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Solar Screens vs Integrated Blinds

Glazed Extensions and Solar Gain

The continued popularity of sliding and bifold doors in modern house design has resulted in an increase in the amount of glass used in British homes. More glass, naturally, means more exposure to the sun and a greater need for solar control.

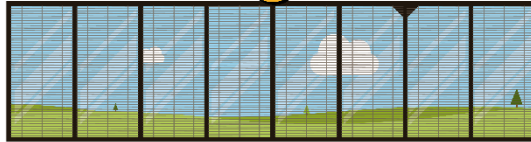
Traditional British homes used solid doors, curtains, and net curtains to provide privacy. However, heavily glazed extensions with large sliding glass doors and windows don't lend themselves to being dressed with curtains or net curtains. As a result, homeowners in the UK are looking for the best way to dress large openings.

Solar Screens or Integrated Blinds for Bifold Doors?

Blinds are often considered for bifold doors, but they have shortcomings of their own. To help homeowners understand the pros and cons of built-in blinds vs insect screens, Phantom Screens has created the following infographic. Take a look at the pros and cons of each method and if you'd like to take advantage of a free, no-obligations consultation to discuss your options, get in touch with Phantom Screens today.



PHANTOM SCREENS VS INTEGRAL BLINDS



MORE AND MORE HOMEOWNERS IN THE UK ARE OPTING FOR LARGE, GLAZED EXTENSIONS WITH BIFOLD DOORS

As a result, they're looking for the best solution for controlling solar heat gain, reducing glare, and keeping insects out of the house. Here's a handy breakdown of how Phantom Screens compare to one of the more popular options - integral blinds.

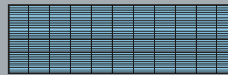
PHANTOM SCREENS

INTEGRAL BLINDS

THERMAL COMFORT GAINS



Phantom Screens provide extra thermal comfort gains by reflecting solar energy while allowing you to **open the doors for air circulation**.



Integrated blinds are only effective when doors are closed, resulting in a **lack of air circulation**.

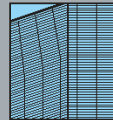
LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

PEACE OF MIND

All Phantom executive Screens are easy to maintain and come with a **limited lifetime warranty** for your peace of mind.



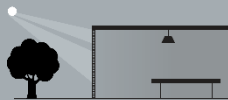
When an integral blind fails, the entire double-glaze unit is affected, rather than just the blind, which can **add to maintenance costs**.



MAINTAIN YOUR VIEW

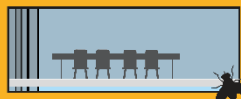


Phantom Screens are designed to **leave your view intact**, so you can blend your indoor and outdoor spaces.



Blinds **obscure your view**, which can separate indoor and outdoor spaces and **create gloomy interiors**.

INSECT CONTROL



Phantom Screens move independently of doors, so you can leave your doors open **without worrying about insects** getting into the house.

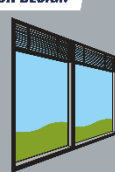


Leaving doors open means you have **no protection against insects**, so your only option is to keep all the doors and windows closed.

IMPACT ON INTERIOR DESIGN



Phantom Screens can be installed recessed into walls and colour matched, which means they're all but invisible until deployed and won't impact your interior design.



A typical installation results in multiple double-glazed door units, each of which has a visible stack of Venetian blind slats and door frames that obscure the view.



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