

HRH THE DUKE OF KENT PRESENTS VARILIGHT WITH THE QUEEN'S AWARD FOR INNOVATION

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His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent has presented British manufacturer of VARILIGHT switches, sockets and dimmers, Doyle & Tratt Products Ltd, with the Queen's Award for Enterprise. The ceremony took place yesterday, 7th December, at the company's head office in Faygate near Horsham in West Sussex.



The Queen's Award was awarded to VARILIGHT in the category of Continuous Innovation in recognition of its success in bringing innovation to the electrical wiring accessories market and, in particular, for its technological development in designing dimmer switches for LED lighting. With the rapid growth of LED lighting in homes and commercial premises, VARILIGHT's groundbreaking V-Pro LED dimmer technology has brought significant growth to its business over the past two years. This is a trend that looks set to continue with the launch of the larger capacity V-Com LED dimmer series earlier this year.

At the ceremony, The Duke was joined by a group of dignitaries including the Earl of Lytton, DL representing the Lord-Lieutenant, local MP Jeremy Quin and, representing Horsham District Council, Councillor Tricia Youtan (Chairman) and Mr Tom Crowley (Chief Executive). The citation for the Award was read by Mr Colin Field, JP, DL.

Reflecting on the achievement, Dr Tony Doyle, Chairman at Doyle & Tratt Products said, "We are delighted to have been recognised for this most prestigious of awards and honoured that His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent was able to make time in his busy schedule to visit us to present the award. The V-Pro LED dimmer has become our flagship product and raised the profile of the VARILIGHT brand, bringing with it increased interest in our entire range of

decorative dimmers, switches and sockets. With a new European range and other export initiatives, we are well-positioned to build on our success in the UK as we introduce our world class LED dimmer switches to international markets.”



Earlier in the year, Dr Doyle was accompanied by technician Tim Harris at a special reception at Buckingham Palace for this year’s winners of the award where they were introduced to Her Majesty The Queen.

As the UK’s leading manufacturer of dimmer switches, VARILIGHT was the first to react to the requirement for a dimmer switch to control LED lighting. The company undertook a complete redesign of the traditional dimmer switch to create its V-Pro series, which is equipped with features to optimise the dimming performance of LED lighting. For example, an adjustable minimum brightness setting enables the user to define the best dimming range for any given LED lighting load, eliminating flicker and exploiting the full dimming capability of individual LED light bulbs. VARILIGHT’s new V-Com series builds on the company’s success by addressing the increasing need to control larger LED lighting loads. VARILIGHT was a previous winner of the Queen’s Award in 2006 and a string of awards has followed for VARILIGHT who, as a pioneer in lighting and dimming technologies, has been lighting up the electrical industry for over forty years. During this time, there has been a constant need to re-evaluate the dimmer switch as new lighting technology has emerged; especially the recent generations of energy-saving light sources which have come to dominate the market.

VARILIGHT has led the way in lighting control with a series of technical innovations. Doyle & Tratt Products’ VARILIGHT brand is synonymous with quality, choice, value and innovation not only in technology but also in leading the market in on-trend decorative finishes across a comprehensive range of wiring accessories.

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