

Screen Cure

The deceptively simple, open look of a screened porch gives little evidence of the tedious, time-consuming job of stretching, stapling, and tacking screen into panel, or the royal pain of screen maintenance and repair. The worst aspects of the job are removed when using the *Screen Tight* system. Attach the 1½- or 3½-inch vinyl base strip to conventional 2-by wood framing, then apply and tension the nylon screening in one step, using a roller and screen spline. A vinyl finish cap, available in white, grey, beige, or brown, snaps onto the base strip to complete the installation. System cost averages \$1 per square foot.

Conventional wood screen doors have also been given a major overhaul by ScreenTight. Closed-cell solid structural vinyl, assembled with mortise and tenon joinery, incorporates splined screening in a rot-, sag-, and peel-free door system that can be cut and fitted



using common woodworking tools, and accepts standard hardware. Introduced in 1999, the basic door should retail for about \$58, and a raised-panel wide-stile version for about \$130.

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