

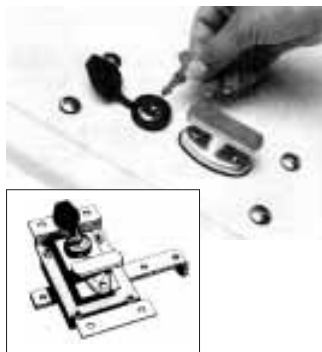
Roofing On Air

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When cedar shakes and shingles are installed over solid sheathing, they are susceptible to rot and warping from excess moisture. Cedar Breather underlayment allows air to flow continuously between the roof deck and the shingles. The three-dimensional nylon matrix is $\frac{3}{8}$ inch thick and comes in rolls 39 inches wide and $61\frac{1}{2}$ feet long (about 200 sq.ft.). Once the material is tacked in place, the shingles or shakes can be fastened through it to the deck. According to the manufacturer, Cedar Breather is unaffected by UV light or temperature extremes, and the added cost (as little as 10% for most roof installations) is balanced by the extended life of the roof. For more information, contact Benjamin Obdyke, John Fitch Industrial Park, Warminster, PA 18974; 800/523-5261 (in Pa., 800/222-2373).

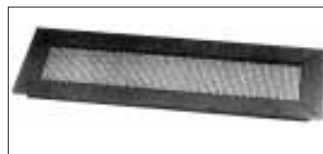
Bulkhead Lock



Locking a bulkhead door has always been a problem. A throw bolt works only from the inside, and a padlock on the outside can clog with ice, rust, or other debris or get misplaced when the door is in use. The Keyed Entry Lock Kit puts an end to these troubles with a flush-mounted cylinder lock and handle that's designed for retrofitting on

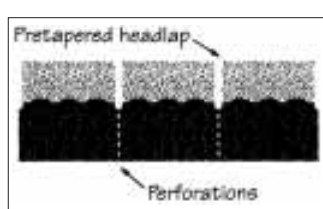
Perm-Entry and Bilco bulkheads. The lock has a corrosion-resistant finish and a plastic cap that snaps over the cylinder to keep the keyhole free of moisture and debris. The \$29.95 kit requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch hole saw to drill for the cylinder and latch handle, but comes complete with a mounting bracket and all hardware. The Keyed Entry Lock Kit is available at building supply and hardware stores. For more information, contact The Perm-Entry Company, P.O. Box 1203, New Haven, CT 06505; 203/934-6363.

Made-To-Order Grills



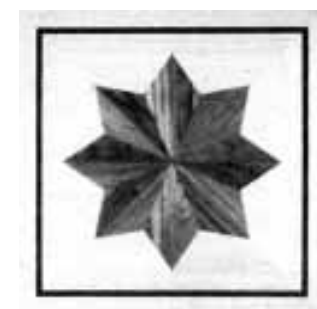
Every now and then, and especially in remodeling, you need an air vent grill that doesn't match any of the stock sizes. Aluminum Custom Air Vent Grills are made to order in any size from 4 x 4 inches to 4 x 10 feet, and are available in black, light gray, white, or unfinished. For a same-day price quote, measure the size of the cutout hole and contact Doug Mockett & Co., P.O. Box 3333, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; 800/523-1269.

Precut Cap Shingles



Cutting cap shingles for hips and ridges is a thing of the past for roofers using Seal-A-Ridge Plus. The three-tab shingles are perforated, so you can separate them easily into three 12x12 sections. And they're pretapered, so you don't need to trim the headlap by hand. The maximum exposure is $6\frac{7}{8}$ inches, and each bundle of 15 shingles yields 45 caps. Seal-A-Ridge Plus is available in eight colors from Elk Corporation, 14643 Dallas Pkwy., Suite 1000, Dallas, TX 75240; 800/945-5545.

Fancy Floors



You can add a little pizzazz to your hardwood floor installations with Custom Accents from Kentucky WoodFloors. In addition to special orders, the company offers a standard line of eight custom designs in a variety of sizes and in virtually any wood species imaginable. The panels are sized to match the thickness of standard hardwood flooring and are shipped like an assembled puzzle. A clear tape on the face holds everything together, and can be peeled or sanded off after the panel is glued in place. Prices vary according to size and species. The 12x12-inch "Square Rose" design pictured above lists for \$416, although flooring distributors who carry the product will generally discount to the trades. For more information, contact Kentucky WoodFloors, P.O. Box 33276, Louisville, KY 40232; 800/235-5235.

Motion-Sensing Lights



SL-4140 Series SL-4110 Series

Many motion- or light-sensing exterior light fixtures have an industrial look that just doesn't fit traditional residential designs. A new series of Decorative Coach Lights combines traditional styling with the convenience and security of light- and motion-sensing technology. The fixtures allow you to adjust sensitivity to motion as well as the amount of time before the lights automatically turn off after motion has stopped. Some, like the SL-4140 Series Decorative Globe Outdoor Motion Sensor Light, also have a "dusk-to-dawn mode" which keeps the light on overnight. The fixtures are available in a variety of materials, including plastic, metal, and solid brass, in

black, white, and polished and antique brass finishes. All 11 models are UL-approved and carry a five-year warranty. They are sold in hardware stores and home centers at suggested retail prices of between \$22.97 and \$43.97. For more information, contact Heath Zenith Reflex Brand Group, 455 Riverview Dr., P.O. Box 1288, Benton Harbor, MI 49023; 800/253-0570.

Classic Eaves Vent



If you don't like the look of soffit vents, or you have an eaves detail that requires classic molding treatment, a decorative urethane trim called E-Vent can solve both problems. It combines three elements in a single piece of trim: a nylon screened vent (12 inches gross vent area per linear foot), a frieze board, and one of three crown molding profiles, ranging in size from $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $14\frac{3}{4}$ inches high by $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{1}{4}$ inches deep. The 12-foot lengths are packed six to a box, and special end caps and inside and outside mitered corners are available. Like other urethane products in the company's Style-Mark Formed Millwork line, each piece is primed white and, according to the manufacturer, the high-density urethane won't rot, crack, or splinter like wood. To find a distributor, contact GlenTec, P.O. Box 186, 100 Parks Rd., Cecil, PA 15321; 800/554-0425.

Horizontal Skylight



Most skylights are either square or taller than they are wide, but there are places where a horizontal roof window would fit the design better. The Hilight H-19 roof window is $44\frac{7}{8}$ inches wide by $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall and is double-glazed with low-e, argon-filled glass. The fixed sash is made of heavy-gauge aluminum and fits inside a pine veneer frame with a built-in condensation gutter. The standard flashing system for the low-profile skylight is compatible with many different types of roofing. To find a supplier, contact Roto Frank of America, P.O. Box 599, Research Park, Chester, CT 06412; 800/243-0893. ■