

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY BULLETIN

**To:** GAF Residential Sales, GAF Contractors, GAF Field Services

**From:** Technical Services Department

**Subject:** *Shingle Lot Numbers Explained*

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**What Are Lot Numbers And Why Are They Used?**

**Lot numbers...** are used by manufacturers to keep track of production runs and color information.

- Color names are consistent from plant to plant and each plant has an internally controlled list of unique **codes that define the color** of specific shingles.
- As long as all bundles for a job have the same product code printed on the ends of the bundles, the shingles should have a consistent appearance.
- All bundles for a job must have the same product code. Shingles are only mixable if they have the same product code.
- Temporary asphaltic oil staining can occur during storage. It is always good practice to install bundles with date codes **as close together as possible** to reduce the possibility of oil staining. Refer to **Technical Advisory Bulletin TAB-R-2014-166** for further information on asphaltic oil staining.

**Do Not Mix...** will occasionally be printed on a bundle and typically indicates there has been a change in the product color.

**Where Are The Lot Numbers Located And What Do They Mean?**

**In 2008...** we standardized the lot numbers as follows:

**One end of the bundle is printed with the:**

Color Name	Product Code	
Date Code	Time	Pkg. Line

**Examples:**

CHARCOAL	DA180B
05-27-14	13:11 B

BARKWOOD	TU070A
11-14-13	13:15 A

**The other end is printed with only:**

Color Name	Product Code
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**Examples:**

CHARCOAL	MC180A
WEATHERED WOOD	FO900B
WEATHERED WOOD	MC900H

**Product codes include a plant code, color code, and version letter. Only bundles with the same product code (plant, color code, and version) are considered mixable... Shingles with different product codes should not be mixed,** as an appearance (shading) issue will likely result.

**Need More Information On Shading?**

Please see **Technical Advisory Bulletin TAB-R-2011-137**, "Visual Issues with Shingled Roofs."

**Will Mixing Product Codes Void My Warranty?**

**No, the GAF Limited Warranty for the shingles will remain in effect.** However, any visual inconsistency or shading issues are excluded from GAF's responsibility under the terms of our Limited Warranty.

**Where Can I Get More Information?**

**GAF Can Assist You...** with these and other questions you may have regarding your new roof installation. GAF 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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