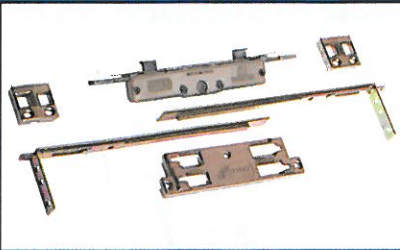


TIMBERLOOK



Affordable Window Systems one of the UK's leading fabricators of PVCu and Aluminium windows and doors have launched their new Timberlook Slim-Sash PVCu Bi-folding doors with a range of 19 stock Colour options. The Timberlook Slim-Sash Bi-Fold door has a low aluminium threshold which can be Part M compliant for disabled access. The slim-sash profile is also used to make windows - so fitting a bi-fold in a conservatory is no longer a mix and match of systems. Contact Phil Myers on 01253 888222 at Affordable Windows Systems Ltd or e mail: sales@a-w-s.co.uk

THE LOCK FAMILY

VBH has worked with Paddock Fabrications to pull together the Millenco Mantis 3 family of door locks for the production of PVCu, timber and composite doors. Jan Zammit, VBH Product Manager for Millenco products, tells us 'We were repeatedly being asked for a lock range that would offer fabricators pretty much every conceivable option when making single or double doors. They wanted to choose from versions with or without shootbolts or rollers, one piece or individual keeps, and the ability to upgrade to a stainless faceplate or High Security keeps if the installation required it. Mantis 3 gives us all these variations and more.' VBH began with the Millenco range in Autumn 2009 with just a few lock options but the reception from customers was so positive that they now carry the whole 'family' in stock, including unsprung and sprung locks, which allow the fabricator a wider choice of handle options as no spring is required in the standard 92mm PZ handle backplate. Jan continues 'The customers who trialled Mantis 3 were all very impressed with the smooth locking action afforded by the

tapered dead bolt and hook combinations, and the strength during testing. This gave us the confidence to



Millenco 3 and Mantis 3 (shown) are high quality multi-point single and double door locks suitable for PVCu, timber and composite door types. They offer extra security, when used in 'Standard' and 'High Security' versions, or 'Standard' and 'High Security' versions to meet fire door requirements for single or double doors. The standard face plate finish is a sleek 'brushed' aluminium. Other finishes are available upon request. All materials and processes are certified security and tested, to recognised security standards and the British Standards BS 3622. Please visit the VBH website to see the features in detail, and call us for a complete quote.

increase the volume of our stock-holding. We also increased the choice of locks and now include versions with deeper backsets and wider or radiused faceplates for timber and composite doors. 'When VBH customers add greenteQ hinges and cylinders, and Hoppe handles to the mix they give themselves a high-spec, yet affordable, hardware package for their doors, gaining them that vital edge over their competitors in a tight market.' For more information ring 01634 263263 or Email: gary.gleeson@vbhgb.com

EDITOR'S CHOICE

THE VERANDA CONSERVATORY

THE EDITOR'S CHOICE PRODUCT IN THIS ISSUE IS THE CLASSIC PLUS ROOF FROM ULTRAFRAME.

Recognising the trend to 'cross-over' conservatories, Ultraframe now has available its veranda based on the Classic Plus roof and featuring an extended eaves feature.

Conservatories have always been an excellent way for consumers to blur the margin between home and garden, but Ultraframe is taking the idea to a new level with its veranda conservatory. The glazing bars in the roof oversail and carry the glass with it, to form a protected pocket where the consumer can sit in the garden but protected from the worst of the elements.

Moreover, on a warm day - by using large in line sliders or bi-folds - the retailer's customer then has a much bigger space to enjoy, perfect for family barbeques!!

The veranda conservatory looks stunning when foiled externally and internally in say grey. The roof is the new Classic Plus roof, which comes complete with built-in tracks for fabric panelled shading devices - these too are made by Ultraframe and are called Shades. On the veranda conservatory, inside the conservatory they feature a soft fabric to theme through with the consumers' choice of

home furnishings whilst outside under the oversailing eaves/glazing they are manufactured from a hard wearing and weatherproof fabric, akin to that used in awnings.

Externally, the aluminium powder coated half round beam provides structural support to the over sailing glazing and glazing bars - but it also acts as an integral gutter. This beam/integral gutter then features stop end spigots that seal the gutter at one end and are then 'spliced' onto something like an oak post to support the open side of the veranda conservatory.

When selling and promoting veranda, retailers can be more innovative with the side walls - one side can be solid wall and the other glazed or, as in this illustration, one solid wall can project past the door positions to further create a sheltered spot for the homeowner to relax.

Veranda works best with large in-line sliders or bi-fold doors that can truly maximise the space. When working with these large openings, the Classic system Super Duty Eaves Beam is specified to

ensure any deflection loads are contained.

And so, having introduced the Orangery to the mass market two years ago, is Ultraframe's veranda also about to be the 'next big thing?'

For more info contact Ultraframe at Tel: 0500 822340 or visit www.Ultraframe-conservatories.co.uk

