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Roofing Over Existing Shingles

***Can GAF Shingles
Be Installed Over
Existing Shingles?***

Yes. GAF shingles can be installed over existing strip shingles, T-lock shingles, wood shingles, laminated shingles, and other asphalt premium shingles.

***What Is Required
To Roof Over
Existing Shingles?***

There are a few things that must be followed for a successful installation over an existing roof...

- **First, there should only be one existing roof in place.** Most local codes do not allow roofing over more than one roof for a total of two roofs in place on a residence. If there is more than one roof in place, a complete tear-off is necessary.
- **The existing roof should provide a smooth surface.**
 - Remove all loose or protruding nails or fasteners
 - Nail down any loose, curled, or lifted asphalt shingles
 - Split badly curled and/or warped wood shingles and re-nail the individual pieces
 - Replace any missing shingles

***When Should A
Complete Tear-Off
Occur?***

The existing roof should be torn off when...

- **There is more than one existing roof in place...** a tear-off may be necessary as required by local codes.
- **The surface of the old shingles is warped, curled, or so badly weathered...** to the point where providing a level surface for the new material will be difficult.
- **There are any concerns about deterioration to the deck itself...** if the roof is being re-roofed due to extensive leakage, removing the existing roofing materials will allow for inspection of the underlying deck. If the deck is deteriorated, it should also be replaced.

***Shingles Should
Not Be Installed
Over...***

GAF asphalt shingles should not be installed over:

- Wood shakes
- Tile roofs
- Metal roof
- Asbestos shingles
- Roll roofing
- Low slope membrane roofs
- Insulation (direct application)
- Decks other than wood unless an approved specialty deck

Note: This is not an exhaustive list. For installation over any substrate other than a wood deck or an existing shingle product as described above, please contact GAF for requirements and/or acceptability.

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 to find the latest information on our products and their installation.

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