

## DON'T GO THROUGH THE ROOF!

Due to the strict OH&S legislation and the serious penalties that can be imposed, it is becoming increasingly important that workplace safety be the focus of not only workers and employers, but also suppliers within the plumbing industry.

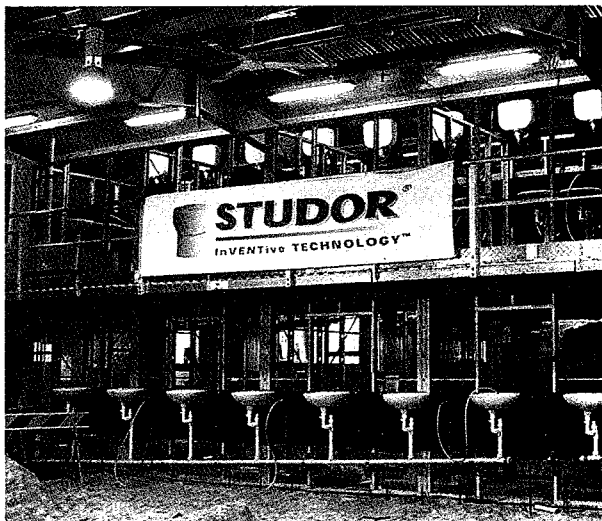
Riki Monkhouse, NSW Area Manager for Studor Australia said that the Occupational Health and Safety issues were one of the concerns which led Sture Ericson to invent the Studor Air Admittance Valve.

"The Studor Air Admittance Valve offers the plumbing industry two key benefits," said Monkhouse.

"Firstly, it provides an extremely cost effective ventilation system to ensure the integrity of water trap seals. Secondly, and of equal importance from an Occupational Health and Safety Risk Management perspective it eliminates the need for men climbing on the roof to install a roof penetration."

Vents can now be terminated in the roof cavity and discharge pipes connecting with groups of plumbing fixtures can now be vented in a vanity unit or service duct. Motel and Hotel rooms, freestanding shops or stalls in the middle of shopping malls and tearooms in factories can all now be vented without going through the floor above.

Monkhouse further indicated that the introduction of a minimum manufacturing standard for Air Admittance Valves would help reduce OH&S issues within the industry, as substandard valves are now illegal.



"Don't go through the roof" holds a special significance for the average plumber," said Marc Williams, Victorian Area Manager for Studor Australia.

"It reduces the need for tradesmen to be on roof tops in an exposed elevated position which is a further risk to the safety of any tradesman."

Recent changes to the Australian/New Zealand Standard were through the efforts of Studor Australia and resulted in the building of a \$45,000 test rig at Gymea TAFE College in Sydney.

This advancement in the plumbing regulations has been embraced in Victoria and is presently filtering down through the trade with several major projects in that State being modified to incorporate Air Admittance Valve plumbing systems. Other states are set to follow soon.

After only a relatively short time in Australia, Studor Australia opened up the market for this product with single trap venting and of June last year, group venting was approved in principle by the WSI4 committee of Standards Australia.

Studor has been recognized as a leading manufacturer and supplier of Air Admittance Valves throughout the world for over twenty-five years and has factories operating in both Europe and America with over six million valves installed worldwide.

"Studor Australia has a design and technical bureau where most queries can be answered. We can also modify existing drawings or designs to show where cost savings can be made for you using Air Admittance Technology" said Monkhouse.

If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Studor Australia on (02) 9698 7445.