

# World of Concrete's Top Products



The 2009 Most Innovative Products (MIP) contest, held in concert with World of Concrete, showcases innovation in the concrete and masonry construction industry. A total of 100 entries in 14 categories were submitted. Each entry was reviewed for their unique attributes and contributions to the concrete industry by the readers of CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, CONCRETE & MASONRY CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS,

MASONRY CONSTRUCTION, and THE CONCRETE PRODUCER; World of Concrete attendees; and a panel of industry experts. Combining the results from text messaging and online ballots as well as expert feedback, the following 20 entries are the 2009 MIP winners relevant to CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION. For more information on the contest, voting, and full details on all the entries, visit [www.mip2009.com](http://www.mip2009.com).

**ATTENDEES' CHOICE**   **EXPERTS' CHOICE**   **EDITOR'S CHOICE**

**CONCRETE MAKING MATERIALS**

**Lightweight Additive**

Elemix concrete additive consists of innovative polymeric spheres specially formulated for use in concrete. Distributed uniformly, it provides lighter weight, improves energy efficiency by decreasing thermal conductivity, and enhances durability in structural and nonstructural applications. Syntheon Inc. 412-490-4789. [www.elemix.com](http://www.elemix.com).



**BUSINESS TOOLS**

**Handheld Cost Code Tracking**

Small enough to fit in the palm of your hand, the Firecracker stores up to 200 cost codes and works with the company's JobClock time and attendance system. Each worker uses a thumbwheel and LCD menu display to select a cost code, then touches the Firecracker to the JobClock located at the jobsite, instantly clocking in for the selected activity. Exaktime. 888-788-8463. [www.exaktime.com](http://www.exaktime.com).



**Comprehensive Reporting Module**

Featuring colorful charts and easy-to-read graphs, Foundation Software's Executive Dashboard allows users to view and analyze high-level data. Users can see on one screen a summary of their latest job cost, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and other data. Foundation Software. 800-246-0800. [www.foundationsoft.com](http://www.foundationsoft.com).



**CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES**

**Composite Beam for Slim Floors**

Compatible with both concrete and steel frames, the Delta-beam customized composite steel beam permits slimmer floors to be designed. This optimizes vertical space, allowing designers to fit more floors than other systems for the same building height. Peikko Canada. 888-734-5561. [www.peikkousa.com](http://www.peikkousa.com).



**Dual Technology Waterstop**

Bentoject combines two technologies—a hydrophilic waterstop and a grout injection tube—in a single product that stops water intrusion through cold joints in belowgrade concrete structures. A reinforced spiral steel wire prevents tube collapse during concrete placement. DeNeef Construction Chemicals. 800-732-0166. [www.deneef.com](http://www.deneef.com).

**Insulated Balcony Connection**

This pre-assembled insulated balcony connection eliminates thermal transfer between a concrete balcony and the internal floor slab while safely transferring balcony loads to the structure. Halfen Group. 011-49-2173-970-831. [www.halfen.com](http://www.halfen.com).



**DECORATIVE**

**Cementitious Cabinet Resurfacing**

Cabinet Crete is a high-strength cementitious kitchen cabinet resurfacing system that offers the look of marble, granite, bronze, or copper. Something Better Co. 800-324-1719. [www.betterpaths.com](http://www.betterpaths.com).



**Photo-Engraved Formliners**

Almost any image in standard graphic format can be turned into one, or a series, of formliners for cast-in-place or precast concrete. The photo-engraving process uses a computer-based method



and a special CNC milling machine for transferring the image to the elastic formliner. Nawkaw Corp./Reckli. 800-905-2692. [www.nawkaw.com](http://www.nawkaw.com).

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