

Blending Procedures

Blending of EcoStar Tiles Prior to Installation

Blending One Color:

- 1. Line up the pallets either in a row or in 2 parallel rows with a walkway between the rows.
- 2. Remove the white shrouds (keep the pallet stickers that contain 3 hand written numbers presented horizontally)
- 3. Remove the bundle straps on the top layer of bundles on all pallets.
- 4. Take one tile from one bundle from the 1st pallet.
- 5. Take one tile from one bundle from the 2nd pallet.
- 6. Continue taking one tile form one bundle from each of the remaining pallets. If you have 10 pallets you will end up with 10 tiles in your hand. This will conclude your first pass.
- 7. On your 2nd pass take one tile from a different bundle from the first pallet.
- 8. Take one tile from a different bundle from the 2nd pallet.
- 9. Continue taking one tile from a different bundle from each of the remaining pallets.
- 10. Continue this procedure until you have taken one tile from each bundle on the top layer of each pallet.
- 11. Once your stack of hand0picked tiles becomes unmanageable, stack them in a designated area. These new stacks will be the tiles you will be accessing for installation.
- 12. Repeat steps 4 through 10 until all tiles have been blended.

Blending Multiple Colors:

- 1. Line up the pallets either in a row or in 2 parallel rows with a walkway between the rows.
- 2. Remove the white shrouds (keep the pallet stickers that contain 3 hand written numbers presented horizontally)
- 3. Remove the bundle straps on the top layer of bundles on all pallets.
- 4. Use 20 tiles as a base number of tiles for a starting point. Calculate the number of tiles in each color that will be needed to fill the 20 tiles. For example, if we wanted a blend of 70% Midnight, 20% Federal and 10% Earth Green your calculation would be 70% of 20 or 14 tiles Midnight, 20% of 20 or 4 tiles of Federal and 10% of 20 or 2 tiles Earth Green.
- 5. Start with the dominant color (Midnight in this example); take one tile from one bundle from the 1st dominant (Midnight) pallet.
- 6. Take one tile from one bundle from the 2nd dominant (Midnight) pallet.
- 7. Continue this procedure taking one tile from one bundle from the remaining dominant (Midnight) pallets until you have accumulated the required number of tiles (14 Midnight in this example). Multiple passes may be necessary depending on the number of pallets on the job site.
- 8. Repeat these steps for the next dominant color (Federal) until your have accumulated the required number of tiles (4 Federal in our example).
- 9. Repeat these steps for the least dominant or final color until you have accumulated the required number of tiles.
- 10. Take the blended stack of dominant color tiles (Midnight in our example) then randomly intersperse the second most dominant color (Federal in our example) into the stack.
- 11. Repeat step 10 using the least dominant color (Earth Green in our example).
- 12. Take this blended stack of 20 tiles and place them in a designated area. These new stacks will be the tiles you will be accessing for installation.
- 13. Repeat these steps always randomly interspersing the less dominant color into the larger group of dominant tiles. Continue until all tiles from all pallets have been blended.