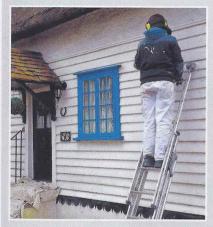


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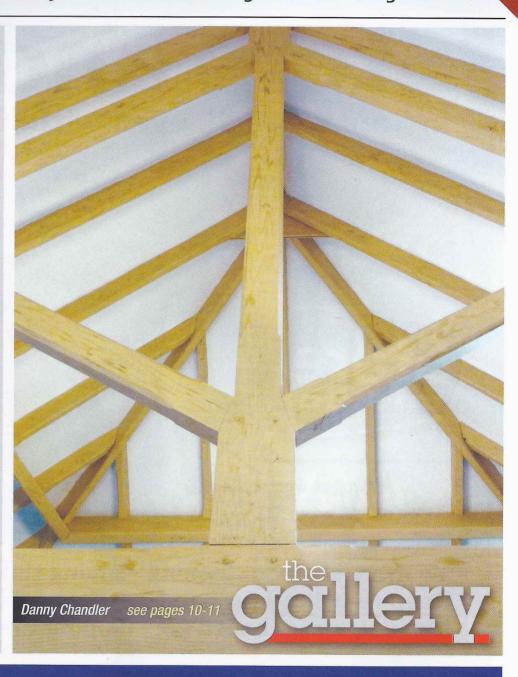


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Brewers FOR DECORATING MATERIALS

By Appointment to
Her Majesty The Queen
Decorators' Merchant
C Brewer & Sons Ltd



New face to an old name

www.armsteadtrade.co.uk

AkzoNobel has unveiled Armstead Trade, the new brand that will replace Glidden Trade. Armstead Trade inherits a comprehensive range of tried and tested paint finishes from Glidden Trade that are designed to deliver professional results at an everyday, affordable price. But as part of AkzoNobel's development of the brand, 2014 will also see the launch of improved and completely new products, a wider range of pack sizes, and additional colour support materials to help decorators deliver a quality finish, even on the most cost constrained jobs. To celebrate the launch of Armstead Trade, this summer will also see a series of promotions, competitions and events at selected merchants across the country.



Thermal guide

www.tarmacbuildingproducts.co.uk

Tarmac Building Products has launched a new guide to thermal insulation for housebuilders and designers, outlining the recent legislative updates to Part L of the Building Regulations. The 31-page guide breaks down the changes to the regulations which came into force on 6 April 2014. It covers the requirements for new buildings and alterations to existing buildings whilst providing case studies that focus on practical solutions for typical housing types. The guide also outlines some of the entirely new metrics used to measure thermal efficiency and includes case studies on domestic properties which illustrate a range of measures that could achieve a cost-effective solution to the challenges set by the updates to Part L. In particular, the guide shows how improved glazing, waste water heat recovery, or renewable technology can be used to modify the basic specification.



Products and services for the modern decorator

tooled

For hands that do more than dishes

www.bigwipes.com

Big Wipes has launched its all new 4x4 range of industrial strength wipes, containing four powerful cleaning agents and four dermatologically tested skin conditioners, making them even tougher on grime and even kinder to your hands. In order to look after the skin, the formula contains four of the world's greatest skin conditioners: Aloe Vera, Lanolin, Vitamin E and Glycerine all helping to nourish and protect the skin. Furthermore, Big Wipes are now 100%

preservative free and continue to offer 99.9% anti bacterial protection. Not only has the formula been upgraded, the bigger, thicker and tougher fabrics have been too. Still in the famous Big Wipes Yellow, the novel large capacity cylinders are styled with an easy grip body and base and brand new quick seal lid. This clever 'flick and a click' lid gives users a dual option of either dispensing a single wipe (by pulling the wipe towards the cap) or a long continuous sheet of wipes (by pulling the sheets away from the cap).





Brighten up metal

www.johnstonestrade.com

Professional decorators will now be able to choose from over 10,000 colours when painting metal surfaces after Johnstone's Trade announced a significant step forward for its *Smooth Metal Paint*. The product is now able to provide practical and high performance solutions for metal protection in all British Standard colours, *Smooth Metal Paint* can be tinted to all RAL, NCS and Johnstone's *Colour Card*

colours. Smooth Metal Paint forms part of Johnstone's Metal Defence System range and benefits from being a primer and top coat in one. It can be applied directly to bare, previously painted or rusted surfaces and provides a smooth, semi-gloss finish. Designed to provide up to five years' corrosion protection for exterior and interior metal surfaces, it offers excellent anti-corrosive properties whilst maintaining the highest levels of adhesion. The product can be recoated after two hours and no specialist thinner is required, white spirit will do the job perfectly.