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the newsletter from The Climatec Group

Now in our 31st year of successfully supplying quality uPVC and aluminium windows, doors and conservatories

Winter 2024



Once again, it's nearly upon us and the teams at Climatec and Alu-tec are working hard to get as many products out of the factory to customers before we finish for 2024 and enjoy a well deserved break

This year we brought you some exciting new products and there's more to come! Throughout the first part of 2025 we will be launching a new Aluminium bifold door, Crittal styled external and internal doors, pre-gasked beads for all windows. Our uPVC Period doors will see a massive upgrade in their appearance, which will see them looking even more like their original counterparts, as well as new hardware and glass designs.

You may also have seen on our social media sites (we hope you are following us), that we have invested in a new glazing robot. All the way from the Bredsten, Denmark the Winlet robot will undoubtedly help us when fabricating large items, like the Infinium or the new S67 sliding door that we glaze in our factory. The robot will also be available for you to hire if you have any large frames that need glazing on site.

This just leaves me to say a big thank you for your support and business in 2024. It has been a tough year, with the change in government and new legislation to deal with, but hopefully next year will see a calmer market for us all.

Happy Christmas all and have a good break. We look forward to working with you in the New Year.

Phil Bates, Director



NEW ALUMINIUM BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Please welcome Tamsin Bidwell, Alu-tec's new Business Development Manager. Tamsin has joined the Aluminium team, working closely with our supplier AluK to provide our customers with the best aluminium products available from Alu-tec.

Tamsin will spend the majority of her time on the road, supporting customers with their product queries and introducing the new aluminium products becoming available in 2025. She will be your contact for any questions you may have with regards to our current product range and we hope you join us in welcoming her to the company.

Tamsin can be contacted on 07990 055563 or by email: t.bidwell@alutec.co.uk



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NEW PRODUCTS & UPDATES FOR 2025

Heritage External Door from AluK

The Crittal styled door system with it's slim steel appearance and geometric lines is proving to be a popular product for today's new builds and home renovations.

Fortunately for us, our aluminium supplier AluK have now introduced their version of this door system, showcasing the style and features of this type of door. And Alu-tec will be fabricating this door in the New Year.

The Heritage external door will match our current steel replacement windows, with similar profiles, beads and ancillaries, so your customers can enjoy the same seamless aesthetics throughout their home.

The slim steel-look boasts sightlines of just 51.7mm for maximum light and has the option for multiple horizontal and vertical bars to create the popular linear feature of these doors.

**ALUK**

Single Door
Open In & Open Out



Single / Double Door
+ Side Lights



Double Door
Open In & Open Out



Single / Double Door
+ Fan Lights

More information on these doors and their availability will be available in the new year.

New UPVC Door Panels

Our commitment to improve on the products we supply you sees an addition to our door panel suppliers for next year.

The flat panels we currently supply will naturally transition over to a new panel offering in 2025. These new panels will be finished in Renolit and Continental foils, the benefit of this means we can now provide you with uPVC doors that will perfectly match our window colours.

Thanks to this change we can now offer flat panels in Midnight

Black and Turner Oak. So your homeowner can now have that back door for example, in the same colour as their turner oak flush windows, or a midnight black porch door!

There will also be two reinforcement options and you'll be pleased to know that the price of these new panels are lower than our current offering too!

This is just the first of many changes proposed for our uPVC doors in the new year, so watch this space!



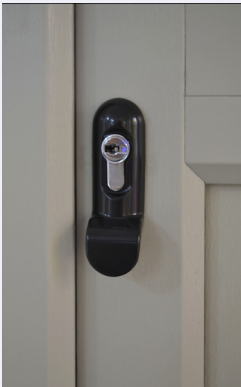
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Finger Pull Update

2025 will see a new Slimline finger pull from Ultion Sweet for any of our Period doors that have a slamlock fitted.

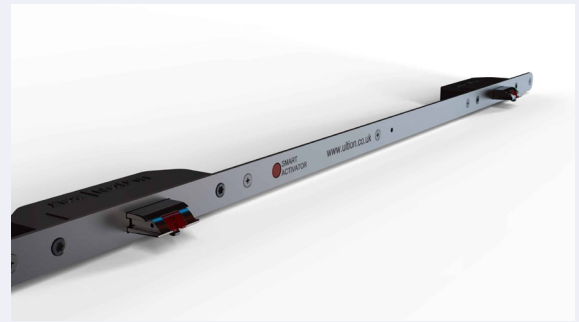
These new finger pulls fit perfectly on the door sash and at 32mm wide, this keeps them away from the edge, avoiding any potential catching on the door frame.

Available in gold, chrome, black, stainless steel and white these finger pulls are another addition to our range of Ultion Sweet, edgeless hardware and will be fitted to the correct doors in the coming weeks.



NEW Multi-point Slam Lock option

Climatec are looking at an alternative slam lock option for their REHAU uPVC single doors. The Ultion Bolt is a multipoint lock that engages its locking points as soon as the door is shut, without the need to lift the handle to operate the bolts. Unlike traditional slam locks that have two locking bolts at the top and one at the bottom, Bolt comes with three 'super-secure' 20mm bolts evenly spaced through the locking strip. Each bolt acts as an initial compression latch before firing the security bolts into their locking position. Furthermore, if the door isn't 100% closed, the independently firing bolts mean the key will still secure it.



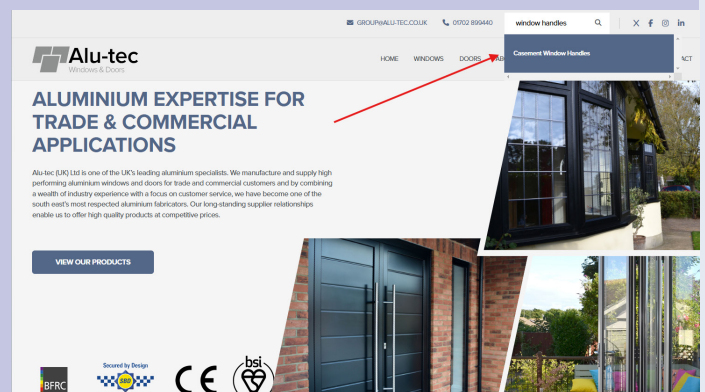
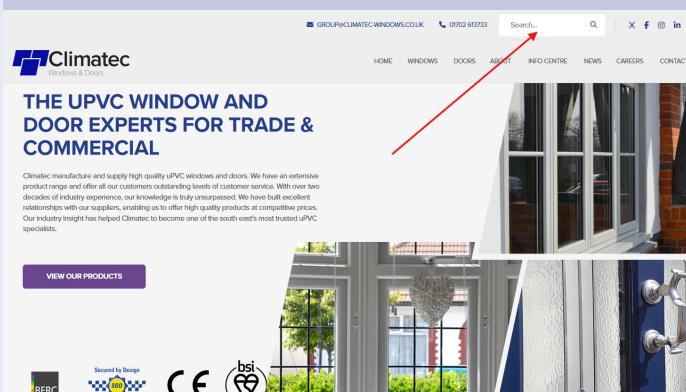
These locks will be tried and tested on our doors early next year.

Website Updates

Another important update for the Group is the new search button on our websites!

Since we launched the websites back in 2018, our product range has grown, and the Information Centre on both the Alu-tec and Climatec Windows website has been bursting at the seams with new documents, brochures, order forms, hardware spec sheets and much more. So to help you search through this minefield of information, we have provided you with a search button on the menu bar.

So if you're looking for details on our 'casement window handles' or for an order form for a flush door or window, you now have a simpler way of searching for these.



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A HELPING HAND AT CHRISTMAS

Each Christmas, the Climatec Group donate to local charitable events as a thank you to their continued fundraising and help in the community.

This year we have donated to our local football club's 'United In Giving' campaign for Havens Hospice who provide care to both adults and children who are living with incurable conditions.

The money raised by Southend United will provide gifts for patients, as well as supporting Havens' Gift of Kindness program that provides meaningful activities and services for families, especially those that may be sadly spending their last holiday season together. Contributions will also support essential services like hydrotherapy, in-home care, counselling, pain management, and end-of-life support. And the club has said they will double every contribution received.



Personal donations can also be made here - <https://southendunitedfc.ktckts.com/donation/sufcchristmas24/southends-united-in-giving>



Not forgetting our friends at The Children's Society, we have of course contributed to the Hidden Harm's Christmas Party for young people of Essex who have family members that suffer from substance misuse problems and/or mental health issues.

These young people are isolated and alone and in many cases are carers for their families but thanks to the Childrens Society's Hidden Harm team in Essex, they get to celebrate Christmas with others that are in similar positions to themselves, and enjoy a safe and friendly, festive day.

Personal donations can also be made here - <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/information/young-people/east/CHHAT>



Our colleagues have also participated in fundraising events this December. giving up some pennies for Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day as well as joining in a fun fundraiser card game to raise money for the Lennox Children's Cancer

Fund, an Essex based charity that provide respite and short holidays for children suffering from side effects of cancer treatment and their families.



Personal donations can also be made here - <https://www.lennoxccf.org.uk>



Tis the Season...

For your information the Climatec Windows and Alu-tec offices and factories will be closing on Friday 20th December for our annual shutdown and will re-open again on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

Please note that the phones will be unattended from 2.30pm on Friday 20th December until 8.30am on our return on the 2nd January.

Have a great festive break everyone and see you again in 2025!