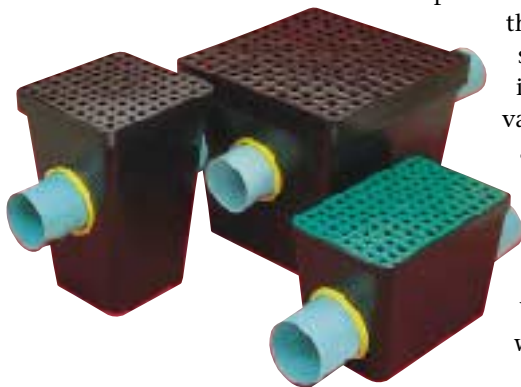


Products

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Plastic Sump

These small plastic sumps can be installed as catch basins in gravel or asphalt driveways, concrete slabs, swales, or anywhere else water collection is a problem.



Capable of supporting light automotive traffic, the *Model 2HDS-1* measures 11 inches square by 15½ inches deep, and is easily connected to 4-inch PVC pipe for a variety of drainage applications. Also available are 9x14-inch and 16-inch square models. Prices range from \$21 to \$36, including box, grate, and fittings.

Contact: Tuf-Tite, 1125 Old Rand Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084; 800/382-7009; www.tuf-tite.com.

Threshold Anchor Kit

The *RedHead Threshold Sleeve Anchor Kit* includes all the code-approved hardware you need for attaching a door threshold to concrete — four high-strength ¼x2¼-inch sleeve anchors and a ¼x4-inch hammer-drill bit. Retail price is \$5.40.

Contact: ITW/RedHead, 226 Gerry Drive, Wood Dale, IL 60191; 800/982-7178; www.itwbrands.com.



Safety Lanyard

Up until now, good fall protection practice did not usually include “tying back” a lanyard with a snap hook, because most snap hooks are not designed to withstand the loads that might be placed on the gate in the event of a fall. Enter



the *Miller Backbiter Shock Absorbing Lanyard*, which is specifically engineered to withstand these forces — it's been tested to 5,000 pounds on the gate. Suitable for tie-back or direct connection to compatible anchor points, the integral *SofStop Shock Absorber* keeps fall arrest forces below 900 pounds. Suggested retail price is \$86.85.

Contact: Dalloz Fall Protection, 1355 15th St., Franklin, PA 16323; 800/873-5242; www.cdalloz.com.

See-Through Shutter

Small perforations in this hurricane shutter let light and air in while allowing homeowners to see out. The *Peek-A-Boo Hurricane Panel* conforms to Dade County wind protection requirements, and is available in aluminum or steel for between \$3 and \$3.50 per square foot.

Contact: American Aluminum, 1315 Neptune Dr., Boynton Beach, FL 33426; 800/664-5442; www.americanaaluminum.com.



Bulletproof Door

If your clients want the ultimate in durability, they can have it — for \$3,000 to \$11,000. The *Stainless Steel Door* has stainless steel jambs and is available with an optional woven fiberglass core reportedly capable of stopping a .44 Magnum round.

Contact: Next Door Company, 1840 N. Commerce Pkwy. Ste. 2, Weston, FL 33265; 888/791-4450; www.nextdoorco.com.



Solid-Surfacing Shortcut

Cutting, assembly, and installation of the *Swanstone Molded Countertop* is the same as for post-formed laminate tops. The 1/2-inch-thick solid-surface material, which is bonded to a particleboard substrate, has a seamless



front edge for a solid appearance, and is also available in two sizes of ready-to-install island tops. Matching surface- or under-mount sinks can be installed using mechanical connectors and silicone caulk. Available in 13 colors, the material costs about \$50 per linear foot.

Contact: The Swan Corporation, One City Centre, Suite 2300 St. Louis, MO 63101; 800/325-7008; www.theswancorp.com.

Chimney Fan

Mounted on top of the chimney and operated with a speed control unit near the fireplace, this exhaust fan is designed to ensure a proper draft on all types of chimneys. The cast aluminum and stainless steel *Exhausto Chimney Fan* can be used with wood or gas fireplaces, stoves, ovens, boilers, and barbecues, and can be used for ventilation even when there's not a fire going. Suggested



retail ranges from \$1,148 to \$2,160.

Contact: Exhausto, P.O. Box 720651, Atlanta, GA 30358; 800/255-2923; www.exhausto.com.

Improved Duct Tape

Tired of traditional cloth duct tape rolls that stick together or tear when you try to pull a length off the roll? Try *3M Vinyl Duct Tape*, a general purpose tape with a natural rubber adhesive and embossed vinyl backing that is designed to provide temporary holding power. The tape is said to tear cleanly, pull apart easily when stuck to itself, and lift off cleanly, even after an hour on a 250°F



painted steel surface. Available in five different colors, the tape retails for \$3.30 per roll.

Contact: James & Company, 135 John E. Carroll Ave. East, South St. Paul, MN 55075; 651/552-6135; www.3M.com.

Temperature Control

This electronic temperature control with night setback is designed to actuate 3-way or 4-way valves for hydronic heating systems. All essential settings on the *Automix 20 Electronic Temperature Control* are adjustable,



including minimum and maximum supply water temperatures. The \$395 device also has a freeze protection feature, and is delivered factory-wired.

Contact: Enerjee, 24 S. Lafayette Ave., Morrisville, PA 19067; 215/295-0557; www.enerjee.com.

