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## Batching It

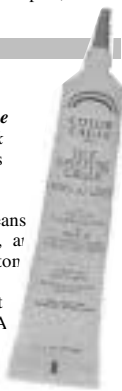
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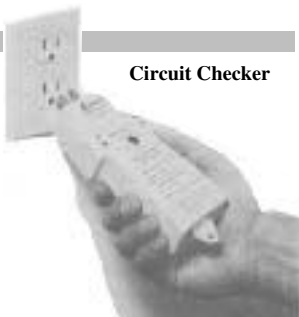
**Builders and developers of small communities not serviced by municipal sewerage systems** can provide efficient and pollution-free wastewater treatment for a reasonable cost, with this batch wastewater-treatment system. *Chromaglass* systems are available in seven standard sizes, from 500 to 12,000 treated gallons per day. How it works: Free oxygen is introduced, and aerobic microorganisms clean and clear wastewater of 85 to 95 percent of its suspended solids. Batch treatment, much like the process used in municipal waste-treatment centers, is used. The treatment cycles are time-controlled and a preset volume of treated effluent is pressure-discharged, allowing for peak surges and requiring less retention time. As a result, drain fields do not get clogged, or polluted. The system is accepted by the EPA's Innovative and Alternatives Program, and by the National Sanitation Foundation. For more information, contact Chromaglass Corporation, P.O. Box 3215, Williamsport, PA 17701; 717/326-3396.

### Colorful Caulk

**It's sanded to look like grout**, but *Color Caulk Tile & Fixture Caulk* is really acrylic latex. Other plusses: The product is flexible, cleans with soap and water, and can be ordered in custom colors. Contact Color Caulk Inc., 1696 West Mill Street, Colton, CA 92324; 714/882-6225 (800/882-6225 in Calif.).



### Circuit Checker



**Hand-held circuit analyzer detects voltage drops** that exceed the limits set by the National Electric Code.

**The SureTest Multi-Function Circuit Analyzer** helps determine the load capacity of a circuit by indicating drops of more than 5 percent, or excessive line resistance. In addition, the instrument may be used to check for proper voltage range at outlets (within 10 percent of 120 volts), proper wiring and grounding of receptacles, and the proper function of ground fault circuit interrupters. Green and red LED indicators provide pass/fail results, and a retractable ground pin enables the tool to be used with non-grounded outlets. It comes with a foot-long extension cord. An optional lead set is available for testing in open boxes and panels. For more information, write American Electric, Construction Materials Group, P.O. Box 1548, Pittsburgh, PA 15230; 412/323-5501.

### Refacer's Connection



**If your customer wants the look of new oak cabinets, but won't pay the price**, *Refacer's Supply* promises an affordable alternative. The company supplies custom-made oak raised-panel doors and drawer fronts, in addition to oak veneer and moldings, so your client can have the look of oak where it counts. Entire refacing kits are available, which include the above, plus hardware, instructions, and a template to ease hardware installation. For more information, contact Refacer's Supply, 616 South Rochester Road, Clawson, MI 48017; 800/426-6018 or 313/585-9003.

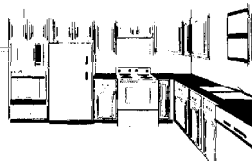
### Spa & Tub Purifier



**Electronic device promises cleaner hot tubs, spas, and swimming pools without the use of chemicals.** The *Aquarion* releases controlled amounts of copper and silver ions into the water, which attract and destroy algae and bacteria. The system promises to eliminate the daily testing and treatment needed when using chlorine, bromine, or algaecides, in all but extreme cases. The device can treat captive water systems up to 100,000 gallons. For more

information, contact Time Mark Corp, 11440 East Pine, Tulsa, OK 74116; 918/438-1220.

### Computer Kitchens



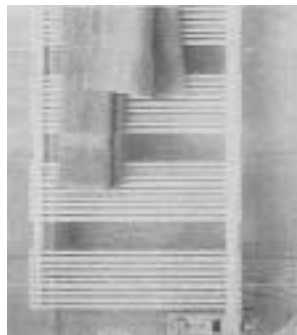
**Software produces 3-D kitchen floor plans.** In addition, 20-20 *Computerized Kitchen Design* produces standard floor plans, elevations, job estimates, and installer's reports (listing the items to be installed in correct sequence). Mainly intended for kitchen dealers, the program requires an IBM PC-XT or AT (or compatible), a graphics card, a color monitor, and both floppy and hard drives. For more information, contact Twenty-Twenty, 1755 Cunard Street, Laval, Quebec, H7S 2B4, CANADA; 514/332-4110.

### Classic Handles



**Earthenware ceramic knobs add tradition to cabinetry.** Offering a variety of designs, sizes, and over 22 color variations, Worthy Works's new *Classic Knob Collection*, meets ANSI standards for strength, and is permanently bonded for maximum durability. Contact The Worthy Works, Inc., 19 Rockford, IL 61101; 815/968-5858.

### Hot Towels



**Dries towels, while heating the bathroom.** Ultibath radiators come in three versions—hot-water, electric, and hot-water/electric—and 36 colors. Accessories, such as soap holders and cloth-hooks are also available. For more information, contact Ultibath, 156 North Robertson Boulevard, W. Hollywood, CA 90048; 213/855-1516.

### High-Ceiling Helper



**Telescopic pole helps operate manually cranked windows in rooms with cathedral ceilings.** *Roto-Frank's telescopic pole* adjusts 6 to 10 feet and features free-turning hand grips and a locking collar to lock the pole at the desired length. The pole replaces the company's "extension-pole system" and is intended for use with Sunrise windows. Contact Roto Frank, Research Park, P.O. Box 599, Chester, CT 06412; 800/243-0893 (203/526-4996 in Conn.).

**Correction:** In the August '88 issue, this column featured the *Insulation Baffle Board*. The address was incorrect, and the phone number has changed. For information on this product, contact Edwil Manufacturing Co., 103 Timber Ridge Drive, Ashland, VA 23005; 800/446-1687.