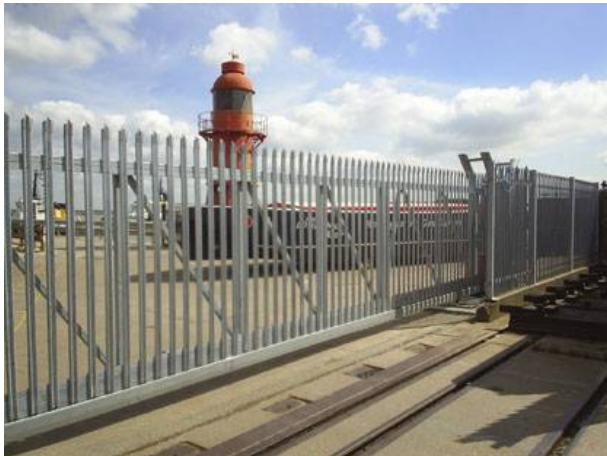


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Procter Sliding Entrance Gates Publishes an Essential Guide for Architects and Specifiers

Procter Sliding Entrance Gates has published a new White Paper, Safety requirements for powered sliding gates, that provides a wealth of hints and tips. The free guide has been written for architects and specifiers who need to be aware of the safety issues relating to automatic sliding gates.



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Powered sliding gates can possess considerable momentum when in motion and, unfortunately, they have been involved a small number of accidents - mostly resulting in injuries but there have also been fatalities. Because they are potentially hazardous, automatic gates must be CE marked in accordance with the European Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC. Compared with its predecessor, the new Directive that came into force on 29 December 2009 is more explicit about the duties of national governments regarding enforcement. Procter's new White Paper explains the regulatory background to powered sliding gates, as well as listing the most important British and European standards covering design, testing, installation and use.

In addition, the document highlights the mechanical, electrical, hydraulic and other hazards associated with powered sliding gates and gives examples of the measures that can be taken to eliminate these hazards or, where this is not possible, reduce them to an acceptable level.

Powered sliding gates cannot be considered to be fully assembled until they have been installed, hence they cannot be CE marked in accordance with the European Machinery (Safety) Directive 2006/42/EC until installation is complete. The White Paper therefore discusses issues relating to installation and the selection of suppliers. It also addresses the subject of maintenance, as periodic servicing is necessary to ensure that the mechanical and electrical equipment continues to give good service and, most importantly, the safety features are functioning correctly.

Safety requirements for powered sliding gates contains a wealth of useful advice. This White Paper is available free of charge on request or it can be downloaded from the company's website at www.slidingentrancegates.co.uk. Alternatively, contact Procter Sliding Entrance Gates for more information about powered sliding gates by telephoning 029 2088 2111 or emailing enquiries@slidingentrancegates.co.uk

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Procter Sliding Entrance Gates is one of the UK's leading specialist manufacturers of sliding gates. Procter Sliding Entrance Gates is a division of Procter Brothers Ltd, a family-owned business with over 100 years' experience of expertly manufacturing and installing all kinds of fencing and entrance gates. From its sites in Leeds, South Wales, and South-East England, Procter Sliding Entrance Gates offers a comprehensive service to survey, design, manufacture and install sliding gates nationwide. All gates are designed in accordance with the requirements of ISO 9001 and all meet the appropriate health and safety standards, being CE marked in accordance with the Machinery Directive. Installation is carried out by Procter's dedicated teams of highly trained and experienced installers, and maintenance services are available if required.