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## UNDERLAYMENT INSTALLATION

IKO produces a wide range of different asphalt shingle styles with either organic or fiberglass reinforcements. An underlayment may or may not be recommended, depending on such variables as shingle reinforcement type, shingle design, roof pitch, limited warranty length, etc.. This bulletin will clarify which IKO asphalt roofing shingles use an underlayment, and under what circumstances.

1. Regardless of the underlayment recommendations, ensure that the shingle is suitable for the roof slope; most IKO shingles can be applied on roof slopes as low as 2:12, except for Armourshake, Crowne Slate and interlocking shingles, which are only warranted on roofs 4:12 and steeper. See individual product application instructions for further details.
2. This bulletin addresses underlayment on the field of the roof only, which should not be confused with eave protection. Where eave snow/ice build-up is an issue, IKO recommends GoldShield or ArmourGard Ice and Water Protector at the eave area, applied according to the instructions printed on each box.
3. When reroofing over an existing shingle layer, an ice and water protector or underlayment is not required.
4. Use of an approved underlayment beneath fiberglass shingles is strongly recommended, but especially on roof slopes below 6:12 (below 8:12 for Crowne Slate and Armourshake).
5. Underlayment is recommended under Chateau shingle applications below 6:12 slope. All other IKO organic felt reinforced asphalt shingles do not require an underlayment on roof slopes 4:12 and steeper.
6. IKO's Kolamax, Medium Kolamax, Standard Asphalt Felt, No. 15 Plain, AM 15 Plain, Roofgard SB, or any of our Heavy Duty, No. 30, Shake Felts, or Ice and Water Protectors are approved for use beneath IKO asphalt shingles. However, certain local building codes may require specific weights/grades of underlayments. Other underlayment products may be acceptable – please contact IKO Technical Services for further details.

**Please note that these procedures pertain specifically to qualification for coverage under IKO's Asphalt Shingle Limited Warranty; an underlayment may still be required for local building code acceptance, regional contractor warranty programs, or roof system fire conformance.**

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