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The Performance of Antimicrobial Copper, the Look of Stainless Steel

Leading architectural ironmonger Allgood is the first to launch an Antimicrobial Copper Cu+ branded range of door furniture and bathroom fittings that offers the antimicrobial efficacy of copper and the aesthetic of stainless steel.

The Contego range of silver-coloured copper alloy is a world-first and bears the Cu+ mark of the Antimicrobial Copper brand, denoting they are made from the most effective touch surface material, proven to continuously kill the deadly microbes that cause healthcare-associated infections, 24/7.

Frequently-touched surfaces, such as door handles and push plates, made from commonly-used materials like stainless steel and plastics, can serve as reservoirs of infection. Microbes deposited upon them from contaminated hands can survive for days and months and be passed on to the next hand that touches them. Deadly microbes such as MRSA and *E. coli* die rapidly on antimicrobial copper alloys, so using touch surfaces made from these materials can help break the chain of infection.

The new, silver-coloured items from Allgood are available in both a polished and brushed finish, and comprise lever and pull handles, push plates, escutcheons, cylinder and WC turns, cabinet handles, coat hooks and cistern flushes.

Reducing contamination on touch surfaces in hospitals reduces the risk of acquiring healthcare associated infections from them, therefore antimicrobial copper surfaces can be considered an additional measure to enhance existing hygienic practices and continuously reduce the number of disease-causing microbes between cleans.



With a growing number of companies offering Antimicrobial Copper Cu+ products, high-risk touch surfaces in all environments where hygiene is important – hospitals, schools, offices and public buildings – can benefit from this additional measure to reduce the risk of infection.

Editor's Note

The ability of antimicrobial copper surfaces to effectively kill antibiotic-resistant organisms that can cause healthcare associated infections is the topic of a presentation at the first

International Conference on Prevention & Infection Control, organised by the World Health Organization and to be held in Geneva from June 29th to July 2nd, 2011.

“Copper Surfaces in the ICU Reduced the Relative Risk of Acquiring an Infection While Hospitalized” will be presented by Dr Michael Schmidt during the ‘Innovative Approaches to Infection Control’ session on July 1st at 13:00.

	
Contego door handle in brushed finish	Contego push plate in brushed finish

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