

This month's product promotions, company news and more.



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"We deliver drywall but we sell service."

Dick Mueller
Co-Founder of GMS

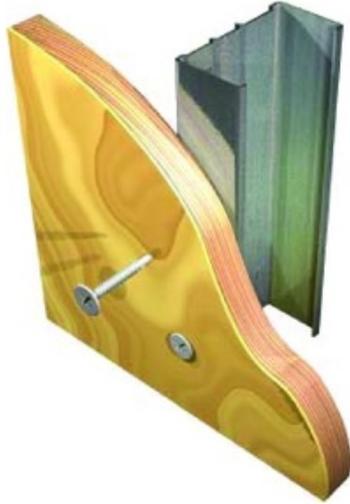
Welcome to the September edition of "**Gator Gypsum News Bytes.**" We're glad to connect with you again!

Product of the Month

GATOR GYPSUM PRODUCT OF THE MONTH September

GRABBER
CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS

#10 x 1 7/16 THIN WAFER HEAD DRILL POINT ZINC SCREW



This screw attaches
3/16-3/4 inch
plywood to
20-12 gauge
metal-Wafer
head provides a
greater bearing surface
than pan or hex drillers.

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES:

Use a standard screwgun with a depth sensitive nose piece. Suggested screwgun specification-4 amps minimum and 0-2500 RPM.

- The wafer head is fully seated when the head is flush with the work surface
- Overdriving may result in fastener failure or strip out the work surface
- The fastener must penetrate beyond the metal three full threads



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For September, we're highlighting Grabber's #10 wafer head drill point zinc screws, ideal for attaching plywood to metal framing. These screws provide a greater bearing surface than pan or hex drillers. Stop by your nearest Gator Gypsum yard and visit with one of our product specialists for assistance in locating the best fasteners for your next job.

[Find a yard.](#)

Hurricane Harvey - How You Can Help

As Floridians, most of us have experienced the destructive force of hurricanes, and many of us have been helped through the generosity of strangers, both in the immediate aftermath of storms and in rebuilding homes and communities.



If you would like to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey, the American Red Cross has set up a

disaster relief fund to assist families who have lost their homes. [You can make a donation to the fund here.](#)

Introducing the Festool PLANEX Drywall Sander

Festool's PLANEX Drywall Sander is an exciting new tool now available at Gator Gypsum.

The PLANEX sander makes fast - and much cleaner - work of drywall sanding. When coupled with Festool's CT 36 AutoClean Dust Extractor, it is a virtually dust-free drywall sanding solution.

The sander's length is easily adjustable to allow access to all areas, and variable suction helps the sander to support its own weight for ceiling and high wall work. An optional support harness provides additional comfort and reduces fatigue when performing overhead work.



The PLANEX sander has many great features:

- Adjustable length allows access to all areas
- Adjustable speed accommodates all surface finishes
- Adjustable suction can be used to help support the weight of the tool
- Speed and suction control conveniently located on handle
- Longer-lasting, lower-cost abrasives reduce operating costs
- Three-year warranty

The Festool PLANEX Drywall Sander can reduce sanding and cleanup time by more than half, making this a tool with the potential to revolutionize drywall finishing. You can [learn more about the PLANEX sander here](#), or visit your nearest Gator Gypsum location for a hands-on look at this great new tool.

Gator Gypsum Welcomes TapeTech with Introductory Offer

GET A 76TT PUMP FREE!



\$385
Value!

WHEN YOU BUY THE FOLLOWING PACKAGE



10" EasyClean®
Finishing Box
#EZ10TT



12" EasyClean®
Finishing Box
#EZ12TT



Filler Adapter
#90T



XTender® Finishing
Box Handle
#88TTE

While Supplies Last



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To welcome TapeTech Professional Drywall Finishing Tools to our inventory, Gator Gypsum is giving away a **FREE TapeTech 76TT Pump** - a **\$385 value** - with the purchase of the following TapeTech tool package:

- 10" EasyClean Finishing Box
- 12" EasyClean Finishing Box
- Filler Adapter
- XTender Finishing Box Handle

For more than three decades TapeTech has been the industry leader for automatic taping and finishing tools. Their unmatched technology and innovation help professional contractors produce superior, consistent results more efficiently than finishing by hand. TapeTech is dedicated to:

- Quality
- Innovation
- Ongoing Support

- Education
- Industry involvement
- Increased Productivity
- Better Finish
- Consistent Results
- Enhanced Safety

If you're not already familiar with the company, this \$385 value is a great introduction to TapeTech Tools. Hurry in to your nearest Gator Gypsum yard, because **this offer is only good while supplies last!** Be sure to check out our [full selection of drywall tools](#) when you visit!

Regional News: Record 60 Million-Plus Tourists Visited Florida in First Half of 2017

In an August 15 press conference at the Florida Aquarium in Tampa, Florida Governor Rick Scott announced that a record-breaking 60.7 million tourists have visited the state in the first half of this year.

The figure represents a 4.1 percent increase over the number of visitors in the first six months of 2016. The numbers include 53.2 million visitors from other U.S. states, 2.2 million Canadian visitors, and 5.3 million visitors from all other countries combined.



Though the overall number of visitors is up, all of the increase resulted from additional domestic visitors. The number of tourists from Canada has declined by 1 percent, while the number of visitors of other nationalities has fallen by 0.4 percent.

The governor stated a goal of surpassing 120 million visitors by the end of the year. This would represent an increase of slightly more than 7 percent over the record 112 million visitors Florida hosted in 2016.

Tourism continues to be one of the primary engines fueling the Florida economy. Visitors spend almost \$109 billion in the state each year, generating over \$11 billion in state and local taxes and supporting 1.4 million jobs.

[Read the full article.](#)

Regional News: Work to Start on Tampa's Water Street Project

Strategic Property Partners LLC, the developer for Tampa's \$3 billion Water Street Project, has announced that the first phase of the 9 million-square-foot project will begin this fall.

SPP has spent the last several years planning the development and acquiring properties in downtown Tampa for the mixed-use waterfront district, which will include office, residential, retail, hospitality, cultural, and public spaces. A 10-year build out for the full development of the project is anticipated.



When completed, the development will house 2.6 million square feet of office space and 1 million square feet of retail, cultural, educational and entertainment space, as well as 3,500 new rental and for-sale residences, and two hotels with more than 650 guestrooms, including the city's first 5-star hotel.

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With seven yard locations across Florida.