

Integrated Drip Edge Flashing

Hohmann & Barnard has introduced Flex-Flash Edge flashing, now available with an optional integrated copper drip-edge. The copper strip is embedded into edge of the flashing membrane, but is not visible, so there is no concern about oxidation. Membrane flashing materials are typically too resilient to bend into a lasting drip-edge when projecting beyond the face of the wall. This issue is resolved by embedding a narrow copper strip into the edge of the flashing. Flex-Flash Edge can then be easily formed on site into a typical 3/8 in.- 1/2 in. drip-edge that will endure." Contact www.h-b.com or **Circle 205**.



Replicated Brick

Form liners that create the appearance of brick textures on the face of concrete panels can achieve the look of masonry without the need for on-site lay up of brick. Panels such as those produced by **Smith-Midland** are made by casting a mold on true brick and then using that to cast the concrete panels. The result is the uneven look of brick that makes it appear authentic. The panels are then hand-stained after curing to achieve the appropriate color. Contact www.smithmidland.com or **Circle 204**.

Creamy Limestone

Texas Quarries produces two types of limestone from its original quarry, Cordova Cream and Cordova Shell. The latter features fossilized shellfish and other ancient marine life embedded in the stone, producing a unique textural and visual appearance. Both stones offer wood-like malleability that can rapidly form precise shapes and an ability to cure to considerable hardness, making it resistant to deterioration. The company has now opened a second quarry that produces Lueders limestone in a buff gray tone. Contact www.texasquarries.com or **Circle 203**.



PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

Brick Makers Ramp up Effort to Meet Market Demands

In today's building supply market, there are a number of products whose demand far outweighs their supply. But that doesn't stop architects from specifying those products. That's because building owners and architectural guidelines in zoning ordinances often call for certain building materials to be used.

For instance, take a look at brick. Because of its durability, cost savings over the long term, and enduring aesthetic appeal, the material remains popular. Architects recognize this, and despite product shortages, still specify brick in their building designs.

"Building owners often ask for brick, because they want a structure that is a combination of low maintenance and high style," said Barbara J. Walker, principal, BJW Architecture, Concord, N.C. They also prefer brick because of the availability of textures and colors that offer a wide array of design possibilities. Walker adds brick is also popular because it can be easily combined with other materials.

Thus, with such a demand, Cheraw, S.C.-based Palmetto recently invested more than \$28 million to develop a commercial manufacturing plant to help meet growing market. The move increased Palmetto's brick production by 50% and introduced roughly 150 million brick to the building materials marketplace.

In the 400,000-sq.-ft. plant expansion, the company utilizes advanced automation to increase capacity and production efficiency. The use of modern technology not only creates more brick more quickly, it also enhances versatility and quality control.

"We can meet shape and size requirements of most any architectural design," said Andy Rogers, vice president of sales and marketing for Palmetto. **AP**



Old World to New

The Jerusalem Stone Company, Denver, has announced the availability of stone direct from the ancient quarries of Israel. This exquisite stone, used for more than 5,000 years throughout

Jerusalem, is still used exclusively for building and construction in the city. The stone's durability is evident: it has stood the test of time in some of the world's oldest and most sacred sites. Jerusalem Stone is more affordable than most marble or granite, yet can be treated and sealed in the same way, for the same uses. It is perfect for interior, exterior and landscape applications. Jerusalem Stone is available in a variety of hues and finishes. Tiles, slabs, custom cuts, hand-made mosaics and other Jerusalem Stone products are available. Contact www.jerusalemstonecompany.com or **Circle 202**.