Security systems
Protecting people and property
The correct specification of security products and systems is critical in protecting people and property from losses associated with crime and terrorism.

Overview

BRE Global has been setting standards for loss prevention since the 1800's, and its standards and approvals for security products are recognised across the world. That recognition is testimony to the extremely thorough technical evaluation work and rigorous quality audit processes undertaken by BRE Global to ensure the security products it tests and approves deliver proven levels of protection.

BRE Global works closely with government, police, insurers, risk consultants and architects to develop standards and approval schemes which ensure security equipment and services deliver the levels of performance required to protect against criminal and terrorist threats.

Approval to BRE Global’s Loss Prevention Standards (LPSs) is specified across multiple sectors, including: education, finance, healthcare, manufacturing, the public sector, residential, retail and utilities. The standards are also specified for the protection of critical infrastructure where delivery of specified levels of security performance is critical. LPCB is the certification brand owned by BRE Global for fire and security related certification so you will often see ‘LPCB approved’ and ‘LPCB’s standards.

Setting high standards of security

The Loss Prevention Standards developed by BRE Global address risks not otherwise covered by existing national and international standards and codes. They are drafted by teams of experts, and are reviewed and endorsed by independent stakeholders representing major interest groups.

BRE Global’s broad range of standards are designed to simulate a variety of circumstances. This could be the likely length of attack, the tools or methods used, or even the likelihood of a stealth attack. Whatever the situation, an effective physical security solution should deter or delay an attacker and should be complemented by a suitable means of detection and an appropriate response.

Loss Prevention Standards are available free from www.redbooklive.com

![Diagram of Detection, Delay, Response]

Detection
Electronic security

Delay
Physical security

Response
BRE Global uses fully equipped laboratories that are independently accredited by UKAS. BRE Global can also arrange for testing to be conducted at manufacturers’ premises, whether in the UK or abroad. This has many advantages to manufacturers including reduced costs and timescales.

Approval of effective security

In order to ensure the LPCB certification mark is, and continues to be, a mark of excellence in loss prevention; the products that bear the LPCB certification mark and the companies that deliver those products onto the market have to complete a thorough evaluation process. That process focuses on the critical factors that combine to deliver the product’s performance: design, use and quality control. It also involves thorough processes to ensure the quality of testing conducted in support of the product’s certification, whether conducted by our own expert team of test engineers or by other independent laboratories recognised by BRE Global.

The evaluation activities we undertake, not only before approval is issued but while that approval remains in force, ensure the factors that affect product performance are suitably robust and managed effectively. These activities ensure the products we approve meet, and continue to meet, the exacting standards to which they are approved by BRE Global.

Why get approval?

Manufacturers benefit from approval by being able to positively distinguish their products from the competition in a way that purchasers will recognise, accept, and increasingly insist upon. When a product is approved by BRE Global it is immediately listed in the Red Book, a source used by specifiers and purchasers in selecting security components.

Specifiers and designers also benefit by being able to cut through the confusion of claims of compliance, as the LPCB mark of approval evidences that a product has met a given standard.

Red Book

Once BRE Global is satisfied that a product or service meets the required standard, it is listed in the ‘Red Book’. Red book listings can be downloaded free of charge from www.redbooklive.com or via the app for Apple, Android and Windows smart phones and tablets.

Reliable listings such as the Red Book are important tools in combating false or misleading claims of approval. Where such claims refer to LPCB schemes or services, BRE Global actively investigates them and takes action as necessary.
Standards, approvals and Red Book listings cover a broad range of potential solutions. These include:

- Access control systems
- Access covers and hatches
- Alarm receiving centres
- Alarm transmission systems
- Asset marking systems
- Bicycle storage
- Biometrics
- Cabinets and cages
- Cladding and roof systems
- Curtain walling systems
- Cylinders
- Doors
- Electronic locks
- Enclosures and kiosks
- Fences and walls
- Gates and turnstiles

- Glazing
- Grilles and barsets
- Intruder detection systems & components
- Locks and padlocks
- RFID
- Safes and strongrooms
- Secure asset registers
- Sheds and tool stores
- Shutters
- Specialist security devices
- Supervised premises transceivers
- Theft resistant assets
- Vehicle barriers
- Windows and roof lights

An effective security strategy concentrates not only on one particular element, but addresses each and every ‘layer’ applicable to the scenario. LPCB approves security equipment to various British and European standards, as well as its own world-renowned Loss Prevention Standards (LPS). These allow specifiers to select appropriate products for each security layer, from the perimeter right through to the asset itself.
Building and perimeter

LPS 1175
Requirements and testing procedures for the LPCB approval and listing of intruder resistant building components, strongpoints, security enclosures and free-standing barriers.

LPS 1175 covers the broadest scope of physical security products and services of any publicly available standard in the world. LPS 1175 is the result of many years of work by LPCB, Government, Insurers and Police, and has rapidly become a core element of physical security specification across many sectors. The standard comprises a number of security ratings with test requirements of ascending intensity. These are measured in terms of attack tools and time available to the attacker, and enables specifiers to select products according to the risks that they and their property face. LPS 1175 can be used in a range of applications, from residential right through to critical infrastructure projects.

LPS 2081
Requirements and testing procedures for the LPCB approval and listing of building components, strongpoints, security enclosures and free-standing barriers.

While LPS 2081 covers the same scope of products as LPS 1175, it focuses on prevention of a very different threat, i.e. intruders using stealth. Products approved to the standard therefore suit environments where intruders will avoid making noise when attempting to gain access.

Domestic Security

PAS 24
Enhanced security performance requirements for doorsets and windows in the UK.

This domestic security standard includes doors (hinged, sliding, bi-folding) and windows (casement, tilt-turn, sliding sash). PAS 24 is a mix of mechanical loading and manual intervention tests. Doors and windows certificated by LPCB to PAS 24, LPS 1175 or LPS 2081 are accepted by the police for use in Secured by Design projects.

Glazing

LPS 1270
Requirements and testing procedures for the LPCB approval and listing of intruder resistant security glazing units.

LPS 1270 classifies glazing’s resistance to forced entry to the same levels as specified in LPS 1175. The classification is represented by 3 digits; these signify the glazing’s resistance to local penetration, hand hole access, and complete access.

EN 1627

This standard classifies a product’s resistance to tiered levels (resistance classes). The lower classes of EN 1627 are aimed at attacks by criminals using stealth to gain access, rather than the higher levels of attack covered by LPS 1175. Approval to EN 1627 can be used to demonstrate part-compliance with the requirements of PAS 24.
Hostile vehicle mitigation

PAS 68 and IWA14
Impact test specifications for vehicle security barriers.
LPCB offers independent third-party approval of vehicle mitigation equipment. This ensures the products supplied by manufacturers deliver the levels of performance claimed and that the performance demonstrated during testing is replicated by the products delivered to site. LPCB can also undertake testing of vehicle barriers together with ancillary equipment, such as hydraulic motor housing, to LPS 1175. This demonstrates their resistance to manual attacks aimed at compromising the barrier’s ability to prevent the passage of hostile vehicles.

Safes, strongrooms & ATMs

EN 1143
Secure storage units. Requirements, classification and methods of test for resistance to burglary. Safes, ATM safes, strongroom doors and strongrooms.
LPCB provides testing and approvals to the widely-specified EN 1143 standard, which can be applied to safes, strongrooms and ATMs. The standard comprises a series of ‘grades’, with the designated grade indicating the value of contents acceptable to insurers.
LPCB also provide approvals to LPS 1183 and EN 14450, both of which are recognised by Insurers and Police.

Locking hardware

LPCB offers approval schemes for hardware including locksets, exit devices, padlocks and cylinders.
LPS 1654
Requirements and testing procedures for the LPCB approval and listing of padlocks.
LPS 1654 specifies the requirements for resistance to manual attack for padlocks. The standard shares the same security ratings as LPS 1175, allowing specifiers to determine the suitability of padlocks for use on other LPS-approved products.

Ballistic protection/bullet-resistance

LPCB offers independent third-party approval of a range of products offering ballistic protection to:
– EN 1063 - Glass in building - Security glazing - Testing and classification of resistance against bullet attack
– EN 1522 - Windows, doors, shutters and blinds - Bullet resistance - Requirements and classification
– EN 1523 - Windows, doors, shutters and blinds - Bullet resistance - Test method
– ISO 16935 - Glass in building - Bullet-resistant security glazing - Test and classification
This ensures that products supported by manufacturers deliver the levels of performance claimed and that the performance demonstrated during testing is replicated by the products delivered to site.

Installation, Service and Maintenance
It is critical that doors and shutters are appropriately installed and maintained, as poor installation can undermine a product’s security performance.
LPCB offers the following schemes relating to installation, inspection, service and maintenance:
LPS 1197:
Requirements for companies inspecting, repairing and maintaining security doors, doorsets and shutters.
LPS 1271:
Requirements for LPCB approval and listing of companies installing fire and security doors, doorsets and shutters.
Asset marking and databases

**LPS 1225**
Requirements for the LPCB approval and listing of asset marking systems.

LPS 1225 specifies the requirements for the composition and performance of an asset marking system such that, when used according to the manufacturer’s instructions, the asset marking device may both:
- Enable the marked asset to be traced back to the legal owner via a secure database register (see below), and
- Act as a theft deterrent in the first instance by virtue of known existence.

**LPS 1224**
Requirements for secure database registers.

LPS 1224 sets out the requirements for secure databases on which information may be stored pertaining to asset marked products.

Intrusion alarm systems

**EN 50131 series**
Intrusion and hold-up systems. System requirements.

BRE Global provides a range of services related to intrusion alarm systems including the testing of:
- Control panels
- Door contacts
- Glass break detectors
- PIR, microwave and combined PIR/microwave detectors
- Seismic and shock detectors
- Power supplies
- Notification and warning devices
- Wireless alarm systems
- Free-standing perimeter detection systems

EN 50131 specifies the requirements for Intrusion and Hold-up Alarm Systems (I&HAS) and components installed in buildings using specific or non-specific wired interconnections or wire-free interconnections. These requirements also apply to the components of an I&HAS installed in a building which are normally mounted on the external structure of a building e.g. ancillary control equipment or warning devices.

Supervised premises transceivers

**EN 50136-2**
Requirements for Supervised Premises Transceiver (SPT)

BRE Global can provide testing and LPCB approval of supervised premises transceivers in accordance with EN 50136-2, validating SPT performance against the performance criteria for alarm transmission systems stated in EN 50136-1.

Alarm transmission systems

**LPS 1277**
Requirements for LPCB approval and listing of alarm transmission equipment.

LPS 1277 builds upon the core requirements of the EN 50136 standards and defines enhanced performance criteria appropriate to intruder alarm systems.

Enhanced performance criteria includes a 10 minute fault reporting time (identified as an essential requirement not provided by the EN 50136 standards) and greatly improved reporting of the simultaneous ‘catastrophic’ failure of multiple alarm transmission paths.

All ‘performance’ testing to LPS 1277 is carried out over ‘real’, ‘live’ networks in order to verify ‘real world’ performance.

Alarm receiving centres

LPCB approves alarm receiving centres to LPS 1020 ‘Requirements for Alarm Receiving Centres’. This standard specifies requirements for alarm receiving centres and incorporates additional clarification for centres receiving fire alarm calls.

CCTV security systems

**CPNI Video Analytics Assessment Programme**

BRE Global has been awarded an exclusive contract to be the authorised test house for the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) Video Analytics Assessment Programme for the Sterile Zone, Abandoned Baggage Detection, Parked Vehicle Detection and Doorway Surveillance scenarios. This testing has evolved from the previous assessment programme commonly known as ‘i-LIDS’, however both the video datasets and test process remain the same. Systems that demonstrate their ability to alert CCTV operators of suspicious alarm events in these key security areas will be permitted by CPNI to use their trademark.
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BRE Global is owner of the internationally recognised LPCB and BREEAM and BRE Global certification schemes.

Under the LPCB brand, BRE Global is responsible for the approval of fire and security products and services listed in the Red Book. It also operates installation and service maintenance schemes.

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