LETTERS

More Pneumatic Innovations

To the Editor:

Your readers missed out on some of the most innovative fastening products on the market in the article "Innovative Pneumatic Fasteners" (8/96). Paslode offers several unique systems for the applications you mentioned.

First, Paslode's new Wood-to-Steel Fastening System lets tradespeople connect wood sheathing to steel framing members faster than using screws and more securely than using other nailing systems available. The 1 3/4-inch nail (shown below) has a polymer coating that provides easy and consistent depth of drive, as well as corrosion protection equal to that of the steel framing member. In addition, the fastener's ballistic point and knurled shank work together to cleanly penetrate the steel and dependably hold the wood to the steel.

Second, you mentioned corrosion-resistant fasteners for exterior applications like siding and recreational decks. Paslode's Treated Lumber Nail (TLN) line is designed speciffically for use with cedar, redwood, and CCA-treated lumber. Independent lab tests prove TLN nails outperform electroplated, mechanical galvanized, and even hot-dipped nails in stain- and corrosion-resistance. And Paslode's paper tape eliminates collation debris and flagging, which are common with plastic and wire collated fasteners.

Another application you covered is securing metal hardware and strapping to wood for seismic and code-related reasons. Paslode is the only manufacturer to offer a heat-treated hardened fastener for this application recognized by ICBO, the California Division of the State Architect, and the City of Los Angeles. This permits code-approved usage and greater worker safety, as heat treating lessens the risk of the nail deflecting or ricocheting when the nail hits the hardware. These nails and a special model of Paslode's Cordless Impulse Nailer (the industry's only cordless nailer) make up the Positive Placement System. The Positive Placement tool is designed with a special patented probe that accurately locates the metal hardware hole.

For more information on these products, call Paslode's customer service at 800/752-7726 (eastern U.S.); 800/323-1303 (central/southern U.S.); or 800/852-8820 (western U.S.).

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Hardboard Maintenance

To the Editor:

Your article "Hardboard Headaches" (*Eight-Penny News*, 8/96) was very informative. I agree that proper application and maintenance are big factors in hardboard performance. One additional tip on painting may be worth passing along: Some painters don't realize the importance of getting a good paint seal along the bottom edges of lap siding and the horizontal edges of hardboard garage door panels. These edges are often left with a thin, porous coating of paint; moisture penetration, swelling, and decay will soon follow. I have seen houses in need of a complete residing job because of this one missed detail.

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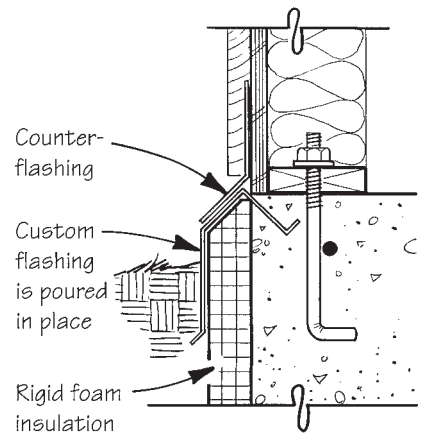
Termite Barrier

To the Editor:

Regarding the article "Foundation Vision Strip Is Energy Loser" (5/96): I recently addressed the termite problem



in a slab addition with the poured-in-place flashing shown above. The top flange ties into the concrete, where it's easy to visually inspect for a "termite-proof" seal. I placed the foam right into the form before pouring and in some places even used the foam-and-flashing as my form. I'm sure this flashing detail would adapt just fine to stem walls, too.

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