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32 Boise PlanSwift

Boise Engineered Wood Products describes its Boise PlanSwift as an intuitive, easy-to-use construction takeoff and estimating software program. Boise PlanSwift digitizes data from scanned documents, integrates the data with PDF files and AutoCAD DWG files, and imports it all into BC Framer, Boise's integrated analysis framing design software. The company says this can save designers up to four hours per plan, getting the builder's design information back faster and more accurately.

Boise PlanSwift enables customers who

receive scanned or emailed electronic images to now have the ability to work in a modern paperless environment.

Boise PlanSwift gives estimators accurate take-offs in seconds, precisely measuring square footage, pitch, and angles in seconds with a simple point and click. The software can create estimates faster than ever before using Excel-like formulas, and are fully customizable. Boise PlanSwift works with all major CAD and image file types including .TIF, .PDF (Adobe), .DWG, .DXF (AutoCAD), .PLN (Dodge Plan File) and more. A scanner also allows the digitization of existing paper plans.

www.bc.com



33 GoPro Universal Stair Bracket System

GoPro Construction Solutions says its GoPro universal stair bracket system is the only system with brackets that have imprinted scale markings indicating the staircase rise and run. Thus, properly attaching the brackets according to the pre-determined rise and run of each stair requires simply matching the meeting of the brackets at the indicated markings, which can accommodate all pitches, rises, and runs.

The company says its product easily ad-

justs to any staircase pitch; offers 50% savings because of minimal marking and cutting and less waste, and it virtually eliminates mistakes, which cost time and money.

The system can be used for interior or exterior stairs.

The GoPro universal stair bracket includes left-side, right side, and bottom brackets made from sturdy 16-gauge hot-dipped triple-zinc galvanized steel. When middle stringers are required, left- or right-side brackets can be used.

GoPro is an affiliate of Talan Products.
GoProConstruction.com; 877.577.4142.



34 TimberTech Ultra Low-Maintenance Decking

TimberTech has introduced its first expanded polymer (PVC) deck planks—XLM—an extreme low-maintenance alternative decking solution.

Responding to homeowner demand for low-maintenance decking options and to contractors' needs for easier to install decking materials, TimberTech developed XLM to satisfy both.

The company says XLM provides customers unparalleled scratch and stain resistance, and the decking boards have received a Class A Fire Rating, the most stringent rating available for exterior fire resistance.

The product is 40% lighter than TimberTech's wood plastic composite planks, and features a solid cap to reinforce its structural integrity. It is available in grooved or non-grooved planks. Grooved planks are designed



to work with CONCEALoc, TimberTech's stainless steel hidden fastener, which provides quick and consistent gapping while keeping a fastener-free surface.

XLM is offered in three colors—Mountain

Cedar, RiverRock, and SandRidge—and is available in 12-, 16- and 20-ft. lengths as well as 12-in. fascia in 12-ft. lengths. All are backed with a 25-year limited warranty.

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