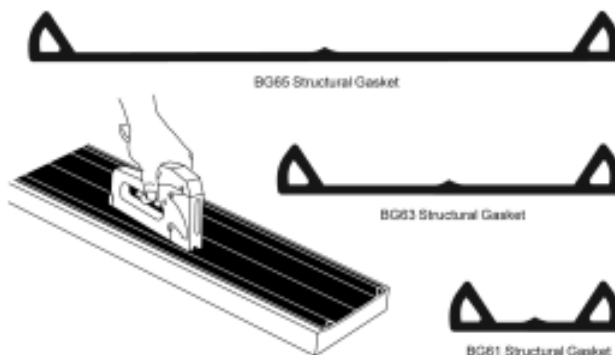


# Products | Air Sealing | by Patrick McCombe

**Leak Stopper.** Preventing air movement through wall and ceiling assemblies is one of the keys to building a durable and comfortable home. Conservation Technology's *Building Gaskets* are a great way to prevent air leakage and associated moisture problems. They come in three different widths, for band joists, 2x4 walls, and 2x6 walls. Unlike caulks and sealants — which need warm and dry conditions for an effective seal — gaskets can be installed in any kind of weather.

**Resource** Conservation Technology, 800/477-7724, [www.conservationscience.com](http://www.conservationscience.com). **Circle #1**

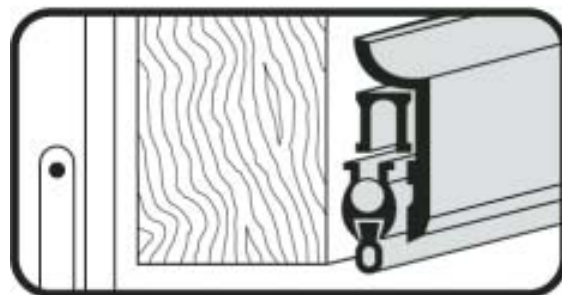


**Foam Pack.** Typical fiberglass insulation is virtually useless for insulating band joists and other leaky areas. A much better option for these problem spots is a two-part foam like Dow's *Froth-Pak 180*. The kit — which includes an applicator gun with an 8-foot hose — yields about 18 board feet of insulation; other sizes are available for bigger and smaller jobs. I found the Froth-Pak 180 online for about \$300.

**Dow**, 888/868-1183, [www.dow.com/buildingproducts](http://www.dow.com/buildingproducts). **Circle #2**

**Clean Sweep.** A good door sweep is an inexpensive way to tighten up a home, but its effectiveness can be hampered by plush carpeting or a new layer of flooring; the door may become difficult to operate and the sweep may wear out prematurely. M-D's *Seal-o-Matic* is a clever solution to this common problem. The retractable sweep raises when the door is opened and then lowers again when it's closed. The product costs about \$20.

**M-D**, 800/654-8454, [www.mdteam.com](http://www.mdteam.com). **Circle #3**



## Products | Interior Doors

**Good-Hearted.** For a unique look, check out Jeld-Wen's *Heart Design* door. Constructed of MDF with a polyurethane core — making it 33 percent lighter than solid MDF units — the limited-edition model is available through February 2007 in two styles, each featuring a carved heart. Prices for a slab start at \$250, and for a prehung version, at \$300. Jeld-Wen will donate \$100 to the American Heart Association for every Heart Design door sold.

**Jeld-Wen**, 877/535-3462, [www.jeld-wen.com](http://www.jeld-wen.com). **Circle #4**



**Warp-Free.** Solid-wood doors may be great-looking, but they have an Achilles heel: They can warp — sometimes for no apparent reason. A veneered face and engineered stiles and rail help *Woodport* doors resist this tendency.

The units come in just about any wood species, in raised or flat-panel, French or bifold styles. List prices start at \$70 for the door only.

**Heritage Veneered Products**, 877/966-3767, [www.woodport.com](http://www.woodport.com). **Circle #5**



**Undercover Portal.** Hidden doors that conceal a secret stash or tasting room are a growing trend in wine cellars. If you're going to be building and installing one, be prepared for a lot of head-scratching — or make it easy on yourself by specifying a ready-made *Hidden Vertical Display Door* from Wine Cellar Innovations. Free of visible hardware, it's designed to blend seamlessly into the company's standard shelving. In addition to the standard 29<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch unit, custom sizes are available. Prices start at \$3,990.

**Wine Cellar Innovations**, 800/229-9813, [www.winecellarinnovations.com](http://www.winecellarinnovations.com). **Circle #6**

