

HARDWARE SUPPLIER

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Rhett Butler, founder of E.R. Butler & Co., has a passion for hardware. Through a combination of history, technology and material science he is trying to capture the essence of making hardware and elevate it to an art form. Butler developed his interest in hardware at an early age; his father was a hardware restorer and installer, and Butler worked long hours for him every summer as a child. On the job, Butler loved working with his hands, but he wanted to become more involved with manufacturing and design. After graduating with a master's in architecture from RICE University, Butler started his own hardware company. A scholar at heart, Butler

conceives his designs through careful research. In addition to owning one of the largest libraries of hardware literature, consisting of 2,000 original trade catalogs dating back to the 18th century, Butler also has formed alliances with key hardware companies, such as W. C. Vaughan, Masion J. Vervloet-Faes and FSB, which provide him with invaluable reference material; for example, W. C. Vaughan owns over 5,000 historical patterns. Butler also implements the latest in computer systems and design software to create both custom and traditional hardware at affordable prices. 75 Spring Street, 5th Floor, NYC; T: 212-925-3565.



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