Guide to the RIBA Library

What is it?

The RIBA Library provides information, mostly fully illustrated, on British building / construction industry manufacturers, their products and services.

Finding information

As you enter the RIBA Library you can find the 3 volume *ribaprocessselector 2007* and the Manufacturers Index on the left-hand ledge next to the computers.

Searching by product

The *ribaprocessselector 2007* has a subject index in yellow pages at the front of the first two volumes. In volume 3, the RIBA CPD (Continuing Professional Development) Providers Network i.e. institutions offering training, can be searched in the red section, Advisory organizations in the 1st grey section, Company names in the white section and Trade names in the 2nd grey section.

Searching by manufacturer

Volume 3 of the *ribaprocessselector 2007* can be used to search for manufacturers. The Manufacturers Index is a card index which is useful for searching manufacturers whose information we subscribe to and which is used in the blue and gold files. Unlike the *ribaprocessselector 2007* this is not a comprehensive list.

Each of these indexes provides a reference to the relevant class mark for each of the products, or services, provided by each manufacturer.

In conjunction with these indexes, the series of blue and gold files provide a selection of more detailed product and service information. Blue KeyFiles contain listings of manufacturers and relevant product information, updated bi-annually. Gold files contain information supplied by manufacturers, updated monthly.
Arrangement

The Library is arranged into a number of sections, each with a separate colour.

**Orange:** Physical environment
**Yellow:** Building elements
**Green:** Construction forms, materials
**Blue:** Activities and requirements

Files are located within one of these sections, with their own class mark (either a number, letter, or combination of the two).

Each of these sections is divided into categories, and further sub-divided, according to product / service specificity.
For example, information on floors can be found in the *Building elements* section, under class mark *(23)*. Information on bricks can be found in the *Construction forms, materials* section, under class mark *F*.

Information can also be found at the *ribaproductselector* web-site:

http://www.ribaproductselector.com/