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Smart Vent Partners with Construction Specifications Institute to Establish Category for Openings, Vents and Foundation Flood Vents

Harry Alexander, sales representative with Smart Vent®, initiated the proposal with the CSI because he recognized the increased visibility that foundation flood vents have seen with FEMA and the NFIP requiring code compliant flood vents for buildings in flood plains. There has been a demand for the specification by architects who design structures in a flood plain. The newly created specification is 08 95 43.

"With the establishment of the Flood Vent specification by CSI, the SMART VENT® Foundation Flood Vent gains credence within the building community. The guesswork has been taken out of trying to spec an opening in projects. With flood vents now recognized by the CSI, the process is simplified and the availability of the category makes it easy for specification writers to ensure their floodplain projects are code compliant" states Alexander.

CSI is a national association dedicated to creating standards and formats to improve construction documents and project delivery. The organization is unique in the industry in that its members are a cross section of specification writers, architects, engineers, contractors and building materials suppliers. CSI is renowned in the industry for its rigorous certification programs for professionals seeking to improve their knowledge of accurate and concise construction documents. For more information, visit www.csinet.org.

All SMART VENT® products are certified engineered openings providing an automatic entry and exit of floodwaters that release hydrostatic pressure yielded upon foundations during flooding. The indestructible vents have two patented floats that automatically release with rising water and open the bi-directional flood door rotating it out of the path of flood water, providing the required 3" diameter of completely unobstructed open area for flood water to enter and exit.

Because SMART VENTS® are code compliant, FEMA accepted and ICC-ES Evaluated, homeowners across the country will realize huge savings on their NFIP insurance premiums after installing Smart Vents®. Smart Vents® not only bring their homes into compliance, but provide substantial savings.

Additionally, CSI will launch its "Green" website, www.greenformat.com, which SMART VENT® will also be a part of. Eco-Friendly Smart Vent has always been green. The company focus has been to produce a product that is long lasting, low maintenance, energy-efficient and economical, all elements driving the green building movement in the building industry. Energy-efficient design and energy-efficient construction are the biggest components of being green. The use of materials, products, design considerations and construction resulting in the production of a healthier, lower maintenance and more energy-efficient home have all been considerations in the manufacturing of the Smart Vent foundation flood vent.

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The newly established CSI category can be viewed at www.masterformat.com, enter "flood vents" in the search window. You can view and download a complete specification directly from the SMART VENT® website at www.smartvent.com/specifications.

For more information on the SMART VENT® foundation flood vent, winner of the prestigious Most Innovative Product Award by attendees of the World of Concrete Show, MVP Award and Top 100 Products honors from Building Products magazine, and most recently featured on ABC's Extreme Makeover:Home Edition, please contact Smart Vent at 877-441-8368 or visit www.smartvent.com

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