



# Newsworthy

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## INDUSTRY BUZZ.....



After inquiring about necessary testing for our products this is the UL response: "Although codes currently reference UL2043 in relation to discrete electrical products, UL recognized a few years ago that UL2043 could also be used to test non-metallic, discrete, non-electrical products that did not lend themselves to the ASTM E84 test....Accordingly, a product category was established for these types of products.



**UL, Northbrook, IL Sept. 5, 2006**  
DuraTite Systems Plastic Take Off **PASSED** the UL2043 Fire Test for Heat and Visible Smoke Release for Discrete Products and Their Accessories Installed in Air-Handling Spaces!



### Upcoming Trade Show Schedule

**Comfortech '06** - Baltimore, MD  
**September 13-15, 2006**

**ICC** - Orlando, FL  
**September 16-18, 2006**

**ISH North America** - Chicago, IL  
**September 28-30, 2006**

**Affordable Comfort** - Westford, MA  
**October 4-5, 2006**

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## Self Sealing

DuraTite Systems take-off features a new **Clip and Zip™ fastening system** and a doubled sided gasket that secures the take-off in seconds. DuraTite's self sealing trunk line takeoff eliminates the need for extra sealants and thus saves the installer considerable time. Reducing labor costs in the field is the number one priority from the company owner's standpoint. Contractors are also looking for ways to increase their profit margin by reducing the need for extras like duct tape mastic and other sealants. Eliminating the cost and/or risk of injury also saves any time away from the install to take care of those cuts and severe scrapes and allows the installers to be more productive while staying on the job. The DuraTite Duct System can be used with duct board, sheet metal or flex duct and provides airtight connections, greatly reducing air/heat loss while saving up to 50% in installation time.



*DuraTite In Action*  
**Affordable Comfort**  
**Weatherization Show**  
**August 16-17, Columbus, OH**  
**DuraTite team member shows attendee the 3 second install and air tight damper of the DuraTite take off**

## METAL PRICES

(Excerpt from *Purchasing.com* August 23, 2006) Average spot prices for hot-rolled steel sheet stalled for the second month at \$630/ton in August. That's a 45% increase from the \$435 at this time in 2005 and the highest price since September 2004, when buyers paid an all-time high price of \$760/ton. Although there were reports of imports selling as low as \$560/ton, the lowest import price reported by buyers surveyed for Purchasingdata.com in August was \$615. North American steel service center inventories increased for the eighth month in a row in July, which was expected due to summer shutdowns in manufacturing—and may not be a harbinger of reduced prices ahead. At least, buyers don't think so, since 61% of those polled in August for Purchasing Data web site see prices climbing again in the September-November timeframe.



Pre-Assembled Kits Now Available. Request a sample by calling 1-866-217-3872.