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Bespoke Blinds to help you
& your environment



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Part of the Fresco Group established in 1993, Fresco Solar Shading are specialists in providing window blinds and curtains for commercial, health and education environments.

Fresco manufactures and installs the Linea range of products throughout the UK, directly employing all representatives of the company. This allows us the ability to control the whole process of providing blinds to our clients, from the initial enquiry to the final handover and does not allow for the confusion of using sub-contract installation teams.

Working closely with Architects, Designers, Main Contractors and End Users, Fresco take the clients' brief into consideration and assess the type of product available, the layout and functionality of the building to ultimately provide a solution to benefit all of the requirements .

Au-fait with all aspects of current legislation on working environments and solar glare combined with the added requirement of BREEAM sustainability, Fresco provides customers with a solution from the Linea range of products which are practical, aesthetic and environmentally friendly.

Operating throughout the UK, Fresco is able to offer companies with multiple offices the option of using a 'one stop supplier' which will give continuity of product and service and the knowledge that the quality of product remains the same throughout their organisation.



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Linea 100 Vertical Blind



Linea 100 Vertical Blinds have been designed to give any environment a versatile solution of window shading, allowing the user to track the sun's progress and protect from direct solar glare whilst allowing natural light to filtrate into the room.

Operation options for the Linea 100 Vertical Blind range are designed to suit many applications and provide a solution for most issues.

The standard dual control system is probably the most used vertical blind system in the market place today. However, with the ever changing directives on glare control, heat gain control, anti-microbial requirements and child friendly environments the Linea 100 Vertical Blind provides a solution to meet individual needs.

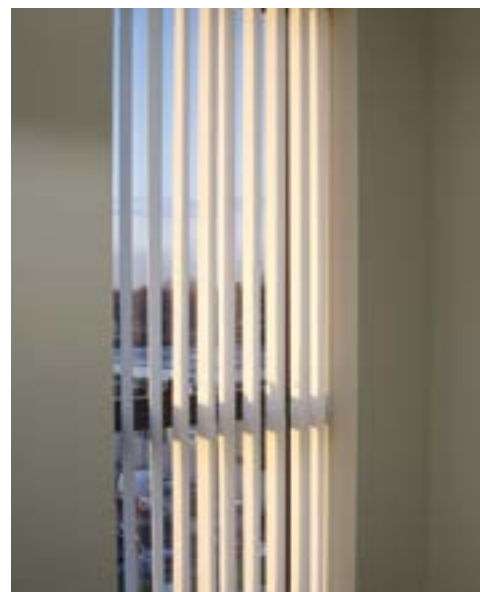
Motorisation, Wand Control, Mono-Chain and Dual Chain and Cord are all available in the Linea 100 range.

The extruded aluminium headrails, which are available in a range of colours, are available to dress standard, shaped or sloping windows, making the Linea 100 Vertical Blind an adaptable quality solution for your requirements.

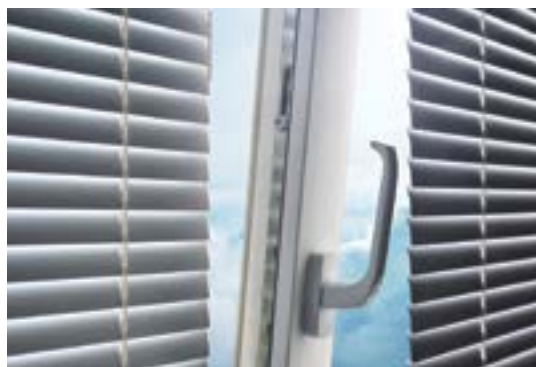
The louvres are available in two widths:- 127mm and 89mm, and are all inherently flame retardant.

The wide range of fabrics include:-

- Anti-Glare,
- Blackout,
- Heat reflective,
- Recyclable
- Fabrics designed to reduce the risk of MRSA - especially relevant in Health environments.



Linea 200 Venetian Blind



The Linea 200 Venetian Blind is an inexpensive traditional solution of dressing windows and is an ideal solution for office environments because the product can be positioned to give added privacy and security.

Aluminium slats for standard windows in a range of sizes including 16mm, 25mm, 35mm and 50mm, are available in a wide range of colours which will allow the user to find a finish to compliment their décor. Heat treated and double stove enamelled, the slats are manufactured to the highest standard to help prevent corrosion, flaking and peeling.

The colour co-ordinated blind is manufactured with stove enamelled steel headrails and bottom rails with the aluminium slats being held in place with ladders and cord or tape finish.

The Linea 200 Venetian Blind is also available with timber slats in 25mm, 35mm and 50mm widths in a range of colours to compliment wooden and laminate flooring.

Operation of the blind as standard is by cords for raising and lowering the slats and a clear plastic wand for tilting.

Electric operation or gear box with detachable handle are also available to give control of the blind to a designated user.

Linea 300 Roller Blind



The Linea 300 Roller Blind has a large number of systems available for architects or end users to use on their window areas and have been designed to meet almost every conceivable application.

With the ever changing size of windows and curtain walling preferred by Architects and Designers alike, the Linea 300 Roller Blind has addressed many of the issues which have created problems for other roller blind systems in our industry.

Using aluminium rollers to ensure that the roller blind has stability and remains parallel to the windowsill the Linea 300 range of roller blinds are manufactured to suit openings of up to 4 metres in one unit.

Additional options to enhance the appearance and operation of the Linea 300 range include side guide wires to give the roller fabric stability on longer drops, aluminium side channels to reduce light ingress and head boxes to conceal the roller and brackets.

Aluminium bottom bars are always used on the Linea 300 range to ensure that the fabric remains flat. A lot of blind companies now use plastic bottom bars on their products to reduce cost but Fresco will not compromise on quality by using inferior components.

The Linea 300 range has a wide range of operations to suit all requirements. Stainless steel side chains are the most common and are supplied as standard but the blinds can also be operated by spring, gear box and detachable handle or motorised.

Fresco offer roller covers from all of the major UK and European manufacturers of fabrics. We also offer the Lineascreen range of fabrics which diffuse glare and reduce heat gain whilst allowing the user to 'see through' the blind when it is in its closed position.



Linea 400 Blackout Roller Blind



The Linea 400 Framed Blackout Roller Blind system excludes light when closed.

It is commonly used in lecture theatres, photographic laboratories, educational science laboratories, auditorium and in the health market in operating theatres and light sensitive testing areas

The blind is manufactured as a roller blind encased in an aluminium head box and side channels which encapsulate flame retardant blackout fabric, so that when closed, the blind prevents light from entering the room.

Operation by Chain, Gearbox and Detachable Handle or Motorised, the versatility of the system's operation options allows you to create the area you wish to 'blackout' at a budget to suit.

The Linea 400 Blackout Blind is manufactured with a choice of 4 different sized head boxes ranging from 45mm to 115mm projection and with side channels ranging from 40mm to 75mm wide.

The size of the head box to be used for the blind is usually determined by the height of the area to be covered because a longer height requires more fabric to be encased in the box when it is in its open position.



The newest addition to the range is the Linea 400Z Framed Blackout Blind. Aesthetically the Linea 400Z system appears no different to the Linea 400 system but appearances can be deceptive.

One of the main problems with framed blackout blinds is the fabric being 'blown' out of the side channels when the blind is in its closed position and windows are left open. The Linea 400Z overcomes this potential problem in that it has a zip welded onto the fabric which engages the zip retainer, positioned internally within the side channels.

Designed to withstand wind speeds of up to 49 k/ph the blind will remain in its channel and reduce the risk of expensive engineer call out charges for maintenance.



Linea 500 Tension Roof Blind



Fresco are at the forefront of providing solutions to combat solar glare and heat gain from large expanses of glazed roof lights and atria.

Modern office buildings, Airports, Shopping Centres and Education facilities are quite often constructed with large expanses of curtain walling and glazed roof lights.

This gives the user the ability to maximise daylight hours in the operation of their environment to reduce heating and lighting costs.

However on sunny days the normal advantage of having large glazed areas become a distinct disadvantage. The increased solar glare and heat gain makes the environment difficult to work in and quite often becomes a Health & Safety issue which requires action.

The Linea 500 range of blinds has a solution for most of these applications whether it is an opening 30 metres off the ground which will require motorization or a standard ceiling height opening which can be reached using the crank and detachable handle operation.

The various options within the Linea 500 range are tensioned roller blinds with light diffusing fabrics, framed blinds to create a blacked out room or Wintergarden systems which can be designed to follow the shape of the steel structure such as barrel vaults.



Linea 600 Curtain & Tracking



To keep in line with the Fresco story we have given our range of curtains and curtain tracks the collective title of Linea 600 range.

Using quality curtain track systems we can provide curtaining solutions for many different requirements.

Especially conversant with the Health market, the Fresco 600 range of products includes cubicle curtain tracks and a wide range of curtains and disposable curtains all with anti-microbial properties to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

A growing requirement for 'Safe' areas within the health Industry and beyond has meant that we are an accredited assembler and installer of collapsible curtain tracks and cubicle tracks to help prevent self-harm and accidents.

The Education market tends to require robust systems with drama and main hall curtains often being very large in size. With our heavy duty manual, corded and electric curtain track systems Fresco can provide a solution to meet most requirements.

Linea 700 Panel Blind



The Linea 700 Panel Blind system is a contemporary solution for solar shading and privacy.

With two or more panels, the track gives the user a sleek and sophisticated look to their environment.

The application of Linea 700 Panel Blind is down to the designer's imagination. Quite often the blind can be used as a room divider where a large open space can be broken down into smaller informal spaces.



Another application which is used quite often is a back drop to reception areas with fabric panels being screen printed with corporate branding.

Unlike many of the alternative systems in the marketplace, the Linea 700 Panel Blind can be curved giving the user greater options of how the blind can be utilised.

Hand drawn, cord operation and motorisation are available options with the Linea 700 Panel Blind.

Fabrics



The Linea range of products are manufactured from quality tested components and are designed to have lasting life cycles but they are only half of the story.

A solar shading product needs to be aesthetically pleasing, have the properties to meet the environment's requirements and because Fresco only supply to the commercial marketplace, the fabrics need to be inherently Flame Retardant.

Working closely with all of the major window furnishing fabric manufacturers, Fresco can source products which will diffuse light whilst letting a degree of visibility 'through the blind', products which will create dark rooms so that critical light sensitive experiments can take place and products which will work for the user in reducing their building's operating costs.

To help reduce cross infection within the Health market, Fresco offer fabrics with inherent Anti-Microbial properties.

All fabrics are available in an extensive range of colours which ensures that Designers and Architects can choose a performance fabric which compliments their chosen colour scheme.

Health & Safety



As with all reputable companies Fresco takes the safety of its employees and the people they come into contact with on a daily basis as the most important pre-requisite aspect of its operation.

The company has undertaken CHAS and Construction Line accreditation which enables it to act as a sub-contractor to main contractors and clients.

All Fresco employees are directly employed and 'buy in' to the company ethos with regular tool box talks, training seminars on dangers in the workplace and being aware that if they see a potential hazard to ensure that everyone is made aware. Every member of the installation team is accredited with CSCS, has undertaken an enhanced CRB check and is supervised by a senior colleague with SMSTS.

As is the nature of our industry we are often installing Linea products at heights, so our operatives are trained and accredited with PASMA and IPAF allowing them to operate MEWPs, Scissor Lifts, PAVs and Mobile Scaffold Towers.

Our mission

Pride in what we do – We don't just manufacture and fit blinds. We believe that we can enhance your building by offering you the best aesthetic and performing product for your individual environment. We will install the product, ensure that you are happy as we want you to come back.

Experience – With over 80 years combined management experience within the solar shading market, we offer you a wide range of products which will comply with the ever changing compulsory and environmental requirements of your public building.

Manufacture – The whole process starts with the sourcing of our materials. We are constantly striving to use materials which have a minimum impact on the environment both as a raw material and as a finished product. The Linea Screenshade roller blind product is a perfect example of this.

Installation – A product is only as good as the team who put it in place. All of our installation teams are directly employed, buy into our company ethos of 'a happy customer is a loyal customer'. Each team is led by a site supervisor with at least 10 years experience within our market.

Product – The quality of our products reflect in the warranties we provide which range from 5 to 10 years on all of the Linea systems of window blinds.

Timescales – In today's highly competitive market, time is considered a major cost. Projects are fast-tracked and this filters down to the tendering process giving Main Contractors and Sub-Contractors less time to process their bids. At Fresco we offer you an extremely fast turnaround from your first call to you receiving your price because as we are continually saying to our customers we want you to use us again!



We really appreciated the guidance given by Fresco when installing blinds into our new premises. Our building is a unique combination comprising an old foundry which has original arched windows and a modern building with huge picture windows. Fresco understood that we needed to ensure privacy but at the same time be complementary to both sections of our building when suggesting window dressings.

Cathryn Bateman, Practice Manager - Lion Health



Fresco's knowledge and input at the outset of a project is invaluable in determining the right mix and specification of appropriate products. They constantly demonstrate a responsive and conscientious approach to customer service and, the professional attitude and skill of their installation teams has been a huge benefit on all projects that Fresco have completed for us across the UK... I would always recommend Fresco to deliver a comprehensive service provision.

Huw Moseley, Director, Apleona Workspace



R G Falla has contracted Fresco to carry out window blind works on a number of its prestigious projects in Guernsey since 2004. This includes the iconic 100,000 sq ft Admiral Park development with over 700 electric and manual roller blinds. At all times we have found Fresco to be professional, committed and dedicated to handing over a project that everyone is proud to have been involved with.

Graham Brook BSc (Hons) Project Director - R.G. Falla Ltd



Fresco once again providing an architectural solution to our client's needs and delivered a solution in keeping with their aspirations for a sleek and cutting edge design that does not compromise on the aesthetics of the original design.

Mike Hill, Director - HFM Ltd Project Management



Our blinds help to reduce glare, heat gain & save you money!

Acting now could improve your building's BREEAM rating, reduce your heating costs and with the Linea minimum 5 year warranty reduce your long term maintenance costs.

Commercial Benefits

- 24 hour Service to minimise downtime
- 5-10 year warranty depending on the product
- Cover all of the United Kingdom
- Professional after care service

Commercial Sectors

- Office Environments
- Health Sector
- Main Contractors
- Architect and Interior Design Specialists
- Office Fit-out Specialists
- Education
- Local Authorities
- Audio Visual Specialists
- Commercial Shop Fitting Specialists

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“ We are very pleased to have Fresco as part of our dedicated supply chain for FF&E projects in the Education and Commercial marketplace. Whenever there is a perceived problem, Sean Atkinson and the team resolve to find a product and a solution. ”

Michael Ruddick BSc (Hons) MRICS, Director Reds 10

“ I have specified Fresco for over 10 years and have no hesitation in recommending them for commercial projects on a national basis. We have worked together on various sized schemes and their approach to every project is professional from initial contact through to completion. ”

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