Getting rapid building control sign-off with Automist: a quick guide

It's the end of the build, or perhaps you are trying to sell your home? You may not have much money left after an expensive project or want to turn things around quickly: That's where Automist Authorised Installers come in.





We only work with quality companies that understand local building control and can get your property approved quickly. We are not always the cheapest, but we will not compromise your home with poor workmanship. In addition, we know what projects are accepted in your area as our network has completed over 12,000 installations in the UK.

Still unsure? Why not read some of our independent Feefo Reviews?

1. Have you spoken to Building Control?

If you haven't chosen your building control yet, our customers recommend Approved Inspectors. You will need to know why an automatic fire suppression system is required in your home. Do you have a four-storey house, a three-storey property with an open plan area, or another compliance requirement? If unsure, you can also speak to your builder, architect, or fire engineer. This is important as your installer needs this information to provide you with options to meet building regulations, as certain property types offer more flexibility than others.

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2. What do you need to do?

Start by sending a floor plan of your property to your chosen installer, or ask for a site visit if preferred. They need a floor plan and the reason why you require a system to generate a quote and design proposal. You can show this to Building Control for pre-approval. That way, you can establish if your home will be compliant with Automist installed before you spend any money. Each design proposal will align with Plumis' installation guidelines which consider how many sprayheads are needed per room.



Have trouble getting acceptance from Building Control?

Perhaps they don't like the layout of the building as it deviates from standard practice (guidance in Approved Document B)? You may need a fire engineering report to support your application. A fire engineer can help present your case, which is helpful for unusual projects. Perhaps they are unfamiliar with Automist and want you to use a traditional sprinkler?

We can help and show them evidence why Automist is more suitable than traditional sprinklers for domestic fires.

If all else fails, it is worth noting you can appeal for a 'determination' if you believe that your plans comply with regulations but have been rejected.



3. Your installation

Once you have confirmation, book your installation with your Authorised Installer. Automist is designed for retrofit and to minimise disruption to your home.

Once the installation is complete, your installer will provide you with the final sign-off paperwork.

