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ASTRA PROVIDE SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL DOORS IN WIMBLEDON

Series 3000 concealed door closers from Astra have been used as part of an upgrade to the fire safety of a residential development in Wimbledon after a fire risk assessment showed that the apartment entrance doors were potentially hazardous in a fire.

Oakfield in Wimbledon is an award-winning estate of 106 luxury flats a short walk from Wimbledon Common. More than 100 doors at Oakfield were refurbished by Astra partner company, Joint Ventures Ltd. As well as fitting new seals and hinges, each door was fitted with a 3000 Series concealed hinge-edge door closer, making the doors fully compliant with fire regulations.

John Vecchio, who oversaw the project for Joint Ventures, regularly uses Astra closers for refurb and new fit projects and believes that the Astra closers were the only viable choice in the case of Oakfield. "We initially looked at fitting traditional overhead closers," says John. "But quite apart from the institutional, ugly look of these products, there simply wasn't enough room behind the doors to fit them. Astra 3000 Series closers fulfilled the technical brief and retained the apartments' good looks. Feedback has been universally positive and all of the closers are working really well."

In addition to supplying the closers, Astra also provided a full technical back up service for the project including site visits, sizing calculations and in-situ testing.

The 3000 series of concealed door closers from Astra is manufactured in the UK, in four different power sizes with adjustable closing speed and latching action for different size and weights of doors. A unique hydraulic piston assembly, designed by Astra, offers an adjustable, controlled rate of door closure together with an adjustable 'snap action' for overcoming the latch.

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The closers' quality design and build makes it perfect for high traffic applications, both commercial and residential. Unlike other concealed closers on the market, the Astra 3000 series is fully controlled and adjustable, making it a really viable alternative to overhead products at a sensible price. This adjustability helps specifiers to achieve doors which comply with the Equality Act 2010, Building Regs and PAS 24 for entrance doors and the RRO for fire doors.

The Series 3000 range of closers was developed in-house by Astra. The Size 3 (3003) and Size 2 (3002) versions are approved to EN1154 (when the power latching action is set to maximum) and CE marked. Fire tests in accordance with BSEN 1634-1:2000 and BSEN 1634-1:1999 have also been carried out making the closers suitable for fire doors. Astra also carries out continuous in-house testing up to half a million cycles.

Astra is well known for its door closer range including the popular Gibraltar range. The Lancashire-based company can demonstrate many years experience in the sector and carries out all of its own R&D in-house. It exports its British door closers all across the globe via a network of distributors and partner companies.

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