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**Trend<sup>®</sup> Xtreme<sup>®</sup> Bushfire Windows and Doors range is now compliant to AS3959-2009 and AS1530.8.1-2007 - Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas.**

The Trend Windows & Doors<sup>®</sup> Xtreme<sup>®</sup> range of Bushfire Window and Door products have recently been tested to the new Bushfire Construction standards (AS3959-2009 and AS1530.8.1 -2007). In a major breakthrough, the Xtreme<sup>®</sup> windows and doors range passed the standard test at the BAL 40 level without the need for screens to be fitted to the fixed sashes. This will result in significant cost savings for the homeowner, when compared with the deemed to comply provisions of the new standard.

Trend<sup>®</sup> has combined the technologically advanced Xtreme<sup>®</sup> Window and Door system with Pyro-Protec<sup>®</sup> seals and glazing systems and standard 5mm or 6mm toughened glass which keeps the system affordable. This window and door system is a cost efficient solution to a problem that is fast becoming a national challenge. Double glazed energy efficient solutions are also available.

With the Australian urban population increasingly being pushed ever closer to bushfire prone areas the awareness and understanding of building loss through bushfire has taken a dominant and high priority position with authorities and researchers especially after such catastrophic events in 2003 in ACT and 2009 in Victoria.

The result of this has been the recent release of the new Bushfire Construction Standard AS3959-2009, which sets down minimum standards for building in bushfire prone areas. This Standard is now mandatory in Victoria and ACT with Queensland commencing in October.

This latest development is a result of Trend Windows & Doors® ongoing intensive research and development and extensive testing with the CSIRO over the past 5 years, aimed at developing cost affordable window and door systems which will withstand the extremes of bushfire attack.

Trend Windows® Xtreme® Window and Door products, the first tested by the CSIRO under the previous standard in 2005, went on to become the clear market leader in bushfire windows and doors. The new Xtreme® Windows and Doors are now the first products tested at the CSIRO Laboratories testing facility at North Ryde in Sydney, which has been set up specifically to test building products to the new Bushfire standard.

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