



**NATURAL
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Natural ventilation. It doesn't have to destroy blinds.

Natural ventilation is a great triumph of modern building design. Instead of what felt like hermetically sealed boxes pumped with conditioned air, natural ventilation opens the building envelope in a controlled way to allow the building to ventilate itself naturally to the outside.

We are not experts on how this works (night purging and that kind of idea) but we do know what it means for blinds.

As well as operating within a robust environment such as a school where this is often used, the blinds also have to allow for increased air movement and a level of interaction with the outside world.

This means the blinds can be subject to gusts of wind and rain can also make contact in more extreme weather which can risk damage and marking, particularly on the fabric which is the most delicate element.

Most blinds can put up with a certain level of this treatment but for longevity you need a roller blind system that is designed for the role.

These should include the following important parts:

- 1) Robust operating mechanism - ideally a heavy duty crank handle rather than loose chains and cords which can blow around and get caught in windows
- 2) Weather-proof fabric - ideally PVC coated fibreglass which is tough and dimensionally stable with a wipe clean finish
- 3) Robust guide wires - these must be around 3mm thick to withstand rough treatment from both users and weather. Thin guide wires are guaranteed to be a maintenance headache for years to come as they will break. Unless you have guide wires of a gauge of 3mm and above, it is sometimes better not to use them.

One such product which has been developed for this scenario is the College Blind. Equipped with all these features, it offers a maintenance-free future for blinds in naturally ventilated buildings. Tried and tested in schools, offices, atria and even externally, the College Blind is the defining product for strength and capability.



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