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Treatment of Aged GAF Asphalt Shingles

What Is The Concern?

There are different types of products claiming to be "restorative" to aged asphalt shingle roofs, such as:

- Roof rejuvenators
- Coatings
- Sealers

Can Treatments Be Applied To Installed Asphalt Shingles?

Not Recommended. GAF does not recommend the field application of any product claiming to be "restorative" to asphalt roofing shingles. GAF cautions that these types of applications can have adverse effects on asphalt shingles.

Not Tested. There are many types of products being marketed. GAF has not evaluated these products for use on asphalt roofing shingles and cannot accept any responsibility or liability for their use.

Before Treating An Asphalt Shingle, Use Caution. Thoroughly investigate all aspects before applying any product to asphalt roofing shingles. Consult a qualified design professional to assess potential roof system performance issues, such as ventilation or permeability.

What Are Some Of The Problems Associated With Treating Asphalt Shingles?

- **Aesthetics.** Some products can drastically change the appearance of the roof.
- **Fire Rating.** GAF fiberglass asphalt shingles are UL Class A listed for fire resistance. If a coating that is not UL listed is applied to a roof, the roof will no longer be UL Class A listed.
- **Shingle Performance.** Some products have been reported to cause asphalt shingles to curl, cup, crack, split or blister that can result in premature failure and leaks.
- **Compatibility.** Some products can soften the asphalt in shingles and cause it to slide or drip down the roof.
- **Moisture Entrapment.** Depending on the product, it can act as a vapor retarder and interfere with moisture vapor flow through the roof system. This can trap moisture in the roof assembly or attic space resulting in deck rot and/or mold growth.
- **Code Compliance.** Some local building codes and homeowners' associations may not approve of treating asphalt shingle roofs. Check with local building departments or other authorities having jurisdiction in your community before treating your roof.

*Is My Warranty
Affected If I Treat
My GAF Asphalt
Roofing Shingles?*

No, GAF Limited Warranties will remain in effect. However, any damage, including but not limited to curling, cracking, splitting, or blistering that results from the application of the treatment product is the responsibility of the owner and is excluded from GAF's responsibility under the terms of all GAF Limited Warranties.

Questions?

GAF Residential Consumer Services can assist you with these and other questions you may have regarding your new roof installation. Residential Consumer Services can be contacted at 877-423-7663. 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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