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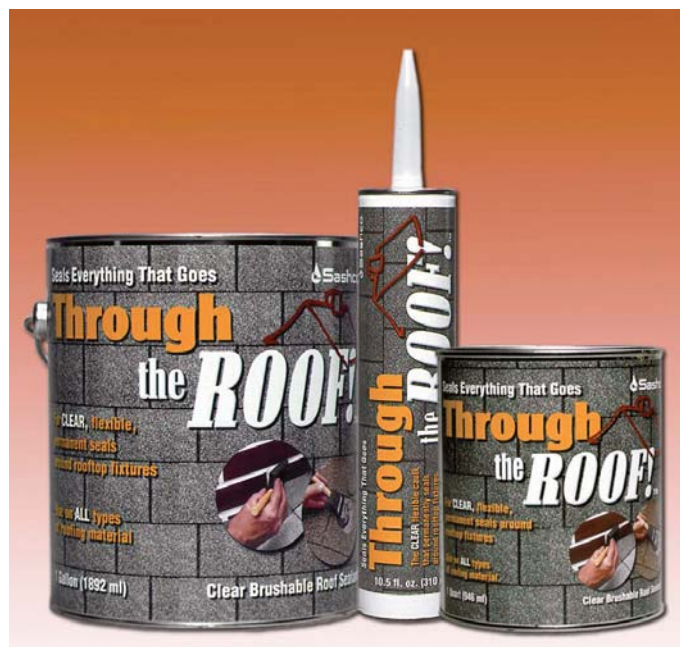
Speedy Seal. One or two days is too long to wait for caulk to dry, especially in live-in remodeling situations. DAP's *Kwik Seal 3.0* forms a tough skin quickly, the company says, making showers and sinks fully useable within three hours. It contains Microban to help fight stain- and odor-causing organisms. A 9.8-ounce tube costs \$4.75.

DAP, 800/543-3840, www.dap.com.



Radon Block. According to the National Research Council, radon exposure may be responsible for more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths annually, making it a leading cause of lung cancer — second only to smoking. Titebond *Radon Sealant* can help keep the radioactive gas from seeping through concrete foundations, says the manufacturer. The product is applied to foundation cracks and joints, and around existing coatings.

Franklin International,
800/669-4583, www.titebond.com.



Remain Flexible. Roofs are always moving, whether because of wind, precipitation, or temperature changes. Sashco's *Through the Roof* sealant remains flexible over time, says the maker, helping to prevent cracks from forming as a result of the movement. The clear, paintable caulk has a skin time of 30 minutes and a cure time of one week, and comes in two applications: a gun grade in 10.5-ounce cartridges and a paint grade in quart or gallon cans. A four-cartridge case goes for \$24 on the company's Web site.

Sashco, 800/289-7290, www.sashco.com.



Quick Tile Panels. Adding a tile roofing system often requires structural reinforcement and a lengthy installation. To simplify the process, Metro Roof Products has released a lightweight roof panel with a classic Roman tile profile. Mounted on a 50-inch-by-16-inch sheet of 26-gauge galvanized steel, this product weighs only 1.5 pounds a square foot. It comes in various standard and premium colors and costs \$214 a square.

Metro Roof Products, 866/638-7648, www.smartroofs.com.

Classic Patina. If your clients don't want to wait years for their metal roof to take on that soft, aged look, check out Follansbee's *TCS Satin* roofing. This stainless steel substrate comes with a micro-embossed coating (made of 50 percent zinc and 50 percent tin) that gives it the appearance of an oxidized, pure-zinc plate. The company says the coating diffuses light (for a less reflective surface) without affecting energy efficiency.

Follansbee Steel, 800/624-6906, www.follansbeeroofing.com.



Snap-On. Standing seam roofing can be difficult to install without a trained metalworker on site. Petersen Aluminum is trying to change that with its *Snap-Clad* panels, which come with notched eaves, ready to install right out of the box. Held down by a hidden fastener system that allows for thermal expansion, Snap-Clad panels carry a UL-90 classification (meaning they can withstand winds of up to 188 mph). They come in a multitude of colors and sizes.

Petersen Aluminum Corp., 800/722-2523, www.pac-clad.com.