

A 60 and 80 solution

New from Schueco UK, is a range of superior sliding door systems that provide a solution for high-specification domestic and commercial properties.

Covering both sliding and lift-and-slide doors, the new Schueco ASE 60 and 80 platform comprises fifteen opening types including six single-track options.

The vent frames across both platforms use the same inner and outer shells with only the isolator changing. This facilitates switching between different systems as additional stock-holding requirements are minimised.

All Schueco ASE 60 and 80 doors have a basic frame depth of either 60mm or 80mm with a maximum vent size of 3.2 m x 3.5 m, which is the largest currently being offered in the market. The inclusion of SmartStop and SmartClose technology ensures safe, trouble-free operation.

Maximum vent weights for both systems are up to 350 kg, offering the possibility of enhanced thermal performance through triple glazing. Rollers positioned in the middle of the vent distribute the weight evenly, minimising friction and ensuring that vents move particularly smoothly.

A Design Line option is available on all the doors. Design Line offers enhanced design benefits such as concealed fittings that leave the visible surfaces of the vent and outer frame completely flush and a slimline interlock with a 40mm sight-line that delivers more glass, less frame allowing maximum light transmission.

Both systems exhibit exceptional thermal performance. The Schueco ASE 60, in spite of its narrow depth, offers Uw of up to 1.1 W/m²K, while the high-performance



Schueco ASE 80.HI meets stringent Passive House standards. □

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In the six months since its launch, Virtu-AL – the UK’s first aluminium textured, non-woodgrain finish composite door – has become the homeowner’s favourite according to Virtuoso Doors MA Tony Scraggs.

He says: “We knew that Virtu-AL would be a step-change for the industry when we launched it and these latest figures prove hands-down that it is already a winner and it’s only early days.

“This groundbreaking ultra-modern composite door has successfully satisfied the huge surge in demand for contemporary aluminium products and shown homeowners that they don’t need to compromise at all on their choice of entrance door. With Virtu-AL already topping our sales league, it is clearly inspiring homeowners and we’re certain that this is just the start of a very exciting reign at the top for it.” □

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The Astra 3000 series of fully-controlled concealed door closers are a range of products developed by Astra to offer all the adjustability and control of an overhead closer, even for fire doors. Unlike other concealed closers on the market, the CE-marked Astra 3000 series is fully controlled and adjustable, making it a viable alternative to overhead products at a sensible price.

Manufactured in the UK, in four different power sizes with adjustable closing speed and latching action for different size and weights of doors, they feature an hydraulic piston assembly designed in-house by Astra. This offers an adjustable, controlled rate of door closure together with a variable 'snap action' for overcoming the latch. The closer's quality design and build makes it perfect for high traffic applications, both commercial and residential.

3000 series concealed door closers from Astra are playing a starring role in making fire doors safe yet stylish at a residential development of an iconic former film studio. Door manufacturer ABL Doors used Astra closers to help create sleek, elegant entrance doors for apartments at Denham Film Studios in Buckinghamshire. Developers Weston Homes asked doorset manufacturer ABL to supply a wide range of cutting edge door designs in the most modern finishes that would complement the development's retro aesthetic, including 30-minute fire-rated doors for apartment entrances. "It was incredibly important for us to achieve an effective balance of modern functionality and old-style glamour," says ABL's MD Andy Williams. "The flat entrance doors needed to be Secured by Design accredited FD-30 fire doors that would function brilliantly yet look refined to suit their surroundings. We opted for CE-marked Astra 3000 closers to avoid the obtrusive institutional look of an overhead closer."

In its 1940s and 50s heyday, Denham Studios was a thriving film production studio. The site has now been developed to provide 224 conversion and new build homes, including 154 one, two and three-bedroom apartments and 70 four and five-bedroom family townhouses. □

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