

RSTC Adds Flashed Combiner/Enclosure Box for Solar Panel and PV Installations

SolaDeck, a UL 50 type 3R roof-mount enclosure, fills a need for solar panel installations as well as a variety of other enclosure applications. SolaDeck is unique in that it incorporates a flashing, installs as easily as a common roof vent and works for both new and existing residential and commercial construction. SolaDeck's low profile design integrates well with panels supplied by all manufacturers.

Eau Claire, WI November 12, 2007 RSTC Enterprises, Inc., announces the launch of SolaDeck, a unique roof-mounted combiner/enclosure that allows for the pre-wire of solar panels and PV installations. Drawing from experience and engineering from highly respected solar installation companies, consultants and panel manufacturers; the RSTC team completed development and recently introduced SolaDeck at "Solar Power 2007" in September and begin taking advanced orders in October. RSTC utilized the design concept of Commdeck, one of RSTC's original ideas.

The addition of a bottom plate to the CommDeck base unit created a sealed cavity. This plate has three knockouts for conduit and includes a UL-listed dual ground lug, DIN rail and wire strain clip, all fixed on the plate. Cutouts on the cover and matching centering dimples on the base increase versatility and provide a means for onsite installation of watertight conduit to enter or exit SolaDeck's cavity when and where needed. SolaDeck was tested and evaluated by ETL Intertek Testing Services NA Inc. at Intertek's Cortland, NY facility. SolaDeck is a listed UL 50 -Type 3R enclosure.

"The reality of having a flashed damage-free combiner box that is easy to install and aesthetically appealing has saved us time, money and made our installations more professional," claims Zeus Stark, owner of NextStep Energy Systems. "SolaDeck cleans up a few troubling issues that exist with today's photovoltaic installations."

Steve Capozzi, president of RSTC Enterprises, Inc. says the company is excited to be offering a sensible solution for the solar market. "The SolaDeck product will allow builders and developers to either install or pre-wire solar panels and other equipment during construction. New home construction has slowed for many builders, prompting them to look for value-added ideas and products. A pre-installed SolaDeck and conduit run will add value to homes without a large initial investment in solar equipment. Prewired solar-ready homes will significantly impact the growth of the much-needed solar market."

Ronald Dickerson, RSTC Enterprises, Incorporated VP of Sales and Marketing adds, "We had an overwhelming response to our initial introduction of SolaDeck from a large number of distributors and dealers throughout the Nation. A damage free, weather-tight enclosure that has been UL tested seems to be a needed problem-solver for a large number of PV installers. Our concepts always center on solid function, aesthetic appeal and have been effective in helping to build relationships between different markets, for example, builders and satellite installation; and now builders and solar installation." RSTC Enterprises Inc. will begin to set up distributors and dealers starting in November of 2007.

RSTC Enterprises, Inc, was established in response to the consumers need for damage free roof-mounted products, which can be wired to and flashed into the roofing system. RSTC's products allow various methods of wiring and unique styles of mounting without compromising the integrity of the building. Equipment such as satellite dishes, antenna systems and solar panels can be wired to and mounted without damage to roofing materials.

In 2003, the founders of RSTC Enterprises, Inc. began collaborating on several new product ideas starting with the CommDeck, which was designed to wire and mount satellite dishes and antenna systems. During the past few years, RSTC has developed several more products including the RetroDeck, DeckAdapter, Commtile and the Strut Clip accessory item.

RSTC products can be easily installed during new construction or on existing buildings and are currently being used by many integrators and several of the largest builders in the nation such as Pulte, Centex, Pasquinelli, Town & Country and K. Hovnanian. The CommDeck and RetroDeck have also been approved by DishNetwork and DirecTV. RSTC products are distributed throughout the Nation within the building materials, roofing, low-voltage, satellite, and solar markets.

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