

## **BuilderNews July Advertorial**

### **ENDURA SOLVES FRENCH DOOR PROBLEMS WITH THE STAINABLE WOOD CLAD ULTIMATE ASTRAGAL**

Builders and homeowners love the look and feel of natural wood or durable fiberglass French Doors... but hate the potential of water and air leaks that come with them. The newly introduced Wood Clad Ultimate Astragal from Endura Products offers a solution to these problems – with patented performance features – while creating a beautiful look that enhances the door unit.

For years, French Doors have depended upon foam or neoprene pads (boots) on the bottom of the astragal to create a seal with the door sill and door bottom. Problems, which are evidenced by light coming through the bottom of the doors where they meet, occur because these pads typically fall off with the action of the door. The result is that floors get ruined, doors warp, and the entire unit requires replacement.

Endura's family of Ultimate Astragals solves this problem in several ways. First, with a "floating" three-point sealing system that provides a seal between the astragal and the active door, inactive door and the door sill. The concept is simple – this seal is integrated into the flush bolt. Thus, when the door is opened, the seal is moved up and out of the way and – when it is closed – it is moved down against the sill and engaged to provide maximum protection against leakage. The Ultimate Astragal also incorporates a multi-positional strike and deadbolt plate feature, giving the installer as well as the homeowner the ability to adjust the position of the door after installation – a key in many instances to overcoming installation issues.

The Wood Clad Ultimate Astragal offers an aesthetic appeal that adds value to any wood or fiberglass French Door unit. It is available in a variety of species – oak, mahogany, pine and Douglas Fir – and is stainable to meet builders' and homeowners' needs. The wood is molded from clear grade lumber and is ready for finish coating by the pre-hanger. Specially designed bronze trim caps and end gaskets contour to the ends of the astragals to provide a superior seal without obscuring the overall appearance of the wood face. With the addition of the Wood Clad Ultimate Astragal, beautiful French Doors that perform are no longer a challenge.