Drip Edges and Shingles

**What Are Drip Edges?**
Drip edges are... a metal flashing that directs water away from the edge of the roof and helps to prevent water from getting behind the soffit edge or siding.

*Note:* “L” metal is not a suitable metal edge for use as a drip edge.

**When Is Drip Edge Required?**
GAF requires installation... of non-corroding metal drip edges at the rakes and eaves when required by local building code. GAF requires non-corroding metal drip edges at the eaves where a Silver Pledge® or Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty is sought. As a matter of good roofing practice, however, GAF strongly recommends that drip edges be installed at the rakes and eaves on all GAF shingle roofs.

**How Should Shingles Be Installed Over Drip Edge?**
Shingles should be installed over the drip edge a minimum of 3/8" (9 mm) at both the eave edge and the rake edge.

If the drip edge extends... out from the rakes and eaves (typically called DL Style or D Type), the shingles may be installed flush with the drip edge.

**Can Shingles Extend Too Far Beyond the Drip Edge?**
Yes. Shingles should not extend more than 3/4” (19 mm) past the drip edge. If shingles overhang the edge of the roof by more than 3/4” (19 mm), then they are not supported and may crack and break off. In addition, the wind resistance at the roof edge may be compromised.

**What Are The Installation Guidelines For Eave And Rake Edges?**
Always be sure to follow the printed instructions on the wrappers of GAF shingles and be sure to:

- Use a non-corroding metal drip edge such as aluminum or galvanized steel
- Install a drip edge along the rake and eave edges
- Make sure that the shingles extend 3/8” - 3/4” (9 mm-19 mm) past the drip edge
- Make sure the drip edge is adequately fastened to the underlying deck a minimum of every 8”-10” (203-254 mm) or as required by local building codes.
- If there is a gutter edge, make sure the shingles overhang the inside edge of the gutter to direct water into the gutter and not down the face of the building

**What About My Warranty?**
The GAF Shingle Limited Warranty only covers manufacturing defects in the shingles and does not cover the drip edge or damage due to their installation.
Questions?

**GAF Technical Services Can Assist You...** with these and other questions you may have regarding your new roof installation. Technical Support Services can be contacted at 800-766-3411. The GAF website is a great resource for just about any question you may have or for additional information you may require. Please visit [www.gaf.com](http://www.gaf.com) to find the latest information on our products and their installation.

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