

**SEISMIC CEILING**

USG has added a new educational Web site that introduces building and design professionals to seismic ceiling construction. The new Seismic Ceilings Resource Center features a number of articles about the changes to the International Building Code, FAQs about product usage and interviews with ceiling experts.



In addition to the Web site, a new molding product that complies with building codes in seismic zones without compromising aesthetics is now available from USG Interiors. DONN Brand MS274 Seismic Shadow Molding is suited for a range of interior spaces and is designed to create a recessed effect that imparts a smooth, clean look. It has a hot-dipped galvanized steel body and a baked polyester enamel finish.

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**GROOVED PIPE JOINING**

FireLock NXT, from Victaulic, is a new series of dry, deluge and preaction valves. The series of valves eliminates air-to-water differential, allowing a smaller air compressor to be used. Systems are set at 13 PSI of air regardless of water pressure and trip at 7 PSI.

The unit features a heavy-duty diaphragm-operated body, allowing for compact size and easy installation and servicing. Also, the valve's straight-through design features an increase in the opening clearance, allowing fast water delivery when tripped. The valves automatically reset, which eliminates the need to remove the cover plate to reset the valve manually.

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**CLADDING**

Terreal's new "Modenature" line in the Piterak range of textured cladding modules allows professionals to personalize their architectural projects by combining them with the existing flat-surfaced Piterak cladding.

The cladding is available in red, orange, pink, Revel red, champagne, pearl gray, dark gray, chocolate brown and ebony black, with terracotta pieces available in heights of 6, 8, 10 or 12 inches and a maximum length of 60 inches. It is available in rounded and triangular shapes.

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**WEB VISUALIZATION TOOL**

BuilderVision's Web-based design and marketing tool helps builders and other



decision makers preview what a variety of design and decoration options will look like on an actual building.

The tool offers a Web-based design center with a personalized inventory of materials from leading manufacturers in numerous categories of building products. Each builder can select which suppliers and products are included, allowing their customers to preview how a specific manufacturer's products will look in their new professional setting.

Builders can choose to upload and map digital images of commercial buildings themselves or send the images to the company for an additional fee. The commercial images are then loaded into the software, where the surfaces of the images are mapped to make them dynamic for customer use with the visualization tool.

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**ARCHITECTURAL STEEL**

Architectural Weathered Steel, from Zahner, is a custom-made pre-weathered surface. The steel is produced exclusively on copper-bearing steel surfaces by a proprietary technique that produces an insoluble surface coating that reduces run-off staining onto adjacent surfaces.

It can be used on both interior and exterior surfaces.

The product is designed to bring out a texture and color on metal surfaces that retains the character of steel and varies in color from deep reddish brown to orange brown.

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**CONCRETE FLOOR COATINGS**

Devcon Floor Savers coatings are designed to protect concrete floors, walkways, ramps, platforms and walls against harsh chemicals, solvents, hydrocarbons, acids and alkalis. The coatings can be applied by maintenance personnel without special tools or training, and the gray epoxy-based coatings attain functional cure for foot traffic in 24 hours, drying to durable finishes.

A self-leveling epoxy can be applied to smooth or mildly spalled concrete for a glossy, high-impact, anti-abrasion finish that is also chemical resistant. An epoxy novolac floor coating system with stronger chemical-resistant properties, and capable of withstanding sulfuric acid concentrations of up to 98 percent is also available.

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**SAFETY BANNERS**

J.L. Geisler Corp. now makes weatherproof plastic barricade banners as part of its line of traffic and safety products. Standard styles include: CAUTION, DANGER, POLICE LINE: DO NOT CROSS and FIRE LINE: DO NOT CROSS. Standard sizes are 3 inches and 6 inches by 1,000-foot-long rolls. Custom banners are also available in the same dimensions.

Customized banners can include lo-



gos, phone numbers and other special messages.

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**ROOFTOP FIRE PROTECTION**

FireOut fire barrier coating from GAF Material Corporation provides Underwriters Laboratories Class A fire ratings when applied to combustible decks on rooftops. The product eliminates the need for costly recover boards or slip-sheets, and it can save 43 percent of expenses on installation, according to the company.



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