



Approved Contractor Network

A network of contractors trained and supported by Group SCS



About Group SCS

Group SCS is an expert provider of smoke control systems and BEMS, delivering solutions with safety at their core and more than 25 years of industry experience. Our work on thousands of complex UK construction projects and in-depth knowledge of the smoke control industry have paved the way to innovation and given us the expertise required to handle projects of any scope.

Our strength lies in the combination of innovative product design and comprehensive project support, borne of 25+ years successfully keeping pace with new industry developments and exceeding customer expectations.

We value our promises and always keep our word. This is clearly reflected in the partnerships we've built with our longest-standing clients, some of them spanning more than 15 years.

Building Lasting Relationships

We are committed to providing outstanding customer service and we always pull out all the stops to achieve our clients' goals. In fact, more than 80% of our sales come from repeat business.

We value partnerships over projects, and we are committed to providing our existing partners with the best service possible.

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We believe that knowledge is power and we love sharing our knowledge with our partners to help them deliver successful and safe smoke control solutions for their customers.

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- Allan Meek - Director, Group SCS

Our Product Range

Approved Contractors have access to our comprehensive range of systems and products for smoke control and ventilation for new build and refurbishment products. Our team is on hand to provide training and ongoing support on all technical and commercial aspects of smoke control systems, including:



AOV Kits

Everything you need for a complete smoke control system in a box. Select from kits for stairwells, lobbies and BRE shafts.



BRE Shafts

Comprehensive range of natural smoke shafts for means of escape in HRRBs and for firefighter protection on larger buildings.



Ventilators

Ventilators for smoke control and environmental ventilation of commercial buildings including those with atria.



Mechanical Vent Systems

Systems that suit individual building requirements, including push-pull, variable pressure, and “floppy door” systems.



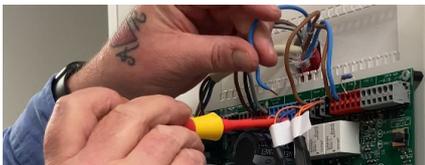
Car Park Ventilation

Car park ventilation system delivering combined pollution and smoke clearance through the use of jet fans.



Window Automation

A range of actuators including chain drive actuators, folding arm actuators and linear and spindle actuators.



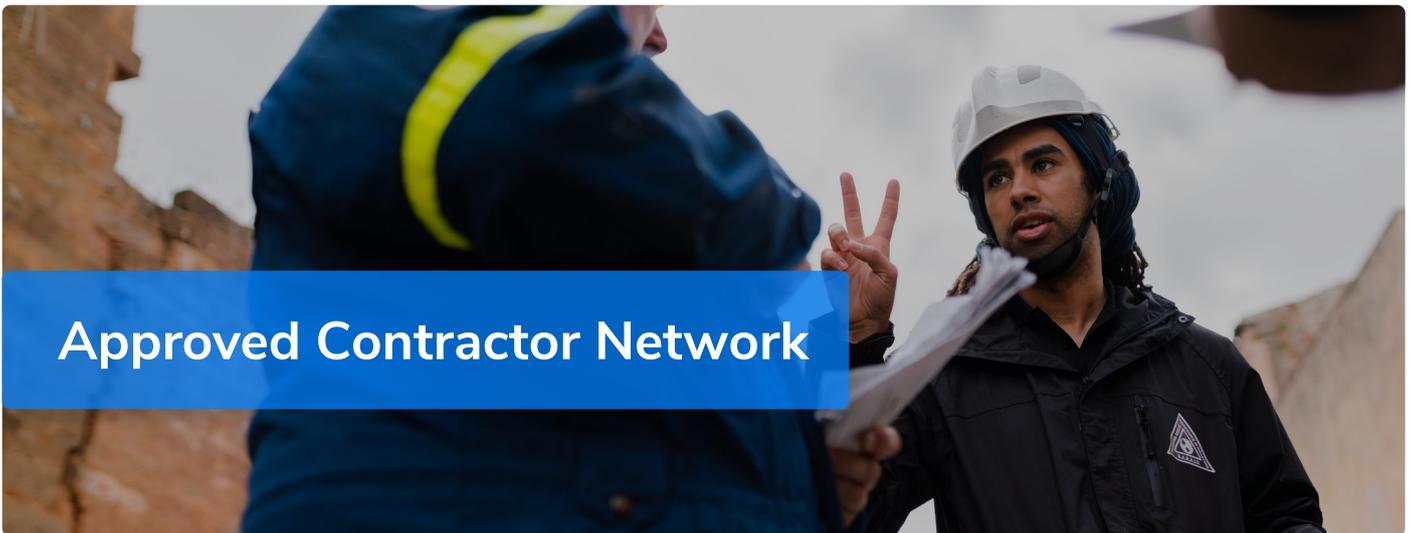
Control Panels

We supply a wide range of smoke control panels designed to govern simple systems as well as complex systems.



Damper Control Systems

Our universal, fully addressable systems are suitable for the control of the majority of fire and smoke dampers.



Approved Contractor Network

The Approved Contractor Network is a mutually supportive partnership that gives competent mechanical, electrical and fire safety contractors access to a range of smoke control products and training.

How does becoming an Approved Contractor benefit your business?

Having Approved Contractor certification gives you access to a comprehensive fully compliant smoke control product range. The training provided by Group SCS guides contractors through every step of the design, installation and commissioning process. This includes practical exercises at the Group SCS Technology and Training Hub in Cardiff, which is equipped with a full training suite.



Exposure

Your website link and company logo will be featured on our 'Find an Approved Contractor' page, alongside your contact information.



Referrals

We receive plenty of smoke control inquiries that we refer to our network of Approved Contractors.



Discount

Approved Contractors receive access to the extended range of Group SCS products as well as an exclusive discount.



Increased sales and profit

Bringing smoke control in-house eliminates the costs of subcontracting your smoke control needs and helps you increase profits.



Our Commitment to You



Training

- On-site training facilities at our Technology and Training Hub in Cardiff.
- A wide range of training courses available, including optional training courses which can be completed after the mandatory training.



Pre-Construction

- In-house design expertise.
- Helping you identify what you need to supply and install over the phone, on site, or at your office.
- Guidance on using selection tools and pricing a job.
- A digital library of standard, easy to use technical data to speed up the client approval process.



Installation

- While you're putting your training into action, your account manager will be on call for any support and advice you require.
- Stock of products at our factory and in-house manufacturing.
- Dedicated telephone support from our Customer Service Engineers.
- Instant online access to a variety of documents the your Approved Contractor Area.

Commissioning

- Telephone support from our Customer Service Engineers.
- Access to our experienced Commissioning Engineers.
- Access to an extensive suite of documents and templates to help ensure a thorough process.

Aftercare

- Open protocol software, which facilitates the maintenance and increases the life cycle of the system.
- Monitor and self-test systems remotely by using Eyeball, our remote monitoring solution.

Marketing

- Professional marketing advice and resources to help you showcase your Approved Contractor Network membership to clients.
- A pack of white-labelled information about the Approved Contractor Network that you can add your logo and branding to and send to clients.



Approved Contractor Types

We maintain a high standard and that extends to our Approved Contractor Network. We only invite the very finest companies to join us after a thorough vetting process. This way we can ensure that the companies installing our products are not only trained to do the job, but offer a great service and expert advice.



Aftercare Provider

Our Aftercare Providers are approved for the maintenance and replacement of Group SCS products in smoke control systems.



Approved Installer

Our Approved Installers are trained and approved to select, design, and install natural smoke vent systems and damper control systems.



Approved Partner

Our Approved Partners are trained and approved to select and install natural and mechanical smoke vent systems.

Become a Group SCS Aftercare Provider

Products Covered

As an Aftercare Provider, you will have access to replacement parts for our comprehensive range of fully compliant smoke control systems. Our products are third-party tested and certified to the latest standards with open protocol software making them ideal for upgrading obsolete or failing systems. The range includes:

- Automatic Opening Ventilation Kits
- BRE Shafts
- Ventilators
- Mechanical Extract Systems
- Car Park Ventilation
- Actuators
- Control Panels
- Accessories

Induction Training

The following training programmes must be completed by at least one company representative prior to enrolment on the Aftercare Provider programme:

- Introduction to smoke control compliant with Approved Document B: Fire Safety
- Maintenance management process - BS 7346-8:2013 Components for smoke control systems. Code of practice for planning, design, installation, commissioning and maintenance

Once on the programme, your company will have access to a range of optional training courses to suit your business requirements.

Annual Purchase Commitment

We ask for an annual purchase commitment of £20,000 per annum to keep your Aftercare Provider certification active.

Entry Requirements

To become an Aftercare Provider you will need to meet the current entry requirements and hold an appropriate Third-Party Certification. E.g BAFE

Discount Rebate

Aftercare Providers receive access to the extended range of Group SCS products as well as an exclusive discount.

Your Obligations

We ask you to commit to the following once your business is registered as an Aftercare Provider:

- Exclusive use of Group SCS products where appropriate/specified
- Promotion of Group SCS on company website

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Become a Group SCS Approved Installer

Products Covered

As a Group SCS Approved Installer, you will have access to our extensive online product range that covers all areas of smoke control, including:

- Automatic Opening Ventilation Kits
- BRE Shafts
- Ventilators
- Actuators
- Control Units
- Damper Control system
- Natural smoke shafts
- Accessories

Induction Training

The following training programmes must be completed by at least one company representative prior to enrolment on the Approved Installer programme:

- Introduction to smoke control compliant with Approved Document B: Fire Safety
- Project management process - BS 7346-8:2013 Components for smoke control systems. Code of practice for planning, design, installation, commissioning and maintenance

Once on the programme, your company will have access to a range of optional training courses to suit your business requirements.

Annual Purchase Commitment

We ask for an annual purchase commitment of £50,000 per annum to keep your Approved Installer certification active.

Entry Requirements

To become an Approved Installer, you will need to meet the current entry requirements and to hold an appropriate Third-Party Certification. Eg BAFE.

Discount Rebate

Approved Installers receive access to the extended range of Group SCS products as well as an exclusive discount.

Your Obligations

We ask you to commit to the following once your business is registered as an Approved Installer:

- Exclusive use of Group SCS smoke control products for 2 years
- Promotion of Group SCS on company website

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Become a Group SCS Approved Partner

Products Covered

As a Group SCS Approved Partner, you will have access to our extensive online product range that covers all areas of smoke control, including:

- Automatic Opening Ventilation Kits
- Actuators
- Natural smoke shafts
- Controls
- Mechanical systems
- Damper Control system
- Ventilators
- Accessories

Induction Training

The following training programmes must be completed by at least one company representative prior to enrolment on the Approved Partner programme:

- Introduction to smoke control compliant with Approved Document B: Fire Safety
- Introduction to Group SCS mechanical ventilation systems
- Project management process - BS 7346-8:2013 Components for smoke control systems. Code of practice for planning, design, installation, commissioning and maintenance
- Car Park Systems
- Pressurisation Systems
- Mechanical Extract Systems

Once on the programme, your company will have access to a range of optional training courses to suit your business requirements.

Annual Purchase Commitment

We ask for an annual purchase commitment of £200,000 per annum to keep your Approved Partner certification active.

Entry Requirements

To become an Approved Partner you will need to meet the current entry requirements and hold the appropriate Third-Party Certification and Electrical Certification. E.g IFC, SDI/19, NICEIC.

Discount Rebate

Approved Partners receive access to the extended range of Group SCS products as well as an exclusive discount.

Your Obligations

We ask you to commit to the following once your business is registered as an Approved Partner:

- Exclusive use of Group SCS smoke control products for 2 years
- Promotion of Group SCS on company website
- Respond promptly to referrals

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Case Study

Project: Camberwell College of Arts student accommodation

Location: Peckham Road, London

Approved Contractor: Wheeler Electrical

Services: Mechanical smoke shaft system

The Project

Wheeler Electrical won the electrical contract for the new student accommodation at Camberwell College of Arts. The project included installing an 11-storey mechanical smoke shaft system. With the support of Group SCS, Wheeler Electrical decided to self-install the system using Group SCS's modular smoke shaft system.

The Self-Installation process

The Fläkt Group fan skid was chosen due to the ease of installation. The skid is supplied with a run and standby fan set, which is pre-wired into a control system on the skid which saves installation time on the roof. You can also have the option of a skid-mounted Automatic Transfer Switch so the client can decide if they are supplying a maintained 400V supply or a primary and secondary 400V supply to the roof. The ATS is also fitted with a maintenance bypass facility to allow engineers to work on the unit without disconnecting the essential supply to the fan controls.

The mechanical installation time is reduced as the skid is supplied with a pre-formed ductwork transformation that connects the inlet to the fans to the top of the smoke shaft. The builder's work drawings are provided with the tender information pack so the client has plenty of time to pre-form the mounting curb for the ductwork.

The other advantage is the fact that all the documentation, including the Design Specification, Technical Submission, drawings and the CFD report are already prepared and available for the client at tender stage, which speeds up the whole design and selection process.

The selection and supply of standardised roof-mounted products at Camberwell meant lead times were kept to a minimum, reducing the time to complete the works and seal the building.

How a modular smoke shaft system works

Watch our informative video, which was filmed at this project.

[Watch Video](#)

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We found installing the smoke shaft system pretty straightforward really – once you have done one floor it's all very repetitious. I particularly liked the skid-mounted fan – it saved a lot of time and effort.

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- Ed Wheeler, Director of Wheeler Electrical



Roof-mounted fan skid and controls



24V door opener on one of the stair doors



AOV windows on one of the floors



A lobby damper



Don't just take our word for it

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The course has given me an awareness of systems and previously unencountered regulations and practices.

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Neil Riley, Proactive Fire Solutions

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Very informative and didn't feel like a sales course to drive Group SCS sales. Will allow me to develop new opportunities.

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Gary Grant, Thermotech Fire Protection

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I enjoyed learning about products and relevant laws. My practice will be improved after training.

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Emad Salem, Electec Solutions Ltd

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I feel 100% more confident in dealing with mechanical systems. It was a great course and thoroughly enjoyed it, thank you.

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James Lewis, PLP Fire Protection

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It was what I was looking for from the course. I now know the regulations for designing compliant systems.

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Tony Oliver, Life Safety Solutions

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