

## Phantom Screens

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**The project:**  
*Back porch of a 2,900-  
square-foot custom  
beachfront home in  
Mantoloking*

**The goal:**  
*Create an insect-free out-  
door oasis for dining,  
entertaining and taking  
in the panoramic beach  
and ocean views*

When working with a design team to create a beachfront home, most homeowners want to make the most of location and outdoor spaces in order to enjoy their ocean views to the fullest. In addition to incorporating large windows and doors, a beachside porch is one of the most beautiful and enjoyable features that can be built to take full advantage of the seaside setting.

Not long after moving in, the homeowners of this custom-built Mantoloking beachfront house established the back porch facing the ocean as one of their favorite spaces in the home. The porch includes amenities such as hidden storm shutters, Phantom Motorized Executive Retractable Screens and a customized stereo system with an iPod docking station.

During the warmer months, the homeowners spend many evenings on their porch enjoying the salt air and spectacular views. However, when they first moved in, they were often









driven indoors by biting insects after only a few minutes.

It did not take long for the couple to realize that to fully enjoy their porch they needed to add insect screens. After looking at several screen solutions, they knew retractable screens would be the only option suitable for their porch. In order to maintain the architectural integrity and preserve the unobstructed view, the homeowners insisted the screens must retract completely out-of-sight when not in use. Also, given that this is a vacation home, the screens had to be easy to maintain, reliable and simple to use.

They decided on the six Motorized Executive Retractable Screens from Phantom Screens installed in recessed housings pic-

tured above. When not in use, the screens are completely out of sight, and when needed, they are lowered at the touch of a button on a remote control or a control pad located on the wall. The homeowners state that even when the screens are in place, the black Phifer 20/20 insect mesh is virtually invisible, while still providing insect protection, excellent ventilation, visibility and some daytime privacy.

The Phantom screens have allowed the couple to enjoy the porch the way they always imagined. Furthermore, when it's time to leave at the end of a weekend stay or before the arrival of winter, the screens are safely and effortlessly stored in their recessed housings. **NJC**