

PRESS RELEASE

SpecNet revolutionises your window and door buying experience

Swartland's revolutionary SpecNet is a practical, easy-to-use web-based tool that supports professionals operating in the built environment by providing free downloadable ArchiCad objects, Revit families and product information for Swartland's range of windows and doors – making specifying and accurate design a synch.

27 January 2016, Johannesburg: Any building project can be described as a sum of all its parts – and as any building professional will know, there can be literally thousands of different “parts” – making the specifying process a long and arduous job. One of the largest joinery and moulding manufacturers in southern Africa and producers of a wide range of quality doors and windows, Swartland, has taken it on themselves to help industry professionals by making the specification of their products as quick and easy as possible.

With Swartland's SpecNet system, specifiers, architects, builders and developers don't need to leave their desks in order to garner all the necessary information, measurements, prices, product values and even professional drawings of Swartland's range of windows and doors – simply log on to www.swartland.co.za/specnet, register and you will have access to over 800 accurate and detailed architectural drawings of Swartland's products that you can download at no cost and add to your personal library.

John Lamb from Swartland elaborates: “In a nutshell, SpecNet provides access to accurate, intelligent ArchiCAD objects and Revit families of various Swartland products. From sketch through to design and rendering, architectural drawings of Swartland's windows and doors are freely available to all registered SpecNet users. The system has been designed by professionals, for professionals, with the aim of simplifying the specification process and saving professionals time and money. Also, since the information provided on the SpecNet system is 100% accurate and continuously checked and updated by Swartland themselves, it leaves less margin for error on the professionals' side.”

The ultimate in green compliance

The SANS 10400-XA National Building requirements relating to energy usage in buildings are not new, however ensuring that a building is compliant takes a lot of extra effort. To aid in this process, each SpecNet drawing comes with its own individual U- and SHGC values, as well as full certification of compliance, ready to insert into your drawings and calculations to ensure that they meet all the necessary regulations.

Says John: “Swartland continuously tests its products to ensure that they are compliant with the National Building Regulations. In order to ensure that its windows are compliant with the SANS 613 and 204 (Fenestration Products) Mechanical Performance Criteria for example, its Ready-2-Fit range of windows are tested for deflection, structural strength, water-resistance, air-tightness, operating forces, and the best possible energy efficiency. As a result, they have unique mechanical property values, from A1 to A4, assigned to them.”

Inspiration and convenience

Currently, drawings of and information about Swartland’s full Cape Culture range of wooden windows and doors are available on SpecNet – you can browse these products for inspiration or to find the specific products that are best suited to the project you are working on. Swartland’s Winsters and Kayo ranges will also soon be added to the system – broadening the scope of the offering to cover all project budgets – from high-end, through to low cost building projects.

Further to the convenience of being able to source all required product information, and download professional architectural drawings, SpecNet has also been designed as a platform where professionals can participate in various forum discussion groups, and read interesting articles about what is trending in the built world, and in particular, the field of fenestration and doors. Says John: “The SpecNet forum is a great source of information – it keeps us updated with the needs and requirements of the building environment, and it provides professionals operating within the industry access to a forum where they can pick the brains of other industry or fenestration specialist about specific queries.”

An overview on the benefits of using SpecNet

The SpecNet platform offers users access to:

- Autocad objects, Revit families and intelligent schedules with product values
- Product documentation and certification
- A specification tool as well as a drop and drag function
- Product catalogues
- A pricing/estimate basket system
- Training and information sharing
- A Blogging platform with interactive expert advice
- Lifestyle images for all product ranges
- New product and service initiatives

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