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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE



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will serve as deputy chief of staff and assume organizational oversight, while continuing her work in member recruitment and retention and her ongoing management of the Industrial Supply Division.

Speakman Co. announced that Tom Stoddard, age 86, has retired after 80 years of working for the company but will continue to serve on its board.

Elkay Manufacturing Co.'s Walter E. Reilly, corporate vice president and chief human resources officer, planned to retire from Elkay in March 2008. Reilly's role at Elkay included activities such as labor and employee relations, organization and leadership development and employee health and wellness.

Sonia has recruited David Crossley as Southwestern regional sales manager. Crossley has worked for both Pyltich and Duravit.

The Plumbing Manufacturers Institute (PMI) named John Hasemann operations director. For the past 10 years, Hasemann worked at the American Hardware Manufacturers Association.

Air Purchases Inc. (Burlington, MA), a wholesale distributor of Trane and other HVAC product lines, has appointed Ray Klinger, formerly of The Trane Co., as territory manager covering New Hampshire and Vermont.

UTILITY hired Jack Feldholm as national sales manager. He previously served as the regional director of sales for Bearings Ltd.

Peerless Pump Co. appointed Mike Cates as vice president of operations and Dr. Andrew Warrington as vice president of international business development. Bob Langton was promoted to director, North American sales. Peerless was acquired by the Grundfos Group in December 2007.

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> INDUSTRY NEWS ...

Peerless Pump Co. has acquired Flometrico of Burlington, Ontario.

Elkay Plumbing Products Division completed the sale of its Elkay Canada Ltd. operations to Novanni Stainless Inc., a newly formed company owned by Oakville Stamping and Bending Ltd. and Supreme Metal Products Inc.

First Supply (Madison, WI) recently rewarded nearly 500 customers, vendors and employees with a two-week trip to Honolulu, HI, as part of its 2007 World of Opportunity program.

The **Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors - National Association** (PHCC) will hold a National Plumbing Industry Week rally May 1, 2008, in Washington, D.C. as part of its 125th anniversary. Officials from the American Supply Association and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials are expected to attend.

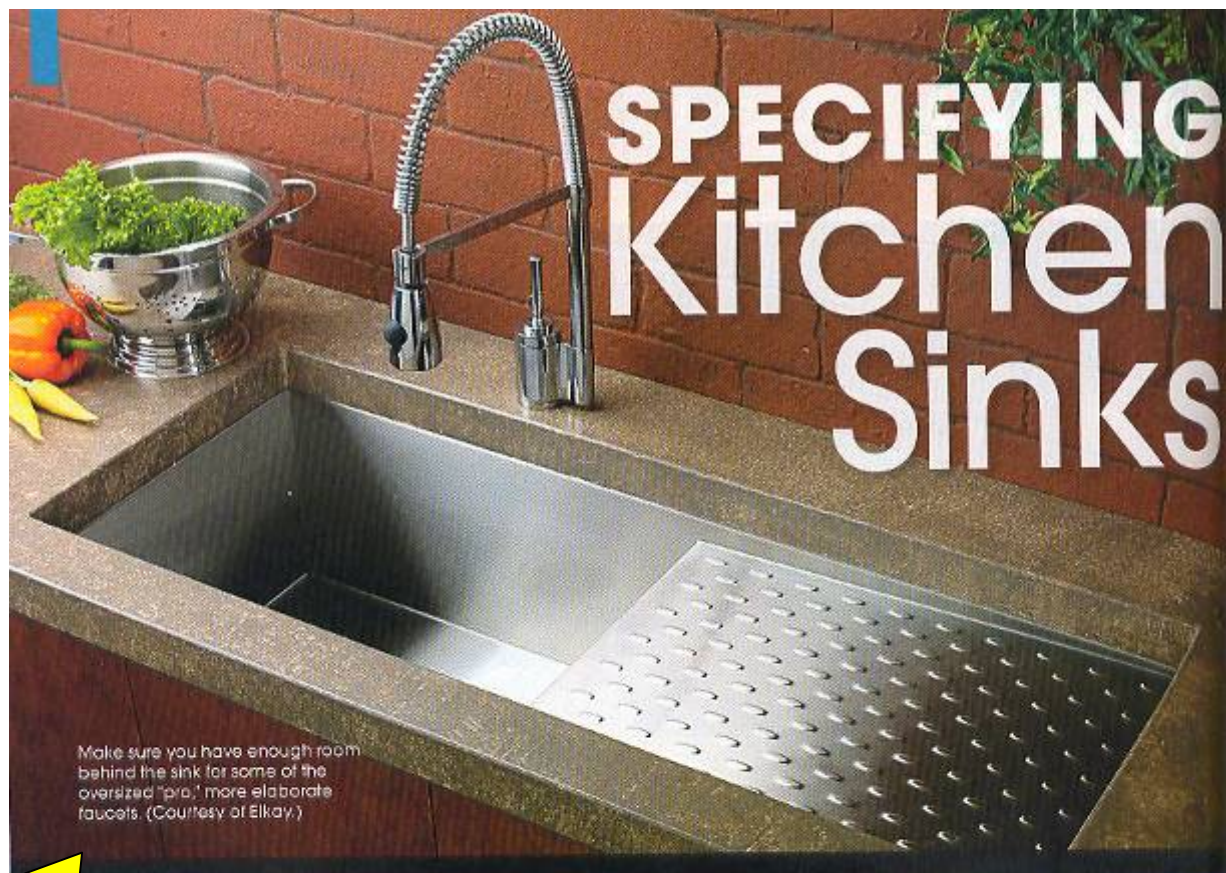
Masco Corp. President and CEO Timothy Wadhams and Executive Vice President and COO Donald DeMarie

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Make sure you have enough room behind the sink for some of the oversized "pro," more elaborate faucets. (Courtesy of Elkay.)

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National Kitchen & Bath Association

In partnership with the National Kitchen & Bath Association, Supply House Times continues its year-long kitchen and bath educational series with an overview of considerations for specifying kitchen sinks. This article is excerpted from *Kitchen & Bath Products*, one of nine books in the NKBA's *Professional Resource Library*, and offers a checklist of planning tips from experienced kitchen designers, beginning with an overview of common sink sizes, types and configurations.

In small kitchens (less than 150 square feet in size), it is not uncommon to have one single-bowl sink specified. Single sinks can range from 24 inches to 30 inches wide. Generally, this sink is 24 inches x 22 inches in size. It can fit in a 27-inch wide cabinet. Listed below are other types of sinks:

Double Sinks

Double, varying depth double, or triple-bowl sinks are more often specified in kitchens larger than 150 square feet.

Special Purpose Sinks

Second sinks in kitchens are often single sinks. Round or other shaped configurations are popular today. Several manufacturers offer elongated "ribbon" shaped specialty sinks.

Apron Panel Sinks

Specially designed sinks featuring an exposed or decorative front apron are available in double and single configurations.

Sink/Counter-Section Combinations

A sink "center" rather than a plain sink is also available in corner configurations.



A sink with one large compartment and one small compartment gives you the largest sink for everyday use, and then a smaller — yet usable — compartment for other uses. (Courtesy of DuPont Surfaces.)

and in 36-inch to 60-inch sink/counter combinations. Built-in front towel bars, adjacent drain boards or customized-raised compartmentalized storage areas behind the faucet are available.

ACCESSORIES

A variety of sink accessories are also available.

- Plastic-covered wire or stainless steel baskets are useful for washing and peeling fresh vegetables. They take the place of a colander.
- Plate racks that fit inside the sink.
- Wire racks.

• Specialized chopping surfaces that completely or partially cover the sink are also available.

These accessories may match the sink color, contrast with the sink color, or be a combination of the sink's color and stainless steel. They enhance the sink's function, as well as its appearance. Do not overlook them.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Bowl Arrangement

Unless your client is going to wash and rinse dishes in a double sink configuration, demonstrate how a sink with one large compartment and one small compartment functions. This configuration gives you the largest sink for everyday use, and then a smaller — yet usable — compartment for other uses.

A sink with an attached drain board is an excellent accessory for food preparation.

Corner Sinks

When placing a sink in a corner, do not push it back more than 2 inches or 3 inches away from the front edge of the countertop. That is the normal installation location and it should be maintained (even in a custom design) so the client has comfortable access to the water source.

Damage

Make sure your client realizes that cast iron, self-rimming sinks are susceptible to damaged edges or to warpage. This is particularly a problem with larger sinks. Make sure you inspect the sink before it goes to the jobsite. Look for chips along the lead edge. The client must accept the possibility of a wide caulking joint connecting the sink to the countertop for large sink configurations. If this will not be acceptable, specify another type of sink. With these self-rimming sinks, also make sure you specify caulking that will either match the countertop or the sink so the joint compound does not become a focal point in the sink area.

Depth

The deeper the sink, the straighter the sides of the sink. The tighter the angle where the sink side and bottom meet, and the flatter the sink bottom, the bigger the interior space is.

Drain Boards

A sink with an attached drain board is an excellent accessory to specify for a client who does a lot of fresh food preparation.

Food Waste Disposer Compartment

Some sink configurations are a single size (24 inches x 21 inches), but have a small, round compartment for the food waste disposer in one back corner.

Because the compartment for the food waste disposer is almost too small to use, this is not the most desirable sink configuration.

Holes

Make sure you know how many holes are on the back ledge of the sink and how many holes you need for the faucet and water attachments. If a hot water dispenser, a faucet, a dishwasher air gap, other dispensers and/or water treatment spouts are planned, you may run out of pre-drilled holes. Typically, cast iron sinks have four holes. A fifth hole can be drilled, but it is expensive and the sink may be damaged. Adding extra holes is much easier in a stainless steel sink. In solid surface sinks, the holes are drilled in the countertop deck so the number and placement is flexible.

Overall Size

When specifying a solid surface integral sink, verify what the actual overall dimensions of the sink are. The sink literature may list the interior dimension of the sink, not the overall dimension. This overall dimension will determine your spacing in a standard side-by-side double configuration. You may find it necessary to increase the cabinet size if you are planning to create a "butterfly" corner arrangement with such sinks.

Recycle Center

Some sinks on the market have an opening within the sink that allows access to a chute for a compost container or a waste receptacle below.

Round Shapes

If you are going to specify two round sinks as the primary sink arrangement, make sure your client understands the interior space of these sinks is less

HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE PROS ON SPECIFYING FITTINGS

- **Positioning the Sink Holes.** Locate faucet holes along the ledge of an under-mounted sink carefully: they need to clear the sink rim edge. For top-mounted sinks, lay out the hole drilling carefully, with the faucet on-site. Check hole spacing if using a two-handle faucet to ensure clearance.
- **Overall Depth of Countertops.** Make sure you have enough room behind the sink for some of the oversized "pro," more elaborate faucets. Faucets with controls behind the spout are particularly problematic, and might be better placed diagonally to the side of the sink.
- **Extra Thick Countertops.** Special planning may be needed for oversized, thick countertops: the shank length of the faucet needs to accommodate the counter thickness.
- **Oversized Sinks.** If the faucet does not have a pull-down spray or a side spray, verify that the spout swivel has a wide enough arc to reach all the sink bowls. Two-handle faucets — including bridge-style faucets — may not work with some double bowl sinks.

than a comparable square model. Also, realize these sinks require deck-mounted faucet locations; therefore, you must specify the faucet location on your plan.

Small Sinks

Avoid small, 12-inch x 12-inch sinks. They have a drain that does not accept a food waste disposer, and are so small there will be a water-splash problem when the cook uses the sink for food preparation.

Strainer

If you are not ordering a food waste disposer to be mounted on the sink, make sure you order a good quality strainer.

Under-mounted Sinks

If you use separate under-mounted sinks in place of a sink manufactured in a double configuration, warn your client that if water is running and the faucet is swung from one sink to the other, water will splash on the countertop. Consider routing down the countertop section that separates the two sinks, or recessing the entire configuration into the counter surfaces 1/4 inch or so in order to eliminate the potential for water to run across the countertop and down to the floor as the spout is moved from sink to sink while water is running. ☐

This article is excerpted from **Kitchen & Bath Products**, one of the nine books in the NKBA's **Professional Resource Library**. Written by recognized industry experts and thoroughly reviewed by top technical editors and peers, the volumes cover design, products, residential construction, mechanical systems, business practices, drawing, project management and more. They are available only through the Association at www.nkba.org or call (800) THE-NKBA.



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THE 50 TOP PRODUCTS

Here are the top products featured in editorial coverage in *Supply House Times* from each of the last five years. They were picked based on the number of reader inquiries received after their publication. We have limited each manufacturer to one appearance on this list.

ELKAY

Elkay has a new collection of lavatory sinks designed for children's bathrooms. They are fabricated from solid-surface composite material and available in seven vivid colors and six designs, including tulips, fish, butterflies and hearts.

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