

## News

### EcoFasten Solar Introduces New Mounting Solution for Standing Seam Metal Roofing Applications

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The extremely versatile SimpleBlock provides a variety of options through compatibility with any rack manufacturer's connection points (L-feet, posts), and will fit any double-lock standing seam. EcoFasten Solar will unveil additional configurations for more seam options soon - stay tuned.

When used in conjunction with our Mid-Clamp, SimpleBlock becomes a rail-free racking system featuring integrated bonding. The system meets and exceeds all know building codes and is UL 2703 listed, with product compliance determined through rigorous, uncompromised testing per UL 2703: *First Edition*.

Due to such an overwhelming response to this innovative system, EcoFasten Solar is gearing up for high volume manufacturing to meet industry demand.

For more information on SimpleBlock, the company invites you to contact their dedicated Customer Service/Technical Support team for more information: info@ecofastensolar.com • 877.859.3947

### EcoFasten Solar Invalidates D Three Enterprises Patents in Colorado District Court

▶ March 24, 2017 • Phoenix, AZ

D Three Enterprises filed its action against EcoFasten in June of 2015, ultimately asserting claims from U.S. Patent Nos. 8,689,517, 8,707,655 and 9,068,339. From the beginning of the suit, EcoFasten maintained that the claims were without merit and that D Three Patents were invalid. In its recent order granting EcoFasten's motion, the Court found that EcoFasten's prior commercial activities predated the effective filing dates of each of D Three Enterprises asserted patents. This finding led to a further finding that EcoFasten's prior commercial activities were prior art to the D Three Enterprises' patents, rendering each of the asserted patents anticipated and invalid.

The Court's order brings the dispute initiated by D Three Enterprises to a close, giving EcoFasten a long-deserved victory.

Quote from EcoFasten Solar's founder and owner, Brian Stearns: "This finding by the Colorado Court confirms our unwavering position that D Three's claims were baseless. EcoFasten Solar has a long, proud tradition of innovation. We work diligently to respect the patent rights of others. We also have and will continue to aggressively enforce our patent portfolio against infringing parties"

### EcoFasten Solar Named 2016 Top Racking & Mounting Company

▶ January 6, 2017 • Phoenix, AZ

EcoFasten Solar has been selected as the top racking & mounting company by industry peers via Solar Power World's 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Leadership in Solar" program. This esteemed ranking comes just shy of a year since the rapidly growing solar roof mount manufacturer moved its corporate headquarters to Phoenix, AZ.

Votes were based on which companies best exemplify leadership in the solar industry. Voting opened in January of 2016 and closed at the end of October 2016. Winners were chosen from each of the following 10 categories: Components, Consulting, Distributors, Enclosures, Installation, Inverters, Measurement, Panels, Racking & Mounting, and Software.

Quote from EcoFasten Solar's founder and owner, Brian Stearns:

"We are excited about EcoFasten Solar's future and its increased ability to serve its growing customer base from Arizona. We have the team in place, the capacity to grow, and an incredibly strong IP portfolio to support and sustain this growth. As our new leadership team in Phoenix takes over operations and sales, I finally have the opportunity to focus solely on my passion which is R&D, innovation and solving customer problems in the roofing industry in which I have been rooted for more than 30 years."

### EcoFasten Solar Launches New Tile Product

▶ August 15, 2016 • Phoenix, AZ

EcoFasten Solar announces the newest product in their long line of solar roof mount solutions. The Tile Hook Flashing was designed specifically for use with 3<sup>rd</sup> party tile hooks, and because it replaces one complete tile, the need for cutting, grinding, or replacing of tiles is eliminated.

The Tile Hook Flashing is currently available in profiles for flat, S and W tile roofs, in either mill finish or sierra tan. Visit EcoFasten Solar online and discover their entire product line.

### Rock-It System from EcoFasten Solar Receives UL 2703: *First Edition* Certification

▶ July 27, 2016 • Phoenix, AZ

EcoFasten Solar's Rock-It System, a rail-free solar roof mount solution, is now certified to UL 2703: *First Edition*.

The Rock-It System conforms to UL 2703: *First Edition*, by Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) TÜV Rheinland, and holds a Class A Fire Resistance Rating when using Type 1, listed PV modules.

Product compliance was determined through rigorous, uncompromised testing per UL 2703: *First Edition*.

UL 2703: *First Edition* is comprised of three required testing parameters:

- Integrated Grounding and Bonding
- Fire Classification
- Mechanical Loading

The system features North-South adjustability, and the unique top-down leveling allows the installer the freedom to level as they go, as well as after the array is installed.