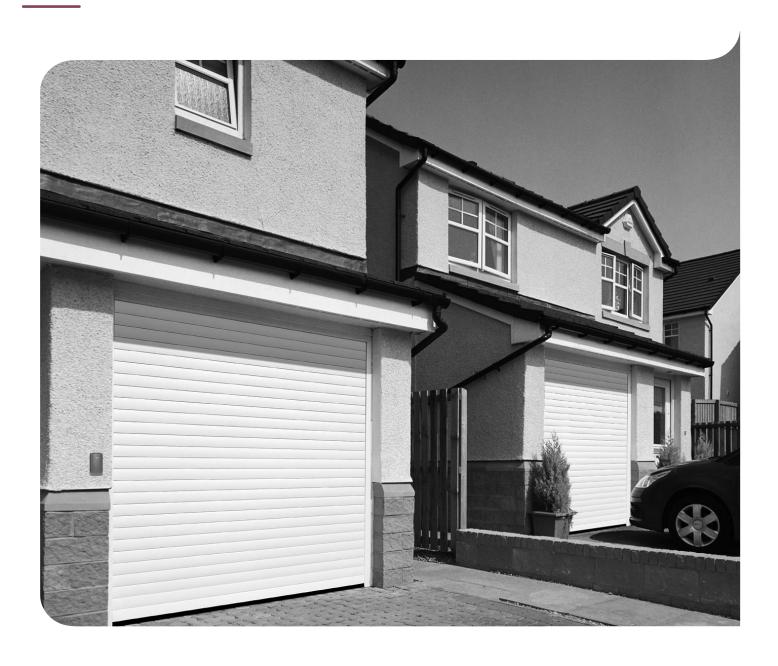




Safety of your new Automated Garage Door

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Automated Garage Doors

When a new garage door is supplied, it must comply with these two pieces of criminal legislation:

MACHINERY DIRECTIVE 2006/42/EC

CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS REGULATION 305/2011/EU

These two pieces of legislation make it a requirement for the door to undergo strict compliance testing to ensure it will be safe for users, which means that the door cannot squash, trap, collapse or otherwise injure a person or damage property.

Methods by which impact safety could be provided:

1. Hold to run

"HOLD to run" means that the safety of the door is provided by the user, who must keep constant pressure on an up or down control for the door to move. The door will stop when the control is released. The control MUST be fixed in a position that ensures that it can only be used in sight of the door.

2. Pressure Sensitivity

[force limitation]

This is where the garage door retracts if it comes into contact [impacts] with an obstacle, this is achieved in one of two ways:

Obstacle Detection

Obstacle detection means that the drive unit or other movement sensors can physically sense when the door encounters an obstruction and cause the door to retract.

Safety Edge

Provision of a "safety edge" means that there will be a rubber contact strip along the bottom of the door that will switch at the very lightest touch and cause the door to retract to prevent injury.

Not all rubber strips are safe edges, some are simply a weather seal. Please check with your installer that your door will stop and reverse on contact with an obstacle.

3. Light Curtaining

Light curtaining is a high specification technology that will prevent all possible contact with potentially harmful movement of the door by creating a complete light screen across the opening.

Light curtains should not be confused with a single photo beam.

BEWARE of unsafe and ilegally supplied safety systems [E.G. A single photo beam]. A single photo beam is an enhancement device intended complement the pressure sensitivity options in higher risk situations. A single photo beam used alone is never an adequate safety measure.

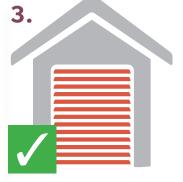




Hold to run control



Safety edge



Light curtain



Single beam

Documentation

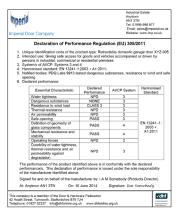
When your door is installed you should receive two important documents with it that provide evidence that it has been subject to the legally required certification and safety compliance testing, this certification is your assurance that the product you are receiving is both safe and being supplied within UK criminal law.

DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY [MACHINERY DIRECTIVE2006/42/EC]

DECLARATION OF PERFORMANCE [CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS REGULATION 305/2011/EU]



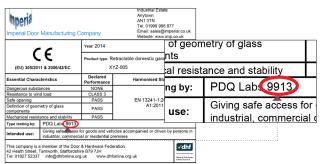
Example Declaration of Conformity



Example Declaration of Performance

CE Marking Label

Your new door must display a CE mark label that shows the performance criteria of your door. It will also show the name of the 'Approved Test Laboratory' (along with its four-figured reference number) that completed the testing.



Reference number circled in red

User Manual

You should also receive a user manual and details of the warranty and any maintenance requirements needed to keep your door functioning in a safe and reliable condition.

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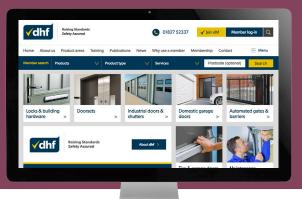
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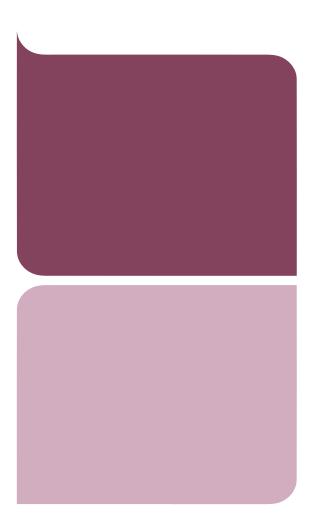
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