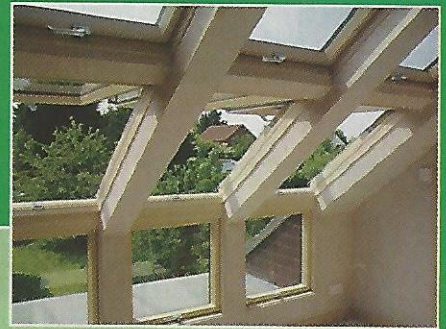


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Builder John Watson from Newark rang one of our sales team to ask about installation of loft ladders:-

Q I have to install a timber loft ladder for a client and have chosen a Fakro one. Problem is the weight of the ladder is an issue for someone like me who works on his own. The client doesn't want a lightweight steel ladder so is there any advice you can give me, either on products or fitting?

A It's a fair point that Fakro ladders have tended to need two pairs of hands to fit them, although the fitting itself is easy. The problem for a single person has been that the ladder is fitted to the hatch. The good news is that a 'click-fit' system has just been introduced which enables you to detach the ladder from the hatch, literally in seconds with no tools needed. This makes lining up and fixing the hatch easy and something



you can do yourself without going into the attic. Another handy

feature worth mentioning is a new hinge mechanism which moves the hatch away from the ladder when opening. This basically gives you more room when using the ladder.

John Brookes from Hastings rang to ask:-

Q How easy is it to fit roof windows at the eaves that then have a joining window in the wall?

A The quick answer is it's no more difficult than fitting a single window. Fakro calls this an L-shaped combination and the window in the wall matches the roof window perfectly in terms of style. You can have left, right or tilt opening windows while the one you fit in the roof can be any standard Fakro window. Installation instructions will tell you how far in from the eaves to install the roof window so that the wall window fits neatly in place. As an added option you might also want to think about fitting an airtight flashing, the Fakro XDS, and/or an XDP insulating set. This gives you a ready-to-fit underlay collar which fits around the window and over battens and natural wool insulation.

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