



Press Release

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Simonton Windows® Partners with H&R Block® To Offer Tax Preparation Incentive for Homeowners

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. – Homeowners nationwide can now qualify for substantial savings when purchasing energy-efficient Simonton replacement windows. To assist homeowners in gaining these savings, Simonton Windows® has teamed with H&R Block® to offer up to \$150 toward preparation of an individual's 2010 personal income tax return at participating H&R Block locations when they purchase 12 or more Simonton windows from select lines that are eligible for the Federal Energy Tax Credit under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These energy-efficient windows qualify homeowners for up to \$1,500 in tax credit from the U.S. government.

“We recognize that tax preparations may be a bit more challenging this year because of the new tax credits available to homeowners, so we are offering assistance from one of the most reliable tax preparation services in the country,” says Mark Savan, president of Simonton Windows. “This is an opportunity for a trifecta of savings for homeowners. When they purchase qualifying energy-efficient windows from Simonton, they could gain both the U.S. government tax credit and immediate energy bill reductions for their home. Now they also have the added opportunity to receive up to \$150 towards their tax preparation fees at H&R Block.”

ETC Glass Packages

Simonton offers Energy Tax Credit (ETC) glass packages in a wide variety of replacement windows and patio doors. Simonton products ordered with the ETC glass packages are ENERGY STAR® qualified and certified by the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) to meet a U-factor rating of 0.30 or less, and a Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) of 0.30 or less. These are the energy ratings stated by the U.S. government that are required for homeowners to take advantage of the energy tax credit.

“There's the knowledge that these windows meet the current stringent government specifications to provide solid long-term energy savings for the home,” says Savan. “Homeowners can save on energy bills from the day their replacement windows are installed. And, when choosing vinyl windows, homeowners add strong resale value to their homes while reducing their long-term maintenance concerns.”

Competitively priced ETC glass package options are available on select Simonton products and styles, each providing optimal thermal performance and energy efficiency.

- The **ETC Starter** glass package includes a 3/4-inch IGU, Intercept® Spacer System, Argon gas fill and ProSolar® Soft Coat Low E glass.
- The **ETC Starter 366** glass package includes a 3/4-inch IGU, Intercept Spacer System, Argon gas fill and LoE³-366® glass.
- The **ETC Super Solar** glass package includes a 7/8-inch IGU, Super Spacer® System, Argon gas fill and ProSolar® Soft Coat Low E glass.
- The **ETC Super 366** glass package includes a 7/8-inch IGU, Super Spacer System, Argon gas fill and LoE³-366 glass.
- The **ETC Super Solar SBP** glass package for StormBreaker Plus® windows includes a one-inch IGU, Super Spacer System, Argon gas fill and Low E glass on one surface with impact-resistant glass.
- The **ETC Super 366 SBP** glass package for StormBreaker Plus windows includes a one-inch IGU, Super Spacer System, Argon gas fill and LoE³-366 glass on one surface with impact-resistant glass.

A listing of energy-efficient Simonton replacement products that qualify for the energy tax credit is available at www.simonton.com/taxcredit.

Saving on Tax Preparation

H&R Block (NYSE: HRB) is the nation's premier tax preparation company, having prepared more than 500 million tax returns since 1955. In fiscal year 2009, H&R Block prepared more than 24 million tax returns worldwide, utilizing more than 100,000 highly trained tax professionals. There are more than 13,000 H&R Block locations throughout the United States.

The H&R Block tax preparation incentive is available at participating U.S. locations to homeowners purchasing 12 or more select Simonton products that qualify for the Federal Energy Tax Credit under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 between the dates of February 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.* Terms and restrictions apply. Simonton is not a tax advisor. For more information visit www.simonton.com/hrblock.

Simonton Windows produces ENERGY STAR® qualified replacement and new construction windows and doors, including a line of impact-resistant products. Simonton ranked "Highest in Builder and Remodeler Satisfaction among Residential Window and Patio Door Manufacturers" in the J.D. Power and Associates 2009, 2008 and 2006 Builder and Remodeler Residential Window and Patio Door Satisfaction StudiesSM.

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 Studies.SM 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

ENERGY STAR is a government program that helps consumers protect the environment through superior energy efficiency and is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

*Homeowners who purchase a minimum of 12 Simonton windows or patio doors that are eligible for the Federal Energy Tax Credit under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 from any of the qualifying product lines from a participating Simonton Windows® dealer between February 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 will qualify for this offer to receive a certificate good for up to \$150 toward preparation of his or her 2010 personal income tax return at a participating H&R Block office in the United States. Qualifying product lines include: Simonton Reflections® 5500 Series, Prism® by Simonton Platinum Series, Simonton Impressions® 9800 Series, Simonton Impressions® 7500 Series, Simonton Impressions® 7300 Series, Simonton ProFinish® Brickmould 600 Series and Simonton StormBreaker Plus® Series 300VL. Offer void where prohibited, licensed, taxed and restricted by law. Redemption forms must be postmarked within 60 calendar days of invoice date. Simonton Building Products, Inc. is not a legal or tax advisor. Subject to complete Terms of Offer available at participating dealer locations and online at www.simonton.com/hrblock.

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