

PRODUCTS

by Scott Gibson

Glass Railing

Brackets allow water to drain

In the Wahoo Glass Panel Railing system, 4-inch-wide tempered glass panels with beveled edges are installed with brackets to aluminum top and bottom rails. All fasteners are hidden after installation, and wicking channels that are molded into the bottom brackets allow water to drain.

Railing-section kits are available in three lengths—4 feet, 5 feet, and 6 feet—and in 36- and 42-inch heights. Customers may choose between two tints for the glass: “twilight” and “pure” (shown). Stair brackets accommodate rake angles from 36° to 38° and come with pre-mitered glass panels.

Wahoo says the glass panels can also be purchased separately for use with other railing systems. Pricing varies.

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Screens keep the bugs out

Adding a screen porch or replacing ineffective screens on an existing porch can help your customers enjoy the milder weather of spring despite the flying critters that accompany it. To that end, Phifer offers several types of insect screens.

For example, TuffScreen is a heavy-duty vinyl-coated polyester screen for high-traffic areas that's resistant to punctures and tears and is three times stronger than standard insect screening, according to Phifer. For coastal regions, the copper-zinc alloy in the company's bronze screens will resist corrosion while weathering to a dark finish. And against very small flying pests, Phifer says, the densely woven mesh of No-Seeums screen provides additional protection and some daylight privacy while still allowing good ventilation and visibility. It comes in silver gray and charcoal colors and won't rust or stain.



Phifer screens come in a variety of widths and lengths and are woven from fiberglass, polyester, aluminum, or bronze. Those made with fiberglass are the least expensive; bronze screens are the most expensive. All are made in the U.S.

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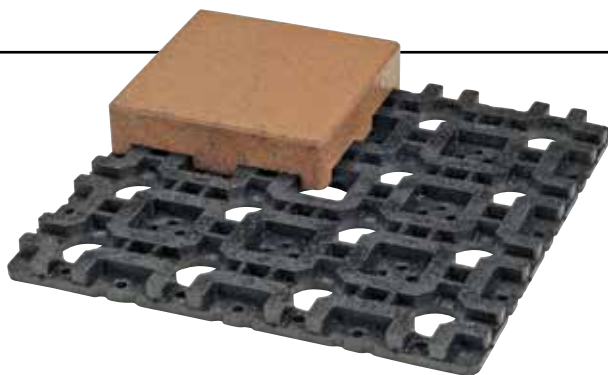
New versions offer more design possibilities

An 8-inch by 8-inch standard paver (shown) and two resurfacing pavers—one with a bullnose edge and one with a sloped transition edge—are the latest additions to Azek's composite-paver line.

The new 8x8 size of standard paver is available in five colors and expands the number of patterns installers can create, especially when used in combination with the company's existing 4x8 and 4x4 sizes.

Slightly thinner than its standard pavers, Azek's resurfacing pavers are meant for use over an existing concrete patio or wood deck. The new bullnose version has a rounded finished edge for use on the perimeter and comes in five colors; the new transition version has a slanted edge that slopes to the ground and is available only in the color "redwood."

Azek pavers are made from mostly recycled content, includ-



ing plastics and scrap tires (the company says it has recycled more than 1 million tires to date), and weigh much less than conventional concrete or clay pavers. Pavers fit into a grid that's designed to reduce installation time.

The scratch- and stain-resistant pavers come with a lifetime warranty for residential installations. Pavers cost between \$7 and \$9 per square foot.

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The hardware can be adjusted vertically and horizontally and requires only a single drilled hole for installation, according to the manufacturer, D&D Technologies. It fits any metal, wood, or vinyl gate post measuring from 1½ to 6 inches square.

Made from molded-polymer and stainless steel parts, the LokkLatch is available in a black finish with optional chrome, buff, or black decorative trim. It comes with a limited lifetime warranty and sells online for about \$80.

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