

SWITCHING v DIMMING.....

The majority of us take it for granted that when we walk into a dark room we can flick a switch and there is light – but how much light do we actually need?

With the current focus on environment many people are much more aware of energy consumption within the home. Homeowners are making changes installing energy efficient boilers, using eco appliances-from kettles to washing machines - and choosing to fit low energy lighting. A question which is often asked is, “Can my low energy lights be dimmed when required?” The answer to this is “no” which leads to some people retaining their standard incandescent fittings and utilising the dimming switch in the belief that this saves both energy and money.

The truth of this is that using a dimmer switch only makes a minimal saving contrary to the belief of many homeowners. However a Cambridgeshire based company, tp24, has come up with a simple total energy saving solution in their Grande collection which has a tiered switching system. The specialist dedicated low energy company has integrated a sequence switch into this range which is operated from the standard wall switch found in any room with no additional wiring required. By flicking the switch the user can choose how many of the lamps are on at any one time; for example, a twelve arm fitting can be switched from twelve to eight to four ensuring that the light always has a balanced output and the energy saving is complete. This is combined with the fact that, as an energy efficient light fixture, it cuts energy consumption by 80% compared to a standard incandescent fitting.

Managing Director of tp24, Shaun Davis, is passionate about making dedicated low energy the “norm”. He says, “By developing and working with smaller, self-ballasted, compact fluorescent lamps tp24 has been able to produce an impressive collection of up-to-the-minute fittings which have customer’s choosing them for their looks and it is a bonus that they are low energy too!”

Low energy bulbs have had a bad press in the past but things have changed and with innovation and foresight it is now possible to have efficient, attractive lighting that gives us all we require and more.

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More about tp24

tp24 are world leaders in the design, development and manufacture of low energy lighting. Their core business is providing quality lighting packages to new homebuyers through builders. tp24 provide a complete service for the builder making lighting the easiest optional extra to sell.

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