# Industrial Roller Shutters - a Security Must for Your Business by Keith Francis

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If you run or work in any kind of industrial premises then you will inevitably be well aware of security and safety issues. From relatively straightforward health and safety basics, such as having a first aid box on the premises to making sure your staff wears the appropriate protective clothing where necessary, these concerns will most likely be a high priority. In terms of physically protecting your business premises, the security of entrances, exits, and windows is something that you will really need to pay attention to.

Industrial roller shutters â€“ a practical solution

It is precisely in the area of entrance-ways (or combined entrances and exits) that industrial roller shutters come in to their own. These shutters operate somewhat like a blind covering a window, in that they are rolled downwards in order to entirely cover and secure an entrance. Likewise, to provide access to the entrance, they are simply rolled upwards.

Shutters can either be manually operated, making use of a hand chain, or electrically operated using a single-phase or three-phase motor. Made of galvanised steel, these roller shutters are extremely resistant to theft, intrusion, vandalism, or extreme weather conditions. Once fitted, they take up a small amount of space. Indeed, since they work vertically, there is no question of people or vehicles in the vicinity being obstructed. The combination of simplicity, practicality and effectiveness ensure that, in industrial settings, roller shutters are a very popular security solution.

Industrial roller shutters â€“ adaptable and versatile for many types of industry

Some business owners choose to have a personal access door slotted into a corner of a roller shutter. This is especially the case for businesses with large entrances, where rolling the shutter up in the middle of a busy day could delay proceedings. Integral access doors are easily supplied accessories. Moreover, for additional protection, electric roller shutters can be fitted with a control panel which can be wired into an alarm system. They can also be set to close automatically through use of a timer. Industrial roller shutters can be customised for fire resistance, providing high levels of protection if you need to keep your property secure and unattended for extended periods. When choosing the fire resistant option, do ask your suppliers if their goods comply with Loss Prevention Certification Board standards. If they do, this will help your business meet the exacting requirements of insurance companies. One additional benefit of industrial roller shutters is that they can protect staff working in large indoor spaces from the weather outside.

Effective in a variety of settings

Industrial roller shutters can be put to effective use in a range of environments. They make life easier in factories, warehouses, and working garages, such as vehicle repair centres. They are also put to good use in farms. For example, they can help provide security for farm vehicles and equipment which need to be locked away at night, as well as providing security for grain and seed stores.

All in all, the ever-versatile roller shutter is now a reassuringly familiar feature of everyday industrial life. Most businesses simply cannot do without them.

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