

Products

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Cool Range Hood

If your customer is looking for an attractive, contemporary range hood, and you would like to have an easier time installing it, the *Zephyr Pyramid* could work well for both of you. The Pyramid is an under-cabinet hood that features a



400cfm blower with three speeds. The hood's angular lines give a sleek, contemporary look, and the halogen bulbs provide the cook plenty of light. The aluminum filters automatically alert the user when they need to be cleaned or changed. The *Zephyr Pyramid* starts at \$450.

Contact: Zephyr, 1551 Minnesota St., San Francisco, CA 94107; 888/880-8368, www.zephyronline.com.

Heat-Loss Calculator

Slant/Fin Corporation is offering its *Hydronic Explorer* software, which helps estimate jobs and specify products, at no cost to heating professionals. *Heat Loss Express* is a user-friendly program for calculating heat loss data and determining baseboard-heating requirements on a room-by-room basis. The *Boiler Specifier* takes the data created in the heat loss calculation and helps the user select an appropriate boiler. The CD includes literature and installation instructions on Slant/Fin products.

Contact: Marketing Department, Slant/Fin Corp., 100 Forest Dr., Greenvale, NY 11548; 516/484-2600, www.slantfin.com.



Pro-Duty Ratchets

If you are a connoisseur of fine tools, you'll be interested in these primo *mechanics tools* from Link. Widely used by aircraft mechanics, for whom a dropped socket could be a disaster, the system uses a sliding collar to keep sockets on the tool. It works with most sockets, as long as they have a detent to receive the locking pin. The tools are highly polished and carry a lifetime guarantee. A five-piece $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch set

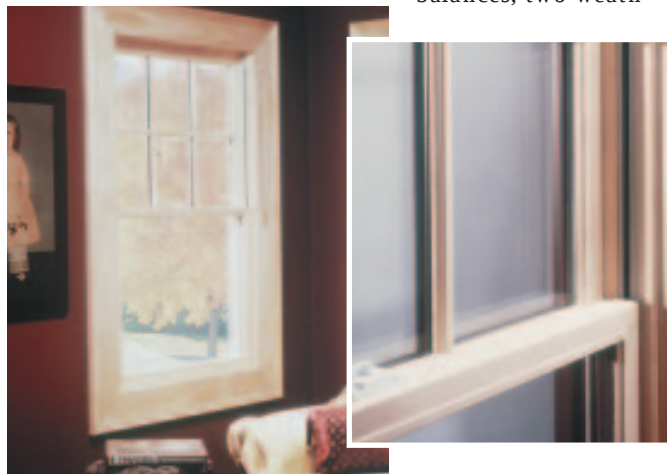


includes a 30-tooth ratchet, 2- and 6-inch extensions, a universal swivel, and an aluminum-handle nutdriver. The cost is about \$150.

Contact: Link Tools International, P.O. Box 14609, Chicago, IL 60614; 888/727-5465, www.link-tools.com.

New Window Hides Jamb Liners

Pozzi Windows has created a very attractive double-hung window by eliminating the vinyl jamb liner. The new *Precision Double-Hung* features block-and-tackle tilt balances, two weath-



erstrips that seal the sash, and a bulb weatherstrip at the meeting rail. The sash is mortise and tenon with a $1\frac{7}{8}$ -inch-thick frame. Units can be ordered with applied extension jambs, and hardware comes in three finishes. Both wood and clad exteriors are available.

Contact: Pozzi Window Company, P.O. Box 5249, Bend, OR 97708; 800/877-9482, www.pozzi.com.

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Complete Floor Finishing in a Day

Time Saver floor finish from McGrevor promises a polyurethane finish that dries in two to three hours even in high humidity and low temperatures. When they use it with McGrevor's Plexcote #97 Sealer, which dries in two hours, professionals should have no trouble getting a durable protective finish in a single day.

Time Saver is a high-solids formula that makes one sealer and one finish coat all you need for a quality long-lasting finish, according to the manufacturer. The high-solids content also creates a more uniform appearance, even with typically finicky semigloss and satin finishes. The finishes and sealer are available in one- and five-gallon cans. Time Saver retails for about \$20 a gallon, and the sealer is about \$18.

Contact: McGrevor Coatings, 336 Bayview Ave., Amityville, NY 11701; 800/922-9981, www.mcgrevercoatings.com.



No-Fuss Ceiling

Now that laminates have revolutionized flooring, Armstrong is giving its laminate products higher aspirations. *Woodhaven laminate ceiling planks* install easily and don't require paint or finishing, according to the manufacturer. Each



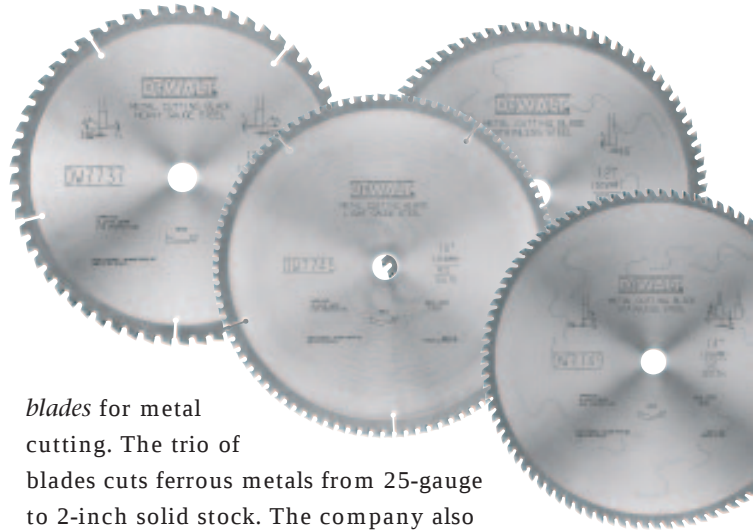
package covers 19 square feet and includes special instal-

lation clips. The ceiling is available in four finishes, Classic White, Beech, Warm Cherry, and Natural Maple. Retail prices start at \$2.29 a square foot.

Contact: Armstrong World Industries, P.O. Box 3001, Lancaster, PA 17604; 800/233-3823, www.armstrong.com.

Heavy-Metal Blades

Cutting metals with your chop saw, you have probably experienced the rapidly shrinking abrasive blade. DeWalt has a new line of *carbide 12- and 14-inch*



blades for metal cutting. The trio of blades cuts ferrous metals from 25-gauge to 2-inch solid stock. The company also offers a blade that cuts stainless from 3/16-inch section to 1-inch solid material. All of the blades feature titanium construction for maximum durability and can be resharpened. Cost ranges from \$100 to \$200.

Contact: DeWalt Industrial Tool Co., 701 E. Joppa Rd., Baltimore, MD 21286; 800/433-9258, www.dewalt.com.

Tube Style

Now you can give your concrete support piers the fine attention to detail you give the rest of your work. Kraft Tool Company has a line of *chamfer edgers* for 12- to 48-inch concrete tube forms. The one-piece



bronze tools put a nice chamfer on the top edge of the pier to shed water and prevent chipping. Their upturned ends make the process easier. The edgers come in seven sizes, and all go for about \$27.

Contact: Kraft Tool Company, 8325 Hedge Lane Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66227; 913/422-4848, www.krafttool.com.

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Maintain Harmony With Clients

Paint vapors can get a client fuming. The *Harmony* line of coatings from Sherwin-Williams is designed to minimize irritating new-paint odor. The products have excellent wet and dry hiding qualities and with-



stand frequent cleanings. Available in both primer and top coat, these products promise a smooth, uniform finish that is formulated without silica. A gallon of semigloss runs about \$30, a small price to pay for perfect harmony.

Contact: Sherwin-Williams Company, 101 Prospect Ave. NW, Cleveland, OH 44115; 800/642-8468, www.sherwin-williams.com.

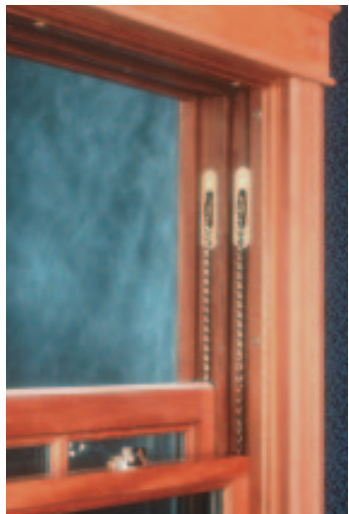
Retro Window

Maybe you thought that sash weights were a thing of the past. Kolbe and Kolbe Millwork Co. has brought them back on their *Old World Classic double-hung window*. The units are custom made and can be ordered in pine, oak, mahogany, and cherry. Featuring brass chains and pulleys, the weight system may be the easiest-operating unit ever made, according to the manufacturer. The window is not completely old-school, however. The glazing is $7/8$ inch

thick and features a low-e coating with argon gas. Pile weatherstrip is attached to the sash stiles to minimize air infiltration.

This may be the perfect solution for restoration work, or for clients or specifiers who insist on a period-look window. Prices for a 3x6-foot unit start at \$1,650 list.

Contact: Kolbe and Kolbe, 1323 S. 11th Ave., Wausau, WI 54401; 800/955-8177, www.kolbe-kolbe.com.



Superglue for Stone

Fast and easy spot bonding of marble, granite, stone slabs, and large ceramic tiles is possible with two new adhesives from Laticrete International. These two-part epoxies can be used to apply stones of up to 720 square inches. *Latapoxy 310* can be used in temperatures down to 50 degrees and sets in about six hours. Set times as low as five minutes are possible with the rapid-set formula (310 Rapid Set). The non-staining formula is ideal for light-colored stone or tile, and the product maintains its no-sag consistency up to 95 degrees, according to Laticrete. Ten-liter pails run about \$270 for the standard set and about \$350 for the rapid set.

Contact: Laticrete International, Inc., 1 Laticrete Park North, Bethany, CT 06524; 800/243-4788, www.laticrete.com.



Cope by Not Coping

Styl e Solutions has made the installation of crown molding much easier with the addition of *preformed corners* to its line of urethane molding. The pieces can be used with ten of the manufacturer's most popular crown molding profiles. Glue is applied to the urethane pieces, which are then fastened similarly to wood moldings. According to Style Solutions, the installation time is cut dramatically because the installer doesn't have to cut miters to form corners. List price is \$18 for both inside and outside corners; the crown starts at \$5.50 per lineal foot.

Contact: Style Solutions, Inc., 960 W. Barre Rd., Archbold, OH 43502; 800/446-3040, www.stylesolutionsinc.com.

