



TECHNICAL NOTICE

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USE OF RADIANT BARRIERS WITH FIBERGLASS/ASPHALT SHINGLES*

TAMKO accepts the use of certain types of radiant barriers in conjunction with TAMKO® fiberglass/asphalt shingles ONLY in limited situations as described in this Technical Notice. In all situations, requirements of the applicable Application Instructions for the TAMKO shingles must be followed.

Radiant Barriers Integrated with the Roof Deck Sheathing

Installation of TAMKO fiberglass/asphalt shingles onto roof deck sheathing with an integrated radiant barrier is acceptable. If the roof deck sheathing is installed with the radiant barrier facing into the attic space, the radiant barrier must be perforated.

Reflective Insulation Installed Above the Roof Deck Sheathing

Installation of TAMKO fiberglass/asphalt shingles over a reflective insulation underlayment (i.e. a radiant barrier laminated to an insulating material such as polyethylene foam) that is designed specifically for use with fiberglass/asphalt shingles is acceptable, provided an acceptable underlayment is installed above or beneath the reflective insulation.

Radiant Barrier Sheet Materials Draped Over or Attached to Bottom of Rafters

Installation of TAMKO fiberglass/asphalt shingles in situations where radiant barriers are draped over or attached to the bottom of rafters is acceptable if an unobstructed ventilation path with an inlet at the lower end and an outlet at the upper end is present for each cavity formed by the radiant barrier and the rafters.

Liquid-applied Radiant Barriers Applied to the Bottom Side of Roof Sheathing

Installation of TAMKO fiberglass/asphalt shingles over liquid-applied radiant barriers that are applied to the bottom side of the roof deck sheathing is NOT acceptable and may affect coverage under TAMKO's *Fiberglass/Asphalt Shingle Limited Warranty and Arbitration Agreement*.

Other Radiant Barrier Products

Installation of TAMKO fiberglass/asphalt shingles over types of radiant barriers not specifically addressed in this Technical Notice is NOT acceptable and may affect coverage under TAMKO's *Fiberglass/Asphalt Shingle Limited Warranty and Arbitration Agreement*.

IMPORTANT: Radiant barriers may create inadequate ventilation or form a vapor barrier in certain installations, which may lead to vapor condensation and moisture accumulation in the attic space, deterioration of insulation, wood and other construction materials, development of mold and mildew, and ice damming on the roof. These conditions are not covered and are excluded under TAMKO's *Fiberglass/Asphalt Shingle Limited Warranty and Arbitration Agreement*. Ensuring proper installation of the radiant barrier, incorporation of

adequate ventilation, and appropriate management of moisture are the responsibility of the building owner, design professional, and contractor.

This document is not intended nor should it be construed to modify or alter the terms of TAMKO's *Fiberglass / Asphalt Shingle Limited Warranty and Arbitration Agreement*.

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