In this month’s CI **Special Products & Practice Showcase**, we highlight a variety of column and wall forms. To obtain more information about a specific product or products, use our reader service inquiry system and the appropriate circle number given with the item or items of choice in the Showcase. (See our readers’ service page on hard paper stock toward the back of the magazine for our reply card and more information on faxing or phoning manufacturers/suppliers of your choice or using our direct LEADnet Internet response service. You can also request more information or be directed to the companies’ websites by going to [www.concreteinternational.com](http://www.concreteinternational.com) and clicking on the Free Product Information link on the left-hand side.)

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**DOKA USA**

Frami is a lightweight clamp system for fast, economical forming of foundations and small areas. One panel can be used to form a 9 ft (2.7 m) wall, and with just two ties, the panel can withstand full liquid head. The modular panels come in six widths and three heights. They can be used either vertically or horizontally, and the 6 in. (152 mm) increment and steel fillers offer optimum adaptability to the structure’s dimensions. Available for hand-set or ganged applications, the panels can be used for walls, columns, grade beams, and footings.

—Doka USA
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**CEME-TUBE LLC**

The Ceme-Tube is impervious to moisture, job-site abuse, and shipping abuse, and its design eliminates friction frost heaving in colder climates. The standard 4 ft (1.2 m) Ceme-Tube comes in diameters from 8 to 30 in. (203 to 762 mm). The unique collar on one end allows the creation of piers up to 20 ft (6 m) in height. The collar leaves the piers round, smooth, and with a consistent diameter throughout. An optional top cap can be used to keep dirt, rain, and other debris out of the form before it’s filled with concrete. An 8 in. (203 mm) diameter bollard Ceme-Tube and a light pole Ceme-Tube in 24 and 30 in. (610 and 762 mm) diameters are also available.

—Ceme-Tube LLC
CIRCLE 57
**B.E.P. FORMING SYSTEMS**

The Big Expander, Expanding Filler System has a built-in capacity to expand up to 32 in. (814 mm), offering contractors an all-in-one forming system. The system effectively eliminates the need to purchase additional filler panels to form box bays, corners, fireplaces, and complex foundation elevations. It’s compatible with all face-sheet connections and attaches with a simple pin and wedge or bolt. Especially suited for the custom home market, it creates a safer and more efficient job site and simplifies the equipment purchasing process because everything needed to form a job is available from one manufacturer.

—B.E.P. Forming Systems

**CIRCLE 58**

**LONG HOME USA**

The Z-Forms system consists of reusable high-strength, fiber-reinforced polymer composite forms, Z-panels, and stay-in-place panel forms made of insulation and wall board material, Z-Boards. Z-Panels are easily set up and joined together with clips to make the outer form. Z-Board forms have a combined function as an inner form, insulation, and fire-resistant wallboard. The Z-Panels are easily and cleanly stripped, revealing a smooth concrete exterior, while an interior finish can be applied directly to the Z-Boards. The system reduces construction time and material cost while simplifying the construction process.

—Long Home USA

**CIRCLE 59**

**SONOCO**

The Sonotube® Finish Free® forms produce exceptionally smooth columns that require no manual finishing. A patented Duraglas® coating is applied to the inside of the forms, eliminating the spiral marks, seams, and imperfections otherwise left on the finished surface. The RipCord™ stripping filament eliminates the time-consuming process of cutting the form away. When pulled with a hammer, pry bar, or other tool handle, the RipCord strap cuts through the form wall, removing the form without marring the column’s surface. The forms are made of high-strength, rain-resistant paper, reducing their weight and making them easier to handle, set, strip, and discard. Their superior strength-to-weight properties prevent blowouts and may eliminate the need to use a crane during setup. Finish Free forms are available in diameters from 12 to 36 in. (305 to 915 mm) and lengths up to 12 ft (3.6 m).

—Sonoco

**CIRCLE 60**
FAB-FORM

Manufactured from high-strength fabric, Fast-Tube™ makes installation, placement, and stripping quick and simple. It comes in a 120 ft (37 m) long roll that can be cut to any length needed. This easy-to-strip form is weatherproof, so it can be set up in the rain. It’s lightweight, compact, and can be stored anywhere. It provides a consistent and accurate diameter and is engineered to withstand up to 29 ft (9 m) of liquid head. It’s available in diameters from 6 to 12 in. (152 to 254 mm).

—Fab-Form
CIRCLE 61

EFCO CORP.

The Plate Girder® Form System is a complete modular system with multiple panel sizes so any project configuration can be easily formed. The system is designed for setting and flying in large sections. Each panel is precision built with the all-steel face plate running to the edge of each panel. The corner bearing block, combined with the depth of the panel, builds an aligning system into the panel. This strong, durable, yet versatile system can be used to form walls and rectangular columns. It can also be used for bridges, stadiums, marine work, power plants, aerial beams, and elevator shaft forming for high-rise construction.

—EFCO Corp.
CIRCLE 62

AINSWORTH

Pourform-pH concrete forming panels are manufactured using the latest technologies for alkali resistance, durability, and maximum reuse. They feature an innovative nonporous paper overlay impregnated with a cross-linked resin system designed to provide increased chemical resistance and durability. The overlay is bonded to the panel face under high heat and pressure, forming a hard, durable surface that resists abrasion and moisture, and protects the wood substrate from exposure to water and alkali solutions. These easy-to-strip panels should give from 25 to 50 reuses, and they conform to U.S. Product Standard PS 1-95.

—Ainsworth
CIRCLE 63