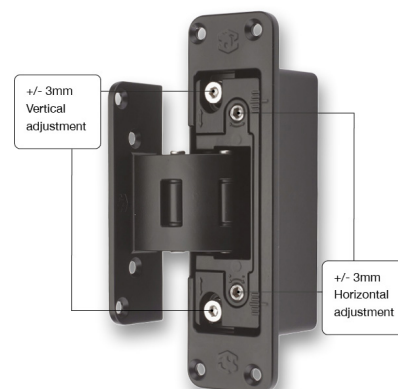
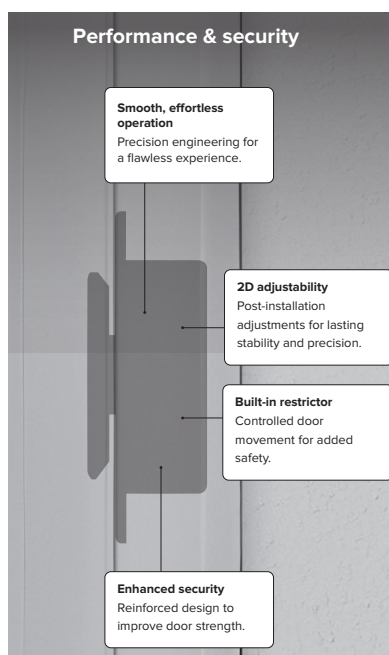
With the theme of this issue of Vista running with product updates and upgrades, we are pleased to say that the team at Alu-tec have been manufacturing aluminium doors with the recently launched Invisi Hinge.

The hinge has been designed to hide inside the frame so the door appears to have no hinges when the door is closed.

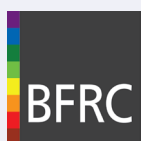


Flush fit into the outerframe rebate for that clean look on the outside of the door and 2D adjustability is available post installation. An additional restrictor controls the door movement to 90 degrees.

You can find further information on these hinges on the Door Hinge specification sheet, in the Hardware section of both our website's Information Centres.



ACCREDITATION UPDATES COMING SOON



Our Product Development Manager is currently finalising new product specifications for testing and accreditations so we can offer you more flexibility for your sales.

Our current BFRC energy ratings have had a revamp - We are removing obsolete or old spec products and adding any new specification that bring our windows in line with current Building Regulations. Once these have been finalised and our BFRC licences have been amended we will advise details on how to update your own licences.

We are also in the final stages of adding our REHAU Rio double doors along with the REHAU Slinova sliding door to our PAS24, Enhanced Security certification and Secured By Design certification.

All accreditation updates will be communicated to you in due course.



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WEB BASED ORDERING SYSTEM FOR CLIMATEC WINDOWS

Did you know you can sign up to order your products from Climatec online?

If you are a customer of Climatec Window's uPVC products you can sign up to our online ordering portal, Window Designer Cloud and place your quotes/orders direct, eliminating the need to email order forms and wait for our team to process the job.



BENEFITS:

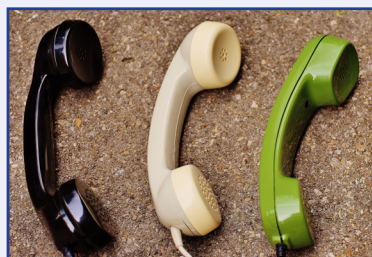
- No need to fill out time consuming order forms by hand and then employ a method of sending them into to us.
- Quite often most of the work has already been done at quoting stage. This can then be converted and modified into an order.
- Less wait time for order confirmations during busy periods.
- Less human involvement, therefore less chance of time consuming errors.
- The same procedures are followed as standard paper order forms. See below.

Jobs released to Climatec using the online system are NOT immediately sent for manufacturer as soon as they are received. Customers will still receive confirmations and have the opportunity to amend if needed.

Once we receive your job onto our system:-

- We open it and assign it a Climatec job number.
- We allocate it an actual delivery date.
- We will give it a general glance over from the main screen (to make sure there are no unsuitable styles and sizes etc.)
- We then generate an order confirmation which is returned to you in exactly the same manner you would normally expect to receive one.
- You will then need to check the order details carefully.
- Finally, you contact us with all changes you wish to make within the pre-existing time scales you currently enjoy - in writing, preferably by email.

If this is something you are interested in, please contact your dedicated sales rep. **PLEASE NOTE:** This ordering system is not available for Alu-tec and aluminium product ordering at this time.



NEW PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE CLIMATEC GROUP

It won't be long until you are hearing a new automated phone service when you call the Climatec Group as we look to upgrade the caller experience to a more professional, user friendly system.

You will still be able to select the department you want to be directed to and you can still speak direct to the operator by selection '0' (zero), but we are looking to provide a more sleek, informative system that represents the quality and commitment of the Climatec Group.

The system is currently being developed and written scripts have been approved and sent for voice recording. So, keep your ears peeled for a new and improved audio brand coming soon!



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