

BuildBlock Systems, LLC, launches ICF building system

BuildBlock Systems, LLC, an Oklahoma City-based manufacturer of insulating concrete forms, launched a new ICF building system in early 2005. Mike Garrett, the company's president, developed the new company and its unique ICF form. "I wanted to use my experience in the field installing the forms to create a block with the ultimate strength and user-friendliness," says Garrett, a former distributor for American PolySteel and Amvic Building Systems.

BuildBlock manufactures 6- and 8-inch-wide flat wall forms in straight block and 45- and 90-degree corners, as well as an 8-inch ledge form. The forms conform to the industry standard 16-inch height and 48-inch length. The forms are totally reversible and have a tongue-and-groove connection design. They feature molded-in horizontal cut lines every 2 inches, as well as numbered vertical cut lines on every inch, eliminating the need for a tape measurer in most cases.

The forms also feature a 15-inch-tall, high-density plastic web, molded in place every 6 inches. The web provides sheetrock attachment points while leaving an inch for easy electrical and plumbing installation between courses. *For more information, visit buildblock.com or call (866) 222-2575.*

VIC International Corp. announces Small Package Program

VIC International has unveiled the Small Package Program, available in 110-volt and 220-volt sizes. The program is ideal both for businesses currently working in the high-end residential market or for those new to the polished concrete market.

The 110-volt Small Package Program will contain a single-head floor machine and the VIC Mini DustHawg dust extractor. The 220-volt program includes a planetary head floor grinder and the DustHawg dust extractor. VCH Metal Bond Diamonds, MirroCrete-Resin Diamonds and ConcreteMedic maintenance products will be included in both packages, as will the opportunity for a one-day seminar on the Small Package Program.

For more information, visit vicintl.com or call (800) 423-1634.

B.E.P. Forming Systems introduces B-LOC rail

Fayetteville, Ga.-based B.E.P. Forming Systems, Inc. has introduced the company's B-LOC automatic aligning form rail, a new patent-pending rail for use with all B.E.P. forms.

B.E.P. has developed the B-LOC rail to minimize delays and reduce high labor costs possible with hand- or crane-