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## THE MOST VALUABLE PRODUCT AWARD WINNERS ARE SURE TO PLEASE.

The results of BUILDING PRODUCTS' third annual Most Valuable Product (MVP) Awards are in and we hope you're just as impressed with the winners as the editors are. The 30 diverse champs represent some of the finest new products—from a noise-blocking fabric ceiling system to a natural-fiber duct liner to a synthetic roof slate.

The winners were hand-picked by the four judges who evaluated entries in the competition. Materials were collected as a result of BUILDING PRODUCTS' request to manufacturers for information about their best and brightest introductions between January 2003 and January 2004.

Our panel of judges assessed the entries based on one specific qualification: Does the product provide value to home builders and remodelers? Specifically, does it reduce installation time, call-backs, or labor costs; solve a problem; make installations easier; or add curb appeal or a "wow" factor to a home?

Unable to see or test the products, the judges made their choices after reviewing written statements, press releases, brochures, pricing information, testimonials, photography, and other materials provided by manufacturers.

All claims about the winning products come from their makers; BUILDING PRODUCTS could not independently verify the statements. Most important, the winners represent only a small sampling of inventive products introduced during the past year. The judges made their selections from items entered in the MVP Awards contest, not from all products that debuted between January 2003 and January 2004.

Let us know what you think of the selections and which ones you might consider using. E-mail your thoughts to Jean Dimeo, editor-in-chief, at [jdimeo@hanleywood.com](mailto:jdimeo@hanleywood.com) or Stephanie Herzfeld, associate editor, at [sherzfeld@hanleywood.com](mailto:sherzfeld@hanleywood.com). **BP**

**Grace Construction Products.** Easy installation and reduced callbacks are the biggest benefits of Grace Vycor Deck Protector. The self-adhered flashing membrane seals around the top of deck joists to create an impervious barrier against water and moisture, reducing the likelihood of rot and extending the effective life of the deck, claims the manufacturer. It also helps protect galvanized fasteners and joist hangers from corrosion that might occur because of wood treated with ACQ, a wood preservative. "It's a great product that has easy installation and will make decks last much longer. I will use it on all our new decks," commented one judge. Comprised of a skid-resistant coating that includes measurement markings on the membrane surface, Deck Protector can be used under all decking materials. Cost: About \$15 per roll; an average deck requires three rolls, says the maker. 866-333-3726. [www.graceconstruction.com](http://www.graceconstruction.com).

