# What's New

# clearing up ▼ window selection

Complying with new energy building regulations has become easier with the launch of the Glass and Window ToolBox software. The first software program of its kind, the ToolBox will help you comply with new energy building regulations by allowing you to clearly identify the optimum window and frame requirements for each building project.

The ToolBox offers 17 standard window configurations with 84 representative glazing variations with timber, uPVC, aluminium and thermally-broken aluminium representative frames. The software instantly calculates the performance of different options and gives clear specifications on the requirements to achieve the necessary U Value and solar heat gain coefficient for each job.

For more information and a free 10-day trial of the ToolBox visit www.thetoolbox.net.au





# **▲** perfect colours

Need help with your exterior colour selections process? To assist with the huge task of selecting an appealing colour scheme, Dulux has launched the Perfect Exterior Schemes Fandeck.

The Fandeck is a collection of coordinated colour schemes taken from the latest in exterior colour trends, and is divided into six Australian architectural segments:

- · traditional weatherboard
- · traditional render
- · contemporary weatherboard
- · contemporary render
- · painted trim
- · outdoor living.

Each of these segments contains four different colour schemes, providing a huge range of possibilities for you to choose from.

RRP \$9.95. For more information visit www.dulux.com.au or call 13 25 25.

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#### waterless loo

Ecoflo Water Management is urging Australians to become water wise and install a waterless toilet.

Ecoflo has developed an environmentally-sensitive waterless composting toilet for managing and reusing household waste.

The Nature Loo range has been designed for simplicity and affordability and looks much like a standard flushing toilet.

The waterless toilets use a natural process that requires minimal owner-maintenance. And there's no need to worry about the smell, because Nature Loo incorporates a sophisticated venting system, which Ecoflo says removes odours more effectively than a common water-flushing toilet.

For more information visit www.nature-loo.com.au



# big performer

Festool's new CT MIDI mobile dust extractor represents the perfect on-the-road companion for woodworkers, joiners and painters.

The lightweight CT MIDI, with its impressive capacity of 15 litres, is tough, reliable, safe and durable and, with a vacuum of 20,000 Pascal, its suction compares with much larger devices. Even when the filter bag is full, the CT MIDI is easily transportable, and a built-in locking brake prevents it from moving during transport or on scaffolding.

Festool also offers many additional extras such as different cleaning sets, filter bags and the plug-it suction hose.

For more information visit www.festool.com.au



# **▲** the first cut

STOW Construction Equipment's new CS Series pavement saw lets contractors make large cuts with little effort.

The CS-7060 walk-behind saw features unique, stay-level handles that remain level regardless of the saw's operating position. These handles, coupled with the saw's moving centre of gravity for optimal balance in all cutting applications, minimise operator fatigue and significantly reduce the risk of back injury while boosting productivity.

Fuelled by a 60-horsepower Deutz diesel engine, the CS-7060 saw has a 91cm blade capacity and a maximum cutting depth of 38cm. The unit weighs 782kg.

The CS Series pavement saw features a clutchless bladeshaft disengaging system for improved safety.

For more information visit www.stowmfg.com

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#### environmental Verve

Gunnersen Inspirations has launched Verve Eco Colours, an eco-friendly range of decorative board, produced on E-zero, FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified moisture resistant MDF substrate.

Gunnersen says the E-zero MDF substrate has a formaldehyde emission of less than 0.5mg/l, which is lower than the current Australian standard, contributing to an improvement in indoor air quality.

The range includes 28 stylish finishes, including seven timber grains and 21 contemporary solids that are ideal for use as doors, partitions, shelving, cabinetry and other vertical surfaces. Both stylish and environmentally friendly, the Verve Eco Colours range is produced from sustainable forests.

For more information visit www.gunnersens.com.au



# take the sweat out of a set out

The Eze-Set Builders Hurdle is a fully adjustable and flexible galvanised steel hurdle, designed to replace wooden pegs and make the set-out of houses, sheds, footings, and landscaping quicker and more accurate.

Like the commonly-used wooden peg system, Eze-Set Builders Hurdles are used with stringlines to ensure accuracy. However, they are a significant improvement on the wooden pegs because they can be reused. Each profile can be set up and ready to adjust in about a minute.

The hurdles also include an extension device which can be used to join two or more hurdles together to cover a big building site. For more information visit www.ezesetbuildershurdles.com.au



# ▲ fast and precise

Spade bit users who need a bit that drills faster and provides cleaner edges will appreciate the Speedbor MAX Wood Drilling Bit from Irwin Industrial Tools, a global manufacturer and distributor of professional hand tools and power tool accessories.

Irwin says the unique design of the Speedbor MAX Wood Drilling Bit gives it superior speed and precision. In a test of 25mm diameter bits, the Speedbor MAX cut through 35mm soft wood in just 1.78 seconds.

Available through all leading hardware and tool specialists. For more information call 1800 331 491.

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# locking socket

Worksite safety and convenience are enhanced with HPM's latest range of heavy duty extension leads featuring a unique locking socket.

The patented socket is clear, enabling easy electrical inspection. While it can still be pulled apart in an emergency, the locking socket prevents accidental pulling apart - good news for the tradesman up a ladder or in a tight spot. The socket eliminates the need for cord locks and the risk of damaging leads by tying in a knot.

> The extension leads with locking socket include a safety skirt and are available in 10m, 15m, 20m and 25m lengths.

> For more information call 1300 369 777.



#### screen stars

Superior Steel Screens is creating architectural impressions in both the residential and commercial building areas with its newly extended range of fixed louvres.

Made from Colorbond steel and available in more than 20 colours. the louvres are available in a range of tilt angles from zero right up to 90 degrees.

The extended range has increased the usability and placement options of the louvres – they can be installed at a variety of angles to create interesting effects.

Superior Steel Screens says the louvres meet strict local council privacy regulations while offering great shade, weather protection and screening options.

For more information call 1300 766 799 or visit www.ssscreens.com.au



# reduce the drain on mains

The Aquasource system from Silvan H20 can substantially reduce household dependence on mains water for non-drinking purposes. Rainwater is harvested into a 1000-litre rotationally moulded, UV-

treated polyethylene tank, and this becomes the primary water source for uses such as toilet flushing and laundry needs. The system automatically converts to mains water as a back-up when the rainwater supply is exhausted or during electrical failure.

The Aquasource rainwater utilisation system also features compact above-ground water storage tanks, a separate pump controller and a high quality stainless steel submersible pump.

For more information visit www.silvanh2o.com.au or call 03 9799 7055.

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