



Press Release

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Simonton Introduces Energy Tax Credit (ETC) Glass Packages for New Construction Windows

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. – Homeowners can now take advantage of the federal Energy Tax Credit by requesting Simonton ProFinish® new construction windows with Energy Tax Credit (ETC) glass packages. The window packages are guaranteed to meet the energy efficiency requirements set forth in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

“Homeowners who wish to completely reside their homes can use these energy-efficient new construction windows to gain the federal tax credit of up to \$1,500,” says Tony Eschmeyer, senior product manager with Simonton Windows. “New construction projects do not qualify for the federal Energy Tax Credit. However, these new construction windows are designed with a nailing fin for easier installation on certain types of replacement projects, such as a complete siding removal.”

ETC glass packages are available in Simonton ProFinish® Brickmould 600, ProFinish® Brickmould 300 and ProFinish® Contractor product lines. The new ETC glass package options join the extensive line of Simonton replacement and impact-resistant windows already guaranteed to meet the U-factor and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) of 0.30 or less requirements for homeowners to receive up to \$1,500 in tax credit when purchasing energy-efficient windows.

The homeowner credit is only allowed on the price of the qualified windows themselves, not on installation costs, onsite preparation, assembly or sales tax. The tax credit is allowable only for qualified window units placed in service in 2009 and 2010.

“Homeowners gain a triple benefit when requesting the ETC glass packages in Simonton windows,” says Eschmeyer. “They lower energy bills, gain eligibility to receive a federal tax credit and create a more comfortable living space.”

Simonton Windows produces ENERGY STAR® qualified replacement and new construction windows and doors, including a line of impact-resistant products. For the second year in a row, Simonton ranked “Highest in Builder and Remodeler Satisfaction among Residential Window and Patio Door Manufacturers” in the J.D. Power and Associates 2009 Builder and Remodeler Residential Window and

Patio Door Satisfaction StudySM. Simonton was also ranked #1 in quality in the 2009, 2007, 2002 and 1998 Brand Use Studies sponsored by *Builder* magazine and has won three Best-In-Class Awards from Market Research Associates.

Founded in 1946, Simonton's hallmark has been to deliver its made-to-order products in five days or less. Part of the home and security business of Fortune Brands, Inc. (NYSE: FO), Simonton delivers award-winning products nationwide to key markets throughout the 48 continental United States.

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Simonton Windows received the highest numerical score in the proprietary J.D. Power and Associates 2008-2009 Builder and Remodeler Residential Window and Patio Door Satisfaction StudiesSM. 2009 study based on responses from 3,109 builders and remodelers measuring 16 manufacturers. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of builders and remodelers surveyed in April-May 2009. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com

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