Approved Document Q
Security - Dwellings
WHAT IS DOCUMENT Q?

Easily accessible is defined as
• a window or doorway any part of which is within 2 metres vertically of an accessible surface such as the ground or basement level or an access balcony
• a window within 2 metres vertically of a flat or sloping roof (with a pitch of less than 30°) that is within 3.5 metres of ground level.

Briefly, the requirement is that the doors and windows will meet the requirements if they can resist physical attack by a casual or opportunistic burglar by being both:
• sufficiently robust
• fitted with appropriate hardware.

THE NEW WINDOW REQUIREMENTS

The new window requirements relate to ground floor, basement and other easily accessible windows (including easily accessible rooflights).

A secure window is one that meets PAS 24:2012 accreditation.

Installation of secure windows
Window frames should be mechanically fixed to the structure of the building in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

Trojan products
Trojan products that meet these requirements as part of a window in which all other components meet the requirements include:
• Stallion Reverse Espag
• Mustang Slim Line Reverse Espag
• Mustang Slim Line Shootbolt
• Pegasus Window Lock
• Stallion 2 Shootbolt
• Mega Egress Hinge (possible hinge protection required)
THE NEW DOOR REQUIREMENTS

Doorset requirements relate to garage doorsets and communal entrance doorsets. (The exception to this is if a garage does not have an interconnecting entrance into a dwelling; in this case its doorsets are not subject to the requirements.)

A secure doorset is one that meets PAS 24:2012.

Trojan products

The following Trojan products meet the requirements of PAS 24:2012 when they are fitted as part of doorset in which all other components meet the same requirements:

- Patriot Plus 3D High Security Door Hinge
- 3D High Security Composite Door Hinge
- PAS 24 Stainless Steel Letter Plates – 25 Year Finish Guarantee
- PAS 24 (TS 007) Stainless Steel Door Handles – 25 Year Finish Guarantee

Letterplates

Letterplates should:

- have a maximum aperture of 260mm x 40mm
- be located and/or designed to hinder anyone attempting to remove keys with sticks and / or insert their hand.

Trojan’s Unicorn letterplate meets this new requirement.

Other door hardware

The main doors for a dwelling (usually the front door) should have a door viewer unless other means exist to see a caller such as clear glass in the door or a window next to the door.

The same doorset should also have a door chain or limiter except where it would not be appropriate (for example in sheltered housing where a warden might need to gain emergency access. In these cases, alternative caller identification methods such as audio-visual door entry systems can be used.)

Installation and fixing of secure doorsets

Frames should be mechanically fixed to the structure of the building in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

Lightweight framed walls should incorporate a resilient layer such as timber sheathing at least 9mm thick, expanded metal or a similar resilient material. The resilient layer should be to the full height of the door and 600mm either side of the door.
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