

7: Strip vents can be retrofitted to existing soffits over a series of holes.

screening. Cover the edges of the vent with a strip of lath if you don't want to see the flanges and paint the whole thing to match the existing eave.

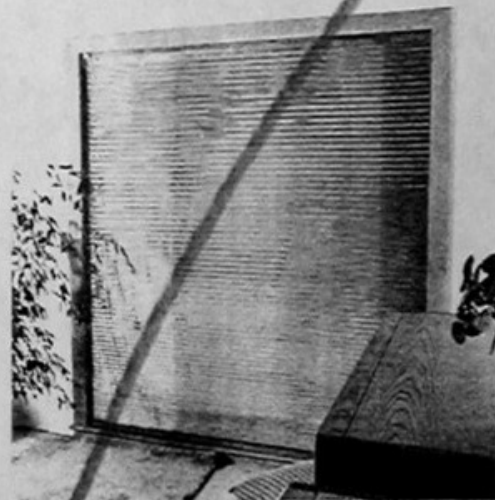
8: Sleek Window Insulation

Most people buy window insulation more on the basis of looks than on thermal performance. If you like the look of a pleated fabric shade and require only moderate

thermal performance, take a look at Thermal Technology Corporation's new Micropleat shade. The shade, due out soon, is made from a translucent polyester fabric and will be available in 10 "designer" colors.

Micropleat has a honeycomb configuration like its parent product Thermocell, but is only one-inch thick, compared with Thermocell's two-inch dimension. Preliminary testing rates the new window insulation at R-3 over single glass (R-3.5 with edge seals), about 50 percent better than the pleated shade with which it will compete. While it beats pleated shades on R-values, Micro-

pleat will compete head on with pleated shades for cost. The final cost? Probably about \$7 per square foot. For information, contact Thermal Technology Corp., 601 Alter St., P.O. Box 682, Broomfield, Colo. 80020 (303) 466-1848. ☼



8: Destined for a larger market than its big brother, Thermocell, Micropleat is colorful, translucent, and priced to compete.