

Fortnum & Mason - London



A new fire barrier installation with a personal touch from Coopers

Fortnum & Masons, one of the UK's leading department stores has recently completed the first phase of upgrading its fire containment systems in conjunction with Coopers.

The project involved the manufacture and installation of separate fire barriers which protect atria on 3 floors of the store. The barriers were uniquely 'personalised' with the Fortnum & Masons' logo, which was printed on the centre panel of each curtain prior to final assembly. Coopers now has the facility to transfer a corporate identity or message directly onto fire or smoke barrier material without affecting the integrity or the flexibility of the fabric.

The new fire containment system is part of an extensive refurbishment programme being carried out at the London

store. The project consists of both 2-sided and 3-sided barriers that will completely seal off the atria in the event of a fire - allowing valuable time for evacuation. The barriers are linked to the central alarm system and contain full Gravity Fail Safe that enables them to operate even in the event of a power failure or wiring damage.

Precision planning and efficient installation by Coopers' engineers dramatically minimised the time and revenue lost while work was in progress. In fact, much of the system wiring was completed 'out of hours' when the store was closed.

Personalised fire or smoke barriers are now another option that Coopers can offer to customers to further enhance what is already a market leading solution to fire and smoke containment within the retail industry.