

## 780 CMR 59.00

### ROOF ASSEMBLIES

#### 780 CMR 5901 GENERAL

**5901.1 Scope.** The provisions of 780 CMR 59.00 shall govern the design, materials, construction and quality of roof assemblies *in one- and two-family detached dwellings and accessory buildings*.

#### 780 CMR 5902 ROOF CLASSIFICATION

**5902.1 Roofing Covering Materials.** Roofs shall be covered with materials as set forth in 780 CMR 5904 and 5905 *and shall be a minimum of a Class C in accordance with UL 790 or ASTM E 108*. Roof assemblies with coverings of brick, masonry, slate, clay or concrete roof tile, exposed concrete roof deck, ferrous or copper shingles or sheets, and metal sheets and shingles, shall be considered Class A roof coverings.

**5902.2 Fire-retardant-treated Shingles and Shakes.** Fire-retardant-treated wood shakes and shingles shall be treated by impregnation with chemicals by the full-cell vacuum-pressure process, in accordance with AWPAC1. Each bundle shall be marked to identify the manufactured unit and the manufacturer, and shall also be labeled to identify the classification of the material in accordance with the testing required in 780 CMR 5902.1, the treating company and the quality control agency.

#### 780 CMR 5903 WEATHER PROTECTION

**5903.1 General.** Roof decks shall be covered with approved roof coverings secured to the building or structure in accordance with the provisions of 780 CMR 59.00. Roof assemblies shall be designed and installed in accordance with this code and the approved manufacturer's installation instructions such that the roof assembly shall serve to protect the building or structure.

**5903.2 Flashing.** Flashings shall be installed in such a manner so as to prevent moisture entering the wall and roof through joints in copings, through moisture permeable materials, and at intersections with parapet walls and other penetrations through the roof plane.

**5903.2.1 Locations.** Flashings shall be installed at wall and roof intersections; wherever there is a change in roof slope or direction; and around roof openings. Where flashing is of metal, the metal shall be corrosion resistant with a thickness of not less than 0.019 inch (No. 26 galvanized sheet).

**5903.3 Coping.** Parapet walls shall be properly coped with noncombustible, weatherproof materials of a width no less than the thickness of the parapet wall.

**5903.4 Roof Drainage.** Unless roofs are sloped to drain over roof edges, roof drains shall be installed at each low point of the roof. Where required for roof drainage, scuppers shall be placed level with the roof surface in a wall or parapet. The scupper shall be located as determined by the roof slope and contributing roof area.

#### 5903.4.1 Overflow Drains and Scuppers.

Where roof drains are required, overflow drains having the same size as the roof drains shall be installed with the inlet flow line located two inches (51 mm) above the low point of the roof, or overflow scuppers having three times the size of the roof drains and having a minimum opening height of four inches (102 mm) shall be installed in the adjacent parapet walls with the inlet flow located two inches (51 mm) above the low point of the roof served. The installation and sizing of overflow drains, leaders and conductors shall comply with the *Massachusetts State Plumbing Code (248 CMR)*.

Overflow drains shall discharge to an approved location and shall not be connected to roof drain lines.

#### 780 CMR 5904 MATERIALS

**5904.1 Scope.** The requirements set forth in 780 CMR 5904 shall apply to the application of roof covering materials specified herein. Roof assemblies shall be applied in accordance with 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer's installation instructions. Installation of roof assemblies shall comply with the applicable provisions of 780 CMR 5905.

**5904.2 Compatibility of materials.** Roof assemblies shall be of materials that are compatible with each other and with the building or structure to which the materials are applied.

**5904.3 Material Specifications and Physical Characteristics.** Roof covering materials shall conform to the applicable standards listed in 780 CMR 59.00. In the absence of applicable standards or where materials are of questionable suitability, testing by an approved testing agency shall be required by the building official to determine the character, quality and limitations of application of the materials.

**5904.4 Product Identification.** Roof covering materials shall be delivered in packages bearing the manufacturer's identifying marks and approved testing agency labels when required. Bulk shipments of materials shall be accompanied with the same information issued in the form of a certificate or on

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a bill of lading by the manufacturer.

### 780 CMR 5905 REQUIREMENTS FOR ROOF COVERINGS

**5905.1 Roof covering Application.** Roof coverings shall be applied in accordance with the applicable provisions of 780 CMR 5905 and the manufacturer's installation instructions. *Where there is a discrepancy between the requirements of 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer's printed instructions or code evaluation report, the manufacturer's printed instructions shall govern.*

**5905.2 Asphalt Shingles.** The installation of asphalt shingles shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.2.

**5905.2.1 Sheathing Requirements.** Asphalt shingles shall be fastened to solidly sheathed decks.

**5905.2.2 Slope.** Asphalt shingles shall only be used on roof slopes of two units vertical in 12 units horizontal (2:12) or greater. For roof slopes from two units vertical in 12 units horizontal (2:12) up to four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (4:12), double underlayment application is required in accordance with 780 CMR 5905.2.7.

**5905.2.3 Underlayment.** Unless otherwise noted, required underlayment shall conform with ASTM D 226, Type I, or ASTM D 4869, Type I. Self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet shall comply with ASTM D 1970.

**5905.2.4 Asphalt Shingles.** Asphalt shingles shall have self-seal strips or be interlocking, and comply with ASTM D 225 or D 3462.

**5905.2.5 Fasteners.** Fasteners for asphalt shingles shall be galvanized steel, stainless steel, aluminum or copper roofing nails, minimum 12 gage [0.105 inch (2.67 mm)] shank with a minimum 3/8-inch (9.5 mm) diameter head, ASTM F 1667, of a length to penetrate through the roofing materials and a minimum of 3/4 inch (19.1 mm) into the roof sheathing. Where the roof sheathing is less than 3/4 inch (19.1 mm) thick, the fasteners shall penetrate through the sheathing. Fasteners shall comply with ASTM F 1667.

**5905.2.6 Attachment.** Asphalt shingles shall have the minimum number of fasteners required by the manufacturer. For normal application, asphalt shingles shall be secured to the roof with not less than four fasteners per strip shingle or two fasteners per individual shingle. Where the roof slope exceeds 20 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (20:12), special methods of fastening are required. For roofs located where the basic wind speed per 780 CMR Figure 5301.2(4) is 110mph (177 km/h) or greater, special methods of fastening are required. Special fastening methods shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D 3161,

modified to use a wind speed of 110 mph (177 km/h).

Shingles classified using ASTM D 3161 are acceptable for use in wind zones less than 110 mph. Shingles classified using ASTM D 3161 modified to use a wind speed of 110 mph are acceptable for use in all cases where special fastening is required.

**5905.2.7 Underlayment Application.** *All roofs shall comply with the ice protection section of this code and also the following requirements.*

For roof slopes from two units vertical in 12 units horizontal (17% slope), up to four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (33% slope), underlayment shall be two layers applied in the following manner. Apply a 19-inch (483 mm) strip of underlayment felt parallel with and starting at the eaves, fastened sufficiently to hold in place. Starting at the eave, apply 36-inch-wide (914 mm) sheets of underlayment, overlapping successive sheets 19 inches (483 mm), and fastened sufficiently to hold in place. For roof slopes of four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (33% slope) or greater, underlayment shall be one layer applied in the following manner. Underlayment shall be applied shingle fashion, parallel to and starting from the eave and lapped two inches (51 mm), fastened sufficiently to hold in place. End laps shall be offset by six feet (1829 mm).

**5905.2.7.1 Ice Protection.** An ice barrier that consists of a least two layers of underlayment cemented together or of a self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet, shall be used in lieu of normal underlayment and extend from the eave's edge to a point at least 24 inches (610 mm) inside the exterior wall line of the building.

**Exception:** Detached accessory structures that contain no conditioned floor area.

**5905.2.7.2 Underlayment and High Wind.** Underlayment applied in areas subject to high winds [greater than 110 mph (177km/h) per 780 CMR Figure 5301.2(4)] shall be applied with corrosion-resistant fasteners in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions. Fasteners are to be applied along the overlap not farther apart than 36 inches (914 mm) on center.

**5905.2.8 Flashing.** Flashing for asphalt shingles shall comply with 780 CMR 5905.2.8.

**5905.2.8.1 Base and Cap Flashing.** Base and cap flashing shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions. Base flashing shall be of either corrosion-resistant metal of minimum nominal 0.019-inch (0.483 mm) thickness or mineral surface roll roofing weighing a minimum of 77 pounds per 100 square feet (3.76 kg/m<sup>2</sup>). Cap flashing shall be corrosion-resistant metal of

minimum nominal 0.019-inch (0.483 mm) thickness.

**5905.2.8.2 Valleys.** Valley linings shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer’s installation instructions before applying shingles. Valley linings of the following types shall be permitted:

- 1. For open valley (valley lining exposed) lined with metal, the valley lining shall be at least 24 inches (610 mm) wide and of any of the corrosion-resistant metals in 780 CMR Table 5905.2.8.2.
- 2. For open valleys, valley lining of two plies of mineral surface roll roofing, complying with ASTM D 249, shall be permitted. The bottom layer shall be 18 inches (457 mm) and the top layer a minimum of 36 inches (914 mm) wide.
- 3. For closed valleys (valley covered with shingles), valley lining of one ply of smooth roll roofing complying with ASTM D 224 Type II or Type III and at least 36 inches (914 mm) wide or valley lining as described in 780 CMR 5905.2.8.2 Items 1 and 2 shall be permitted. Specialty underlayment complying with ASTM D 1970 may be used in lieu of the lining material.

780 CMR TABLE 5905.2.8.2  
VALLEY LINING MATERIAL

MATERIAL	MINIMUM THICKNESS (inches)	GAGE	WEIGHT (pounds)
Cold-rolled copper	0.0216 nominal	—	ASTM B370, 16 oz. per square foot
Lead-coated copper	0.0216 nominal	—	ASTM B101, 16 oz. per square foot
High-yield copper	0.0162 nominal	—	ASTM B370, 12 oz. per square foot
Lead-coated high-yield copper	0.0162 nominal	—	ASTM B101, 12 oz. per square foot
Aluminum	0.024	—	—
Stainless steel	—	28	—
Galvanized steel	0.0179	26 (zinc coated G90)	—
Zinc alloy	0.027	—	—
Lead	—	—	2½
Painted terne	—	—	20

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound = 0.454 kg.

**5905.2.8.3 Crickets and Saddles.** A cricket or saddle shall be installed on the ridge side of any chimney greater than 30 inches (762 mm) wide. Cricket or saddle coverings shall be

sheet metal or of the same material as the roof covering.

**5905.2.8.4 Sidewall Flashing.** Flashing against a vertical sidewall shall be by the step-flashing method.

**5905.2.8.5 Other Flashing.** Flashing against a vertical front wall, as well as soil stack, vent pipe and chimney flashing, shall be applied according to asphalt shingle manufacturer’s printed instructions.

**5905.3 Clay and Concrete Tile.** The installation of clay and concrete shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.3. Clay roof tile shall comply with ASTM C1 167.

**5905.3.1 Deck Requirements.** Concrete and clay tile shall be installed only over solid sheathing or spaced structural sheathing boards.

**5905.3.2 Deck slope.** Clay and concrete roof tile shall be installed on roof slopes of two and one-half units vertical in 12 units horizontal (2½:12) or greater. For roof slopes from two and one-half units vertical in 12 units horizontal (2½:12) to four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (4:12), double underlayment application is required in accordance with 780 CMR 5905.3.3.

**5905.3.3 Underlayment.** Unless otherwise noted, required underlayment shall conform with ASTM D 226, Type II; ASTM D 2626, Type I; or ASTM D 249 mineral surfaced roll roofing.

**5905.3.3.1 Low Slope Roofs.** For roof slopes from two and one-half units vertical in 12 units horizontal (2½:12), up to four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (4:12), underlayment shall be a minimum of two layers underlayment applies as follows:

- 1. Starting at the eave, a 19-inch (483 mm) strip of underlayment shall be applied parallel with the eave and fastened sufficiently in place.
- 2. Starting at the eave, 36-inch-wide (914 mm) strips of underlayment felt shall be applied, overlapping successive sheets 19 inches (483 mm), and fastened sufficiently in place.

**5905.3.3.2 High Slope Roofs.** For roof slopes of four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (4:12) or greater, underlayment shall be a minimum of one layer of underlayment felt applied shingle fashion, parallel to and starting from the eaves and lapped two inches (51 mm), fastened sufficiently in place.

**5905.3.3.3 Underlayment and High Wind.** Underlayment applied in areas subject to high wind [greater than 110 miles per hour (177 km/h) per 780 CMR Figure 5301.2(4)] shall be applied with corrosion-resistant fasteners in accordance with manufacturer’s installation

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instructions. Fasteners are to be applied along the overlap not farther apart than 36 inches (914 mm) on center.

**5905.3.4 Tile.** Clay roof tile shall comply with ASTM C 1167.

**5905.3.5 Concrete Tile.** Concrete roof tile shall comply with ASTM C 1492.

**5905.3.6 Fasteners.** Nails shall be corrosion-resistant and not less than 11 gage,  $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch (10.6mm) head, and of sufficient length to penetrate the deck a minimum of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch (19.1 mm) or through the thickness of the deck, whichever is less. Attaching wire for clay or concrete tile shall not be smaller than 0.083 inch (2.1 mm). Perimeter fastening areas include three tile courses but not less than 36 inches (914 mm) from either side of hips or ridges and edges of eaves and gable rakes.

**5905.3.7 Application.** Tile shall be applied in accordance with 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer's installation instructions, based on the following:

1. Climatic conditions.
2. Roof slope.
3. Underlayment system.
4. Type of tile being installed.

Clay and concrete roof tiles shall be fastened in accordance with 780 CMR 5905.3.7 and the manufacturer's installation instructions. Perimeter tiles shall be fastened with a minimum of one fastener per tile. Tiles with installed weight less than nine pounds per square foot (0.43 kN/m<sup>2</sup>) require a minimum of one fastener per tile regardless of roof slope. Clay and concrete roof tile attachment shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions where applied in areas where the wind speed exceeds 100 miles per hour (161 km/h) and on buildings where the roof is located more than 40 feet (12192 mm) above grade. In areas subject to snow, a minimum of two fasteners per tile is required. In all other areas, clay and concrete roof tiles shall be attached in accordance with 780 CMR Table 5905.3.7.

**780 CMR TABLE 5905.3.7  
CLAY AND CONCRETE TILE ATTACHMENT**

SHEATHING	ROOF SLOPE	NUMBER OF FASTENERS
Solid without battens	All	One per tile
Spaced or solid with battens and slope <5:12	Fasteners not required	—
Spaced sheathing without battens	5:12 ≤ slope < 12:12	One per tile/ every other row
	12:12 ≤ slope <24:12	One per tile

**5905.3.8 Flashing.** At the juncture of roof vertical surfaces, flashing and counter flashing

shall be provided in accordance with 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer's installation instructions and, where of metal, shall not be less than 0.019 inch (0.48 mm) (No. 26 galvanized sheet gage) corrosion-resistant metal. The valley flashing shall extend at least 11 inches (279 mm) from the centerline each way and have a splash diverter rib not less than one inch (25.4 mm) high at the flow line formed as part of the flashing. Sections of flashing shall have an end lap of not less than four inches (102mm). For roof slopes of three units vertical in 12 units horizontal (25% slope) and greater, valley flashing shall have a 36-inch-wide (914 mm) underlayment of one layer of Type I underlayment running the full length of the valley, in addition to other required underlayment. In areas where the average daily temperature in January is 25°F (-4°C) or less, metal valley flashing underlayment shall be solid cemented to the roofing underlayment for slopes or be of self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet.

**5905.4 Metal Roof Shingles.** The installation of metal roof shingles shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.4.

**5905.4.1 Deck Requirements.** Metal roof shingles shall be applied to a solid or closely fitted deck, except where the roof covering is specifically designed to be applied to spaced sheathing.

**5905.4.2 Deck Slope.** Metal roof shingles shall not be installed on roof slopes below three units vertical in 12 units horizontal (25% slope).

**5905.4.3 Underlayment.** An ice barrier that consists of at least two layers of underlayment cemented together or of a self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet, shall be used in lieu of normal underlayment and extend from the eave's edge to a point at least 24 inches (610 mm) inside the exterior wall line of the building. Underlayment shall comply with ASTM D 226, Type I.

**Exception:** Detached accessory structures that contain no conditioned floor area.

**5905.4.4 Material Standards.** Metal roof shingle roof coverings of galvanized steel shall be 0.013 inch (0.378 mm) minimum thickness. Metal roof shingle roof coverings of aluminum shall be of 0.024 inch (0.610 mm) minimum thickness.

**5905.4.5 Application.** Metal roof shingles shall be secured to the roof in accordance with 780 CMR 59.00 and the approved manufacturer's installation instructions

**5905.4.6 Flashing.** Roof valley flashing shall be provided of corrosion-resistant metal of the same material as the roof covering or shall comply with the standards in 780 CMR Table 5905.10.3. The

valley flashing shall extend at least eight inches (203 mm) from the center line each way and shall have a splash diverter rib not less than ¾ inch (19.1 mm) high at the flow line formed as part of the flashing. Sections of flashing shall have an end lap of not less than four inches (102 mm). The metal valley flashing shall have a 36-inch-wide (914 mm) underlayment directly under it consisting of one layer of underlayment running the full length of the valley, in addition to underlayment required for metal roof shingles. In areas where the average daily temperature in January is 25°F (-4°C) or less ,the metal valley flashing underlayment shall be solid cemented to the roofing underlayment for roof slopes under seven units vertical in 12 units horizontal (58.3% slope) or self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet.

**5905.5 Mineral-surfaced Roll Roofing.** The installation of mineral-surfaced rolling roofing shall comply with 780 CMR 5905.5.

**5905.5.1 Deck Requirements.** Mineral-surfaced roll roofing shall be fastened to solidly sheathed roofs.

**5905.5.2 Deck slope.** Mineral-surfaced roll roofing shall not be applied on roof slopes below one unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (8% slope).

**5905.5.3 Underlayment.** An ice barrier that consists of at least two layers of underlayment cemented together or of a self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet, shall extend from the eave’s edge to a point at least 24 inches (610 mm) inside the exterior wall line of the building. Underlayment shall conform with ASTM D 226, Type I.

**Exception:** Detached accessory structures that contain no conditioned floor area.

**5905.5.4 Material Standards.** Mineral-surfaced roll roofing shall conform to ASTM D 224, D 249, D 371 or D 3909.

**5905.5.5 Application.** Mineral-surfaced roll roofing shall be installed in accordance with 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

**5905.6 Slate and Slate-type Shingles.** The installation of slate and slate-type shingles shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.6.

**5905.6.1 Deck Requirements.** Slate shingles shall be fastened to solidly sheathed roofs.

**5905.6.2 Deck Slope.** Slate shingles shall only be used on slopes of four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (33% slope) or greater.

**5905.6.3 Underlayment.** An ice barrier that consists of a least two layers of underlayment cemented together or of a self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet, shall extend from the eave’s edge to a point at least 24 inches (610 mm)

inside the exterior wall line of the building. Underlayment shall conform with ASTM D 226, Type I.

**Exception:** Detached accessory structures that contain no conditioned floor area.

**5905.6.4 Material Standards.** Slate shingles shall comply with ASTM C 406.

**5905.6.5 Application.** Minimum headlap for slate shingles shall be in accordance with 780 CMR Table 5905.6.5. Slate shingles shall be secured to the roof with two fasteners per slate. Slate shingles shall be installed in accordance with 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

**780 CMR TABLE 5905.6.5  
SLATE SHINGLE HEADLAP**

SLOPE	HEADLAP (inches)
4:12 ≤ slope < 8:12	4
8:12 ≤ slope < 20:12	3
Slope ≤ 20:12	2

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

**5905.6.6 Flashing.** Flashing and counterflashing shall be made with sheet metal. Valley flashing shall be a minimum of 15 inches (381 mm) wide. Valley and flashing metal shall be a minimum uncoated thickness of 0.0179-inch (0.455 mm) zinc coated G90. Chimneys, stucco or brick walls shall have a minimum of two plies of felt for a cap flashing consisting of a four-inch-wide (102 mm) strip of felt set in plastic cement and extending 1 inch (25.4 mm) above the first felt and a top coating of plastic cement. The felt shall extend over the base flashing two inches (51 mm).

**5905.7 Wood Shingles.** The installation of wood shingles shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.7.

**5905.7.1 Deck Requirements.** Wood shingles shall be installed on solid or spaced sheathing. Where spaced sheathing is used, sheathing boards shall not be less than one-inch by four-inch (25.4 mm by 102 mm) nominal dimensions and shall be spaced on centers equal to the weather exposure to coincide with the placement of fasteners.

**5905.7.1.1 Solid Sheathing Required.** In areas where the average daily temperature in January is 25°F (-4°C) or less, solid sheathing is required on that portion of the roof requiring the application of an ice shield.

**5905.7.2 Deck Slope.** Wood shingles shall be installed on slopes of three units vertical in 12 units horizontal (25% slope) or greater.

**5905.7.3 Underlayment.** An ice barrier that consists of at least two layers of underlayment cemented together or of a self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet, shall extend from the eave’s edge to a point at least 24 inches (610 mm) inside the exterior wall line of the building.

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Underlayment shall conform with ASTM D 226, Type I.

**Exception:** Detached accessory structures that contain no conditioned floor area.

**5905.7.4 Material Standards.** Wood shingles shall be of naturally durable wood and comply with the requirements of Table 780 CMR 5905.7.4.

780 CMR TABLE 5905.7.4  
WOOD SHINGLE MATERIAL  
REQUIREMENTS

MATERIAL	MINIMUM GRADES	APPLICABLE GRADING RULES
Wood shingles of naturally durable wood	1, 2 or 3	Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau

**5905.7.5 Application.** Wood shingles shall be installed according to 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer’s installation instructions. Wood shingles shall be laid with a side lap not less than 1½ inches (38 mm) between joints in courses, and no two joints in any three adjacent courses shall be in direct alignment. Spacing between shingles shall not be less than ¼ inch to ⅜ inch (6.4 mm to 9.5 mm). Weather exposure for wood shingles shall not exceed those set in 780 CMR Table 5905.7.5. Fasteners for wood shingles shall be corrosion-resistant with a minimum penetration of ½ inch (12.7 mm) into the sheathing. For sheathing less than ½ inch (12.7 mm) in thickness, the fasteners shall extend through the sheathing. Wood shingles shall be attached to the roof with two fasteners per shingle, positioned no more than ¾ inch (19.1 mm) from each edge and no more than one inch (25.4 mm) above the exposure line.

780 CMR TABLE 5905.7.5  
WOOD SHINGLE WEATHER EXPOSURE  
AND ROOF SLOPE

ROOFING MATERIAL	LENGTH (inches)	GRADE	EXPOSURE (inches)	
			3:12 pitch to <4:12	4:12 pitch or steeper
Shingles of naturally durable wood	16	No. 1	3¾	5
		No. 2	3½	4
		No. 3	3	3½
	18	No. 1	4¼	5½
		No. 2	4	4½
		No. 3	3½	4
	24	No. 1	5¾	7½
		No. 2	5½	6½
		No. 3	5	5½

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

**5905.7.6 Valley Flashing.** Roof flashing shall be not less than No. 26 gage [0.019 inches (0.48 mm)] corrosion-resistant sheet metal and shall extend ten inches (254 mm) from the centerline each way for roofs having slopes less than 12 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (100% slope), and seven inches (178 mm) from the centerline each way for slopes of 12 units vertical in 12 units horizontal and greater. Sections of flashing shall have an end lap of not less than four inches (102 mm).

**5905.7.7 Label Required.** Each bundle of shingles shall be identified by a label of an approved grading or inspection bureau or agency.

**5905.8 Wood Shakes.** The installation of wood shakes shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.8.

**5905.8.1 Deck Requirements.** Wood shakes shall only be used on solid or spaced sheathing. Where spaced sheathing is used, sheathing boards shall not be less than one-inch by four-inch (25.4 mm by 102 mm) nominal dimensions and shall be spaced on centers equal to the weather exposure to coincide with the placement of fasteners. Where one-inch by four-inch (25.4 mm by 102 mm) spaced sheathing is installed at ten inches (254 mm) on center, additional one-inch by four-inch (25.4 mm by 102 mm) boards shall be installed between the sheathing boards.

**5905.8.1.1 Solid sheathing Required.** In areas where the average daily temperature in January is 25°F (-4°C) or less, solid sheathing is required on that portion of the roof requiring an ice barrier.

**5905.8.2 Deck Slope.** Wood shakes shall only be used on slopes of three units vertical in 12 units horizontal (25% slope) or greater.

**5905.8.3 Underlayment.** An ice barrier that consists of at least two layers of underlayment cemented together or a self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet, shall extend from the edge of the eave to a point at least 24 inches (610 mm) inside the exterior wall line of the building. Underlayment shall conform with ASTM D 226, Type I.

**Exception:** Detached accessory structures that contain no conditioned floor area.

**5905.8.4 Interlayment.** Interlayment shall comply with ASTM D 226, Type I.

**5905.8.5 Material Standards.** Wood shakes shall comply with the requirements of 780 CMR Table 5905.8.5.

**5905.8.6 Application.** Wood shakes shall be installed according to 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer’s installation instructions. Wood shakes shall be laid with a side lap not less than 1½ inches (38mm) between joints in adjacent

courses. Spacing between shakes in the same course shall be 1/8 inch to 5/8 inch (3.2 mm to 15.9 mm) for shakes and taper sawn shakes of naturally durable wood and shall be 1/4 inch to 3/8 inch (6.4 mm to 9.5 mm) for preservative taper sawn shakes. Weather exposure for wood shakes shall not exceed those set forth in 780 CMR Table 5905.8.6. Fasteners for wood shakes shall be corrosion-resistant, with a minimum penetration of 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) into the sheathing. For sheathing less than 1/2 inch (12.7mm) in thickness, the fasteners shall extend through the sheathing. Wood shakes shall be attached to the roof with two fasteners per shake, positioned no more than one inch (25.4 mm) from each edge and no more than two inches (51 mm) above the exposure line.

**5905.8.7 Shake Placement.** The starter course at the eaves shall be doubled and the bottom layer shall be either 15-inch (381 mm), 18-inch (457 mm) or 24-inch (610 mm) wood shakes or wood

shingles. 15-inch (381 mm) or 18-inch (457 mm) wood shakes may be used for the final course at the ridge. Shakes shall be interlaid with 18-inch-wide (457 mm) strips of not less than No. 30 felt shingled between each course in such a manner that no felt is exposed to the weather by positioning the lower edge of each felt strip above the butt end of the shake it covers a distance equal to twice the weather exposure.

**5905.8.8 Valley Flashing.** Roof valley flashing shall not be less than No. 26 gage [0.019 inches (0.48 mm)] corrosion-resistant sheet metal and shall extend at least 11 inches (279 mm) from the centerline each way. Sections of flashing shall have an end lap of not less than 4 inches (102 mm).

**5905.8.9 Label required.** Each bundle of shakes shall be identified by a label of an approved grading or inspection bureau or agency.

780 CMR TABLE 5905.8.5  
WOOD SHAKE MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

MATERIAL	MINIMUM GRADES	APPLICABLE GRADING RULES
Wood shakes of naturally durable wood	1	Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau
Taper sawn shakes of naturally durable wood	1 or 2	Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau
Preservative-treated shakes and shingles of naturally durable wood	1	Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau
Fire-retardant-treated shakes and shingles of naturally durable wood	1	Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau
Preservative-treated taper sawn shakes of southern yellow pine treated in accordance with AWPAC Standard C2	1 or 2	Forest Products Laboratory of the Texas Forest Services

780 CMR TABLE 5905.8.6  
WOOD SHAKE WEATHER EXPOSURE AND ROOF SLOPE

ROOFING MATERIAL	LENGTH (inches)	GRADE	EXPOSURE (inches)
			4:12 pitch or steeper
Shakes of naturally durable wood	18	No. 1	7½
	24	No. 1	10 <sup>a</sup>
Preservative-treated taper sawn shakes of Southern Yellow Pine	18	No. 1	7½
	24	No. 1	10
	18	No. 2	5½
	24	No. 2	7½
Taper sawn shakes of naturally durable wood	18	No. 1	7½
	24	No. 1	10
	18	No. 2	5½
	24	No. 2	7½

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.  
a. For 24-inch by 3/8-inch handsplit shakes, the maximum exposure is 7½ inches.

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**5905.9 Built-up Roofs.** The installation of built-up roofs shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.9.

**5905.9.1 Slope.** Built-up roofs shall have a design slope of a minimum of ¼ unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2% slope) for drainage, except for coal-tar built-up roofs, which shall have a design slope of a minimum ⅛ unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (1% slope).

**5905.9.2 Material Standards.** Built-up roof covering materials shall comply with the standards in 780 CMR Table 5905.9.2.

**5905.9.3 Application.** Built-up roofs shall be installed according to 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

**5905.10 Metal Roof Panels.** The installation of

metal roof panels shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.10.

**5905.10.1 Deck Requirements.** Metal roof panel roof coverings shall be applied to a solid or spaced sheathing, except where the roof covering is specifically designed to be applied to spaced supports.

**5905.10.2 Slope.** The minimum slope for lapped, nonsoldered seam metal roofs without applied lap sealant shall be three units vertical in 12 units horizontal (25% slope). The minimum slope for lapped, nonsoldered seam metal roofs with applied lap sealant shall be ½ vertical unit in 12 units horizontal (4% slope). The minimum slope for standing seam roof systems shall be ¼ unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2% slope).

780 CMR TABLE 5905.9.2  
BUILT-UP ROOFING MATERIAL STANDARDS

MATERIAL STANDARD	STANDARD
Acrylic coatings used in roofing	ASTM D 6083
Aggregate surfacing	ASTM D 1863
Asphalt adhesive used in roofing	ASTM D 3747
Asphalt cements used in roofing	ASTM D 3019; D 2822; D 4586
Asphalt-coated glass fiber base sheet	ASTM D 4601
Asphalt coatings used in roofing	ASTM D 1227; D 2823; D 2824; D 4479
Asphalt glass felt	ASTM D 2178
Asphalt primer used in roofing	ASTM D 41
Asphalt-saturated and asphalt-coated organic felt base sheet	ASTM D 2626
Asphalt-saturated organic felt (perforated)	ASTM D 226
Asphalt used in roofing	ASTM D 312
Coal tar cements used in roofing	ASTM D 4022; D 5643
Coal-tar saturated organic felt	ASTM D 227
Coal-tar primer used in roofing, dampproofing and waterproofing	ASTM D 43
Coal-tar used in roofing	ASTM D 450, Types I or II
Glass mat, coal tar	ASTM D 4990
Glass mat, venting type	ASTM D 4897
Mineral-surfaced inorganic cap sheet	ASTM D 3909
Thermoplastic fabrics used in roofing	ASTM D 5665; D 5726



780 CMR TABLE 5905.10.3  
METAL ROOF COVERINGS STANDARDS AND INSTALLATION

ROOF COVERING TYPE	STANDARD APPLICATION RATE/THICKNESS
Aluminum	ASTM B 209, 0.024 inch minimum thickness for rollformed panels and 0.0 19 inch minimum thickness for pressformed shingles.
Aluminum zinc alloy coated steel	ASTM A 792 AZ 50
Copper	ASTM B 370, 16 oz. per sq. ft. for metal sheet roof covering systems; 12 oz. per sq. ft. for preformed metal shingle systems; CDA 4115
Galvanized steel	ASTM A 653 G-90 zinc coated, 0.0 13 inch thick minimum
Hard lead	2 lbs. per sq. ft.
Lead-coated copper	ASTM B 101
Prepainted steel	ASTM A 755
Soft lead	3 lbs. per sq. ft.
Terne (tin) and terne coated stainless	Terne coating of 40 lb. per double base box, field painted where applicable in accordance with manufacturer’s installation instructions.

For SI: 1 ounce per square foot = 0.0026 kg/m², 1 pound per square foot = 4.882 kg/m², 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound = 0.454 kg.

**5905.10.3 Material Standards.** Metal-sheet roof covering systems that incorporate supporting structural members shall be designed in accordance with the *International Building Code*. Metal-sheet roof coverings installed over structural decking shall comply with 780 CMR Table 5905.10.3.

**5905.10.4 Attachment.** Metal roofing shall be installed in accordance with 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer’s installation instructions. Metal roofing fastened directly to steel framing shall be attached by approved fasteners. The following fasteners shall be used:

- 1. Galvanized fasteners shall be used for galvanized roofs.
- 2. Three hundred series stainless steel fasteners shall be used for copper roofs.
- 3. Stainless steel fasteners are acceptable for metal roofs.

**5905.11 Modified Bitumen Roofing.** The installation of modified bitumen roofing shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.11.

**5905.11.1 Slope.** Modified bitumen membrane roofs shall have a design slope of a minimum of ¼ unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2% slope) for drainage.

**5905.11.2 Material Standards.** Modified bitumen roof coverings shall comply with the standards in Table 780 5905.11.2.

780 CMR TABLE R905.11.2  
MODIFIED BITUMEN ROOFING  
MATERIAL STANDARDS

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylic coating	ASTM D 6083
Asphalt adhesive	ASTM D 3747
Asphalt cement	ASTM D 3019
Asphalt coating	ASTM D 1227; D 2824
Asphalt primer	ASTM D 41
Modified bitumen roof membrane	ASTM D 6162; D 6163; D 6164; D 6222; D 6223; D 6298; CGSB 37-56M

**5905.11.3 Application.** Modified bitumen roofs shall be installed according to 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

**5905.12 Thermoset Single-ply Roofing.** The installation of thermoset single-ply roofing shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.12.

**5905.12.1 Slope.** Thermoset single-ply membrane roofs shall have a design slope of a minimum of ¼ unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2% slope) for drainage.

**5905.12.2 Materials Standards.** Thermoset single-ply roof coverings shall comply with RMA RP-1, RP-2 or RP-3, or ASTM D 4637, ASTM D 5019 or CGSB 37-52M.

**5905.12.3 Application.** Thermoset single-ply roofs shall be installed according to 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

**5905.13 Thermoplastic Single-ply Roofing.** The installation of thermoplastic single-ply roofing shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.13.

**5905.13.1 Slope.** Thermoplastic single-ply membrane roofs shall have a design slope of a minimum of ¼ unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2% slope).

**5905.13.2 Material Standards.** Thermoplastic single-ply roof coverings shall comply with

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ASTM D 4434 or CGSB 37-54M.

**5905.13.3 Application.** Thermoplastic single-ply roofs shall be installed according to 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**5905.14 Sprayed Polyurethane Foam Roofing.** The installation of sprayed polyurethane foam roofing shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.14.

**5905.14.1 Slope.** Sprayed polyurethane foam roofs shall have a design slope of a minimum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2% slope) for drainage.

**5905.14.2 Material Standards.** Spray-applied polyurethane-foam insulation shall comply with ASTM C 1029.

**5905.14.3 Application.** Foamed in place roof insulation shall be installed in accordance with 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer's installation instructions. A liquid-applied protective coating that complies with 780 CMR 5905.15 shall be applied no less than two hours nor more than 72 hours following the application of the foam.

**5905.14.4 Foam Plastics.** Foam plastic materials and installation shall comply with 780 CMR 5314.

**5905.15 Liquid-applied Coatings.** The installation of liquid-applied coatings shall comply with the provisions of 780 CMR 5905.15.

**5905.15.1 Slope.** Liquid-applied roofs shall have a design slope of a minimum of one-fourth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2% slope).

**5905.15.2 Material Standards.** Liquid-applied roof coatings shall comply with ASTM C 836, C 957, D 1227, D 3468 or D 6083.

**5905.15.3 Application.** Liquid-applied roof coatings shall be installed according to 780 CMR 59.00 and the manufacturer's installation instructions.

## 780 CMR 5906 ROOF INSULATION

**5906.1 General.** The use of above deck thermal insulation shall be permitted provided such insulation is covered with an approved roof covering and passes FM 4450 or UL 1256.

*Note: Compliance with applicable sections of 780 CMR 61.00 is also required.*

## 780 CMR 5907 REROOFING

**5907.1 General.** Materials and methods of application used for recovering or replacing an existing roof covering shall comply with the requirements of 780 CMR 59.00.

**Exception:** Reroofing shall not be required to meet the minimum design slope requirement of  $\frac{1}{4}$  unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2% slope) in 780 CMR 5905 for roofs that provide positive roof drainage.

**5907.2 Structural and Construction Loads.** The structural roof components shall be capable of supporting the roof covering system and the material and equipment loads that will be encountered during installation of the roof covering system.

**5907.3 Recovering versus replacement (also see 780 CMR 9304.4.3).** New roof coverings shall not be installed without first removing existing roof coverings where any of the following conditions occur:

1. Where the existing roof or roof covering is water-soaked or has deteriorated to the point that the existing roof or roof covering is not adequate as a base for additional roofing.
2. Where the existing roof covering is wood shake, slate, clay, cement or asbestos-cement tile.
3. Where the existing roof has two or more applications of any type of roof covering.

**Exceptions:**

1. Complete and separate roofing systems, such as standing-seam metal roof systems, that are designed to transmit the roof loads directly to the building's structural system and that do not rely on existing roofs and roof coverings for support shall not require the removal of existing roof coverings.
2. Metal panel, metal shingle, and concrete and clay tile roof coverings shall be permitted to be installed over existing wood shake roofs when applied in accordance with 780 CMR 5907.4.

**5907.4 Roof Recovering.** Where the application of a new roof covering over wood shingle or shake roofs creates a combustible concealed space, the entire existing surface shall be covered with gypsum board, mineral fiber, glass fiber or other approved materials securely fastened in place.

**5907.5 Reinstallation of Materials.** Existing slate, clay or cement tile shall be permitted for reinstallation, except that damaged, cracked or broken slate or tile shall not be reinstalled. Existing vent flashing, metal edgings, drain outlets, collars and metal counterflashings shall not be reinstalled where rusted, damaged or deteriorated. Aggregate surfacing materials shall not be reinstalled.

**5907.6 Flashings.** Flashings shall be reconstructed in accordance with approved manufacturer's installation instructions. Metal flashing to which bituminous materials are to be adhered shall be primed prior to installation.

*Note: Compliance with applicable sections of*