STAPLE APPLICATION OF IKO ASPHALT SHINGLES

IKO recommends roofing nails as the preferred fastener for installation of all of its asphalt roofing shingles. Historically nails have shown a superior ability to provide optimum roof system wind resistance, compared to staples. Staples are permitted to be used, however, providing they comply with the following material and installation requirements listed below. If used, staples must be:

- Made of at least 16-gauge galvanized steel
- At least 15/16” wide at the crown
- Of sufficient length to penetrate at least 3/4” into wood decks, or completely penetrate sheathing/plywood decks
- Driven by pneumatic staple guns only
- Applied with the crown parallel to the shingle length
- Driven flush with, but not cutting into, the shingle surface
- Located at the correct fastening positions for each shingle respectively

Staples that are crooked, under-driven, or over-driven, are considered improperly installed. As with all other installation requirements, local building codes must also be followed. Some building codes may not allow the use of staples. It is the responsibility of the shingle installer to verify that the use of staples will comply with all applicable building codes.

Where staples are used to install IKO asphalt shingles, our Asphalt Shingle Limited Warranty will remain in effect, however, any problems arising specifically due to the use of staples, including wind blow-off, will not be covered.

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