

SELECTAGLAZE AWARDED FOR BESPOKE WINDOW SOLUTIONS

Founded in 1966 and a Royal Warrant Holder since 2004, Selectaglaze is the UK's leading designer, manufacturer and installer of secondary glazing systems and is now the recipient of Security Industry E-Magazine's Blast Mitigation Product Provider of the Year 2013 Award, which: "Reflects the high standard provided by the company's bespoke range of secondary glazing systems and the service it provides to clients across a broad customer base."

Windows can be a very vulnerable part of a building, often seen as "soft targets" by terrorists and criminals, impacting on people's safety and the protection of property.

Electronic security will warn but not resist so physical security measures are an important part of any plan for protection.

Glass, particularly in period buildings, offers little resistance to attack. It will readily shatter by a bomb exploding more than 100M away and flying shards will maim and kill. It is also easily broken by an intruder prepared to use force.

A solution is found with Selectaglaze's secure secondary glazing systems where a fully separate window is fitted behind an existing window (room-side) using robust frames, secure locks and strengthened glass. These units can be hinged, sliding or fixed and are subjected to rigorous testing before certification. Selectaglaze's security units have been live blast tested against standard ISO 16933 and physically attacked with a wide range of tools, using the well-respected Loss Prevention standard LPS 1175.

The frames are designed to fit discretely and sympathetically in contemporary or period buildings. Listed building consents are usually granted. Added

benefits include significant levels of sound insulation, which is highly desirable in noisy locations and enhanced thermal insulation that will improve a buildings energy performance, thus saving on fuel costs, and reduced ingress of dust and dirt.

On receiving the Security Industry E Magazine's Award, Selectaglaze's Chairman, Meredith Childerstone commented: "It is very pleasing to receive sector recognition in this way. We pride ourselves in bringing modern standards to established buildings whilst improving the security of the original structure and maintaining a sympathetic approach to aesthetic qualities. And, of course, our secondary glazing systems bring additional advantages such as enhanced energy performance, creating a more usable, refreshed building and something that both the client and developer can be proud of."

Although London and the south of England is the company's predominant marketplace, Selectaglaze and it's approved regional agents, have embarked on highly successful projects all over the UK. Selectaglaze's products have been well received and even endorsed by the Home Office to help the defence of property.

Selectaglaze has recently updated their Security guidance literature, entitled "Protecting your Environment". The literature will be of interest to architects, building surveyors, security consultants and contractors. Selectaglaze's literature is *free* upon request from the Marketing Department.