SHINGLE STORAGE

Asphalt shingles are a robust construction material, designed and proven to hold up well in long term exposure once properly installed on the roof. Following these basic storage and handling recommendations will help ensure the product arrives at the roof in good condition.

STORAGE

- Where possible, store shingles in covered rack systems or warehouses
- Do not double stack pallets, except when absolutely required for short-term, temporary inventory rotation only
- If temporarily double-stacking pallets, use a plywood slip sheet on the top of the lower pallet to distribute the load and minimize potential bundle deformation
- Preferably store shingles under cover, and not in direct sun, especially in summer months
- Ensure that pallets stored outdoors are not stacked too closely together, to avoid shingle damage
- Rotate stock to use older material first (shingles do not have a shelf life, but older shingles may stiffen if stored for a year or more)
- Use tarps to protect pallets from snow; snow melt and rainwater trapped between bundles can freeze in the winter, making it difficult to separate the bundles and the shingles

HANDLING

- Shingles should be staged at the job site on their original pallets so they are not sitting in mud/water
- When off-loaded from delivery trucks, do not DROP bundles from the truck, especially in cold weather
- When staging bundles on the roof, bundles should be flat whenever possible – minimize hanging bundles over steep roof ridges, especially if they will be left for more than a day or two
- Remove three-tab shingles from the bundles granule side up, for easier separation and handling

Following are some common effects of improperly stored and handled shingles;

- Deformed shingles that do not lay flat on the roof
- Stained shingles (from the asphalt oils being released under undue pressure/temperatures)
- Shingles stuck together, also due to heat and pressure
- Damaged/broken shingles
- Faded shingle wrappers, making subsequent product identification and handling challenging

Properly storing and handling your IKO shingles will help ensure they are in great condition for installation, resulting in a roof that is both aesthetically pleasing and functional. 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.