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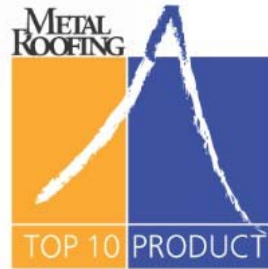
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Every year, as a service to you, the readers, and to honor those innovative manufacturers and suppliers in the industry, we calculate a list of the Top 10 Products. We do this by researching to discover which products had the most reader responses.

So, without further ado, here are the Top 10 Products of 2009 as determined by the readers of *Metal Roofing Magazine*. If you missed them during 2009, here's your chance to obtain information on the products your competitors were researching last year. There may be something here to make 2010 a great year for you and your business.

### Authentic Tools

The Versa Hemmer is a bending and hemming tool for the jobsite from **Authentic Tools**. The tool is easy to use on the jobsite with no special training needed. It bends and hems metal from 90 to 180 degrees and will bend 24-gauge galvanized painted metal .040-inch aluminum, copper and zinc. The tool has the company's exclusive handle design for leverage and easy bending of metal and its exclusive proprietary two tools in one design and made in the U.S.A.

### Bridger Steel

Bridger offers one of the best selections of rustic/aged products in the U.S. The Montana company produces Cor-Ten, cold-rolled, copper, galvanized and bonderized roofing products in a variety of profiles, including three corrugated profiles and five standing seam profiles. **Bridger Steel** also offers painted steel options in more than 40 colors.

### Edco Products

**Edco Products** introduced two new panels to its ArrowLine roofing product line. The two new panels are based on Edco's original ArrowLine Shake and

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Slate panels. Edco takes the shake or slate panel and then enhances the panel with lighter and darker tones that complement the base color. This process creates a natural blended look that has more curb appeal than solid color panels. ArrowLine Enhanced Shake is available in four blended colors while the ArrowLine Enhanced Slate comes in three blended colors.

**Energy Alternatives**

Generally, the hot water heater is the second largest consumer of energy in a home. The Greenward Ridge Vent from **Energy Alternatives** can help reduce household energy consumption and save money. The Greenward Ridge Vent system is installed like any other Ridge Vent and can be installed in new construction or retrofit for existing homes. The unique ridge vent features a flexible tubing throughout that carries a water/glycol mix throughout the ridge vent. It is heated by solar energy hitting the ridge and escaping hot air from the attic. The hot water/glycol mixture is pumped through a heat exchanger which heats incoming 50 degree water to 120 degrees and is stored in an insulated hot water storage tank. The stored hot water is transferred to a hot water tank and ready for use.

**EPDM Coatings**

Liquid Roof from **EPDM Coatings** is nearly identical chemically to sheet EPDM, but with the distinct advantage of being a liquid. It is self-adhering and seamless and takes temperatures from minus-40 to 300 degrees and it's a one-coat application — no primer, top coat or multiple coats needed. Liquid Roof waterproofs immediately upon application and will take ponding water 365 days a year. Liquid EPDM has proven itself superior to acrylics, urethanes and other elastomers for up to 3 times longer.

**Engineered Materials Solutions**

CopperPlus from **Engineered Materials Solutions** copper clad stainless steel architectural materials provide the classic beauty of solid copper, but with better performance characteristics and at significantly lower cost. Visually indistinguishable from solid copper, CopperPlus is produced by cladding thin layers of copper on both sides of a core strip of Type 430 stainless steel. Although CopperPlus is appreciably stronger than virtually all typical architectural copper alloys, it forms easily using the same tools and equipment. CopperPlus is available in a range of gauges and widths for applications such as roof pan, rain drainage, flashing, trim and decorative components.

**Iron Sentry**

**Iron Sentry** is a metal roof leak repair system that provides a seamless barrier against roof leakage and rust by utilizing a polyurethane sealer applied to seams, holes and fasteners. The sealer is non-toxic and cannot be penetrated by oxygen or water, even as it expands and contracts with the weather. Iron Sentry is composed of a non-mercury elastomer that extends roof life and reduces building operating costs by as much as 30 percent. Building owners also minimize environmental impact because they are using less new materials that will eventually need to be disposed of in a landfill; and the product contains no mercury, a key necessity for many construction materials.

**Mt. Everest Safety Products, Inc.**

The Ladder Lock, a versatile ladder-securing device from **Mt. Everest Safety Products**, is a patented, portable extension ladder safety device that can easily secure a ladder to multiple surfaces. It is designed to help prevent extension ladder slide-offs, blow-offs and accidents. It meets OSHA standards for hands-free climbing and securing a ladder.

**S.O.S. Solar Systems**

**Spirit of the Sun (S.O.S.) Solar Systems** manufactures state-of-the-art, highly mobile, custom, solar-powered electrical generators deployable within minutes, making electricity available in remote or commercial/residential areas. There are no moving parts thus eliminating noise and gas fumes. S.O.S. Solar Generators power remote hunting camps, construction sites or disaster relief triages.

**Topps Products**

Top-rated Polyprene is now available in convenient 3-1/2 gallon pails from **Topps Products**. The all rubber universal roof repair material that is rapidly growing into the contractor's most popular roof repair product now has easy to tote packaging. Polyprene characteristics are the best combination available of adhesion, elongation (400 percent at 77 degrees with full return) and tensile strength (700 psi) in a ready-to-use flashing and repair cement. Seals joints, cracks, flashings, seams, parapets, vents, outlets and gaps around protrusions and rooftop equipment. Never gets brittle.



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