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Norplex-Micarta's *ShotBlocker*[™] Offers Superior Ballistic Protection

POSTVILLE, IA – Norplex-Micarta announces *ShotBlocker*[™], the only commercially available Class 1-A fire-rated projectile-resistant building material. Far lighter than steel, ricochet-resistant, and easily installed using ordinary hand-tools, *ShotBlocker* is the ideal reinforcing substrate for bullet-resistant architectural and building projects.



The result of a state-of-the-art design and manufacturing process, *ShotBlocker* is a bullet-resistant fiberglass laminate that can be used in structures where increased ballistic protection is desired. From government facilities to check-cashing stations, armored vehicles, and commercial aircraft, *ShotBlocker* provides far greater security and protection in walls, doors, and counters than similar polyester-based ballistic laminates. *ShotBlocker* also meets the requirements for courtroom, gas station, and convenience market armor. *ShotBlocker* complies with applicable federal and state flame and smoke protection regulations.

ShotBlocker is readily machined and is far lighter than steel, making it easier to install and repair. *ShotBlocker* can be cut and drilled in the field with commercial quality circular, table, or panel saws. For aesthetic conformity, *ShotBlocker* can be surfaced on site with veneer, drywall, wallpaper, or other wall coverings.

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Norplex-Micarta's *ShotBlocker* meets UL-752 performance level standards for ballistic ratings 1-5, and is certified in accordance with the National Institute of Justice NIJ-STD-0108.01 standards. *ShotBlocker* also meets FAA and Federal Aviation Regulation 25.853 for commercial aircraft compartment interiors. *ShotBlocker* ballistic-resistant laminates have been tested in accordance with ASTM E84 *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials* by the Hardwood Plywood & Veneer Association (HPVA), Reston, VA, USA.

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About Norplex-Micarta

Norplex-Micarta is the leading manufacturer of high performance thermoset composites. Norplex-Micarta's vast product line serves power generation, military/aerospace, oil & gas, medical device, electrical device, electronics assembly, construction, heavy industry, and transportation markets throughout Europe, Asia/Pacific, and The Americas. Norplex-Micarta is located at 665 Lybrand Street, Postville, IA 52162, USA; Tel: 563-864-7321; Fax: 563-864-4231; E-mail: info@norplex-micarta.com; Web: www.norplex-micarta.com.

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