

## Local Authority Building Standards Scotland [LABSS]



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Ref: LABSSRD38 (formerly STAS13053RD0601-

2017 Update Vent Axia)

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**Dear Sirs** 

Building (Scotland) Act 2003

SCOTTISH TYPE APPROVAL SCHEME [STAS]: REGISTERED DETAIL ZEHNDER CV2GIP/CV2SVGIP/CV3/CV3SV/CV2CTA110 dMEV FAN UNITS HOUSE VENTILATION SYSTEM

I refer to the Registered Detail under the STAS under the following reference number:

## LABSSRD38 (formerly STAS13053RD0601-2017 Update Vent Axia)

This Registered Detail is based on a decentralised mechanical extract system, which provides continuous mechanical extract ventilation for whole house ventilation. The system application is designed to work with a natural ventilation system using background vents in wall or window of habitable spaces depending upon the air permeability of the building.

You will be aware that the current Registered Details are founded on the CIBSE Guide 2001 and on the current Approved Document F. Since these documents are referenced in the current Building Standards Technical Handbooks, the current extended registration for your product is now valid until 27 November 2021.

However, all Registered Details will need to be updated or possibly withdrawn in light of proposed changes to relevant legislation/guidance. We cannot be sure when that is likely to happen meantime.

As we move forward difficulties are foreseen if we continue to base our registrations on about to be updated documents. It is apparent that the Technical Handbooks themselves will be updated in due course which would almost certainly negate the registrations currently published. Consequently, we must have regard to these impending changes.

The other consideration is about you as industry leaders and how your installation designs will impact on the current scope of registrations you hold with LABSS. We would ask you to liaise with LABSS to establish the extent of these design changes and on your new and latest ventilation systems to ensure we get the best fit for the registrations we issue.

In summary, therefore, we would ask that you bear with us pending our discussions with the Scottish Government and pending potential requests to you for input on the scope and design criteria for your current and future system.

Please be aware of your responsibility as designers' manufacturers and suppliers of ventilation systems and on your duty to comply with minimum building standards – this is inherent in the registrations being extended here.

## **CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION**

- 1 This application does not affect or remove the need for future building warrant applications and fees submitted to any of the Scottish Local Authorities incorporating this Registered Detail.
- 2 If you wish to amend the details identified in this application in future applications for a building warrant this may be dealt with through a variation to the Registered Detail or through a local amendment to the site warrant.
- 3 The assessment of adequacy is in terms of the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 and the Building (Scotland) Act 2003. The certificate holder should, however, be aware that any Local Authority might feel that additional or alternative specifications should apply where site specific issues warrant them. If such issues arise, they must be channeled through the Lead Authority by the applicant and certificate holder, in conjunction with the developer or designer.

If you have any questions about the Registered Detail Scheme, please contact the Lead Authority.

Yours faithfully

John Delamar

Building Standards Manager

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