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Technical Advisory Bulletin

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Installed Fasteners MUST BE Flush to the Surface

What Is The Concern?

The residual metal “hair” that is left on the fastener head after being shot from a pneumatic coil nail gun can cause damage to your newly installed roof. All installed fasteners **must be** flush to the surface. Failure to provide a suitable surface for subsequent material installation is not in accordance with GAF requirements.

How Can It Affect My Roof?

As shown in Fig. 1 below, the metal “hair” can be long and sharp enough to puncture or cause damage to installed asphalt shingles.



Figure 1: Residual metal “hair” at drip edge

What Should You Do If This Issue Occurs?

Hammer the “hair” left on the installed fastener flush the surface so that nothing will puncture or damage what is being installed on top.

- Notify your fastener manufacture, supplier and/or local code authority if you are encountering this issue.

What Else Do I Need To Know?

Always use the correct type of fasteners. Make sure that the fasteners used are in accordance with the roofing manufacturer's specifications and construction details.

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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