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Ensuring Maximum Protection When Installing GAF Roof Deck Protection Products

<p>Extreme Weather...</p>	<p>With recent record rain events in many parts of the country, it is important to install synthetic roof deck protection as stated in the written application instructions. This is especially <u>critical</u> when these products will be left exposed to heavy rain, snow or high-wind events.</p>
<p>It's Important To Know...</p> 	<p>They're Water "Resistant"... Unlike self-adhering membranes (such as Weather Watch® or StormGuard® leak barriers), synthetic roof deck protection is NOT water-proof. They're water "resistant" and designed as a secondary layer of protection under shingles etc.</p> <p>Synthetic Roof Deck Protection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should NOT be utilized as a temporary roof to protect property or possessions • Does NOT seal nails, staples, side/end laps or toe board fasteners, which can leak • Can be "scuffed" or puncturing during roof material loading/installation, causing leaks <p>180 Day UV Exposure... Refers to standardized testing conducted to ensure the product will not physically degrade when exposed to UV. It is NOT related to the timeframe that the product can hold out water, snow or wind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always cover these products with shingles or other primary roof covering within 180 days
<p>Ensuring Maximum Protection...</p> <p>Good Roofing Practice</p> <p>Fastening & Laps</p>	<p>When installing synthetic roof deck protection, such as GAF Deck-Armor™ or Tiger Paw™ roof deck protection, always follow these critical steps as well as "good roofing practice":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow All Application Instructions... available on the roll wrapper or on GAF.com 2. Ensure Clean, Dry & Flat Roof Decks... Remove all debris and old fasteners and cover any uneven roof deck joints or plywood deck clips that could puncture the product 3. Minimize Exposure... to heavy rain, snow or high-wind events, whenever possible 4. Toe Boards... left exposed to rain or snow can cause leaks. Remove and cover all holes 5. Fastening... is extremely important on these products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always use plastic cap nails or plastic cap staples to fasten these products in locations specified by the application instructions and as marked on the surface of the product. Nails or staples without caps can damage the product and cause leaking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All plastic cap nails or plastic cap staples must be <u>tight</u> and <u>flush</u> to the roof deck. Always replace over-driven, "cupped", loose, or cracked caps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Locate fasteners 6" on-center in the side lap area and stagger two rows of 12" on-center fasteners in field, if the product will be left exposed to high-wind. For enhanced protection against rain and snow, install tape over exposed cap nails or cap staples*. 6. Side and End Laps... can be vulnerable to weather infiltration during extreme weather. For enhanced protection against rain, snow and high wind: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install the product with 6" side laps and 12" end laps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tape the lap areas* 7. Heavy Traffic Areas... Always re-cover areas of heavy traffic, scuffing, tears or punctures <p>Note*: Use a waterproof cloth duct tape or butyl adhesive based seam/cover tape</p>
<p>Questions?</p>	<p>Contact GAF Technical Services at 1-800-766-3411</p>

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