

# Products

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## Clean Caulk

Offering better adhesion to more materials, higher tensile strength, and a cleaner installation than silicone, this highly elastic, weather-resistant caulk will not stain surfaces or pick up dirt as it ages, according to the manufacturer. Available in ten standard colors, the paintable, low-VOC, low-odor *Sonolastic 150*, with a service temperature range of -40°F to 220°F, is said to exhibit the best properties of polyurethane and silicone, but at a lower price. Not for sale to the general public, this professional-duty caulk sells for \$6.56 for a 300-milliliter cartridge and \$10.63 for a 20-ounce propak tube (also available in 2-gallon pails for \$160).

Contact: Sonneborn, 889 Valley Park Drive, Shakopee, MN 55379; 800/433-9517; [www.chemrex.com](http://www.chemrex.com).

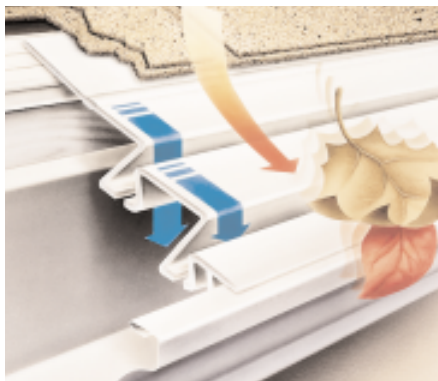


## Gutter Guards

If your customers are having trouble keeping their gutters clear of debris, here are two possible answers. The aluminum *Gutter ProTech* (below, left) is available in three widths (7, 9, and 13 inches) and 32 colors, plus real copper. The 9-inch panel (most popular size) is \$1.83 per foot. The rigid PVC *Waterfall Gutter Guard System* (below, right) is designed for 4- or 5-inch K-style gutters, and adapts to 6-inch K or half-round gutters as well, priced at \$1.50 per foot. Choice of colors is white or clay.

Contact: Absolute Gutter Protection, P.O. Box 568, Woodbury, NJ 08096; 800/283-7791; [www.gutterprotech.com](http://www.gutterprotech.com).

Crane Plastics, P.O. Box 1047, Columbus, OH 43216; 800/998-4891; [www.crane-plastics.com](http://www.crane-plastics.com).



## Accent Siding

Designed to add visual interest in combination with other exterior materials, heavily embossed *Mason Hill* siding is intended to present the appear-

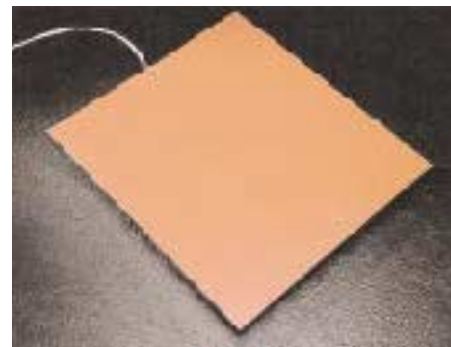


ance of brick without the cost. The lap siding comes in three colors, and is applied with typical siding fasteners. About \$1.30 per square foot.

Contact: Masonite, One South Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606; 800/255-0785; [www.masonite.com](http://www.masonite.com).

## Defog Bathroom Mirrors

Here's a bathroom remodel detail that your customers will appreciate. The standard 18x20-inch *MystFree ClearMirror* includes a 1/16-inch-thick, 100-watt heating pad. Wired into the bathroom light switch, it begins to defog the bathroom mirror as soon as



the light is turned on. This UL-approved device has a two-year unconditional guarantee, and no exposed wires when properly installed. Suggested retail is about \$84.

Contact: ClearMirror, 425 Weir Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125; 877/242-5327; [www.clearmirror.com](http://www.clearmirror.com).

## Sconce Lighting

Vertical lighting alongside cabinets or mirrors is available in halogen, incandescent, or compact fluorescent with these sconce fixtures. The *M-L3.5* includes a bulb housed in a cylin-



drical glass shade that sits on a mirrored back plate. Fixtures are sold in pairs, which adds a total of 7 inches to the overall width of an installation. Suggested retail ranges from \$413 to \$568.

Contact: Robern, P.O. Box 2145, Bristol, PA 19007; 215/826-9800; [www.robern.com](http://www.robern.com).

## Roof Rails

These guardrail brackets attach to the inside of the top plate, and can be installed as soon as the exterior walls are sheathed and braced. The *Roof-Rail* doesn't need to be removed until it's time to drywall the inside or apply siding and soffits outside, according to the manufacturer. Adjustable for pitch



and overhang depth, no part of the guardrail assembly touches any part of the roof, so nothing needs to be removed to complete roof construction. Warranted to meet OSHA requirements for fall protection systems when used according to manufacturer's instructions. Price is \$145 per pair, plus shipping.

Contact: Roof-Rail, P.O. Box 345, Cleveland, SC 29635; 864/979-7827; [www.roof-rail.com](http://www.roof-rail.com).

## Looks Like Tile

This molded fiberglass bathtub and shower wall is said to provide an appearance identical to ceramic tile without the problem of grout discoloration and mildew. The scratch- and chip-resistant *Swantile Tub and Showerwall Kit* is available in white or bone, and comes with factory-applied pressure-sensitive tape, adequate supplies of adhesive and caulk, and complete installation instructions. A three-panel or five-panel knock-down feature enables easy handling.



Contact: The Swan Corporation, One City Centre, St. Louis, MO 63101; 314/231-8148; [www.theswancorp.com](http://www.theswancorp.com).

## Workwear

These lightweight, durable *Bib Overalls*, *Dungarees*, and *Hooded Jackets* are abrasion-resistant, water-repellent, windproof, and breathable. Available insulated or non-insulated, the fabric is said to be twice as strong and wear 10 times longer than traditional 12-ounce, 2-ply duck.

Contact: Master Made, P.O. Box 98, Cleburne, TX 76033; 800/447-9327; [www.wallsoutdoors.com](http://www.wallsoutdoors.com).

