

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS	BUILDING REGULATIONS

## Approved Documents and Building Regulations publications.

Practical guidance on ways to comply with the functional requirements in the Building Regulations is outlined in a series of 'Approved Documents' published by the Department for Communities and Local Government. Each Document contains:

- general guidance on the performance expected of materials and building work in order to comply with each of the requirements of the building regulations; and
- practical examples and solutions on how to achieve compliance for some of the more common building situations.

All of the latest 'Approved Documents' can be downloaded free on the Planning Portal at:

[www.planningportal.gov.uk/approveddocuments](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/approveddocuments)

Due to the rate of change of the requirements of the Building Regulations it is recommended that the current version is referred to in all instances.

## Relevant Approved Documents

### Part B (Fire safety)

This section covers the technical guidance contained in Part B of schedule 1 of the Building Regulations concerned with the requirements with respect to fire safety.

The main area of interest with regard to windows and doors is ensuring that there are a sufficient number of adequate escape routes suitably located to enable persons to escape to a place of safety in the event of a fire.

### Part E (Resistance to sound)

This section covers the technical guidance contained in Part E of schedule 1 of the Building Regulations, with the requirements with respect to resistance to sound.

### Part F (Ventilation)

This section covers the technical guidance contained in Part F of schedule 1 of the Building Regulations concerned with the requirements with respect to ventilation.

### Part K (Protection from falling, collision and impact)

This section covers the technical guidance that supports Part K of schedule 1 of the Building Regulations, with the requirements with respect to protection from falling.

### Part L (Conservation of fuel and power)

This section covers the technical guidance contained in Part L of schedule 1 of the Building Regulations concerned with the requirements with respect to Conservation of fuel and power.

Approved Document is split into four parts:

Approved Document L1A:  
This covers New Dwellings.

Approved Document L1B:  
This covers Existing Dwellings.

Approved Document L2A:  
This covers New Buildings other than Dwellings.

Approved Document L2B:  
This covers Existing Buildings other than Dwellings.

The main area of interest with regard to windows and doors is the performance with regard to thermal transmittance (U value) and/or Energy Rating. The actual performance criteria required will depend on the building type and the calculation method being used.

### Part M (Access to and use of buildings)

This section covers the technical guidance contained in Part M of schedule 1 of the Building Regulations concerned with the requirements with respect to access to and use of buildings.

### Part Q (Security - Dwellings)

This section covers the technical guidance contained in Part Q of schedule 1 of the Building Regulations concerned with the security requirements for windows and doors.

## Compliance

All Spectus Window Systems products are able to meet the relevant requirements of the Building Regulations.