

## GENERATIONS

Weldbend Corporation founder James Coulas Sr. got his start selling produce from his wagon as a young boy, later operated a ballroom on Chicago's South Side for two decades and then established what became Weldbend as a surplus house in a very small storefront. He actively guided the Chicago-based company until his death at age 92 in 2007. Second- and third-generation members of the Coulas family continue to take an active, hands-on approach to Weldbend Corporation's leadership and operation. Story begins on page 56.

## Winsupply names Roland Gordon president

### Jack Johnston to remain as CEO

DAYTON, OHIO. — Winsupply Inc., a leading supplier of residential and commercial construction and industrial supplies and materials, announced Roland Gordon has been named president of the company. Gordon retains his title of chief financial officer until the board of directors names a successor. Jack Johnston,

who was named chief executive officer in September 2015, turns over the daily management of operations at Winsupply and the Win Family of Companies to Gordon.

"I decided I would like to spend more of my time on the strategic direction of the company and ways in which we can strengthen the organization," Johnston said. "Roland has a strong financial background and brings a broad array of experiences and success in leadership. He's part of a great team of leaders within the Winsupply organization, each of whom brings their respective area of expertise to help lead us forward. I'll also continue to work with the chairman, Rick Schwartz."

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**Webstone**  
VALVE INNOVATION

Webstone mourns passing of President Michael Reck  
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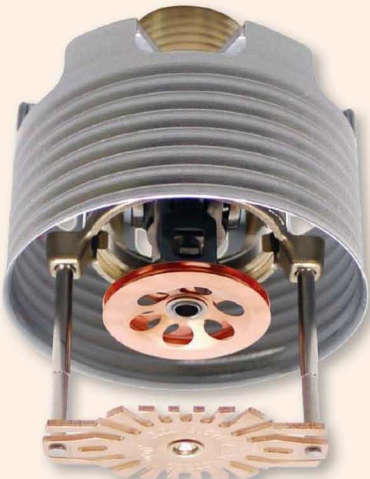
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# PRODUCT NEWS

## 3.7K fire sprinkler concealed head

The RC-RES 3.7K concealed sprinkler for 12X12 and 14x14 rooms delivers 10GPM and 7.3PSI. Contractor does not have to upgrade the water meter and can maintain a 2 head calc with water to spare. Issues when designing plans for areas with poor water pressure are now resolved. Featuring the new standard wood grain cover plates (shown below) available in Douglas Fir, Yellow Birch, Golden Oak, Cherry Chestnut, and Dark Walnut, with a more natural wood finish, life-like texture, and pattern improvements that will blend with wood panels and trim. **SENJU SPRINKLER.**

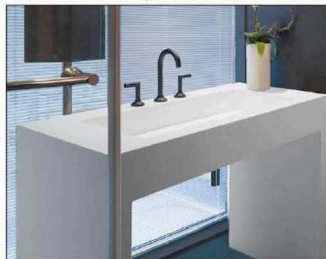
[www.SenjuSprinkler.com](http://www.SenjuSprinkler.com)



## Vanity sinks in a dozen variations

New Vanity Sinks are available in a wide variety of configurations, including 12 sink variations, custom bowl placement and counter lengths ranging from 24" to 72". Two designs: the classic Parsons look with squared legs or a modern waterfall style with solid sides. Standard height is 34" and depth is 18" or 22" depending on the bowl style. A "floating" shelf adds stylish storage space in four lengths up to 48". The shelf and sink are made from proprietary Engineered Solid Stone, an eco-friendly mixture of natural ground materials and high performance resin that mimics natural stone and is non-porous, durable and resists staining, mold and mildew. **MTI BATH.**

[mtibaths.com](http://mtibaths.com)



## WiFi thermostat integrated with NEST Learning Thermostat

Through the integration, Nest's combination of sensors, algorithms and machine learning can prompt the SIGNATURE program to react to home occupancy. Homeowners can enjoy both comfort and energy savings with their floor heat. Homeowners will also

now have the added option to control their floor heat with the Nest app. Signature features include WiFi, WPA and WPA2, remote access and control via smartphone apps, weather forecast, and updates on energy usage (hourly, weekly and monthly). **NUHEAT.**

[www.nuheat.com/nest](http://www.nuheat.com/nest)

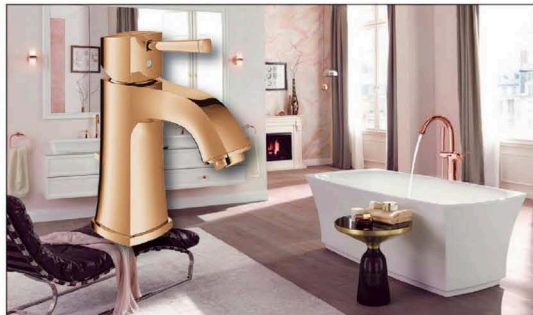


## Walk-in hydrotherapy tub



The new, American-made Vivere Collection of walk-in bathtubs provides hydrotherapeutic bathing for anyone with mobility challenges. The collection gives bathers a safe way to enjoy a deep soaking bath without stepping over the tub, for greater independence, security and confidence. **JASON INTERNATIONAL.**

[JasonInternational.com](http://JasonInternational.com)



## Grandera collection now in sunset finish

The Grandera collection combines high standards of quality and craftsmanship with detail and comfort. The collection will be available in a new warm sunset finish including single-lever mixers, twin-lever faucets, shower and tub mixers, thermostats, free-standing tub fillers, a bidet faucet and head and hand showers complete with matching shower rails and wall brackets. A decorative range of accessories from towel holders to soap dispensers and robe hooks completes the collection. **GROHE.**

[www.grohe.com/us](http://www.grohe.com/us)



## One-piece 0.8 gpf toilet

The Stealth one-piece is a 0.8 gpf, single-flush toilet and features patented Stealth technology. Provides a bold, sophisticated presence to any bathroom and one-piece design eliminates unsightly contours. Skirted sides conceal the trapway for a sleek, easy-to-clean appearance. **NIAGARA CONSERVATION.**

[www.niagaracorp.com](http://www.niagaracorp.com)

# PRODUCT NEWS



Therapy bath generates smooth directional currents

## Grinder pumps operate across various voltages

Enhanced Little Giant GP Series grinder pump models now operate across voltages ranging from 208V to 230V in one model. The GP-A (Automatic) and GP-M (Manual) versions' powerful motor and construction handle the tough demands of low pressure sewage applications, utilizing the proven cutter system at 414,000 cuts per minute. The units incorporate a non-clogging impeller staged for efficient pumping of sewage slurries with a shut-off head of 130 feet. To grind domestic sewage whether as a replacement pump or a packaged system. Available in an automatic version for single-phase power sources and a manual version for both single-phase and 3-phase power sources, the GP-A and GP-M employ a powerful 2 hp single-phase, 3450 rpm with capacitor start/run motor with built-in overload protection. Other features include corrosion-resistant brass impellers that minimize downtime and maintenance, and an epoxy-coated cast iron finish for durability. **FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO.**  
[www.littlegiant.com](http://www.littlegiant.com)



## Enhanced software for VOTES Infinity system

The new VOTES Infinity Software offers significant enhancements, improvements and added capabilities, including: Interface between VOTES Infinity and KALSI Engineering's KVAP database; spring pack testing and calibration capability; acquisition and analysis capability for API 1000 units startup testing; and a "What If" calculator. It's a portable, state-of-the-art, multi-platform valve diagnostic system designed to test AOVs, MOVs and check valves. The VOTES Infinity system simplifies test up to reduce human error, test time, analysis and upkeep. **CRANE.**

[www.cranenuclear.com](http://www.cranenuclear.com)



Stream Bath re-creates the experience of bathing in a forest stream. Available on most of Designer Collection drop-in tubs, both soakers and air baths, the tub utilizes directional currents of water flow with no trace of turbulence or bubbles. Since it uses vents, not jets, the output of the vents moves the water around the body as opposed to directly on the bather like air bath or whirlpool jets. An optional inline heater maintains the water temperature at a comfortable 104 F for a relaxing experience. **MTI BATHS.**

[www.mtibaths.com](http://www.mtibaths.com)

## Cordless cut-off tool

Cordless cut-off tool AG 500-A18 has increased performance due to a 5.2 Ah battery and improved electronics which means more efficiency



and power during grinding applications. Featuring a keyless quick-change flange and a brushless motor for up to three times longer lifetime (no commutator to damage and no carbon brushes to change), the AG 500-A18 delivers on productivity. With safety in mind, this cordless cut-off tool is equipped with an electronic brake that stops the disc within one second and Active Torque Control for added operator protection. This 18-volt tool can cut or grind cast iron pipes, steel, strut, threaded rods, sheet metal and stainless steel. It's also great for notching, grinding and finishing steel beams, plates and steel mesh. **HILTI.**

[www.us.hilti.com](http://www.us.hilti.com)

## Customizable kitchen collection

The Davoli pull-down kitchen faucet is part of the company's new Kitchen Collection line that brings uniquely customizable handle options, plus a full range of coordinating accessories including a pull-down prep/bar faucet, hot and cold water dispensers, soap dispenser, and air activation switch for disposer. Davoli lets designers and homeowners create a completely coordinated ensemble. **CALIFORNIA FAUCETS.**

[www.californiafaucets.com](http://www.californiafaucets.com)



## Condensing combi boilers

The CB Series of tankless combination (Combi) boilers is a year-round, whole-home solution that utilizes high-efficiency condensing technology to deliver hot water to both plumbing and hydronic heating applications, including those in colder climates. Performs at a 95% AFUE for substantial energy efficiency. Meets "Energy Star Most Efficient" standards, the EPA's highest efficiency rating, and allows homeowners to qualify for various state energy rebates. **NORITZ.**

[www.noritz.com](http://www.noritz.com)

