



## The future's bright with launch of C/S Sunshades

Architectural specialty product supplier, Construction Specialties, has recently cast a ray of sunlight on the Australian commercial building community with the introduction of a product range that embraces energy efficiency and premier aesthetic design to win the war against the elements.

Fighting wind, rain, heat and glare, Construction Specialties' range of sun controls and louvers not only look great on buildings, but also are a testament to functionality, using cutting edge materials and applying streamlined, environmentally conscious design.

Introduced in Australia for the first time in late 2007, already the products have been chosen to adorn some of the country's more impressive buildings such as the National Art Gallery and the Australian National University.

Bill Maloukis, Construction Specialties' General Manager for Australia and New Zealand, sees the launch of this product range as a major step forward for the Australian building industry.

"There is no doubt these products are a cut above what we've seen before in Australia," Mr Maloukis said.

"The sunshades significantly reduce solar heat gain and glare in interior spaces, while helping to achieve appreciable reductions in energy consumption and increase worker productivity."

"Our louvers, which specialise in water and sound resistance, are at the forefront of design and produce results up to twenty times more effective than conventional louvers," Mr Maloukis said.

Construction Specialties has operated in Australia for 30 years and has over 60 years of experience internationally as a market leader supplying premier specialty products and solutions that grace the most notable buildings across the globe.

The range of products in Australia quickly expands as more and more building industry specialists are embracing the practicality, cost efficiency, style and green ethos of Construction Specialties' products.

Other products include:

**C/S Acrovyn®** - the ultimate in wall protection. Construction Specialties Acrovyn has become synonymous with wall protection by reducing wall damage and maintenance costs in thousands of buildings worldwide.

Acrovyn offers the industry's most complete line of wall protection with hundreds of options for every project and every building type. These include corner guards, bumper guards, crash rails, door protection, doorframe protection and wall coverings.

Combining sophisticated shape, functionality and technology, the new and exciting profiles use the versatility of acrylics, the warmth of timber, and the strength of stainless steel.

Yet when it comes to colour, pattern and finish options, no manufacturer has a broader selection to meet the design of any interior environment.



In Australia, Construction Specialties Acrovyn has been featured heavily in hospitals. These include the Alfred and Austin Hospitals in Melbourne, the Fairfield and Concord in Sydney, the Prince Charles in Brisbane and the Royal Hobart Hospital.

**C/S Pedisystems® flooring systems** – durable commercial entrance protection mats. The entrance flooring mats are ideal for high traffic applications such as retail and office entrances and provide an elegant solution that will reduce the cost of damage to interior floor surfaces.

There are three products in the range. Pedimat® and Pediluxe® can be rolled back to enable cleaning of the recess. Pedigrid® is a rigid mat system that can be used where water collects in the recess.

Research shows that 95% of appearance problems on textile floor coverings are caused by tracked in dirt. The abrasive effect of grit brought in by as few as 1500 people can remove 42% of the floor finish on hard floors leaving an uninspiring impression to newly entered customers.

The key is to prevent the ingress of soil by the effective use of entrance flooring systems. Pedisystems will remove and retain soil and moisture, can be cleaned easily, and are hard wearing. All Pedisystems mats also have exceptional load bearing capability and feature a range of hard-wearing tread inserts in a range of colours. Pedisystems are also the only products with extremely hard-wearing nylon carpet tread that include fibre filaments to keep the pile from being flattened out.

C/S Pedisystems have been incorporated into major projects right across the country including Aldi Supermarkets throughout Australia; Taronga Zoo, Sydney; Audi Showroom Five Dock, Sydney; University of NSW; Department of Corrective Services NSW; and the Caroline Springs Library, Melbourne.

**C/S Expansion Joints** – high performance expansion joints which have been developed over the 35 years of pioneering work in the field. Construction Specialties Expansion Joints can be found on many of the world's most prestigious projects.

Products include:

- Architectural Expansion Joints: Architects can select from hundreds of standard and custom expansion joint systems.
- Car Park and Stadium Expansion Joints: All Construction Specialties car park expansion joints are designed to eliminate the problems associated with old style systems. Products include the exclusive Zip Block™ seal that installs in half the time of elastomeric seals and minimizes water penetration, as well as the seismic metal expansion joints designed to stand up under continual dynamic wheel loads.
- Expansion Joints for Fire Barriers: The chimney effect caused by fire at traditional unprotected expansion joints can actually advance the fire spread. For this reason, Construction Specialties has developed three fire barrier systems designed to be used with any of our expansion joints. All systems have been tested at Underwriters Laboratories and are UL® Classified and labelled.

For more information about Construction Specialties visit [www.c-sgroup.com](http://www.c-sgroup.com) or call Construction Specialties Project Manager, Lawrence Issa on (02) 8543-4001.



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**NOTES TO THE EDITOR**

**Background on Construction Specialties**

- Established in 1948 in the USA
- 60 years providing architects and designers with solutions to the most complex building problems
- Has registered over 75 patents worldwide, creating products with a commitment to make buildings better
- Construction Specialties has a solid record of successfully completing monumental projects almost everywhere in the world. No other architectural products organisation has provided such unique products, services and customized solutions across such a full spectrum of building types.
- With 22 offices worldwide, Construction Specialties can sell, manufacture, and service a product at a consistent quality and standard worldwide.
- The Australian division was established in 1978.
- In 2008 Construction Specialties worked on 50 major construction projects and over 250 medium-sized building projects in Australia.
- Bill Maloukis was appointed in late 2008 as the General Manager for Australia and New Zealand. With a career path spanning over twenty one years, Mr Maloukis is an accomplished executive in the building products industry. His experience covers senior roles in sales, marketing and project management with companies such as CSR, Boral and GWA (Caromadorf).