



New Green Products Exhibited at International Builders' Show

Leading brands of green building materials and appliances introduced new technologies and innovative products at the International Builders' Show (IBS) in February.

Marvin Windows has targeted coastal and high-impact wind zones through its line of IMPACT products. IMPACT windows and doors are made to withstand up to 140 mph winds and resist impact from objects traveling at 50 mph. This niche line of products also has added protection for humid environments and



coastal salt spray using a tough new fiberglass framing material and optional stainless steel hardware.

Whirlpool's Duet washer/dryer combo uses steam during the wash cycle to get out tough stains without additional detergent or treatment. The dryer uses steam to eliminate odors and wrinkles from clothing during a brief three- to 15-minute cycle. Like many of Whirlpool's products, the Duet is an ENERGY STAR-qualified appliance and uses 73 percent less water and 77 percent less energy.

Georgia-Pacific continues to add value to its product lines. Its engineered wood product, XJ-85, is a lightweight I-beam that permits HVAC, plumbing and wiring trades from not having to cut their own access through joists. Also introduced at IBS were new OSB panels with house wrap laminated to the surface. Additionally, Georgia-Pacific has teamed up with Quiet Solution for an interior drywall panel that is paperless for mold resistance but adds the qualities of abuse, fire, termite and sound resistance, making it an ideal interior product.

Sostram continues to make headway with its

anti-fungal and termiticide product lines, but it now has an odor eliminator. The new Odor Hunter bonds with molecules to remove all unwanted odors throughout the home, but its spray-on technology requires the use of professional applicators. This product would be ideal for persistent animal, smoke or water damage.



Sto Corp. has introduced StoGuard Tape, a self-adhering waterproof air barrier that can be used at window, door, sheathing and other HVAC, plumbing and wiring openings. This tape gives a complete moisture protection seal to the building envelope and maintains indoor air quality and energy efficiency.

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