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Affordable Prep Sink

Each stainless steel Ledge sink has a pair of 90° ledges, front and back, that allow it to be converted to a food-prep center when accessorized with optional add-ons, like a cutting board, a colander, or a grid drainer. Various sizes and bowl models are available. Prices range from \$800 to \$850; accessories are \$75 to \$110 each. Lenova, 877.733.1098, lenovasinks.com



Vapor Open Monolith

Pro Clima's Solitex Mento is not a traditional perforated house-wrap. Poreless and waterproof, the monolithic membrane allows vapor to migrate from inside to outside by passing along a molecular chain. According to the maker, even a slight vapor pressure differential will activate the chain reaction. ProClima, 800.995.6329, foursevenfive.com



Adjustable Humidity

Leviton's Humidity Sensor allows for easy adjustments: Simply remove the faceplate and use a screwdriver to raise or lower the humidity set point or adjust the fan runtime. Rated for fan/light combinations of up to 600 watts and 5 amps, the sensor comes in white, ivory, and light almond. Cost is \$34.50. Leviton, 800.323.8920, leviton.com/humidity



Wet Set Epoxy

New Red Head Epcon S7 Hybrid Epoxy Adhesive features the strength of an epoxy with the cure time of an acrylic. Formulated for adhering threaded rod and reinforcing bar into concrete, it's ICC-ES listed for use in submerged and water-filled holes, as well as in saturated and dry conditions. Cost is \$29 for a 10-ounce cartridge. ITW, 877.489.2726, itwredhead.com

Products



Stands Up to Salt

Engineered for corrosive environments, Gold Coat joist hanger hardware is coated with a non-reactive, organic polymer layer on top of a traditional zinc coating, which the company says offers the corrosion resistance of stainless steel. Approximate cost for a single 2x6 joist hanger is \$1.87, compared with 96¢ for the same size with a triple zinc coating. USP Structural Connectors, 800.328.5934, uspconnectors.com



Snap-In Storms

Indow Windows' acrylic interior storm window inserts are custom made: A dealer comes to the jobsite with a laser measuring tool and can fit even the most out-of-square windows. A silicon compression tube holds the finished insert in place. Cost is about \$20 per square foot plus a measuring fee; the laser system is available for \$1,250. Indow Windows, 503.284.2260, indowwindows.com



Variable Heat

The Envy fireplace's "Full Flame" burner technology varies the air-fuel ratio to adjust temperature while maintaining a strong flame. Features include a remote control, interior lighting with six settings, and a modulating blower with noise-canceling ducts. Brick and porcelain interiors are available, as well as various door and glass options. Prices start at \$4,050. Lennox Hearth Products, 800.655.2008, lennoxhearthproducts.com



Small Home Tankless

The NRC711 Condensing Tankless Unit is sized for smaller, two-bath homes. Available in indoor and outdoor versions, the unit is gas-fired with an Energy Factor of 0.94 for both NG and LP fuels and offers a compact design, scale-detection software, and a built-in digital display. The indoor direct-vent model can be vented with 3-inch PVC or CPVC pipe. Cost is around \$1,000. Noritz, 877.773.8556, noritz.com



Bridging for Drywall Studs

Simpson says that its DBC Drywall Bridging Connector is the first of its kind. Load-rated for smaller, 3/4-inch U-channel bridging, it can be installed with a single screw. The connector is compatible with conventional and proprietary drywall studs with thicknesses ranging from 15 to 33 mil, and with stud depths of 3 5/8 inches and 6 inches. Connectors cost about 55¢ each. Simpson Strong-Tie, 800.999.5099, strongtie.com/cfs



Walk the Plank

The Pier Collection of glazed wood-look porcelain tiles is offered in just one size, 6 by 36 inches, and mimics the hardwood planks seen in older docks and jetties. Wood grain is imprinted using a high-definition inkjet process. The tiles come in four colors, with matching accents and cove bases available. Prices are around \$4 to \$5 per square foot. Florim USA, 877.356.7461, florimusa.com



Tileable Drain

The Kerdi Drain line now includes a tileable covering support for its 4-inch-square shower drains. It consists of a stainless steel plate with a coating that facilitates bonding to ceramic or stone tile, allowing the installer to replace the metal grate with a tile that matches the rest of the shower floor. List price for the complete drain with the tileable covering support is \$130. Schluter Systems, 800.472.4588, schluter.com



Precut Flashing

Fortifiber's L7 Flashing should make it easier to flash electrical boxes and other penetrations. Made from a butyl adhesive and a coated woven facing, it's precut in an L-shape with 9-inch-long and 3-inch-wide legs. It's formulated to work with the manufacturer's Moistop Sealant and can be applied in temperatures down to 25°F. Cost is about \$65 for a bag of 50 pieces. Fortifiber, 800.773.4777, fortifiber.com