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**Innovations in
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New inspirational multimedia resources from Rockfon

Rockfon has developed new tools across several media. The goal was to offer a comprehensive toolkit of resources to help specify and install Rockfon acoustic ceiling and wall solutions. Rockfon now offers a wide range of products on its BIM portal at www.rockfon.co.uk or via www.bimobject.com. Rockfon's full selection of BIM technical data supports your building projects from concept right through to construction. The fourth edition of Inspired by You, the Rockfon annual review of design and architectural trends, is available for free download from www.rockfon.co.uk and as a printed version.

Rockfon – Enquiry 102



Ecophon offers new Focus on acoustic design

The spectrum of sound that surrounds us, and the different acoustic characteristics created by the way we now use interior spaces can be as varied as the colours of the rainbow; a fact highlighted by the timely update of Ecophon's comprehensive Focus range.

The acoustic ceiling family now also includes a new and innovative solution – Ecophon Focus EzTM. Focus offers excellent acoustic properties and appealing looks, giving the opportunity for visual flair and design flexibility, to ensure that almost any project need can be met.

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Are UK Building Standards keeping up with modern living?

Economic conditions and 2016's Brexit decision to leave the EU has meant contractors and house builders continue the search for cheaper ways to develop buildings and keep costs at an absolute minimum.

With developers doing the bare minimum to achieve compliance with regulations and increasing noise levels with modern living, it paints a pretty dark picture of our future living, learning and working conditions.

UK Building Regulations Approved Document E (England & Wales), Section 5 of the Scottish Building Standards (Scotland) and Approved Part G (Northern Ireland) and with further guidance from Robust Details, all stipulate certain criteria and acoustic guidelines for all types of constructions to adhere to. However, these guidelines are set out to only establish a minimum sound insulation value.

Hush Acoustics offer high quality soundproofing products and systems, backed by comprehensive

technical advice. Rather than just soundproofing to achieve the minimum levels of compliance, Hush develops solutions for clients which go beyond the regulations and guidance levels.

Robert Crampton, Managing Director of Hush Acoustics, comments: "Architects, Contractors and Developers can benefit significantly from gaining expert soundproofing advice in the early stages of a project."

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Automatic for the people



Gone are the days of manual moveable partitioning walls. At least that is the prediction of market-leader Style, sole UK supplier of DORMA operable walls and the unique Skyfold range of vertical-rising partitions. The company reports that end-users are demanding fully automatic systems in unprecedented numbers. "In two years since its launch, sales of the DORMA ComfortDrive automatic wall have been phenomenal and already account for over 10% of our DORMA sales," confirms Julian Sargent, Style's group managing director. "Similarly, sales of the incredible Skyfold partition, which descends from the ceiling at the touch of button, have recently gone through the roof. It took 10yrs to sell the first 100 units. In just three years since then, we have installed more than 150 additional walls." Automatic operable walls don't just make life easier though. Space is expensive and there is a direct cost benefit in installing a fully automated system that allows multiple events and meetings to run concurrently throughout the day. Also, by removing operator error, panels are much less likely to be damaged and the seals always expand to precisely the right pressure.

Style – Enquiry 103

British Gypsum helps create Falklands accommodation

When the Ministry of Defence (MOD) required three new accommodation buildings on the Remote Radar Heads in the Falklands to house their personnel, British Gypsum rose to the challenge by providing a host of materials and extensive training to educate the Military Construction Force on how to construct the accommodation blocks. SSgt Phill Bradley, Engineering Logistics Supervisor, said: "British Gypsum was able to provide us with an intensive course covering everything from metalwork, boarding and window details in order for us to construct the accommodation blocks ourselves."

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