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tive warmth. For even more design possibilities, add Fire Objects to this vent free fire.

The Vent Free Vu Thru comes with a remote control that allows six different flame height settings. Two years in the making, this fireplace design was conceptualized both for atmosphere and utility. Clad



in Fibre C concrete slat wall from Germany, this Vent Free Vu Thru provides warmth as well as function for entertaining guests.

www.sparkfires.com

Glass Design

ThinkGlass™ has announced new glass countertops with matching side panels. Great for open plans, this streamlined look leaves the kitchen open and uncluttered. The glass is beautifully textured and scatters



the light in a continuous flow adding drama and interest, something granite countertops can't do.

Although they appear to have a delicate, almost ethereal beauty, these glass countertops can easily withstand the demands of

even the busiest home chefs when created to a thickness of 1.5". For the continuous leg, or side panel, a slightly thicker 2" piece is an ideal choice. The thicker the glass is on the leg, the more impressive the texture.

ThinkGlass countertops are made from recyclable glass, and each countertop is unique, with a huge selection of molded textures and hand-painted colors. Customers can personalize their design by selecting their glass thickness, edge treatments, and adding options like LED lights. The end result is a smooth, glossy finish that is as strong and durable as any natural stone or manmade countertop material.

The transparency of glass countertops and their continuous side panels adds a sophisticated style to any kitchen. Virtually maintenance-free, the textured finish hides fingerprints and is impossible to stain. They are naturally resistant to mold and mildew, and can endure high heat without cracking or scorching. Because glass is non-porous and requires no sealant, it is a healthy, hygienic choice for use anywhere in the kitchen. The addition of LED lights literally lights up the kitchen.

www.thinkglass.com

Solar Module

Silicon Energy is making it easier for architects to integrate solar into residential, commercial, and institutional projects with the introduction of new CAD and SketchUp tools designed around the company's unique solar module solutions.

Silicon Energy's glass-on-glass module design gives architects new and expanded solar design options. A cascading, frameless design creates elegant glass-edges and pass-through lighting perfect for semi-private windows, light-filtering awnings, patios,

shelters, and electric vehicle charging carports. All wiring is hidden and enclosed in the mounting system, which can be customized with any color to further accent design elements. Silicon Energy's modules are beautiful, durable, and backed by warranty.

Now, architects and designers can download these tools to easily incorporate Silicon Energy solar modules into the early design



phase of a new house or building, providing clients with new opportunities for taking advantage of solar PV while enhancing the uniqueness of the project design.

Silicon Energy received input from the architecture community about the importance and necessity of incorporating sustainable selections as early as possible into the design of a new project. Silicon Energy strongly considered and emphasized the visual aesthetic, anticipating the expansion of BIPV solar use as energy costs rise and environmental consciousness drives demand for such products.

www.silicon-energy.com

Ice Melt System

An innovative new product now allows contractors to install an energy-efficient ice-prevention system on shake, asphalt shingle, or composite roofing, delivering protection from icicles and ice dams to a wider range of structures. The HotSheet™ Roof Ice