

Ventilation ease effects of formaldehyde

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I've been hearing a lot about the dangers of formaldehyde pollution in the air inside my home. What is the source of this pollution and what can be done about it?

Formaldehyde is a resin used in home products such as hardwood plywood used in wall paneling, particle board used in underlayment and medium-density fiberboard used in furniture, countertops and cabinets. People sensitive to the formal-

dehyde emitted by these kinds of material experience burning eyes and irritation of the mucous membranes. It is also a probable cause of cancer in humans.

Formaldehyde risk from conventional housing using conventional construction techniques is minimal.

Many builders have shifted away from particle board in favor of exterior grade plywood which contains a different resin. And the National Particle Board Association and the Hardwood Plywood Manufacturers Association have developed voluntary standards to reduce the substance in their products.

The amount of formaldehyde released depends on the surface area containing formaldehyde and the volume of the house. Smaller houses and mobile homes, which contain a lot of these boards, have a likelihood of higher emission rates. Formal-

dehyde emission rates do lessen over time.

This, coupled with the fact that many products adhere to some guidelines, means even recently built houses should not have a problem.

But if someone in your family is sensitive, you can ventilate the area and paint the surface of the formaldehyde-containing product with any paint that acts as a vapor retarder. This is especially important in the case of medium-density fiber board. This product is the highest emitter of formaldehyde and is not governed by voluntary standards.

We have a faucet that squeals when it is turned on partially. The squeal stops when the faucet is turned past a critical point. What causes the squeal and what can I do to eliminate it?

A squealing faucet is usually the

result of a worn washer. When the stem is turned out (as happens when you turn on the water) and the clearance between the frayed washer and the valve seat reaches a certain distance, the washer will vibrate and squeal like a reed in a wind instrument. As the valve is opened more, the space becomes greater and the reed effect — and noise — ceases. Simply replace the washer.

I have a large concrete driveway that's about 30 years old. Part of it is in fair condition and could be patched and resurfaced. Would it be worth it to backlop it, or should I replace it with concrete?

Broken concrete driveways can be surfaced with a topping of asphalt using the concrete as a base as long as it is solid. Remove any broken and loose concrete, then compact the base and patch the holes with con-

crete to the level of the existing surface.

The feasibility of this type of patching will depend on the number of patches and their size.

(For further information on all home problems, write to Popular Mechanics, Readers Service Bureau, 224 West 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019.)

Home sales

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THE REALTORS said the February pace was the slowest in seven months.

Many analysts had expected sales to surge with the unusually warm weather in January and February following the fourth coldest December on record.

But Obrinsky said the median time to find a house is about seven weeks "so that some that sat on the sidelines in December" may still be looking but haven't found their house yet.

"It's possible we could see some further increases in March and April," he said.

Sales were up 21.3 percent to 256,000 units at an annual rate in the South, more than rebounding from a 16.3 percent decline in January. But sales fell elsewhere in the nation. They were down 6.4 percent to 88,000 units in the Midwest.

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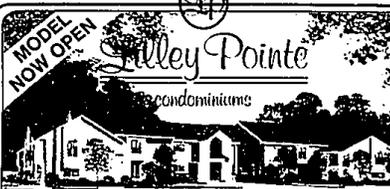
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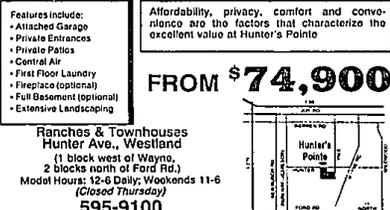
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