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Technical Advisory Bulletin

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The Use of 4" x 4" Step Flashing

What Is The Concern?

For asphalt shingle roofs... GAF's standard step flashing instructions call for step flashing to extend a minimum of 5" (127 mm) up the wall and a minimum of 5" (127 mm) out onto the shingles on the roof. It must also be a minimum of 2" (51 mm) longer than the exposure of the shingles being installed.

While this is the preferred step flashing size, it is acceptable to use step flashing that extends a minimum of 4" (102 mm) up the wall and a minimum of 4" (102 mm) out onto the shingles on the roof as an alternative. When doing so, the step flashing must also be a minimum of 2" (51 mm) longer than the exposure of the shingles being installed.

This alternative detail is acceptable only when a full 36" (914 mm) width of leak barrier (StormGuard® or Weather Watch® Leak Barrier) is installed at the wall to roof deck transition and extends a minimum of 5" (127 mm) up the wall.

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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