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Remodeler Driven Results

A year's worth of coverage is compiled into the 100 products most requested by our readers.

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EACH month, our magazine features approximately 50 products among our product trends articles, new product coverage, spotlights on specific product categories, and more. We also have an article in each issue called Remodelers' Choice, where reader requests and pageviews drive the in-depth product coverage.

So you, our readers, decide where the editors focus their attention for this particular product coverage. Because we appreciate that feedback—via reader service cards and visits to our website—the *Qualified Remodeler* team has compiled this spotlight on the past year's most requested product information. It is the Remodelers' Choice 100.

Over the next 12 pages, you will see the most requested products from April 1, 2018, through March 30, 2019. Each product included here appeared at least once within the magazine during that time period. Looking through these pages, a few trends emerge.

Time and Labor Savings Key

In today's climate of labor shortages, it makes sense that many of the products piquing reader interest offer time

and/or labor savings, such as Qora Cladding from Arcitell (p. 48) or the Speedymason Peel 'n Stick panels (p. 42). There is also an apparent interest in products that solve problems, which makes sense considering how often remodelers are tasked with doing exactly that on projects. For example, Stone Harbor Hardware's Swing Clear Hinges (p. 38) offer an alternative solution to widening doorways for aging-in-place needs; the Scott-Systems' Float-Frame brackets (p.46) can be used to levitate and elevate any surface; and the Ply Gem Leaf Relief Continuous Hanging System with an Access Panel (p. 42) for easy cleaning.

As far as broader product trends, there is a discernable interest in tankless water heaters, stemming from our July 2018 product trends coverage. Stone and manufactured stone veneer products—as well as tile products that look like stone or masonry that looks like barn wood—also stand out as popular products. Shower area solutions—ranging from drain systems to shower trays and tub/shower combos to shower faucet systems—make several appearances, too. Protecting homes, whether from extreme weather, air or heat leakage, also seems to be a recurring theme. **QR**

ArmorStrand

LP ArmorStrand is an engineered substrate designed to deliver a strong foundation to help create the look of stucco with durable acrylic finishes. It offers clean lines and is more impact-resistant than traditional stucco, and it saves time during installation with its APA approval for single-wall construction. The substrate offers a competitive 50-year limited warranty, giving homeowners and remodelers peace-of-mind. | **Circle 181 on inquiry card**



Residential Metal Roofing

Though metal roofing materials have been around a long time, **PAC-CLAD/PETERSEN ALUMINUM** sees the interest in and availability of myriad color options driving new demand. The company's extensive color palette includes options that are complementary to most architectural styles and building materials. Select from PAC-CLAD metal roofing steel or aluminum in 28 colors rated Cool Roof Rating Council and 30 that are Energy Star rated. | **Circle 185 on inquiry card**



Linear Collection

L.J. SMITH STAIR SYSTEMS introduces its Linear Collection in response to metal's current appeal. The Linear Collection includes the Metal Panel System and Cable System with Metal Newels. Boasting a "welded look," the Metal Panel System is available for open-tread stairways, kneewall stairways and level run applications. Its pre-assembled panels come with a standard low sheen black finish but additional powder-coated and Pantone paint colors can be ordered. | **Circle 182 on inquiry card**

Aspyre Collection

JAMES HARDIE BUILDING PRODUCTS pairs its smooth, geometric Reveal Panel System with the distinctive profiles of its Artisan Siding to create its Aspyre Collection. Four Artisan Siding profiles join



the existing Artisan V-Groove and Lap Siding offerings. Each profile has unique features and the ability to miter corners with 1/8-in. boards. The collection includes an assortment of textures, profiles and products to achieve any design aesthetic. | **Circle 186 on inquiry card**

Equinox System

At the heart of the **SUNPOWER** Equinox system is the Maxeon solar cell, which stands up to harsh conditions to ensure productivity. Its built-in microinverters—hidden behind each panel to optimize power conversion at the source—eliminate unnecessary hardware and utility boxes on exterior walls. An InvisiMount frame is designed to be completely hidden, producing a minimalist look. A 25-year warranty covers the complete system—performance, labor and parts.



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Qora Cladding

Qora Cladding, crafted by **ARCITELL**, aims to streamline the installation process while replicating traditional brick, stone and wood siding. The fiber-reinforced polymer panel can be installed over standard structural panels and housewrap. While its rigid foam core provides thermal breaks and insulation properties, the 2- by 4-ft. panels weight less than 3 lb. per square foot. Presently, the siding is available in Southern markets, Texas to the Carolinas. | **Circle 187 on inquiry card**



Fiamma Fireclay Corner Sink

RUVATI turns a corner on sink design with its Fiamma Fireclay Collection, which can be installed on the corner of a kitchen island. A spin on the apron-front farmhouse sink, the Fiamma

corner sink comes in a double-bowl configuration with an exposed side panel for a modern yet traditional aesthetic. Handcrafted in Italy, it features 10-in.-deep bowls that accommodate large pots and pans. A limited lifetime warranty is included. | **Circle 184 on inquiry card**

Nest x Yale Lock



YALE LOCKS & HARDWARE launches its lock designed and built in collaboration with Nest, the Nest x Yale Lock. Lock and unlock doors, create passcodes, set the deadbolt to automatically lock, and see a history of who entered and when through the Nest app. The touch-screen deadbolt features a low-profile and keyless design. Remote access is

secured using multiple layers of encryption technology in addition to Nest's Weave technology. | **Circle 188 on inquiry card**