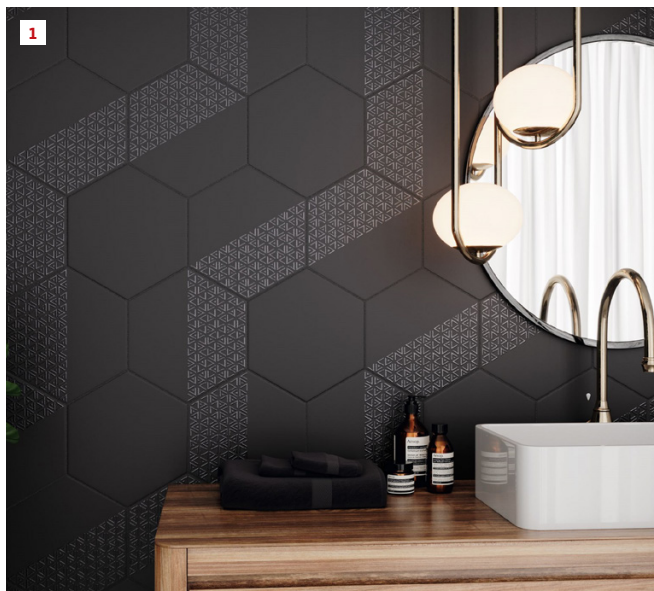


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1. Statement Tile Collections

In response to consumer trends, Emser Tile unveiled several new collections of porcelain, stone, ceramic, and mosaic products for 2020. Among them are bold-patterned “statement piece” collections, including Rhythm, a black glazed porcelain hexagon tile (pictured, left); Link, a chevron stone groutless mosaic; and Splash, a blue glass mosaic. The manufacturer also debuted collections of textured tiles and of porcelain tiles that mimic natural surfaces. Contact a local distributor for pricing. emser.com



2. Light, Thin Solar Panels

Designed to nestle between the seams of standing seam metal roofs, Sunflare’s PowerFit 20 solar panels allow homeowners to harvest solar energy with a more streamlined appearance. According to the manufacturer, the light, thin, and flexible 60-watt panels can be seamlessly connected to cover whatever length the roof demands, and their butyl adhesive backing can withstand gale-force winds, so no roof penetrations are needed for installation. Pricing starts at \$90 per panel. sunflaresolar.com

3. Thermal Imaging Inspection System

The Flir Systems MR277, a thermal-enabled moisture meter with hygrometer, helps users understand problem areas by enhancing Infrared Guided Measurement thermal images with visual details to quickly identify moisture, air leaks, and insulation voids. When an issue is located, the pinless sensor enables quick, non-invasive moisture detection. Inspectors can streamline diagnosis and documentation by connecting to the mobile app. Pricing starts at \$1,400. flir.com



4. Self-Adhered Flashing

Benjamin Obdyke’s HydroFlash GP self-adhered flashing can be installed in temperatures as cold as 25°F and without use of a primer, according to the manufacturer. The flashing has a maximum UV exposure of 120 days and features a polypropylene film facer that provides tear and abrasion resistance. HydroFlash GP is available in 2 1/2-, 4-, 6-, or 9-inch widths; 6- and 9-inch sizes have a plastic split-release liner for quick and easy installation. Contact a local distributor for pricing. benjaminobdyke.com

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5. Compact Air Quality Monitor

Unobtrusive in size, the Wave Mini, from indoor-air-quality-product manufacturer Airthings, provides a simple overview of a room's air quality with insights into three critical, non-radon air components: total volatile organic compounds, temperature, and humidity. By offering detailed air quality insights, customized alerts, and personalized trend analysis, Wave Mini can be used to help mitigate the health and wellness risks of poor air quality within homes. Pricing starts at \$80. airthings.com

6. Antimicrobial Hardware Coating

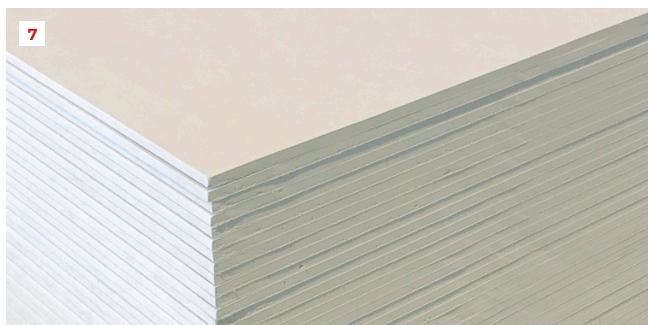
Inox has a new powder-coat finish for its stainless steel door levers, pulls, deadbolts, push/pull plates, and panic devices. The Inox MicroArmor Antimicrobial Coating is infused with silver ions, which attach to microbes' cellular enzymes to inhibit growth. This reduces the spread of bacteria, fungi, or mold on the hardware. The coating and silver ions are applied and integrated during the manufacturing process, which Inox says ensures that the coating will not wear away or lose effectiveness. Pricing ranges from \$28 to \$108 for residential hardware. inoxproducts.com

7. Glass-Faced Gypsum Panel

Pabco Gypsum's new glass-faced gypsum panel is designed for use in non-fire-rated residential interior applications, particularly where moisture is a concern, such as in bathrooms and kitchens. The interior gypsum panels measure 1/2 inch thick and include a mold- and water-resistant gypsum core reinforced with glass fibers for increased core strength. The panels can withstand up to one year of exposure to normal weather conditions during construction, which allows for their use in pre-rock construction practices. Contact a local distributor for pricing. pabco gypsum.com

8. Universal Linear Drain

Infinity Drain says its Universal Infinity linear drain is compatible with every type of traditional or modern waterproofing method. The kit includes a pitched channel and clamping collar. Traditional membranes can be mechanically fastened to the drain channel, and more modern installation methods that incorporate bonded waterproofing will bond to the 1-inch channel flange. Available lengths include 24, 30, 32, 42, 48, 54, and 60 inches. Pricing starts at \$200 for a complete 24-inch drain kit. infinitydrain.com





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9. Composite Stone Panels

Atlas Stone Composite Stone Panels from Royal Building Products have the appearance of stacked stone without the weight. Protected with a Kynar coating for enhanced durability, the 18-inch-by-38-inch panels install easily and quickly, in any weather, with no special tools and without mortar, according to the manufacturer. Available in five neutral to bold shades, panels have a fine grit texture. Accessories include two kinds of ledge corner-L, shorter strip-L, stone ledge-L, stone wall-L, and stone corner-L. Contact a local distributor for pricing. royalbuildingproducts.com



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10. Heavy-Duty Garage Rail

Designed to lift the tallest and heaviest residential garage doors, the Overhead Door Heavy Duty double-reinforced, C-channel garage-door rail can support more than 500 pounds, according to the manufacturer. It works with any existing Overhead Door opener, is compatible with any screw-, belt-, or chain-drive model, and serves to reinforce the motor rails and operating system. The rail is available preassembled in one or two pieces, depending on the job size. Contact a local distributor for pricing. overheaddoor.com



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11. Paperless Drywall Tape

Saint-Gobain Adfors' FibaFuse Max reinforced paperless drywall tape was engineered with a porous design to allow compound to flow through the tape for a stronger bond. A reinforcement layer features a patented tri-directional construction that provides crack resistance in multiple directions and helps prevent accidental tearing of the tape when it's used on inside corners. It can be applied with automatic taping tools or by hand on factory and butt-end joints, on inside corners, and for patch and repair. We found a 2 1/16-inch-by-250-foot roll online for \$6. us.adfors.com



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12. Fiberglass Exterior Doors

With up to 18% more glass area, Masonite's Vista-Grande fiberglass exterior doors aim to bring more light into each home. The door's insulated glass with warm-edge spacers provides seal durability and less heat transfer, reducing interior condensation, improving sound absorption, and resulting in energy savings, according to the manufacturer. Available in fir or smooth texture with various glass and grid options, this new collection is ideal for front and patio applications. Contact a local distributor for pricing. masonite.com