

LETTERS

Code for Porch Enclosures

I am a code professional and these things jump out at me. In your January/February 2009 issue, the porch enclosure article on page 45 raises several code issues.

1. Does the glass and frame comply with IRC Section R613?
2. Does the glass comply with the safety glazing requirements of IRC Section R308?
3. Does the enclosed porch now comply with the wall wind bracing requirements of IRC Section R602.10?

If not done per the minimum code requirements, the builder carries a heavy liability.

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At the End of the Day

I received the January/February edition of *Professional Deck Builder* this Saturday. Thank you for choosing the deck we built to put on your *Day's End* page. We work hard to put out a great product and having our work featured in your magazine is a great reward.

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HEARD ON THE FORUMS

Essential Deck Tools

Posted by: Steve

I was just wondering what tools you rely on every day for deck building? Here are some of mine:

- 10-inch Makita sliding compound miter saw with a Forrest Chopmaster blade
- Makita 14.4-volt impact driver
- Board Boss and BoWrench
- #8 Smart-Bit (for countersinking Headcote trim screws)

Posted by: Bob Bulick

I use a Makita 10 CMS, a portable table saw, and lean heavily on my 18-volt Makita impact driver. A lot of my cuts are done using a Porter Cable Saw Boss and a sturdy set of knee pads.

Posted by: ctdecks

We like to keep it light. No chop saw, smaller Makita 10-amp circ saws with 40-tooth fresh blades, 18-volt impact drivers, trim routers, no air nailers.

Posted by: nycreativecarpentry

The usual is a miter-stand setup, table saw for custom trim, assortment of nailers both air and cordless. Most important to me is the 1/2-inch router with an assortment of shaped bits: ogee, cove, bead, etc. The owners are fascinated and love the final details on the railings and posts. It goes fast and really makes the work stand out.

Posted by: Bobby Parks

In my earlier days I framed, sided, corniced, and trimmed houses working out of the back of a Triumph TR-6 sports car. I only needed a circular saw, an old Makita miter saw, a framing square, a 4-foot level, and an extension cord to build any house. Now to build decks, you end up needing \$10k to \$15k worth of tools.

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