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Avtec Green Home in Deltona Goes Platinum

Energy Star home certified by Florida Green Building Council

Deltona, FL (05/04/09) -- A model in Deltona has gone platinum. Platinum Green, that is.

The [Avtec Homes](#) Citation 4 model home at 3101 Roland Dr., in the city of Deltona, FL was awarded Green Home Platinum certification by the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) for achievement in sustainable homebuilding. The home is the first Platinum-certified residential dwelling in the City of Deltona. The home is also ENERGY STAR qualified, meaning that it is at least 15% more efficient than homes built to the 2004 International Residential Code.

From the beginning of construction to project completion, Avtec has taken measures to create a sustainable, energy efficient, and comfortable home, all at an affordable price. "We decided to take a holistic approach to sustainability when building our first certified home", states Ed Wire, Division Manager of [Avtec Homes](#). "By taking into account a variety of "Green" measures, from low VOC paints on the walls to the proximity of the lot to the grocery store and bus stops, we were able to achieve a level of sustainability and efficiency that truly makes a positive impact on our environment."

Construction and job site waste management plans were developed prior to breaking ground to minimize the amount of material from the home that would end up in a landfill. Various components throughout the home were chosen because of their ability to lower environmental impact, save energy and money, and create a comfortable and healthy indoor living space.

A tight building envelope that reduce air leakage and fluctuating temperatures, ENERGY STAR appliances that use a fraction of the energy that standard appliances do, and landscaping that minimizes the need for extensive irrigation are just some of the features of the FGBC Platinum home. The home was assessed and verified by SkyeTec, a third party energy, environmental and building consulting firm located in Jacksonville, Florida. An FGBC and ENERGY STAR certified verifier performed an on-site inspection to determine if the home met the requirements for Green Home Standard and ENERGY STAR qualifications.

Although the upfront cost of a Green home may increase, the long term costs can substantially decrease, resulting in big savings each month. A lower energy bill, more durable systems and equipment and a healthier indoor environment translates into thousands of dollars saved in home maintenance costs over its lifetime.

There are also financial incentives and rebates available for efficient systems and equipment through local, state and federal agencies, power companies and equipment manufacturers. The Roland Drive home was eligible for the federal tax credit on solar hot water heaters, 30% of cost, up to \$1,500.

The model is open Tuesday through Saturday, 1pm to 5pm. For more information on the Platinum certified home, or [Avtec Homes](#), please visit their website at www.AvtecHomes.com.