

## WHAT SERVICE HATCH?



Paul Coyle (left) and Mark Pearson.

A system for creating concealed access panels in tiled walls worked so well on the front of a Jacuzzi whirlpool bath, that when the tiling installer had finished, the partner of his client didn't even know it had been fitted.

Paul Coyle, a tiler with 15 years's experience, based in County Durham ([www.paulcoyle.co.uk](http://www.paulcoyle.co.uk)) recommended the Schlüter®-REMA system to his client, after taking part in a training session on Schlüter's tile protection systems, where he learned about its simplicity and effectiveness.

Paul's client, Mark Pearson, a joiner specialising in staircases, doors and flooring, was extending his house by building a pair of en-suite bathrooms, featuring a sound system and flat screen television, along with an integrated Jacuzzi whirlpool bath, toilet and basin, made out of 16mm polished limestone.

To help keep the aesthetics of the room from being spoilt by an obvious essential access hatch, Paul turned to Schlüter®-REMA.

Paul said: "Mark had originally felt the only way he

could have an access panel was to have four or more screws with, at best, plastic chrome effect covers. However, with using Schlüter®-REMA, the result is a totally concealed working service hatch, much to Mark's delight."

Consisting of a set of magnets and counter plates, Schlüter®-REMA is the ideal system for concealing access panels for many types of electrical and plumbing systems. It works by fixing aluminium brackets containing the magnets, into the tiled wall at the perimeter of the opening, and adhering the counterplates to the back of the tiled panel cover.

By sealing the surrounding joint with a colour co-ordinated sealing compound, the system allows the tiled surface to appear unbroken, while still keeping electronics or plumbing components within easy access.

Paul said: "When I'd finished grouting the walls and floor, and told Mark's partner, Karen, about the service hatch for the Jacuzzi, she replied: 'What service hatch?' it was totally invisible to her."

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Paul Coyle shows the concealed access panel.

New Polysafe Wood FX decorative sheet vinyl safety flooring - recently launched by commercial flooring specialist Polyflor Ltd - has been used to bring outstanding good looks and proven safety to St Mary's Ward at St Anthony's Hospital in North Cheam, Surrey, a leading independent hospital owned by The Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liege.

Installed at the hospital by Mitcham-based flooring contractor MRP Dappa Flooring, Polysafe Wood FX is available in eight realistic timber styles and has a wide appeal across a commercial facility. Especially suitable for hospital wards, corridors, general circulation areas and front of house reception areas, Wood FX can also be used in traditional use areas such as bathrooms and toilets where there are risks of contaminant spillages.

The outstanding decorative appeal of the flooring is fully matched by its slip resistant performance. In common with all Polysafe ranges, Polysafe Wood FX complies fully with HSE guidelines, providing sustained slip resistance throughout the guaranteed life of the product. The range also achieves 36+ on

the RRL Pendulum wet test (Slider 96/Four S rubber) with surface roughness of 20 microns and above to ensure a low slip risk classification is achieved.

In addition, the product has been independently tested and results demonstrate that it inhibits the growth of MRSA on the flooring. An effective cleaning regime is, however, the most important defence against infection.

The sustained slip resistance of Polysafe Wood FX is achieved by the incorporation of clear aluminium oxide throughout the wear layer, with aggregates specially formulated to ensure excellent clarity of design.

As well as compliance with HSE guidelines, Polysafe Wood FX meets the performance requirements of EN13845, the European Norm for safety flooring, and fully tested to fire safety standard EN13501-1, is certified as Class Bfl-S1, achieving the criteria EN ISO 9239-1  $\geq 8\text{kw/m}^2$  and the mandatory requirement of EN ISO 11925-2 pass.

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