

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Controlling Noise In Your New Home

(NAPSA)—Your home can be more of a castle when you rule out noise. To help, a free pamphlet with advice on controlling noise in new homes has been created by experts. The pamphlet, *Putting A Check On Sound In Your New Home*, offers a room-by-room approach, with guidance on the home office, family room, bathroom, bedroom, kitchen and laundry room. Suggestions are made to control sound in interior walls, windows, ducts, floors, exterior walls, doors, electrical outlets and, where appropriate, appliances.

For example:

- To reduce interior noise levels caused by exterior noise from such things as roadways or highways, have your builder install sound-rated windows that face the noise source. Look for Sound Transmission Class (STC) ratings from 29-31 for best results.

- In exterior walls, it's the thickness of the insulation, not its density that improves acoustical performance.

- Interior doors can be a significant path for noise to take in traveling from one room to another. As a guide, ask your builder to use a solid core door with acoustical seals and an STC rating equal to or higher than 30.

The pamphlet, created by CertainTeed Corporation's Insulation Group, also offers answers to commonly asked questions about sound control products and provides information through a Web site, [www.mysoundchek.com](http://www.mysoundchek.com) to learn more about ways to control sound in new homes.

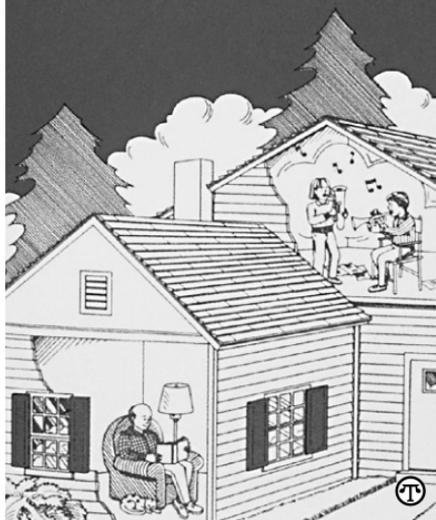
Some questions include:

**Q.** What is the best type of window to use to reduce noise transmission?

**A.** The best window construction to use to reduce noise transmission is a well gasketed double pane window with a separate storm window.

**Q.** What kind of siding should I

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use if exterior noise is a concern?

**A.** The heavier the siding the better it will reduce noise. Brick or stone siding is better than a lightweight aluminum siding.

For a free copy of the pamphlet or for more information, visit [www.mysoundchek.com](http://www.mysoundchek.com) or call 1-800-782-8777.

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