

# Products | Exterior Trim | by Reid Shalvoy

**Pure Grain.** For folks who appreciate the look of wood but prefer the life span of vinyl, CertainTeed has engineered a middle ground.

The company's Restoration Millwork exterior trim now includes a line of vinyl one-piece corners and trim boards molded after natural rough-sawn cedar for a more natural appearance. *TrueTexture* products carry a 25-year warranty and cut easily with traditional woodworking tools. Prices vary by piece.

**CertainTeed**, 800/233-8990, [www.certainteed.com](http://www.certainteed.com).



**Paint It Black.** Makers of cellular PVC exterior trim warn that painting their products dark colors can intensify the effects of expansion and contraction and lead to warping. However, Sherwin-Williams says its new *VinylSafe* paint has no such effect: According to the company, all 100 shades reflect light so effectively they can be applied to cellular PVC with no risk of warping. The paint costs \$39 for flat, \$42 for satin, and \$43 for gloss.

**Sherwin-Williams Co.**, 800/474-3794, [www.sherwin-williams.com](http://www.sherwin-williams.com).



**Easy Newels.** Looking for maintenance-free, ready-to-install newels and porch posts? Railing Dynamics' *Endurance* posts consist of aluminum columns — rated at 2,500, 5,000, or 8,500 pounds — covered by a molded vinyl sleeve prefinished in white, sand, or earth. They come with three mounting options: flush and through-deck mounts, and a wind-uplift kit. Prices start at \$120 for a 4-inch-by-4-inch porch post and \$150 for a 5-inch-by-5-inch porch post.

**Railing Dynamics**, 877/420-7245, [www.rdirail.com](http://www.rdirail.com).

## Products | Housewrap

**Double-Bagged.** Sometimes one layer of housewrap isn't enough — but who wants to buy two different products and double-wrap the building? For twice the protection from just one application, check out Benjamin Obdyke's *Home Slicker Plus Typar*. The maker claims that this combined rain screen and water-resistive barrier offers exceptional water holdout, water-vapor transmission, and resistance to sunlight damage. It costs \$155 per 200 square feet.

**Benjamin Obdyke**, 800/523-5261, [www.benjaminobdyke.com](http://www.benjaminobdyke.com).



**Farewell, Fasteners.** In areas where driving rain is an issue, fastener holes can be a source of moisture penetration. Grace has a solution: Its *Perm-A-Barrier VP* membrane goes on as a spray, no fasteners needed. The acrylic fluid cures into a vapor-permeable monolithic sheet that keeps out liquid water. A 5-gallon container sells for \$135, a 55-gallon drum for \$1,350.

**Grace Construction Products**, 800/354-5414, [www.graceconstruction.com](http://www.graceconstruction.com).



**Good Exposure.** Need a housewrap that can protect your project from the elements for an extended period? Johns Manville says its UV- and tear-resistant *Gorilla Wrap* is good for at least six months of exposure time. The translucent material keeps studs, nails and windows visible for easy installation. It costs \$35 for a 3-foot-by-100-foot roll and \$90 for a 9-foot-by-100-foot roll.

**Johns Manville**, 800/654-3103, [www.gorilla-wrap.com](http://www.gorilla-wrap.com).