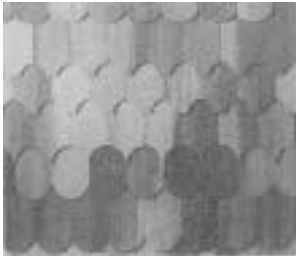


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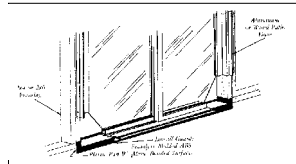
Cedar Accents

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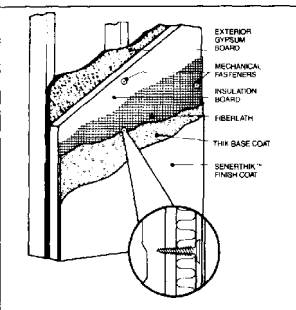
Fancy cedar shingles add flash to a building's design. Shakertown's Fancy Cuts come in nine different patterns, either as individual shingles or 8-foot panels. Patterns can be mixed and latched. The 100-percent clear western red cedar may be stained before or after application, or left to weather naturally. For additional information: Shakertown, P.O. Box 400, Winlock, WA 98596; 206/785-3501.

Slider Sealer



Plastic weatherproofing pan creates a continuous seal under a door or window. Jamsill Guard is made from molded ABS plastic with an aluminum bonded surface. It is normally installed in a rough opening before a door or window is installed. Once the door or window is installed, the sill guard is not visible. Jamsill will fit most wood or aluminum sill widths and can be used with either 2x4 or 2x6 construction. For more information: Jamsill, Inc., P.O. Box 485, Talent, OR 97540; 800/526-7455 (503/535-5176 in Oregon).

Hard Exterior



Rigid exterior insulation system has hard finish. Senerthik is mechanically attached to the substrate and covered with a synthetic plastic finish coat. The product is termed Type B, Class PM, because the system's sand and

acrylic polymer base coat is added to portland cement for increased durability. The insulation used is extruded polystyrene, and provides an R-value of 5 per inch. The product is designed for "high-traffic" areas, and is generally specified for commercial and public buildings. For information: Senergy Inc., 1367 Elmwood Ave., Cranston, RI 02910; 401/467-2600.

Two Tools in One



Measure, mark, and draw a perpendicular cutting line in one step. Industrial quality Tape Square features a stainless steel plate designed to eliminate blade breakage at the tip. Chrome-plated case has a stainless steel belt clip and cam-activated locking mechanism for a positive lock. Measures up to 25 feet. Contact: Evans Rule Co., Inc. 6555 Fain Street, No. Charleston, SC 29418; 800/772-3649.

Hot Shot



New gun turns up the heat. The Ungar 1095 Heat Gun promises to deliver 200 to 370°F more heat than its competitors. The product is able to strip paint, loosen tiles, speed-dry glue, cure epoxy faster because of the increased heat. For information, contact Ungar, Division of Eldon Industries, Inc., 100 West Manville, P.O. Box 6005, Compton, Calif. 90224; 213/774-5950.

Easy Roller



Cargo Drawer for pickup beds promises to eliminate crawling for good. Patented by a machine shop operator, Joey Bed was awarded the "Oregon Award" by the state's Workers' Compensation Department "as a product most likely to prevent back injuries." The 16-gauge steel drawer fits all sizes and models of

pickups and acts like a large file drawer that rolls between the wheel wells. Thumb operated latches hold it in retracted or extended position. It can also be removed quickly. Contact Joey Bed, Inc., 2627 S.E. Holgate, Portland, OR 97202; 800/522-5639 (503/232-4837 in Oregon).

Siding Solution



Outperforms hardboard, plywood, and solid wood sidings. So claims the makers of Inner-Seal Siding, which is manufactured from oriented strand board and has a resin-saturated overlay. The cedar look-alike is said to be stronger, lighter, and less susceptible to linear expansion. The product comes primed and ready to stain or paint, and is available in lap and panel versions. Contact: Louisiana-Pacific, 111 S.W. Fifth Avenue, Portland, OR 97204, or your local LP dealer.

Super Chinking



Elastic adhesive chinking looks like mortar. Log Jam can be used instead of sand or mortar, and promises a 20-year lifespan. The adhesive can span joints up to four inches wide on either milled or whole logs, and creates a weather-tight elastic seal which can expand and contract—eliminating cracks and chips in log home joints. Its manufacturer claims it is compatible with most stains, preservatives, and sealers. For info contact Sashco Sealants, 3900 East 68th Ave., Commerce City, CO 80022; 303/286-7271.

Designer Doors

High performance doors don't have to be ugly. Therma-Tru (top) makes an insulated door with a compression-molded fiberglass facing with the look and feel of wood. Now its makers have introduced Designline, which offers varied lite, panel, and glass options. For information contact Therma-Tru, 2806 N. Reynolds Rd.,

P.O. Box 7404, Toledo, OH 43615; 419/537-1931. American Standard has introduced a real wood-faced door with a steel core. Grand Perma-Door (center) is made by laminating panels of natural wood over a steel core. This product is also



offered with a number of design options. For information contact: Perma-Door, 9017 Blue Ash Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242; 513/745-6400. Pease has just introduced Registry (bottom), a line of wood doors engineered so that the frame, sill, and door work together as a tightly sealed stem. Brass adjustable or Corian sills, brass hinges, and a brass-finished edge all add to the aesthetic appeal of the new line. The fully adjustable frame system, and several design options, are added pluses. For more information contact Pease Industries, Inc., 7100 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, OH 45014; 800/543-1180. ■