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ALTRO IS FIRST FOR SAFETY IN FOUR NEW FIRE STATIONS

Altro Walkway™, Altro Impressionist™, Altro Marine™

A range of Altro safety flooring has been laid in four newly-constructed Gloucestershire community fire stations, underlining its reputation for high performance in demanding environments.

Built by Kier Construction as part of a £40 million overhaul of the county's fire and rescue service, the two stations in Gloucester and two in Cheltenham will help firefighters meet their eight-minute response deadline to more than 14,000 additional homes and businesses around the city and boost Gloucestershire's ability to respond to emergencies, not only locally but when necessary across the region.

The state-of-the-art new facilities have been hailed as 'fire stations of the future', with modern design and many environmentally-friendly features, such as rainwater harvesting systems.

Three types of Altro safety flooring have been installed throughout the new buildings; 1,800m² of Altro Walkway™ 20 on the stairs, landings and in some toilets; 2,000m² of Altro Impressionist™ II in working areas and corridors; and 200m² of Altro Marine™ 20 in wet areas such as showers and toilets.

Installation of the Altro flooring at all four sites was carried out by ALC Contracts, a division of Alacarte Flooring Company.

Director Terry Peirce commented: "When we tendered for this project we had no hesitation in specifying Altro products because their quality and value for money are second to none.

"It was quite a challenging programme, a very tight deadline and meant working very closely with the site management teams, as well as numerous other contractors. It was all very tightly supervised and our main objective was to sustain a rolling programme of works throughout the duration of the installation to ensure we could finish each section on schedule and work around the other trades on site.

"The project went very well, and there were quite a few technically demanding aspects, such as installing coved skirtings," added Terry Peirce. "These make cleaning the floor easier and help ensure a watertight finish in wet areas. It requires a great deal of expertise. Overall, the entire project took our team four months to complete. Kier were very happy with the results and thanked us for our professional work."

Paul Ingram, Kier Construction Project Manager for the Cheltenham East Community Fire Station at Keynsham Road, said: "Altro flooring was used throughout the four fire station projects and we were very pleased with such a high quality installation of what we believe to be an extremely versatile and durable product."

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Richard Lockyer, Station Commander at Cheltenham West Fire Station, commented: "We are delighted with our new station, it really is superb to work with state-of-the-art equipment as it will enable us to hugely improve our service.

"The floors are in keeping with the modern, functional and high quality new fire station. They look smart and they seem to be very durable and show no signs at all of wear and tear, even though we work them quite hard. So far the flooring has met all the Service's needs and expectations."

Altro Walkway 20 is a hugely popular, hard-wearing, 2mm safety flooring, providing lifelong slip and abrasion resistance. Additional benefits include superior chemical and indentation resistance, which adds to its excellent durability. Ideal for busy public areas, the product has a life expectancy of 15 years.

Altro Impressionist II is a decorative, yet practical 2mm thick safety flooring which is ideal for medium to high traffic areas. It features coloured chips set in a complementary background, so it can be coordinated with adjacent floor and wall finishes.

The coloured chips are fused to the main body of the flooring, resulting in lifelong slip resistance, improved appearance retention and strength. It contains Altro Easyclean Original Technology for ease of cleaning and a bacteriostat to inhibit the growth of microorganisms. This makes the product ideal for application such as schools, hospitals and supermarkets.

Ideal for a wide range of wet areas such as showers, spas and swimming pools, Altro Marine 20 has a carefully textured 2mm thick dimpled surface specifically designed for safety with wet, bare feet or soft-soled footwear. Comfortable underfoot, it offers superb slip resistance when wet, making it perfect for healthcare, leisure and education applications.

It is also easy to clean, hardwearing and contains a bacteriostat to inhibit the growth of microorganisms.

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