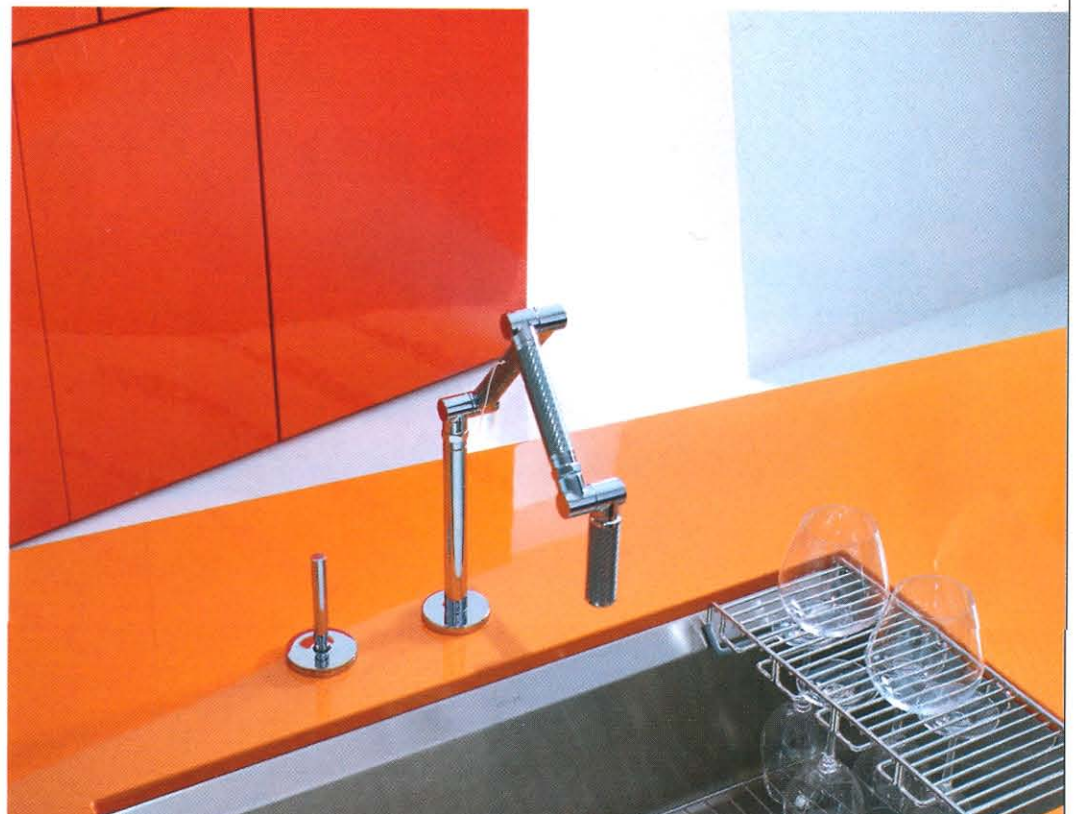


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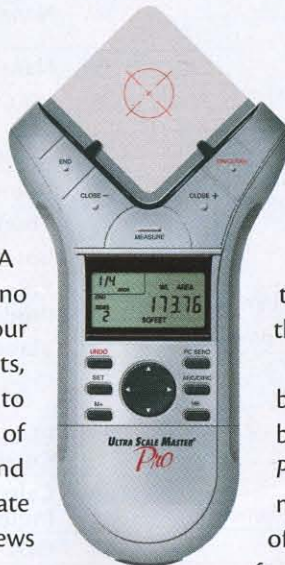
The 2010 TOP 100

Our annual list of reader-requested products.

Searching for something stylish for your latest project? Something innovative? A time-saver? A sustainable solution? Look no further. The 2010 Top 100, our annual ranking of the building products, materials, and tools readers wanted to know more about, showcases an array of product introductions for the home and the jobsite that can help you differentiate your projects while saving your crews time and your clients money.

As in years past, many of the products reaching the Top 100 are unique, with never-before-seen technologies and designs. Still others offer a more subtle twist—in style, functionality, or performance—that captured readers' attention. No matter the appeal, each honoree is worth a second look.

Among this year's list are a number of trends, unsurprisingly dominated by the residential market's most popular buzzword—sustainability. In all seven of our coverage areas, including Windows, Kitchens, and Exteriors, green products are present and, in several cases, the No. 1



attention-getter. It's hard to deny not only the influence of green building on manufacturers' R&D, but also the overwhelming desire of contractors to learn more about the products that make up sustainable homes.

Rankings for the 2010 Top 100 are based on the number of clicks received by new products featured in *ebuild New Product News*, the twice-weekly e-mail newsletter from BUILDING PRODUCTS' official Web site, ebuild.com. Each issue features six new products from ebuild and

BUILDING PRODUCTS, as well as from our sister publications BUILDER, REMODELING, CUSTOM HOME, TOOLS OF THE TRADE, and THE JOURNAL OF LIGHT CONSTRUCTION, and their Web sites. Each Top 100 product is republished on the following pages within its designated category—Bath, Construction, Exterior, Interior, Kitchen, Tools & Equipment, or Windows & Doors.

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#1 QuickDrain USA.

The QuickDrain low-profile linear shower and bath drain system comes with six covers that allow builders and architects to add a custom touch to the room. Because of the linear design, tile can be set right up to the system for a clean look. The product is water-resistant, comes with a waterproof membrane attached for easy installation, and is available in a variety of sizes. 970-389-2843. www.quickdrainusa.com. Circle 171.



#3 Sustainable Flooring. Showercork flooring is made with ¼-inch pieces of cork cut from post-industrial wine corks in Spain and Portugal. The durable material is suitable for wet applications such as shower floors and pool surrounds, is slip-resistant, comes prefinished or unfinished, and offers thermal and acoustical properties. Sheets come 12 inches by 24 inches. To install, lay sheets on top of thinset mortar or an oil-modified adhesive, cut with a utility knife as needed, stain if desired, apply sanded grout to fill joints, and then finish with polyurethane. 303-544-6076. www.sustainableflooring.com. Circle 172.



#11 Kohler. The open shower concept and dramatic design combine in the frameless Cyan walk-in shower enclosure. The unit boasts a curved glass wall with an open end, offering doorless water containment and no-threshold accessibility. It includes a Clean Coat surface treatment. The unit measures 55 inches by 74 inches. 800-456-4537. www.kohler.com. Circle 173.



#94 Laufen. Created by designers Ludovica and Roberto Palomba, the Palomba collection boasts shapes inspired by nature. The line includes rimless, lagoon-shaped sinks and a bidet reminiscent of a pebble smoothed and polished by the tide. Also available are wall-hung and floorstanding toilets, a bathtub, and bath furniture. 866-696-2493. www.laufen.com/usa. Circle 174.



#70 MTI Whirlpools. Ideal for oversized showers, Teutonic series sliding-door enclosures are available with one, two, or three panels. The industrial stainless steel rollers allow the largest panel to glide along a track with ease, the maker claims. 800-783-8827. www.mtiwhirlpools.com. Circle 175.

#83 Crystal Cabinets. GreenQuest frameless custom cabinets feature the company's GreenCore plywood and particleboard, which contain no added urea formaldehyde. In addition, the plywood uses a soy-based resin and the particleboard is 100 percent recycled. An ultra-low-VOC topcoat is available on all wood door styles. Options include sustainably harvested lyptus, Greenguard-certified laminate, and bamboo. 800-347-5045. www.crystalcabinets.com. Circle 166.



#38 J. Aaron. Handcrafted with a high-tech mixture of additives along with specific finishing techniques, these stainless concrete countertops are 100 percent stain- and acid-proof and do not require topical sealers, the maker says. The 2-inch-thick countertop is available in nature-inspired colors, including gray, cream, charcoal, and brown or tinted to match any Benjamin Moore paint color. 866-583-4200. www.jaaroncaststone.com. Circle 167.

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