

with **Roger Bisby**

**Our products editor brings you his monthly summary of what's new and innovative in the world of general building.**

## CAN'T PARK, WON'T PARK

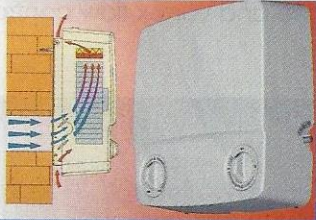
Over the years, we have seen several car turntables like the **Drive Away** from **British Turntable**, but so far they have not really reached the market at which they are aimed. There is nothing wrong with the idea or its implementation but my guess is that people are too lazy to get out of their cars and spin them around. They would rather choke their neighbours with the cold-running engine fumes while they go endlessly back and forth scrubbing the tyres and burning the clutch. You may suggest that this is a gender-related issue, but I couldn't possibly comment.



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## RIGHT UP YOUR NOSE

Sometime back I fitted one of those heat recovery wall-mounted extractors. I doubted at the time that they could ever be that efficient and nothing I have seen since changes my mind. This little **Marta** unit from **JS Air Conditioners** is different in that it uses a little 800watt electric heater to warm the incoming air so they aren't making any exaggerated claims about heat transfer. If required, it also filters out pollen and traffic fumes that can get right up your nose.



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## WIPE OUT

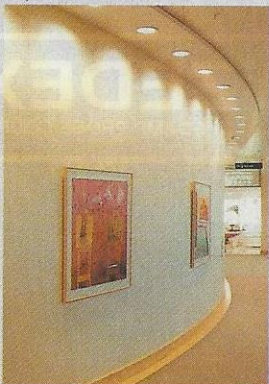
**Big Wipes** are said to offer the only wipes to have been dermatologically tested. The company, which has just launched the **Big Wipes Industrial** pack, also tells us that these wipes can kill *Listeria*, *Staphylococcus*, *E coli* and *Salmonella* bacteria within 30 seconds. Now if I was one of those germs I would be very afraid. More to the point for the builder is that they remove oil and water-based paints, adhesives and sealants, including silicone.



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## CURVED AIR

We tested some **British Gypsum Curve Line** a while back and it was easy to use, so when I heard that the design had been improved it was difficult to imagine how. The answer is that the beefed up design resists more deflection forces so you can build walls higher or aim trolleys at them with reckless abandon. Curved walls are becoming increasingly popular in public buildings and offices because they deflect sound in a unique way. This was first discovered by the ancient Greeks but, since they failed to file a patent, the Romans nicked it and went on to produce it in flat pack form. Now not a lot of people know that.



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## BIG BROTHER

Bill is the brother of former Watford player Tony Currie. This makes no difference to the story, but we love our trivia. **Bill Currie's** game is inventing things and he has come up with an **award-winning clip** that goes on the cable reel to guide the cable in. It is always frustrating when you reel in and find it all over one side or jumping the side and



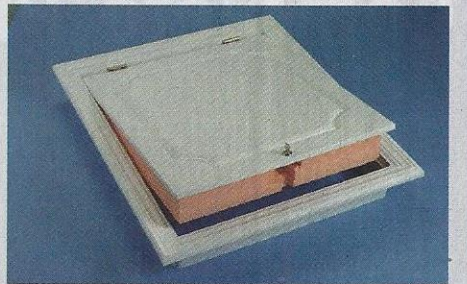
How not to do it.

tangling, so the glide fills a need. Personally, I see its real future as something that is fitted when you buy the new reel, but if you want to upgrade an existing reel this will do it.

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## HATCHING A PLAN

This new hinge-down **loft hatch** from **Polypipe Building Products** is made from injection-moulded, rigid, bright white polypropylene. We are used to wooden hatches, so whether this is for your customer will be a matter of taste, but it should certainly be easier to fit, as it is fully assembled with fitted seals and just needs to be fixed to the joists. They are designed for use with ladders.



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