



TRAINING: The 5001 Squadron team with Rubb Training Adviser Dave Cromarty

Military exercise opens doors at Rubb Buildings Ltd

Rubb UK welcomed Royal Air Force personnel back for another week-long training exercise at its Gateshead factory.

Members of 5001 Squadron returned to Rubb Buildings Ltd to learn more about door technology for the military Expeditionary Forces Aircraft Shelter System range. The award winning Air Combat Support Unit routinely deploys around the world to provide and maintain expeditionary airfield facilities to support deployed air operations. The unit frequently works with Rubb's rapid deployment military shelters which are used by defence organisations to protect invaluable aircraft at bases and in the field.

The company's Training Advisers Dave Cromarty and John Borlace delivered training sessions on erecting and dismantling the 21.5m (70.5') x 7m 23' Heli-Door. Sergeant Drew Bailey, who was leading the team, said: "We learned all about constructing and dismantling the Heli-Door. It is good to have expert advice and training from people like Dave and John – it gives us a better hands-on understanding of the procedures involved. The team has learned skills that they can take away and pass on the other members of the squadron."

General Manager Ian Hindmoor added: "We regularly hold training sessions on different aspects of our building systems to provide our clients and end users with the knowledge and skills to get the most out of our products."

5001 Squadron have worked with Rubb's EFASS range on numerous occasions and will deploy to different locations to dismantle and assemble more in the future.

Notes to Editors

About Rubb Buildings Ltd

Rubb Buildings Ltd is a world leader in the design and manufacture of custom made relocatable engineered fabric structures.

Highlights include ground-breaking military buildings (aircraft hangars, shelters, storage facilities), specialist sports buildings and structures for a variety of sectors including aviation, ports, construction, bulk storage and environmental (waste and recycling).

All products are designed and manufactured at Rubb's UK plant at the Team Valley Trading Estate in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. The company was founded in 1977 and has a proud history of delivering innovative and quality structures to a wide range of clients.

The Rubb Group has plants in the USA, Norway, Poland and China.

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Heli-Door

This revolutionary door has been specifically designed and manufactured for the EFASS range by Rubb Buildings Ltd, providing a robust, reliable and easy to use system. The main door horizontal members are standard EFASS building roof elements, which comply with the strict standardisation of parts code. The door is electrically operated via two slow moving helical geared motors, with emergency hand operation capability. This system does not require a base foundation or ramps and there are no locking bolts. The door goes up and down at the touch of a button. Locking and safety devices operate automatically.

Trident Door

Specific to the 20.4m span EFASS, this full end-opening door speeds up aircraft deployment. The door is constructed using the same high quality aluminium framework as the main structure. Three framed PVC panels are hinged at the base of the hangar and the door operates via a button controlled motorised folding mechanism.

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