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Avtec Homes features Portofino model at Adamson Creek

Community: Adamson Creek
Featured builder: Avtec Homes
Location: West of Interstate 95 in Cocoa. From I-95, exit west on SR 524 and turn right on Adamson Road.
Homes: First phase includes about 150 homes. Of those, Avtec is building 55.
Home size: 1,322 to 2,472 square feet of living space
Site size: 50 feet wide by about 120 feet deep
Price range: \$129,900 to \$179,900
Association fees: \$300 annually
Features: Floritam sod, sprinkler system on well, double-pane low e windows, 14-SEER air conditioning unit, oak or maple cabinetry, small front porch. Current incentive adds 10-by-20-foot trussed porch at no charge. Upgrades, such as granite countertops and wood flooring, are available.
Amenities: Two observation decks on lakes, city water and sewer. Planned amenities include swimming pool, park pavilions, soccer fields, basketball courts and covered school bus stop.
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A new model at Adamson Creek in Cocoa showcases expanded offerings from Avtec Homes. The Palm Bay-based builder's latest floor plan is the Portofino, available as a model at the Cocoa community. The Portofino includes three bedrooms plus what Avtec calls "an imagination room," which could serve as a fourth bedroom or an office.

Customers like the spacious feel of the 1,586-square-foot plan, as well as the value: The home starts at \$139,900. Potential buyers, many tired of pursuing short sales, have commented that the per square foot price of a new Avtec home is

competitive with local homes built in the 1960s through 1980s, said Gail France, Avtec new-home consultant. To sweeten the deal, Avtec is now offering a 10-by-20-foot trussed, screened porch with any home. Other incentives may be available from Avtec, as well. That's in addition to the federal tax credit for first-time or repeat home buyers, which would apply to inventory homes. Buyers need to sign a contract by April 30 and close by June 30 to qualify. Sales consultants work with government agencies to help buyers obtain help through down payment programs. Information is available at the model center, open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Holiday Builders founder Larry Sietsma left retirement in 2005 to start

Avtec Homes in Palm Bay. The company aimed to serve first-time buyers who had been shut out of the market by rising home prices. Within four years, Avtec cracked Builder Magazine's list of top 200 builders. The company builds for first-time and repeat buyers in Brevard County and surrounding areas. Adamson Creek offers conservation and lakefront home sites. "We're the best-kept secret," France said about the location. The community is 35 minutes from Orlando International Airport, and 15 minutes from The Avenue Viera shopping center. Two manmade lakes have helped attract a variety of wildlife, such as wood storks and ducks. There are also regular sightings of deer, hawks and eagles.