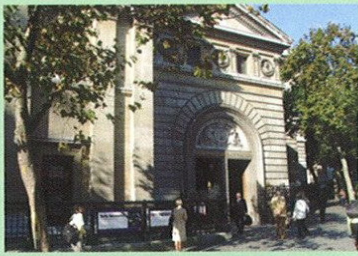


## Kentec protects national art treasures

Founded in 1856, the National Portrait Gallery, London, holds the most extensive collection of portraits in the world, from Holbein to Hockney, and the collection includes work across all media, from painting and sculpture to photography and video.



Such an important national landmark warrants a fire prevention system of the highest reliability, which is why Kentec Syncro fire control panels were specified for this historic building's fire detection system upgrade.

The system, engineered and installed by fire protection systems specialists Stalleon Services Limited, includes a Kentec 8 Loop Syncro Control Panel and Syncro Response repeater panel, with over 700 Apollo Series 90 and XP95 devices supported by Apollo's open protocol fire data communications.

Kentec Fire Control Panels are widely specified in heritage sites because of their exceptional performance, reliability and ability to operate with a range of mixed Apollo devices without any problems, with the minimum of disruption and within tight budget restraints.

**For further information please contact Kentec on 01322 222121 or email [robine@kentec.co.uk](mailto:robine@kentec.co.uk) or visit [www.kentec.co.uk](http://www.kentec.co.uk)**

## First Great Western chooses Apollo for fire detection on the move

Travellers on First Great Western trains from Penzance to Paddington can sleep safely knowing that they are being protected by world class fire detection technology from Apollo.



The sleeper service runs six days a week throughout the year, so reliability is a critical factor. Every component on the train, including the fire detectors, must withstand the rigours of travelling more than 95,000 miles every year.

David Cooke, Depot Engineering Technician for First Great Western, says: "Apollo fire detectors were first used on the sleeper carriages in the late 1980s, so we have first-hand experience of how reliable they are. When the interiors of the Night Riviera carriages were being refreshed we also reviewed the fire detection. The existing Apollo devices were still working well and we could have replaced them gradually, but we ultimately decided to change them in one go to coincide with the upgrade and to ensure our passengers and rolling stock were getting the best available protection."

The fire system upgrade involved the installation of 130 Apollo Series 65 conventional smoke detectors as well as aspirating smoke detection on all ten Night Riviera carriages.

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## A sign of the times - Aico Fire Training Scheme proves a hit with signpost services



Following the launch of the Aico Fire Products Trained Installer Scheme a year ago, Aico is delighted to proclaim its success, with numerous contractors and council and housing association staff attending. One of the largest of these has been Signpost Services, part of Spectrum Housing Group.

Signpost Services provides building maintenance services to social housing providers across the South West, including the Spectrum Housing Group. It has worked with Aico for eleven years, installing its mains powered smoke alarms into social housing. Charlie Way, Electrical Contracts Manager at Signpost Services, comments on his product selection: "I've been using Aico for eleven years at this company as it's a very good make. I've experienced a lot of problems with other smoke alarms and have replaced them all with alarms from Aico."

Signpost Services was quick to see the benefits of the Aico Fire Products Trained Installer Scheme and has so far sent 40 electricians for training. They have benefitted from instruction on: BS 5839: Pt.6: 2004 (the standard for domestic alarm installations), the types of smoke, heat and fire alarms for use in different applications and siting and installation guidance. "The training scheme is very good," states Charlie, "and all the electricians that have attended appreciated it."

**For further information please contact Aico on 0870 758 4000**

## System Hygienics assists fire service for fire safety compliance

System Hygienics, the UK's leading air hygiene specialist, has helped West Midlands Fire Service meet its legal fire safety obligations by completing a thorough manual clean of its commercial kitchen extract systems across all 33 of its sites.



Kitchen extract pre-clean

Building and facilities managers have a legal obligation to prevent the risk of fire within the buildings they manage under The Fire Safety Order (2005). This includes regularly cleaning kitchen extract systems to avoid the build up of grease, oil, food debris and other potentially harmful bacteria, which can cause serious safety hazards in the workplace, and in the worst case a fire outbreak.



Kitchen extract post-clean

System Hygienics completed a Wet Film Thickness Test to act as a gauge for measuring the efficiency of the cleaning process. Before and after photographic reports indicated that cleaning was achieved to an excellent standard.

**For further information on kitchen extract duct cleaning and fire damper testing, visit [www.systemhygienics.co.uk](http://www.systemhygienics.co.uk) or call System Hygienics on 01323 481 170.**

## Primed for action!

C-TEC's innovative Quantec addressable call system has been installed at Blackpool's first-ever Primary Care Centre (PCT).



Located on Whitegate Drive, the exciting new development was built by Eric Wright Group and aims to be a one-stop health shop for the growing population of Blackpool. Providing state-of-the-art healthcare facilities including clinical care, screening and GP surgeries in a modern and spacious environment, the new PCT will ensure patients are diagnosed and treated quickly.

Bowker Ltd commissioned Lancashire-based BAFE SP203 accredited company Solid State to install the Quantec system. As one of the UK's leading specialist installers of nurse call and disability equipment, Solid State was ideally qualified for the job. Quantec is now at the heart of communications at the prestigious new 3-storey development. Says Nigel Thomas of Solid State: "With its capacity to act as a patient/staff emergency call system, a panic attack system for staff and a general call system, Quantec is incredibly powerful. The system provides different types of calls to required locations with emergency calls reaching out via radio pagers. With a total of three network controllers and over 500 individual pieces of equipment, this system will ensure smooth and effective communication throughout the building".

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## Hoyles Electronic Developments announce New KEY operated 24 hour Door Alarm



EXITGUARD is a simple solution for security of fire exit doors in all types of buildings, satisfying the requirements of fire and security officers.

This EXITGUARD boasts a two position key switch for setting the alarm and integral high power sounder which is activated when the door is opened. The sounder has two selectable tones making it easy to distinguish from other alarms in the vicinity. The Exitguard can be silenced and reset using the key switch or can re-arm automatically after a preset delay once the door has been closed. A Door Open Too Long delay of 15 seconds and a chime facility can be set during installation.

There are three models to suit various applications: EX104 is battery powered ideal when the protected door is opened infrequently. Depending on usage the battery life can be up to 5 years. Battery condition monitor will warn of impending battery failure. EX105 is 12vdc powered for use where the protected door may be opened frequently. Ideally used as part of a system where it is necessary to interface with other equipment such as intruder alarms or access control systems.

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