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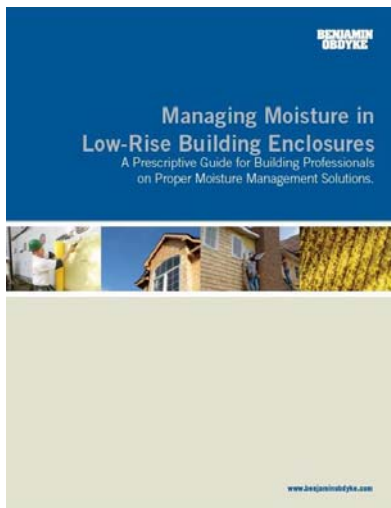
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**WHITE PAPER ON MOISTURE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS
FOR LOW-RISE CONSTRUCTION AVAILABLE FROM BENJAMIN OBDYKE**

The White Paper – available on the company’s website – defines the range of products available for moisture management, including rainscreen systems, housewraps, and building papers, and provides guidelines for optimum protection options.



HORSHAM, PA — Benjamin Obdyke Inc. has issued a White Paper for building professionals on proper moisture management solutions for low-rise building enclosures. The White Paper can be downloaded from the company website, www.benjaminobdyke.com.

The White Paper gives architects, builders, and contractors the facts on how to control mold and mildew in exterior walls while also increasing the efficiency of the building envelope. It also provides research, charts, and maps that help professionals choose the right product and system for each exterior cladding and climate.

“Product names like housewraps, building paper, water- or weather-resistive barriers, and rainscreens are often used interchangeably,” said Michael Coulton, Benjamin Obdyke’s director of product development. “The fact is that they each can play distinctively different roles according to how they are used. This [White Paper](#), which is prescriptive in nature and devoid of product brand names, will clear up many of the misconceptions and confusion regarding proper moisture management in low-rise construction.”

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The compelling need for moisture management solutions has been driven by a number of developments. These include the need to comply with growing federal requirements, such as the International Residential Code and the International Building Code, which require a means of draining water that enters a building assembly to the exterior. In Canada, the National Building Code now requires the use of "...a drained and vented air space not less than 10 mm deep behind the cladding over the full height of the wall..." in areas that exceed a certain annual rainfall threshold.

Other concerns to building professionals include the need to preserve the life of the exterior cladding, manage moisture infiltration, and avert the potential for callbacks, remediation and/or litigation costs when moisture management is handled improperly.

"The independent research collected by Benjamin Obdyke helps bring clarity to the water-resistive barrier and rainscreen system category," said Coulton. "The paper provides the basic guidelines to assist in determining when, where, and how to make the best selection for each application."

For more information on the White Paper entitled "Managing Moisture in Low-Rise Building Enclosures," or Home Slicker[®], the company's family of vertically channeled rainscreen products, go to www.benjaminobdyke.com, contact a local Benjamin Obdyke dealer, or call Customer Service at 800-346-7655. A link to the White Paper is found in the "Education, Tools and Training" section of the homepage.

About Benjamin Obdyke Incorporated

Since 1868, Benjamin Obdyke has been helping architects, builders, and contractors in the United States and Canada Build Better[™] by developing and adding new advances to its product line. Benjamin Obdyke develops, sources, markets, and sells proprietary roof and wall products that improve the building envelope and the performance of other building materials for the residential new construction, repair, and remodel markets. Innovations from Benjamin Obdyke, such as the first roofing ridge vent on a roll, the first wood roofing underlayment, and the first rolled product to provide drainage and air flow in rainscreen wall assemblies, have helped shape today's building practices. Headquartered in Horsham, PA, USA, Benjamin Obdyke partners with a network of distributors, dealers, buying groups, and cooperatives to reach building professionals in the United States and Canada.

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