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Technical Advisory Bulletin

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Splices On Asphalt Shingles

What Is A Splice?

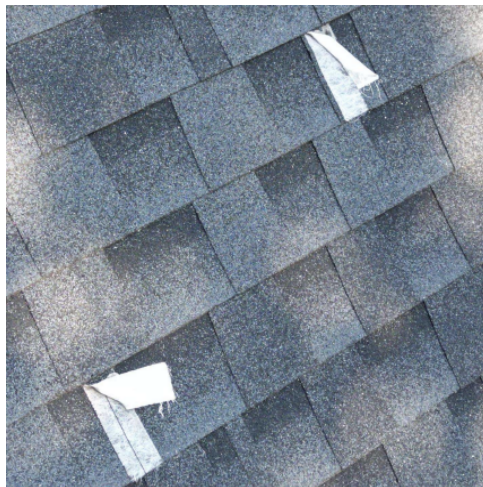
Asphalt shingles are constructed with a fiberglass mat which looks like a sheet. The manufacturing process uses fiberglass mat rolled around a tube and these rolls feed into the equipment to produce shingles.

A splice refers to the joining of two rolls where they are bonded by tape or glue at the beginning/end of a roll. This keeps the fiberglass mat continuous during the manufacturing process. Splices are removed from shingle bundles before packaging, however, on rare occasions, splices may be inadvertently packaged with shingles.

How To Identify A Splice?

Shingles containing splices are sometimes difficult to identify during installation, but with time and exposure on the roof there are some visual clues to help identify splices:

- Granule loss which is typically extreme on the spliced shingles
- Tearing or breaking of the spliced shingles
- Twisting or distorting of the spliced shingles
- Isolation- spliced shingles are isolated to a few shingles and therefore will not affect the integrity of the roof.



What Should I Do If I Suspect Splices On My Roof?

If shingles containing splices are found on the roof, those shingles should be replaced. The splices will not affect the entirety of the roof and will be isolated to a few shingles.

*How Does This
Affect My
Warranty?*

The GAF Shingle & Accessory Limited Warranty covers manufacturing defects in the GAF products which adversely affect their performance. It does not provide any coverage for errors in the application of the GAF products, or any problems caused by substrates or non-GAF underlayments.

Questions?

GAF Residential Consumer Services Can Assist You with these and other questions you may have. Residential Consumer Services can be contacted at 877-423-7663 or TechnicalQuestions@gaf.com. 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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