

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY BULLETIN

To: GAF Residential Sales, GAF Contractors, GAF Field Services

From: Technical Services Department

**Subject: Shingle Lot Numbers Explained**



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## **What Are Lot Numbers And Why Are They Used?**

**Lot numbers...** are used by manufacturers to keep track of production runs and color information.

- Color names are consistent from plant to plant and each plant has an internally controlled list of unique **codes that define the color** of the specific shingles.
- As long as all bundles for a job have the same product code printed on the ends of the bundles (regardless of the production date and time) the shingles will have a consistent appearance.
- Shingles are only mixable if they have the same product code.

**Do Not Mix...** will occasionally be printed on a bundle and typically indicates something about the color has changed.

## **Where Are The Lot Numbers Located And What Do They Mean?**

**In 2008...** we standardized the lot numbers as follows:

**One end of the bundle is printed with the:**

- Color Name    Product Code
- Date            Time    Pkg Line

**Examples:**

- CHARCOAL      DA180A
- 05-27-11        13:11
- BARKWOOD      TU070A
- 05-27-02        13:15 A

**The other end is printed with only:**

- Color Name    Product Code

**Examples:**

- Charcoal            MC180A
- Charcoal            MV180E
- Weathered Wood    FO900B
- Weathered Wood    MC900H

**As you may have noticed...** product codes includes a plant code, color code, and revision letter. **Only bundles with the same product code (plant, color code, and revision) are considered mixable... Shingles with different Product Codes should not be mixed,** as an appearance (shading) issue will be the most likely result.

## **Need More Information On Shading?**

**Please see Technical Point #137, "Visual Issues with Shingled Roofs."**

## **Will Mixing Lot Numbers Void My Warranty?**

**No, the GAF Limited Warranty for the shingles will remain in effect.** However, any visual inconsistency or shading issue is the responsibility of the applicator and is excluded from GAF's responsibility under the terms of our Limited Warranty.

## **Where Can I Get More Information?**

**GAF Technical Services can assist you...** with these and other questions you may have regarding your new roof installation. GAF Technical Services can be contacted at **800-ROOF-411** (800-766-3411). Also, 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).