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Radically New Fiber Glass Insulation Is Encapsulated To Protect Against Itch, Dust

Although most homeowners recognize the need for insulation in order to increase home energy efficiency, some shy away from installing it because fibers can cause skin to itch and can create airborne dust.

Now Schuller's new ComfortTherm™ insulation is overcoming their reluctance. That's because the popular gold fiber glass found in homes and commercial buildings has taken on a different look and feel.

It's been encapsulated with a high-tech poly wrap system which is extremely user-friendly.

Poly Wrap Offers More Than Comfort

Besides handling comfort, the poly vapor facing is superior to traditional kraft paper facing in three ways.

First, the poly facing is twice as resistant to moisture vapor penetration as kraft. The wall cavity stays dryer, and the insulation maintains its thermal efficiency.

Second, unlike kraft facing, the ComfortTherm facing is Class A rated, and has a fire hazard classification of 25/50 to maximize fire protection.

Third, the poly facing and the triple-reinforced flanges by which the wrapped insulation is stapled to the wall studs are tougher and more resistant to tearing than kraft.

Batts Pre-Cut For Quick Installation

ComfortTherm batts are factory pre-cut to fit standard 8 ft. wall cavities for fast and easy installation. This assures a better fit, compared to hand-made cuts from rolls.

Factory cuts also save time and reduce potential itch and dust generated from job-site cutting.



Schuller's new ComfortTherm batts are encapsulated to protect against itch and dust.

The new batts are available in R-11, as well as the high-performance values of R-13 and R-15. Higher R-values mean greater insulating power.

All three values of batts fit into standard 2 in. x 4 in. stud walls. The R-13 and R-15 batts are made of higher density fiber glass. Although they cost more initially, their cost may be recouped in lower utility bills.

R-11 batts are recommended for interior walls for sound-control, to further add to living comfort.

ComfortTherm Is Environmentally Correct

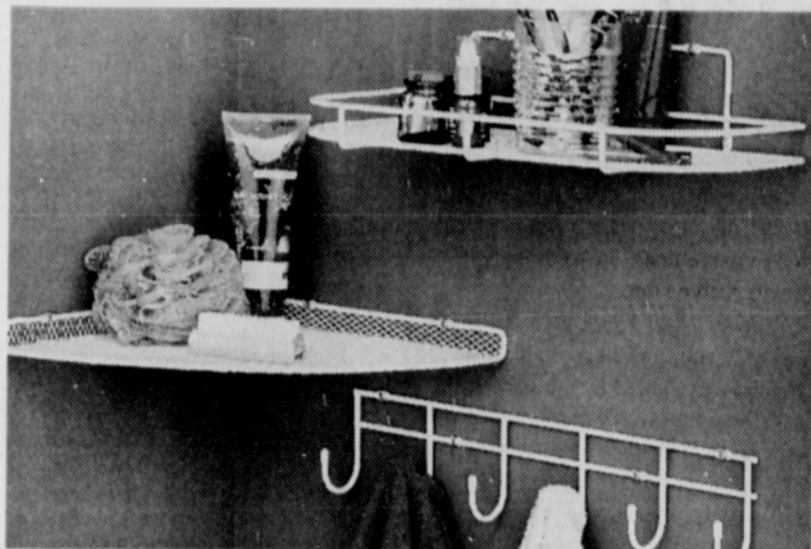
ComfortTherm, along with

Schuller's traditional GoldLine™ fiber glass insulation, is made with recycled bottle glass. Schuller is the only insulation certified to contain at least 25 percent recycled glass by Scientific Certification Systems.

Each truckload of Schuller fiber glass insulation contains over one and a half tons of recycled glass that would have ended up in a landfill.

For more information on Schuller's new ComfortTherm insulation, see your nearest dealer, or contact the Product Information Center, Schuller International, Inc., P. O. Box 5108, Denver, CO 80217. Or call 1 800 654 3103.

Mini-Shelves Solve Many Problems



Mini Shelves, from Closet Maid, The Storage Authority, mesh design offered in four bright colors: red, yellow, white and purple.

Why does it take so much time to get organized? You probably do not have the right equipment. Solving storage problems is no different. The right products can help you get organized easily and inexpensively.

Closet Maid®, The Storage Authority, has developed a new line of storage products called Mini-Shelves®. These unique corner shelves are available in four bright colors: red, yellow, white and purple. Perfect for kid's rooms, the kitchen, utility rooms, the bathroom and the bedroom. They can even be used in the garage to tuck away those hard to store items.

Mini-Shelves are offered in either the 9-inch or 12-inch size and both come with a

mesh design so that even small items rest securely.

Gas Heaters Provide More Hot Water

Natural gas water heaters provide more hot water faster and less expensively than electric water heaters, according to the American Gas Association.

Comparing the annual operating costs before buying a water heater can pay off in substantial savings, A.G.A. says, because the water heater is the second biggest energy user in a typical home, after the heating and cooling system.

Water heaters are required by federal law to carry an EnergyGuide label that shows the average annual cost of energy for the unit. Although electric water heaters are often less expensive to buy, operating a gas water heater will cost about half as much as operating an electric water heater, depending on local utility rates.

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HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Help Your Home Sell Faster

(NAPS)—When selling your home, it's important to have your home in top "showing" condition. The buyer's first impression of your house is very important and by making some quick and simple improvements, you can markedly enhance your property to assure top dollar and a quick sale. The experts at Realty World Corporation, one of the largest real estate franchise organizations in North America, offer these suggestions to make your home really shine.

• Keep your lawn and bushes neatly trimmed.
• Remember that the front door welcomes the prospect, so make sure it is freshly painted. Consider adding a seasonal door decoration for a warm, inviting touch.

Believe it or not, the kitchen and bath are the rooms that traditionally sell houses.

In the kitchen...

- Repair leaky faucets.
- Remove stains from the kitchen sink, counters and appliances.
- Make your kitchen seem roomy. Remove most items from the counters and pack away any unnecessary or extra items that were in the kitchen cabinets.

In the bath...

- Replace stained or torn shower curtains.
- Clean tile grout. Repair or replace caulking and grout in tubs and showers, if necessary.
- Make sure that all fixtures are polished and free of water marks.



"How To Earn Top Dollar When Selling Your Home" is filled with over 50 ways to make your home more attractive to prospective buyers.

In general...

- Keep up with minor household repairs.
- Have curtains, drapes and carpets cleaned.
- Make your closets look larger by removing or packing items that can be stored elsewhere.

For a free copy of "How To Earn Top Dollar When Selling Your Home," contact your local REALTY WORLD® office. Check the white pages for the office nearest you. Or write: Home Selling Tips, Realty World Corporation, 8229 Boone Blvd., Suite 365, Vienna, VA 22182.

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