



# Innovative system Acceptance Certificate

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**Innovative System Owner:** Countryside Timber Frame Limited  
Countryside House  
The Drive, Great Warley  
Brentwood, Essex  
CM13 3AT

**Innovative System Name:** Vistry Works Closed Panel Timber Frame System

**Generic form:** CAT 2 – Closed Panel Timber Frame

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NHBC Services Ltd has reviewed the following information (the System Manual) related to the Innovative system supplied by the Innovative System Owner:

- Vistry Works System Manual Rev H

Relying on the information provided by the Innovative System Owner, NHBC Services Ltd considers that the Innovative system can meet NHBC Standards.

Additional requirements must be met in order for a new home to qualify for Buildmark cover. Buildmark cover for new homes will only be issued to Builders or Developers in accordance with the latest version of the NHBC Rules (a copy of which can be found at [www.nhbc.co.uk](http://www.nhbc.co.uk)).

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**Issued by:**

Technical Operations Manager

NHBC Services Ltd



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## Description, Scope and intended use.

The system comprises factory assembled closed timber frame panels suitable for use above DPC level in domestic construction, up to three storeys, as the loadbearing inner leaf of an external cavity wall and separating walls. The system is designed to receive traditional masonry facades of brick and block plus render to the external face. The panels are factory-assembled, comprising external sheathing board, breather membrane, thermal insulation, windows, AVCL and plasterboard. Plasterboard linings are fixed using plasterboard nails or the approved stapled fixing method.

In addition to the external walls, the system consists of typical internal wall details for the separating walls including insulation, internal load bearing walls, internal racking walls and internal non-loadbearing walls. Panels are delivered to site, located on, and fixed via screwed connections to a sole plate which is bolted to the sub-structure and panel to panel to form the primary structure.

The System is suitable for use as:

- Loadbearing inner leaf of the external wall build up.
- Internal racking walls, Internal loadbearing and non-loadbearing walls and Separating walls.

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## Extent of review for NHBC Warranty on NHBC Registered Sites

NHBC Services Ltd has undertaken a technical review of the System Manual as set out in line with the NHBC Accepts Technical Document for Innovative systems. The NHBC Accepts Service is intended solely to provide confidence that the Innovative system meets NHBC Standards and is not intended as evidence of performance for any other purpose. Appraisal of the Innovative system against building regulations is not carried out as part of this Service.

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## Exclusions and Limitations

This Acceptance Certificate is made out solely to the System Owner. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the System Owner arising out of, or in connection with, this Acceptance Certificate.

Exclusions and limitations are set out in the System Manual. Additional considerations in the use of the Innovative system include:

- Foundations, substructures, and ground floors including the timber sole plate are not part of the system.
  - Internal services, including internal finishes and fixtures are not part of the system.
  - Roof structures and roof coverings are not part of the system.
  - Floor cassettes are not part of the system.
  - Gable wall and separating wall spandrel panels are excluded from the system.
  - Internal fire-resistant linings must comply with the accepted specification set out in the Vistry Works System Manual Rev H.
  - All fire stopping and cavity barriers are to be specified on a project specific basis. Cavity barriers to be installed on site by Vistry Works.
  - Windows and doors are project specific and installed in the factory.
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