

## PRODUCT FILE



### Stop the rot

Pretty much every single piece of lumber or wood product you use on a job has to be cut at some point. But each cut made to pre-primed lumber and siding provides an opening for water penetration that could eventually lead to rot and decay – and threaten your warranty.

To deal with this problem, Ze-Vo Products Group has introduced EndCuts, a 100 per cent acrylic coating that comes in a pocketsize, four-ounce container with a leak-proof sponge applicator. Simply wipe the cut end with the sponge applicator to seal out moisture and protect the wood. EndCuts is recommended for both interior and exterior use and can be custom tinted for specific siding and trim programs. The product can also be used on PVC and composite materials to “touch up” exposed areas in the field.

EndCuts is one of a family of environmentally friendly products developed by Ze-Vo for the construction trade and home improvement markets. It uses either trace amounts or zero volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

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### Lock it up

Your tool security is only as good as the lock on your toolbox, so it pays to invest in a quality locking device. Stanley, a leading name in lock technology, has introduced a new line of Security 24/7 professional grade security locks that are designed to handle the toughest jobsite conditions.



held this promise, but these days quality footage can be shot, edited and distributed at low-cost or even free by anyone with a video camera.

You don't need a fancy camera to get into the video game either, though it does need to be digital-friendly. I mean that the camera must be able to record images that can be loaded into any modern computer for editing and copying onto DVDs or the Internet. There are cameras now that record directly on to DVDs and cameras that record digitally on to small tape

decks. Both will download easily to your computer. The pocket-sized Sony DCR-HC62 that I use when I'm up on a ladder or visiting jobsites costs less than \$400, fits inside any large coat pocket and generates surprisingly good footage. When I want better results, I reach for my old Sony TRV-950. It's got what they call a 'three-CCD chip'. Don't get up-tight about the jargon; all it means is that cameras with this feature yield better colour than models with a single CCD chip.

Once you've got raw footage, plug the

## FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET

**I DON'T OWN SHARES** in Apple Computer, but I'm a big fan of what Macintosh computers can do to boost any contractor's business. If you're serious about using digital media to vault your business to the next level, you'll find this computing platform infinitely easier to learn, staggeringly more productive and much better able to amaze clients than anything that runs only on a Windows operating system. I've used both types and there's no comparison. The one downside of using Mac exclusively is that there are still a number of information products produced online by some suppliers and manufacturers in the industry that are not formatted for Macs.