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The New Paslode® Self-Sealing Furring Nail Provides A Watertight Seal

Improves Moisture Management, Increases Productivity

(Vernon Hills, IL) – Paslode has made another major advancement in the design and performance of a residential building fastener. Introducing the new Paslode Self-Sealing Furring Nail for three-coat stucco exterior. This unique, new nail speeds up the installation process and seals watertight to help prevent water leaks, resulting in increased productivity and fewer call backs due to water seepage.

“Moisture management is a concern we’ve heard repeatedly from builders doing lath and stucco installation,” said Christelle Imhof, Market Manager for Paslode. “Leaks can turn into serious issues for homeowners. Plus there’s the hassle related to leak repairs, from drywall, to flooring. But this unique fastener provides builders with a self-sealing furring nail that alleviates these issues.”

Furring nails are typically driven every six inches along exterior wall studs to secure the wire lath. The most commonly used furring nail in the three-coat stucco market, primarily found in California, has little water sealing capability. By definition, the nails used to secure the wire lath pierce the tar paper – the main weather resistive barrier – to embed in the sheathing and wall stud. This creates paths for water to potentially seep in; it is further aggravated when the nail accidentally misses the wall stud, and is also a problem around doors and windows where the flashing may get punctured.

“Builders caulk many of these nails after they’re installed, particularly those driven at an angle, in corners, or those that missed a stud,” explained Imhof. “On average, our field research shows that 30 to 40 percent of furring nails are caulked – if you do the math, that’s 3,000 to 8,000 nails requiring caulking per house.”

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This means that installation is a time consuming multi-step process. After installing the wire lath with furring nails, the complete installation is typically inspected and marked for caulking. The caulking process then takes place, followed typically by a final inspection. This laborious process involves a lot of variability in workmanship and quality, several personnel who need to coordinate their efforts, and still they are using a nail that is not self-sealing by design.

The Paslode Self-Sealing Furring Nail changes all that. It features a flexible, orange-colored rubber washer, which, when driven into the wall stud to secure the wire lath, compresses to provide a watertight seal. The seal reduces the need for caulking and the bright colored washer speeds up necessary inspections.

This nail also has a large anti-slip head. The size and unique design on the nail head greatly reduces hammer slippage and unnecessary tears in the weather resistive tar paper.

“Our field tests with this new nail demonstrate a substantial reduction in installation time and increased productivity compared to the common furring nail,” explained Imhof. In addition, we’ve found that workers love this nail for the simple fact that with the anti-slip nail head their hammers don’t slip off the nail as often, reducing their fatigue while reducing the need to fix tears in the tar paper.”

The Self-Sealing Furring Nail is fully compliant with the California building code. It is an 11 gauge nail, electro-galvanized 1-3/4” long with a 7/16” head and comes 5,000 to a box. It will be available at select stucco suppliers in 2011. For more information, or to find a supplier, visit www.paslode.com or call 1-800-222-6990

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