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# Technical Advisory Bulletin

To: GAF Residential Sales, GAF Contractors, Field Services, AIS, CARE  
From: Technical Services  
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## ***Eligibility Requirements for Metal Flashings on the TruSlate™ Ultimate Pledge™ Ltd. Warranty***

### ***What Are GAF's Installation Requirements For Metal Flashings?***

New metal flashings **MUST** be installed (unless existing flashings are in like-new condition and are at "unworkable" wall surfaces, such as stucco).

Metal drip edge **MUST** be used at all eaves and rake edges.

### ***What Does GAF Recommend Using For All Flashing Materials?***

**GAF recommends...** using 16oz (454g) copper flashings with copper fasteners for the TruSlate™ Premium Roofing System. Metal flashings include all:

- **Eave drip edge...** use "D" style edge metal at the eave portion of the roof.
- **Rake or gable end metal...** metal with a special 3/4" (19 mm) vertical lip must be used at the rake or gable end of the roof to hold end slates in place.
- **Valley metal...** use "W" style valley metal with a 1" (25 mm) splash diverter to flash valley areas.
- **Wall and counter flashing...** metals used to flash wall to roof junctions.
- **Chimney flashing...** metals used to flash all chimney areas.

### ***Are There Any Flashing Substitutions I Can Use In Conjunction With The TruSlate™ Ultimate Pledge™ Ltd. Warranty?***

**Yes...** the metal flashings below are acceptable substitutions for copper:

- 24 gauge [(0.024 inch (.61 mm) thick] stainless steel with stainless steel fasteners.
- 16 ounce (454g) [(0.026 inch (.66 mm) thick] lead-coated copper with stainless steel fasteners.
- 4 lb. (1.81kg) [(0.062 inch (1.57 mm) thick] lead with stainless steel fasteners.
- 0.016 (.041 mm) or thicker copper clad stainless steel with stainless steel fasteners.

**Always** use fasteners made from compatible metal with the selected flashing metal.

Do **NOT** use galvanized or aluminum flashings with the TruSlate™ Premium Roofing System as this can cause corrosion and staining.

### ***Do I Need To Get A Formal Approval Letter From GAF If I Use One Of The Substitution Flashing Metals?***

**No...** as long as you use one of the GAF acceptable metal flashings you do not need a formal approval letter from GAF Field Services.

### *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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