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FACTA

A fabricated access cover is a lot more than just a manhole cover. Unlike a manhole cover, fabricated covers can be used in a huge variety of applications both internal and external. Fabricated covers can be made in a variety of materials and offer flexibility of design that a cast manhole cover cannot. Bespoke designs, short production runs and even single covers are all possible to the FACTA specification.



FACTA is an acronym for “Fabricated Access Covers Trade Association” and was formed to create an industry standard to which members could agree to ensure high standards and customer satisfaction through fitness for purpose. The FACTA specification has been promoted to the construction market ever since and purchasing from a member gives the buyer confidence they are not dealing with a less competent company operating on the fringes of the industry. At the same time, the FACTA Guide to Performance Classes was published as a guide to specifier’s to understand the FACTA Specification and draw some simple comparisons to BS497 and EN124. Unlike EN124 the Guide also has eight load classes ensuring the buyer has a wider choice when choosing a cover for an application.

FACTA were also instrumental in the introduction of the BS9124 standard for access covers over the size of 1000x1000mm c/o and promotes this standard via its members.

Since joining FSP has actively promoted FACTA and ensure their ‘FAB’ product range fully conforms. We are currently developing a new BS9124 range and are accepting enquiries to meet this standard which is new to the industry. FSP’s team regularly attends FACTA meetings making us best placed to learn of developments and changes to standards and regulations directly affecting manufacturers and the construction industry.

For further information visit the FACTA website <http://www.facta.org.uk/> <http://www.facta.org.uk/index.html>

The FACTA specification has become the industry standard and can be viewed or downloaded from this site via the menu on the left.

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