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New decking material removes waste from bio-chain

A British company, Extrudawood International plc, has unveiled a new decking product made from synthetic wood produced by recycling –styrene waste. The new product, named Ezedeck, which looks and feels uncannily like wood but has none of its disadvantages, has successfully proven itself for the last two years under test in the UK and in a range of climates in North America.

Developed over the past nine years by the family owned firm, Ezedeck is manufactured from reclaimed polystyrene waste. The reclaimed waste is first reduced to a compound polymer and then converted in to decking components via a proprietary process that produces the synthetic wood. The result is a product that has the look and feel of hardwood and can be worked in the same way, but is impervious to insect attack and does not rot, splinter, warp or need preservatives or decorative finishes.

“We have developed a way of manufacturing finished profiles for deck boards, balustrades, posts and caps from the reclaimed waste”, said Geoff House, managing director of Extrudawood International. “We have also engineered Ezedeck in to an easy to assemble decking system that means you can build a professional looking deck with minimal woodworking knowledge. And if you’d rather sit in a deck-chair and watch someone else build your deck, we are in the processing of selecting and approving local deck design and installation companies”.

“We have the ability to formulate an almost infinite range of colours and graining effects and we have engineered the product so that it has greater tensile strength and impact resistance than wood. We can include flame-retardants to increase fire resistance and have designed in UV protection so that the colour does not fade even after long exposure to the elements”.



“The result is a material that does not require painting, staining, varnishing ... in fact any kind of covering. The only maintenance it needs is a quick wipe over with soapy water,” continued Geoff.

“Not only does Ezedeck remove waste from the bio-chain, it also eliminates a lot of the energy and pollution used to convert lumber in to finished products, reduces the need for logging and does not need the use of preservative chemicals which are themselves hazardous to the environment.”

Extrudawood will be launching Ezedeck at the Ideal Home Show at Earls Court during March and early April 2003.

Notes to editor

Media packs that comprehensively cover the product, application and environmental issues in this news release are available along with a wide range of photography and product samples.

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