TEMPORARY IMPACT OF **CURING & DRYING ON STONE COLOR**

SILVERMINE®
The First Brand of Mortarless Stone Veneer

Silvermine Stone is a manufactured stone veneer, produced with a high degree of color consistency. As with all manufactured products variations can occur though most color variations are temporary and a result of the product's curing process.

Manufactured stone veneer is a concrete based material which is manufactured with a high level of moisture that will dry and cure over time. Similar to a freshly poured concrete driveway, manufactured stone veneer products are a darker color when they are freshly poured or produced, and the color will lighten as the product dries and cures.

CURING AND DRYING MANUFACTURED STONE

Silvermine Stone, and other brands of manufactured stone veneer products, are produced with a base level of drying and curing to ensure the products are strong enough for packaging, transit, and installation. The full drying and curing process takes place over the next several weeks as the residual moisture in the product evaporates.

As with concrete that is poured for a foundation on a construction site, the weather conditions during production, shipping, and storage of manufactured stone veneer products can slow or accelerate the drying process. Products manufactured, shipped, and stored in colder times of the year will be most impacted by a slower drying process.

PREDICATING THE IMPACT OF COLOR CHANGE

Silvermine Stone products are shipped in a box to help protect the product from damage during transit. Each box of Silvermine Stone is labeled with a production date, the more recent the production date is to the date of installation, higher the moisture content of the stone. Products with recent production dates will have a higher moisture content than products with a less recent production date. This is especially the case in colder months and northern climates. Installing boxes with a wide gap in production dates may result in a mix of wet and dry panels being installed, causing a temporary color variation on the wall.

Silvermine Stone boxes provide protection and ease of handling, but they also limit the amount of airflow that can get to the stone panels, slowing the drying process. Once the products are removed from the boxes the drying process will begin to accelerate.

VALIDATING COLOR PRIOR TO INSTALLATION

There are ways to speed up the drying process. One method is to remove the stone from the boxes and place in a warm dry space with ample airflow for a few days to allow the drying process to continue. This process can be accelerated by placing the product in the direct path of a heat vent with warm air flowing directly onto and around the stone for a period of 24 hours. The true color of the stone will begin to be revealed at the moisture evaporates.