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STEEP SLOPE PRO FIELD GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

WHY SHOULD YOU COMPLETE THIS WORKBOOK?

◆ Prove that you are among the industry’s best roofing installers… “Pro Field Guide Certification” separates you as a professional.

◆ Pro Field Guide Certified Professionals…
  • Trained professionals… committed to roofing quality and integrity.
  • Quality craftsmen… who provide customers with peace of mind.

◆ Install special enhanced warranties… GAF has designed special roofing system warranties that can only be installed by Pro Field Guide Certified Professionals who are also members of the GAF Certified Contractor Program.

ARE YOU A ROOFER OR A NAILER?…

“ You can’t have quality without pride of workmanship.”

ROOFERS

• SYSTEMS… Roofers understand that modern roofing requires installing complete roofing systems.

• QUALITY… Installing well is more important than installing quickly.

• PRIDE… Roofers take pride in their craftsmanship.

• LONGEVITY… Roofers install systems that will stand the test of time.

• SAFETY… Roofers are committed to working safely.

• CUSTOMER CARE… Roofers understand that customer care is their responsibility. Roofers can greatly impact their company’s reputation and their ability to get referrals.

NAILERS

• Nailers are not committed to quality.

• Nailers wish only to finish the job quickly.

• Nailers are not proud of their workmanship or of being in this industry.

• Nailers do not understand the benefits of customer care and roofing integrity.

• Nailers do not understand the importance of a complete roofing system.

GAF WARRANTIES…

“In this business, our customers understand quality and the strength of our warranties.”

◆ GAF Shingle & Accessory Ltd. Warranty – The Lifetime Roofing System*…
  • Comprehensive coverage for shingles.*
  • Available on all shingles… that GAF manufactures. Also includes comprehensive coverage on qualifying GAF accessory products.*
  • Available for all roofing installers… covers shingles and qualifying accessories regardless of who installed them.

* See GAF Shingle and Accessory Ltd. Warranty for complete coverage and restrictions.
Throughout the Steep Slope Pro Field Guide, the word “Lifetime” means as long as the original individual owner(s) of a single-family detached residence [or the second owner(s) in certain circumstances] owns the property where the GAF products are installed. For owners/structures not meeting the above criteria, Lifetime coverage is not applicable. Lifetime ltd. warranty on accessories requires the use of at least three qualifying GAF accessories and the use of Lifetime Shingles.

GAF offers two enhanced system warranties.

1. Weather Stopper® System Plus Ltd. Warranty…
   • Superior Protection… non-prorated material defect coverage for up to 50 years.*
   • System Coverage... all qualifying GAF system components are covered.*

2. Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Ltd. Warranty…
   • Superior Protection… non-prorated material defect coverage for up to 50 years.*
   • Workmanship Coverage… covers contractor’s workmanship defects for 25 years.*
   • System Coverage... all qualifying GAF system components are covered.*
   • Problem Prevention Inspection… all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Ltd. Warranty jobs are inspected by the GAF Field Services Team. This is a great way to demonstrate your quality commitment to your customers.

* See GAF System Plus and Golden Pledge® ltd. warranties for complete coverage and restrictions.

Available only to GAF Master Elite® Contractors and GAF Certified™ Contractors… no other contractor or installer can offer these special warranties.

Steep-slope roofing foremen, installers, and salespeople.

GAF Contractors…

1. Master Elite® Contractors… at least three foremen or installers must pass this certification program.
2. Certified™ Contractors… at least three foremen or installers must pass this certification program.
3. GAF Authorized™ Home Builders… at least two foremen or installers must pass this certification program.
All employees of Master Elite® Contractors and Certified™ Contractors are eligible to become “Factory-Certified Professionals.”

Separate yourself from the competition with...

• Technical expertise
• Warranty expertise

Build client trust with your certification.

After gaining certification, foremen, installers, and salespeople will each receive personalized, framed “Pro Field Guide” certificates.

1. Read the entire workbook.
2. Answer all of the review questions... that are at the end of each chapter.
3. Two choices to record your answers…
   * Answer Sheet... circle answers on Pro Field Guide answer sheet.
   Call the Contractor Hotline at 1-888-532-5767, Option 3, to get copies.
   * Online... submit your answers online at the GAF Certified Contractor Zone. Ask your local GAF Territory Manager or call the Contractor Hotline at 1-888-532-5767, Option 3, for details.
4. Send your answers to GAF...
   GAF Certified Contractor Program
   ATTN: Contractors Program
   1361 Alps Rd
   Wayne, NJ 07470
   or fax your answers to (973) 628-3866.
5. Your answers will be graded...
   * 80% correct or higher passes... those applicants receiving a score of 80% and higher will pass the test.
   * If you score lower... applicants scoring below 80% will receive a letter stating they should re-try.
   * Keep trying... you may submit answers for review as many times as you like to gain your certification.
6. After passing... you will receive a handsome, framed “Pro Field Guide” certificate to commemorate the achievement.

LET’S GET STARTED!
◆ If you have any questions, please call the Contractor Hotline at 1-888-532-5767, Option 3.
◆ Throughout this book we use symbols to represent different things, or to signal special notes.

★ = Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty items.
1” = one inch.
1’ = one foot.
• = items related to the numbered topic.
◆ = important information.

The section reviews appear at the back of every section throughout the workbook.
1. Read through the section first.
2. Read the section review questions carefully.
3. Take your time… there is no "race" to see who finishes first.
4. Review questions are generally arranged in the same sequence as the section being reviewed.
5. Refer back to the sections to find the correct answers.
6. Mark the correct answers on the answer sheet (which you should have received with your workbooks).
7. Circle the correct answers with pen or pencil.
8. Send your reviews to GAF.
◆ There are no trick questions.
◆ There are no hidden answers.
Keep this workbook as a field guide for Steep-Slope Roofing.
Use the drawings and text in the field...

- To make certain roofing details are installed properly.
- To teach other installers proper installation techniques.

◆ Handy field-use design... this workbook is designed to fit into a pocket, toolbox, or glove compartment for easy reference in the field.

◆ Teach new or less-experienced installers proper installation techniques...

- Quiz new hires on their roofing knowledge.
- Update current installers on new techniques.

◆ When installing GAF products, always read and follow the product installation instructions printed on the packaging.

State and local building codes vary from region to region.

◆ It is the responsibility of every quality installer to know and follow local building codes for roofing installation.
Professional customer care is the trademark of every factory-certified roofer.

Factory-Certified Roofing Professionals:
• Care about their company’s good reputation and future business.
• Take personal responsibility for ensuring good referrals.
• Understand that every new roofing job must create future jobs.

1. A professional attitude is the key:
• Put yourself in the customer’s shoes.
• Always be friendly and attentive to their needs.
• Treat them how you would want to be treated.
• Keep the site organized and clean.

2. Gain customers’ respect by acting like a professional:
• Look, dress, and act like a professional.
• Swearing and “locker room” stories have no place at a customer’s site.
• Loud music and horseplay are not appropriate at a professional project.

3. Install with quality… nothing generates more referrals than problem-free roof installations.

4. Let customers know that you are Factory Certified… homeowners want to know that the best professionals are working on their homes.

5. Always compliment their home and their roofing choice… homeowners love to hear that they made good decisions.
1. Address customer safety…
   • Show you care by keeping them safe.
   • Warn of roofing nails in landscaping.
   • Block off work area from children and pets.
   • Inform homeowner of dangerous areas they should avoid every day.
2. Verify the sales agreement… check the sales agreement and the work order with the homeowner.
3. Find problems before shingles are installed…
   • Shingles… check shingle style and color.
   • Match… work order to the homeowners’ expectations.
   • Accessories… check to see if they understand the type of valley you are installing, and that you are installing ridge vents, drip edges, underlayments, and any item they may disagree with after it is installed.
4. Verify the customers’ expectations… make certain that everything they expect is in the sales agreement.
5. Get their feedback on the site logistics:
   • parking • electricity • water
   • off-limits areas • material storage
6. Ask about any special circumstances:
   • special trees/shrubs
   • unusual schedule
7. Protect any and all plants… homeowners are especially attached to landscaping; avoid damaging plants, trees, and shrubs.
8. Warn of potential of walls shaking… help them secure or move paintings, etc.
9. Ask for daily feedback… make sure everything is going well every day.

◆ Let customers know that as a Factory-Certified Professional you will treat their home as if it were your own.
SAFETY IMPORTANCE…

“Professionals always consider safety their first priority.”

1. Safety every day… Paying attention to safety every day separates the professional from the average installer.
2. Profit… Safer companies are more profitable.
3. Productivity… Accidents limit productivity and lower employee morale.
4. Regulated… OSHA safety regulations should be followed.

SAFETY COMMON SENSE…

1. SPEED KILLS… skipping good safety practices because they take too much time almost guarantees an accident will happen.
2. Tailor safety to this project… safety practices should be covered daily with specific information for each project.
3. Discourage unsafe work practices… Stop unsafe practices as soon as you see them.
4. Lead by example… work as safely as possible so others will follow your lead.

SITE SAFETY…

“Keep the site safe.”

1. Clean and organized sites are typically safer…
   - Fewer tripping hazards… an organized site offers fewer hazards.
   - More productive sites… clean and organized sites are more productive.
2. Identify and avoid all site danger areas:
   - Dangerous power lines.
   - Unsafe roof access areas.
   - Keep away from underground hazards:
     - cesspools
     - power lines
3. Power Lines… electricity can kill workers!
1. Type 1A ladders are safest… use ladders that conform to local codes or are OSHA approved.

2. Inspect the rungs:
   - Make certain the ladder rungs are not broken or cracked.
   - Clean any oils, tars, or dirt from rungs.

3. Inspect ladder functions:
   - Check the ladder’s feet for proper functioning.
   - Inspect the ropes and pulleys to see if they are functioning properly.

4. Check the ladder frame… for damage, stress, or cracking.

5. Discard or repair any damaged ladders.
   - Don’t trust your life to “homemade” ladder repairs.

1. Do not use makeshift ladders… two 2x4’s connected with 1x2’s is not a safe ladder!

2. Do not leave ladders unattended… at the job site, as this is a hazard to children.

3. Professionals only, please… do not allow anyone other than company employees to use your ladders (especially homeowners).
   - “Company Policy”… simply tell homeowners that your company policy, due to insurance requirements, does not allow anyone but company employees on company ladders.

4. Take all ladders off of the job site every day… or safely lock them together on the ground overnight.

   ◆ There have been far too many deaths of roofers due to metal ladders set up near electrical wires.

   ◆ You can’t see it, smell it, or hear it, and it carries lethal danger.

1. Electricity can “jump”… electricity can leap or “arc” from a wire to a ladder several feet away.
   - High humidity… When the weather is humid, electricity tends to “arc” more often.
   - Keep ladders away… from electrical wires at all times.
2. Always keep a non-conductive ladder on site…
   • Use a non-conductive ladder of wood or fiberglass when working near wires.

3. Keep your distance…
   • Never set up a ladder next to electrical wiring or boxes.
   • Never touch electrical wires with your hands or tools.
   • Remember that metal flashing, drip edge, etc., should never touch electrical wires.

4. Call in professionals… if it’s necessary to work near electrical wire, call your local power company.

   They should…
   • Inspect wires… for proper insulation.
   • Insulate wires… if you need to work near them.
   • Free of charge… most power companies will offer this service free of charge.

1. Always face the ladder… while climbing or descending.

2. Use both hands on the ladder whenever possible.

3. Use one rung at a time… skipping rungs for speed is a shortcut to a fall.

4. Never slide down a ladder… this is dangerous and unprofessional.

5. Clean shoes or boot soles… remove oils and tars.

6. Do not overload ladders… one roofer at a time allowed on a ladder.

◆ Note: For greater productivity and safety, assign two ladders per roof side; one is used as the going-up ladder only, the other as the going-down ladder only.

1. Secure the base:
   • Place ladders on solid level footing.
   • The base of the ladder extends out 1 foot for every 4 feet of elevation.
   • Ground that slopes down away from the roof are a serious risk for ladders.

2. Secure the top:
   • Tie ladders off at the top or secure with plywood ladder brace.
   • Set ladders against a solid backing.
   • Secure gutters, etc.
   • Extend ladders 36” (914 mm) above the landing or roof eave.

“A ladder that is properly set up will not only increase safety but also increase productivity.”

“Proper ladder use separates a professional from an amateur.”
3. Use the right-size ladders in the right place…
   • Pushing a ladder in… to “stretch” it because it is too short makes it too steep and unstable.
   • Locate safely… Set up ladders so workers aren’t forced to stretch or reach far off the ladder.

OSHA RESIDENTIAL FALL PROTECTION

1. Adhere to safety regulations…
   GAF recommends compliance with OSHA guidelines for Residential Fall Protection.

2. Review a copy of current OSHA guidelines for Residential Fall Protection… obtain and use all required fall protection equipment.

DECKS AND TRACTION…

1. Reduce tripping hazards… Keep the work areas organized and clean.

2. Beware of “in-between” roof pitches…
   • A “walkable” roof may not be walkable once the shingles are stripped off.
   • A slope of 6:12 and higher generally becomes unsafe after being stripped.

3. Shingle granules are like ball bearings… Clean the deck of dirt and granules to create better traction.

4. Wear safe footwear… soft-soled boots provide better roof traction.

5. Roof Deck Protection provides traction… Properly installed Roof Deck Protection should improve traction.

6. Store material safely on the roof… OSHA recommends keeping material at least 6’ (1.83 m) from the eaves and the rake edges to reduce the chance of falls.
HAMMER SAFETY...
1. Eye protection must be worn.
2. Strike nails squarely... to reduce the chance of nails flying back at you.
3. Discard damaged hammers... with cracked handles or heads.
4. Hammer heads can shatter...
   • Never strike a hardened steel hammer against another hardened steel object.
   • Never strike hammer face against hammer face.

POWER NAILER SAFETY...
1. Check the operation of the safety... never tie back or disengage the safety.
2. Operate when in position...
   only use when the gun is on the material to be fastened.
3. Do not rest the tool against your body... to eliminate misfires.
4. Always wear safety glasses... to protect from flying objects.
5. Use caution with air power...
   • Only use clean, dry compressed air.
   • Disconnect the air supply as soon as you are finished with the tool.
   • Never work on the tool while connected to the air supply.
   • Inspect hoses for breaks or leaks.
6. Keep the tool clean and maintained properly... for safety and long-term use.
7. Never point nail guns at people... these tools are not toys and are not playthings.

UTILITY KNIFE SAFETY...
1. Always cut away from your body... to reduce the chance of cutting yourself.
2. Dull blades are dangerous blades...
   • Dull blades have to be forced, increasing the chance of slipping.
   • Replace blades frequently.
3. Retract blade when storing... to reduce the chance of accidental cuts.

MATERIAL HANDLING SHOULD BE DONE EASILY AND SAFELY...
1. Use your legs...
   • When lifting heavy materials always use your legs, not your back.
   • Lifting with your back can cause back injuries.
2. One bundle at a time... do not overload yourself.
   • Carrying too much fatigues the body and is unsafe on ladders and rooftops.
3. Boom trucks are dangerous...
   • These trucks can easily strike power lines.
   • Anyone nearby can be injured or killed by the electric current.
   • Keep yourself and your crew away from boom trucks delivering material.
4. Store material close to the roof... The closer to the roof, the less time and energy wasted retrieving material.

"Treat these tools like they are guns!"
“Accidents do happen. Professionals know how to handle them.”

1. Administer First Aid.
2. Call 911 Emergency response number if necessary.
3. Record the accident details on an accident report form.
4. Review the accident to reduce the chance of repeating it.

**FIRST-AID BASICS...**

- Stop any bleeding immediately.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be worn to prevent bodily fluid contact.
- Check respiratory function.
- Administer CPR if needed.
- Get the victim to emergency medical services.

**FIRST-AID TRAINING...**

- Great crews are filled with workers trained in first aid.
- Most local fire departments will give free first-aid training to any group.
- Seek out the American Red Cross to gain more first-aid knowledge.
- Get First-Aid Certified... the best way to be prepared for accidents is first-aid training.

**HEAT EXHAUSTION...**

“Rooftops can reach 170°F (77°C) or higher.”

- Heat exhaustion is dangerous and victims need to be properly treated.

**Heat exhaustion symptoms...**

1. Dizziness, nausea, and unusual fatigue.
2. Abnormal skin temperature.
3. Abnormal sweating.

**TREATING HEAT EXHAUSTION...**

1. Get victim into a cool area.
2. Give the victim fluids.
3. With fluids and rest a victim should recover in a few hours.

**HEAT STROKE...**

- Heat stroke is a serious condition and can kill or mentally impair a victim.

**Symptoms of heat stroke...**

1. The victim is confused or delusional.
2. The skin is dry; sweating has stopped.
3. The skin is very hot, over 100°F (38°C).

**TREATING HEAT STROKE...**

1. Immediately lower the body temperature.
   - Douse the victim with cool water.
   - Move to a cool area and fan the victim.
2. Get the victim to emergency medical services as soon as possible!

- 20% of heat stroke victims will die without prompt medical assistance.
1. Falls are the leading cause of death on construction sites. Complacency increases risk. Which of the following poses the greatest risk of injury when using a ladder?
   A. “Pushing” in a ladder to obtain maximum height.
   B. Setting rungs three feet higher than the roof edge or landing.
   C. Placing a ladder on solid level footing.
   D. Tying off at top and securing at the base.

2. Poor traction on a roof deck can lead to accidents. Which of the following is a true fact about roof decks and safe traction?
   A. A pitch of 6:12 and higher generally becomes unsafe after being stripped.
   B. Loose granules do not improve traction on roof decks.
   C. Soft-soled boots offer better traction.
   D. All of the above.

3. Power nailers require special handling for safety. Which of the following statements is true about power nailing safety?
   A. Always wear eye protection when using air nailers.
   B. Tying off or disengaging the tool’s safety makes it safer to use.
   C. A power nailing tool should never rest against your body.
   D. Both A and C above are true.

4. Injuries from poor material handling are common. Which of the following statements is not true?
   A. Carrying one bundle of shingles on each shoulder is safer on rooftops.
   B. Lift with your legs, not your back.
   C. Keep yourself and your crew away from boom trucks when possible.
   D. Store materials close to roof to reduce time and energy in retrieving.

5. Which of the following is good first-aid practice following an accident?
   A. Evaluate situation and if necessary call 911.
   B. Administer CPR if needed.
   C. Stop any bleeding immediately.
   D. All of the above.
1. Organic shingles… are asphalt shingles made with an organic mat.

2. Organic mats… are typically made from recycled paper that is formed into rolls of felt mat.

3. Organic shingles are often mistakenly referred to as the sole type of “asphalt” shingles.

4. There is asphalt in both organic shingles and fiberglass shingles.

5. Organic shingles need more asphalt…
   * They rely on more asphalt… to strengthen the mat.

GAF manufactures fiberglass asphalt shingles only.

**Why we use a fiberglass mat…**

1. Fire rating… Provides a UL Class A fire rating.

2. Provides long-term warranties…
   * The average warranty for shingles used to be only 15-20 years.
   * GAF’s Lifetime Designer and high-end Timberline® Shingles have a Lifetime limited warranty.

3. Provides long-term protection in all climates… Fiberglass shingles perform well in extreme heat and cold.
GAF controls shingle quality by…

1. Making our own glass fibers… For most shingles, GAF makes the glass fibers (our FiberTech™ Components), specially formulated to go into our own fiberglass shingle mats.

2. Making our own fiberglass mats… After we’ve made our own fibers, we manufacture our Micro Weave™ Core fiberglass shingle mats designed specifically for our own shingles.

3. Processing our own asphalt…
   - SpecSelect™ Grading System is used to make certain the asphalt meets our standards.
   - Treated with mineral stabilizers to strengthen the asphalt for fire resistance and greater weather resistance.

4. Having granules that are Diamond Cut™… for added dimension and depth.

5. Having granule colors ceramically fired… with a special Color Lock™ system to lock in shingle color.

6. Having GAF colors chosen by architectural experts and designers.

7. Manufacturing our own self-seal… GAF’s Dura Grip™ Adhesive gives our shingles one of the strongest sealants available.
Most sophisticated… all GAF roofing plants use Statistical Process Control (SPC) to monitor and control consistent quality.

1. Fiberglass mats… shingles start out as large rolls of our own specially designed fiberglass. These rolls are loaded onto the roofing machine.

2. Coated with asphalt… the roll of fiberglass is unrolled and carried through an asphalt coater.

3. Asphalt penetrates the mat… due to high temperatures and mat porosity, the asphalt will penetrate all the way through the mat.

4. Granules are added… while the asphalt is still hot, the granules are “dropped” onto the shingles.
   - GAF uses a computerized color-drop system.

5. Back-surfacing is added… next we add the shingles’ back-surfacing.
   - GAF uses special mineral back-surfacing to coat the back of the shingles.
   - This coating helps to protect the shingles from heat and moisture.

6. Granules are embedded… after the granules are dropped onto the shingles, they are also pressed in to secure them.

7. Some granules will come off… some granules will naturally come off of the roof during the first year or more. These are called “rider” granules.

8. Sealant is added… our Dura Grip™ sealant is then placed on the shingles.

9. Sealant protector… GAF adds a thin plastic film to keep the sealant from activating while in storage.
   - Do not remove this strip… this plastic strip is for packaging only and does not need to be removed.

10. Shingles are cooled… to assist in the asphalt curing process.

11. Shingles are cut to size… GAF is proud of consistently making correctly sized shingles to help with installation.

12. Packaged and shipped… finally, a wrapping machine wraps the bundles and places them on pallets for delivery.
1. True or False? Organic shingles rely on more asphalt than fiberglass shingles.
   A. True
   B. False

2. Why does GAF make fiberglass shingles?
   A. Fiberglass shingles provide long-term warranties.
   B. Fiberglass provides the highest fire rating for shingles.
   C. Fiberglass provides long-term protection in all climates.
   D. All of the above.

3. True or False? GAF controls shingle-manufacturing quality by making most of the components for its own shingles.
   A. True
   B. False

4. Shingle manufacturing encompasses which of the following steps?
   A. Fiberglass mat is coated with asphalt.
   B. Granules are “dropped” onto mat while asphalt is still hot.
   C. Sealant, called Dura Grip™, is then placed on the shingles.
   D. All of the above.

5. True or False? The sealant protector or thin plastic film added to the shingle during manufacturing should be left on because it only serves to protect the sealant from activating while in storage.
   A. True
   B. False
There are six typical roof design styles…

1. Gable roofs… The most common roofing type.

2. Hip roofs… The four-sided roof style.

3. Mansard roofs… A nearly vertical roof that ties into another roof plane.


5. Gambrel roofs… A variation of the Mansard style.

6. Contemporary roofs… Where roof planes drop off to open space.
Throughout North America, there are different regional names for the same roofing items.

- This workbook uses the most common and accepted roofing terms.
Slope and Pitch are a measure of the steepness of a roof plane.

1. **Slope** = A ratio of a roof’s rise to a roof’s horizontal run.
2. **Pitch** = A ratio of a roof’s rise to a roof’s span.
3. Most common term used in the field is a roof’s slope.

**How to find a roof’s slope using the drawing below.**

Slope = Rise (inches) ÷ Run (in feet)

1. **Determine the rise in inches**…
   
   5’ x 12” = 60” of rise.

2. **Determine run in feet**…
   
   Run = 1/2 of span: 20’ ÷ 2 = 10’

3. **Divide rise by run**…
   
   60 ÷ 10 = 6

4. **This is your slope** 6:12.

5. **Or simply**…
   
   5’ rise/10’ run = 6:12 slope
1. **Two layers are acceptable** . . . In some situations, roofing over an old roof is acceptable.

2. **The main benefits of applying two layers** . . .
   - Roofing cost is greatly reduced.
   - The roof gets two layers of protection.

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**Install two layers if . . .**

A. Your local building codes accept the practice (most do but not all).

B. The existing roof has a relatively smooth, even surface . . . any curled or broke shingles are either nailed down or removed.

C. Fasteners are of sufficient length
   - to penetrate the wood deck 3/4” (19 mm).
   - or penetrate through a plywood deck.

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**Wood shingles** . . . New shingles can be applied over existing wood shingles (not wood shakes) when the following precautions have been taken:

1. Provide an acceptable smooth surface.
2. Cut back old shingles at eaves and rakes.
3. Install new wood edging strips, as needed.

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**GAF does not recommend the installation of three layers of shingles on any roof deck.**

- Nailing through three layers does not fasten shingles properly.
- Most building codes do not allow.

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**Minimum slope requirements for GAF shingles.**

- GAF shingles, and most other asphalt shingles, must be installed on slopes of 2:12 or higher. Slopes lower than 2:12 do not have enough slope to shed water properly. Low-slope roofs should be waterproofed with low-slope roofing materials. See pages 255-270 for GAF low-slope roofing system solutions.
Why Remove The Existing Roof?

Many top contractors feel that you should remove old roofing on every project. Why?

1. **Rotted decking and Roof Deck Protection**… Tear off old roofing to repair or replace rotted or deteriorated decking and framing.

2. **Tear off to replace bad flashing**… When the metal flashing is rusted, broken, or deteriorated, sometimes it can only be replaced by tearing off the old roofing.

3. **To install proper soffit/intake ventilation**…
   - Some structures have no soffit/intake ventilation.
   - Adding soffit or intake ventilation may be accomplished through a vented fascia board, such as Cobra® FasciaFlow™ Intake Vent, a drip edge system, or carpentry work in the soffit area.

4. **To install Leak Barriers**… Tear off the old roof to solve leak problems at critical areas by adding GAF Leak Barriers.

5. **Seal these critical leak areas**…
   - valleys
   - dormers
   - skylights
   - chimneys
   - roof slope transition areas
   - ice dam areas
   - wind-driven rain entry points

6. **Comply with building codes**…
   - GAF and most building codes require removal of wood shakes, clay tiles, and asbestos tiles before installing asphalt shingles.
**Why Remove The Existing Roof?**

**Reasons to tear off…**

1. **Buckled or curling organic shingles…**
   - When organic shingles go bad, they buckle and curl.
   - Roofing over buckled organic shingles may telegraph buckles through the next roof layer, preventing proper sealing.

2. **Do not roof over algae-covered shingles…**
   - Roofing over excessive algae virtually guarantees algae growth on the new roof.

3. **Finding leak sources…** chronic leak problems are often due to flashing defects.
   - Sometimes the best way to “root out” these flashing defects is through tearing off the roofing.

4. **Smooth substrate…** tearing off allows installation over a smooth, clean substrate.

**When to Roof Over…**

1. **When there is only one existing roof and it is lying flat…** Fiberglass shingles will lie flat throughout their life, leaving a flat and even surface to roof over.

2. **When flashing and Roof Deck Protection are still performing…**
   - If a good roof system is in place, roofing over is acceptable.

3. **If intake ventilation at the soffit or eave is acceptable…** or attainable without tearing off roofing.

**Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty’s extensive coverage requires the use of GAF Leak Barriers and GAF Roof Deck Protection, such as Deck-Armor™. This is why tearing off the existing roof is required on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.**
PROTECT THE HOME...

1. **Protect the outside**… of the structure.
   - Install tarps… over siding and shrubs.
   - Give special protection… for special trees and plants.

2. **Use heavy equipment carefully**…
   - Get permission… before backing dump trucks over lawns.
   - Check underground… make sure there are no underground hazards for your equipment.

3. **Protect the inside**…
   - Cover the attic… offer to install tarps over items in the attic.
   - Secure interior wall hangings… to keep them from falling due to house shaking.

TEAR-OFF METHODS...

1. **Use good tools**… Heavy-duty rippers designed for roof removal are best.

2. **Work top down**… start removing material from the peak and work toward the eave.
   - This method lessens the amount of dirt that enters the attic.
   - Working top down helps concentrate waste for easier removal.

TEAR-OFF SAFETY...

1. **Closely monitor roof slope**… beware of “in-between” roof slopes:
   - May be walkable with shingles on it.
   - Are not walkable when shingles are removed.

2. **Keep the roof deck clean**…
   - Loose shingle granules act as ball bearings underfoot.
   - Combined with an in-between roof slope, loose granules are a serious hazard.

3. **Wear personal protection**…
   - Gloves… for the removal process.
   - Safety glasses… for all workers.
   - Hard hats… for all as per OSHA requirements.
1. How many typical roof design styles are there?
   A. 4  
   B. 5  
   C. 6  
   D. 11

2. True or False? GAF does not recommend installing 3 layers of roofing on any structure.
   A. True  
   B. False

3. True or False? Slope is determined by dividing the rise (in inches) by the run (in feet).
   A. True  
   B. False

4. Which of the following is a reason to tear off an existing roof?
   A. Two layers are currently installed.  
   B. Roof deck is potentially rotted or deteriorating.  
   C. A Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty is requested.  
   D. All of the above.
1. Use smooth-surface decking…
   - Flat, even decks are required.
   - Buckled or pitted decking can telegraph through a roof system.

2. Sufficient nail-holding capacity…
   An important aspect of a deck is its ability to securely hold roofing nails.

3. Dimensionally stable… approved decks will withstand expansion and contraction.

4. Decks must be dry…
   - Wood and plywood stored outdoors will absorb moisture.
   - Decks subjected to rains or dews just before roofing may be filled with moisture.
   - This moisture can cause deck movement and shingle blistering.

1. Maximum 6” (152 mm) wide… for wood boards.
   - Wood boards that are wider than 6” (152 mm) are subject to movement and splitting.
   - Movement can damage shingles.
   - Splitting reduces the nail holding capacity of deck boards.

2. Nominal 1” (25 mm) thick…
   - Thinner boards are not dimensionally strong enough to hold roofing loads.

3. ⅛” (3 mm) separation at rafter seams…
   - To allow for expansion and contraction.

4. Deck boards ⅛” (3 mm) maximum spacing between board seams…
   - Between consecutive boards up the roof to allow for expansion and contraction.
1. **Use plywood or OSB recommended by the APA.**
   - APA acceptance is printed on accepted decking.

2. **At least 3/8” (10 mm) thick.**
   - Thicker decks may be required to meet fire-rating requirements.
   - Thicker decks make for stronger and higher-load-bearing decks.

3. **Keep 1/8” (3 mm) separation at rafters.**
   - plywood or OSB “jammed” together at rafter seams will make the plywood buckle.

4. **OSB and local building codes.**
   - There are local and state building codes that do not allow the use of OSB as roof decking.
   - Always adhere to local codes.

5. **Space sheets over rafters to meet local codes.**
   - Local code departments have different rafter spacing requirements.
   - Always follow local codes.

6. **Treated or fireproofed plywood and lumber.**
   - Wood treated with formaldehyde and other chemicals has the potential to damage roofing materials and metal components.
   - Contact GAF Technical Services at 1-800-ROOF-411 if considering using these materials.
Insulation or insulated deck systems...

◆ Not generally used for shingles...

Shingles must not be fastened directly to any insulation or insulated deck system unless authorized by GAF Technical Services.

• Expansion and contraction… these decks are prone to too much movement.

• Ventilation… it can be difficult to achieve proper ventilation with some of these decks.

◆ If they meet your local code requirements...

The following systems are accepted by GAF as long as they meet your local code requirements.

1. GAF ThermaCal®… with polyiso or extruded polystyrene insulation.

2. Loadmaster shingle decks… note: Sentinel® Shingles are not allowed over this deck.

3. LP® TechShield® or equivalent Radiant Barrier decking systems with vapor permeable, perforated foil backing.

4. Homasote® Co. deck… at least 2" (51 mm) only.

5. Thermasote®… from the Homasote Co.

6. SPAN Rock Gypsum Plank… from USG, at least 2" (51 mm).

7. Hunter Vented Nail Base

8. Atlas Vented-R decks

9. Huber ZIP System®… A waterproof Leak Barrier such as StormGuard® must be used at eaves as required by code for certain warranty considerations and additional Leak Barrier may be needed on slopes less than 4:12 or on reroofing projects.

Note: There are many other acceptable deck systems. Contact GAF Technical Services for other acceptable deck systems at 1-800-ROOF-411 (766-3411).
1. **Good roof decks must:**
   A. Be dry.
   B. Have sufficient nail-holding capability.
   C. Be dimensionally stable.
   D. All of the above.

2. **Wood board decking must be:**
   A. Maximum 6” (152 mm) wide.
   B. Nominal 1” (25 mm) thick.
   C. Have 1/8” (3 mm) separation at the rafters.
   D. All of the above.

3. **True or False?** At the rafter seam, it is important to “butt” the plywood or OSB tightly together.
   A. True
   B. False

4. **True or False?** When using OSB, it is important to check with local building codes for approvals.
   A. True
   B. False

5. **The following systems are accepted by GAF as long as they meet your local code requirements.**
   A. 2” (51 mm) Homosote®.
   B. 2” (51 mm) min. SPAN Rock Gypsum Plank.
   C. Atlas Vented-R decks.
   D. All of the above.
A COMPLETE LIFETIME ROOFING SYSTEM FROM ONE SOURCE…

◆ GAF Lifetime Roofing System Accessories…
1. GAF Leak Barriers… to seal critical leak areas.
2. GAF Roof Deck Protection… to protect roof decks.
3. GAF Starter Strips and Rolls… making every installation easier.
4. GAF Shingles… the industry’s best.
5. GAF Attic Ventilation… to reduce attic heat and moisture.
6. GAF distinctive and protective Ridge Cap Shingles… to properly finish off the roof.

ADVANTAGES OF THE GAF LIFETIME ROOFING SYSTEM

1. One-stop shopping for contractors… all the necessary roofing components from one manufacturer.
2. One-stop shopping for warranty problems… If there is ever a problem with a system accessory, you only need to contact one manufacturer.
3. Enhanced system warranties…
   • GAF Lifetime Roofing System roofs are eligible for enhanced system warranties.
   • Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty.
   • Weather Stopper® System Plus Limited Warranty.
4. System Accessories get a matching warranty… With these warranties, every major system accessory matches the warranty length of the shingles installed.
5. Peace of mind…
   • A complete system for all areas.
   • Professionally installed.
   • Confidence to both the building owner and the contractor.

DRIP EDGE STARTS A ROOF RIGHT…

The experts agree that metal drip edge is the best system for keeping water away from roof edges.

• The NRCA (National Roofing Contractors Association), ARMA (Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association), and most shingle manufacturers require the use of metal drip edge.
GAF agrees... with these respected national organizations and requires using non-corroding metal drip edge at the eaves and recommends drip edge at the rake edges.

GAF requires metal drip edge with at least 3" (76 mm) flange at the eaves on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty installations.

HOW TO INSTALL METAL DRIP EDGE...

1. Use non-corroding metal drip edge... aluminum or galvanized steel.
2. At eaves, install metal first (unless local code requires Roof Deck Protection first).
3. Nail every 8-10" (203-254 mm).
4. In high-wind areas, nail every 4" (102 mm) max.
5. Install Roof Deck Protection... over metal drip edge at eaves.
6. Install drip edge up the rake... on rake edge, metal goes over the Roof Deck Protection.
7. Nail drip edge on rakes every 8-10" (203-254 mm).

1. Severe ice dam areas...• Installing Leak Barriers under drip edge and down the fascia at the eave is acceptable.
• Make certain the waterproof Roof Deck Protection is not exposed to the sun.

2. For maximum wind resistance...
• Along rakes, install any GAF starter strip containing sealant or cement shingles to underlayment and drip edge with a 4" (102 mm) wide strip of plastic roof cement [unless local code requires 6" (152 mm) wide].

Note: Excess cement can cause shingle blisters and can cause Roof Deck Protection asphalt to drip.
1. Which of the following are GAF Lifetime Roofing System accessories? (choose all that apply)
   A. Deck-Armor™ Premium Roof Deck Protection.
   B. Cobra® and Master Flow® Ventilation.
   C. WeatherWatch® or StormGuard® Leak Barriers.
   D. All of the above.

2. What are the benefits of installing a complete GAF roof system?
   A. System accessories get a matching warranty.
   B. Major product compatibility.
   C. Eligible for the strongest warranties available.
   D. All of the above.

3. True or False? Metal drip edge is required at the eaves on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.
   A. True
   B. False

4. True or False? In severe ice dam areas, it is acceptable to install Leak Barriers under the drip edge at the eaves.
   A. True
   B. False

5. True or False? To ensure maximum wind resistance, either install a starter strip containing sealant at the rake or seal the rake edges with a 4” (102 mm) strip of plastic roof cement.
   A. True
   B. False
The following Leak Barriers are available from GAF. Check details for the Leak Barrier that is best suited for your application.

WeatherWatch® Mineral-Surfaced Leak Barrier features…
- Mineral surface for good traction.
- Fiberglass reinforcement for strength.
- 1.5 (13.9 m²) squares or 2.0 (18.6 m²) squares per roll.
- Split-back release film… makes for easy installations.
- Repositionable: WeatherWatch® Mineral-Surfaced Leak Barrier is designed to be set in place and repositioned if needed.
- Less likely to stick to itself… uses a time-release adhesive that reduces hassles if material folds on itself during installation.

Seals to many surfaces…
- Seals all the critical areas.
- Seals nails and staples.
- Seals to plumbing vent pipes.
- Good for shingle roofs.
- Up to 60-day exposure.

WeatherWatch® XT Mat-Surfaced Leak Barrier features…
- Mat surface for extra traction.
- Fiberglass reinforcement for extra strength.
- 2.0 (18.6 m²) squares per roll.
- Repositionable: WeatherWatch® XT Mat-Surfaced Leak Barrier is designed to be set in place and repositioned if needed.
- Less likely to stick to itself… uses a time-release adhesive that reduces hassles if material folds on itself during installation.

Seals to many surfaces…
- Seals all the critical areas.
- Seals nails and staples.
- Seals to plumbing vent pipes.
- Good for shingle roofs.
STORMGUARD®…

StormGuard® Film-Surfaced Leak Barrier features…

• Film surface… good traction in heat.
• Fiberglass reinforcement… for strength.
• 2.0 (18.6 m²) squares per roll.
• Split-back release film… easier to install.
• Repositionable… StormGuard® Film-Surfaced Leak Barrier is designed to be set in place and repositioned if needed.

Seals to many surfaces…

• Seals all the critical areas.
• Seals nails and staples.
• Seals to plumbing vent pipes.
• Good for shingle roofs.
• Up to 60-day exposure.

UNDERROOF™ 2…

UnderRoof™ 2 Polyester-Surfaced Leak Barrier features…

• Polyester mat surface.
• 2.2 (20.7 m²) squares per roll.
• Split-back release film… easier to install.
• Repositionable… UnderRoof™ 2 Polyester-Surfaced Leak Barrier is designed to be set in place and repositioned if needed.
• Good for tile and shingle roofs.

Seals to many surfaces…

• Seals all the critical areas.
• Seals nails and staples.
• Seals to plumbing vent pipes.
• Good for shingle roofs.
• Up to 180-day exposure.

DIRECT SUNLIGHT...

WHERE SHOULD LEAK BARRIER BE INSTALLED?

◆ Important fact: Leak Barriers are not designed to withstand direct sunlight for long periods of time.

1. At the eaves… protection from wind-driven rains and ice dams.
2. In all valleys… a full 36” (914 mm) width throughout the entire valley length.
3. Around all plumbing vent pipes… 20” (508 mm) square section applied tight to the pipe.
4. Around dormers… added protection under flashing areas.
5. Around chimneys… safeguard a notorious leak source.
6. At roof slope transition areas… when a roof slope flows to a lower slope, there is a danger of ponding water.
7. Around skylights… seal off a critical leak area.
8. At the rake edges, and hips & ridges… for protection from wind-driven rain.

Note: When using ridge ventilation, do not cover ridge vent slot/opening with Leak Barrier material or other Roof Deck Protection.
EXISTING LEAK BARRIER…

Remove the existing Leak Barrier if it is possible, without damaging the deck. This will allow the deck to be examined for deterioration and damage.

1. If two or more layers of Leak Barrier are in place, all layers should be removed…
   • To prevent a potential build-up of material resulting in a waterstop where the shingles are attempting to bridge three layers of Leak Barrier that could leak.
   • To prevent a potential build-up of material resulting in an uneven substrate that may be visible through the new shingles, which could look unattractive and cause an aesthetic complaint.
   • To allow the deck to be examined for damage and deterioration.

   ☆ If two or more layers of Leak Barrier are in place, they must be removed for the roof to qualify for a Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Warranty.

2. If removal of the existing material cannot be accomplished without damaging the deck, then the roofing contractor may choose to either…
   • Replace the deck or
   • attempt to “feather in” the new layer by extending the material a minimum of 8” (203 mm) past the existing material.

Note: Not all building materials are designed to be in contact with each other. GAF is not responsible for any damage caused by incompatibility with any Leak Barrier not manufactured by GAF. See Technical Advisory Bulletin No. TAB-R 2011-157 available at gaf.com for more information on compatibility.

Install GAF Leak Barriers as protection against severe weather…

1. Wind-driven rain areas… seal rakes, eaves, hips, ridges, and peaks from wind-driven rain at:
   • Ocean fronts, lake fronts, or ponds.
   • Hill tops, mountains, and knolls.
   • Open fields or landscapes that leave homes wide open to winds.

NOTE: Install Leak Barrier flush to the ventilation slot at the ridge to allow for airflow.

2. Ice and snow problems… protect all areas from ice dams in regions affected by freeze-thaw cycles.
GAF Leak Barrier must be installed...  
1. At all valleys.  
2. At all dormers, chimneys, and side walls.  
3. Around all plumbing vents.  
4. At the eave, at least 24” (610 mm) inside the warm wall in all regions affected by ice dams (see map in this section for details).

When using GAF Leak Barrier on a Weather Stopper® System Plus roof, install them at the listed locations as well.

Map note: There are areas in the southern half of this map that need ice dam protection.  
- Install GAF Leak Barriers 24” (610 mm) inside of the warm wall anywhere the roof is subject to ice dams or freeze-thaw cycles.
INSTALLING GAF LEAK BARRIERS AT EAVES...

1. Anywhere there is the threat of a snow load... Most building codes require installing Leak Barriers at the eaves.
2. Extend up the roof to at least 24" (610 mm) inside of the warm wall... the “warm wall” is the interior finished wall.
3. Two courses of 36" (914 mm) rolls... are needed on a typical structure.
4. Lap second course over first by 3" (76 mm) using the selvage edge to keep straight.
5. Hand roll lap... for adhesion.

✫ If installing in the north, GAF Leak Barriers at the eaves are required for the Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty (see map on page 40).

INSTALL GAF LEAK BARRIER...

1. Cut into 10’-20’ (3.05-6.10 m) lengths... easier to handle.
2. Examine the deck... Make sure it is clean, dry, and free of debris.
3. Install gutter... remember to reattach all leader pipes.
4. Install non-corroding metal drip edge... aluminum or galvanized steel. Nail every 8”-10” (203-254 mm).
5. Align full width of membrane... lay flush to the drip edge.
6. Fold membrane in half... to remove one-half width of the release film.

WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE...

INSTALLING LEAK BARRIER ON TOP OF DRAIN EDGE...

1. Cut into 10’-20’ (3.05-6.10 m) lengths... easier to handle.
2. Examine the deck... Make sure it is clean, dry, and free of debris.
3. Install gutter... remember to reattach all leader pipes.
4. Install non-corroding metal drip edge... aluminum or galvanized steel. Nail every 8”-10” (203-254 mm).
5. Align full width of membrane... lay flush to the drip edge.
6. Fold membrane in half... to remove one-half width of the release film.
7. Remove top piece of release film...
   Allow the membrane to roll down towards the edge of the roof, then press into place by hand.

8. Position membrane without blisters or wrinkling.

9. Position the top half of the sheet...
   remove the remaining half of the release film, roll into place, and press by hand.

10. Seal membrane... using a roller.

11. For safety reasons... Back nail every 18" (457 mm) along selvage edge.

12. Extend laps at least 6" (152 mm) at any seams... Hand roll these laps to seal.

13. Do not leave membrane exposed for longer than the allowable number of days for the product being installed (60 or 180 days)... It is not designed to be exposed for long periods of time.

14. For additional courses... Waterproof underlayment should reach a point 24" (610 mm) inside the interior wall line. If additional courses are required, the top lap must be at least 3" (76 mm) and hand-rolled for good adhesion.
1. Remove the gutter... so the membrane can be wrapped down the fascia.
2. Cut into 10'-20' (3.05-6.10 m) lengths... easier to handle.
3. Align full width of membrane... lay flush to the drip edge.
4. Fold membrane in half... to remove one half width of the release film.
5. Remove top piece of release film...
Allow the membrane to roll down towards the edge of the roof.
6. Position membrane without blisters or wrinkling and press into place by hand.
7. Position the top half of the sheet...
Remove the remaining half of the release film and bond as before, pressing into place by hand.
8. Seal membrane... using a roller.
9. For safety reasons... Back-nail every 18" (457 mm) along selvage edge.
10. Roll back bottom half... to remove release film.
11. Remove release film... to install to the deck and fascia.
12. Seal membrane... using a roller.
13. Extend laps at least 6" (152 mm) at any seams... hand roll these laps to seal.
14. Do not leave membrane exposed... it is not designed to be exposed for long periods of time.
15. Reinstall gutter... remember to reattach all leader pipes.
16. Install non-corroding metal drip edge... aluminum or galvanized steel.
17. Nail drip edge every 8"-10" (203-254 mm).
18. For additional courses... waterproof Roof Deck Protection should reach a point 2' (610 mm) inside the interior wall line. If additional courses are required, the top lap must be at least 3" (76 mm) and hand rolled for good adhesion.
Full-deck coverage is allowed…
Installing a GAF Leak Barrier over an entire roofing deck is allowed on GAF Roofing Systems and for GAF enhanced warranties.

Ventilation precautions MUST be taken… Because Leak Barriers are vapor retarders, they may result in moisture-related problems with the roof deck and the structural support in the attic.

◆ Important Note: If full-deck coverage is going to be installed on a GAF Roofing System, a design professional must address the potential for moisture entrapment, excessive moisture build-up, and condensation. Be sure to consult a design professional before installing full-deck coverage with a GAF Leak Barrier.
Valleys carry extreme amounts of water...
  • They are a natural center for leaks.
  • Leak Barriers will seal off these leaks.

1. Valley metals move, buckle, and crack…
   • Metals expand and contract… All metals are subject to movement.
   • They can buckle and crack… due to this movement.

2. Metals corrode… Even the strongest metals are subject to deterioration.

◆ Installing closed valleys with shingles and Leak Barriers results in great-looking waterproof valleys.

Benefits of closed valleys with Leak Barriers…
1. GAF Leak Barriers…
   • Seal to the deck.
   • Seal to nails.

2. More waterproof and less labor…
   • Easier and quicker to install.
   • Result in a more waterproof roof.

3. A better finished look… finishing a valley with shingles leaves a roof with a cleaner look.
   • Over time, metals will rust and discolor the roofing.

◆ If local building codes insist on using valley metal, install GAF Leak Barrier before installing the metal to seal this area.
1. Cut GAF Leak Barrier... into manageable lengths 6'-10' (3.05-6.10 m).
2. Place over the valley center line... • Starting from the bottom up... align flush with the drip edge.
3. Extend past the eave area... to completely cover the eave and valley.
4. Remove split-back release film from one side.
5. Firmly press into place... pressing from the center line out to eliminate bubbles.
6. Reposition if needed.
7. Remove split-back film... from the second side.
8. Firmly press into place... removing air bubbles.
9. Extend past the peak... • Extend past the valley peak to fully seal. • Cover the leak-prone transition area.
10. Lap joints at least 6" (152 mm)... if more than one length is necessary to cover the valley.

Building codes, open valleys... • The use of valley metal is required by some building codes and when finishing a valley in the open method.

✫ On Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations, install GAF Leak Barriers first, and then install valley metal over the GAF Leak Barrier.

✫ GAF Leak Barriers are required in valleys for all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations and when used as a system accessory on Weather Stopper® System Plus installations even if valley metal is a local code requirement.
Center valley metal, overlap metal horizontal laps a minimum 12" (305mm) and seal by embedding them in asphalt plastic cement.

Place fasteners so nail heads hold metal in place. Do NOT puncture the metal.
INSTALLING WEATHERWATCH® OR STORMGUARD® AT PLUMBING VENTS…

✫ ADVANCED INSTALLATION METHOD…

◆ To divert any leak water out of the system over the Roof Deck Protection…

1. **First install Roof Deck Protection layer**… Install Deck-Armor™ or any other GAF Roof Deck Protection to within 6" (152 mm) of the vent pipe.
2. **Cut a 20" (508 mm) min. square piece of GAF Leak Barrier**.
3. **Place this piece over the center of the pipe’s top**.
4. **Cut an X from one edge of the pipe to the other**… Cutting this X slightly smaller than the pipe width will allow a full seal around the entire pipe.
5. **Remove the split-back film**.
6. **Lower the Leak Barrier around the pipe**.
7. **Firmly press the membrane to seal it**:
   - To the deck.
   - To the Roof Deck Protection.
   - Up the vent pipe’s sides.

◆ To divert any leak water out over the roof shingles…

1. **For laminated shingles only**…
   - This method cannot be used with three-tab shingles or other shingles with cut-outs.
2. **Install Deck-Armor™ or any other GAF Roof Deck Protection** around the pipe.
3. **Cut GAF Leak Barrier 20" (508 mm) min. wide to surround pipes**.
4. **Shingle up to the vent pipe, cutting the top of the shingle around the pipe**.
5. **Install the GAF Leak Barrier over the pipe**.
6. **Firmly press GAF Leak Barrier over the top half of the shingle… in front of the vent pipe**.
7. **Then seal GAF Leak Barrier… to Deck-Armor™ or any other GAF Roof Deck Protection**.
8. **Cover GAF Roof Deck Protection and GAF Leak Barrier with shingle… set in plastic cement**.
LEAK BARRIERS

**Installing GAF Leak Barriers around plumbing vents** is required on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations and all Weather Stopper® System Plus installations.

**INSTALLING GAF LEAK BARRIER AROUND PLUMBING VENTS (STANDARD METHOD)...**

**INSTALLING GAF LEAK BARRIER AROUND PLUMBING VENTS (OVER THE SHINGLE METHOD)...**
Roof decks and side walls can move separately…

- This settling can tear Leak Barriers.
- Installing Leak Barriers sealed to just the side wall will eliminate this problem.

1. Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection… cutting it flush to the wall seam.

2. Prepare a full 36” (914 mm) width… of GAF Leak Barrier.

3. Align GAF Leak Barrier… so that there is at least 5” (127 mm) running up the adjoining wall.

4. Remove split-back release film.

5. Firmly press to seal… press GAF Leak Barrier to seal the membrane to the Deck-Armor™ or any other Roof Deck Protection and also the adjoining wall materials.

6. Masonry materials… GAF Leak Barriers may not bond to certain cements and masonry products.

7. If installing to a masonry material…
   - Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection 3”-4” (76-102 mm) short of the wall seam, leaving wood deck exposed.
   - Seal Leak Barrier to the deck, and run up the masonry without sealing.

✫ GAF Leak Barriers are required around dormers and side walls for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.

[*WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE...]
INSTALL GAF LEAK BARRIER AT DORMERS AND SIDE WALLS...

Install GAF Roof Deck Protection flush to wall

Install GAF Leak Barrier 5" (127 mm) up the wall

Install GAF Leak Barrier 5" (127 mm) up the wall

Install GAF Root Deck Protection flush to wall

5" (127 mm)
Roof decks can settle and move separately from chimneys...

1. Install Leak Barriers... to accommodate this movement.

2. Install Deck-Armor™ or any other Roof Deck Protection flush to the chimney wall.

3. Install a full 36" (914 mm) width of GAF Leak Barrier over the Roof Deck Protection.

4. Run up the chimney sides 5" (127 mm)... the Leak Barrier should run up the chimney sides at least 5" (127 mm).

5. Seal by pressing the membrane...

6. Completely cover crickets... chimney crickets should be completely covered with Leak Barriers.

7. Install shingles and step flashing... over the Leak Barriers.

To divert any leak water back out over the roof shingles at chimney front...

1. Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection... flush to chimney wall around the entire chimney.

2. Install shingles... trimming them flush to the chimney front.

3. Install Leak Barrier...

4. This method will divert any water that enters past the flashing and shingles back out of the roof system over the shingles.
INSTALL GAF LEAK BARRIER AROUND CHIMNEYS...

CHIMNEY DETAILS...

- Masonry Chimney
- Completely cover vertical portion of GAF Leak Barrier with step flashing
- Install GAF Leak Barrier 5” (127 mm) up wall
- Step Flashing
- Shingles
- Install GAF Roof Deck Protection flush to wall

OVER CRICKETS...

OVER THE SHINGLE METHOD...

Install GAF Leak Barrier over GAF Roof Deck Protection

GAF Leak Barrier over shingles at chimney front
1. Where... when a steeper roof slope comes down to a lower-slope roof, there is the potential for ponding, ice dams, and leaking.

2. Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection ... over the front half of the transition area.

3. Install a full 36" (914 mm) of GAF Leak Barrier... to fully seal this area.
   * Over the Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection ... that is down slope, so errant water will flow out of the system.
   * Center over the center line... Install the Leak Barrier so there is 18" (457 mm) of membrane on either side of the transition center.

4. Shingle up to the center line... stopping even to or just past the center line.

5. Install metal flashing...
   * Over Leak Barrier at the up-slope side.
   * Over the shingles... at the down-slope side.

6. Shingle over the metal... going up slope to finish waterproofing this area.

7. Seal the shingles to the metal... with plastic roof cement. (Note: Excess cement can cause shingles to blister.)

8. Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection ... over the Leak Barrier above the transition (at least a 6" [152 mm] lap).
INSTALL GAF LEAK BARRIER AT ALL SHINGLE-TO-SHINGLE TRANSITION AREAS...

GAF Roof Deck Protection over GAF Leak Barrier above transition

Install shingles over metal on up-slope embedded in cement

Metal flashing

Shingles under metal

GAF Leak Barrier centered over transition

GAF Roof Deck Protection under GAF Leak Barrier below transition

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INSTALLING LEAK BARRIERS

Sealing Shingle-to-Shingle Transition Areas
1. Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection… around the skylight.
   • Leave 3”- 4” (76-102 mm) of the deck exposed around all four sides.
2. Seal in all four sides… Install GAF Leak Barrier around all sides of the skylight.
3. Extend up the skylight sides…
   • Install Leak Barrier up the skylight’s sides.
4. Install step flashing and counter flashing over Roof Deck Protection…
   • Making certain Leak Barriers are not exposed to direct sunlight.

Installing GAF Leak Barriers over the shingles at skylight fronts is acceptable in non-ice dam areas.
1. Install Deck-Armor™ or any other Roof Deck Protection, leaving at least at least 6”-8” (152-203 mm) of the deck exposed.

2. Install a full 36” (914 mm)… of GAF Leak Barrier over Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection and rake edge.
   a. Cut the membrane to 15’-20’ (4.57-6.10 m) lengths… then reroll for easier handling.
   b. Remove 2’-3’ (610-914 mm) of the release film… align this flush to the roof edge.
   c. Seal to the edge… removing the remaining split-back release film.
   d. Firmly press into place… using either your hammer edge or a roller.
   e. Nail off every 18” (457 mm) at the edge… within 6” (152 mm) of edge, nail off up the rake.
   f. Laps must be at least 6” (152 mm). wide… where two sheets meet, lap ends at least 6” (152 mm) and hand roll to seal.
   g. Install sheets so laps follow water flow… higher sheets should be lapped over lower sheets.

3. Install drip edge… over Roof Deck Protection.

◆ Winds going across the roof gain speed and power as they reach the hips and ridges.

◆ Seal off these wind-prone areas…
   1. To protect against wind-driven rain at hips and ridges, install Leak Barrier.
   2. At ridges, install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection… a full 36” (914 mm) up to the ridge vent opening for maximum protection.
   3. At hips… a full 36” (914 mm) of GAF Leak Barrier centered over the ridge line to seal off wind-driven rain.
INSTALL GAF LEAK BARRIER AT RAKE EDGES AND HIPS AND RIDGES...

Install full 36" (914 mm) width GAF Leak Barrier along rake edge

Under drip edge at rake edge

Flush to drip edge at eave

Install full 36" (914 mm) width GAF Leak Barrier up to ridge vent slot

GAF Roof Deck Protection installed under GAF Leak Barrier

Install full 36" (914 mm) width GAF Leak Barrier centered over hip

Sealing Off Wind-Driven Rain At Rake Edges And Hips And Ridges
1. Leak Barrier should be installed at which of the following areas?
A. Eaves.
B. Valleys.
C. Around skylights.
D. All of the above.

2. To properly protect from ice dams, Leak Barriers should extend past the warm wall by how far?
A. 3” (76 mm) min.
B. 18” (457 mm) min.
C. 24” (610 mm) min.
D. None of the above.

3. GAF Leak Barriers should be installed up side walls, dormers, and chimneys a minimum of how far?
A. 1” (25 mm).
B. 5” (127 mm).
C. 16” (406 mm).
D. None of the above.

4. True or False? When installing GAF Leak Barriers at a low-to-steep slope transition, they should be centered over the center line.
A. True
B. False

5. What is the correct method of installing Leak Barriers at hips and ridges?
A. A full 36” (914 mm) width at the rake edges, 18” (457 mm) at the peaks.
B. Over the shingles at the hip roofs.
C. A full roll centered over the hips and full widths installed up to the vent slot at ridges.
D. All of the above.
Roofing experts agree that installing Shingle Roof Deck Protection is essential to a good roof system.

Here’s why:

1. **Roof Deck Protection** serves as secondary water-shedding protection in case of roofing leaks or wind-driven rain.
   
   *Note:* Roof Deck Protection is NOT waterproof and must NOT be used as a temporary roof to protect property or possessions.

2. **Shingle protection**
   - Roof Deck Protection keeps wood resins away from the shingles.
   - Some resins can damage shingles.

3. **Deck leveler**
   - Shingle Roof Deck Protection helps create a flat and even deck surface.

4. **Helps Reduce Moisture**
   - Helps reduce the amount of inside moisture that can become trapped within the roofing system.

5. **Needed to obtain a UL Class A fire rating on shingles.**

**Warning:** When using FeltBuster™ High-Traction Synthetic Roofing Felt as underlayment, it MUST be installed over one layer of GAF VersaShield® Fire-Resistant Roof Deck Protection in order to maintain a Class A fire rating for GAF asphalt shingles.
GAF recommends the use of Roof Deck Protection that helps reduce moisture that can become trapped under the roof’s shingles.

Today’s modern homes are built weathertight—so common moisture (from cooking, bathing, cleaning, etc.) has less chance to escape. Over time, that moisture can cause roof rot, mold, mildew, and costly structural decay.

◆ That’s why GAF recommends the use of Roof Deck Protection that helps reduce moisture under its shingles!

Using non-breathable Roof Deck Protection can create a barrier that traps harmful moisture inside your roofing system. Therefore, if non-breathable Roof Deck Protection is used, ventilation precautions MUST be taken. Otherwise, your Roof Deck Protection can become a vapor retarder, which may result in moisture-related problems with the roof deck and the structural support in the attic.

Important Note: A design professional must address the potential for moisture entrapment, excessive moisture build-up, and condensation. Be sure to consult a design professional before installing non-breathable Roof Deck Protection to ensure it is properly installed with adequate ventilation.
**Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection** provides an extra layer of protection between your shingles and your roof deck. It helps prevent wind-driven rain (or water from other sources) from infiltrating under your shingles and causing damage to your roof structure or the inside of your home. Unlike typical asphalt felts, Shingle-Mate® is fiberglass reinforced so that it lies flatter and avoids “telegraphing” wrinkles. It also helps the shingles lie flat and uniform, resulting in a better-looking roofing job.

◆ Benefits to the installer:
  • Goes down flat, and stays flat.
  • Saves installation time and labor.
  • Reduces call-backs.

◆ Fiberglass reinforcement…
makes Shingle-Mate® a unique Roof Deck Protection.

Note: Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection should not be left exposed to moisture or precipitation.

Prepare Deck Properly…

1a. Clean roof… Remove debris or protruding fasteners, which can cause leaks. Repair and replace any damaged or rotted sections prior to installing Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection.

1b. Dry roof… Deck must be dry to help prevent buckling of the deck, which can result in deck movement and damage the primary roof covering.

Standard slopes (4:12 or more)

2. Over the drip edge at the eaves… Lay Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection over the eave metal.*

3. Under the drip edge at the rake edge… so any water that infiltrates will flow over the Roof Deck Protection.

4. Nail as needed… use only enough nails or staples to hold Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection in place (unless more fasteners are required by codes).

5. Overlap second course 2” (51 mm)… extend Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection 2” (51 mm) over the preceding course.

6. Overlap 4” (102 mm)… end laps should overlap a minimum of 4” (102 mm).

*Unless required by local codes to be under the drip edge at the eaves.
7. **Overlap GAF Leak Barrier by 6" (152 mm) min...**
   - At valleys.
   - As second course over eaves.
   - At rake edges.

8. **Install Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection under GAF Leak Barrier at all roof penetrations (as mentioned in the “Leak Barriers” section).**

**Stars:**

- Installing Shingle-Mate® or other GAF Roof Deck Protection is a requirement of the Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty.

- Deck-Armor™, Tiger Paw™, Shingle-Mate®, and other GAF Roof Deck Protection are system accessories for Weather Stopper® System Plus installations.

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**INSTALLING SHINGLE-MATE® ROOF DECK PROTECTION ON SLOPES STEEPER THAN 4:12...**

- Use GAF Leak Barrier if required.
1. **Best option: start with GAF Leak Barrier**… the best protection on low-slope roofs is to apply a full 36” (914 mm) course of Leak Barrier at the eave.

2. **Or start with Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection**… cut Roof Deck Protection down to a 19” (483 mm) width for the first course.

3. **Install 36” (914 mm) course of Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection**… this course fully covers the first course.

4. **Start third layer 17” (432 mm) from the eave**…
   - 17” (432 mm) from the eave, install another full course of Roof Deck Protection.

5. **Continue up the roof**… using a 17” (432 mm) exposure.

**WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE...**

Installing GAF Leak Barrier as eave flashing is required on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations in the North and recommended in the South.
Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection is a UV-stabilized polypropylene underlayment designed to shed water. It helps to protect against roof deck rot by carrying damaging moisture away from the roof deck through absorption and diffusion. Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection resists UV degradation for up to 180 days.* The primary roof covering (such as asphalt shingles) MUST be installed over TigerPaw™ Roof Deck Protection within 180 days.

* 180-day UV resistance refers to standardized testing conducted to ensure the product will not physically degrade when exposed to UV. It is NOT related to withstanding water, snow, or wind. While Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection is water resistant, it is NOT WATERPROOF. DO NOT USE Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection as a temporary roof to protect property or possessions.

CAUTION...

Be careful when using Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection under non-asphaltic roofing systems such as metal, slate, or tile. Components from these systems may cause excessive abrasion, scuffing, and sharp stress points, damaging the Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection. For non-asphaltic systems, follow the primary roof covering manufacturer’s recommended application instructions and the Tiger Paw™ published application instructions. Questions? Contact GAF Technical Services at 1-800-ROOF-411.

PRECAUTIONS...

Always avoid scuffing… Normal walking on Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection will not cause damage. However, scuffing can compromise the WATERPROOFING layer of Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection and result in leaking. Scuffing can be caused by twisting, kicking, or heavy rubbing of shoes against the Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection.

NOTE...

If scuffing occurs… cover any scuffed areas with an additional layer of Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection that exceeds the scuffed area by 6" (152 mm) on each side. Adhere the additional layer of Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection with a moisture curable polyurethane adhesive that meets or exceeds ASTM C557. Follow the adhesive manufacturer’s instructions.

TIGER PAW™ ROOF DECK PROTECTION BENEFITS…

1. Safer for Installers… Specially designed surface helps provide excellent walkability for installers versus conventional felts or typical synthetic underlayments.

2. Stronger… Synthetic non-woven construction provides at least 600% greater tear strength than standard #30 felt.
3. Special Moisture-Control Design…

Helps remove nearly twice as much damaging moisture from the roof deck as the leading synthetic non-breathable underlayment (per ASTM D570-modified).

**VENTILATION CONSIDERATIONS…**

◆ Provisions must be made in the roof design and installation to provide proper ventilation to avoid high humidity, condensation, and mold growth problems. A design professional must address the potential for moisture entrapment, excessive moisture build-up, and condensation. Local building codes in your area should also be reviewed for ventilation requirements.

**INSTALLATION NOTE…**

Cutting… Use a straight blade knife, scissors, or sharp hook blade knife for cutting Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection.

**FASTENING…**

Type of Seams… a “side lap” is the horizontal lap. An “end lap” is the vertical lap.

◆ **Do NOT use nails or staples without caps.** Use only plastic cap, corrosion-resistant nails, or staples with plastic caps. Fasteners should be long enough to penetrate at least 3/4” (19 mm) into wood decks or just through plywood or OSB decks. Fasteners must be flush to the deck and at a 90-degree angle to the roof deck.

**HOW TO INSTALL TIGER PAW™ ROOF DECK PROTECTION**

**All Applications Follow Steps 1-5 Below…**

**STEP 1…**

Prepare Deck Properly…

1a. Clean roof… Remove debris or protruding fasteners, which can cause leaks. Repair and replace any damaged or rotted sections prior to installing Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection.

1b. Dry roof… Deck must be dry to help prevent buckling of the deck, which can result in deck movement and damage the primary roof covering.

**STEP 2…**

Install Leak Barrier…

2a. Where a waterproof underlayment is needed, install GAF Leak Barrier at eaves, valleys, rakes, skylights, dormers, and other vulnerable leak areas. Follow Leak Barrier published application instructions.

2b. Along the eaves and in the valleys, install the Leak Barrier before installing Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection.
2c. Along the rake, install Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection, leaving 6”–8” (152 mm–203 mm) minimum of the deck exposed, and then install the Leak Barrier over the Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection.

2d. In other areas, install the Leak Barrier over the Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection (see WeatherWatch®, StormGuard®, or other GAF Leak Barrier published application instructions for more details).

STEP 3...

Lay Out Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection…
3a. Parallel to eave… Apply Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection parallel to the eaves.

3b. Install without wrinkles… Lay flat, cap nail flat. Do NOT stretch during installation.

3c. Over drip edge at eaves… Lay Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection over the eave metal unless local building code requires otherwise or if Leak Barrier is in place at eaves (see figure below).

3d. Under drip edge at the rakes… Lay Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection under the drip edge at the rake to help prevent wind uplift at the rake edge (see figure below).

STEP 4...

Standard Installation Instructions
4:12 Slope Or More…
Overlap Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection Before Fastening (see figure below).
4a. Overlap 3” (76 mm) at side lap…
Extend Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection 3” (76 mm) over the preceding course. Use the line at top of printed grid to help align the 3” (76 mm) overlap.

4b Overlap 6” (152 mm) at end lap…
End laps should overlap a minimum of 6” (152 mm) and be offset from adjacent end laps by 3’ (914 mm).

4c. Fasten… in accordance with Step 5.
Standard Installation Instructions
2:12 Slope To Less Than 4:12
Install Double Coverage (see figure below).

4a. **Overlap**... a full 25.5” (648 mm) over the underlying course.

4b. **Continue up the roof**... using a 22.5” (572 mm) exposure.

4c. **Overlap 6” (152 mm) at end lap seams**... and offset from adjacent end laps by 3’ (914 mm).

4d. **Fasten**... See Step 5.

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**STEP 5...**

**Fasten Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection**... In accordance with installation instructions below for all installations. Use only plastic cap corrosion-resistant nails or staples with plastic caps.

5a. **Fasten side and end laps**... 12” (305 mm) on center [use 6” (152 mm) on center for high wind].

5b. **Fasten in the field of the roll**... with two staggered rows of fasteners spaced 24” (610 mm) on center (use 12” [305 mm] on center for high-wind areas).
**Taped Seams**… Use a butyl adhesive-based seam/cover tape or a waterproof cloth duct tape. Follow the tape manufacturer’s instructions.

**NOTE:** The long-term durability of these tapes varies by manufacturer and type. Be sure to use a tape that is stated to perform for the full time that Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection will be exposed.

1. **Side Lap Detail**…
   - Overlap second course 6” (152 mm) in shingle fashion and fasten (see Step 5).
   - Completely cover all side laps and fasteners with tape.

2. **End Lap Detail**… Must be taped…
   - Overlap 12” (305 mm) at the end lap and fasten (see Step 5).
   - Use tape to completely cover all end laps and all fasteners.

If Roof May Be Exposed To High Winds…

1. Fasten side and end laps… use 6” (152 mm) on center.
2. Fasten in the field of the roll… with two staggered rows of fasteners spaced 12” (305 mm) on center.
3. Always apply tape… over all fasteners at the center of roll to help prevent rain or snow from entering at the fasteners.
4. Leaking… may result from exposed fasteners.

* While Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection is water resistant, it is **NOT WATERPROOF.** **DO NOT USE** Tiger Paw™ Roof Deck Protection as a temporary roof to protect property or possessions.
Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection is a breathable, UV-stabilized polypropylene underlayment designed to shed water. It breathes so that it does not lock in moisture that can cause damage to the deck or building interior. Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection resists UV degradation for up to 180 days*. The primary roof covering (such as asphalt shingles) MUST be installed over Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection within 180 days.

* 180-day UV resistance refers to standardized testing conducted to ensure the product will not physically degrade when exposed to UV. It is NOT related to withstanding water, snow, or wind. While Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection is water resistant, it is NOT WATERPROOF. DO NOT USE Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection as a temporary roof to protect property or possessions.

Be careful when using Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection under non-asphaltic roofing systems such as metal, slate, or tile. Components from these systems may cause excessive abrasion, scuffing, and sharp stress points, damaging the Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection. For non-asphaltic systems, follow the primary roof covering manufacturer’s recommended application instructions and the Deck-Armor™ published application instructions. Questions? Contact GAF Technical Services at 1-800-ROOF-411.

Always avoid scuffing… Normal walking on Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection will not cause damage. However, scuffing can compromise the WATERPROOFING layer of Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection and result in leaking. Scuffing can be caused by twisting, kicking, or heavy rubbing of shoes with weight pressing Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection against the deck.

If scuffing occurs… cover any scuffed areas with an additional layer of Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection that exceeds the scuffed area by 6” (152 mm) on each side. Adhere the additional layer of Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection with a moisture-curable polyurethane adhesive that meets or exceeds ASTM C557. Follow the adhesive/sealant manufacturer’s instructions.

Revolutionary breathable technology… Helps prevent inside moisture from becoming trapped within the roofing system.

Tear Resistant… Tear strength is at least 600% greater than standard #30 felt.

Light weight… 37 lb (16.8 kg) rolls are lighter and easier to handle than #15 or #30 felts.
4. **UV Stability**… withstands UV degradation for 180 days if necessary.
5. **Walkability**… special slip-resistant surface for exceptional walkability.
6. **Ten squares per roll.**

**Installation Note.** Cutting… use a straight blade knife, scissors, or sharp hook blade knife for cutting Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection.

**Type of Seams**… a “side lap” is the horizontal lap. An “end lap” is the vertical lap.

**FASTENING…**

◆ **Do NOT use nails or staples without caps.** Use only plastic cap, corrosion-resistant nails, or staples with plastic caps. Fasteners should be long enough to penetrate at least 3/4” (19 mm) into wood decks or just through plywood or OSB decks. Fasteners must be flush to the deck and at a 90-degree angle to the roof deck.

**All Applications Follow Steps 1-5 Below…**

**Prepare Deck Properly…**

*1a. Clean deck…* Remove debris or protruding fasteners, which can cause leaks. Repair and replace any damaged or rotted sections prior to installation of Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection.

*1b. Dry deck…* Deck must be dry to help prevent buckling of the deck, which can result in deck movement and damage the primary roof covering.

**Install Leak Barrier…**

*2a. Where a waterproof underlayment is needed,* install GAF Leak Barrier. This ideally includes eaves, valleys, rakes, skylights, dormers, and other vulnerable leak areas. Follow Leak Barrier published application instructions.

*2b. Along the eaves and in the valleys,* install the GAF Leak Barrier before installing Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection.

*2c. Along the rake install the GAF Leak Barrier over the Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection.**

*2d. In other areas, install the Leak Barrier over the Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection* (see GAF Leak Barrier published application instructions for more details).
**STEP 3…**

Lay Out Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection…

3a. Parallel to eave… apply Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection parallel to the eaves.

3b. Install without wrinkles… lay flat, nail flat. DO NOT stretch during installation.

3c. Over drip edge at eaves… lay Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection over the eave metal unless local building codes require otherwise, or if Leak Barrier is in place at eaves (see figure below).

3d. Under drip edges at the rakes… lay Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection under the drip edge at the rake to help prevent wind uplift at the rake edge (see figure below).

**STEP 4…**

Standard Installation Instructions

4:12 Slope Or More…

Overlap Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection Before Fastening…

4a. Overlap 3” (76 mm) at side lap… extend Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection 3” (76 mm) over the preceding course. Use the line at the top of printed grid to help align the 3” (76 mm) overlap.

4b. Overlap 6” (152 mm) at end lap… end laps should overlap at least 6” (152 mm) and be offset from adjacent end laps by 3” (914 mm).

4c. Fasten… in accordance with Step 5.

Standard Installation Instructions

2:12 Slope To Less Than 4:12… Install Double Coverage…

4a. Overlap… a full 28.5” (724 mm) overlap over the underlying course.

4b. Continue up the roof… using a 25.5” (648 mm) exposure.

4c. Overlap 12” (305 mm) at end lap seams… and offset from adjacent end laps by 6’ (1.83 m).

4d. Fasten… see Step 5.
INSTALLING DECK-ARMOR® ROOF DECK PROTECTION ON LOW SLOPES (2:12 TO LESS THAN 4:12)

STEP 5...

Fasten Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection... with plastic cap nails or staples with plastic caps in accordance with appropriate installation instructions below, for all installations:

5a. Fasten side and end laps... 12” (305 mm) on center [use 6” (152 mm) on center for high-wind areas].

5b. Fasten in the field of the roll... with 2 staggered rows of fasteners spaced 24” (610 mm) on center [use 12” (305 mm) on center for high-wind areas].

Taped Seams... use a butyl adhesive-based seam/cover tape or a waterproof cloth duct tape. Follow the tape manufacturer’s instructions.

NOTE: The long-term durability of these tapes varies by manufacturer and type. Be sure to use a tape that is stated to perform for the full time that Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection will be exposed.

1. Side Lap Detail...
   • Overlap second course 6” (152 mm) in shingle fashion and fasten (see Step 5).
   • Completely cover all side laps and fasteners with tape.

2. End Lap Detail, Must be Taped...
   • Overlap 12” (305 mm) at the end lap and fasten (see Step 5).
   • Use tape to completely cover all end laps and all fasteners.

If Roof May Be Exposed To High Winds...

1. Fasten in the field of the roll... with 2 staggered rows of fasteners spaced 12” (305 mm) on center.

2. Always apply tape... over all fasteners at the center of roll to help prevent rain or snow from entering at the fasteners.

3. Leaking... may result from exposed fasteners.

* While Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection is water resistant, it is NOT WATERPROOF. DO NOT USE Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection as a temporary roof to protect property or possessions.
1. Why is it important to install Shingle Roof Deck Protection?
   A. Secondary layer of protection in case of leaks.
   B. Protects shingles from wood resins.
   C. Levels the deck for a flat, even surface.
   D. All of the above.

2. What benefits to the installer does Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection have over standard felts?
   A. Goes down flat and stays flat for reduced time and labor.
   B. Comes in multiple colors.
   C. Can be installed over an existing layer of shingles.
   D. All of the above.

3. True or False? The correct method of installing Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection is under metal at rakes and over it at the eaves.
   A. True
   B. False

4. True or False? Shingle-Mate® Roof Deck Protection should be installed under GAF Leak Barrier at all roof penetrations.
   A. True
   B. False

5. The tear strength of Deck-Armor™ Breathable Roof Deck Protection is how much stronger than standard #30 felt?
   A. At least 100%.
   B. At least 600%.
   C. At least 50%.
   D. None of the above.
Proper Attic Ventilation
Proper attic ventilation systems allow a continual flow of outside air through the attic, protecting the efficiency of the insulation and helping to lower temperatures in the living space.

Ventilation is perhaps the most misunderstood area of roofing.

Question: “I never needed ventilation before; why do I need it now?”

Answer: Construction and buildings have changed...

1. Homes used to ventilate themselves…
   Heat and moisture used to escape through old windows, doors, and even right through the walls.

2. New materials seal-in buildings…
   • Insulation… new high-tech materials, with high-tech installation methods, seal-off a building.
   • Vapor barriers… non-breathing materials further seal-off buildings.
   • Vinyl siding… with insulation traps moisture and heat in structures.
NOW A ROOFING PROBLEM...

THE EXPERTS AGREE...

VENTILATE TO REDUCE HEAT...

**High-tech windows…** whether vinyl or wood, modern windows let very little air in or out of a structure.

**Result:** Heat, moisture, and condensation that used to escape through walls and windows are now building up under roofing.

Many major construction experts from architects to the U.S. Government agree that adequate ventilation is necessary on all buildings.

**Excessive attic heat…**
1. **Attic can heat up to 165°F (73.9°C) or more.**
2. **This heat radiates into the home…**
   - Overheated attics mean overheated homes.
   - Overheated homes can cost homeowners thousands of dollars in air conditioning.
3. **Attic heat can damage wood frames…** Overheated attics subject structural woodwork to warping and cracking.
4. **Attic heat can peel exterior paints…** Excess heat inside a structure can peel exterior paints.

**Overheated roof decks…**
1. **Roof decks can reach over 170°F (77°C).**
2. **Heat can reduce shingle life…**
   Overheated roof decks can actually “cook” roofing materials, reducing their effectiveness.
3. **This can affect the shingle’s performance…**
   - Most major shingle manufacturers—including GAF—require ventilation meeting FHA minimum requirements.

When outside temperature is 90°F (32°C), roof deck temperature can reach 170°F (77°C).
Moisture builds up in all structures.

**Moisture sources:**
- Showers, baths, and washing.
- Cooking and cleaning.
- Heating and cooling systems.

**Where does this moisture go?**

1. **Turns to vapor.** Most of this moisture will become vapor.
2. **Gets locked in.** Modern construction materials lock this moisture into the building.
3. **Travels through ceilings.** Once airborne, it will migrate through ceilings using natural convection.
4. **Stops at first barrier.** In most structures, this moisture stops at the roof deck.
5. **Condenses on the deck.**
   - Changes from vapor to water.
   - Settles on the interior of the deck and on cold attic surfaces.
   - Drips onto dry insulation.

**What does trapped moisture do?**

1. **Will damage woodwork in attics.**
   - Plywood will delaminate and rot.
   - OSB will expand and rot.
   - Structural frames will warp and rot.
2. **Reduces attic insulation R-value.**
   - Excess moisture will drip down onto insulation and reduce its effectiveness.
3. **Promotes mold and mildew.**
   - Attic moisture can lead to mold and mildew problems throughout the entire structure.

**Moisture builds up without proper ventilation...**
1. Too much heat in the attic… Heat from the structure escapes to the attic.

2. This heat will melt a snow load… even when the outside temperatures are too cold for melting.

3. The ice dam is created… The melted snow runs down the roof, refreezing at the cold eave areas.

4. The water backs up the roof… water gets blocked by the ice dam, builds up, and often gets under shingles—causing leaks.

Reduce ice dams through adequate ventilation…

1. Keep the attic cool with continuous ridge and adequate eave ventilation.

2. Meet or exceed the FHA ventilation requirements and follow code requirements.

3. Install GAF Leak Barrier…to seal the eaves.
1. True or False? Heat, moisture, and condensation that used to escape through walls and windows are now building up under roofing.
   A. True
   B. False

2. GAF and most shingle manufacturers require what minimum requirement standard for ventilation?
   A. VA.
   B. OSHA.
   C. FHA.
   D. All of the above.

3. Which of the following is a potential source of moisture?
   A. Showers, baths, and washing.
   B. Cooking.
   C. Heating and cooling systems.
   D. All of the above.

4. What are the adverse effects of moisture trapped in an attic?
   A. Promotes mold and mildew.
   B. Will damage plywood, OSB, and wood frames.
   C. Reduces attic insulation R-value.
   D. All of the above.

5. True or False? Inadequate attic ventilation is a contributing factor to ice damming.
   A. True
   B. False
Continuous ridge vents with continuous soffit vents is the best roof ventilation system.

1. **Offers full ventilation…** Full ventilation means air flow from the eave all the way to the ridge.

2. **Works with natural convection…** Using the natural force of hot air rising gives a no-maintenance system.

3. **Cool, dry air replaces hot, moist air…** Natural convection will draw in outside air at the soffit and push out hot, moist air at the ridge.

4. **Cobra® Ridge Vent on the entire peak** with open soffit or fascia vents creates uniform air flow for the underside of the roof deck.

**Cobra® Exhaust Vent benefits…**

1. **Easy to install…** Needs no end caps, accessories or sealant; nails are provided.

2. **Two ways to nail Cobra® Exhaust Vents…**
   - **Hand Nailing…** Cobra® Hand Nail coil comes with Cobra® Smart Nails™ for easy hand nailing of ridge caps and ridge vent together. Cobra® Hand Nail is slightly thicker than the Nail Gun version and has an NFVA of 16.9 sq. in. per lineal foot (35,774 sq. mm per lineal meter).
   - **Nail Guns…** Cobra® Nail Gun coil comes with 1 ¾” (44 mm) coil nails. Cobra® Nail Gun is slightly thinner and has an NFVA of 14.1 sq. in. per lineal foot (29,847 sq. mm per lineal meter).

3. **Base is self-cleaning…** Cobra® Exhaust Vent will resist clogging due to a special binding agent that acts like a Teflon® coating.

4. **Resists insect infestation…** Pests find it almost impossible to get through Cobra® Exhaust Vent.

5. **Resists snow passing through…** Cobra® Exhaust Vent has a low snow permeability.

6. **Has proven itself in the field…** Cobra® Exhaust Vent has passed the most difficult test: years of use by contractors.
   - Installed on millions of homes in North America.

7. **Counts as a system accessory…** on Weather Stopper® System Plus and Golden Pledge® installations.
The Federal Housing Authority (FHA) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has established minimum ventilation requirements.

GAF recommends following the FHA/HUD requirements for proper ventilation. However, consult your local building codes for other ventilation requirements.

FHA/HUD Guidelines require:

- **Open soffits and open ridge vents**… The FHA/HUD requirements are based on air flow through both open soffits/fascias and ridges.
- **A balanced system**… 50% air flow through the soffit and 50% through the ridge.
- **Calculate ventilation using the FHA 1/300 rule**… This rule calls for a minimum of 1 sq. ft. (1 m²) of open ventilation per 300 sq. ft. (300 m²) of attic floor in Net Free Ventilation Area (NFVA) when using soffit to ridge venting.
Calculations:
1. This attic needs 4 sq. ft. of NFVA:
   1,200 sq. ft. ÷ 300 = 4 sq. ft. of NFVA
2. Convert 1 sq. ft. to square inches:
   12 in. x 12 in. = 144 in.²
3. Calculate attic’s in.² needs:
   144 in.² x 4 = 576 in.² NFVA needed
4. The FHA/HUD recommends a balanced system of 50% NFVA at the soffit (as intake) and 50% NFVA at the ridge (as exhaust).
5. Calculate ridge needs:
   576 in.² x 50% = 288 in.² NFVA at ridge
6. Calculate soffit needs:
   576 in.² x 50% = 288 in.² NFVA at soffit
7. An easier way… find the lineal feet of Cobra® Exhaust Vent needed using the chart on page 83.

A TYPICAL ATTIC OF 1,200 SQUARE FEET…

CALCULATE THE FHA 1/300 RULE…
**COBRA® ATTIC VENTILATION GUIDELINES FOR THE FHA 1/300 RULE**

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**Note:** When rounding the amount of ridge vents up to the nearest foot, increase square inches of NFVA at soffit/eaves accordingly. This will help to maintain a balanced attic ventilation system.

◆ **Important:** In no event should the amount of ridge (exhaust) ventilation exceed the amount of soffit (intake) ventilation.

◆ Install ridge vents across the entire ridge.

◆ Install soffit, fascia, or eave vents across the entire eave.

◆ This combination will usually exceed the FHA/HUD minimum requirements.

**WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE...**

**Installing any GAF Cobra® Attic Ventilation product with proper intake ventilation meeting the FHA 1/300 rule is required for the Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty.**

**Note:** If there are gable end vents and no soffit vents, do not install ridge vents. Gable end vents do not provide proper intake for ridge vents. Ridge vents require proper soffit, fascia, or eave intake ventilation.
Soffits provide the air intake… Without open soffits, the attic will not breathe properly.

1. Continuous is best… end-to-end screened soffit vents will ventilate the attic from end to end.

2. Rectangular louvers are next… if continuous vents can’t be installed, rectangular soffit louvers are the next best option.

3. Round pop-ins are last…
   - These louvers are small and provide the least air intake.

Master Flow® soffit, undereave, and fascia vent size and intake yield chart…

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**PRE-PUNCHED ALUMINUM**

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**CIRCULAR MINI-VENTS…**

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**COBRA® FASCIA VENTS…**

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<td>1 ½” x 3” = 16 sq. in.</td>
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Cobra® FasciaFlow™ Intake Vents 6” x 1” x 12” length: 9.0 sq. in.
STEEP SLOPE PRO FIELD GUIDE
VENTILATION SOLUTIONS

MASTER FLOW® INTAKE SOFFIT VENTS
◆ Sizes include 16” x 4” and 16” x 8” (406 x 102 mm and 406 x 203 mm).
◆ Easy to install with pre-punched nail holes.
◆ Corrosion-resistant screened aluminum construction. Available in mill, brown, and white colors.

1. Calculate vents needed… Ensure a balanced ventilation system. See pages 81-82.
2. Distribute vents evenly… along entire soffit to help create an even airflow throughout the attic.
3. Center vents… place them evenly between the side of the home to edge of soffit – enhances the look of the soffit area.
4. Cut hole… with the long side parallel to the length of the soffit – hole sizes will vary depending on size of vent.
   a. To get a width dimension, measure overall width of the vent and subtract 1 ¼” (32 mm).
   b. To get a length dimension, measure overall length of vent and subtract 1 ¼” (32 mm).
5. Center the vent over hole… allowing for maximum airflow.
7. Attach vent to soffit… using every nail hole in vent frame.
8. For multiple vents… repeat steps 3 to 7 above.

INSTALLING MASTER FLOW® ALUMINUM UNDEREAVE VENTS
Circular intake louvers for soffit areas that are hard to ventilate…
◆ One-piece white, high-impact plastic.
◆ Snap into place.

MINI-VENT INTAKE LOUVERS…

1. Determine location… where to install and how many to use.
2. Measure cut-out… Each vent requires a different size cut-out.
   a. 2" (51 mm) requires a 2” (51 mm) hole.
   b. 3” (76 mm) requires a 3” (76 mm) hole.
   c. 4” (102 mm) requires a 4” (102 mm) hole.
3. Cut hole… Follow dimensions listed above, not diameter of vent.
4. Insert vent… Vent will snap into cut-out.
VENTILATING CATHEDRAL CEILINGS...

1. **Use the floor space square footage**... when calculating for the FHA 1/300 rule, use the floor square footage to figure ventilation needs.

2. **Leave at least 2” (51 mm) air space**... between the roof deck and the insulation to allow for airflow.

3. **When re-roofing**... be certain to clear the existing airway for ventilation. Many cathedral ceilings were built before ventilation was well understood.

VENTILATING HIP ROOFS...

*Due to their short ridge lines,* properly ventilating a hip style roof can be difficult.

1. **Not enough exhaust ventilation**... The 1,200 sq. ft. (111.5 m²) attic needs 17’ (5.18 m) of Cobra® Exhaust Vent. What if the hip roof only has 10’ (3.05 m) of ridge?

2. **Compensate with extra exhaust**... Install roof louvers* within 12”-18” (305-457 mm) of ridge to add exhaust ventilation.

3. **Add five roof louvers on a typical 1,200 square foot (111.5 m²) attic**... to reach the FHA minimum 1/300 rule.☆

* Roof louvers are also commonly called “mushroom vents,” “soldier vents,” “airhawks,” “cake pans,” and “box vents.”

☆ **WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE...**

☆ On Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations, you must install ventilation reaching the FHA minimum 1/300 rule.
Patented design delivers critical intake ventilation on tough-to-vent properties such as homes with little or no soffits, mansard roofs, and even vented roof decks.

- Built-in fastening ribs, with 8” (203 mm) on-center rafter guides. Specifically designed to work with 16” (406 mm) or 24” (610 mm) on-center residential attic rafter systems.
- 12’ (3.66 m) lengths.

1. **Remove Existing Fascia Board**... to provide access to the attic rafter tails and open attic space. If present, remove gutter system, metal drip edge, or exterior cladding.
   **Note:** If there are multiple fascia boards, exterior insulation, or exterior cladding running up to the roof sheathing, remove or cut pockets to allow access into the attic rafter cavities. Do NOT cut through attic support rafters.

2. **Clear Debris**... blocking access into the attic space. Be sure to flatten attic insulation to allow for proper airflow into the attic space. Attic baffles may be used to help prevent insulation from blocking intake air flow into the attic space.

3. **Position Cobra® FasciaFlow™ Premium Intake Ventilation**... up to the roof sheathing (in line with roof slope) to allow for proper reinstallation of metal drip edge. The vent channels on the back of the board must always reach the attic space. If necessary, the top of the vent may be cut down to allow Cobra® FasciaFlow™ Premium Intake Ventilation to fit properly.
   **Note:** The front-face vent design of the Cobra® FasciaFlow™ Premium Intake Ventilation allows it to be mounted “flush” on to the exterior cladding or above the exterior cladding. This will depend on the specific construction type and/or exterior cladding system of the home.

4. **Use Built-in Fastening Ribs**... to line up the board to attic rafter tails. The 8” (203 mm) on-center fastening ribs are marked by notches located on the top of the board and are designed to work on 16” (406 mm) and 24” (610 mm) on center attic rafter systems. The fastening ribs must be centered on the attic rafter tails.
5. **Fasten**... through built-in fastening ribs, using two vertically aligned fasteners per attic rafter tail. Always fasten at least ¼” (13 mm) away from top and side edges of the board and 1 ¼” (32 mm) up from the bottom edge of the front face. In the side lap area, use notch to align fasteners (see figure below). Drive the fasteners flush to the board or countersink the fasteners (if desired) and fill with putty or caulk.
1. Structures without ridge boards…
Make a 1” (25 mm) cut along both sides of the ridge.

2. Structures with ridge boards… Cut 1 ¾ ” (44 mm) on each side when there is a ridge board.

3. Leave 6” (152 mm) of uncut sheathing at gable ends… Leaving 6” (152 mm) protects the structure from wind-driven rains.

4. Cut the sheathing only… For safety and structural integrity, set the correct blade depth.

5. Cover entire ridge with Cobra® Exhaust Vent… For weather protection, best appearance, and to prevent dead-air pockets, cover the entire ridge with ridge vent.

Note: When using ridge ventilation, do not cover ridge vent slot/opening with Leak Barrier material or other underlayments.

6. Caulk lengths together if desired… If larger lengths are needed, caulk ends to seal together.

7. Install ridge cap shingles over Cobra® Exhaust Vent… Use Cobra® Smart Nails™ supplied with every package of Cobra® Exhaust Vent (2 ¼” [57 mm] nails).
8. **Do not overdrive nails...** Leave ¾” (19 mm) (5/8” [16 mm] on nail gun version) between ridge cap and deck. Overdriving can leave an uneven ridge profile.

9. **Over laminated shingles...** Caulk the underside of the outer edge to the shingles to completely seal.

**Note:** Minimum roof slope — 2:12  
Maximum roof slope — 20:12

◆ **Do not install any ridge-type vent along the down-slope hip rafters (hip legs).**
INSTALLING COILED COBRA® EXHAUST VENTS...

- Cut back 1" (25 mm) on both sides.
- Leave 6" (152 mm) at ends.
- Install Cobra® Exhaust Vent.
- Seal Seams With Caulking.
- Fasten shingle over Cobra® Exhaust Vent. Only use a nail gun when installing Cobra® Nail Gun coils.

Install Cobra® Ridge Vent.
Ventilate Shed Roofs…

- When the roof is over a heated area.
- When the roof is over an air-conditioned area.

1. Minimum roof slope 4:12, maximum roof slope 20:12.
2. Cut a 2" (51 mm) slot in the deck… as close to the ridge or top as possible.
3. Keep slot at least 6" (152 mm) back from the roof edges… to reduce the chance of wind-driven rain entering.
4. Install shingles up to the slot… Install shingles, cutting the top course even with the vent slot.
5. Install half width of Cobra® Exhaust Vent… Cut the 10 ½" (267 mm) Cobra® Exhaust Vent in half and install over the entire roof width, covering the vent slot and the shingles.
6. Cover Cobra® Exhaust Vent with metal flashing… Install continuous non-corroding metal flashing that:
   - Completely covers the Cobra® Exhaust Vent.
   - Extends 1" (25 mm) past the Cobra® Exhaust Vent at the roof edge.
   - Extends at least 5" (127 mm) up the adjoining wall.
   - Is minimum 24-gauge corrosion-resistant metal.
7. Counter flashing… Cover the metal flashing with counter flashing or siding made from materials that will last as long as the shingles being installed.
8. Install cap shingles… Set cap shingles over metal flashing in plastic cement to fully cover metal flashing.
INSTALLING COBRA® EXHAUST VENT ON SHED-STYLE ROOFS…

- Sheathing
- Siding
- Metal flashing to wall

- 5" min. (127mm)

- Metal Flashing
- Cobra® Exhaust Vent
- Cap shingle

- 2" (52 mm) slot in deck
- 1" (25 mm) overhang
- GAF Shingle
- GAF Roof Deck Protection
- Roof deck
Install Cobra® Exhaust Vent when architectural design leaves a gable-style roof plane with half a ridge.

1. Roof slope must be 4:12 or steeper…
   For this application, lower-slope roofs can cause wind-related problems; maximum is 20:12.
2. Cut back vent slot… 1 ¾” (44 mm) at the gable roof peak.
3. Install Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection or other GAF Roof Deck Protection up to the vent slot.
4. Apply shingles… cutting flush to the vent slot.
5. Create nail plates… using 1” x 3” (25 x 76 mm) wood pieces cut to 4” (102 mm) lengths.
6. Install nail plates 3’ (914 mm) on center… parallel to the rafters across the entire ridge.
7. Cut Cobra® Exhaust Vent in half… to install at the ridge.
8. Cut Cobra® Exhaust Vent to 3” (76 mm) lengths… to install between the nail plates.
9. Install Cobra® Exhaust Vent…
   • Between the nail plates.
   • Flush to the back edge of the gable.
   • Across the entire ridge.
10. Install metal flashing over ridge vent… install custom-made metal flashing.
    • 24-gauge minimum, non-corroding metal.
    • Extend over Cobra® Exhaust Vent at least 1” (25 mm) down slope.
    • Extend at least 4” (102 mm) down the gable back or face.
11. Fasten metal to nail plates…
    nail the metal flashing to the 1”x 3” (25 x 76 mm) nail plates across the deck.
12. Install ridge cap shingles…
    set ridge cap shingles over metal flashing in plastic cement to fully cover the face nails.
INSTALLING COBRA® EXHAUST VENT ON ONE-SIDED GABLE ROOFS...

Install 1" x 3" (25 mm x 76 mm) Nail Plates...

5-1/2" (140 mm) width of Cobra® Exhaust Vent

3' (914 mm) max length

1" x 3" (25 mm x 76 mm) nail plates

FINISH WITH METAL FLASHING...

Cap Shingle

Metal flashing 5" (127 mm) min. up wall

1" x 3" (25 mm x 76 mm) nail plate, 2 fasteners per plate

Siding

Cobra® Exhaust Vent

Sheathing

GAF Shingle

2" (52 mm) slot in deck

1" (25 mm) overhang
Cobra® Rigid Vent 3™, Cobra® Snow Country™, and Cobra® Snow Country Advanced™ are GAF’s hard plastic ridge vents...

- Cobra® Rigid Vent 3™ Exhaust Vents... designed for installation in warm climates.

- Cobra® Snow Country™ and Cobra® Snow Country Advanced™ Exhaust Vents for harsh winter climates... Snow Guard™ Filter reduces the risk of snow infiltration in harsh winter climates.

Benefits of GAF’s hard plastic rigid vents...

1. Breathe more... Cobra® Rigid Vent 3™, Cobra® Snow Country™, and Cobra® Snow Country Advanced™ Ridge Vents allow more air flow than most available ridge vents.

2. Weathertight... Like Cobra® Exhaust Vent, Cobra® Rigid Vent 3™, Cobra® Snow Country™, and Cobra® Snow Country Advanced™ Exhaust Vents pass the tough Miami-Dade County wind-driven rain tests.

3. Easy to install...

   - No end caps or accessories.
   - Roof conforming end caps allow installation on slopes 3:12 to 16:12.
   - Easy Tear™ feature allows for hand-tearing of parts every 3” (76 mm). No knives necessary.
   - Cobra® Snow Country Advanced™ and Cobra® Rigid Vent 3™ Exhaust Vents include 3” (76 mm) ring shank nails on the baffle for proper vent and ridge cap shingle installations.

4. Cobra Rigid Vent 3™ and Snow Country Advanced™ are available in both 12” (305 mm) and 9” (227 mm) widths.

5. Use as a system accessory... on GAF enhanced warranties: Weather Stopper®, Golden Pledge®, and Weather Stopper® System Plus Ltd. Warranties.
Cobra® Rigid Vent 3™, Cobra® Snow Country™, and Cobra® Snow Country Advanced™ Exhaust Vents are installed in the exact same manner. Use the following instructions for all of these ridge vents:

1. **Discover if there is a ridge board**
   - Ridge boards determine the size of the ridge opening. Do not exceed recommended cut size.

2. **Cut ridge opening**
   - **Roofs with ridge boards**... cut back 1 5/8" (41 mm) on each side of the ridge to make a 3 ¼" (82 mm) opening.
   - **Roofs without ridge boards**... cut back 7/8" (22 mm) on each side to make a 1 ¾" (44 mm) opening.

3. **Leave 6" (152 mm) at each end of opening**... this helps prevent wind-driven rain from entering at ends.

4. **Install sections**
   - Center over the ridge.
   - Align using the male-female alignment tabs.

5. **Nail through the supported nailing holes**
   - As with shingles, nails must completely penetrate sheathing, or at least ¾" (19 mm) into wood plank decks.
   - For Cobra® Snow Country Advanced™ and Cobra® Rigid Vent 3™ Exhaust Vents, use included 3" (76 mm) ring shank nails located on the baffle to fasten the vent to the deck.
For Cobra® Snow Country™ Exhaust Vents, use at least 1 ¾" (44 mm) roof- ing nails to fasten the vents to the deck. 3" (76 mm) ring shank nails are recommended for increased wind uplift resistance.

6. **Install over the entire ridge** . . . Cover the ridge from end to end with vent.  
   • Ensures weather-tight ends.  
   • Gives the best finished appearance.

7. **Use EasyTear™ feature to finish the last section to length** . . .  
   • On the underside of the vent, select the support rib nearest the end of your desired length.  
   • Locate the baffle cut mark on the top side of the baffle. This is clearly marked on the baffle.  
   • Grasp the baffle with both hands on each side of the cut mark and snap. Proceed with locating the baffle cut mark on the other side of the vent and snap with both hands.  
   • After the baffles are torn, fold the vent back and forth along the tear seam until it breaks apart. If using Snow Country™ or Snow Country Advanced™ Exhaust Vents, use a utility knife to cut the Snow Guard™ Filter.  
   **Note:** If the final vent section cannot be sized using the EasyTear™ feature, cut the vent to desired length using a utility knife.

8. **Fit the finished end to the outside** . . .  
   Place the vent section with built-in end cap section to the outside to prevent weather infiltration.  
   • Butt the unfinished end to the last section.  
   • Seal the joint with caulking.

9. **Over laminated shingles** . . . caulk the underside of the outer baffles to the shingles to completely seal.

10. **Install cap shingles** . . .  
    • Nail in the inscribed nail line.  
    • For Cobra® Rigid Vent 3™ and Cobra® Snow Country Advanced™ Exhaust Vents, use included 3" (76 mm) ring shank nails supplied on the baffle of the vent.  
    • For Cobra® Snow Country Advanced™ Exhaust Vents use 2 ¼" (57 mm) roofing nails, or nails long enough to penetrate through sheathing or ¾" (19 mm) into wood planks. 3" (76 mm) ring shank nails are recommended for increased wind uplift resistance.
Use 3” (76 mm) interval EasyTear™ feature to custom-size the vent

Center Over Ridge; Nail Through Supported Nail Holes

Install Sections Using Alignment Tabs
Cobra® Ridge Runner® Ridge Vent provides the performance of a baffled ridge vent with the easy installation of a roll vent…

- Cobra® Ridge Runner® is designed for installation in both warm and cold climates.

Benefits of Cobra® Ridge Runner®

1. Looks Terrific…
   5/8” (16 mm) height, shingle-over design blends into the ridge line.

2. Weather Fighter™ Filter…
   Helps prevent all types of weather infiltration.

3. Fast and Easy to Install…
   - Fully nailable and gunnable; simply roll out and fasten with included 1 ¾” (44 mm) coil nails.
   - EasyTear™ feature allows hand-tearing of product in 12” (305 mm) increments. This cuts down on waste and saves time.
   - Extra-flexible hinge allows installation on 3:12 to 16:12 slopes.


1. Discover if there is a ridge board…
   - Ridge boards determine the size of the ridge opening. Do not exceed the recommended cut size.

2. Cut ridge opening…
   - Roofing without ridge boards… cut back 7/8” (22 mm) on each side of the ridge to make a 1 ¾” (44 mm) opening.
   - Roofing with a ridge board… cut back 1 7/8” (41 mm) on each side of the ridge to make a 3 ¼” (82 mm) opening.

3. Leave 6” (152 mm) at each end of the opening… this helps prevent wind-driven rain from entering at the ends.

4. Install Cobra® Ridge Runner® Ridge Vent…
   - Tear a 1’ (305 mm) section to use as a template for laying the vent out, and center template over the ridge cap shingles at the beginning of the vent slot.
   - Note baffle location at both ends to provide a uniform installation.
   - Measure the distance from the edge of the roof slot to the exterior baffle.
• Establish a chalk line along one side of the ridge using this mark. This will ensure a straight installation when rolling the vent into place.

5. **Unroll the vent and nail the first side into place** . . . Unroll the vent and use included 1 ¾” (44 mm) coil nails to fasten the first side of the vent to the deck.

• Be sure the external edge of this baffle is aligned with the chalk line for a uniform installation.

• Fasten the vent on 6” (152 mm) centers. Nail gun targets are embossed on the top of the vent to serve as a guide.

• At the end, use 1’ (305 mm) interval EasyTear™ sizing feature to finish the vent to length. Use a utility knife if the EasyTear™ sizing feature cannot be used.

• Establish a chalk line along one side of the ridge using this mark. This will ensure a straight installation when rolling the vent into place.

6. **Attach the second side into place** . . . Nail down the second side of the vent, making sure not to start at the end.

• Begin nailing between the first and second one-foot sections; then return to fasten the first one-foot section.

• This method will ensure a proper fit.

**INSTALLATION NOTES...**

◆ For proper appearance, pull the vent snugly across the ridge and flat on the roof before shooting each nail.

◆ For application over laminated shingles, caulk the underside of the outer baffles to the shingles to help prevent possible weather infiltration.

7. **Ridge Cap Shingle Installation** . . . Install the ridge cap shingles directly to the vent using pneumatic nail gun and included 1 ¾” (44 mm) nails.

• A nail guide is inscribed on top of the vent to serve as a guide.

**INSTALLATION NOTES...**

◆ When fastening vent or ridge cap shingles, the 1 ¾” (44 mm) coil nails (included) must provide proper penetration into plywood or min. ¾” (19 mm) penetration into wood planking. If they do not, use other nails to provide for the proper penetration.
POWER VENT USES...

◆ Rooftop power vent uses...
1. *Shed-style roofs*... use where the roof slope is low, or where Cobra® Ridge Vent cannot be installed.
2. On *large hip roofs that have insufficient ridge lengths for Cobra® Ridge Vents*... One or more power vents can be effective. **Important:** Do not install ridge vent if using power vents.

◆ Gable end power vent uses...
1. *Post and beam structures*... where the roof deck is also the interior finished ceiling, gable end fans are helpful.
2. *Cathedral ceilings*... where insulation completely blocks airflow.

GAF offers power ventilators... for attics within our Master Flow® product line.

1. **Reverse air flow**... Power vents can actually pull air into an attic through a ridge vent, making the ridge vent act as intake.
2. **This could bring moisture in**... This reversed airflow could bring dampness into an attic, and make the ridge vent ineffective.

◆ Do not install power vents with ridge vents on the same roof system.
THE BENEFITS OF POWER ROOF VENTILATION…

Best use… for difficult ventilation areas where ridge ventilation cannot ventilate an attic area.

- On hip-style roofs that cannot be properly vented with ridge vents.
- On shed-style roofs, where ridge vents cannot be installed.

Adding Power Ventilation…
1. Minimizes heat and moisture damage to roof and attic.
2. Increases overall comfort of the home by exhausting hot air out of the attic.
3. Miami-Dade County weather-tested for wind and rain penetration.

☆ On Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations, Master Flow® Power Vents can be used only when Cobra® Ridge Vents cannot be installed due to the structure’s architecture.

INSTALLING A POWER ROOF VENT

1. Determine location… Place vent as close to peak of roof as possible while remaining below roof line.
2. Measure… from peak of roof to midpoint of power vent.
3. Drill location hole… From inside the attic, use measurement from Step 2, entered between two rafters.
4. Cut roof hole… Using predrilled marker and template on back of carton, cut your hole to the proper size (size and placement of hole are determined by whether you have 16” [406 mm] or 24” [610 mm] center rafters).
5. Roll back upper shingles... 7" (178 mm) from top and sides; make sure all roofing nails have been removed.

6. Test final position... Insert top half of flashing under rolled shingles (trim shingle edges if necessary).

7. Seal the unit... Remove unit from test position and apply roof cement to bottom of flashing.

8. Align the unit... Slide unit under shingle corners (make sure that the arrow points up).

9. Secure the unit... with galvanized roofing nails.

10. Final sealing... Use roof cement on all flashing, shingle edges, and all raised shingles.

11. Install thermostat... Make sure the conduit is somewhat slack and the element is not covered.

12. Wire thermostat... Follow all local building codes and use an electrician when required.

13. Adjust fan control... Set at 105°F (40.6°C) for maximum energy savings.

* If unit has a humidistat/thermostat.

IMPORTANT NOTE...

- Do not use excess roof cement. It may cause blistering of the roofing shingles.
1. Determine location & measure… from roof peak.

2. Drill location hole… center between two rafters using measurement from Step 1.

3. Cut hole… 14 ½" (368 mm) wide on 16” (406 mm) center rafters, 17” (432 mm) wide on 24” (610 mm) center rafters.

4. Roll back shingles… 7” (178 mm) from sides.

5. Mount the unit and wire.
THE BENEFITS OF MASTER FLOW® GREEN MACHINE™ SOLAR-POWERED ROOF VENTS

Easy installations… No extra wiring or expensive electricians required to install.

Peace of mind… Miami-Dade County weather-tested for wind and rain penetration. Makes good ventilation systems better… Can replace less effective static and/or turbine vents. Perfect on roofs that are difficult to ventilate because of design restrictions.

◆ 5-year limited warranty against manufacturing defects with 2-year Labor Protection Plus*. *See Master Flow® Powered Ventilation Products Ltd. Warranty for complete coverage and restrictions.

WEATHER STOPPER® SYSTEM PLUS AND WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE...

Master Flow® Green Machine™ Solar-Powered Roof Vents are included in GAF’s Weather Stopper® System Plus and Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge Limited Warranties. See limited warranties for complete coverage and restrictions.

INSTALLING THE UNIT...

Installing a Master Flow® Green Machine™ Solar-Powered Roof Vent:
1. Determine location… Place vent as close to the peak of the roof as possible, but below the ridge line for most effective exhaust ventilation.

IMPORTANT NOTE...

Always attempt to face the unit south for optimal power. Make sure it is not shaded by trees or other nearby structures during the day.
2. **Measure**... from peak of the roof to midpoint of Solar-Powered Roof Vent to use later as reference for cutting the opening.

3. **Drill location hole**... From inside the attic, use the measurement from Step 2 and center location hole between two attic rafters.

4. **Cut roof hole**... Using predrilled mark (from step #3) and template on carton to cut the proper size hole on the roof. For rafters 16" (406 mm) on center, make the cut out as shown below.

   For rafters 24" (610 mm) on center, make the cut out as shown below.
5. Carefully roll back or lift surrounding shingles... 7" (178 mm) from top and sides of hole, making sure all roofing nails have been removed to clear installation area.

To increase weather protection... install a 18" x 18" (457 x 457 mm) piece of GAF Leak Barrier around the hole.

- Remove release film & center Leak Barrier over hole.
- Press into place and cut Leak Barrier spanning the hole.

6. Test final position... by inserting top half of flashing under the rolled shingles. Trim shingle edges as necessary.

7. Seal the unit... Remove unit from its test position and apply roofing cement to bottom of flashing to protect against possible weather infiltration.

Do not use excess roof cement. It may cause blistering of the roofing shingles.

8. Align the unit... Slide unit under shingle corners. Be sure arrow marked in the flashing points up to the roof peak so unit is correctly installed.
9. Secure the unit... with galvanized roofing nails at all four corners and approximately every 4” (102 mm) along the sides of the flashing to securely fasten to the roof deck.

10. Final sealing... Use roofing cement to seal all flashings and shingle edges as well as all nail heads, ensuring the installation is weather-tight. Press all raised shingles down into place to complete unit installation.

**ADJUSTING SOLAR PANEL...**

**Tilt solar panel...** to maximize exposure to the sun.

1. **Loosen solar panel screw and nuts...** then adjust vent and retighten securely to eliminate shifting during high winds or severe weather.

2. **Rotate solar panel...** by loosening four wing nuts on vent hood and rotating to desired position; retighten securely.

**IMPORTANT NOTE...**

To figure out the optimum angle for mounting the solar panel, use the approximate latitude of the home plus 20 degrees. The solar panel should always face south.
**THE BENEFITS OF ROOF EXHAUST LOUVERS…**

- Easy to install
- Weather-tight
- Perfect for tough-to-vent roofs
- Wide variety of sizes, airflow, and styles

**A COMPLETE LINE OF MASTER FLOW® ROOF LOUVERS…**

Master Flow® Roof Louvers come in different styles (Slant Back or Square Top) and are available in both plastic and aluminum construction.

**Ventilation Yields Vary…**

The following are the ventilation yields available… 37 sq. in. (23,872 sq. mm), 50 sq. in. (32,260 sq. mm), 60 sq. in. (38,712 sq. mm), and 65 sq. in. (41,938 sq. mm)

1. Determine number of louvers needed… use FHA/HUD guidelines on page 81.
   a. Space vents evenly… along back of roof and between rafters.
   b. Locate properly near ridge… Ensure they are close to, but below, the ridge line.

2. Cut hole in roof… Size of opening depends on roof louver selection.

3. Measure and roll back shingles…
   - Roll shingles and remove all nails in area where flashing will be around the hole.

To increase weather protection… install an 18” x 18” (457 x 457 mm) piece of GAF Leak Barrier around the hole.
   - Remove release film & center Leak Barrier over hole.
   - Press into place and cut Leak Barrier spanning the hole.

4. Position roof louver… Center over hole to create maximum airflow.

5. Mount roof louver… Use nails to secure in place.

6. Reapply shingles… Press shingles back into place for a weather-tight seal.

7. Seal shingles… and all exposed flashing edges and nail heads with plastic roof cement to ensure a weather-tight seal.

**Note…** Do not use excess roof cement on aluminum roof louvers. It may cause blistering of the roofing shingles.
1. Required opening size for each louver:
   a. SSB960A... 10” (254 mm) (Round)
   b. IR65... 12” x 11” (305 x 279 mm) (Rectangle)
   c. IR61... 10” x 10” (254 x 254 mm) (Square)
   d. RT65... 11” x 10” (279 x 254 mm) (Rectangle)
   e. R50A... 9” (229 mm) (Diamond)

2. Do not use petroleum-based substances such as roof cement with plastic roof louvers... as these materials may damage plastic louvers.

* Installation shown is for a SSB960 Roof Louver. See individual product packaging for further information on other Master Flow® Roof Louvers.
For added exhaust ventilation…

- Move large quantities of air.
- Use wind to create convection.

Dual-bearing construction for long-lasting performance…

- Two-piece design for easy installation.
- Miami-Dade County approved for wind and rain conditions.
- Lifetime limited warranty* on all turbine units.
* See Master Flow® Powered Ventilation Products Ltd. Warranty for complete coverage and restrictions.

1. Cut hole in roof… between two rafters and through shingles and sheathing boards.
   - Cut hole to 12” (305 mm) diameter for a 12” (305 mm) turbine.
   - Cut hole to 14” (356 mm) diameter for a 14” (356 mm) turbine.

2. Measure & mark 5 ½” (140 mm) from each direction of hole… provides area to roll back shingles (do not measure from bottom of hole).

3. Prepare hole… Roll back all shingles within marks, and remove all nails.

4. Adjust turbine base… aligning stack to a vertical position to reduce the effects of weather.

To increase weather protection…install a 18” x 18” (457 x 457 mm) piece of GAF Leak Barrier around the hole.

- Remove release film & center Leak Barrier over hole.
- Press into place and cut Leak Barrier spanning the hole.

5. Mount base… Center over hole and underneath removed shingles using caulk and nails.

6. Press shingles back in place… to roof and over flashing to create a weather-tight seal.

7. Mount turbine to base… Use 3 sheet metal screws for extra stability.

8. Seal shingles with plastic cement… Seal all seams, flashing edges, and exposed nail heads to reduce the effects of weather.

9. Seal turbine with silicone caulk… Seal seams on turbine with silicone caulking.

NOTE: When severe weather is expected, be sure to install a Master Flow® Turbine Weather Cap.
MEASURE & ROLL SHINGLES

Note: Diameter is dependent on turbine size

CUT HOLE

ADJUST

* Instructions represent a 14” (356 mm) turbine installation.
Best use... to quickly remove overheated air from homes into attics. Whole House Fans bring cool fresh air into the home from outside. Whole House Fans with intake ventilation can help reduce attic mold and mildew.

Helps reduce utility costs... homeowners are adding Whole House Fans as a way to reduce their AC costs.  
◆ Leave the AC off during the day.  
◆ Come home and turn on whole house fan.  
◆ Remove super-heated air—turn on AC.

Always use with properly balanced attic ventilation (intake & exhaust)... While Whole House Fans work best in conjunction with a properly ventilated attic, they do NOT replace proper attic ventilation, and they do not replace intake ventilation.

Available in 24” (610 mm) Direct Drive style and 30” (762 mm) Belt Drive style.

Installing A Whole House Fan:  
• Qualified to work with electric?... If you are not very experienced at installing residential electrical wiring or are not familiar with national or local electrical codes, contact a qualified electrician to complete installation.  
• Electrical power supply... The fan should be connected to a circuit with the correct power to safely operate the fan and prevent damage to the motor using minimum 14-gauge wiring. The circuit must have at least 5 amperes of available capacity. If you cannot confirm that there is enough electrical capacity on an existing circuit, a separate dedicated circuit should be installed.  
• Enough attic space... This Whole House Fan should be installed in attics with at least 500 square feet (46.4 m²) of area.  
• A working attic ventilation system... with both intake and exhaust ventilation allows heated air to be exhausted by the Whole House Fan and forced to exit the attic.
INSTALLING A WHOLE HOUSE FAN – NO JOIST-CUT INSTALLATION...

1. **Determine location**… Select a central hallway (upstairs, if applicable, to ensure optimum airflow).

2. **Measure clearance above fan**… A minimum of 30” (762 mm) of clearance is needed above the fan in the attic for proper air movement.

3. **Measure the hallway**… to ensure proper fit of shutter.
   - **Joists perpendicular to hallway**… Hallway must be:
     - 30” (762 mm) wide for a 24” (610 mm) fan.
     - 36” (914 mm) wide for a 30” (762 mm) fan.

4. **Joists parallel with hallway**… Must have 15 ½” (394 mm) from the center of the joist to the wall or ceiling molding for a 24” (610 mm) or 30” (762 mm) fan.

5. **Locate joist**… nearest the center of preselected fan location.

6. **Cut shutter opening**… Sized to fit shutter, not fan — use template on shutter carton.

7. **Lift fan into attic**… to begin mounting process.

8. **Attach brackets**… to wood frame using bolts provided.

9. **Place fan**… Set fan on joist, centered over hole.

10. **Secure fan**… from hallway by drilling holes in joist through joist bracket and using the 2” (51 mm) S bolts provided.

11. **Enclose fan**… using plenum boards provided with screws and duct tape.

12. **Replace insulation**.

13. **Adjust motor position**… only on belt drive units to ensure proper belt tension.

14. **Wire unit**… adhering to all local codes — use an electrician when necessary.

15. **Install the shutter**… from hallway, using mounting screws provided.

**NOTE:** Use a licensed, qualified electrician to wire the unit into place to ensure your safety and meet codes.
1. Measure Clearance

2. Locate Joist and Cut Shutter Opening

3. Lift Fan Into Attic

4. Attach Brackets

5. Place Fan

6. Secure Fan

7. Enclose Fan
1. **Determine location**... Select a central hallway (upstairs, if applicable, to ensure optimum airflow).

2. **Measure clearance above fan**... at least 30” (762 mm) of clearance is needed above the fan in the attic for proper air movement.

3. **Measure the hallway**... to ensure proper fit of shutter.
   a. **Joists perpendicular to hallway**...
      Hallway must be:
      - 30” (762 mm) wide for a 24” (610 mm) fan.
      - 36” (914 mm) wide for a 30” (762 mm) fan.
   b. **Joists parallel with hallway**...
      Must have 15 ½” (394 mm) from the center of the joist to the wall or ceiling molding for a 24” (610 mm) or 30” (762 mm) fan.

4. **Remove insulation above fan area.**

5. **Begin at joist**... and extend opening as required.

6. **Cut sheetrock**... inside shutter dimensions provided on shutter carton template.

7. **Frame opening**... between joists and at the sides with joist-sized lumber.

8. **Lift fan into attic.**

9. **Build platform**... along top of frame using at least 1” x 4” (25 x 102 mm) lumber.

10. **Create duct from living space**... extended platform wide enough to support all edges of the fan frame.

11. **Cut joists**... across opening, flush with framing.

12. **Place fan on platform**... secure with nails and L brackets.

13. **Replace insulation.**

14. **Adjust motor position**... only on belt drive units to ensure proper belt tension.

15. **Wire unit**... adhering to all local codes — use an electrician when necessary.

16. **Install the shutter**... from hallway, using mounting screws provided.
1. Measure Clearance

2. Cut Shutter

3. Frame Opening

4. Lift Fan Into Attic

5. Build Platform & Cut Joist

6. Secure Fan On Platform
**THE BENEFITS OF TANDEM WHOLE HOUSE FANS...**

*Easy to install...* Easily installed on all standard joist centers; no joist cutting needed.

*Simple to operate...* 2-speed operation with remote control standard.

*Great looking...* Virtually invisible in the ceiling from the living space.

◆ *5-year limited warranty against manufacturing defects with 2-year Labor Protection Plus*.

* See Master Flow® Powered Ventilation Products Ltd. Warranty for complete coverage and restrictions.

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

**Installing A Tandem Whole House Fan:**

- *Qualified to work with electric?...* If you are not very experienced at installing residential electrical wiring or are not familiar with national or local electrical codes, contact a qualified electrician to complete installation.

- *Electrical power supply...* The fan should be connected to a circuit with the correct power to safely operate the fan and prevent damage to the motor using minimum 14-gauge wiring. The circuit must have at least 5 amperes of available capacity. If you cannot confirm that there is enough electrical capacity on an existing circuit, a separate dedicated circuit should be installed.

- *Enough attic space...* This Tandem Whole House Fan should be installed in attics with at least 500 square feet (46.4 m²) of area.

- *A working attic ventilation system...* with both intake and exhaust ventilation allows heated air to be exhausted by the Tandem Whole House Fan and forced to exit the attic.
1. **Determining location**… The Tandem Whole House Fan is designed to be horizontally mounted on the floor of the attic, usually above a centrally located hallway for most efficient operation.

2. **Locate the center of the hallway ceiling**… and drill a hole to mark this location. Push a marker into the hole so it can be located in the attic.

3. **Check attic for obstructions**… Make sure there are no obstructions such as wires, pipes, or other utilities above your drilling area in the attic before drilling.

4. **Check selected location in attic**… Locate the hole previously made in Step 2. Locate the joists nearest to the hole and clear 18” (457 mm) of insulation on all sides of the hole to provide a clear work area. Allow space to prevent motor burn-out. Be sure there is at least 24” (610 mm) between the top of joists to the roof above to allow the fan’s attic side door to fully open. The door’s ability to fully open will prevent the motor from burning due to the lack of necessary airflow.

5. **Measure the distance between the two joists**… that are surrounding the hole to make sure there is proper space for the unit.
   * For 16” (406 mm) on-center joists, there must be at least 14 7/8” (362 mm) for proper unit clearance.
   * For 24” (610 mm) on-center joists, there must be at least 22 7/8” (565 mm) for proper unit clearance.

6. **Determine the sides of the cut-out location**… by starting at the previously drilled center hole and proceeding in a perpendicular line to each of the two joists. Drill a hole at the edge of each. These two holes at the edge of each joist will mark the center of the sides of the cut-out.
   * Determine if your joists are 16” (406 mm) or 24” (610 mm) on-center before setting the four corners of the cut-out location. This will determine how the corners of the hole are to be marked.
7. **Mark the corners of the cut-out...**

to serve as a guide for cutting the opening. For 16” (406 mm) on-center measure 11 ¼” (286 mm)
or for 24” (610 mm) on-center measure 7 ¾” (184 mm) out in both directions from each of the two holes in Step 6 and mark and drill.

8. **Cut the hole...** using a sheetrock saw between the previously marked four corner locations.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

If cutting from inside the attic, cut a hand-sized hole in the center of the proposed cut-out section to allow for securing of the sheetrock. This will ensure the sheetrock does not tear from below.
9. **Install Framing...** depending on your ceiling joist construction: 2" x 4" (51 x 102 mm), 2" x 6" (51 x 152 mm), or 2" x 8" (51 x 203 mm), cut the appropriate-size lumber to fit properly between the two joists. In general, 16" (406 mm) on-center joists will have 14 ½" (368 mm) spacing and 24" (610 mm) on-center joists will have 22 ½" (572 mm) spacing. Use nails or wood screws to install the cut framing pieces between the attic joists.
   * Make sure they are flush with the exposed sheetrock edges below to allow for a sealed airflow channel.

![Diagram showing the installation of framing between attic joists.](image)

10. **Mount fan assembly...** using the four pre-drilled holes in the fan’s flange. Securely fasten the fan assembly to the attic joists with included fasteners to eliminate vibration or shifting during operation.

![Diagram showing the mounting of a fan in an attic.](image)

11. **Turn off the power...** At the home’s breaker box, turn off the electrical power to the circuit associated with the fan to eliminate chance of electrocution or fire. Do not turn the power back on until installation is complete.

12. **Remove cover plate...** from the fan’s electrical junction box to begin connecting wires.

13. **Insert the source power cable...** into the junction box through the provided cable connector. Separate the three wires inside the source power cable to allow for connection.
14. **Connect fan to source power...**

by connecting the fan’s black wire to the source black wire, the fan’s white wire to the source white wire, and the fan’s green wire to the remaining ground wire from the source.

![Wiring diagram]

Use provided wire nuts to fasten all wire connections. This will ensure that all wire connections do not come loose or become exposed.

15. **Replace fan junction box cover...** and place previously removed existing insulation around the Whole House Fan.

16. **Install the grill...** from the hallway side of the opening; center the grill over the opening; fasten grill to sheetrock.

- The screws must go through the sheetrock and penetrate ceiling joists or framing to ensure the grill is properly fastened.
- If joists or framing cannot be penetrated, use provided plastic sheetrock anchors, which will allow for proper fastening.
- To install the sheetrock anchors, gently tap the anchor into appropriate hole until it is flush with the ceiling surface.
THE BENEFITS OF POWER GABLE VENTS...

Best used to pull heated air out of attics, cooling them quickly.

◆ Minimizes heat and moisture damage in your attic.
◆ Increases overall comfort of your home by exhausting hot air out of your attic quickly.

INSTALLING A MASTER FLOW® POWER GABLE VENT...

1. Determine location... Mount behind a current wall louver or install a Master Flow® SGM20 Automatic Gable Louver.
2. Attach mounting brackets to power vent... Using bolts and nuts provided.
3. 16” (406 mm) center studs... Mounting brackets are predrilled to this size.
4. Over 16” (406 mm) centers... Box the ventilator with 2” x 4” (51 x 102 mm), 14” (356 mm) apart, above and below unit.
5. Mount the unit... On 16” (406 mm) centers, mount to existing studs; over 16” (406 mm) centers, mount the unit to horizontal framing.
6. Install the thermostat... Make sure the conduit is somewhat slack and the element is not covered.
7. Wire the thermostat... Following all local codes — use an electrician when appropriate.
8. Adjust fan control... Set at 105°F (40.6°C) for maximum energy savings.

*If the unit has a humidistat/thermostat.
THE BENEFITS OF MASTER FLOW® GREEN MACHINE™ SOLAR-POWERED GABLE VENT…

Easy installations… No extra wiring or expensive electricians required to install.

◆ 5-year limited warranty against manufacturing defects with 2-year Labor Protection Plus.

*See Master Flow® Powered Ventilation Products Ltd. Warranty for complete coverage and restrictions.

INSTALLING THE UNIT…

Installing A Solar-Powered Gable Vent

1. Determine the location… Mount vent 3”-4” (76-102 mm) behind existing gable wall louver or install a Master Flow® Gable Louver to allow proper air flow.

2. Attach mounting brackets to unit… using nuts and bolts provided. Fasten securely using predrilled holes in unit shroud to eliminate vibration.

3. Place mounting brackets… so that end of bracket is flush with stud.

• For 16” (406 mm) on-center studs, mounting brackets are predrilled to this size. Screw or nail the unit to the framing through predrilled holes in brackets for proper placement. (Fig. 1)
• For studs over 16" (406 mm) on-center, install two 2" x 4" (51 x 102 mm) supports 14" (356 mm) apart above and below the unit to existing horizontal framing for proper placement. (Fig. 2)

4. Mount to supports... through the predrilled holes in the mounting brackets.

5. Determine location of panel... Locate solar panel on part of the roof as close to the gable fan as possible to make sure included 10' (3.05 m) power cord reaches the panel.

IMPORTANT NOTE...

Always attempt to have unit face south for optimal power. Make sure it is not shaded by trees or other nearby structures during the day.

Included solar panel connecting wire is 10' (3.05 m) long. Be sure location is within distance.

6. Mount solar panel...

• Place the solar panel in the desired location, making sure that the top rails extend at least 1.5" (38 mm) above shingle course overlap. Align the “L”-shaped wings making sure that the bolt hole in each “L”-shaped wing is in the center of the short slot in the rail. Use a grease pencil or chalk to trace the outline of the “L”-shaped wings on the shingle. Note: To avoid possible weather infiltration, do not place the “L”-shaped wings or the top rails on the vertical spaces between the shingle tabs.

• Remove the “L”-shaped wings from the shingles and lay the solar panel aside. At the location traced above, carefully pry up the shingles and slide each “L”-shaped wing under a shingle and align each wing with a deck screw. Release and press...
shingle into place. Apply roofing cement under the shingles to secure them to the roof.

- Carefully pry up the shingles where the top rails will attach. Determine this location by aligning the solar panel frame between the installed “L”-shaped wings and centering the short slots in the rails with the mounting holes in the “L”-shaped wings. Slide the top rails under raised shingles and attach each rail to the roof deck with a deck screw. Release and press the shingles into place. Apply roofing cement under the shingles to secure them to the roof.

- Finish by attaching the “L”-shaped wings to the rails with the bolts and nuts provided and tighten them securely. Run included wire from solar panel to the gable fan through an open slot in the exterior louver. Be sure to route the wire around the gable fan housing.

7. Adjust... to maximize exposure to the sun.

- To tilt solar panel, loosen screws/nuts, adjust panel, and retighten fasteners securely so that the panel cannot shift out of position.

- To rotate solar panel, loosen four wing nuts on vent hood and rotate to desired position. Retighten securely.

To figure out the optimum angle for mounting the solar panel, use the approximate latitude of the house plus 20 degrees. The solar panel should face south for maximum power.

8. Run included 10’ (3.05 m) wire to solar panel... Run connecting wire out exterior wall louver to previously mounted solar panel to make connection.

9. Attach wire to solar panel...

- (RED) positive lead from connecting wire to (RED) positive lead of solar panel.

- (BLACK) negative lead from connecting wire to the (BLACK) negative lead from solar panel to complete installation.

Caution: Control board has sensitive electronic components.
1. True or False? Continuous ridge vents along with continuous soffit/fascia vents offer the best attic ventilation system.
   A. True
   B. False

2. What is the best way to ventilate a soffit?
   A. Round pop-in vents.
   B. With rectangular louvers.
   C. Through the gable ends.
   D. With continuous soffit vents.

3. When installing ridge vents, how much uncut sheathing should be left at the gable ends to prevent wind-driven rain from entering the structure?
   A. 0" (0 mm).
   B. 2 ½" (64 mm).
   C. 6" (152 mm).
   D. 18" (457 mm).

4. When installing Cobra® Rigid Vent 3™ or Cobra® Snow Country™ Exhaust Vents on a ridge without a ridge board, what is the overall opening size width?
   A. 3" (76 mm).
   B. 6" (152 mm).
   C. 2" (51 mm).
   D. 11" (279 mm).

5. True or False? Whole House Fans in conjunction with properly balanced attic ventilation can help reduce attic mold and mildew.
   A. True
   B. False
Check these before shingles are installed…

1. Have you verified the contract with the homeowner?
   - Correct shingle type?
   - Correct shingle color?
   - Correct finishes and details?

2. Is the job site safe?
   - Ladders and scaffolds secure?
   - Site well organized and safe?
   - Homeowner aware of hazardous areas?
   - Material properly stored?
   - Fall protection in place if needed?

3. Is the deck dry and flat?

4. The underlayments…
   - GAF Leak Barrier properly installed?
   - Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection lying flat, unbuckled?

5. Is the drip edge properly installed…
   - Metal flush to the deck?
   - Roof Deck Protection over at eaves, under at the rake edge?
1. The back... start all projects on the least visible area, to work out any unusual details.

2. Don’t “corner” your team... Roofers work fastest reaching across their bodies.
   • Left-handed roofers are faster starting on their right.
   • Right-handed roofers are faster starting on their left.

3. Work toward the difficult areas...
   • Don’t start in valleys, etc.

FASTENERS...

Roofing nails...
1. Corrosion resistant... Zinc coated, steel, or aluminum for corrosion resistance.

2. Nail Shank... 10 to 12-gauge barbed, smooth, or deformed shank for gripping deck.

3. Holding capacity... Nail heads of 3/8” (10 mm) to 7/16” (11 mm) in diameter to hold shingles in wind.

◆ Fastener should be long enough...
   • To penetrate 3/4” (19 mm) into wood plank decks.
   • Penetrate through plywood or OSB decks.

◆ GAF, in accordance with ARMA... does not recommend the use of staples as fasteners for shingles.

Properly Driven Nail

3/8” (10 mm) min. diameter nail head

Asphalt Shingle

Deck

Flush with shingle surface
Driven straight
1. Overdriving fasteners…
   • **Damages the shingles**… Overdriving can drive fasteners right through the shingle.
   • **Shingles slip off the roof**… when overdriven fasteners go through a shingle, these shingles are barely held onto the roof. Over time they can slide off the roof deck.
   • **From too much pressure**… overdriving most often occurs when a nail gun is set to the wrong pressure.

2. Underdriving fasteners…
   • **Nail-pop**… fasteners that are not driven flush to the shingle can “pop” up with deck movement.
   • **Nail-popping lifts the shingle**… pulling the shingle away from the self-sealant.
   • **Shingles then blow off**… when lifted up from the sealant, shingles are set up into the wind, causing shingle blow-offs.
   • **Cuts through shingle face**… underdriven fasteners can create holes when the shingle above settles over the popped up nail.

3. Nails that are driven at an angle…
   • Will cut shingles… angled fasteners will cut through overlying shingles.
   • Are not fully anchored to the deck… angled fasteners are subject to backing out with deck movement because they are not fully driven into a deck.

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**Improperly Driven Nail**

- **Underdriven**
- **Overdriven**
- **Angled**
- **Asphalt Shingle**
- **Deck**
- **Nail-pop**
  - Too deep, cuts into shingle
  - Will damage shingle
GAF’s Dura Grip™ Adhesive is one of the strongest shingle sealants available.

◆ Seals itself… this sealant is designed to seal shingles together after being installed.
◆ Sealant works with the sun… sun and warm temperatures activate the sealant and bond the shingles together.

The weather…
1. If installed in cold weather… sealant may not seal until the following spring.

2. When the sealant gets contaminated with dirt…
   • Wind-blown dust or sand… can coat the sealant and keep it from sealing.

3. Blow-offs and damage before sealing…
   • When blow-offs occur before the thermal sealing can take place, it is not a shingle defect.

4. Fasteners placed too high… allows sealant to get contaminated and leads to a serious risk of blow-off.

Mansards and steep slopes… slopes greater than 21:12…
1. Shingles need to rest on the sealant…
   • On steep slopes and mansards, the shingle’s full weight is not on the sealant.
   • These shingles may not seal properly.

2. Hand-seal these shingles… apply quarter-sized dabs of roofing cement to seal these shingles.*

3. Six nails… the installation of 6 nails per shingle on standard size shingles is not required by GAF, but is required by some local building codes and is required for enhanced wind coverage on certain products. See limited warranty for details.

* See pgs.133-134 “How to Hand-Seal…” for application.

◆ NOTE: Not for vertical walls… do not install shingles on vertical surfaces.

★ Hand-sealing shingles on mansards and steep slopes (greater than 21:12 ) is a requirement on Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.

Hand-seal when installing…
• In cold weather, fall, or winter.
• On steep slopes (greater than 21:12) slope.
• On mansard roofs.
• In high wind locations.
1. Use a quarter-sized dab... to properly seal these shingles.
   • Too much cement can run down the shingle face, or cause blistering.

2. Apply dabs of roof cement... to each shingle.
   • Four dabs on Timberline® Series Shingles.
   • Two dabs per tab on Sovereign™ Series, Grand Canyon®, Grand Sequoia®, Slateline®, and Camelot® Shingles.
   • Eight dabs on Woodland® and Monaco® Shingles.
   • Three dabs per diamond tab on Sienna® Shingles.

3. Press shingle into cement... to fully seal these shingles.

Sovereign™ Series Shingles

Timberline® Series Shingles

Grand Canyon®/Grand Sequoia® Series

Monaco® Shingles
1. **Install GAF Leak Barrier**… to protect rake edges from water infiltration.
   - Full 36” (914 mm) width on entire rake edge.

2. **Seal the rake edge shingles**… for maximum wind resistance…
   - *Embed in a 4” (102 mm) wide strip of roof cement*… adhere the shingles to the Roof Deck Protection or Leak Barrier and to each other at the rake edge (unless local code requires 6”[152 mm]).

3. **Do not overapply sealant**… too much adhesive can run down the shingles or cause blistering.
WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip can be used with any GAF shingle… a time-saving and versatile high-performance starter shingle.

Can be used with:
- Any GAF and most non-GAF, English, metric, oversized, and designer shingles.

◆ Oversized… A 17” x 40” (432 x 1016 mm) perforated starter shingle to match larger shingles.
◆ Saves time… Perforated design eliminates cutting… saving time and money when used with shingles with exposure less than 6” (152 mm).
◆ Dura Grip™ Adhesive locks starter strip in place… reducing risk of blow-off.
◆ Coverage… Counts as a component in the GAF Weather Stopper® System Plus and Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Ltd. Warranties.

✫ A GAF Starter Strip with Dura Grip™ Adhesive must be used on Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.
Installing WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip…

1. Perforated design… Perforated to save time and costs associated with wasted materials.

2. Install from either end of roof… WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip can be installed from right to left, or left to right.

3. Position with sealant up… Place the starter strip with the sealant facing up at the eave edge. For standard application, position the starter so the sealant line is at the edge.
   • NOTE: Some shingles require a special installation positioning for WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip as denoted in those shingle sections.

4. Provide 1/4”-3/4” (6-19 mm) drip edge… Place starter shingles 1/4”-3/4” (6-19 mm) over eave and rake edges to provide drip edge.

5. Fastening… Nail approximately 1-1/2”-3” (38-76 mm) above butt edge of shingle and approximately 1”-2” (25-51 mm) and 10”-12” (254-305 mm) in from each side edge.

6. Rake installation… Position starter strip so that it overlaps the eave edge starter by at least 3” (76 mm) with sealant facing rake edge.
   • Fastening… nail vertically along a line 1-1/2”-3” (38-76 mm) in from the rake edge.

7. Start shingles from same side… Starter shingles and roof shingles should start from the same side.

8. For maximum wind resistance… along rakes, install any GAF starter strip that contains sealant or cement shingles to underlayment and each other in a 4” (102 mm) width of asphalt plastic roof cement.

✫ A GAF Starter Strip with Dura Grip™ Adhesive must be installed on Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.
When used at eave with shingles with exposures of at least 6" (152 mm) …
• Always use a full 17" (432 mm) height shingle pieces. … Do NOT separate the WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip into halves.
• Cut a 10" (254 mm) length of WeatherBlocker Starter Strip and install as first piece… then continue with full pieces across the eave.*
• Nail as shown below.
• Coverage… 50 lineal feet (15.24 m) per bundle.

For installation along rakes:
• Separate WeatherBlocker™ starter strips into half pieces, 8-1/2" x 40" (216 x 1016 mm).
• Position the starter strip so that it overlaps the eave edge starter strip at least 3" (76 mm).
• Nail vertically along a line 1-1/2" to 3" (38-76 mm) in from the rake edge.
• Place the first nail 1/2" - 11/2" (13-38 mm) from the bottom edge of the starter strip and every 10"-12" (354-305 mm) up the rake.

For maximum wind resistance along rakes, install GAF WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip or cement shingles to underlayment and each other in a 4" (102 mm) width of asphalt plastic cement.

For all applications, the butt joints of the WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip must be offset from the butt joints of the first course of shingles by 4" (102 mm) or more. For long eaves, a 10"-12" (254-305 mm) piece of WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip may need to be installed periodically to adjust the offset. The frequency of this adjustment will depend on the length of the shingle being installed.
When used at eave with shingles with exposures less than 6" (152 mm)...

- Always separate WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strips into 8-1/2" (216 mm) height, half pieces.

- Cut a 10" (254 mm) length of WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip and install as first piece… then continue with full length pieces across the eave.*

- Nail as shown below.

- Coverage… 100 lineal feet (30.48 lm) per bundle.

For installation along rakes:

- Position the starter strip so that it overlaps the eave edge starter strip at least 3" (76 mm).

- Nail vertically along a line 1-1/2"-3" (38-76 mm) in from the rake edge.

- Place the first nail 1/2"-1 1/2" (13-38 mm) from the bottom edge of the starter strip and every 10"-12" (354-305 mm) up the rake.

*Note: For all applications, the butt joints of the WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip must be offset from the butt joints of the first course of shingles by 4" (102 mm) or more. For long eaves, a 10"-12" (254-305 mm) piece of WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip may need to be installed periodically to adjust the offset. The frequency of this adjustment will depend on the length of the shingle being installed.
Pro-Start® Starter Strip can be used with any GAF shingle with an exposure up to 6” (152 mm)... a time-saving and versatile high-performance starter shingle.

- **Size**... 13” x 38” (330 x 965 mm) perforated starter shingle.
- **Saves time**... Perforated design eliminates cutting... saving time and money.
- **Dura Grip™ Adhesive locks starter strip in place**... reducing risk of blow-off.
- **Coverage**... Counts as a component in the GAF Weather Stopper® System Plus and Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Ltd. Warranties.

✿ A GAF Starter Strip with Dura Grip™ Adhesive must be installed on Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.

**Installation**... only with shingle exposures up to 6” (152 mm).
- Separate into half pieces... 6-1/2” x 38” (165 x 965 mm).
- Coverage... 33” (102) lineal feet per bundle.

For shingles with English dimensions 12” x 36” (305 x 914 mm)...  
- *Cut a 10” (254 mm) length of Pro-Start® Starter Strip and install as first piece*... then continue with full-length pieces across the eave.*(See footnote on next page.)
For shingles with metric dimensions 13-7/8" x 39-3/8" (337 X 1000 mm)...

* Trim 3" (76 mm) from the first piece installed and continue with full pieces across the eave.

* Note: For all applications, the butt joints of the Pro-Start® Starter must be offset from the butt joints of the first course of shingles by 4" (102 mm) or more. For long eaves, a 10-12" (254-305 mm) piece of Pro-Start® Starter Strip may need to be installed periodically to adjust the offset. The frequency of this adjustment will depend on the length of the shingle being installed.

Installing Pro-Start® Eave/Rake Starter Strip...

1. Perforated design... Perforated to save time and costs associated with wasted materials.

2. Install from either end of roof... Pro-Start® Starter Strip can be installed from right to left, or left to right.

3. Position with sealant up... Place the starter strip with the sealant facing up at the eave edge. Position the starter so the sealant line is at the edge.

4. Provide 1/4-3/4" (6-19 mm) drip edge... Place starter shingles 1/4-3/4" (6-19 mm) over eave and rake edges to provide drip edge.

5. Fastening... Nail approximately 1-1/2"-3" (38-76 mm) above butt edge of shingle and approximately 1/2" — 1 1/2" (13 — 38 mm) and 10”-12” (254-305 mm) in from each side edge.

6. For rake installation... position starter strip so that it overlaps the eave edge starter by at least 3" (76 mm) with sealant facing rake edge.

* Fastening... nail vertically along a line 1-1/2- 3" (38 mm to 76 mm) in from the rake edge.

7. Start shingles from same side... Starter shingles and roof shingles should start from the same side.

8. For maximum wind resistance... along rakes, install any GAF starter strip containing sealant or cement shingles to underlayment and each other in a 4" (102 mm) width of asphalt plastic roof cement.
For installation along rakes:

- Position the starter strip so that it overlaps the eave edge starter strip at least 3" (76 mm).
- Nail vertically along a line 1-1/2" to 3" (38-76 mm) in from the rake edge.
- Place the first nail 1/2" - 1-1/2" (13-38 mm) from the bottom edge of the starter strip and every 10"-12" (354-305 mm) up the rake.

*Note: For all applications, the butt joints of the Pro-Start® Starter must be offset from the butt joints of the first course of shingles by 4" (102 mm) or more. For long eaves, a 10-12" (254-305 mm) piece of Pro-Start® Starter Strip may need to be installed periodically to adjust the offset. The frequency of this adjustment will depend on the length of the shingle being installed.
1. What can happen when a fastener is overdriven?
   A. Damage to the shingle.
   B. Shingle has the potential to slide off the roof.
   C. Fastener can go through the shingle.
   D. All of the above.

2. True or False? A fastener that is not properly anchored to the deck may back out due to deck movement.
   A. True
   B. False

3. What can interfere with a shingle’s ability to properly seal?
   A. Installing in cold weather.
   B. Driving fasteners directly into the sealant.
   C. When the sealant gets contaminated in dirt, dust, or sand.
   D. All of the above.

4. True or False? Hand-sealing shingles on steep slope and mansards is a requirement on Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.
   A. True
   B. False

5. How many dabs of roofing cement are required on Timberline® Shingles when hand sealing is required?
   A. 2
   B. 3
   C. 4
   D. 6
There are two shingles in the GAF Sovereign™ Series…

1. Marquis WeatherMax® Shingles…
   - 30-year limited warranty.
   - 80 mph (130 km/h) limited wind warranty.

2. Royal Sovereign® Shingles…
   - 25-year limited warranty.
   - 60 mph (96 km/h) limited wind warranty.

Sovereign™ Series Shingles include two sizes…

**English:**
12” x 36” (305 x 914 mm)

**Metric:**
13 ¼” x 39 ⅛” (337 x 1000 mm)

Sovereign™ Series Shingles are all installed in the same manner.
We recommend the use of GAF Pro-Start® Eave/Rake Starter Strip as well as the use of a GAF Ridge Cap Shingle product that matches the color of your shingle.

**NOTE:** You can also use your Sovereign™ Series Shingles for the main roof, hip, ridge, and starter course and still maintain the warranty.

**INSTALLATION NOTES…**

**STACKING AND STORAGE…**

- Proper storage of Sovereign™ Series Shingles… Proper storage is important for installer safety as well as shingle handling.
- Store Sovereign™ Series Shingles properly… out of the weather in a covered, well-ventilated, dry area to keep the shingles from possible damage.
Use Pro-Start® Eave/Rake Starter Strip or WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip... for all Sovereign™ Series Shingles. If using Pro-Start® or WeatherBlocker™ Starters, follow its application instructions (see pages 135-141). Make sure nailing pattern will not be in between the tabs of the first shingle row.

Installing hand-cut starter strips...
1. Start at either rake edge.
2. Use the same shingles for the starter course as for the main roof... to insure all components last the entire warranty period.
3. Trim 6” (152 mm) off one end... so that the first course will fully overlap the starter course.
4. Trim the bottom tabs off... 
   - This aligns the self-sealant with the eave edge.
   - Sealed starters are more wind resistant, rain resistant, and weather resistant.
5. Overhang starter shingles... 1/4” - 3/4” (6-19 mm) over the drip edge at both rakes and eaves to keep water away from the structure.
6. Nail starter course 1-1/2”-3” (38-76 mm) from eaves... 6” (152 mm) on-center to properly secure from uplift.
7. Continue starter course... across the entire eave in the same manner.

STARTER COURSE DIAGRAM
For maximum wind resistance along rakes, install GAF WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip or cement shingles to underlayment and each other in a 4” (102 mm) width of asphalt plastic cement.

| Place shingle 1/2”-3/2” (6 - 19 mm) over eaves and rake edges to provide drip edge. |
| Start at either rake and lay in either direction. Continue with full split starter strip shingle. |
| Overlap eaves edge starter strip at least 3” (76 mm). |
| Trim bottom tabs off all starter course shingles, then place and nail as shown or install starter strip. |
| Trim 6” (152 mm) from end of first shingle. |
1. **Start with a full shingle…**
   - laid over the starter course.
   - Align first course joints 4” (102 mm) min. from the starter course joints.
   - Flush to the starter course edges.

2. **Properly fasten the shingle…**
   - **Four fasteners per shingle** (unless code requires 6 fasteners).
   - **Do not nail in the sealant…** this can damage the sealant, leaves the nails too high, and impedes sealing.
   - **Place fasteners correctly…**
     - **5-3/8” (143 mm) from the bottom edge** (English).
     - **6” (152 mm) from the bottom edge** (metric).
   - **Beware high nailing…** high nailing can cause blow-offs, or can allow shingles to slip off of decks.

3. **Continue across the roof…** in the same manner.
NAILING LOCATIONS FOR GAF SOVEREIGN™ SERIES SHINGLES...

ENGLISH

36" (914 mm)

12" (305 mm)

Standard Nailing Pattern - four nails per shingle

Enhanced Nailing Pattern - six nails per shingle

required by some local codes and required for enhanced wind coverage on certain products. See limited warranty for details.

METRIC

39-3/8" (1 m)

13-1/4" (337 mm)

Standard Nailing Pattern - four nails per shingle

Enhanced Nailing Pattern - six nails per shingle

required by some local codes and required for enhanced wind coverage on certain products. See limited warranty for details.
1. **Trim first shingle**… at the rake edge side of a full shingle to properly align the shingle’s cut-outs 6” (152 mm) English size, 6 9/16” (167 mm) metric size.

2. **Align shingle to top of cut-outs**… The bottom edge of this shingle should rest just on top of the cut-outs of the shingle below it.

3. **Do not “stretch” the exposure**… aligning shingles higher than the tops of the cut-out creates problems…
   - Ensures high nailing problems.
   - May cause exposed fasteners.
   - Creates cupping of shingles.
   - Will make the shingle’s appearance look improper.
1. Continue up the roof.

2. Cut an additional half tab off of each new shingle at the rake edge... trimming 6” (152 mm) off English size, 6 9/16” (167 mm) off metric and create the stair-step method of keeping the cut-outs aligned.

3. Course #6 is a half tab... install just a half tab shingle piece at course #6.
   a. Make sure to fasten 4 nails per shingle, even if it is just half of a tab to prevent rake uplift.

4. Bring up full shingles courses from the eave... to fill out the stair-step pattern.

5. Course #7 starts over as in course #1 with new full shingle... Create a new stair step to continue up the roof.

◆ For step flashing, valley construction, and other flashing details, refer to Section 5.

A NOTE ON THE “RACKING” METHOD...

Racking shingles...

◆ Racking is when shingles are installed straight up the roof.

◆ Racking is not the preferred method of installing shingles because...
  1. Improper nailing... The main reason GAF prefers the “stair step” method is to ensure proper nailing.
  2. Nails left out... Many times shingles do not get the correct amount of fasteners with this method.
  3. Racking can cause stress cracks... when bending the shingles to nail them.
  4. Racking may also cause... an incorrect color blend.
GAF PREFERRED

Traditional Stair-Step Method

INSTALLING USING THE RACKING METHOD...

Racking Method
1. Use a GAF Ridge Cap product (see page 206) or create from full shingles…
   Cut full shingles to make hip and ridge (H & R) shingles.

2. We recommend the installation of a GAF Ridge Cap product (see page 200).

3. Cut a full GAF Sovereign™ Series Shingle to make capping for hip and ridge.
   a. Taper cut for the best appearance.
   b. Make 3 hip and ridge caps from each full shingle.

   1. Center over hip or ridge… to fully cover area.
   2. Bend to conform to ridge… for best appearance.
      Note: In cold-weather applications on slopes 7:12 and greater, product might need to be preheated (leave it in a heated trailer or truck for the day) to 50 degrees or higher in order to bend it without breaking.
   3. Align correct exposure… overexposing could lead to blow-offs.
      • 5” (127 mm) English, 5 5/8” (143 mm) metric.
   4. Nail correctly… 1" (25 mm) from the outside edge, and 5 5/8" (143 mm) English or 6" (152 mm) metric from the bottom edge for wind resistance.
   5. Face nail the last piece… and seal the nail heads with plastic cement.
   6. Install with the prevailing wind… To gain maximum wind resistance, install so dominant winds flow over shingles.
Note: Make sure your gun is at a 90-degree angle from the roof when fastening capping. Crooked nails are a frequent reason for capping blow-off, as the self-seal will not touch the precedent capping.
1. True or False? There are 4 different shingles in the GAF Sovereign™ Series.
   A. True
   B. False

2. When installing Sovereign™ Series Shingles, the first course should be:
   A. A full shingle.
   B. Trimmed 6” (152 mm).
   C. Trimmed 1 full tab.
   D. None of the above.

3. Why is it improper to nail in the self-sealant?
   A. It damages the sealant and places the nails too high.
   B. It seals the nails down.
   C. Nailing in the sealant breaks the plastic film on the shingle.
   D. All of the above.

4. True or False? The “Racking Method” is not a preferred method of installing shingles.
   A. True
   B. False

5. When cutting hip and ridge shingles from Sovereign™ Series Shingles, why is the head lap area of the shingle taper cut?
   A. It reduces waste.
   B. It makes the shingle more wind resistant.
   C. It takes less time to cut the shingles.
   D. It provides the best appearance.
GAF’s Timberline® Shingle was one of the first laminated shingles ever made.

- Called “laminated” due to the way it is made…
- Two separate shingles… Laminated shingles are actually two separate shingles.
- They are laminated together… The two shingles are laminated together to make one extra-thick shingle.
- The top section has the “saw-teeth”… Saw-teeth give the shingle its unique wood-shake look.
- The bottom section is the “backer strip”… This strip adds strength and depth to the shingle.
There are six shingles in the standard size GAF Timberline® Series…

1. Timberline Ultra HD® Shingles…
   • Lifetime limited warranty.
   • 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty.*

2. Timberline® ArmorShield™ II Shingles…
   • Lifetime limited warranty.
   • 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty.*
   • Impact-resistant shingle.

3. Timberline® American Harvest® Shingles…
   • Lifetime limited warranty.
   • 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty.*

5. Timberline HD® Shingles…
   • Lifetime limited warranty.
   • 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty.*

6. Timberline® Natural Shadow® Shingles…
   • Lifetime limited warranty.
   • 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty.*

* In order to obtain the maximum wind coverage, the shingles must be installed using 6 nails per shingle and certain GAF Starter Strip products (only those with factory-applied adhesive) on the eaves and rakes.

Note: Shingles must also be installed in strict accordance with published application instructions, particularly in regard to nail placement.

Timberline® Shingles…
• 39 3/8" (1 m) long.
• 13 1/4" (337 mm) wide.
Timberline® Shingles are available nationwide.

STACKING AND STORAGE...

• **Proper storage of Timberline® Shingles.** Proper storage is important for installer safety as well as shingle handling.
• **Store Timberline® Shingles properly.**... out of the weather in a covered, well-ventilated, dry area to keep the shingles from possible damage.

INSTALLING STARTER COURSE...

**WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE...**

INSTALLING THE FIRST COURSE...

Use WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip... Follow application instructions starting on page 135.

**Required procedure for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations:**

1. **Start with a full shingle...**
   - laid over the starter course.
   - flush to the eave and rake edge starter shingles.

2. **Properly fasten the shingle...**
   - At least four fasteners per shingle.
   - Do not nail in the sealant... This places nails too high and interferes with proper sealing.

3. **Nail correctly...** 6" (152 mm) from the bottom.

4. **Continue across the roof.**

Start at either rake and lay in either direction.

For maximum wind resistance along rakes, install any GAF starter strip containing sealant or cement shingles to underlayment and each other in a 4" (102 mm) width of asphalt plastic roof cement.

Place shingle 3½ - 6" (6 - 19 mm) over eaves and rake edges to provide drip edge.
NOTES ON HIGH NAILING...

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT: High-nailing Timberline® Shingles can cause product failure.

- Laminated shingles have two parts... these parts are laminated together.
- Your nailing is designed to keep both parts together... Combined with the lamination adhesive, it helps holds these two pieces together.
- Nails must penetrate the double-ply area... Your nails must be placed through both sections, catching 1/4" (6 mm) of the backer strip.
- High nailing weakens wind resistance... Wind can lift shingles off a roof when they are nailed too high.
- Simply use the nail guideline... that is painted on every GAF Timberline® Series Shingle as a guide to ensure proper nailing.

CORRECT NAILING PATTERN FOR GAF TIMBERLINE® SERIES SHINGLES...

Standard Nailing Pattern - four nails per shingle

Enhanced Nailing Pattern - six nails per shingle*

* required by some local codes and required for enhanced wind coverage on certain products. See limited warranty for details.

Note: These singles MUST be nailed a nominal 6" (152 mm) from bottom of shingle, above the cut outs, as shown. Nails must not be exposed.
1. **Trim to align pattern**… Trim 6” (152 mm) from the rake edge side of the shingle to properly align the Timberline® Shingle design.

2. **Align to tops of saw-teeth**… of the underlying shingle.

3. **Do not overexpose**… Aligning shingles higher than the tops of the saw-teeth can lead to problems.
   - **Creates cupping**… Timberline’s thick structure can make the shingles cup or curve when overexposed.
   - **Bad appearance**… the unique wood-shake look of Timberline® Series can be lost or changed by overexposing.

4. **High nailing**… When aligned too high, your fasteners will be installed too high, missing the double-ply area.
1. **Trim 11” (279 mm) off** the rake edge side of a full shingle to continue proper alignment of the Timberline® Shingle design.

2. **Use at least three fasteners**… on this shortened shingle.

3. **Align as with other courses**.

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**THIRD COURSE DIAGRAM**

- Trim 11” (279 mm) rake end of first shingle
- Start third course with a trimmed shingle as shown.
- Continue with whole shingle
INSTALLING FOURTH AND REMAINING COURSES...

1. Trim 17” (432 mm) off… the rake edge side of a full shingle to continue proper alignment of the Timberline® design.

2. Use a minimum of two fasteners… on this shortened shingle.

3. Align as with other courses.

4. Start again with a full shingle… at the fifth course.

5. Repeat the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th course methods… going up the roof along the rake edge.
   - Trim 6” (152 mm) from the second course.
   - Trim 11” (279 mm) from the third course.
   - Trim 17” (432 mm) from the fourth course.
   - Install full shingle.

6. Repeat this method completely… This stepping method is proven to result in the unique look of a GAF Timberline® roof.

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Diagram showing the installation process for the fourth course, including trimming and alignment details.
Racking is not acceptable… on any GAF laminated shingles, including Timberline® Series.

- Creates poor appearance… The straight-up roof racking method distorts the natural design pattern of Timberline® Shingles.
- Improper nailing… Racking often leads to improper nailing.
- Shingles left un-nailed at the first pass can mistakenly be left un-nailed.
- Heavyweight shingles like Timberline® Shingles need proper nailing.
- Can damage shingles… bending each shingle to nail the “blind nail” can crack the double-ply lamination.
- Racking can cause color blend problems… Installing shingles straight up the roof can create up-and-down color lines on a roof.
  - This color problem is not a manufacturing defect but the result of racking.

On Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations, racking is not accepted with Timberline® Series Shingles.

For flashing, valley construction, and other flashing details, refer to Section 5.

For hip and ridge shingle installation, refer to “Installing Enhanced Capping” starting on page 200.
1. What are the names for the two sections of a Timberline® Shingle?
   A. The top and the bottom.
   B. Front part, back part.
   C. Upper edge, lower edge.
   D. Saw-teeth section, backer strip section.

2. To fasten Timberline® Shingles properly, where should the fasteners be installed?
   A. In the sealant.
   B. Above the cut-outs.
   C. In the starter area.
   D. In the nail guide line.

3. For Timberline® Shingles, on what course do you install a full shingle to start the sequence over again?
   A. Third course.
   B. Fourth course.
   C. Fifth course.
   D. Every other course.

4. True or False: Racking Timberline® Series Shingles can distort the designed alignment, lead to improper nailing, and possibly damage the shingles.
   A. True
   B. False
There are three shingles in this section...

1. Grand Sequoia®
   - Lifetime limited warranty.
   - 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty.*
   - Value Collection

2. Grand Canyon®
   - Lifetime limited warranty.
   - 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty.*
   - Ultra-Premium Collection

3. Grand Sequoia® IR
   - Lifetime limited warranty.
   - 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty.*
   - Value Collection
   - Impact-resistant shingle.

Note: Shingle shown in drawings are one of 6 different design patterns.

* In order to obtain the maximum wind coverage, the shingles must be installed using 6 nails per shingle and certain GAF Starter Strip products (only those with factory-applied adhesive) on the eaves and rakes.

Note: Shingles must be installed in strict accordance with published application instructions, particularly in regard to nail placement.
Grand Sequoia® and Grand Canyon® Shingles are NOT available in ALL areas. See gaf.com for regional availability.

Note: In the sections that follow, all references to Grand Sequoia® Shingles also apply to Grand Sequoia® IR and Grand Canyon® Shingles.

Proper storage of Grand Sequoia® and Grand Canyon® Shingles… Proper storage is important for installer safety as well as shingle handling.

Store Grand Sequoia® and Grand Canyon® Shingles properly… out of the weather in a covered, well-ventilated, dry area to keep the shingles from possible damage.

Two starter courses are needed to fill out Grand Sequoia®, Grand Canyon®, and Grand Sequoia® IR Shingles’ extra width and thickness.

First Starter Course…

Use WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip, follow application instructions starting on page 135.
Second Starter Course…

1. Use color-coordinated StarterMatch™ Starter Strip Shingles (formerly known as Grand Sequoia®/Grand Canyon® Starter Strip) as second starter.

2. Trim 5” (127 mm) off of StarterMatch™ Starter Strip… to ensure the first course overlaps the seam.

3. Place second starter directly over first starter… to give the correct depth to the starter course.

4. Align second starter even with first… at the rakes and eaves.

5. Nail second starter…
   * 6” (152 mm) from eave.
   * 4 nails per shingle; see drawing below.

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SECOND STARTER COURSE DIAGRAM…

For maximum wind resistance along rakes, install any GAF starter strip containing sealant or cement shingles to underlayment and each other in a 4” (102 mm) width of asphalt plastic roof cement.
1. Trim 1/2" (13 mm) off… at the rake edge side of a full shingle to properly align Grand Sequoia’s design.

2. Place shingle over starter course… aligning flush to the starters at the rake edge and the eaves.

3. Use five fasteners… to properly hold this 40" (1,016 mm) long shingle. See “Standard Nailing Pattern” below.

4. When 6 nails are required by code… or for high wind limited warranty, use “Enhanced Nailing Pattern” below.

5. Fasten in the nail guideline… Fasten in the white nail guideline that is on every Grand Sequoia® Shingle (11” [279 mm] from the shingle bottom).

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**Standard Nailing Pattern** - five nails per shingle

**Enhanced Nailing Pattern** - six nails per shingle

* required by some local codes and required for enhanced wind coverage on certain products. See limited warranty for details.

Note: These singles MUST be nailed a nominal 6" (152 mm) from bottom of shingle, above the cut outs, as shown. Nails must not be exposed.
7. Fasten properly... as with all shingles, proper fastening is the key to a long-lasting system.

- Overdriving fasteners... can damage the shingles.
- Underdriving fasteners... can lessen their wind resistance.
- Fastening too high... leads to blow-offs and shingles slipping off of roofs.

8. Crowding can cause buckles... Place the next shingle close to the first without crowding them together.

9. Continue across the roof... on first course using full shingles.

☆ Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Note...

A 1/4”-3/4” (6-19 mm) overhang is required on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.
INSTALLING THE SECOND COURSE...

1. **Place a full shingle over the previous course**… using alignment notches, align the bottom flush to the square cut-outs.
2. **Correctly place the design pattern**… Set shingles back using 5” (127 mm) alignment slits.
   - Starting from the right… set back 5” (127 mm) toward the left.
   - Starting from the left… set back 5” (127 mm) toward the right.
3. **Trim off the 5” (127 mm) from the rake edge side**… to align flush to the rake edge.
4. **Fasten in place**… to secure to the deck.

THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT COURSES...

1. **Continue up the rake edge**… trimming 5” (127 mm) off of successive courses.
2. **Set using alignment slits**…
   - trimming the sides 5” (127 mm) from subsequent courses at rake edge sides.
   - Trim 10” (254 mm) from third course.
   - Trim 15” (381 mm) from the fourth course, etc.
3. **Continue this pattern**… To obtain the best appearance of the design pattern, continue trimming 5” (127 mm) off shingles to the ninth course.
4. **Install a full shingle**… at the ninth course to begin the pattern again. (A full shingle can be used to start any odd numbered courses if necessary; however, to obtain the best appearance, follow the instructions above.)
5. **Strike a horizontal chalk line**… every six courses to ensure proper alignment.

INSTALLATION NOTE: RACKING

Racking should not be used… The unique design pattern of Grand Sequoia® Shingles is disrupted when the straight-up racking method is used; this method can lead to leaking and damage to shingles.

☆ **On Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations, racking Grand Sequoia® Shingles is not accepted.**
Measuring at the very top of the shingle:

- Trim 5" (127 mm) off second course.
- Trim 10" (254 mm) off third course.
- Trim 15" (381 mm) off fourth course.
- Continue to trim 5" (127 mm) more off of each new course.
- At ninth course, install a full shingle.
- After the full shingle, continue trimming an additional 5" (127 mm) from courses.

♦ For step flashing, valley construction, and other flashing details, refer to Section 5.

♦ For hip and ridge shingle installation, refer to “Installing Enhanced Capping” starting on page 200.
1. Which of the Grand Canyon® or Grand Sequoia® Shingles is referred to as an Ultra-Premium Collection Shingle?
   A. Grand Canyon®
   B. Grand Sequoia®

2. Why are two starter courses needed when installing Grand Sequoia® and Grand Canyon® Shingles?
   A. To fill cracks and voids.
   B. For wind uplift.
   C. To align them properly.
   D. To fill out Grand Sequoia® and Grand Canyon® Shingles’ extra width and thickness.

3. Why is racking Grand Canyon® or Grand Sequoia® Shingles not recommended?
   A. It makes installing too easy.
   B. Racking will increase the chances of mold growth.
   C. Racking can disrupt the unique design pattern of these shingles, and can lead to leaking and damage to shingles.
   D. All of the above.

4. Why is it recommended that you clip the shingle’s top corners in the valley area? (Hint: See Valley Construction Section)
   A. To keep leaves from collecting there.
   B. To keep water flowing into the valley center.
   C. To keep the ice in the valley.
   D. Both A and B.

5. True or False: When installing step flashing with Grand Sequoia® and Grand Canyon® Shingles, you install step flashing before installing the second starter course. (Hint: See Step Flashing Section)
   A. True
   B. False
Woodland® Shingles are premium-design laminated shingles carrying...

- Lifetime Limited warranty
- 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty*
- StainGuard® protection

* In order to obtain the maximum wind coverage, the shingles must be installed using 6 nails per shingle and certain GAF starter strip products (only those with factory-applied adhesive) on the eaves and rakes.

Note: Shingles must also be installed in strict accordance with published application instructions, particularly in regard to nail placement.

Woodland® Shingle...  
17” x 40” (432 mm x 1016 mm)

Note: Shingles shown in drawings are one of 6 different design patterns.

Woodland® Shingles are available nationwide.

- Proper storage of Woodland® Shingles... Proper storage is important for installer safety as well as shingle handling.
- Store Woodland® Shingles properly... out of the weather in a covered, well-ventilated, dry area to keep the shingles from possible damage.
**Required procedure for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.**

**First Starter Course**... Split GAF WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip into ½ height pieces 8.5" x 40" (216 x 1,016 mm) and install along the eaves.

*NOTE:* For all applications, the butt joints of the Weather Blocker™ Starter must be offset from the butt joints of the first course of shingles by 4" (102 mm) or more. For long eaves, a 10" (254 mm) piece of WeatherBlocker™ Starter may need to be installed periodically to adjust the offset. The frequency of this adjustment will depend on the length of the shingle being installed.

Overhang starter strip shingles... ¼" - ¾" (6-19 mm) over the drip edge at both rakes and eaves to keep water away from the structure.

**Second Starter Course**... Install full-height GAF WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strips. Do not split second starter course strips in half.

*NOTE:* To prevent sealant from being visible at the eave, GAF WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strips must be installed with the sealant location away from the eave edge as shown. Sealant on the back of the Woodland® Shingles will seal shingles to the starter course along the eaves.
1. Trim 30” (762 mm) off of rake edge of first WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip Shingle to ensure the first course overlaps the seam.

2. Continue with full-size starter strip shingle.

3. Place second starter directly over first starter... to give the correct depth to the starter course.

4. Align second starter even with first at the rakes and eaves.

5. Nail second starter... 1 ½” – 3” (38-76 mm) above butt edge of shingle.

HOW TO INSTALL THE FIRST COURSE

1. Start and continue with full shingles laid flush over starter course... aligning flush to the starters at the rake edge and the eaves.

2. Use five fasteners... to properly hold this 40” (1016 mm) long shingle (see figure on next page).

3. When 6 nails are required by code... or for high-wind ltd. warranty, use enhanced nailing pattern on next page.

4. Fasten along the nail-guide marks... Nominally 8 ½” (216 mm) from bottom of long tab.
7. Fasten properly... as with all shingles, proper fastening is the key to a long-lasting system.
- **Overdriving fasteners**... can damage the shingles.
- **Underdriving fasteners**... can lessen their wind resistance.
- **Fastening too high**... leads to blow-offs and shingles slipping off of roofs.

8. Crowding can cause buckles... Place the next shingle close to the first without crowding them together.

9. Continue across the roof... on first course using full shingles.

A ¼"-¾" (6-19 mm) overhang is required on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.
1. Trim 5" (127 mm) from rake edge of first shingle… to align flush to the rake edge.
2. If trimmed shingle starts with long tab, place bottom of shingle 1" (25 mm) below keyway.
3. Continue with whole shingles.

THIRD COURSE...
1. Trim 10" (254 mm) from rake edge of first shingle… to align flush to the rake edge.
2. If trimmed shingle starts with long tab, place bottom of shingle 1" (25 mm) below keyway.
3. Continue with whole shingles.
1. **Strike a horizontal chalk line**… approximately every six courses to assure proper alignment with eaves.

2. **Trim 15” (381 mm) from rake end of first shingle**… Continue with whole shingles. Repeat the 1st - 4th course instructions on the remaining courses, starting the fifth course with a full shingle.

**INSTALLATION NOTE: RACKING**

Racking should not be used… the unique design pattern of Woodland® Shingles is disrupted when the straight-up racking method is used; this method can lead to leaking and damage to shingles.

☆ On Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations, racking of shingles is not accepted.

◆ For step flashing, valley construction, and other flashing details, refer to Section 5.

◆ For hip and ridge shingle installation, refer to “Installing Enhanced Capping” starting on page 200.
1. True or False? A trimmed Woodland® Shingle or full strip of WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip can be used as the first starter course to install Woodland® Shingles.
A. True  
B. False

2. What is the correct number of fasteners for a standard application of Woodland® Shingles?
A. 4  
B. 5  
C. 6  
D. 7

3. What is the correct GAF Ridge Cap Shingle for use with Woodland® Shingles?
A. Timberline® Shingles  
B. Royal Sovereign® Shingles.  
C. Slateline® Shingles.  
D. None of the above.

4. How many courses are run before starting again with a full shingle?
A. 4  
B. 5  
C. 6  
D. 7

5. Because of Woodland® Shingles' detailed design, the preferred valley methods are: (Hint: See Valley Construction Section)
A. Woven valley and closed cut valley.  
B. Open valley and open California valley.  
C. Open valley only.  
D. Closed cut valley and open valley.
Sienna® Shingles are premium-design laminated shingles carrying:
- Lifetime limited warranty
- 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty*
- StainGuard® protection

* In order to obtain the maximum wind coverage, the shingles must be installed using 6 nails per shingle and certain GAF Starter Strip products (only those with factory-applied adhesive) on the eaves and rakes.

Note: Shingles must also be installed in strict accordance with published application instructions, particularly in regard to nail placement.

Sienna® Shingle…
17 3/8” x 40” (441 x 1016 mm)

Sienna® Shingles are available nationwide.

- Proper storage of Sienna® Shingles… Proper storage is important for installer safety as well as shingle handling.
- Store Sienna® Shingles properly… out of the weather in a covered, well-ventilated, dry area to keep the shingles from possible damage.

☆ Required procedure for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.

Two starter courses are needed for Sienna® Shingle installations.
First Starter Course… Use WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip (follow application instructions starting on page 135).
Second Starter Course...
1. Use color-coordinated StarterMatch™ Starter Strip Shingles as second starter.
2. Trim 5" (127 mm) off of StarterMatch™ Starter Strip Shingles... to ensure the first course overlaps the seam.
3. Place second starter directly over first starter... to give the correct coverage and color.
4. Align second starter even with first... at the rakes and eaves.
5. Nail second starter...
   • 6" (152 mm) from eave.
   • 4 nails per shingles see drawing below.

✫ A 1/4"-3/4" (6-19 mm) overhang is required on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.
4. Place fasteners correctly...

- 2" (51 mm) above top of wide cut-outs.
- Outside nails ½"-1" (13-25 mm) from edges.
- Inside nails 12 ⅜"-13 ¾" (324-349 mm) from each side.
- Beware of high nailing... high nailing can cause blow-offs, or can cause shingles to slip off decks.

5. Continue across the roof... in the same manner.

Do not lay shingles straight up the roof, as this procedure can cause an incorrect color blend and may damage the shingles as well.
1. Trim \( \frac{1}{2} \) triangular tab \([6 \frac{2}{3}” (169 \text{ mm})]\) from the rake end of the first shingle.

2. Align shingle . . . such that the bottom of the triangular tab in the second and subsequent shingle courses is flush with the top of the wide cut-outs giving a 5\( \frac{1}{2} “ \) (140 mm) exposure.

3. Continue with full shingles . . . across the roof.

1. Trim 1 triangular tab \([13 \frac{1}{3}” (339 \text{ mm})]\) from the rake end of the first shingle.

2. Continue . . . with full shingles across the roof.

1. Trim 1 \( \frac{1}{2} “ \) triangular tabs \([20” (508 \text{ mm})]\) from the rake end of the first shingle.

2. Continue . . . with full shingles across the roof.

3. Starting with the fifth course with a full shingle, repeat the first – fourth course instructions on the remaining courses.

4. Strike a chalk line every 6 courses to check alignment with eaves, remembering to use the alignment slit from the underlying shingle as a guide.

5. Align courses carefully . . . to avoid overexposing, high nailing, exposed nail heads, or altering design.
◆ For step flashing, valley construction, and other flashing details, refer to Section 5.

◆ For hip and ridge shingle installation, refer to “Installing Enhanced Capping” starting on page 200.
1. True or False? A full strip of WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip should be used as the first starter course to install Sienna® Shingles.
   A. True
   B. False

2. What is the correct number of fasteners for a standard application of Sienna® Shingles?
   A. 4
   B. 5
   C. 6
   D. 7

3. Which GAF Ridge Cap Shingle can be used with Sienna® Shingles?
   A. Timberline® Shingles.
   B. Royal Sovereign® Shingles.
   C. Timbertex® Shingles.
   D. None of the above.

4. How many courses are run before starting again with a full shingle?
   A. 4
   B. 5
   C. 6
   D. 7

5. Because of Sienna’s detailed design, the preferred valley methods are: (Hint: See Valley Construction Section)
   A. Woven valley and closed cut valley.
   B. Open valley and open California valley.
   C. Closed cut valley and open valley.
   D. Open valley only.
Monaco® Shingles are premium-design laminated shingles carrying...

- Lifetime limited warranty
- 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty*
- StainGuard® protection

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**Note:** Shingles must also be installed in strict accordance with published application instructions, particularly in regard to nail placement.

Monaco® Shingle...
17” x 40” (432 mm x 1016 mm)

Monaco® Shingles are available nationwide.

- Proper storage of Monaco® Shingles...
  Proper storage is important for installer safety as well as shingle handling.

- Store Monaco® shingles properly...
  out of the weather in a covered, well ventilated, dry area to keep the shingles from possible damage.

◆ **Note:** Do not install Monaco® Shingles on roofs with slopes less than 4:12.
Required procedure for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.

Install full-height GAF Weather-Blocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strips.

1. Trim 20" (505 mm) off of rake edge of first WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strip Shingle to ensure the first course overlaps the seam.
2. Continue with full-size starter strip shingle.
3. Nail starter... 1 ½" – 3" (38-76 mm) above butt edge of shingle.

NOTE: To prevent sealant from being visible at the eave, GAF WeatherBlocker™ Starter Strips must be installed with the sealant location away from the eave edge as shown. Sealant on the back of the Monaco® Shingles will seal shingles to the starter course along the eaves.

A ¼"-¾" (6-19 mm) overhang is required on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.
1. Start and continue with full shingles laid flush over starter course… aligning flush to the starters at the rake edge and the eaves.

2. Use four fasteners… The standard pattern is four fasteners. See “Standard Nailing Pattern” below.

3. Use six fasteners if required… the alternate pattern is six fasteners if required by local code or for enhanced warranty. See “Enhanced Nailing Pattern” below.

4. Fasten along the nail-guide marks… nominally 8” (203 mm) from bottom of shingle.

5. Fasten properly… as with all shingles, proper fastening is the key to a long-lasting system.
   - Overdriving fasteners… can damage the shingles.
   - Underdriving fasteners… can lessen their wind resistance.
   - Fastening too high… leads to blow-offs and shingles slipping off of roofs.

6. Crowding can cause buckles… Place the next shingle close to the first without crowding them together.

7. Continue across the roof… on first course using full shingles.

Standard Nailing Pattern - four nails per shingle

Enhanced Nailing Pattern - six nails per shingle

* required by some local codes and required for enhanced wind coverage on certain products. See limited warranty for details.
A ¼"-¾" (6-19 mm) overhang is required on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.

INSTALL THE SECOND COURSE...

1. Trim 20" (508 mm) from rake edge of first shingle... to align flush to the rake edge.
2. Continue with whole shingles.

INSTALL THE THIRD COURSE...

1. Continue up the rake edge... Start the third course with a full shingle.
2. Continue with whole shingles.
1. Fourth course, trim 20” (508 mm) to continue design pattern.
2. Fifth course is a full shingle... same as first course.
3. Sixth course... same as second course and continue sequence for remaining courses.

Racking should not be used... The unique design pattern of Monaco® Shingles is disrupted when the straight-up racking method is used; this method can lead to leaking and damage to shingles.

Strike a chalk line about every 6 courses to check parallel alignment with eaves.

☆ On Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations, racking of shingles is not accepted.

◆ For step flashing, valley construction, and other flashing details, refer to Section 5.

◆ For hip and ridge shingle installation, refer to “Installing Enhanced Capping” starting on page 200.
1. True or False? A trimmed Monaco® Shingle or full strip of WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip can be used as the first starter course to install Monaco® Shingles.
   A. True
   B. False

2. What is the correct number of fasteners for a standard application of Monaco® Shingles?
   A. 4
   B. 5
   C. 6
   D. 7

3. Which GAF Ridge Cap Shingle can be used with Monaco® Shingles?
   A. Timberline® Shingles.
   B. Royal Sovereign® Shingles.
   C. Timbertex® Shingles.
   D. None of the above.

4. How many courses are run before starting again with a full shingle?
   A. 4
   B. 5
   C. 6
   D. 7

5. Because of Monaco® Shingles’ detailed design, the preferred valley methods are: (Hint: See Valley Construction Section)
   A. Woven valley and closed cut valley.
   B. Open valley and open California valley.
   C. Open valley only.
   D. Closed cut valley and open valley.
◆ Slateline® Shingles...

- Lifetime limited warranty.
- 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty.*
- Value Collection.
- Duplicates the rich look of slate tiles.
- Large size, 17” x 40” (432 x 1016 mm), reduces labor.

* In order to obtain the maximum wind coverage, the shingles must be installed using 6 nails per shingle and certain GAF Starter Strip products (only those with factory-applied adhesive) on the eaves and rakes.

Note: Shingles must be installed in strict accordance with published application instructions, particularly in regard to nail placement.

Slateline® Shingles are NOT available in ALL areas. See gaf.com for regional availability.

**STACKING AND STORAGE**

- Proper storage of Slateline® Shingles...
  Proper storage is important for installer safety as well as shingle handling.
- Store Slateline® Shingles properly...
  out of the weather in a covered, well ventilated, dry area to keep the shingles from possible damage.
**Required procedure for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations**

Use WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip... Follow application instructions starting on page 135.

1. **Start with a full shingle...**
   - Install ¼” – ¾” (16-19 mm) over eave and rake edges.
   - Install flush with starter course overhang to provide drip edge.

2. **Use six fasteners...** to properly secure Slateline® Shingles. See “Standard Nailing Pattern” below.

3. **Fasten 9” (227 mm) from the bottom edge of the shingle in between the two self-seal lines.**

4. **High nailing precaution...**
   - High nailing reduces wind resistance.
   - High nailing can cause shingles to slip off of the roof deck.

5. **Drive fasteners flush to shingle...**
   - Overdriving fasteners... can damage shingles.
   - Underdriving... can lead to shingle blow-offs.

6. **Continue first course...** across the eave using full shingles.

7. **Avoid crowding shingles...** place shingles close but not too close.
   - Crowding can cause shingles to buckle.

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**Standard Nailing Pattern - six nails per shingle**

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**Start at either rake and lay in either direction**

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**For maximum wind resistance along rakes, install any GAF starter strip containing sealant or cement adhesives to underlayment and each other in a 4” (102 mm) width of asphalt plastic roof cement.**

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**Place shingle ½" - ¾" (12 - 19 mm) over eaves and rake edges to provide drip edge.**
1. Trim 12" (305 mm) off rake edge… to properly set the design pattern.

2. Align with the alignment notch… of the underlying shingle, giving \(\frac{1}{4}''-\frac{3}{4}''\) (6-19 mm) overhang at rake edge.

3. Align bottom to the top of cut-outs… of the shingle below, resulting in a 7\(\frac{1}{2}''\) (191 mm) exposure.

4. Avoid overexposing…
   - Results in high nailing.
   - Can alter the Slateline® design pattern.

5. Fasten in place… to secure to the deck.

6. Continue across the eave with full shingles.
1. Trim 24” (610 mm) off rake edge…
   to continue the correct design pattern.
2. Align as before…
   • Bottom edge to tops of cut-outs.
   • ¼” – ¾” (6-19 mm) overhang at rake edge.
3. Fasten in place… above each cut-out.
4. Continue across the roof… with full shingles.

THIRD COURSE DIAGRAM…
Install using the Slateline® design pattern for the best appearance…

1. **Fourth course, trim 12” (305 mm)…** to continue the design pattern.
2. **Fifth course is a full shingle…** same as the first course.
3. **Sixth course: trim 12” (305 mm) off rake edge…** like the second course.
4. **Seventh course: trim 24” (610 mm).**
5. **Eighth course: trim 12” (305 mm).**
6. **Ninth course: install a full shingle…**
   • Starting the sequence again like the first course.

♦ For flashing, valley construction, and other flashing details, refer to Section 5.

♦ For hip and ridge shingle installation, refer to “Installing Enhanced Capping” starting on page 200.
1. True or False? A trimmed Slateline® Shingle or full strip of WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip can be used as the first starter course to install Slateline® Shingles.
   A. True
   B. False

2. What is the correct number of fasteners for a standard application of Slateline® Shingles?
   A. 4
   B. 5
   C. 6
   D. 7

3. Which GAF Ridge Cap Shingle can be used with Slateline® Shingles?
   A. Timberline® Shingles.
   B. Royal Sovereign® Shingles.
   C. Timbertex® Shingles.
   D. None of the above.

4. How many courses are run before starting again with a full shingle?
   A. 4
   B. 5
   C. 6
   D. 7

5. Because of Slateline’s detailed design, the preferred valley methods are: (Hint: See Valley Construction Section)
   A. Woven valley, open valley and closed cut valley.
   B. Open valley and open California valley.
   C. Open valley only.
   D. Closed cut valley and open valley.
Camelot® Shingles are premium-design laminated shingles carrying...

- Lifetime limited warranty.
- 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty.*
- Ultra-Premium Collection.
- StainGuard® protection.

Camelot® II Shingles are premium-design laminated shingles carrying...

- Lifetime limited warranty.
- 130 mph (209 km/h) maximum limited wind warranty.*
- Value Collection.
- StainGuard® protection.

* In order to obtain the maximum wind coverage, the shingles must be installed using 6 nails per shingle and certain GAF Starter Strip products (only those with factory-applied adhesive) on the eaves and rakes.

Note: Shingles must also be installed in strict accordance with published application instructions, particularly in regard to nail placement.

Note: Shingles shown in drawings are one of 6 different design patterns that will be found in this package.

Availability

Camelot® Shingles are NOT available in ALL areas. See GAF.com for regional availability.

Note: In the sections that follow, all references to Camelot® Shingles also apply to Camelot® II.

Stacking and Storage...

- **Proper storage of Camelot® Shingles** is important for installer safety as well as shingle handling.
- **For best results, stack one pallet high**... Due to the heavyweight construction and detailed design of Camelot® Shingles, GAF recommends stacking shingles only one pallet high to ensure safe handling and avoid distortion of bundles.
- **Store Camelot® Shingles properly**... out of the weather in a covered, well-ventilated, dry area to keep the shingles from possible damage.
_required procedure for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations

**Required procedure for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations**

Use WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip... follow application instructions starting on page 135.

1. **Start with full shingle...**
   - Install flush with starter course.
   - Install left to right or right to left.

2. **Use five fasteners...** The standard pattern if five fasteners. See “Standard Nailing Pattern” below.

3. **Use six fasteners if required...** the alternate pattern is six fasteners if required by local code or for enhanced warranty. See “Enhanced Nailing Pattern” below.

4. **Fasten along the nail-guide marks...** nominally 8.5” (216 mm) from bottom of shingle.

5. **Continue across the roof...** in the same manner.

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**HOW TO INSTALL THE FIRST COURSE...**

**INSTALLING STARTER COURSE...**

**Standard Nailing Pattern** - Five nails per shingle

**Enhanced Nailing Pattern** - six nails per shingle*

* required by some local codes and required for enhanced wind coverage on certain products. See limited warranty for details.
Do not lay shingles straight up the roof, as this procedure can cause an incorrect color blend and may damage the shingles as well.

1. Trim the first shingle... 4 3/16" (110 mm) (1/2 of a tab) from the end of the shingle.
2. Position the shingles in the second and subsequent courses flush with the tops of the wide cut-outs. This results in a 7 1/2" (191 mm) exposure.
3. Continue with full shingles... across the roof. Strike a chalk line every few courses to ensure alignment.
1. Trim the first shingle… 8 5/8" (219 mm) (full tab) from the end of the shingle.
2. Continue… with full shingles across the roof.

INSTALL THE FOURTH AND REMAINING COURSES…
1. Trim the first shingle… Trim 12 15/16" (329 mm) (1 1/2 tabs for fourth course.)
2. Continue… across roof will full shingles.
3. Repeat first - fourth course instructions on the remaining courses, starting the fifth course with a full shingle.
4. Align courses carefully… to avoid over-exposing, high nailing, exposed nail heads, or altering design.

INSTALLATION NOTE…
Follow instructions exactly to avoid objectionable patterning.

◆ For step flashing, valley construction, and other flashing details, refer to Section 5.

◆ For hip and ridge shingle installation, refer to “Installing Enhanced Capping” starting on page 200.
1. True or False? A trimmed Camelot® Shingle or full piece of WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip can be used as a starter course to install Camelot® Shingles.
   A. True
   B. False

2. What is the correct number of fasteners for Camelot® Shingles?
   A. 4
   B. 5
   C. 6
   D. 7

3. What is the correct hip and ridge cap shingle for use with Camelot® Shingles?
   A. Timberline® Shingles.
   B. Royal Sovereign® Shingles.
   C. Slateline® Shingles
   D. None of the above.

4. How many courses are run before starting again with a full shingle?
   A. 4
   B. 5
   C. 6
   D. 7

5. Because of Camelot’s heavyweight construction and detailed design, the preferred valley method is: (Hint: See Valley Construction Section)
   A. Woven valley.
   B. Open valley.
   C. Closed cut valley.
   D. All of the above.
Professionals match the Ridge Cap Shingles to the roof: ... Using Ridge Cap Shingles that do not match the field shingle looks unprofessional and is a disservice to the customer.

Protective Ridge Cap Shingles ...
- Offer enhanced protection and warranty coverage (vs. using cut-up strip shingles as Ridge Caps).
- Enhance the look of the finished roof.
- Properly complement the field shingle color.

Five specially designed Ridge Cap Shingles ... to match GAF shingles, GAF manufactures five special protective Ridge Cap Shingles:
- Timbertex® Premium Ridge Cap Shingles.
- Ridgglass® Premium Ridge Cap Shingles.
- Z® Ridge Ridge Cap Shingles.
- All of these enhanced ridge caps count as one system component on Weather Stopper® System Plus installations.

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All GAF Ridge Cap products are acceptable on Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.
1. Four times thicker... and 1/3 larger than standard caps for enhanced protection.  
2. Adds extra dimension to rooflines.  
3. Complements the color... of GAF shingles.  
4. Matches the maximum wind-speed coverage of GAF Lifetime Shingles.

1. Install with the prevailing wind... To gain maximum wind resistance, install so dominant winds flow over the shingles.  
2. Use correct-length roofing nails... long enough to penetrate at least 3/4" (19 mm) into wood decks or just through plywood or OSB.  
3. Separate each piece of Timbertex® Ridge Cap Shingle... into three individual Ridge Cap Shingle pieces at perforations (see Figure 1).

4. Prepare the starter cap... For this step, cut along the line between double-thick layers to create the starter cap (see Figure 2).  
5. Place the 4" x 11.5" (102 x 292 mm) double-thick starter cap across the ridge... starting at the bottom of the hip or from the end of the ridge, opposite the direction of the prevailing wind.  
6. Prepare the starter cap... for this step cut along the line between the headlap and the exposed area of the shingle to create a 4.5" x 11.5" (102 mm x 292 mm) starter cap (see Figure 2).

7. Nail the 4" x 11.5" (102 mm x 292 mm) double thick starter cap across the ridge... starting at the bottom of the hip or from the end of the ridge, opposite the direction of the prevailing wind fasten starter cap 1" (25 mm) from edge and 1" (25 mm) from bottom.
8. Begin laying full Ridge Cap Shingle pieces 12” x 12” (305 x 305 mm)… as shown (see Figure 3). Apply with an 8” (203 mm) exposure beginning at the bottom of the hip or from the end of the ridge, opposite the direction of the prevailing wind. The inner edge of the 4” (102 mm) wide laminated piece provides alignment for the next unit.

9. Apply Ridge Cap using 2 nails per piece 9” (229 mm) back from the exposed end and 1” (25 mm) up from the edge … (see Figure 3 for location of nails). Use only zinc-coated steel or aluminum, 10-12 gauge, barbed, deformed, or smooth shank roofing nails with heads ⅜” (10 mm) to ⅝” (12 mm) in diameter. Nails should be long enough to penetrate at least ¾” (19 mm) into wood decks or just through plywood decks. Nails must be driven flush with the surface of the shingle. Overdriving will damage the shingle. Raised nails will interfere with the wind resistance of the shingles.

FIGURE 3
10. *In cold weather, warm Timbertex® Ridge Cap Shingles...* before bending. When self-sealing may be delayed due to cold weather, apply quarter-sized dabs of asphalt plastic cement (must conform to ASTM D4586 Type I or Type II) between Ridge Cap pieces and press firmly to ensure good contact between pieces.

11. *For maximum wind resistance...* In high wind areas or for maximum wind resistance, apply a \( \frac{1}{4} \)" (6 mm) wide bead of Henkel PL® Urethane Sealant or Soneborne® NP-1™ Urethane Sealant to each Ridge Cap Shingle \( \frac{3}{4}-1" \) (19-25 mm) from the shingle edge, parallel to the ridge (see Figure 4).

**Caution:** Excessive application of cement can cause blistering of Ridge Cap Shingles.

12. *Install last piece by:*
   - *Setting the last piece...* in solid troweling of asphalt plastic roof cement, or
   - *Face nailing the last piece...* and sealing the nail head with asphalt plastic cement.
Installing Z®Ridge Ridge Cap Shingles...

1. Install with the prevailing wind... To gain maximum wind resistance, install so dominant winds flow over the shingles.

2. Use correct-length roofing nails... long enough to penetrate at least 3/4" (19 mm) into wood decks or just through plywood or OSB.

3. Separate hip and ridge shingles into individual shingles... each 13-1/4 x 39 3/8" (337 x 1000 mm) strip is scored for separation into four hip or ridge shingles with exposure to be 5 5/8" (143 mm).

4. Create a starter shingle... by cutting shingle and folding on fold lines. (See Figures 1-3; see Figure 3 [next page] for starter for leading edge of hip.)
5. **Nail starter shingle**... one nail on each side 1" (25 mm) in from each edge through triple fold area.

6. **Fold each hip and ridge shingle**... as shown in Figures 4-6 (see also next page).
7. Install hip and ridge shingles…
   with 5 5/8" (143 mm) exposure.
8. Nail… with one nail on each side through triple fold area on nail line
   6 1/2" (165 mm) from butt edge and
   1" (25 mm) from each side (see nail line in Figure 7, next page).
9. Install last piece by face nailing…
   and sealing the nail heads with asphalt plastic cement.
10. For maximum wind resistance and enhanced wind warranties... apply quarter-sized dabs of asphalt plastic cement on each side of hip or ridge 1" (25 mm) in and 1" (25 mm) up under the leading butt corners.

◆ Caution: Excess amount of cement can cause blistering on the shingles.

Installing Seal-A-Ridge® Ridge Cap Shingles...

1. **Install with the prevailing wind**... To gain maximum wind resistance, install so that dominant winds flow over the shingles.

2. **Use correct-length roofing nails**... long enough to penetrate at least 3/4" (19 mm) into wood decks or just through plywood or OSB.

3. **Separate hip and ridge shingles into individual shingles**... At perforations, separate each piece into three individual Ridge Cap Shingles, each 12" x 12" (305 mm x 305 mm).

4. **Create a starter shingle by**... cutting off the exposed (see NOTE on next page) portion of a ridge cap shingle.

5. **Center over hip or ridge**... to fully cover area.

6. **Beginning at the bottom of the hip or from the end of the ridge opposite the direction of the prevailing wind**... Install the starter shingle using 2 nails placed 1 1/2" - 3" (38-76 mm) back from the cut end and 1" - 2" (25 - 51 mm) up from each edge.
7. *Bend to conform to ridge*… for best appearance and wind resistance.

8. *Align correct exposure*… overexposing could lead to blow-offs. Exposure may vary depending on geographic location (see **NOTE** below).

9. *Nail correctly*… 1” (25 mm) to 2” (51 mm) from the outside edge and up from bottom edge as specified on the wrapper (see **NOTE** below).

10. *Install last piece by*:  
    - *Setting the last piece*… in solid troweling of asphalt plastic roof cement, or  
    - *Face-nailing the last piece*… and sealing the nail heads with asphalt plastic cement.

◆ **NOTE**: Shingle size, exposure, and nail location may vary depending on geographic location… Be sure to follow the instructions printed on the wrapper.
Installing Ridglass® Premium Ridge Cap Shingles…

1. **Install with the prevailing wind**… To gain maximum wind resistance, install so that dominant winds flow over the shingles.

2. **Use correct-length roofing nails**… long enough to penetrate at least \( \frac{3}{4}'' \) (19 mm) into wood decks or just through plywood or OSB.

3. **Create a starter shingle**… by cutting off the 8" (203 mm) exposed portion of a full hip and ridge shingle.

4. **Nail through the dimensional fold on starter shingle**… with one nail on each side 1" (25 mm) in and 1" (25 mm) up on the leading corner.

5. **Cover starter shingle**… with complete hip and ridge shingle extending \( \frac{1}{4}'' \) (6 mm) over the starter shingle.

6. **Nail through the dimensional fold**… with one nail on each side of the starter shingle 9" (229 mm) back from the exposed end and 1" (25 mm) in from each side.

7. **Continue installing hip and ridge shingles**… extending \( \frac{1}{4}'' \) (6 mm) past the dimensional fold to obtain a 8" (203 mm) exposure.
8. In cold weather… under 50°F (10°C), unpack shingles from carton and allow the shingles to warm before application.

9. For maximum wind resistance and enhanced wind warranties… apply three quarter-sized dabs of asphalt plastic cement on each side of hip and ridge shingle and install with four nails per shingle as shown below.

- Caution: Excess amount of cement can cause blistering of Ridge Cap Shingles.

10. Install last piece… by setting the last piece in solid troweling of asphalt plastic roof cement.
1. Matching the Ridge Cap Shingle to the field shingle installed on the roof does which of the following?
   A. Properly complements the shingle color.
   B. Enhances the look of the finished roof.
   C. Matches the starter strip.
   D. Both A and B.

2. True or False? Starting at the end opposite the prevailing wind will insure the air flow is over the Ridge Caps, not against them.
   A. True
   B. False

3. How much thicker than standard cap shingles is a Timbertex® Premium Ridge Cap Shingle?
   A. 2 times.
   B. 3 times.
   C. 4 times.
   D. Twice as thick.

4. What are the proper nail locations for Timbertex® Distinctive Ridge Cap Shingles?
   A. 3” from the edge.
   B. 2” from the edge, 8” from the bottom.
   C. 1” from the edge, 9” from the bottom.
   D. 4” from the edge, 7” from the bottom.

   A. True
   B. False
1. Not all valley constructions are acceptable... for use with all shingles (e.g., woven valleys should not be installed using laminated shingles).

2. Choose correct valley... see chart below.

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* Not permitted for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty.
OPEN VALLEYS...

1. Install GAF Leak Barrier... full 36” (914 mm) wide over entire valley length. ✫

2. Lap Deck-Armor® or any other GAF Roof Deck Protection 6” (152 mm) over... the Leak Barrier. ✫

3. Center the valley metal... Use metal proven to last. ✫
   - 20” (508 mm) min. wide aluminum, galvanized steel or copper. **Note:** Local building codes may require wider metal in open valley constructions.
   - Non-corroding, non-staining metal.
   - 24-gauge minimum.

4. Nail the metal on the edges... Place nails so the nail heads hold the metal in place.

5. Do not puncture the metal... Nailing through the metal may cause leaking and buckling due to movement.

6. Install shingles into the valley... Cover the metal 4” (102 mm) minimum for sealing.

7. Clip the corners... to keep water flow toward the valley center. ✫

8. Taper valley shingles... to handle increasing water volume.
   - **Start at 6” (152 mm)... at the valley top.**
   - **Widen 1/8” (3 mm) per 1 foot (305 mm)... toward the eaves.**

9. Embed shingle ends in plastic roof cement... Seal shingles to the metal to keep water from running under them.
   - **Note:** Excess cement can cause shingle blisters.

✫ WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE...

✫ Required procedure for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.

OPEN VALLEY INSTALLATION...
1. Install GAF Leak Barrier... full 36” (914 mm) wide over entire valley length.★
2. Lap Deck-Armor® or any other GAF Roof Deck Protection 6” (152 mm) over... the Leak Barrier.★
3. Install one roof plane over the other... with the larger roof plane over the smaller to keep large water flow over the valley cut.
4. Extend starters and first course across valley... Both right and left starter courses should extend 12” (30 mm) min. beyond the center line.
5. Fasten properly in valley...
   • No nails within 6” (152 mm) of the valley center to reduce potential leaks.
   • Double nail shingle ends in valley to compensate for this 6” (152 mm) space.
6. Continue up the valley...
   • Installing underlying shingles 12” (305 mm) min. past the valley center line.
   • Leave top shingles extended past the center line to be cut later.
7. Trim shingles... 2” (51 mm) back from valley center line on top roof plain.
8. Clip shingle corners... Clipped shingle corners at the valley to keep water flow to the valley center.★
9. Seal the valley... Using plastic roof cement, seal the valley shingles to each other for the best protection. Note: Too much cement can cause shingles to blister.

★ Required procedure for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.
1. Install GAF Leak Barrier... full 36" (914 mm) wide over entire valley length.  
2. Lap Deck-Armor® or any other GAF Roof Deck Protection 6" (152 mm) over... the Leak Barrier.  
3. Carry both shingle courses to the valley.  
4. Weave the shingles... Install one shingle over the other as you go up the valley.  
5. Extend each shingle end 12" (305 mm) min... beyond the valley center.  
6. Seat the shingles in the valley... Before nailing, firmly press shingles down at valley center to conform to valley shape.  
7. Do not nail closer than 6" (152 mm) to valley center... Due to the extreme water volume in valleys, nails near the center can leak.  
8. Nail twice at shingle ends... Instead of nailing in valley center, nail twice at the ends.  
9. Keep valley centered... Allowing the weave to creep up a valley side will allow water infiltration under the shingles.

◆ Caution: For single-thickness shingles only; see Acceptable Valley Constructions Chart on page 212.
Woven valleys are not acceptable in Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations except with Slateline®, Marquis WeatherMax®, or Royal Sovereign® Shingles.
For standard metric-sized Timberline® Series Shingle installations:

- Open California valleys are acceptable on a slope of 4:12 or greater, unless prohibited by local codes.
- Open California valleys should not be used for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.

All other shingles:

- GAF does not recommend the use of California valleys or any valley that does not follow the guidelines as established by ARMA or the NRCA.
-Leaks may occur if California valleys are installed with the wrong shingles.

1. **Install GAF Leak Barrier**… full 36” (914 mm) wide over entire valley length.
2. **Lap Deck-Armor® or any other GAF Roof Deck Protection 6” (152 mm) over**… the Leak Barrier.
3. **Center valley metal (aluminum, galvanized steel, or copper, 24-gauge minimum thickness) in the valley and nail the metal on the edges**… Place nails so nail heads hold the metal but do not puncture the metal. Metal must be a minimum of 20” (508 mm) wide and wide enough so that the vertical shingles installed at the eave edge overlap the metal by at least 4” (102 mm) (see Step #4).
4. **Snap a chalk line 3” (76 mm) back from the valley centerline** at the top and widening 1/8” (3.18 mm) per foot to the eave edge on each side of the valley center line.
5. **Install one row of shingles**, end-to-end, with the butt edge towards the valley along each chalk line.
6. **Fasten the two rows of shingles in the valley** with four nails per shingle along the nail line.
6. When using an open California valley, start shingle installation from the valley and work towards each rake edge. Position each shingle starting a course with the tip of the shingle at the butt edge of the vertically installed shingle. Fasten shingles as usual with the exception of staying 6" (152 mm) away from the valley center-line. Start the first course with a full-length shingle; the second course with enough trimmed off of the shingle to maintain a 6" (152 mm) offset from the first course; the third course trimmed to maintain 5" (127 mm) offset from the second course; the fourth course trimmed to maintain a 6" (152 mm) offset from the third course; and the fifth course should start the pattern over again with a full shingle.

◆ Note: Vertical shingles that have sealant on the top surface in the headlap must be hand sealed along the bottom butt edge in the valley.

Open California valleys are not accepted on WeatherWatch® Golden Pledge® installations.
For standard metric-sized Timberline® Series Shingle installations:

- Closed cut California valleys are acceptable on a slope of 4:12 or greater, unless prohibited by local codes.

All other shingles:

- GAF does not recommend the use of California valleys or any valley that does not follow the guidelines as established by ARMA or the NRCA.
- Leaks may occur if California valleys are installed with the wrong shingles.

1. **Install GAF Leak Barrier**... full 36” (914 mm) wide over entire valley length.
2. **Lap Deck-Armor® or any other GAF Roof Deck Protection 6” (152 mm) over**... the Leak Barrier.
3. **Install starter shingles and the shingles on the lower slope or lesser height**... Extend the end shingle of each course at least 12” (305 mm) onto the adjoining roof.
4. **Press shingles into the valley and nail as directed on the bundle** with the exception that no nails are within 6” (152 mm) of the valley centerline.
5. **Additional fasteners**... place two nails at the end of the shingle that has crossed the valley; one on the nail line, 1” (25 mm) from the edge, and one positioned 1” (25 mm) from the edge at the top of the headlap.
6. **Snap a chalk line 2” (51 mm)** back from the valley centerline at the adjoining roof.
7. **Install one row of shingles, end-to-end**, with the butt edge towards the valley along each chalk line (see figure on next page).
8. **Fasten the row of shingles in the valley** with four nails per shingle along the nail line.
8. To complete the valley, start from the valley and work towards the rake edge for the other side. Position each shingle starting a course with the tip of the shingle at the butt edge of the vertically installed shingle. Fasten shingles as usual with the exception of staying 6" (152 mm) away from the valley centerline. Start the first course with a full length shingle; the second course with enough trimmed off of the shingle to maintain a 6" (152 mm) offset from the first course; the third course trimmed to maintain 5" (127 mm) offset from the second course; the fourth course trimmed to maintain a 6" (152 mm) offset from the third course; and the fifth course should start the pattern over again with a full shingle.

◆ Note: Vertical shingles that have sealant on the top surface in the headlap must be hand-sealed along the bottom butt edge in the valley.
INSTALLING ROOF DECK PROTECTION AND LEAK BARRIER AT VERTICAL WALLS...

- Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection flush to the side wall. Install GAF Leak Barrier over the Roof Deck Protection, adhering the Leak Barrier to the side wall.
- Extend the Leak Barrier up the side wall a minimum of 5" (127 mm).
● Installing metal step flashing is the most proven way to waterproof side wall areas.

● Use the correct metal... non-corrosive metal step flashing.

● Note: The use of “L” flashing at the up-slope sides of dormers, sidewalls, and chimneys is not recommended. This method is dependent on roofing cement and can leak over time.

1. Minimum 2” (51 mm) longer than the shingle exposure... Metal step flashing should at least cover the non-exposed area of the shingle being installed (see chart on next page).
   • Standard 5 5/8” (143 mm) exposure metric-sized shingles: use 7 5/8” (194 mm) long step flashing.
   • Standard 5” (127 mm) exposure English-sized shingles: use 7” (178 mm) long step flashing.
   • Large 7 1/2” (190 mm) exposure shingles: use one piece minimum 10 1/2” (267 mm) long step flashing or alternatively two 7” (178 mm) pieces overlapped.

2. Fold to size...
   • Minimum 2” (51 mm) longer than the shingle exposure up the roof... Fold the step flashing so that the length is at the sidewall.
   • Minimum 5” (127 mm) up the side wall... to protect and waterproof the seam.
   • Minimum 5” (127 mm) across the shingle... to keep water away for the seam.

3. Choose correct-size step flashing... for the shingle being installed (see chart on next page).
### Minimum Step Flashing Dimensions

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*Alternate: 2 pieces 7" x 10" (178 x 254 mm) overlapped to cover second course of starter shingles
◆ See “Note” on next page.
1. Install metal first... Install first piece of step flashing over the starter shingle before installing the first course of exposed shingles.

◆ Note: For Grand Sequoia®, Grand Sequoia® IR, and Grand Canyon® Shingles... A special minimum 12” (305 mm) long step flashing piece is required over the first starter course of shingles before installing the second starter course of shingles.

◆ Note: For Sienna® Shingles... A metal step flashing piece is required over the first starter course of shingles before installing the second starter course of shingles. Then install metal step flashing over the top of the second starter course before installing first course of Sienna® Shingles. The second step flashing piece must overlap the first piece of step flashing by 2” (51 mm) and should not be exposed on the roof when the first course of Sienna® Shingles is installed.

2. Nail metal only to deck... Nailing to both deck and side wall can cause buckles or cracks due to structure movement.

3. Nail twice... Place nails 1”-2” (25-51 mm) from the top of the step flashing.

4. Install shingles over metal step flashing... flush to the side wall.

5. Adhere shingle to metal step flashing... Use a quarter-sized dab of plastic cement to adhere shingle to flashing.

6. Properly place the next piece of step flashing... Step flashing should cover the non-exposed top of the shingles.

◆ Note: For Grand Sequoia®, Grand Sequoia® IR, and Grand Canyon® Shingles... For proper placement of step flashing piece, measure up 5” (127 mm) from the top of the cut-out.
7. Continue up the roof...
   • One step flashing piece per shingle... to ensure a sealed system.
   • Alternate for large-exposure shingle (see dimension chart on page 223)... Use two overlapped 7" (178 mm) step flashing pieces per shingle course.

8. Fully cover step flashing... Shingles should cover step flashing completely for best appearance and waterproofing.

9. Cover step flashing with counter flashing... Cover the top of the step flashing on the wall a minimum of 2" (51 mm).

New metal step flashing is required on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations (unless existing metal step flashing is in like-new condition).

◆ Important Note: Do not use "L" flashing at the upslope sides of dormers, side walls, and chimneys. This method is dependent on roofing cement and can leak over time.

☆ Step flashing is required at all dormers, chimneys, and side wall sides.
Installing Step Flashing

**STANDARD**

5" (127 mm) EXPOSURE
ENGLISH-SIZED SHINGLES

Step flashing for English-sized shingle
12" x 36" (305 mm x 914 mm) with 5" (127 mm) exposure

Set next shingle in a quarter-sized area of plastic cement
2 nails as shown:
1/4" 2" (25-51 mm) from top

First course of step flashing under shingle as shown
Install 1 piece of step flashing to fully cover top half of each shingle

**STANDARD 5 5/8" (143 mm) EXPOSURE METRIC-SIZED SHINGLES**

Step flashing for metric-sized shingle
13 3/4" x 39 3/8" (337 mm x 1 m) with 5 3/8" (143 mm) exposure

Set next shingle in a quarter-sized area of plastic cement
2 nails as shown:
1/4" 2" (25-51 mm) from top

First course of step flashing under shingle as shown
Install 1 piece of step flashing to fully cover top half of each shingle
Preferred step flashing for large 7 1/2" (190 mm) exposure shingles

Alternate 2-piece step flashing

Set next shingle in a quarter-sized dab of plastic cement

2 nails as shown 1"- 2" (25-51 mm) from top

Install 1 piece of step flashing to fully cover top half of each shingle

First course of step flashing under shingle as shown
INSTALLING WALL FLASHING SYSTEMS

GRAND SEQUOIA® AND GRAND CANYON® SHINGLES...

◆ Note: special size for starter course step flashing.

INSTALLING STARTER COURSE STEP FLASHING...

Quarter-sized dab of plastic cement

2 nails as shown 1" 2" (25–51 mm) from top

Install first 1 or 2 piece step flashing over first starter strip course AND under second starter strip course
NORMAL COURSE
STEP FLASHING

STEP FLASHING
GRAND SEQUOIA®
AND GRAND
CANYON®
SHINGLES:
FIRST AND
SUBSEQUENT
COURSES...

Install 1 piece of step flashing as shown

2 nails as shown
1"- 2" (25- 51 mm)
from top

Set next shingle in a quarter-sized dab of plastic cement
**HORIZONTAL WALLS…**

- Install metal flashing where a roof plane intersects horizontal walls…
  - Dormer fronts.
  - Wall fronts.
  - Shed roof wall seams.

**VENTILATING HORIZONTAL WALL FRONTS…**

- Ventilate over heated or air-conditioned areas… Shed roofs and dormer fronts need to be ventilated.
- Install Cobra® Exhaust Vent… following the method described in “Shed-Style Roof Ventilation” on pgs. 92-93.

**FLASHING WHEN NOT VENTILATING…**

1. *Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection…* up to the wall seam flush to the wall.★
2. *Install GAF Leak Barrier…* full 36” (914 mm) width over Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection to seal this area.★
3. *Extend up wall 5” (127 mm) min.*
4. *Seal to wall and Deck Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection…*  
   - Do not seal to deck… If the building moves, Leak Barrier does not crack or tear.
5. *Install shingles flush to wall…* Trim even with the wall seam.
6. *Install metal “apron” flashing…* for full protection.
   - Over the shingles.
   - Extend up wall 5” (127 mm) min. (behind siding).
   - Extend over shingles 4” (102 mm) min.

★ Required procedure for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.
7. **Nail metal to wall**… but not the roof deck in case of settling or movement.

8. **If desired, install cut shingles over apron flashing**… by embedding them in plastic roof cement.  
   *(Note: Excess cement can cause shingles to blister.)*

**FLASHING HORIZONTAL WALL SEAMS…**

- Sheathing
- Siding
- Non-corroding metal flashing 5’ (127 mm) up wall wall and 5’ (127 mm) min. over deck. Nail to side wall NOT to deck.
- 6” (152 mm) cut shingle. Do NOT nail. Install with plastic cement.
- GAF Leak Barrier
- GAF Shingles
- GAF Roof Deck Protection
- Roof deck
1. True or False: GAF prefers that you install DeckArmor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection under Leak Barriers at vertical walls and side walls.
   A. True
   B. False

2. How far should step flashing extend up the side wall and over the deck?
   A. 5" (127 mm) min. over shingles and side walls.
   B. 3" (76 mm) at side walls, 3" (76 mm) over decks.
   C. 9" (229 mm) up side walls, 5" (127 mm) over decks.
   D. Both A and B above.

3. Why does GAF recommend fastening step flashing to the decking and not to the side walls?
   A. To ensure the side walls do not crack.
   B. To keep flashing from moving in the wind.
   C. So that the flashing will not buckle or crack if the side wall moves or settles.
   D. Both A and B above.

4. Why is the use of “L” flashing not recommended for shingle installations?
   A. This method is dependent on roofing cement, and can leak over time.
   B. “L” flashing will channel the water.
   C. “L” flashing rusts quicker.
   D. “L” flashing is more likely to blow off of a roof.

5. True or False: Step flashing is required at all dormers, side walls, and chimneys on Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.
   A. True
   B. False
CHIMNEYS…
“CHIMNEYS ARE THE MOST COMMON LEAK SOURCE IN RESIDENTIAL ROOFING.”

Chimney leak areas…
• Ponding water… The area behind the chimney is prone to leaks due to nonmoving water.
• Flashing leaks… The seams at chimney sides are leak concerns.
• Ice dams… When snow and ice get stuck behind chimneys, leaks occur.

◆ Chimney crickets make good sense…
• Divert water… Crickets keep water flowing around chimneys.
• Reduce ponding… Crickets eliminate ponding water behind chimneys.
• Reduce ice back-up… Crickets keep ice from building up behind chimneys.
• Deflect water away from seams… Properly installed crickets keep water flowing away from the chimney seams.

1. On all roofs steeper than 6:12… to handle water volume. ★
2. On all chimneys wider than 24” (610 mm) … to reduce ponding water. ★
3. On all chimneys in the north… due to ice dams, snow loads, and the freeze-thaw cycle. ★

☆ WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE…

☆ Installing crickets in these situations is required on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.
MANUFACTURING CHIMNEY CRICKETS...

◆ Manufacture from wood or metal.

1. Wood crickets...
   • Easy to manufacture... on site.
   • Finish with shingles... to match the roof.

2. Metal crickets... custom made
   (non-corroding metal required).
   • Conform to lower slopes.
   • Require no finishing.
   • Easy to install.

3. Cricket sizes...
   • Extend 6” (152 mm) up the chimney back... at a minimum to handle splash and volume.
   • Extend 12” (305 mm) up roof plane... to create a wide-enough water diverter.

COCKTAIL...

Chimney
Cricket

Chimney should extend at least 6” (152 mm) up the back of the chimney.

Shop fabricated cricket flashing
1. **Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection...** all around the chimney sides and over wood crickets.
   - Do not run Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection up chimney sides... so that Leak Barrier can seal to the chimney sides.

2. **Install WeatherWatch® or StormGuard® Leak Barrier...** over Shingle-Mate® or Deck-Armor™ Roof Deck Protection.
   - Seal to the Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection... to waterproof this area.
   - Seal to chimney sides... at least 5" (127 mm) up walls to completely seal off water infiltration.
   - **Protects from movement or settling...** Chimneys and roof decks move independently. Leak Barrier adhered to both could split or crack with structural movement.
1. Reuse existing apron flashing… only when the existing flashing is in excellent condition.
   • Will it last the shingle’s life?… Consider whether the old flashing will last as long as the shingles being installed.

2. Install new apron flashing… when working on new construction or when existing flashing is deteriorated.

3. Embed in chimney mortar… to ensure long-lasting apron flashing.

4. Apron flashing dimensions…
   • 6" (152 mm) minimum up from deck… to create room for step flashing.
   • 4" (102 mm) minimum over shingle at front… to seal off this roof seam.
   • 4" (102 mm) minimum over shingles at sides… to start off the step flashing properly.
   • 10" (254 mm) minimum wrapped around corner… to cover the step flashing.

5. Shingle up to chimney… trimming the shingles flush to the chimney front.

6. Place apron over shingles… embed-ded in plastic roof cement to ensure they seal.

7. Conform corners to chimney… bend and place over chimney sides.

8. Start step flashing… up the chimney sides.

9. Install step flashing metal first… at corners before installing shingles to chimney sides.

10. Install counter flashing… see pages 242-244.

✫ If reusing metal flashing on Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations, be certain that the GAF inspector will agree that the flashing is reusable.

WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE…
INSTALLING APRON FLASHING...

Apron flashing for front face of chimney must be sized to fit chimney

The downslope flange 4" (102 mm) min. overlaps the shingles and the diagonal sections fit over the vertical sides of the chimney.
1. *Always install new metal step flashing at chimneys.*
   - Ensures weathertightness.
   - Installing new metal is the only way to ensure weathertightness.
   - Easy to do. When reroofing, simply remove old metal and install new metal.

2. Install metal step flashing at chimney bottom corners before installing shingles at that course.
   - Wrap around corner. Cut flashing to wrap around chimney front.

3. **Step flashing sizes** for complete coverage:
   - Fully cover shingle’s top area.
   - 5” (127 mm) minimum over shingle face.
   - 5” (127 mm) minimum up the chimney side.

4. Install shingle course to side of chimney.

5. **Seal flashing to shingle** with a quarter-sized dab of plastic roof cement to ensure against blow-offs, wind-driven rain, and ice backup. (Note: Excess cement can cause shingles to blister.)

6. **Place next step flashing piece** Install to bottom of shingle exposure without exposing any metal.

7. **Continue up the chimney** installing one flashing piece for every shingle.

8. **Seal each shingle to step flashing** for watertightness.

9. **Wrap last piece around corner** to finish off the chimney sides.

10. **Install counter flashing** see pages 242-244.

**Required procedure for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Installations.**
INSTALLING STEP FLASHING AT CHIMNEYS...

Flashing placed just upslope from exposed edge of shingle - extends 5" (127mm) over underlying shingle and 5" (127mm) up vertical wall.

Place nails high so nails are overlapped by the next upslope step flashing.

COUNTER FLASHING
1. Finish like a separate roof... Install shingles and step flashing up the cricket sides.

2. Install “valleys”... Treat roof and cricket intersection like any valley.

3. Conform valley style to roof... Install these valleys with the method appropriate to the shingle being installed.

4. Cap the ridge... Install capping from the chimney out to the roof.

5. Tie final cap under shingles... The last cap installed should be tied up under the roofing shingles to maintain watertightness.

6. Install counter flashing... see pages 242-244.
1. Install shingles and flashing… just past the chimney top corners.

2. Install the metal cricket.

3. Metal cricket dimensions…
   - 4" (102 mm) down from corners… extending over the shingles down the chimney’s sides.
   - 6" (152 mm) across roof deck… covering existing shingles 6" (152 mm) min. on roof.
   - 18" (457 mm) minimum to flange top… from the chimney corner to give wide coverage.
   - 12" (305 mm) minimum cricket ridge line… to create water diverter.

4. Tie-in to chimney mortar at top… to make a permanent bond (see pg. 242 “Installing Counter Flashing”).

5. Seal to shingles at front… with plastic asphalt cement for weathertightness.

6. Seal to underlayments at back… before installing shingles.

7. Seal to chimney back… to seal off this critical seam.

8. Install shingles over flange… sealing to metal with plastic asphalt cement.

9. Install counter flashing… see pages 242-244.

**FINISHED METAL CRICKET…**

- Flange extend down from chimney corner 4" (102 mm) min.
- Metal cricket flange should be at least 18" (457 mm) up roof deck.
- Flange extend across roof covering shingles 6" (152 mm) min.
- Cricket ridge should be at least 12" (305 mm).
1. Reuse existing counter flashing... when the metal is in a condition to last the life of the shingles being installed. *

2. Install new counter flashing... on new construction or when the old flashing is deteriorated.

◆ Replace counter flashing if existing metal is...
   - Rusted galvanized metal. ★
   - Cracked, hole-filled metal. ★
   - Aged or deteriorated metal. ★

◆ Permanently attach to chimney... by either setting in mortar or mechanically attaching. ★

Into mortar joint...
1. Cut into old mortar joint 1 1/2" (38 mm) minimum to set counter flashing.
2. Set metal into mortar joint...
   - Clean out mortar joint.
   - Set 1/2" (13 mm) mortar bed.
   - Install metal counter flashing.
   - Set second bed of mortar over metal in seam.

Mechanically attaching...
1. Cut into old mortar joint 1 1/2" (38 mm) minimum to set counter flashing.
2. Set counter flashing into seam... using counter flashing with friction fitting.
3. Drive soft metal wedge into friction fitting... to fasten counter flashing to chimney.
4. Seal the joint... with plastic roof cement or polyurethane sealant.
   - Sealant should fill the joint fully.
   - Sealant should seal to masonry.

★ On Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations, new metal counter flashing must be installed unless existing flashing is in like-new condition.
ATTACHING NEW METAL COUNTER FLASHING WITH MORTAR

Masonry Chimney

Counter Flashing embedded in mortar joint covering GAF Leak Barrier and step flashing by a minimum of 2” (51 mm)

Install GAF Leak Barrier 5” (127 mm) up wall

Step Flashing

Shingles

Install GAF Roof Deck Protection flush to wall

MECHANICALLY ATTACHING NEW METAL COUNTER FLASHING...

Masonry Chimney

Soft metal wedge in sealant

Counter Flashing mechanically attached covering GAF Leak Barrier and step flashing a minimum of 2” (51 mm)

Install GAF Leak Barrier 5” (127 mm) up wall

Step Flashing

Shingles

Install GAF Roof Deck Protection flush to wall
1. Fold metal over step flashing and cricket... starting at the chimney base working up the roof.
2. 2” (51 mm) minimum overlap... Counter flashing should overlap step flashing by 2” (51 mm) min.
3. Tight to chimney... Counter flashing should install tight to the chimney sides.

◆ When a cricket is not necessary, finish the chimney back with metal backer flashing.

Reminder: crickets are recommended...

* On chimneys wider than 24” (610 mm).★
* On all roofs steeper than 6:12.★
* On all chimneys in the North.★

★ On Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations, chimney crickets are required in all of the above listed situations.

1. Customize to chimney... Make backer flashing specifically for each chimney.
2. Backer flashing size...
   * 6” (152 mm) wider than chimney.
   * 18” (457 mm) up roof plane.
   * 6” (152 mm) up chimney back.
3. Permanently fasten to chimney... with either new mortar or mechanical fastening as with counter flashing.
4. Install over shingles... Backer flashing gets installed over the shingle course that is even with chimney top corner.
5. Set in plastic cement... to seal to shingles and underlayments. (Note: excess cement can cause shingles to blister.)
6. **Fasten to deck**... at upper end of roof flange.
7. **Shingle over flange**... Carry shingles over the metal flange to cover flange.
8. **Seal shingles to flange**... to ensure watertightness.
9. **Install counter flashing**... to finish off the flashing system, bend and seal over counter flashing at chimney sides.

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**Backer Flashing**

- Masonry Chimney
- Embed in mortar joint
- Optional: Turn in step flashing and seal or solder to close corners
- Seal shingles to metal flange

**Width of chimney**

- 6" (152 mm)
- 6" (152 mm) min

**18" (457 mm) min.**

**24" (610 mm) suggested**

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**STEEP SLOPE PRO FIELD GUIDE**

**INSTALLING CHIMNEY FLASHING SYSTEMS**

**Flashing Chimneys**

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**INSTALLING CHIMNEY FLASHING**
Safety caps for chimneys… help protect against sparks, and reduce downdrafts and clogging; also help to protect against animal infestation and deflect debris and rain to keep them from entering chimneys.

- Single-piece construction for longer life.
- Epoxy powder finish provides long-lasting protection.
- Quick easy installation. No rivets or seams to rust or corrode.
- Available in galvanized or stainless steel material.

IF A LEG KIT IS NEEDED…

1. Insert screws into each hole in the base… Secure with a few turns to ease installation.
2. Place chimney cap on flue… Align the base with the flue liner for secure fit.
3. Tighten screws… to secure in place.

If the liner is extended less than 3/4” (19 mm) out of the mortar and screws do not engage securely, a leg kit is required…

1. Align legs in chimney cap… Follow illustration on packaging for alignment.
2. Insert bolt… through hole in leg and base.
3. Thread self-locking nut… Two to three turns onto the bolt, so it is not tight.
4. Insert two legs into liner… no more than 1” (25 mm).
5. Force other legs into liner… all four legs are now in liner.
6. Push cover into liner… as far as possible to ensure a tight fit.
7. Tighten bolts… on all four legs so the cover is held firmly in place.
1. Insert screw into U-Bracket… Use pre-threaded hole located on the side of the bracket.

2. Insert “T” shaped tab… into slotted brace of chimney cap.

3. Slide U-Brackets in… down slot toward center of chimney cap.

4. Turn U-Brackets… 1/4 turn with screw head facing outside of cap.

5. Position cap above flue tile.

6. Slide U-Brackets along braces… Align above the sides of the flue and lower into position.

• Tighten screws… Apply downward pressure on cap while securing to ensure a tight fit.
1. Where are chimney crickets necessary?
   A. On all chimneys in the North.
   B. On all chimneys wider than 24” (610 mm).
   C. On all roofs steeper than 6:12.
   D. All of the above.

2. How far up the back of a chimney should a chimney cricket extend?
   A. 3” (76 mm).
   B. 4” (102 mm).
   C. 5” (127 mm).
   D. 6” (152 mm).

3. How far up a chimney’s sides should you install Leak Barriers?
   A. 3” (76 mm).
   B. 4” (102 mm).
   C. 5” (127 mm).
   D. 6” (152 mm).

4. When should you install new metal counter flashing on a chimney?
   A. When the metal is aged or deteriorated.
   B. When there are cracks or holes in the metal.
   C. When the metal is rusted.
   D. All of the above.

5. True or False: Master Flow® Chimney Caps help protect against sparks, downdrafts, and animal infestation.
   A. True
   B. False
GAF recommends the use of skylights with a factory-manufactured step flashing system...

1. Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection... flush to the skylight sides. ✫

2. Install GAF Leak Barrier... ✫
   - Around entire skylight.
   - Up the skylight sides.
   - Over the underlayment.

3. Install shingles flush to skylight... trimming shingles flush to the skylight front.

4. Install skylight apron flashing... seal to shingles with plastic cement.

5. Install step flashing... one shingle per step flashing piece. ✫
   - Nail to deck only... to reduce the potential of buckles with deck and skylight movement.
   - Extend up skylight side as high as possible... without interfering with skylight opening and closing.

6. Seal shingles to step flashing... with a quarter-sized dab of plastic cement to eliminate blow-offs.

Caution: excess amount of cement can cause blistering of shingles.

7. Install backer flashing... with metal extending upslope 18” (457 mm) minimum.

8. Install skylight manufacturer’s counter flashing... should extend over step flashing 2” (51 mm) minimum.

9. Refer to manufacturer’s instructions... to properly install skylights.

Required procedure for the Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty.
FLASHING SKYLIGHT DIAGRAM...

- GAF Roof Deck Protection
- GAF Leak Barrier over GAF Roof Deck Protection
- Install GAF Leak Barrier up skylight sides then completely cover with step flashing
1. Apply Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection… flush to the vent pipe’s sides.
2. Install a 20” (508 mm) wide square of GAF Leak Barrier… over the pipe, sealing to pipe sides and to the underlayment.
3. Shingle up to the vent pipe.
4. Fit shingle over pipe… Trim a hole in the shingle so it fits tightly around the vent pipe.
5. Seal in the shingle… with a bead of plastic cement around the pipe.
6. Set pipe flange in place… over pipe into a bed of plastic cement. (Note: Excess cement can cause shingles to blister.)
7. Seal pipe flange to pipe… at the top exposed area with plastic cement.
8. Install shingles over flange… up slope and continue installing shingles.
9. Seal lower part of flange… Flange front should sit flush to deck without face nailing.

For more plumbing vent installation details, see pages 48-49.

✫ Required procedure on all Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.
1. Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection… up to the transition.

2. Install GAF Leak Barrier… a full 36” (914 mm) width centered over transition area, installed over the down-slope underlayment.☆

3. Shingle to the transition center… install shingles up to the transition.

4. Install rolled metal flashing… 20” (508 mm) wide, corrosion resistant, over the top of the shingles.

5. Set metal in a bead of plastic cement… to seal to down-slope shingles (CAUTION: Too much cement may cause shingles to blister).

6. Install Deck-Armor or other GAF Roof Deck Protection… on the upper slope area, starting with a 2” (51 mm) lap over the Leak Barrier.

7. Install shingles over metal upslope… to ensure water flow over the metal and out of the roof system.

☆ WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE…

☆ Installing GAF Leak Barrier at shingle-to-shingle transitions is recommended (not required) on Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.
1. Install GAF Leak Barrier… a full 36” (914 mm) centered over the transition area. ✫
   - Install over the Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection… at the down-slope side and under the Roof Deck Protection on the up-slope side to ensure water flows out of the roof system.

2. Shingle up to the transition… install shingles up to the transition and over the center line.

3. Install rolled metal flashing… over the down-slope shingles.

4. Seal metal to shingles… on the down-slope side to seal this area.

5. Apply shingles over metal up-slope… to ensure water flows over the shingles and out of the system.

6. Seal shingle to the metal… with plastic roof cement. (CAUTION: Too much cement can cause shingles to blister.)

✫ Installing GAF Leak Barrier at shingle-to-shingle transitions is recommended (not required) on Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.

✫ WEATHER STOPPER® GOLDEN PLEDGE® NOTE…

LOW-SLOPE TO STEEP-SLOPE TRANSITIONS…

Deck-Armor™ or any other GAF Roof Deck Protection over GAF Leak Barrier above transition.

Shingles over metal on up-slope side and sealed to metal flashing.

GAF Leak Barrier centered over transition.

Metal flashing 20” (508 mm) wide.

Shingles under metal flashing and flashing set in plastic cement.

Deck-Armor™ or any other GAF Roof Deck Protection under GAF Leak Barrier below transition.
1. True or False: GAF recommends the use of skylights with a factory-manufactured step flashing system.
   A. True
   B. False

2. Why install GAF Leak Barriers around plumbing vents?
   A. So that the Leak Barrier will seal the area around the vent pipe.
   B. To keep the underlayment from interfering with the plumbing vent.
   C. To allow for more air flow through the pipe.
   D. Both B and C.

3. What size should the Leak Barrier be around a plumbing vent pipe?
   A. 12” (305 mm).
   B. 16” (406 mm).
   C. 18” (457 mm).
   D. 20” (508 mm).

4. Why do low-slope to steep-slope shingle-to-shingle transition areas leak?
   A. Ponding water.
   B. Ice back-ups.
   C. Shingles buckle.
   D. Both A and B.

5. True or False: The metal flashing at a shingle-to-shingle transition should be set into a bed of plastic cement.
   A. True
   B. False
A safer, faster roofing solution
- No open torches.
- No flames.
- No unpleasant fumes.

For low-slope projects...
- Porches
- Garages
- Car ports
- Other low-slope projects

MATERIALS NEEDED...
1. Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet...
2. Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet...
3. Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet...
4. Matrix™ 307 Asphalt Primer...
5. Matrix™ 201 Premium SBS Flashing Cement...

1. Premium 3-Ply System...
- Eligible for 15-year Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® or 10-year Weather Stopper® System Plus Limited Warranty.*
- Eligible for a 15-year material limited warranty.*

2. Premium 2-Ply System...
- Consists of one Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet and a top ply of Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet.
- Eligible for 12-year Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge®, 10-year Weather Stopper® System Plus, or 10-year material limited warranty.*

2a. Alternate 2-Ply System...
- Consists of Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet and a top ply of Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet.
- Eligible for 12-year Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge®, 10-year System Plus, or 10-year material limited warranty.*

3. Value 1-Ply System...
- Consists of one layer of Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet.
- Eligible for 10-year material limited warranty.*

NOTE: Do not apply directly to plywood substrates on jobs larger than 2,000 sq. ft (186 m²).
- Eligible for 12-year Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge®, 10-year Weather Stopper® System Plus, or 10-year material limited warranty.*

Maximum size project for Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® coverage is 20 squares (186 m²).
1. **Positive drainage required**… The Liberty™ System must be installed on roofs with slopes between $\frac{1}{2}$" per foot (42 mm/m) and 6' per foot (6 m/m). Areas of ponding water are unacceptable.

2. **Install in warm, dry conditions**…
   Decks must be dry and temperature must be between 45°F and 95°F (7-35°C).

3. **The roof deck must be smooth**… Any holes must be covered with minimum 32-gauge sheet metal nailed to the deck.

4. **When reroofing**… Remove existing materials down to an acceptable deck, remove any obsolete protrusions, reseat any protruding nails, and repair any cracks, splits, voids, or openings greater than $\frac{1}{4}$" (6 mm).

5. **Back nail cap sheets on slopes of 1:12 or higher**… Nail in selvage area 9" (229 mm) on center with minimum 1" (25 mm) cap installed 1" (25 mm) below top edge of each ply.
1. Apply Matrix™ 307 Premium Asphalt Primer, or a comparable ASTM D41-type primer... to the minimum 15/32” (12 mm) plywood deck when installing Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet or Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet direct to plywood. Prime with 1/2 gallon per 100 sq. ft. (0.20 liters/100 m²) and allow to dry. Prior to priming, tape all joints with duct tape.

2. Starting at the low point of the roof... Strike a chalk line as a guide to keep base sheet parallel to eave. Allow enough overhang to extend down over the fascia behind the full height of the metal edge or gutter.

3. Trim base sheets to offset sidelaps... For 2-ply systems, install first course with 1/2 width (19 11/16” [500 mm]) sheets of Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet. Install following courses with full-width sheets, making certain base sheet side laps and end laps are offset from the cap sheet.

4. Align a manageable length... (a length that allows a wrinkle-free installation) of this first course of Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet with the edge of the roof.

5. Fold back the upper edge (not the eaves edge) of the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet to expose the underside of the sheet... and remove only the upper portion (approximately 7 1/2” [191 mm]) of the split-back release film.

6. Gradually set the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet back in place... making sure that the upper edge remains aligned with the chalk line. Apply even pressure along the length (from center to outer edges) to avoid air bubbles and wrinkles.
7. **Fold up onto the roof the lower portion**... of the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet, remove remaining release film, and lay the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet back onto the roof. Apply even pressure from center to outer edge to avoid wrinkles or air bubbles. Press firmly onto the fascia board if a gutter is to be installed. Fold sheet down the fascia and press firmly onto fascia board, and nail on 6" (152 mm) centers.

8. **Roll the edges and field of the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet firmly**... with a hand or weighted rubber-coated roller to ensure complete adhesion.

9. **If an additional length of Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet is needed**... continue across the roof aligning the next roll of Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet so as to overlap the previous sheet 6" (152 mm). Install as instructed above.

10. **End lap detail**... prior to forming the 6" (152 mm) end lap, clip lower edge of the underlapping sheet and upper edge of overlapping sheet at a 45˚ angle to provide a better “T” joint. Apply a bead of Matrix™ 201 Premium SBS Flashing Cement along both 45˚ cuts, across the end lap and along the top edge of each sheet prior to installing next course. Firmly roll all overlap areas.

11. **Set the next and subsequent courses of full-width Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet**... lapping 3" (76 mm) on sides and 6" (152 mm) on ends. Use a 3" (76 mm) chalk line as a guide in positioning this next and subsequent courses with end laps offset a minimum distance of 36" (914 mm) between adjacent courses. Remove the release film of the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet and firmly bond as described above.
12. After installing the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet... apply uniform pressure to the entire roof area with a weighted roller. Solidly roll entire sheet starting at selvage edge. At the midpoint of the sheet, roll at a 45° angle toward upper edge.

13. Any wrinkles in the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet... should be cut out and covered with a piece of Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet that extends at least 6" (152 mm) in all directions beyond the cut-out area.

14. Install eave, rake, and metal flashings... in a light (approximately 1/16" to 1/8" [1 1/2 - 3 mm] thick) troweling of Matrix™ 201 Premium SBS Flashing Cement over the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet. Overlap sections of metal drip edges and other metal flanged flashing a minimum of 3" (76 mm) and apply a 1/4" (6 mm) bead of Matrix™ 201 in the overlap. Stagger nail the drip edge 6" (152 mm) o.c. using roofing nails long enough to penetrate deck. In like manner, install metal flashing at wall and other intersections and penetrations over the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet.

15. For Premium two-ply systems... follow with installation of Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet as specified.

1. Starting at the low point on the roof... strike chalk line as a guide to keep Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet parallel to eave.
2. Trim base sheets to offset side laps…

For 3-ply systems, install first course with a 1/3-width 13 1/8” (333 mm) sheet of Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet. For 2-ply system, install first course with a 1/2-width 19 11/16” (500 mm) sheet of Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet. Install subsequent courses with full-width sheets, making certain the base sheet side laps and end laps are offset from the preceding courses.

3. Align a manageable length…

(a length that allows a wrinkle-free installation) of this first course of Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet with the edge of the roof.

- For a 2-ply system… Allow enough Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet to cover fascia. Nail 9” (229 mm) o.c. along edge of roof. Fold sheet down the fascia and nail 9” (229 mm) o.c.
- For a 3-ply system… Align the Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet with the roof edge and nail 9” (229 mm) o.c. For the second ply, refer to Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet instructions, which instruct to bring the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet over the roof edge to cover the fascia.

4. When installing Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet…

Nail along the side lap of the base sheet at intervals not to exceed 9” (229 mm). Stagger nails down the center of the sheet in two rows with nails spaced at intervals not to exceed 18” (457 mm) in each row. Maintain 12-13” (305-330 mm) in from the edges of the sheet.

5. Nail through flat metal caps or acceptable nails… with 1” (25 mm) square or round metal or plastic caps. Nails must penetrate through the deck. Fasteners must have a minimum 40 lbf (178 N) withdrawal strength.

6. If an additional length of Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet is needed… to continue across the roof, align the next roll of Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet so as to overlap the previous base sheet a minimum of 6” (152 mm), creating a 6” (152
mm) end lap. Install as instructed above.

7. **Set the next and subsequent courses of full-width Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet...** lapping 3" (76 mm) on sides and 6" (152 mm) on ends. Use a 3" (76 mm) chalk line as a guide in positioning this next, and subsequent courses with end laps offset a minimum distance of 36" (914 mm) between adjacent courses.

8. **Any wrinkles in the Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet...** should be cut out and covered with a piece of Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet that extends at least 6" (152 mm) in all directions beyond the cut-out area and is adhered to the surface of the Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet.

9. **Installing metal drip edge...**
   - For a 3-ply system, install the Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet prior to installing metal edge.
   - For a 2-ply system, install metal drip edges at eaves and rakes as appropriate in a light (approximately 1/16" to 1/8" [1 ½ - 3 mm] thick) troweling of Matrix™ 201 Premium SBS Flashing Cement over the Liberty™ MA Mechanically Attached Base Sheet.

10. **For Premium Two-Ply Systems...** follow with installation of Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet as specified.

11. **For Premium Three-Ply Systems...** follow with installation of Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet.
1. For the Premium 2-Ply System...
   Ensure that the previously installed courses of Liberty™ Base Sheet have been properly and soundly installed, and are dry and free of dust, dirt, and debris.

2. For the Value 1-Ply System...
   Install a suitable metal drip edge by embedding it into a light troweling (approx. \( 1/16'' \) to \( 1/8'' \) [1 \( 1/2 - 3\text{mm} \]) thick) of Matrix™ 201 Premium SBS Flashing Cement at the eave and rake edges.

3. Apply Matrix™ 307 Premium Asphalt Primer or a comparable ASTM D41-type primer... to the minimum \( 15/32'' \) (12 mm) plywood deck when installing Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet or Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet direct to plywood. Prime with \( 1/2 \) gallon per 100 sq. ft. (0.20 liters/100 m²) and allow to dry. Prior to priming, tape all joints with duct tape.

4. General installation guidelines – Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet: Both 1-ply and 2-ply systems...
   a. Cut the first Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet to a manageable length.
   b. Align at the lowest edge of the roof overlapping and flush with the outer edge of the drip edge.
   c. The Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet must be positioned with the selvage edge at the high side of the roof.
   d. Prime metal drip edge and any other metal to be covered with Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet.

5. Fold back top half of the Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet... and remove the split release film (upper half only) from the underside of the Cap Sheet.

6. Gradually set the upper Cap Sheet back into place by “rolling,” not “flopping”... making sure that the lower edge remains aligned with the drip edge. DO NOT REMOVE THE SELVAGE FILM.

7. Roll the lower portion of the Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet back... and apply a light troweling of Matrix™ 201 Premium SBS Flashing Cement to the primed metal drip edge and any other primed flashing metal to be covered with the Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet.
8. Remove the release film from the folded-back Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet... and gradually “roll” the Cap Sheet back into place, making sure it aligns with the metal drip edge.

9. Using a weighted roller... Apply even pressure over the entire area of the Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet (rolling from center to outer edges) to eliminate all air bubbles or wrinkles.

10. If an additional length of Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet is needed... to continue across the roof, align the next sheet of Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet so as to overlap the previous Cap Sheet a minimum of 6" (152 mm). Install as above, except do not adhere the Cap Sheet in the overlap area. Clip the leading edge of the selvage edge at a 45° angle to provide a better “T” joint overlap of the next course. Note: If these seams occur in consecutive courses, offset the laps at least 18" (457 mm) minimum.
11. Apply a light troweling of Matrix™ 201 Premium SBS Flashing Cement... to the 39 3/8” x 6” (1m x 152 mm) end lap and set the overlap back into place.

12. Firmly roll the overlap area... as well as the entire remaining Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet.

13. Set the next and subsequent courses of Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet... positioned to overlap 4” (102 mm) of the previous course. Make sure each subsequent course overlaps the selvage edge flush to the bottom edge of the release film on the previous course.

14. Fold the upper edge of the Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet back onto itself... exposing one half of the split-back release film. Remove the release film and gradually “roll” the Cap Sheet back into place.

15. Apply a bead of Matrix™ 201 Premium SBS Flashing Cement... On any self-adhered system, there may be voids that cause blisters. This bead greatly reduces the chance of blistering. ★
   a. Fold the lower half of the Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet back onto itself.
   b. Apply a bead of Matrix™ 201 Premium SBS Flashing Cement to the top edge of the selvage edge on the previous course of Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet. See drawing below.

★ Sealant bead required on Weather Stopper® Golden Pledge® installations.
16. Remove the selvage edge release film from the lap area…
17. Back-nail Cap Sheets on slopes of 1:12 or higher… In the middle of the 4" (102 mm) wide selvage edge, nail on 9" (229 mm) centers, using roofing nails of sufficient length to penetrate though the deck.
18. Going back to the overlapping Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet… Remove the release film and “roll” the Cap Sheet into place over the Liberty™ Base Sheet (or primed deck) and overlap the lower Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet selvage edge.
19. Using a weighted roller… Apply even pressure over the entire roof area of the Cap Sheet (from center to edges) to avoid air bubbles or wrinkles. Thoroughly roll all laps to ensure proper adhesion.
20. All edges, flashing, drip edges, details, etc… must be sealed with a light troweling of Matrix™ 201 Premium SBS Flashing Cement.
21. Remove wrinkles in the Liberty™ SBS Self-Adhering Cap Sheet… They should be cut out and covered with a piece of Cap Sheet set in a light, uniform application of Matrix™ 201 Premium SBS Flashing Cement. That cover should extend at least 6" (152 mm), in all directions, beyond the cut-out area.

1. Skylight/Curb Flashing
2. Low-Slope Roof/Shingle Tie-In Detail

3. Penetration Flashing
4. Wall Curb Flashing 2 Ply
1. Why is the Liberty™ Self-Adhered Membrane System considered a safer roofing solution?
   A. No open torches.
   B. No unpleasant fumes.
   C. No flames.
   D. All of the above.

2. What slopes should the Liberty™ Self-Adhered Membrane System be applied over?
   A. ¼:12 to 6:12.
   B. ½:12 to 6:12.
   C. ½:12 to 5:12.
   D. Any slope at all.

3. The optimum temperature conditions for the application of the Liberty™ Self-Adhered Membrane System are between:
   A. 20-100°F (-7 to 38°C).
   B. 45-95°F (7 to 35°C).
   C. 50-75°F (10 to 24°C).
   D. There are no temperature restrictions.

4. Why should you trim the first Liberty™ Self-Adhering Base/Ply Sheet down to 27" (686 mm) when installing the first course?
   A. To allow room for Leak Barriers.
   B. Trimming removes the waste.
   C. Trimming cuts out wrinkles.
   D. To make certain that the Base Sheet seams do not line up with the Cap Sheet seams.

5. What is the minimum overlap of the Cap Sheet at an end lap?
   A. 4" (102 mm).
   B. 6" (152 mm).
   C. 8" (203 mm).
   D. 12" (305 mm).
Mineral Guard Residential Rolled Roofing

- Residential rolled roofing – an inexpensive option for porches, garages, sheds and car ports.
  - Easy to install.
  - Fiberglass reinforced.
  - 2" (51 mm) selvage edge overlap.

1. Install GAF® Leak Barrier at eaves… to protect from wind-driven rains or ice dams.
2. Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection… to protect the deck.
3. Trim a 9" (229 mm) minimum starter course… from a full roll, leaving selvage edge for nailing.
4. Embed in 1" (25 mm) minimum wide bead of plastic cement… to seal the edge to the underlayment.
5. Align at eaves with 1/4"-3/4" (6-19 mm) overhang… to allow for water drip-off.
6. Fasten with two rows of fasteners…
   - 1" (25 mm) from the eave.
   - 4" (102 mm) from the eave.
7. Cover starter strip in cement… using roll roofing plastic cement.
8. Cut 9" (229 mm) minimum roll for rake edge… and install flush to drip edge along the rake.
9. Align first course over starters… flush to starter edges at eave and rake.
10. Fasten in 4" (102 mm) selvage area… two rows of nails, staggered across selvage area.
11. Cover selvage with cement… to set next course into the sealant.
12. Continue up the roof… applying courses over one another.
13. Lap ends 6" (152 mm) min… and completely embed in plastic cement.
14. Trim roll to 12" (305 mm) minimum for capping… Capping is made from rolled roofing.
15. Seal edges in cement… Install 2" (51 mm) minimum wide bead of cement at all capping edges.
16. Install capping roll… over all hips and ridges.
17. Nail cap every 2" (51 mm) minimum… then cover exposed nails in plastic cement.
INSTALLING MINERAL GUARD RESIDENTIAL ROLL ROOFING...

12" (305 mm) wide strips of roofing material centered over hip & ridge

Nail each edge spacing nails approximately 2" (51 mm) apart

Ridge

2" (51 mm) bead of asphalt roof cement under each edge

Cover nail heads with plastic cement

9" (229 mm) wide starter strip to overhang eave and rake edges 1/4" to 3/4" (6 - 19 mm)

Nail approximately 4" (102 mm) apart and staggered

Asphalt roof cement over entire lap areas

Sheets overhang eave and rake edges 1/4" to 3/4" (6 - 19 mm)

4" (102 mm) Headlap

8" (152 mm) End lap

Salvage area

UNDERLayment
There are many things that can happen to roofing materials and many reasons why.

• This section covers the most common roofing problems, their causes, and their solutions.

A shingle buckles… when a shingle is lifted up from its natural flat position.

Common causes… Generally speaking, shingles telegraph buckles in the materials underneath them.

1. Telegraphing uneven decks… Shingles will “telegraph” or show distortions in the roof deck.
   • Solution: Make certain shingles are installed over flat and even decks.
   • Do not crowd plywood over rafters, as it will buckle with expansion and contraction.

2. Buckled or wrinkled underlayments…
   • Felt underlayments will wrinkle and buckle when they get wet.
   • Sometimes felts that are flat when installed will buckle due to poor ventilation and moisture in attics.
   • Solution: Install Deck-Armor™ or other GAF Roof Deck Protection, which resists wrinkles.
   • Install proper attic ventilation.

3. Shingles are crowded together… When shingles are “jammed” together, they can buckle.
   • Solution: Install shingles with a slight separation at their seams.

4. Nail Popping… Underdriven nails can force a shingle to buckle.
   • Solution: Fully drive nails.

5. Material defects… It is very uncommon for shingles to buckle due to their manufacturing.
   • If buckles occur and the cause is unknown, file a claim with GAF Warranty Services (800-458-1860).
SHINGLE BLISTERS...

◆ Shingle blisters… When a shingle surface is affected with small pimple-like bumps on a wide area.

Common causes… Shingle blisters are usually the result of trapped moisture or excess roofing cement under the shingles.
   • Trapped moisture will constantly try to escape from under or inside material.
   • Too much plastic cement installed under the shingles can cause blisters.

1. Moisture under the shingles…
   • Deck moisture… Plywood that is wet can eventually cause shingle blisters.
   • Roof moisture… When installing two layers: if the original roof is wet, the new shingles can blister.
   • Attic moisture… If an attic is improperly ventilated, the attic moisture can cause shingle blisters.
   • Solution: Relieve attic moisture by increasing attic ventilation.

2. Moisture trapped inside the shingle…
   • Although very uncommon, there is the chance that moisture was trapped inside the shingles while they were being made.
   • This moisture can cause shingle blisters.

3. Excess plastic cement under shingles… can cause shingle blisters.

4. Contact GAF Warranty Services (800-458-1860) if there is no deck, attic, or underlayment moisture.

◆ Shingle blisters should not cause leaks… The appearance of blisters, regardless of their source, should not cause shingles to leak.

SHINGLE BLOW-OFFS...

◆ Shingle blow-offs… This is when a shingle is lifted off a roof due to high winds.

◆ Common causes… Most shingle blow-offs occur because of high nailing, the self-sealant not fully sealing, or from extremely high winds.
1. Sealant manufacturing... GAF’s Dura Grip™ Adhesive is one of the strongest in the industry.
   • GAF’s sealant is very rarely a cause of shingle blow-offs.

2. Sealant needs sun and heat to fully seal...
   • Temperature-activated sealant...
     Shingle adhesives need sun and warm temperatures to fully seal.

3. Cold weather installations... Shingles installed in cold weather may not seal until the following spring.

4. Dust and dirt can contaminate sealant... coating the sealant so the sealant cannot fully seal.
   • Solution: Hand-seal shingles... When installing in cold weather.
   • Solution: Hand-seal shingles... When installing in areas where shingles may get contaminated by dirt or dust before sealing.

5. High nailing... Can cause blow-offs.
   • Solution: Holding power... Nailing just 1” (25 mm) higher than recommended dramatically reduces the nails’ holding power over the shingle front.

6. Nailing in the sealant... This practice not only results in high nailing but also damages the sealant.
   • Solution: Place fasteners correctly... to assure the shingles have full wind resistance.

7. Nail-popping... Underdriven nails or nails that are too short can force a shingle up into the wind.
   • Solution: Fully drive the correct-length fasteners.

8. Extremely high winds... There are winds that will cause any shingle to blow off.

◆ Limited wind warranties... GAF shingles have different limited wind warranties.*
  * See limited warranties for complete coverage and restrictions.

◆ Open a claim... First, open a claim with GAF Warranty Services by calling 1-800-458-1860.

◆ File a claim... If shingles have blown off and are not affected by high nailing or dirt-coated sealant, follow instructions from GAF Warranty Services, 1 Campus Drive, Parsippany, NJ 07054.
  • GAF will test the sealant for sealing capabilities.
  • Shingles that pass this test most likely blew off for non-manufacturing related problems.
◆ Granule loss… When the shingle’s granules come off the shingles.

Common causes… On-roof traffic, natural weathering, and inadequate adhesion can cause granule loss.

1. Roof traffic… When a shingle is hot and someone digs in with boots, granules can separate from shingles.
2. Natural weathering… Granules are expected to come off over time.
3. New shingles… are made with extra granules that will come off during transport and installation.
   * These extra granules will come off during the first years of the roof’s life without affecting the performance of the shingles.
4. Inadequate granule adhesion… A rare occurrence when granules do not adhere to shingles properly.
5. File a claim… if excessive granule loss is a problem during the warranty life of a GAF shingle.
   * GAF will test the shingles for granule adhesion.

◆ When dark streaks or stains flow over a roof surface.

Common causes… usually caused by an airborne fungus called “Gleocapsa,” which thrives in areas of high humidity.

◆ Solutions…

1. Install GAF StainGuard®-protected shingles… These shingles are designed to resist blue-green algae growth.
2. Install zinc moss preventer… keeps moss and fungus off of roofs.
3. Cleaning… with a solution to kill the algae.
**Master Flow® Zinc Moss & Mildew Preventer**

- 50-foot coils
- Helps keep moss and fungus off of roofs.
- Easy to install.

1. **Apply on**
   - b. Shake roofs.
   - c. Tile roofs.

2. **Apply under ridge cap** on both sides to protect entire roof.

3. **Nail or adhesive** use either to apply the zinc moss preventer.

4. **If applying by nailing**
   - a. Use grommet galvanized roofing nails.
   - b. Slide strip 3/4” (19 mm) up under ridge cap.
   - c. Raise shingle, and slide strip so nail head will be covered.
   - d. Nail as needed along roof.

5. **If applying with adhesive**
   - a. Apply approved plastic roofing adhesive.
   - b. Lay zinc strip on roof following nailing procedure.

◆ **GAF stands behind its products.**
   We’ve been in roofing since 1886 by making great products and standing behind them.

◆ **Sample shingles**... Help both you and GAF discover what is really happening to any roof system.
   - Call GAF Warranty Services (1-800-458-1860) first to obtain a warranty claim number and instructions.

Taking sample shingles... Inside secrets:

1. **Sealed shingles**... after shingles have sealed, they are difficult to remove.

2. **Work on cool shingles**... Cool shingles are a snap to remove from roofs.
   - Select shingles that are in the shade.
   - Or, cool shingles with cold water.

3. **After cooling, snap sealant**... Using a metal pry bar, separate the shingles by prying the bar between the shingles.
   - The sealant should snap or pop loose.

4. **Remove the nails**... from the shingle you want for a sample and from the shingle above it (since these nails go through your sample also).

5. **Replace the shingles**... with new shingles of matching colors.
6. **Hand-seal these shingles**… since the sealant may not reseal after being broken.

7. **Send to GAF for analysis**… Follow instructions from GAF Warranty Services. (Be sure to include your claim number with the sample shingles.)

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**FINDING AND REPAIRING LEAKS…**

To find a leak source, you need to know what water is likely to do…

1. **Water follows the easiest path**… Water will always flow directly down with gravity.

2. **Obstructions and penetrations are the most common leak sources**… Obstructions stop natural water flow off a roof.

   Look here first…
   - **Chimneys**… are the top leak source.
   - **Skylights**… Water gets trapped behind them.
   - **Plumbing vents**… divert water flow into the structure.

3. **Rooftop weak spots**… Areas where flashing takes the place of roofing are a common leak source.

   Inspect these areas…
   - **Dormers**… large areas of flashing.
   - **Valleys**… enormous water concentrations.
   - **Eaves**… A weak link to wind-driven rain and ice dams.

4. **A leak or ventilation problem?**… Many times owners think they have leaks, but just do not have adequate ventilation.

   Look for…
   - **Algae stains**… on interior plywood.
   - **Soaked insulation**… when it hasn’t rained.
   - **Black rings or rust around nails**… the first sign that moisture is condensing in attic spaces.

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Note: Always repair leaks promptly to avoid adverse effects, including mold growth.
1. True or False: Generally speaking, shingles telegraph buckles in the materials underneath them.
   A. True
   B. False

2. What causes a shingle to “blister?”
   A. Too much plastic cement installed under the shingle.
   B. Moisture trapped under or inside the material.
   C. Rooftop traffic; walking on the roof.
   D. Both A and B.

3. True or False: Buckled or wrinkled underlayments can cause a shingle to buckle.
   A. True
   B. False

4. What roofing penetrations are most likely to be the source of a leak?
   A. Plumbing vents.
   B. Chimneys.
   C. Skylights.
   D. All of the above.

5. If you suspect that a building has a ventilation problem and not a leak, what do you look for?
   A. Algae stains in attics.
   B. Soaked insulation.
   C. Black rings around nails.
   D. All of the above.
### Metric Conversion Table

Please use the following Metric Conversion Table as a guide to convert measurements.

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APA — American Plywood Association. Tests and sets standards for all varieties of plywoods used in the U.S.

Apron Flashing — Metal flashing used at chimney fronts.


Asphalt — A bituminous waterproofing agent used in various types of roofing materials.

Asphalt concrete primer — Asphalt-based primer used to prepare concrete and metal for asphalt sealant.

Asphalt plastic cement — Asphalt-based sealant material, meeting ASTM D4586 Type I or II. Used to seal and adhere roofing materials. Also called mastic, blackjack, roof tar, and bull.

ASTM International — Formerly known as the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). Organization that sets standards for a wide variety of materials, including roofing.

B
Back-surfacing — Granular material added to shingle’s back to assist in keeping shingles separate during delivery and storage.

Base Sheet — First course, layer, or ply in low-slope roofing systems.

Blistering — Bubbles or pimples in roofing materials. Usually moisture related.

Blow-offs — When shingles are subjected to high winds and are forced off a roof deck.

Buckling — When a wrinkle or ripple affects shingles or their underlayments.

Butt — Exposed part of a shingle.

C
Camelot® — GAF Lifetime limited warranty shingle.

Cap Sheet — Top or final layer on low-slope roofing systems.

Closed cut valley — A shingle valley installation method where one roof plane’s shingles completely cover the other’s. The top layer is cut to match the valley lines.

Cobra® — GAF’s respected brand name for attic ventilation products.

Corrosion — When rust, rot, or age negatively affect roofing metals.

Counter flashing — The metal or siding material that is installed over rooftop base flashing systems.

Crickets — A peaked water diverter installed behind chimneys and other large roof projections. This effectively diverts water around projections.

Cupping — When shingles are improperly installed over an existing roof or are overexposed, they form a curl or cup.

D
Deck — The substrate over which roofing is applied. Usually plywood, oriented strand board (OSB) wood boards, or planks.

Deck-Armor™ — GAF’s premium, breathable synthetic roof deck protection. UV-stabilized polypropylene construction.

Dormer — A raised roof extending out of a larger roof plane.

Dragon teeth — The exposed trapezoidal-shaped upper layer of a typical laminated shingle. Also called “saw teeth.”

Drip edge — An installed lip that keeps shingles up off of the deck at edges and extends shingles out over eaves and gutters, and prevents water from backing up under shingles.
**E**

**Eaves** — The roof edge from the fascia to the structure’s outside wall. In general terms, the first three feet across a roof is termed the eave.

**End laps** — Are where a membrane ends in the field of the roof, needing treatment to continue the course across the roof.

**Exposure** — The area on any roofing material that is left exposed to the elements.

**F**

**Fasteners** — Nails or staples used in securing roofing to the deck.

**Felt** — Organic or paper-based rolled material saturated with asphalt to serve as roofing underlayment.

**FHA** — The Federal Housing Authority.

**Fiberglass mat** — Fibers condensed into strong mats used in roofing materials.

**Flange** — Metal pan extending up or down a roof slope around flashing pieces, usually at chimneys and plumbing vents.

**Fascia** — Band running horizontally and situated vertically under a roof edge.

**Flashing** — Materials used to waterproof a roof around any projections through the roof deck.

**Flashing cement** — Sealant designed for use around flashing areas, typically thicker than plastic cement.

**G**

**Gable** — Traditional style; two equal-size peaked roof planes meeting at a ridge.

**GAF Cant** — GAF cant strips for deflecting water away from flashing areas. Typically used on low-slope roofs.

**GAF Lifetime Roofing System** — A comprehensive roofing system solution available to all contractors that includes GAF shingles and qualifying GAF accessories.

**GAF Shingle & Accessory Ltd. Warranty** — GAF’s limited warranty that covers both GAF asphalt shingles and GAF accessories.

**Golden Pledge®** — GAF’s strongest limited warranty for shingles. North America’s strongest steep-slope warranty.

**Grand Canyon®** — GAF Lifetime limited warranty shingle with rugged wood-shake appearance.

**Grand Sequoia®** — GAF Lifetime limited warranty shingle with wood-shake appearance.

**Granules** — Crushed rock that is coated with a ceramic coating and fired; used as top surface on shingles.

**H**

**Hand-sealing** — The method to ensure sealing of shingles on very steep slopes, in high wind areas, and when installing in cold weather.

**Headlap** — The upper part of a shingle that is typically covered by the succeeding course.

**High nailing** — When shingles are nailed or fastened above the manufacturer’s specified nail location.

**Hip legs** — The down-slope ridges on hip roofs.

**Hip roof** — A roof with four roof planes coming together at a peak and four separate hip legs.
**Ice Dam** — When a snow load melts on a roof and re-freezes at the eave areas. Ice dams force water to “back-up” a roof and cause leakage.

**Inside Corner** — The area on a roof where two walls meet, forming a corner that resembles a pocket or “U” shape.

**“L” flashing** — Continuous metal flashing consisting of several feet of metal. Used at horizontal walls, bent to resemble an “L”.

**Laminated shingles** — Shingles made from two separate pieces that are laminated together. Also called dimensional shingles and architectural shingles.

**Laps** — The area where roll roofing or rolled underlayments overlap one another during application (see also side laps and end laps).

**Liberty™** — GAF’s modified bitumen self-adhered low-slope roofing system.

**Low slopes** — Roof pitches less than 4:12 are considered low-sloped roofs. Special installation practices must be used on roofs sloped 2:12—4:12.

**Mansard** — A roof design with a nearly vertical roof plane that ties into a roof plane of less slope at its peak.

**MA Base Sheet** — Mechanically Attached Base Sheet. A base sheet that is fastened to a roof deck with either nails or screws.

**Mats** — The general term for the base material of shingles and certain rolled products.

**Modified bitumen** — Rolled roofing membrane with polymer modified asphalt and either polyester or fiberglass reinforcement.

**Monaco®** — GAF Lifetime limited warranty shingle.

**Mortar** — Mixture of sand, mortar, limestone, and water used in bonding a chimney’s bricks together.

**Nail-guide-line** — Painted line on laminated shingles, to aid in the proper placement of fasteners.

**Nail-pop** — When a nail is not fully driven, it sits up off the roof deck.

**Nesting** — Installing a second layer of shingles aligning courses with the original roof to avoid shingle cupping.


**Open (cut) valley** — Valley installation using metal down the valley center.

**Organic mat** — Material made from recycled wood pulp and paper.

**Organic shingles** — Shingles made from organic (paper) mats.

**OSB** — Oriented Strand Board. A decking made from wood chips and lamination glues.

**Outside Corner** — The area on a roof where two walls meet, forming an “L” shape. Typically on a low-slope roofing curb.

**Overdriven** — The term used for fasteners driven through roofing material with too much force, breaking the material.

**Overexposed** — Installing shingle courses higher than their intended exposure.
P
Pitch — Ratio of the rise of the roof to the span of the roof.
Primer — A coating that prepares a surface for the adhesion of a membrane to it. Typically asphalt primer.
Pipe boots — Preflashed flashing membrane for plumbing vent pipes.
Power vents — Electrically powered fans used to move air from attics and structures.
Plastic cement — Asphalt-based sealant. Also called bull, mastic, tar, and asphalt cement.
Plumbing vents — Term used to describe plumbing pipes that project through a roof plane. Also called vent stacks.
Prevailing wind — The most common direction of wind for a particular region.
Pro-Start® — One of GAF’s eave/rake shingle starter strips.

Q
Quarter-sized — Term for the size of hand-sealant dabs; size of a U.S. or Canadian 25¢ piece.

R
Racking — Method of installing shingles in a straight-up-the-roof manner.
Rake edge — The vertical edge of gable-style roof planes.
RapidSeam™ — GAF’s Freedom™ RapidSeam™ self-adhered membrane seam. Self-adhesive is applied to bottom of membrane and on the seam area. Eliminates the need for cleaning or priming seam areas.
Rigid vent — Hard plastic ridge vent material.
Roof Deck Protection — also known as underlayment, these GAF products are often synthetic or fiberglass-reinforced felts. They provide a water-shedding secondary layer of protection under the final roof covering.
Roof louvers — Rooftop rectangular-shaped roof vents. Also called box vents, mushroom vents, airhawks, and soldier vents.
Roof plane — A roofing area defined by having four separate edges. One side of a gable, hip, or mansard roof.
Rough opening — The opening cut into a roof deck for a skylight installation. “Rough” meaning it is unfinished, untreated.
Royal Sovereign® — GAF 3-tab shingle.

S
Sawteeth — The exposed section of double thickness on laminated shingles shaped to imitate a wood-shake look on the roof.
 Seam cleaner — A solvent that is used to clean and prepare a seam for the adhesion of a membrane.
Seam primer — A material that is sometimes used in the process of seaming flexible membranes to increase the strength (in shear and peel) of the field splice.
Self-adhering — Roofing membranes that have glues or adhesives “built-in” to them at the factory. These adhere to roofing areas without the need for melting, torching, or application of glues/adhesives.
Self-sealant — Sealant installed on shingles. After installation, heat and sun will activate sealant to seal the shingles to each other.

Selvage — The non-exposed area on rolled roofing, without granules. Designed for nail placement and sealant.

Shed roof — Roof design of a single roof plane. Area does not tie into any other roofs.

Shingle-Mate® — GAF Shingle Roof Deck Protection. Fiberglass-reinforced to help reduce wrinkles and buckles.

Side laps — The area on rolled material where one roll overlaps the rolled material beneath it. Also called selvage edge on rolled roofing.

Side walls — Where a vertical roof plane meets a vertical wall. The sides of dormers, etc.

Sienna® — GAF Lifetime limited warranty shingle.

Slateline® — GAF Lifetime limited warranty shingle.

Slope — Ratio of a roof’s rise to a roof’s horizontal run.

Soffit ventilation — Intake ventilation installed under the eaves, or at the roof edge.

Starter strip — The first course of roofing installed. Usually trimmed from main roof material.

Steep-slope roofing — Generally all slopes higher than 4:12 are considered steep slopes.

Step flashing — Metal flashing pieces installed at side walls and chimneys for weatherproofing.

StormGuard® — GAF Leak Barrier. Film-surfaced rolled underlayment, 150 sq. ft. (13.9 m²) coverage per roll.

T

Tab — The bottom portion of traditional shingle separated by the shingle cut-outs.

Tear-off — Removal of existing roofing materials down to the roof deck.

Telegraphing — When shingles reflect the uneven surface beneath them. Shingles installed over buckled shingles may show some buckles.

Tiger Paw™ — GAF Roof Deck Protection. Synthetic non-woven underlayment with special moisture-control design.

Timbertex® — GAF’s enhanced hip and ridge shingle.

Timberline® Series — GAF’s trademark name for laminated wood-shake-style shingles.

TPO — Acronym for roofing membrane made of polymer-based materials. Stands for Thermoplastic Polyolefin. Most often white in color. Polymers are melted onto polyester mat sheets for standard TPO roofing membranes.

Transitions — When a roof plane ties into another roof plane that has a different pitch or slope.

U

Underdriven — Term used to describe a fastener not fully driven flush to the shingle’s surface.

Underlayments — Asphalt-based rolled materials designed to be installed under main roofing material, to serve as added protection.

V

Valleys — Area where two adjoining sloped roof planes intersect on a roof, creating a “V”-shaped depression.

Vapor — Term used to describe moisture-laden air.
**Ventilation** – The term used in roofing for the passage of air from an enclosed space.

**Warm wall** – The finished wall inside of a structure, used in roofing to determine how to install Leak Barriers at eaves.

**Waterproof underlayments** – Modified bitumen-based roofing underlayments, designed to seal to wood decks and to waterproof critical leak areas.

**WeatherBlocker™ Premium Eave/Rake Starter Strip** – One of GAF's shingle starter strips. “WeatherBlocker™” is designed to be used under many different shingle types, including Designer Shingles.

**Weather Stopper® System Plus Limited Warranty** – GAF’s middle grade of enhanced warranty, which offers extended coverage for building owners.

**WeatherWatch®** – GAF’s granule-surfaced waterproof underlayment.

**Woodland®** – GAF Lifetime limited warranty shingle.

**Woven Valley** – The method of installing valleys by laying one shingle over the other up the valley.
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