



## What is Proteus SR?

Proteus SR is a secret fix rainscreen system that is available in a multitude of materials and finishes, including Powder Coated Aluminium, Pre Coated Aluminium, Anodised Aluminium, Stainless Steel and Weathering Steel.

The versatility of the Proteus SR rainscreen system allows the material thickness to be from 1.5mm to 5.0mm. Designers have the freedom using the Proteus SR system to lay panels in vertical, horizontal or a combination of both orientations. Standard 20mm vertical and horizontal joints provide a clean and effortless sightline to your facade.

The panels fix to a carrier rail with hooks at engineered centres. The hooks bolt into pre-designed ports within the vertical rails rather than using self-drilling fixings, which offer maximum site adjustability and construction tolerance.

Vertical rails connect to support brackets engineered to a depth specific to your project with accompanying thermal isolator pads, allowing the system to be connected to all types of primary structures, including blockwork, precast concrete, timber frame, SIPS panels, SFS and insulated steel panels.

Secondary horizontal rails may be required, subject to the project's framing system. This flexibility assists in reducing installation periods and offers maximum flexibility for new build, refurbishment and cladding remediation projects.

### What is a rainscreen?

Rainscreen cladding is the attachment of an outer skin of rear-ventilated cladding to a new or existing building. The system is a form of double-wall construction that uses an outer layer to keep out the rain and an inner layer to provide thermal insulation, prevent excessive air leakage and carry wind loading. The outer layer breathes like a skin while the inner layer reduces energy losses.

The structural frame of the building is kept dry, as very minimal amounts of water can cross the cavity to reach the thermal insulation on the backing wall. Evaporation and drainage in the cavity removes this water that penetrates between panel joints.

Water droplets are not driven through the panel joints or openings because the rainscreen principle means that wind pressure acting on the outer face of the panel is equalised in the cavity. Therefore, there is no significant pressure differential to drive the rain through joints. During extreme weather, minimal water may penetrate the outer cladding, this, however, will run as droplets down the back of the panels and be dissipated through evaporation and drainage.

**Proteus SR is ideal for refurbishment and replacement cladding projects**

**All panels manufactured at our factory are pre-finished for rapid installation**

**Stud welded mid-span supports**

**Material can be broken down and fully recycled**

**Variety of insulation depths for thermal and acoustic requirements**

**Classified A1 or A2-s1, d0 in accordance with EN13501**

**Fully tested and compliant with CWCT standards**

#### 1. Backing Wall

The backing wall is responsible for carrying both the self-weight of the rainscreen and wind loadings. The system is designed to incorporate fixing to a range of substrates, for example with steel framing system (SFS) continuous channels can be used allowing vertical panel joints to be positioned independently of SFS vertical stud positions.

#### 2. Insulation

A good thermal build-up design will improve energy efficiency of the building. Specified insulation can be used within the inner wall or in the envelope cavity. There is to be a minimum clean air cavity of 38mm between the face of the substrate/insulation and panel rear. Insulation should be tightly fitted around mullion brackets. Mullion brackets can be supplied as Aluminium or Stainless Steel with optional thermal isolator pads to reduce cold spots across the substrate.

#### 3. Panel Support System

The Proteus SR support system utilises spring loaded tapped blocks in an engineered rail port for three-dimensional adjustment ensuring the façade is plumb and level. A specialised self-drilling fixing is used allowing the system to accommodate for structural movement adequately. Mullion Brackets can be designed

and engineered to various cavity depths to meet insulation build-up requirements.

#### 4. Panel Fixing Brackets

The Proteus SR hook brackets use the spring-loaded tapped block feature in the system and are fitted with a bolt connection that can be adjusted to a precise set-out. The SR panels are designed with hook slots of the appropriate size to facilitate joint tolerance and movement within the system. To secure the panels in place, a low-profile self-drilling screw is fixed through the top fold of the panel, which remains concealed by the panel above, creating a secret fix system. If necessary, the panels can be individually demounted as per the design requirements.

#### 5. Panel Joints

The vertical panel joint uses a compression fit gasket benefiting the panels installation. The horizontal joint is a labyrinth design preventing direct water penetration. Both horizontal and vertical are 20mm recessed joints. The panel top fold finishes the horizontal joint whilst an infill strip, finished to match the panels, finishes the vertical joint.

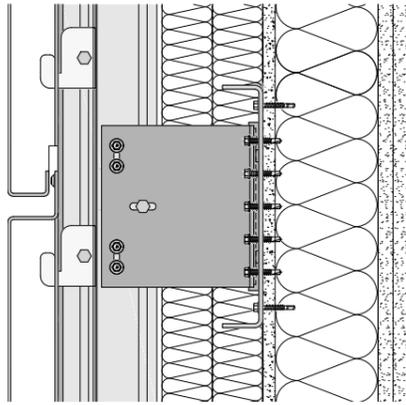
#### 6. Panels

The SR panels are a 50mm deep hook-on cassette, this depth is suited to open state cassette inserts benefitting fire barrier solutions. The panels act as the main defence for the envelope shedding water and snow down the external face whilst the systems support transfers wind loadings back the primary structure. Panels are supplied shrink wrapped on pallets, individually numbered for traceability.

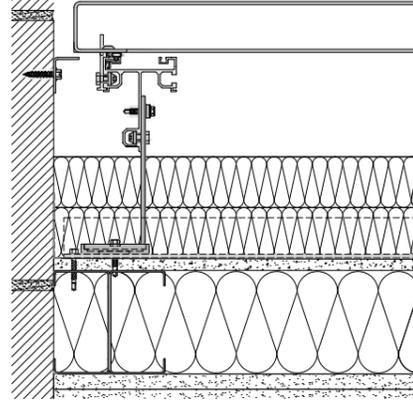


## Section drawings

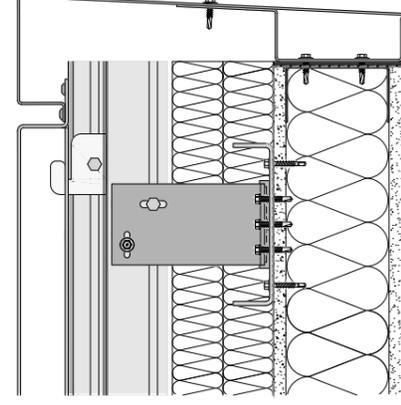
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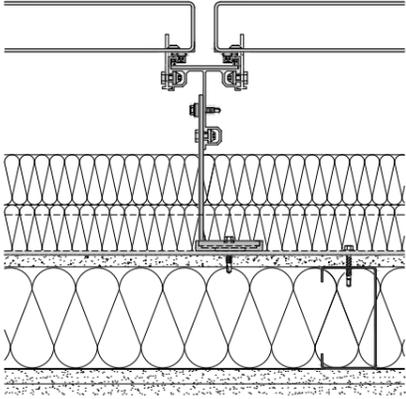
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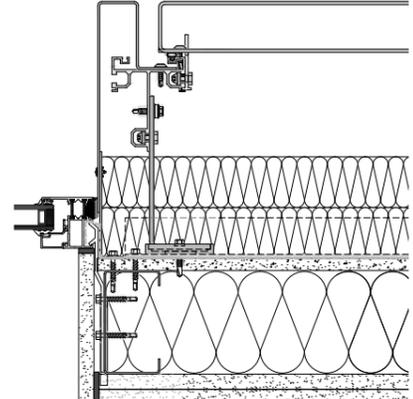
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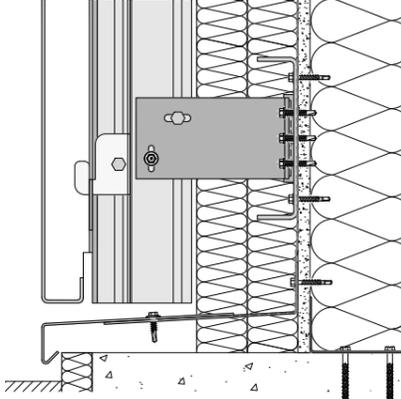
### Vertical joint



### Window jamb



### Base



## Performance

### Fire performance

The Proteus SR system is classified in accordance with EN13501 achieving A1 or A2-s1, d0 depending upon the material and finish specified. Any specified fire breaks / insulation would be supplied by a competent contractor.

### Weather testing

The Proteus SR system has successfully undergone testing in accordance with CWCT Standard Test Methods for walls with ventilated rainscreens. The Proteus SR system passed the

water tightness testing using dynamic pressure and wind resistance testing for both Safety (3.6kn/m<sup>2</sup>) and Serviceability (2.4kn/m<sup>2</sup>).

### Durability

The Proteus SR system uses various metals as a finished face; these metals all have their own intrinsic durability properties and will be determined by geographical location, local environment and possibly the colour selected. The Proteus SR system has been tested for both soft and hard body impact as part of the CWCT test sequence.

### Maintenance

Proteus SR is a low-maintenance system that can be easily cleaned with water and a mild detergent. Subject to material finish there may be no requirement for a scheduled cleaning regime.

## Materials and Finishes

Please note that all colours shown are representative in print process, we recommend that you request a swatch sample from our sales department for an accurate representation.

### A1 Valcan VitraDual

VitraDual is an A1 fire-rated pre finished aluminium that is available in an extensive range of standard colours and finishes.

**Material width:** 1000, 1250, 1500mm  
**Max panel width:** 800, 1050, 1300mm



All RAL Colours



9304 Cool Grey



9308 Metallic Bronze



4150 Gold Metallic



9809 Copper Metallic

### Pre coated and post coated aluminium

Aluminium, with its distinctive contemporary look, can be post coated in any RAL colour and can be prefinished with unique coating formulations offering long-term performance.

**Material width:** 1000, 1250, 1500mm  
**Max panel width:** 800, 1050, 1300mm



All RAL Colours



RAL 8004 Copper Brown



RAL 1035 Pearl Beige



RAL 7035 Light Grey



RAL 9002 Grey White

### Anodised aluminium

Anodising enhances and reinforces the natural beauty of aluminium to create a living surface constantly interacting with the natural or artificial light playing across its surface.

**Material width:** 1000, 1250, 1500,  
**Max panel width:** 800, 1050, 1300



Natural Anodised



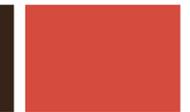
Regancy Gold 1



Anolok\* 543 Umber



Anolok\* 547 Bronze



Sandalor\* 130-0

### Stainless steel

Stainless steel offers the ideal combination of high strength, excellent corrosion resistance and a modern, progressive image.

**Material width:** 1250, 1500mm  
**Max panel width:** 1050, 1300mm



6WL



Canvas



Quilted



ColourTex\*  
Mirror Bronze



ColourTex\*  
Mirror Blue

### Weathering steel

Weathering steel offers superior resistance to atmospheric corrosion because of its protective layer, which develops and regenerates continuously as the material is weathered.

**Material width:** 1000, 1250mm  
**Max panel width:** 800, 1050mm



Weathered COR-TEN  
Steel

The finishes shown are a small sample of the available finishes, please see our website for more [www.proteusfacades.com](http://www.proteusfacades.com)

**Project:**  
Alder Hey, Sunflower House & The Catkin Centre  
Liverpool

**Sector:** Healthcare  
**Architect:** 10 Architect  
**Finish:** Weathering Steel

Proteus Facades have supplied eye-catching Weathering Steel cladding to Alder Hey.



## Project services

### Consultation

We offer a full consultation service at the early stages of your project, helping you choose the right specification for your scheme and your budget. Our technical department will provide design assistance to ensure compliance and provide a cost-effective solution. As part of the consultation process we can provide standard product samples and can also assist in the development of project specific prototypes, mock ups and project samples to allow you to visualise your perfect Proteus solution.

### Estimating

Our experienced estimators can advise on all aspects of the Proteus system and its application, along with detailed cost information in a timely manner. We can provide robust budget estimates for cost plan purposes through to full project take-offs with detailed quotations taking into account all Proteus materials required to complete your project.

### Manufacture

All Proteus products are custom manufactured in our UK factory for each individual project. All elements are supplied pre-finished, ready for on-site installation. Our manufacturing operation features state-of-the-art production facilities, backed up by an uncompromising approach to quality control. Our CNC-driven process offers full flexibility in terms of dimensions.

## Proteus product range



The Proteus HR system is a honeycomb panel system that utilises the Proteus aluminium support and fixing system. The face of the panel utilises a range of thin metal veneers such as aluminium, zinc, stainless steel, and copper resulting in optically flat and stunning facades.



The Proteus GL system is a honeycomb panel system that utilises the Proteus aluminium support and fixing system. The face of the panel has a 4mm to 6mm thick back painted glass layer. The system is a creative, cost effective and energy efficient method of applying glass to buildings.



The Proteus CX system is a honeycomb panel system that utilises the Proteus aluminium support and fixing system. The face of the panel has a 3.5mm thick ceramic layer, giving the appearance of large-format stone/ceramic panels.



Proteus SP is an insulated spandrel panel system that integrates into a curtain walling or window system with an Aluminium, Steel, Porcelain Ceramic or Back Painted Glass panel facing material.



The Proteus SC system is a single-skin panel system that can be provided in all metal finishes both solid, perforated and mesh. The panel system uses the same aluminium support system as Proteus.



The Proteus AR system consists of a range of continuous and modular louvres and modular brise soleil. The system is manufactured from aluminium and is fixed to the Proteus carrier system via an ingenious plastic clip system.

## Quality assurance

We manufacture all our products to the highest quality standard, operating a BSI accredited Quality Management System in compliance with the requirements of ISO 9001. Our products are manufactured from the highest-quality materials from our approved supply chain, using state-of-the-art production equipment which is rigorously controlled through inspection and testing at each production stage. Our products are designed and manufactured in accordance with all related and prevailing standards.



## Environment

We operate a highly efficient manufacturing facility that operates an accredited Environmental Management System in compliance with the requirements of ISO 14001. We are constantly focused on increasing our understanding and improving the sustainability of our products. By continually improving our products and processes we aim to recover and recycle all our waste. Using the most precise material optimisation software, we ensure our yield of finished product from raw materials is maximised, thus reducing our waste. As a direct result, we reduce our carbon-dioxide emissions, reducing our environmental footprint and that of our customers. Our systems can be simply disassembled on site and transported to be reused or recycled.



## Health and safety

Our Business Delivery is managed efficiently and responsibly through the practice of our accredited Occupational Health & Safety Management System in compliance with the requirements of ISO 45001. Through our Management System we promote a safe and healthy working environment by providing a framework that allows our organisation to identify and control its health and safety risks, reduce the potential for accidents, ensure legislative compliance and improve overall performance.





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