

The Year's Best LBM Innovations



2019's Best LBM Innovations

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Each year, we put together the New Products Issue to showcase our picks for the best new LBM innovations. This year, we're focusing on building-envelope, smart-home, and sheathing and housewrap offerings. And the manufacturers in these categories didn't disappoint.

The products and systems featured in this issue provide a variety of benefits to homeowners. Buildingenvelope providers offer products that feature weather protection, energy efficiency, durability, stylish designs, and lower maintenance costs. For tech enthusiasts, smart-home manufacturers provide homeowners with the convenience, security, and comfort of a digitally connected home. The products benefit builders, as well. In addition to giving them more options to customize a home, some of the products offer faster installation times, reduced labor costs, and cleaner jobsites.

With more than 25 new products featured, there are plenty of options to consider. So, read on to see how the latest LBM innovations can add value for homeowners, builders, and remodelers.

PRODUCTS

Building Envelope Products: Stylish, Efficient Protection

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Homeowners want protection from the outside elements without sacrificing style. Fortunately, innovations in weather protection, energy efficiency, durability, and style are bringing new building-envelope [products](#) to the fore. Builders are also benefiting from some of these multifunctional product systems that enable them to do more in less time by combining several steps into one.

Stinger Stapler

National Nail has released its upgraded 18-gauge Stinger CS150B Cap Stapler for installing [roofing](#) underlayment, housewrap, and foamboard. It's designed to be easier to load, with a longer tool life and adjustable exhaust. The tool can shoot 200 caps and 200 staples before requiring reloading and operates at pressures up to 120 psi. The Stinger CS150B uses four sizes of 18-gauge staples with full 1-inch plastic caps. A carrying case is included.

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