

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY BULLETIN



**To:** GAF Commercial Sales, GAF Contractors, GAF Field Services  
**From:** Technical Services Department  
**Subject:** Updated Seam Treatment Guidelines for Liquid-Applied Roofing

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## New Seam Treatment Guidelines for Liquid-Applied Roofing Have Been Developed!

## Metal Specification Updates

### What is new?

- Metal specifications:
  - Vertical seam differentiation.
- Single-ply and asphaltic specifications:
  - Horizontal seam differentiation based on warranty type.

### Updates to seam treatments:

- Horizontal seams: No change.
- Vertical seams: New standards for different types of seams; applies to **all** liquid-applied roofing products (including HydroStop®):

Seam Treatment Guide			
Metal Substrates	Horizontal Seams	Vertical Seams	
		Must be three-coursed with flashing grade and fabric.	Will be differentiated by type (see below). Seams that will need to be treated will require flashing grade only. No fabric will be required.
Vertical Seam Types & Treatments	Overlap Seams	Trapezoidal Seams*	Other Vertical Seams
	Requires treatment with flashing grade only.	Requires treatment with flashing grade only.	May forgo treatment IF the seal/tape is in tact on the seam or are double locked (pictured above).

\* Trapezoidal seams may qualify for a variance with a pre-job inspection.

## Asphaltic and Single-Ply Specification Updates

### Updates to seam treatments:

- Horizontal seams: New standards have been developed to treat seams differently based on the type of desired warranty coverage.

Asphaltic and Single-Ply Seams		
Limited Warranty	Emerald™ Pledge	Diamond™ Pledge (HydroStop® Only)
All loose seams must be three-coursed with flashing grade and fabric.		
No treatment required for other seams.	All other seams must be treated with flashing grade only. No fabric required. <small>[Exception: HydroStop® will not require additional seam treatment as it has full field fabric.]</small>	No seam treatment required as HydroStop® has full field fabric.

## Other Information

**These changes go into effect immediately, but all written specifications and manuals may not be updated ...** Specification changes take time to complete, but the liquid-applied roofing team wanted to get this announcement out as soon as possible. Expect all specifications and technical documents to be updated by the end of Q3 2018.

***Where Can I Get More Information?***

**GAF Technical Services Can Assist You ...** with these and other questions you may have regarding your new roof installation. GAF Technical Services can be contacted **at 800-ROOF-411** (800-766-3411). Also, 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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