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CEILUME DROP-OUT CEILING PANELS WIN PRODUCT INNOVATION AWARD

GRATON, CALIFORNIA – Ceilume has received a 2014 Product Innovation Award (PIA'14) for improvements to the company's drop-out ceiling panels. The annual award is given to building product manufacturers that "are committed to, and are working arduously toward, delivering more sustainable products, as well as products that deliver better performance, life and affordability," according to Jim Crockett, Editorial Director of Architectural Products Magazine, the award's sponsor. Ed Davis, president of Ceilume, adds, "the award recognizes Ceilume's commitment to continuous product improvement."

Davis explains that "Ceilume drop-out panels are the first architectural-quality ceiling product to be approved for installation beneath fire sprinklers. They are made from thin thermoformed material that softens when exposed to heat from a fire, sags, and then drops out of a standard ceiling grid at temperatures well below that required to activate sprinklers. Sprinklers can then operate unimpeded to extinguish the fire."

He continues, "Drop-out panels conceal sprinklers so ceilings look better and sprinklers are protected against accidental damage and tampering. They also reduce the cost of sprinkler installation and make construction more affordable."

Ceilume's products have been used for decades and are installed in thousands of homes and small commercial buildings. Recent product improvements and new building code approvals now make them practical in architectural projects of all types and sizes. Ceilume products are now approved or listed by IAPMO Uniform Evaluation Service (IAPMO-UES), Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Factory Mutual (FM), and other building code authorities.

In addition to fire safety, Ceilume panels are not affected by moisture, have smooth fiber-free surfaces, do not support mold, and can be washed; this makes them ideal for food preparation, health care, and other facilities requiring hygienic conditions. Styles range from historic patterns and classic coffers to contemporary geometric and faceted panels. Over 40 styles are available with a choice of colors, faux metallic and wood grain finishes, and translucent materials for light-transmitting ceilings.

For sustainability, the products offer good acoustical properties, are fully recyclable, and are Greenguard Gold Certified for indoor air quality. Davis summarizes, "Ceilume panels provide beautiful and practical solutions where other types of ceiling products cannot be used."



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The company will be exhibiting at the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) International Builders' Show in Las Vegas, January 20-22, 2015.

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ABOUT CEILUME

Ceilume is the leading producer of thermoformed ceiling tiles and panels for residential, commercial, and architectural building and remodeling. Ceilume's ceiling tiles have been used around the world for more than 50 years, but have grown in popularity recently due to the demand for eco-friendly products that are both decorative and functional. Committed to sustainability, Ceilume salvaged and restored an abandoned apple processing plant for its manufacturing facility, recycles 100% of its scrap, sources raw materials from responsible corporate partners, and invests in continuous improvement of its operations. Tastes and styles have changed over the decades, and the family-owned Ceilume has evolved with times, but it remains committed to offering great products, providing legendary customer service, and supporting its local community.

ABOUT THE PRODUCT INNOVATION AWARDS

The Product Innovation Awards (PIA) determine and honor innovation in the development and refinement of building-related products. It is sponsored by Architectural Products magazine and judged by a group of 50 independent industry professionals.

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