



Press Release

StyTek Marks Second Successful Year

Manufacturer of EPS Insulation for Exterior One-coat Stucco Applications Sees Another Tremendous Year of Growth

This year, StyTek, Inc., a Sacramento-based manufacturer of expanded polystyrene (EPS) insulation panels for the stucco home construction and light commercial market, is celebrating its second year in operation.

The company was founded in 2017 by Founder and President Dave Dahlin, a well-respected expert on stucco restoration and water intrusion with nearly 40 years of experience in the construction and restoration market. Prior to founding StyTek, Dave was the Founder and President of West Coast Restoration, where he worked directly with builders and homeowners experiencing stucco water intrusion and costly warranty repairs. In home after home, he saw firsthand how water penetrated behind the foam insulation to rest against the water resistive barrier (WRB), causing it to fail. This failure creates a chain reaction that expands the wooden sheathing behind the insulation causing it to rot, increasing water intrusion and eventually causing mold issues that can trigger serious health issues for homeowners and their families.

“In the restoration business, I saw too many homes with similar water intrusion issues. Regardless of the reason, whether it’s an improperly galvanized nail, a crack in the stucco or some other damage, once water gets into the system it just destroys it from the inside out.” Dave said. “What I saw time after time was that the standard stucco insulation commonly used in most applications exacerbated this problem, trapping the moisture directly against the WRB with very limited ways for moisture to escape.”

To combat this systemic issue in the stucco industry, Dave founded StyTek, a firm dedicated to manufacturing the next generation of stucco insulation. StyTek’s flagship product, DripWave, is designed to solve one of the most important problems in the stucco industry. Unlike standard one-coat stucco EPS insulation, the house side of DripWave stucco insulation has undulating waves that dramatically reduce direct contact between the foam and the WRB. These waves create long air chambers which allow moisture to accumulate on the foam without contacting the WRB. In addition, the vertical channels provide an avenue for moisture to drain away through the specially designed DripWave weep screed at the bottom of the system.

“We designed the DripWave insulation panels and DripWave weep screed to work together seamlessly to provide an ideal pathway for water to exit and air to enter the system. When properly installed, the DripWave system dramatically reduces the chance of mold and rot when compared to conventional stucco insulation systems.”

Since its founding StyTek has seen tremendous success with its DripWave product, attracting leading home builders and stucco contractors, including D.R. Horton, Toll Brothers, KB Home, Century Communities, LGI Homes, Lennar, FCB Homes, Woodside Homes, Grupe, Anthem United, Homes by Towne, Richmond American Homes, Trademark Plastering, Cen-Cal Plastering, Nor Cal Plastering, Central Valley Lath & Plaster, and more.

StyTek products can be purchased at a growing list of distributors, including Sacramento Stucco Company, Trimm's Building Materials and Vista Builders Supply. The company is actively soliciting additional distributors throughout the United States.

When asked about the future of StyTek, Dahlin said, "We are currently in the process of ramping up production to handle increased demand for this product nationwide. Those home builders who have begun using DripWave have immediately seen the benefits of the unique system design and are enthusiastic about the reduction in warranty risk. We're looking forward to rolling out our product to distributors throughout the United States."

StyTek, Inc. is a Sacramento-based manufacturer of expanded polystyrene (EPS) panels for use in stucco construction. StyTek's products provide the stucco industry with a dramatically better way to insulate homes. Its flagship product, DripWave, is designed to dramatically reduce the chance of mold and rot by increasing air space behind insulation while providing direct channels for moisture to exit the system. For more information, see www.stytek.com.