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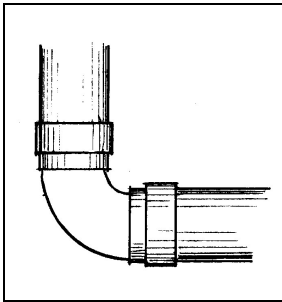
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Q & A

Polybutylene Filing Deadlines?

We are hearing conflicting stories about the deadlines for filing claims against the polybutylene piping Class Action Lawsuit.. Would you please help us?

For this information, we went directly to source and contacted the Consumer Plumbing Recovery Center. You may be an Eligible Claimant under the Settlement Agreement and



entitled to compensation if you are a Class Member and you have one or more qualifying leaks. There are three different categories that are covered by the Class Action Lawsuit. The "Big Blue" polybutylene yard service line piping, the gray polybutylene interior piping with gray acetal (plastic) fittings and the gray

polybutylene interior piping with copper fittings. Leaks occurring prior to 8/21/95 must be filed by 8/21/97. Leaks occurring 8/21/95 thru 8/21/97 must be filed by 11/21/97. Leaks occurring after 8/21/97 must meet the following requirements:

YARD SERVICE LINES

Leaks must occur in the "Big Blue" yard service line piping within 10 years of the original installation. Claims must be made within 11 years of the original installation.

POLYBUTYLENE WITH ACETAL FITTINGS

Leaks must occur in the polybutylene piping with the plastic fittings within 13 years of the original installation. Claims must be made within 14 years of the original installation.

POLYBUTYLENE WITH COPPER FITTINGS

Leaks must occur in the polybutylene piping with the copper fittings within 16 years of the original installation. Claims must be made within 17 years of the original installation.

FINAL DEADLINE

All leaks must occur on or before January 31, 2009 and must be filed no later than May 1, 2009.

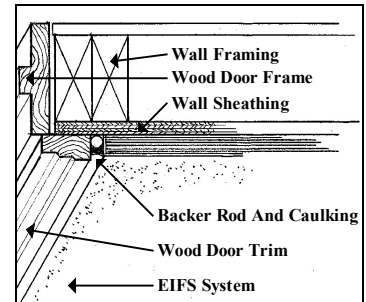
For additional information, contact the Consumer Plumbing Recovery Center at 500 North Central Expressway, Suite 400, Plano, Texas 75074, 1-800-876-4698 or checkout the Internet site at www.kinsella.com/polybutylene/index.htm.

EIFS Lawsuits-Round One Goes To Synthetic Stucco?

How are the lawsuits progressing on the synthetic stucco (EIFS) problems and are any of the Class Action Lawsuits settled?

The first legal assault on synthetic stucco suffered a defeat in Tacoma Washington, when a jury ruled that Sto Corporation was not responsible for damage to a home sided with its brand of synthetic stucco.

Synthetic stucco, or EIFS (exterior insulation finish system), is blamed for million of dollars in property damage in North Carolina, Georgia and elsewhere. Homeowners in North Carolina filed a state class-action lawsuit against 12 EIFS manufacturers. A separate federal class-action case was also filed in North Carolina and Georgia. No word yet on the outcome of the class-actions.



The jury found that Sto "did not fail to supply a product which was reasonably safe as designed (and) that it did not fail to provide adequate warnings or instructions with the product", according to Sto.

Richard Reyes, an attorney for Sto, said "most of the same issues that were tried in Tacoma have been raised in the North Carolina and Georgia lawsuits".

"The jury found that EIFS was safe as designed and accompanied by adequate installation instructions," Reyes said. "There were considerable errors in flashing and other components of construction" of the Tacoma house that caused the damage, he said.

"I think all these cases boil down to something relatively simple: The jury can distinguish between cause and effect. They saw defects in construction and rationalized that those defects caused water to go into the wall. They understood the concept of a vapor barrier. If water breaches your vapor barrier, it can't get out, whether the vapor barrier is EIFS or building paper or house wrap. The secret is not to let water behind the barrier, and the jury was able to distinguish that."

Stephen Klamke, executive director of the EIFS Industry Members Association, said the verdict "validates the original contention that, properly installed with adequate supervision and good construction practices by all parties, EIFS works".

SOURCE: Jerry Goldwasser & Fine Home Building Magazine

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• If you still have condensation, consult a heating and ventilation contractor. For instance, you could install a recovery ventilator to bring in fresh, dry air without losing heat. This is the best solution to eliminate condensation without heat loss.

Asbestos Flooring?

I plan to remove the vinyl sheet flooring in my kitchen. A friend told me that the flooring could contain asbestos. What precautions should I take?

Generally, sheet flooring does not contain asbestos. There can be asbestos present, however, in the backing and adhesive that's left behind after the flooring is removed. If you are going to remove the flooring, you should first have it tested by a local certified testing laboratory. If asbestos is found, removing the residue is hazardous and not recommended, because any method you use is likely to release small particles of asbestos into the air.

The best and safest approach is to leave the flooring in place and put down 1/4" (lean underlayment over the vinyl). Then install the new flooring.

Painting Vinyl Gutters

I am planning on painting my house next summer and want to change to color scheme. Is it possible to paint vinyl gutters?

Here's how Genova, a leading manufacturer of vinyl gutters, recommends painting their gutters.

First wipe down the surface with denatured alcohol (be careful - the fumes are toxic). Next, apply a light coat of

Raingo spray paint as a primer base, or any other vinyl siding paint primer. Then paint the gutters with an exterior latex paint or vinyl siding paint. Genova does not recommend the use of oil-base paint on their product, nor do they recommend painting the interior of the gutter.

However, keep in mind that by painting them you lose the biggest advantage of vinyl gutters - no maintenance. Think twice before you paint, because once you do, you're committed to painting regularly in the future.

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"You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love."

- Henry Drummond

Tip Of The Month

"Test Smoke Detector Batteries"

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"IF YOU'VE MADE UP YOUR MIND YOU CAN DO SOMETHING, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT."

- UNKNOWN

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