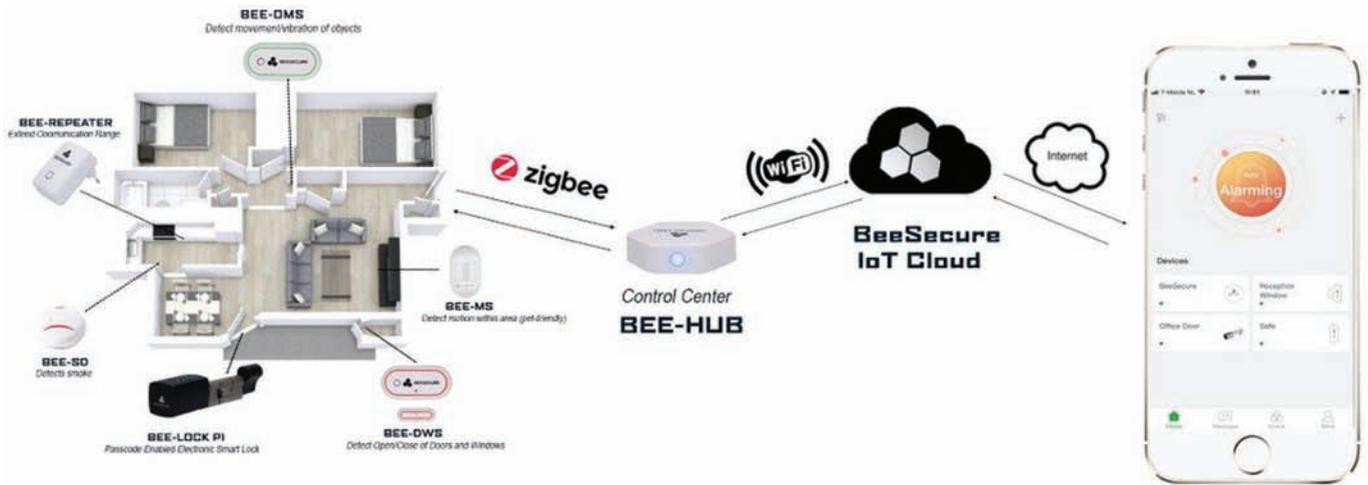


Bee smart, bee safe



Kenrick has signed an exclusive deal to become the UK distributor of BeeSecure, an app-based smart home security solution, which allows homeowners to monitor their home from anywhere with their smartphone. The move follows many months of research by Kenrick to find what it believes is the best smart home security product for the market.

Reliable and easy to use, BeeSecure enables users to detect movements within their home, even if they are miles away. The system features a central hub, called the Bee-Hub, which links a series of devices inside the home to an app on the user's phone. If a sensor on one of the devices is activated, the homeowner is alerted with a notification on their phone.

Devices in the BeeSecure range include a motion

sensor, an object movement sensor, a camera, a smoke detector, a doorbell, and a window and door sensor. The window and door sensor is lightweight and compact and it detects if windows or doors have been opened. It also allows homeowners to check remotely if all their windows and doors have been properly closed. The sensor unit can be fitted by fabricators onto new windows and doors and it can also be retro-fitted onto any existing doors and windows around the home.

Steve Williams, Kenrick's sales and marketing director, says: "Today's consumers embrace modern technology and smart home security has the potential to transform the way we live – making properties more secure and home entry easier and more convenient." □

www.kenricks.co.uk

Could you speak up?

The Melaphone Speech Unit, designed 50 years ago for the booking offices at British Rail stations, is suddenly in high demand. Giving protection from air-borne viruses and pathogens it has been built into the new Defender Virus Screens. Since the Covid-19 outbreak these have been installed into doctors' surgeries, medical centres, clinics and pharmacies.

The Metaphone is built around a resonating membrane; it enhances and clarifies the muffled sound when people speak through a screen. Its air-sealed construction makes it the ideal device to install in any situation where face-to-face communication occurs. Its protective credentials have been certified to ISO 16555 Class 5. Its simple invention means it requires no servicing, wiring or electrical supply. It is easy to keep clean and safe with an antiseptic wipe.

The Melaphone is available as a stand-alone unit for installation into walls, glass or plastic screens, windows or doors. It can be retro-fitted into existing structures and requires no special skill to install. The range has been expanded to meet the growing demand for the units. In addition to the original brushed aluminium model there is a stainless steel model, a white powder-coated aluminium model and the new Himacs acrylic-resin model.

All models are available from stock from Melaphone VisAudio. □



www.talbotdesigns.co.uk

70 and loving it

Yorkshire based window and door manufacturer Euramax is celebrating its 70-year anniversary. Incorporated in 1950 as a family run business, Euramax now employs 150 people, operates from a 205,000 square foot facility and manufactures over 3,000 products a week. Boasting an impressive number of firsts in its 70 years, the company has also witnessed the paradigm shift from cost-effective windows and doors to luxury, double-glazing.

Founded as Ellbee, the company began in Leeds, manufacturing aluminium window frames for narrowboats and the automobile industry before partnering with a glazing company to supply pre-glazed aluminium windows.

In the 1990s, Ellbee became the first company in the UK to supply PVC-U windows to the static caravan market. It also became the first to develop an internal clamping system for efficient window installation, which is still widely used in the industry today.

In 1996, Euramax International was formed and in 2013 the company moved to its current facility in Barnsley. After the arrival of managing director Nick Cowley in 2019, Euramax began to supply portable building and modular construction markets. At present, Euramax manufactures and supplies PVC-U windows, doors and composite doors for a number of sectors, including the holiday home and home improvement markets, as well as builders' merchants, including Wickes, Selco and Travis Perkins.

"Euramax has transformed into a company that adapts to support its customers' marketplace," says Nick Cowley, "Following trends and analysing the requirements of our sectors has allowed us to expand our customer base to a number of home improvement customers and builders' merchants, leisure home and modular home



Nick Cowley

manufacturers across the country.

"While the industry and its requirements have changed, our ability to consistently supply glazed PVC-U windows to what is an ever-changing market has remained the same. Some of our longest serving customers include Willerby Holiday Homes, Atlas Leisure Homes and Carnaby Caravans.

"Turning 70 is a great milestone for Euramax. There aren't many window and door manufacturers that can say they have survived a recession. We've gone from barges to building and construction and I'm very proud of that. Who knows what the next 70 years will bring?" □

www.euramaxuk.com

Back to school

FENSA has re-launched its FENSA Training Academy in partnership with Total Support Training. The scheme is now available fully online, with no requirement to attend classes or examinations. It provides pathways to NVQ qualifications from level one through to level seven in a variety of skills. In addition there are a number of short courses covering a variety of glazing related subjects.

The training experts behind the scheme will conduct remote assessments carried out by evidence submission via email. Participants are asked to respond to the task emails by answering questions, taking pictures and submitting documents in their own time as well as phone assessments with assessors to discuss the tasks as and when needed.

Tasks are designed to be completed in the participant's own time and may be carried out at home and in the



evening, minimising the impact on work schedules. Courses have been designed to ensure there is no impact on work and business schedules, whilst allowing participants to further their competency and improve their formal qualifications. □

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All within a week



Emmegi (UK)'s ability to supply a brand-new twin head saw right in the middle of the lockdown confirmed to industry veteran Jason Wilder that he had chosen the right machinery partner for his new fabrication business, Spectral Windows.

Working from home, the team from Emmegi (UK) was able to source the Precision TS2 cutting centre from its Italian HQ and arrange safe delivery direct to Spectral's East Midlands factory within just a few days of the order being placed, making sure that the company was ready to open its doors as soon as lockdown was over.

Wilder says: "The PVC-U saws we had bought and paid

for way back in January got well and truly stuck with a different supplier during the lockdown, but Emmegi pulled out all the stops for us and got our saw to us within a week. That gave us a real head start in terms of getting our aluminium production up and running. And, as a result, when it came to ordering the machining centre to work alongside the new saw, there was no question that we would choose Emmegi again and we went for a Phantomatic M4 to complete our set up.

"The Precision TS2 and Phantomatic M4 were a logical combination for us because they use the same software and operator interface." □

www.emmegi.com

BBA for ISO

ISO Chemie's Winframer thermal insulating and load bearing bracket support system for the rapid installation of windows, has gained British Board of Agreement (BBA) certification.

This follows ISO-Bloco One self-adhesive weather tight tape for window frames also achieving BBA product approval and confirms that the Winframer system can accommodate at least 200kg/m and provide an air-tight cavity support.

Winframer, which is Passivhaus certified and fire rated to up to 30 minutes, is a prefabricated installation frame, manufactured to accommodate cavities up to 250mm. This allows windows to be supported independently from the face of the wall regardless of any external cladding being in place. □

www.iso-chemie.co.uk

