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EAVE PROTECTORS AND STARTER COURSES

Self-adhesive eave protectors have been in the Canadian roofing market for a number of years now. They offer significant benefits to the roofing contractor and the homeowner since they offer superior protection from water backup due to ice dams formed at eaves. Their normal application is to be adhered or fastened to the roof deck, then covered at the lower edge by a drip edge, (application over the drip edge is also acceptable) followed by the installation of the starter course of shingles and subsequently all the exposed courses of shingles.

In this application method described above, the starter course of shingles (a row with the tabs cut off, leaving the sealant line at the bottom edge of the eave, or a row of Leading Edge Plus starter strips) is required for a number of reasons. It primarily offers a mineral surfaced protective layer which covers the eave protector at the exposed cutout or shingle joint areas of the first course of shingles. It also provides for a line of shingle sealant for the bottom edge of the first course of shingles to adhere to. Since this shingle sealant is the same as is used on the rest of the roof, its compatibility with the overlaying shingles is guaranteed. There are some self-adhered eave protectors on the market which offer claims that this important starter course of shingles will not be required.

IKO encourages our customers to always use a properly installed starter course of shingles to ensure total roof protection and protection of the eave flashing from ultraviolet radiation at the shingle cutouts and end joints.

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