



Frequently Asked Questions

ComforTrack™ Plus Energy Saving Sidetrack Insulation System is Certified for Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency

Q: What is the Federal Tax Credit for Energy Efficiency?

A: On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed a stimulus bill (The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) that included energy efficiency tax credits on selected products for existing homes. Tax credits are available at 30% of the cost, up to \$1,500, in 2009 and 2010 (for existing homes only) for Windows and Doors, Insulation Products & Systems, Roofs, HVAC, Water Heaters (non-solar) and Biomass Stoves.

Q: What is the ComforTrack™ Plus Energy Saving Sidetrack Insulation System?

A: The ComforTrack Plus Energy Saving Sidetrack Insulation System features several insulating honeycomb fabric options with an integrated sidetrack system that seals off the gaps between the shades and windows to create a solid insulating barrier to drafts. For more specific details go to www.EcoSmartShades.com/taxcredit.html.

Q: How does the ComforTrack™ Plus Energy Saving Sidetrack Insulation System qualify for Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency?

A: ComforTrack Plus Energy Saving Sidetrack Insulation System qualifies for Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency under the insulation category. The ComforTrack Plus Energy Saving Sidetrack Insulation System is an Eligible Building Envelope Component and meets the requirements for the Nonbusiness Energy Credit under Section 25C of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. The ComforTrack Plus Insulation System is specifically and primarily designed to reduce heat loss or gain in a house. Homeowners should consult their tax advisor to determine whether they qualify for income tax credits.

Q: What is the amount of the tax credit?

A: The tax credit offered is 30% of your purchase price with a cap of \$1,500. For more information go to www.irs.gov or consult your tax advisor.

Q: What is the difference between “tax deductible” and “tax credit”?

A: Tax deductible means you can subtract the value from your taxable income lowering the amount you pay taxes on. A tax credit, you can deduct, dollar for dollar, from the tax you owe. A tax credit is much more valuable. For more information go to www.irs.gov or consult your tax advisor.

Q: Are installation charges eligible for the tax credit?

A: No, just the ComforTrack™ Plus Energy Saving Sidetrack Insulation System itself is eligible for the tax credits.

Q: What is the time frame in which tax credits can be earned on the ComforTrack Plus Energy Saving Sidetrack Insulation System?

A: The ComforTrack Plus Insulation System must be placed in service from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 in the taxpayer's existing principal residence. For more information visit www.irs.gov or consult your tax advisor.

Q: What does the homeowner need to do to get the federal tax credit?

A: The homeowner will need to submit IRS Tax Form 5695 when they file their 2009 or 2010 tax return. They must retain a copy of the receipt for the ComforTrack Plus Energy Saving Sidetrack Insulation System and a copy of the Manufacturer's Certification Statement for their records. Homeowners should refer to www.irs.gov or consult their tax advisor.

Q: Where can a homeowner get a Manufacturer's Certification Statement?

A: They can download a copy of the certificate at www.EcoSmartShades.com/taxcredit.html

Q: Where can I find more information about the tax credit?

A: You can find more details at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy website. Just go to www.energystar.gov.

