

HBF Guidance on Automatic Gates

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Whilst there are BS EN standards for automatic gates and applicable safety devices and guidance from the HSE (see references below) there does not appear to be home builder industry guidance that pulls together, in a practical, logical and sequential manner the following:

- Decision making on automated gates for developments and the purpose of these gates.
- Design, including aspects such as gate location, building features that the gates will be attached to and topography.
- Technical specification, including type of gate, type of material the gate is manufactured from, movement mechanisms, safety devices, controls for opening and closing and means of isolation.
- Installation, including the appointment of competent contractors who are members of an accredited organisation, conformity with the technical specification and conformity with current applicable legislation and standards.
- Testing, commissioning, certification and CE Marking.
- Establishing requirements for maintenance and repair.
- Information for purchasers.
- Information for managing agents.

In order to assist in the safe management of electrically powered swing and sliding vehicle entrance gates, Crest Nicholson Plc has agreed to its technical procedure and specification being made available to HBF members. These documents are attached. However, because Crest Nicholson Plc has no control over the circumstances in which these documents will be used Crest Nicholson Plc can accept no liability arising out of their use by any other organisation.

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) web based guidance can be found at:

www.hse.gov.uk/safetybulletins/electricgates.htm