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Simonton ProFinish Brickmould 600 **Named One of 100 Best New Products of 2008**

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. – The Simonton ProFinish[®] Brickmould 600 series of new construction windows has been named as one of the 100 Best New Products of 2008 by the editorial team at *Professional Builder* magazine. Introduced to the marketplace in late 2007, Brickmould 600 windows are all ENERGY STAR[®] qualified for maximum energy efficiency in the home.

Selected by the editors due to its advancement in technology and significant improvement to an existing product line, the Brickmould 600 Series is showcased in a special supplement to the magazine's June 2008 Annual Buyers Guide issue.

“We review thousands of products each year searching for those that truly stand out in the marketplace,” says Paul Deffenbaugh, editorial director for *Professional Builder* magazine. “Brickmould 600 windows caught our attention because of the energy efficiency factors for each window. And, the window series features a versatile brickmould that can also function as a J-channel for siding or brick applications.”

Intended for higher end new construction projects, Brickmould 600 windows feature optional Simulated Divided Lites in Colonial, Prairie and Perimeter styles. Builders can also order windows with 3-1/2” Flat Casing Trim installed at the factory with a 90-degree joint at the head to simulate traditional wood trim.

Additional features of the Simonton ProFinish Brickmould 600 series include:

- Standard full screens included standard with most windows
- Wide selection of styles, such as Geometrics, Picture, Awning, Casement, 3-lite Slider, 2-lite Slider and Double Hung

- Availability in white and driftwood
- Unique warranty is lifetime to the original owner and transferable once, turning it into a 20-year warranty. Glass in the windows is prorated in the warranty; first 20 years fully replaceable at 100 percent, 21 to 50 years replaceable at 75 percent and after 51 years replaceable at 50 percent.

“We’re fortunate that Simonton products consistently receive industry awards such as this prestigious ‘100 Best New Products of 2008’ award,” says Sid Spear, vice president of sales and marketing for Simonton Windows. “This type of recognition showcases to our customers and building professionals the high quality of our products and services.”

Simonton Windows produces ENERGY STAR qualified replacement and new construction windows and doors, including a line of impact-resistant products. The company was ranked #1 in quality in the 2007 Brand Use Study sponsored by *Builder* magazine and has won two consecutive Best In Class Awards for being ranked “Overall Top Rated Vinyl Window Brand” in unaided industry studies.

Founded in 1946, Simonton’s hallmark has been to deliver its made-to-order products in seven days. Part of consumer products company Fortune Brands, Inc. (NYSE: FO), Simonton has manufacturing facilities in Pennsboro, Harrisville and Ellenboro, W.Va.; Paris, Ill.; McAlester, Okla.; and Vacaville, Calif. Simonton is a founding sponsor of The Weather Museum and a corporate partner of Homes for Our Troops. For information, call (800) SIMONTON or visit www.simonton.com.

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