



► **SPECIAL FEATURE**—2007 Crystal Achievement Awards: *Products*

••• Most Innovative Door Component

SmartScan Residential Biometric Entry System

Kwikset, a Black & Decker Co., *Lake Forest, Calif.*

The SmartScan residential biometric entry system takes personal access control and security to a new level for homeowners, eliminating the need for a key or key code. The deadbolt is activated by simply swiping a finger across its indicator.

The system is specifically designed as a stylish alternative to the bulky, undistinguished industrial biometric security systems used in commercial applications. It delivers a sleek, attractive designer look and feel, with its biometric fingerprint reader stealthily integrated into the overall design. The hardware is available in a variety of finishes that enhances any decor in any home.

The deadbolt door lock system can be applied to internal and external doors in residential applications. Programmable for up to 50+ user fingerprints, it reads sub-dermal fingerprint patterns located beneath the outer surface layer of the skin, making it unaffected by dirty or worn fingertips. It also has a “lock out feature” that allows homeowners three levels of access options. Homeowners can set the lock for continual access by family members, temporary



No need for a key with the Kwikset SmartScan biometric entry system. A sensor reads fingerprints to allow access into a house.

access for house sitters or contractors, or time restricted access for babysitters or housekeepers.

“Consumer acceptance of biometric technology is accelerating,” says Eric Lundquist, director of brand marketing for Kwikset. “It is currently available on portable hard drives and IBM ThinkPad computers, as well as in grocery store checkouts, gas stations and automobiles. Biometrics is an emerging technology that can give consumers an increased level of home protection and peace of mind.”



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Innovators Honored with 2007 Crystal Achievement Awards

WASHINGTON, DC, September 5, 2007—*Window & Door*, the leading magazine serving the window and door industry, has announced its 2007 Crystal Achievement Award winners. Selected by a panel of judges representing all segments of the industry, the awards recognize significant innovations and achievements in window and door technology, manufacturing and marketing.

“Our Crystal Achievement Award winners this year reflect the expanding number of options our industry offers to builders and homeowners,” says John Swanson, editor/associate publisher, *Window & Door*. “Our judges chose products that deliver added convenience, enhanced performance and greater design freedom. We look forward to highlighting all winners in our September issue.”

Crystal Achievement Awards were presented to the following companies:

Most Innovative Window

Large Manufacturer: Jeld-Wen

Small/Medium Manufacturer: Gorell Windows & Doors

Most Innovative Door

Large Manufacturer: Jeld-Wen

Small/Medium Manufacturer: Luxury Windows & Doors

Most Innovative Window Component

Electronic Window Systems

Most Innovative Door Component

Kwikset, a Black & Decker Co.

Most Innovative Glazing Technology

Weather Shield Windows & Doors

Most Innovative Plant

Great Lakes Window

Most Innovative Machine

Frame/Sash Fabrication: Stürtz Machinery Inc.

IG Production/Glazing: Sash Systems LLC

Unique Innovation

GED Integrated Solutions

Most Innovative Marketing Program

Large Manufacturer: Milgard Windows & Doors

Small/Medium Manufacturer: Avonni Windows

Supplier: Cardinal Glass Industries Inc.

Best Product Literature

Large Manufacturer: Loewen

Small/Medium Manufacturer: Vytex Windows

Supplier: Truseal Technologies Inc.

Best Industry Web Site

Large Manufacturer: Jeld-Wen

Small/Medium Manufacturer: Soft-Lite Windows

Supplier: Sashlite LLC

“Our judges had a tough job this year. We received more than 160 nominations—shattering our previous record,” Swanson continues. “Companies are clearly looking to innovate, so the future for our industry is very exciting.”

All the 2007 Crystal Achievement Award-winning products, equipment and programs will be featured in the September issue of *Window & Door*. *Window & Door* will also highlight winners at its booth at GlassBuild America: The Glass, Window & Door Expo, September 10-12, in Atlanta. For more information, visit www.glassbuild.com.

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