

## *BuchNotes for August 2010*

In the Nov. 2004 and Jan. 2005 issues of BuchNotes I surveyed a collection of trade magazines that many of us receive free of charge. I cited these as an easy way to stay current with design and construction news and technical and product information. As some of you may have noticed this year has seen the demise of several trade publications including “Building Design & Construction” and “Consulting Specifying Engineer”. Along with these, there is a significant change coming in the mainstream architectural press as “Architect Magazine” replaces “Architectural Record” as the official magazine of the AIA. With all these changes in the publishing universe, I thought it might be useful to reprise and update the magazine survey I did in late 2004.

Staying current with the latest developments in materials and construction technology is a never ending process. Finding the time for this in our busy professional lives is one concern but, even more difficult, is finding easily accessible, authoritative sources of information. Certainly, The Construction Specifier has to be considered the premier periodical for information on construction materials and building systems. However, there are many others sources available and many of them are free. I’ve listed here, in no particular order, a few that I’ve found useful. If you receive similar magazines or newsletters that you think would be of interest to other CSI members, please share their names with me and I will include them in the second half of the list which I’ll present next month.

Metalmag. [www.metalmag.com](http://www.metalmag.com). Published bi-monthly and includes articles on metal buildings, metal roofing and metal siding. Industry news, useful product ads are included along with a featured project and technical articles for architects and specifiers.

HPAC Engineering. [www.hpac.com](http://www.hpac.com). Published monthly by Penton Publishing. Includes technical articles, and great graphics on heating, piping, air conditioning, and fire protection aimed at building services engineers. Much of the information is useful for architects and specifiers like the recent articles on building skin considerations in HVAC design. This is a gem!

Walls & Ceilings. [www.wconline.com](http://www.wconline.com). Published monthly by bnp Media. Aimed at both designers and builders, it includes articles on plaster, gypsum wallboard, metal stud framing, and EIFS. Articles are frequently included on sound control and fire resistance issues. A lot of construction industry articles and useful product news and advertisements are also included.

California Construction Link. [www.californiaconstructionlink.com](http://www.californiaconstructionlink.com). Published monthly by McGraw-Hill Construction. Each issue includes construction and design industry news with an emphasis on contractors and subcontractors work on recent building projects.

Glass Magazine. [www.glass.org](http://www.glass.org). Published monthly by the National Glass Association. Aimed primarily at glass and glazing subcontractors but it also has useful information for architects and specifiers. Projects are presented to illustrate different aspect of windows, skylights, glass storefronts, and curtain walls.

Doors and Hardware. [www.publications@dhi.org](http://www.publications@dhi.org). Published monthly by the Door and Hardware Institute. The magazine provides a blend of technical and product information on many aspects of

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openings protection: specialty doors, wood and metal doors and frames, and door hardware. It's written for hardware consultants and suppliers as well as for architects and specifiers.

Contemporary Stone & Tile Design. [www.stoneworld.com](http://www.stoneworld.com). Published quarterly by BNP, this is probably the best designed trade magazine in our industry. Beautiful photographs are used to present stone or tile projects. An interview with a notable architect is often included to describe the approach used for the selection of stone on the featured project. The inclusion of advertisements for many types of stone and stone related products makes this magazine an excellent resource for architects, interior designers and specifiers.

Next month, we will continue this survey with more magazines covering roofing, architectural lighting, architectural woodwork, and architectural stonework.

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