



**Application Instructions for**  
**• Elite Glass-Seal®**  
**• Glass-Seal**  
**THREE-TAB ASPHALT SHINGLES**

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**IMPORTANT:** It is not necessary to remove the plastic strip from the back of the shingles.

**1. ROOF DECK**

These shingles are for application to roof decks capable of receiving and retaining fasteners, and to inclines of not less than 2 in. per foot. For roofs having pitches 2 in. per foot to less than 4 in. per foot, refer to special instructions titled "Low Slope Application". Shingles must be applied properly. TAMKO assumes no responsibility for leaks or defects resulting from improper application, or failure to properly prepare the surface to be roofed over.

**NEW ROOF DECK CONSTRUCTION:** Roof deck must be smooth, dry and free from warped surfaces. It is recommended that metal drip edges be installed at eaves and rakes.

**PLYWOOD:** All plywood shall be exterior grade as defined by the Engineered Wood Association. Plywood shall be a minimum of 3/8 in. thickness and applied in accordance with the recommendations of the Engineered Wood Association.

**SHEATHING BOARDS:** Boards shall be well-seasoned tongue-and-groove boards and not over 6 in. nominal width. Boards shall be a 1 in. nominal minimum thickness. Boards shall be properly spaced and nailed.

**2. VENTILATION**

Inadequate ventilation of attic spaces can cause accumulation of moisture in winter months and a build up of heat in the summer. These conditions can lead to:

1. Vapor Condensation
2. Buckling of shingles due to deck movement.
3. Rotting of wood members.
4. Premature failure of roof.

To insure adequate ventilation and circulation of air, place louvers of sufficient size high in the gable ends and/or install continuous ridge and soffit vents.

FHA minimum property standards require one square foot of net free ventilation area to each 150 square feet of space to be vented, or one square foot per 300 square feet if a vapor barrier is installed on the warm side of the ceiling or if at least one half of the ventilation is provided near the ridge. If the ventilation openings are screened, the total area should be doubled.

**IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE VENTILATION.**

**3. FASTENING**

**NAILS:** TAMKO recommends the use of nails as the preferred method of application.

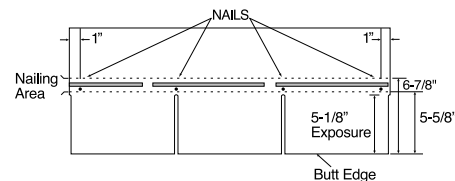
**WIND CAUTION:** Extreme wind velocities can damage these shingles after application when proper sealing of the shingles does not occur.

This can especially be a problem if the shingles are applied in cooler months or in areas on the roof that do not receive direct sunlight. These conditions may impede the sealing of the adhesive strips on the shingles. The inability to seal down may be compounded by prolonged cold weather conditions and/or blowing dust. In these situations, hand sealing of the shingles is recommended. To insure immediate sealing, apply 4 quarter-sized dabs of TAM-PRO® Premium SBS Adhesive or TAMKO Tam-Seal Adhesive on the back of the shingle 1" (25mm) and 13" (330mm) in from each side and 1" (25mm) up from the bottom of the shingle. Press shingle firmly into the adhesive. For maximum wind resistance along rakes, cement shingles to the underlayment and each other in a 4" (102mm) width of TAM-PRO SBS Adhesive or TAMKO Tam-Seal Adhesive. Caution: Apply ONLY a thin uniform layer of adhesive less than 1/8" (3mm) thick. Excessive amounts can cause blistering of the shingles and may soften the asphalt in certain underlayments resulting in the asphalt flowing, dripping and staining. Shingles must also be fastened according to the fastening instructions described below.

Correct placement of the fasteners is critical to the performance of the shingle. If the fasteners are not placed as shown in the diagram and described below, this will result in the termination of TAMKO's liabilities under the limited warranty. TAMKO will not be responsible for damage to shingles caused by winds in excess of the applicable mph as stated in the limited warranty. See limited warranty for details.

**FASTENING PATTERNS:** Fasteners must be placed above or below the factory applied sealant in an area between 5-5/8" and 6-7/8" from the butt edge of the shingle. Fasteners should be located horizontally according to the diagram below. Do not nail into the sealant. TAMKO recommends nailing below the sealant whenever possible for greater wind resistance.

**1) Standard Fastening Pattern.** (For use on decks with slopes 2 in. per foot to 21 in. per foot.) One fastener 1 in. back from each end and one 12 in. back from each end of the shingle for a total of 4 fasteners. (See standard fastening pattern illustrated below).



**2) Mansard Fastening Pattern.** (For use on decks with slopes greater than 21 in. per foot.) One fastener 1 in. back from each end and one fastener 10-1/2 in. back from each end and one fastener 13-1/2 in. back from each end for a total of 6 fastener per shingle. (See Mansard fastening pattern illustrated below.)

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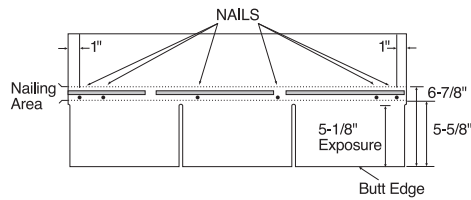
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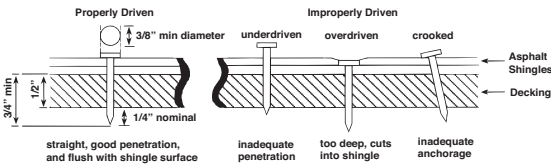
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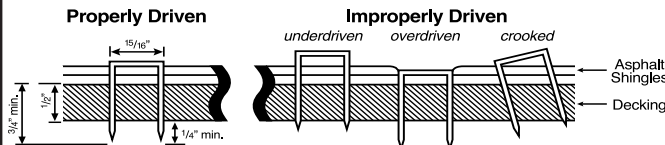
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**NAILS:** TAMKO recommends the use of nails as the preferred method of application. Standard type roofing nails should be used. Nail shanks should be made of minimum 12-gauge wire, and a minimum head diameter of 3/8 in. Nails should be long enough to penetrate 3/4 in. into the roof deck. Where the deck is less than 3/4 in. thick, the nails should be long enough to penetrate completely through plywood decking and extend at least 1/8 in. through the roof deck. Drive nail head flush with the shingle surface.



**STAPLES:** If staples are used in the attaching process, follow the above instructions for placement. All staples must be driven with pneumatic staplers. The staple must meet the following minimum dimensional requirements. Staples must be made from a minimum 16 gauge galvanized wire. Crown width must be at least 15/16 in. (staple crown width is measured outside the legs). Leg length should be a minimum of 1-1/4 in. for new construction and 1-1/2 in. for reroofing thus allowing a minimum deck penetration of 3/4 in. The crown of the staple must be parallel to the length of the shingle. The staple crown should be driven flush with the shingle surface. Staples that are crooked, underdriven or overdriven are considered improperly applied.



**CAUTION:** DO NOT FASTEN INTO THE FACTORY APPLIED ADHESIVE.

### 4. UNDERLAYMENT

**UNDERLAYMENT:** An underlayment consisting of asphalt saturated felt must be applied over the entire deck before the installation of TAMKO shingles. Failure to add underlayment can cause premature failure of the shingles which is not covered by TAMKO's limited warranty. Apply the felt when the deck is dry. On roof decks 4 in. per foot and greater apply the felt parallel to the eaves lapping each course of the felt over the lower course at least 2 in. Where ends join, lap the felt 4 in. If left exposed, the underlayment felt may be adversely affected by moisture and weathering. Laying of the underlayment and the shingle application must be done together.

Products which are acceptable for use as underlayment are:

- TAMKO No. 15 Asphalt Saturated Organic Felt

- A non-perforated asphalt saturated organic felt which meets ASTM: D226, Type I or ASTM D4869, Type I
- Any TAMKO non-perforated asphalt saturated organic felt
- TAMKO TW Metal and Tile Underlayment, TW Underlayment and Moisture Guard Plus® (additional ventilation may be required. Contact TAMKO's Technical Services Department for more information.)

In areas where ice builds up along the eaves or a back-up of water from frozen or clogged gutters is a potential problem, TAMKO's Moisture Guard Plus® waterproofing underlayment (or any specialty eaves flashing product) may be applied to eaves, rakes, ridges, valleys, around chimneys, skylights or dormers to help prevent water damage. Contact TAMKO's Technical Services Department for more information.

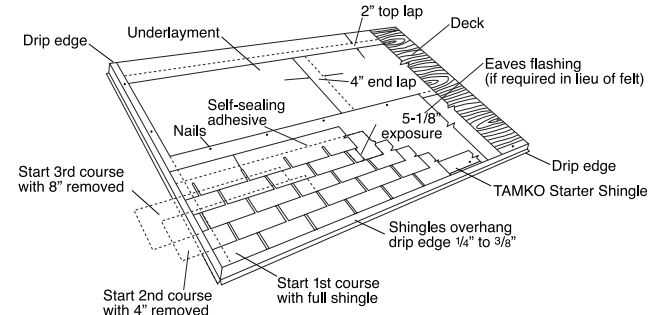
TAMKO does not recommend the use of any substitute products as shingle underlayment.

### 5. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**STARTER COURSE:** A starter course may consist of TAMKO Shingle Starter, self-sealing 3-tab shingles or a 9 inch wide strip of mineral surface roll roofing. If self-sealing 3-tab shingles are used, remove the exposed tab portion and install with the factory applied adhesive adjacent to the eaves. Attach the starter course with approved fasteners along a line parallel to and 3 in. to 4 in. above the eaves edge. The starter course should overhang both the eaves and rake edges 1/4 in. to 3/8 in. If a roll roofing is used, seal down the shingles in the first course by applying adhesive cement in four spots equally spaced to the surface of the starter strip and press the shingle down on the spots of cement. Plastic cement should be used sparingly, as excessive amounts may cause blistering.

**SHINGLE APPLICATION:** There are three different offset methods for applying strip shingles: the 4-inch method, the 5-inch method and the 6-inch method. By removing different lengths from the first shingle, cutouts in one course of shingles do not line up directly with those of the course below. It is recommended that the shingles be laid according to one of these methods consistent with procedures outlined in ARMA's Residential Asphalt Roofing Manual. This panel will feature the 4-inch method. For information regarding the other methods, please refer to the ARMA Residential Asphalt Roofing Manual.

**CAUTION:** Never use an alignment system where shingle joints are closer than 4 in. to one another.



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**6. LOW SLOPE APPLICATION**

On pitches 2 in. per foot to 4 in. per foot cover the deck with two layers of asphalt saturated felt. Begin by applying the felt in a 19 in. wide strip along the eaves and overhanging the drip edge by 1/4 to 3/4 in. Place a full 36 in. wide sheet over the 19 in. wide starter piece, completely overlapping it. All succeeding courses will be positioned to overlap the preceding course by 19 in. If winter temperatures average 25°F or less, thoroughly cement the felts to each other with TAM-PRO or TAMKO Plastic Roof Cement from eaves and rakes to a point of a least 24 in. inside the interior wall line of the building. As an alternative, TAMKO's Moisture Guard Plus® self-adhering waterproofing underlayment may be used in lieu of the cemented felts.

**7. MANSARD ROOF OR STEEP SLOPE ROOF**

If the slope exceeds 21 in. per foot (60°), each shingle must be sealed with TAM-PRO SBS Adhesive or Tam-Seal Adhesive immediately upon installation. Spots of cement must be equivalent in size to a \$.25 piece and applied to shingles with a 5-1/8 in. exposure, use 6 fasteners per shingle. See Section 3 for the Mansard Fastening Pattern.

**8. RE-ROOFING**

Before re-roofing, be certain to inspect the roof decks. All plywood shall meet the requirements listed in Section 1.

Nail down or remove curled or broken shingles from the existing roof. Replace all missing shingles with new ones to provide a smooth base. Shingles that are buckled usually indicate warped decking or protruding nails. Hammer down all protruding nails or remove them and refasten in a new location. Remove all drip edge metal and replace with new.

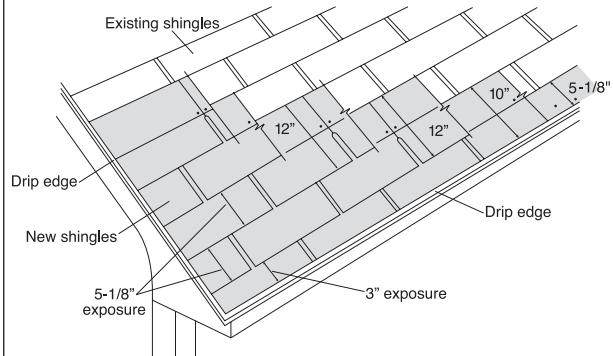
If re-roofing over an existing roof where new flashing is required to protect against ice dams (freeze/thaw cycle of water and/or the backup of water in frozen or clogged gutters), remove the old roofing to a point at least 24 in. beyond the interior wall line and apply TAMKO's Moisture Guard Plus® waterproofing underlayment. Contact TAMKO's Technical Services Department for more information.

The nesting procedure described below is the preferred method for re-roofing over square tab strip shingles with a 5-1/8 in. exposure.

**Starter Course:** Begin by using TAMKO Shingle Starter or by cutting shingles into 5-1/8 x 36 inch strips. This is done by removing the 5-1/8 in. tabs from the bottom and approximately 2 in. from the top of the shingles so that the remaining portion is the same width as the exposure of the old shingles. Apply the starter piece so that the self-sealing adhesive lies along the eaves and is even with the existing roof. The starter strip should be wide enough to overhang the eaves and carry water into the gutter. Remove 3 in. from the length of the first starter shingle to ensure that the joints from the old roof do not align with the new.

**First Course:** Cut off approximately 2 in. from the bottom edge of the shingles so that the shingles fit beneath the existing third course and align with the edge of the starter strip. Start the first course with a full 36 in. long shingle and fasten according to the instructions printed in Section 3.

**Second and Succeeding Courses:** According to the off-set application method you choose to use, remove the appropriate length from the rake end of the first shingle in each succeeding course. Place the top edge of the new shingle against the butt edge of the old shingles in the courses above. The full width shingle used on the second course will reduce the exposure of the first course to 3 in. The remaining courses will automatically have a 5-1/8 in. exposure.



**9. VALLEY APPLICATION**

Over the shingle underlayment, center a 36 in. wide sheet of TAMKO Nail-Fast®, Moisture Guard Plus® or a minimum 50 lb. roll roofing in the valley. Nail the felt only where necessary to hold it in place and then only nail the outside edges.

**IMPORTANT: PRIOR TO INSTALLATION WARM SHINGLES TO PREVENT DAMAGE WHICH CAN OCCUR WHILE BENDING SHINGLES TO FORM VALLEY.**

- Apply the first course of shingles along the eaves of one of the intersecting roof planes and across the valley.

Note: For proper flow of water over the trimmed shingle, always start applying the shingles on the roof plane that has the lower slope or less height.

- Extend the end shingle at least 12 in. onto the adjoining roof. Apply succeeding courses in the same manner, extending them across the valley and onto the adjoining roof.
- Do not trim if the shingle length exceeds 12 in. Lengths should vary.
- Press the shingles tightly into the valley.
- Use normal shingle fastening methods.

Note: No fastener should be within 6 in. of the valley centerline, and two fasteners should be placed at the end of each shingle crossing the valley.

- To the adjoining roof plane, apply one row of shingles extending it over previously applied shingles and trim a minimum of 2 in. back from the centerline of the valley.

Note: For a neater installation, snap a chalkline over the shingles for guidance.

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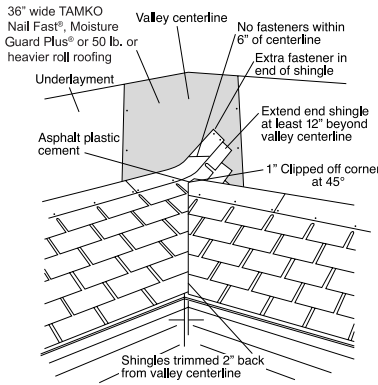
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• Clip the upper corner of each shingle at a 45-degree angle and embed the end of the shingle in a 3 in. wide strip of asphalt plastic cement. This will prevent water from penetrating between the courses by directing it into the valley.

• **CAUTION:**  
 Adhesive must be applied in smooth, thin, even layers.

Excessive use of adhesive will cause blistering to this product.

TAMKO assumes no responsibility for blistering.



FOR ALTERNATE VALLEY APPLICATION METHODS, PLEASE CONTACT TAMKO'S TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

**10. HIP AND RIDGE FASTENING DETAIL**

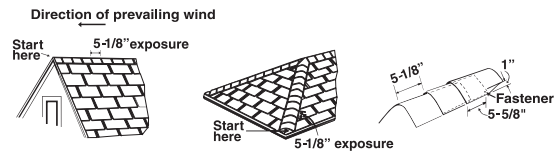
Apply the shingles with a 5-1/8 in. exposure beginning at the bottom of the hip or from the end of the ridge opposite the direction of the prevailing winds. Secure each shingle with one fastener 5-5/8 in. back from the exposed end and 1 in. up from the edge. Do not nail directly into the sealant.

TAMKO recommends the use of TAMKO Hip & Ridge shingle products. Where matching colors are available, it is acceptable to use TAMKO's Glass-Seal or Elite Glass-Seal shingles cut down to 12 in. pieces.

**NOTE:** Use only Shingles and Hip & Ridge shingles with the Algae Relief feature on Elite Glass-Seal shingles with the Algae Relief feature.

Fasteners should be 1/4 in. longer than the one used for shingles.

**IMPORTANT:** PRIOR TO INSTALLATION, CARE NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT DAMAGE WHICH CAN OCCUR WHILE BENDING SHINGLES IN COOL WEATHER.



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**IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE OPENING BUNDLE**

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