

## AUTOMATIC GATES KEEPING SYSTEMS UP-TO-DATE

*Who should keep customers up-to-date with recommendations and standards?* This becomes harder to answer the older the system is and change accrues.



*What do you mean?* Most systems were installed around an agreed design, which fitted an agreed budget. Budgets are often calculated following a customer's acceptance of expenditure & investment, in line with their needs, the product & its purpose!

Type, materials and style, are reliant upon budget and each can have an effect upon each other. The way a system works, along with the complimentary parts that are needed as a result of having a gate powered, all contribute to the value, cost and budget accordingly.

*So!* Well, the original installation, much like buying a computer, a car, or this summer's dress, can be out-of-date very quickly. As each equipment manufacturer introduces new or alternative products and more enter the market, what was on offer at the point-of-sale, is soon superseded.

New or changing standards, codes-of-practice and alike, will continue to be up-dated and introduced, that if considered on every existing installation, would mean an almost constant flow of suggestions and recommendations of improvement and upgrade.

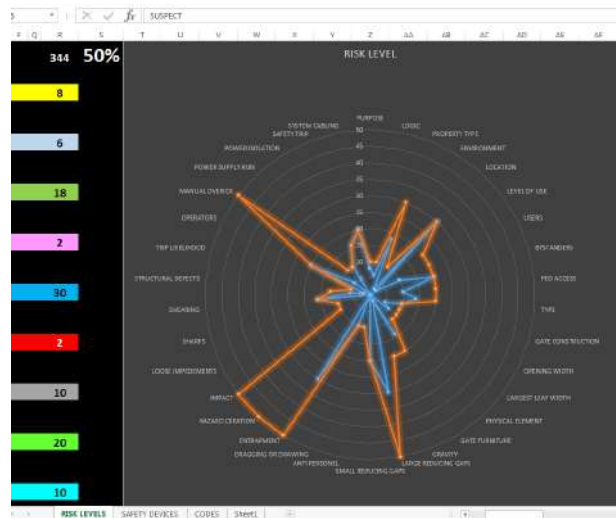
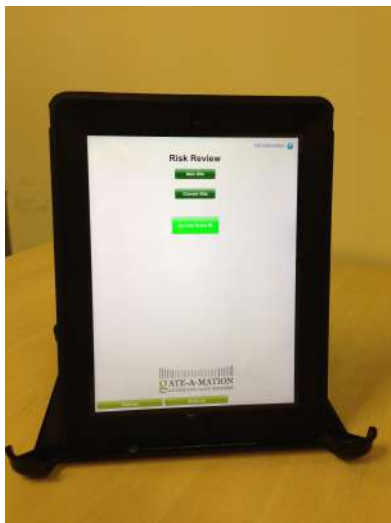
It is just about impossible to keep every owner of an automatic system, up-to-date with all the latest data, even if they were willing to listen and all the required facts & latest site detail were known. Detail that suits some individuals but not others!



*What facts & details?* New products and up-dated methods are relative to what is installed on each site and relevant to the use or changing use of the system. This can also

be affected by local environmental conditions or changes that can have an impact on the system, its performance or how it is used. Standards covering technical requirements continue to change.

**Why?** Every installation is bespoke, 11,500 filed on our data base alone and there are not two identical! Each had a reason to be different and every new system will again be different. Each little difference may mean a lot to the users or owner?



**How important are up-dates?** A lot are not so important, but any involving safety or the safe use of a system, can be very important. As most owners would not recognise what is applicable, we recommend all systems are regularly inspected and every installation is at least annually, risk reviewed and maintained accordingly, with suitable recommendations offered as recognised.



Every day people have to make the choice that most suits their overall need!