

METHVEN UK EXTENDS RANGE

Methven has extended its range of cool-to-touch bar showers with two new models.

Utilising cool-to-touch technology, Methven's new bar showers ensure the bar valves never get warmer than the mixed water temperature, resulting in a safer shower experience. The adjustable thermostatic controls also allow users to maintain their preferred water temperature setting and have a 38°C default safety setting to prevent scalding.

Continuing the Kiri range's tradition of crisp and sleek design, the new Kiri Satinjet bar shower features Methven's Satinjet technology, which collides twin jets of water to deliver more than 300,000 droplets of water per second for an invigorating, luxurious showering experience which also performs at lower flow rates.



www.methven.com

QUICK AND EASY ACCESS

Successfully launched at this year's Totally Tools show, Rotarad offers a host of clear benefits, including the opportunity to decorate easily and thoroughly. The product also features the possibility for raised hygiene standards, since the easy accessibility allows harmful bacteria, dust and other irritants that can trigger allergies to be much more frequently removed.

Fully compliant with all current EU quality and health and safety regulations, Rotarad is easy to install and is suitable for all sizes of conventional radiator.

Malcolm Keeling, product creator, said: "Rotarad will allow developers to provide added value and a real point of difference to their potential house purchasers, thanks to the ongoing practical benefits it offers once fitted."



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WELSH SLATE BUILDS BUDDIES

Welsh Slate has taken its commitment to training and apprenticeships one step further by supporting a second college with materials and mentoring.

Ten apprentices, alongside lecturers Chris Messenger and Tim Donegon from the roof training division of Leeds College of Building, have toured the company's largest quarry and production facilities at Penrhyn in Bethesda. Some of the apprentices even tried their hand at splitting slates under the watchful eye of production



supervisor Martin Beattie.

The visit follows the donation of two crates of roofing slates, with sales representative Colin Falconer also presenting a CPD seminar to 70 Level 3 students.

www.welshslate.com

NEW DECORAL RANGE FROM MHS RADIATORS

MHS Radiators has added a trio of new models to its lightweight and energy efficient range of sectional aluminium radiators.

Suited for use with low temperature heating systems, the Decoral 97, Decoral Vertical and Decoral Electric offer energy savings of up to 30% when compared to standard panel radiators, while their low thermal inertia ensures they heat up and cool down faster than their steel counterparts and underfloor heating, thereby offering

greater levels of comfort. Each radiator also benefits from an anaphoresis coating inside and out, prior to being painted white (RAL 9010), ensuring complete protection for the duration of its working life.



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SUPREME PUBLISHES POCKET GUIDE

Supreme Concrete has published a handy pocket-sized guide designed to help stockists and users sell, select and install its range of cast concrete structural and fencing products.

Following the style and layout of the company's redesigned and expanded 2016 Stockist Guide and Price List, the new pocket guide has been designed for display and distribution at point-of-sale.

The guide contains valuable technical guidance, as well as product

applications, features and benefits, enabling customers and counter staff to quickly decide on the most appropriate solution for each job – whether it's a simple fence system or a technically demanding structural application.



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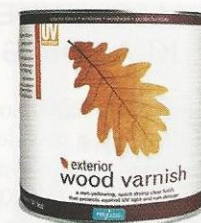
NEW POLYVINE EXTERIOR WOOD FINISHES

Polyvine has launched a new professional exterior wood finishes range that is VOC-free, quick drying, and has high oil solids content.

The seven-product range is made from 100% oil solids. This refers to the minute oil particle content undiluted by other materials, which ensures thorough coverage, long lasting protection, durability of finish, appearance retention and low maintenance. Oil solid content in competitive wood care products is 50% on average, with many

being less than that.

Ensuring appearance retention of up to five years, the Polyvine range also guarantees excellent water repellence, low odour, the flexibility to mitigate against blistering and peeling, UV filters which prevent fading and weathering and microporous breathability to prevent mould, mildew, algae and fungal attack.



www.polyvine.com

JCB, CATERPILLAR AND SCREWFIX TO EXHIBIT

The Build Show is delighted to announce a raft of top industry names that will be exhibiting at the Birmingham NEC from 18-20 October.

From architect to bricklayer, the Build Show promises to have something for everyone. Already signed up to exhibit are some of the biggest names in construction, including Caterpillar, the manufacturer of construction and mining equipment.

Another recognisable name

exhibiting at the show is JCB. The company produces a range of over 300 machines, like the Teletruk telescopic forklift, which will be on display at the Build Show.

Screwfix will also be in attendance. The company boasts a product range of 25,000 items.



www.buildshow.co.uk

A MIGHTY DEFENCE AGAINST SKIN DAMAGE

Dry skin and cracked, painful hands are a common ailment among tradespeople, but Big Wipes has come to the rescue with the launch of its new, specially formulated Hand Cream.

Solvents, paints and varnishes all strip the skin of its natural oils and can be difficult to avoid when working on-site. Harsh substances can break the skin's protective barrier and contact dermatitis can develop with symptoms ranging from mild dryness, itching and redness to painful cracks, skin ulcers

and red fluid-filled blisters. Cracked and broken skin can also allow bacteria to enter your body and nasty infections to take hold.

Big Wipes Hand Cream, with its combination of urea and alpha hydroxyl acids, is a high performance treatment cream that rapidly relieves dry and rough skin,



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INDUSTRY RECOVERS AFTER POST-BREXIT TURBULENCE

August saw the construction industry recover slightly from the falls seen in July, when figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) showed that construction had dipped into recession after two successive months of decline.

According to the ONS figures, the industry experienced a 0.7% decline during Q2 of 2016, following a decline of 0.3% in the first quarter.

Nevertheless, Market/CIPS figures released on 2 September showed the Construction Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) enjoyed an improvement in August, measuring 49.2 compared with July's figure of 45.9. While still below the no-change threshold of 50, August's figures do show that the pace of decline has slowed significantly, compared with the 85-month low recorded during the previous month.

UK manufacturing has weathered the uncertainty much better. After a brief downturn in July following the EU Referendum vote, the UK manufacturing PMI jumped to 53.3 in August – way above expectations and firmly signifying growth.

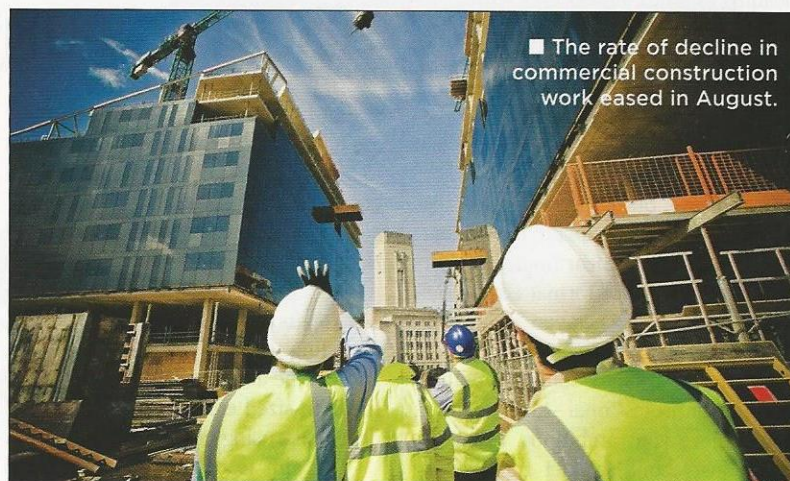
While initially post-Brexit there were reports of commercial clients and housebuilders postponing planned work, this seems to have eased

since, with sector data showing civil engineering activity recovering slightly in August. While housebuilding firms and commercial sectors are still showing a decline, some firms canvassed have noted that sales volumes have proved more resilient than expected.

Tim Moore, senior economist at Markit and author of the Markit/CIPS Construction PMI, said: "The downturn in UK construction activity has eased considerably since July, primarily helped by a much slower decline in commercial building. Construction firms cited a nascent recovery in client confidence since the EU referendum and a relatively steady flow of invitations to tender in August.

"However, the latest survey indicates only a partial move towards stabilisation, rather than a return to business as usual. There were still widespread reports that Brexit uncertainty had dampened demand and slowed progress on planned developments, especially in relation to large projects. As a result, total new order volumes continued to fall during August.

"Despite another month of reduced output, the latest figures can be viewed as welcome news after a challenging



■ The rate of decline in commercial construction work eased in August.

summer for the construction sector. The move provides hope that the near-term fallout from Brexit uncertainty will prove less severe than feared."

David Noble, group chief executive officer of the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply, agreed that stabilisation was the order of the day following the short-term shock of the EU Referendum result.

"Business sentiment was moderately more positive than that seen in the immediate aftermath of the Brexit vote. After the shock of last month's seven-year low in the overall index, the picture now is more about stabilisation than searing growth, as the sector remained in contraction. The housing sector continued its downward slide, but the drop in activity was much softer in August," he said.

The weakened currency seen since the EU Referendum has increased costs for construction materials, leading the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) to warn over the impact this may have on small building firms in particular.

Chief executive Brian Berry said: "We've already heard accounts of timber and brick costs rising, and a number of sources have said that even steel prices have risen by 8% since the decision was made to leave the EU.

"Too many small firms are already operating on razor-thin margins and are forced to tender at prices which barely return a profit in order to remain competitive. This leaves little capacity to absorb dramatic price increases. The government must do everything in its power to reverse this situation and get Britain building again."

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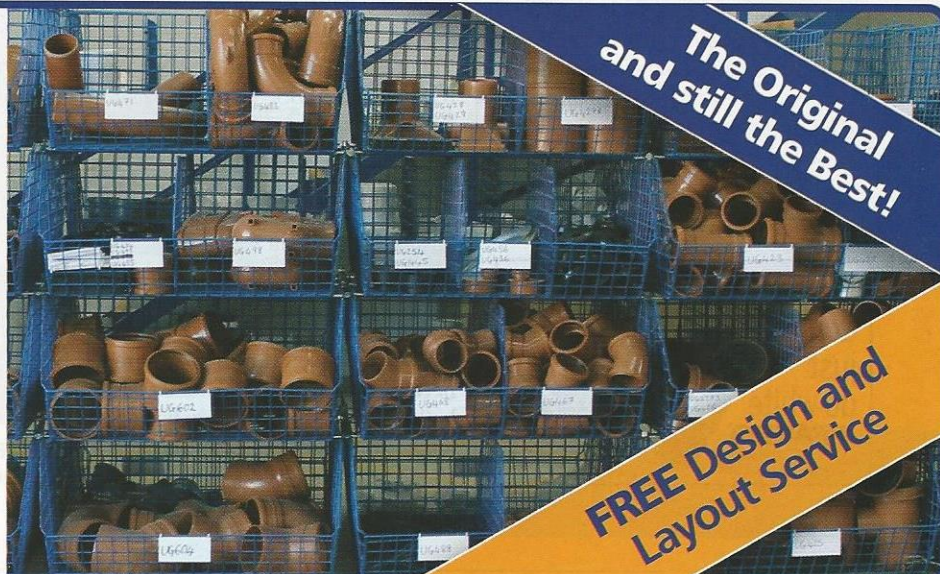


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