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MASONITE UNVEILS NEW GREEN INTERIOR DOORS

From the homeowner that is environmentally conscious to the architect that is designing a project to achieve an industry certification, Masonite has the answer in its Safe 'N Sound[®], and Safe 'N Sound[®] Emerald[™] series interior door.

Tampa, FL., February, 13, 2008 – In response to a grassroots movement in the building products industry Masonite, the world leader in manufacturing of [Interior and Exterior doors](#), announced today that at the 2008 International Builder Show it will again expand on its founders 84 year old vision of environmental stewardship by launching two new interior doors, the Safe 'N Sound and the Safe 'N Sound Emerald.

Recent research has shown that the residential housing markets' desire for "Green products" is here to stay. "It's apparent by the volume of requests we receive that the market clearly has a desire for Green products," said John Stahl, Product Manager – Interior Molded and Flush Doors and Chairman of the Masonite Green Council. "While most requests are simply for environmentally friendly doors, occasionally specific components or construction methods are necessary. As a result Masonite has released two new solid core interior doors that feature DorCor, a low density core made from rapidly renewable wheat straw."

Safe 'N Sound

The Safe 'N Sound a solid core interior passage door made with DorCor will meet the need of the environmentally conscious customer who isn't under the regulations established by program developing agencies.

Masonite's standard Safe 'N Sound door has always contained several "Green" attributes. Every Safe 'N Sound door is constructed with wheat-straw based DorCor and therefore contains Rapidly Renewable content, Post-Industrial Recycled content and low emitting for Formaldehyde using ASTM test methods.

Consumers do not have to sacrifice superior quality for [environmental stewardship](#). Safe 'N Sound doors will maintain premium quality characteristics such as the heft and feel of Solid Wood doors, ease of installation, reduction of sound transmission, and the beauty of architecturally correct designs.

"By offering our existing Safe 'N Sound door with these "Green" attributes, we are giving our customers the opportunity to get the same quality product while being environmentally responsible at the same time," adds Stahl.

The Safe 'N Sound door is available in both the Molded Panel Series and Anniversary Collection. Safe 'N Sound is available in passage and bifold doors in 6'8", 7'0" and 8'0" heights; 1'0" through 3'0" passage widths; 2'0", 2'6", 3'0" bifold widths; 1-3/8" DorCor[®] Solid Core construction.

Safe 'N Sound Emerald

The unique construction of the Safe 'N Sound *Emerald* door will afford discerning customers the ability to meet several industry certifications such as the USGBC Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and the NAHB Green Home Building Guidelines.

"One of the most common requests we receive from customers seeking an industry certification is a door that is constructed without any added urea-formaldehyde," says Stahl. "The Safe 'N Sound *Emerald*, constructed with

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wheat-straw based DorCor, and other specific components yields a door that meets the no-added UF requirement.”

In addition to all of the attributes found in the standard Safe ‘N Sound, the Safe ‘N Sound Emerald is constructed with no-added UF and is also Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certified. This potent combination provides architects and other green specifiers a much needed contribution towards the Green Association Certification points required to achieve the certification they are seeking.

The Safe ‘N Sound Emerald door is available in all the same sizes and designs as the standard Safe ‘N Sound door. Additional information and technical data sheets are available for both the Safe ‘N Sound door and the Safe ‘N Sound Emerald door by contacting Masonite at 1-800-663-DOOR.

For more information on the Masonite Safe ‘N Sound, Safe ‘N Sound Emerald or other Masonite doors, individuals may visit <http://www.masonite.com> or call toll-free at 1-800-663-DOOR.

Masonite is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of interior doors and entry door systems. Throughout the company’s 80 year history, Masonite has maintained its focus on leading-edge innovation, manufacturing excellence and superior customer service. Masonite is committed to delivering product and service innovations that will enhance beauty, functionality and architectural design to its customers around the world. Builders, remodelers, architects and homeowners rely on Masonite products to create homes of distinction while at the same time remaining environmentally responsible.

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