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Hadrian - The Best of Both Worlds

Whether we realise it or not, most of us will be influenced in our opinions of a restaurant, hotel, pub, leisure centre or indeed any organisation we visit, by the state of its washrooms. A company may have beautiful offices, superb interior design and a very upmarket corporate image - but if the washrooms are tatty, damaged and unkempt what do their own staff think, let alone visitors?



At least this is now well recognised and there have been great advances in the quality of washroom designs in recent years. However, all too often there is a perceived trade off between aesthetics and durability. These modern materials are all very well for applications where they won't be harshly used - but if you want to stop the vandals, use steel cubicles - even if they do look institutional!

Wrong, on both counts.

Modern plastics, laminates and phenolics are surprising durable although it is true that nothing really matches the ultimate durability of steel. So Canadian manufacturer Hadrian decided to make a steel cubicle that looks even better than its supposedly more stylish rivals and give their customers the best of both worlds. Their task was to develop a cubicle that won't break, warp, flake, corrode or chip and is highly dent resistant. It has to have good sound insulation and be finished in a wide range of colours and effects. Oh, and it has to be light enough to be installed by one person.

The answer was their Elite range, marketed in the UK by Relcross, the Devizes based company well known for door hardware and washroom accessories.

The Elite toilet cubicle is made from either stainless steel or galvanneal processed sheet steel. The basic inherent strength is then enhanced by mitred, welded and ground corners, reinforced pilaster tops and a locking bar construction.

Steel is very tough but it's heavy. It was going to be no good having the most robust design available if the weight was prohibitive both in use and installation. Hadrian solved this by

introducing a honeycomb core that is laminated to the steel envelope under pressure. The result is a remarkably light cubicle that can be installed easily by just one person and yet is one of the toughest available. The honeycomb also provides great sound absorption and, together with the sound deadening strip on the continuous stop, helps to eliminate that cell door 'clang' associated with many steel cubicles.

Having sorted out the main construction using the well recognised advantages of steel to best effect, they then set about adding design flair and a degree of practicality unheard of in a steel cubicle. A choice of 26 powder coating colours and anti graffiti textures was added, in addition to 'plain' stainless steel. The Pewter Metallic, Granite and Pebble Beach finishes are particularly stunning. But if this is still insufficient choice, they can match to any RAL colour.

Finally the construction was fine tuned to include hinges and latches concealed within the thickness of the doors and pilasters - not only stylish but sanitary too. Special pulls and hardware that meet DDA requirements and an anti-grip top rail for headrail braced compartments to deter boisterous activity and consequent damage, were also developed. A full length, heavy duty continuous stop and sightline filler completes the package effectively eliminating all door and panel gaps for maximum privacy and smooth lines.

Relcross are confident that Hadrian have succeeded in developing a toilet cubicle system that really offers the best of both worlds - style and durability. Stocks of the most popular colours are held in the UK and so lead times from enquiry to installation can be as short as seven days. Full details can be found at www.hadrian-cubicles.co.uk which also contains information about their complementary lockers range.