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LEADING EDGE APPLICATION

IKO's Leading Edge shingles (which are produced in metric and imperial sizes) can be used as a starter strip beneath either the first course of roof shingles, or at the rake edges. At the rakes, IKO's Leading Edge provides a straight edge to trim the overlaying courses to, and helps to seal the shingle ends, reducing wind damage.

Application - Starter Course

1. Apply any underlayment, eave protection, valley flashings, or drip edges required. If you are applying a Leading Edge product that is the same size as your chosen roof shingle, cut the first Leading Edge strip 4" short. If you have purchased a Leading Edge product that is a different size than your chosen roof shingle, periodically, it will be necessary to trim the Leading Edge shingles to ensure that their joints do not line up with the joints of overlying shingles.
2. Start at the lower roof corner and align the first shingle to overhang the rake and eave edge by 1/4" to 3/8". Ensure the strip is laying flat, granule side up, with the sealant spots at the bottom edge. Fasten the starter strip shingle parallel to the eaves along a line 3" to 4" above the eaves. Position the fasteners so that they will not be exposed under the cutouts of the first course.
3. Install the first course of roof shingles as per instructions for the appropriate product found on the product's packaging. Ensure the joints of the first course shingles do not align with the joints in the starter course. If they do, trim the affected shingle in the first course by 4" and then continue.

Application - Rake Edges

1. Apply any underlayment, flashings or drip edges as required.
2. Align the Leading Edge shingles vertically up the rake edge, overhanging the rake edge by 1/4" to 3/8". Ensure the strip is laying flat, granule side up, with the sealant spots towards the outer edge of the roof. Fasten with enough nails to hold the product in place until the application of the field courses of roofing shingles.
3. Apply roof shingles as per the instructions printed on each product's package, trimming the rake edge of the product even with the edge of the Leading Edge shingles.

For additional information on any of IKO's products or application requirements, visit us on the web at www.iko.com, or contact us in Canada at 1-888-766-2468, or the United States at 1-888-456-7663.

