



**Firestone Building Products**

# **UltraPly™ TPO Roofing Systems**

## **Guide for Designers**

**UltraPly TPO  
UltraPly TPO Platinum  
UltraPly TPO InvisiWeld™  
UltraPly TPO XR  
UltraPly TPO SA  
UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered  
UltraPly TPO Flex SA  
UltraBlend Roofing Systems**

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## 1.01 GENERAL DESIGN CRITERIA

### A. APPLICABILITY

1. Parameters of this manual outline the minimum requirements for the Firestone UltraPly Warranty, including UltraPly TPO, UltraPly Platinum, UltraPly TPO XR, UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered, UltraPly TPO InvisiWeld, UltraPly TPO SA, UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered SA, and UltraBlend Roofing Systems. Reference to Firestone Application Guides, Technical Information Sheets and other published information is necessary to ensure that the completed roofing system is installed in compliance with Firestone requirements. Local code and insurance requirements may require specific enhancements.
2. Extended warranties, 15, 20, 25 and 30-year, 2" hail coverage, and wind warranties more than 55 MPH, may require special consideration or enhancement regarding fasteners, insulation, membrane gauge and securement, some of which can be found in this manual and in the Firestone Attachment Guide. If a proposed installation falls outside this specification, contact a Firestone Technical Services Advisor for additional information.
3. For 30-year warranties, see the UltraPly Platinum .080" (2.03 mm) membrane information.
4. Firestone UltraBlend specifications are an EPDM option for flashings for UltraPly TPO Roofing Systems warranted up to 20-years.
5. Statements in this guide are provided in good faith with the expectation that a design professional will be consulted prior to any job decisions being made.
6. Firestone roofing systems may or may not be applicable, without special consideration, if subject to local, regional, or national building code requirements or testing agency restrictions.
  - a) It is the building owner's or the design professional's responsibility to consult with the controlling code agency official(s) to determine the specific requirements of each project and each system.
  - b) Contact a Firestone Technical Services Advisor at 800-428-4511 when local codes conflict with Firestone recommendations.



**Certain situations may arise where Firestone specifications and/or roofing requirements cannot be applied. It may not be possible for Firestone to issue the desired warranty for projects that deviate from current Firestone requirements and standards, unless a written deviation request for approval has been received, reviewed and approved by a Firestone Technical Services Advisor prior to application of the proposed system.**

7. The following conditions require special consideration and may not be warrantable. Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for information if any of the following conditions are present:
  - Roofs that exceed the maximum slope and height limits for the roof system assembly, see table 1.01-1
  - Projects that require special hail or wind coverage greater than 55 mph
  - Roofs located where localized wind phenomenon may occur, reference ASCE-7 wind maps
  - Roofs located in down-slope, foothills of mountain ranges or escarpments
  - Mechanically attached systems located within 5 miles (8.3 Km) of the ocean coastline or within 1500' (457 m) of a Great Lake shoreline
  - Geographical areas susceptible to hurricanes
  - Roofs subject to chemical or process byproduct discharge
  - Roofs with non-linear slopes such as arches, domes, and barrels, etc.
  - Buildings with large openings in a wall (greater than 10% of the any one wall surface) that could be left open in a storm
  - Roofs subject to heavy or repeated traffic in an area
  - Roofs subject to positive pressure situations such as: pressurized buildings, air infiltrating decks, canopies, overhangs, airplane hangars, distribution centers, etc.
  - Buildings with high interior humidity such as swimming pools
  - Roof decks that do not provide adequate fastener pullout resistance
8. Cold storage, freezer facilities and swimming pools constitute a special condition. A designer familiar with cold storage, indoor swimming pool construction and vapor migration should be consulted in the design of the roof system and integration with the rest of the structure envelope.



Unlimited slope in the chart below only refers to the potential maximum installation slope. When using a mechanical hot air welder there are practical slope limitations. Safety is the first order to consider with any project. Consult with the equipment manufacturer on the performance of the individual machine.

**TABLE 1.01-1**  
Roofing System Applicability – Thermoplastic Single-Ply Membranes

System		Product	Slope	Barrel, Arch, etc.	Maximum Height	Maximum Warranty Term	
Platinum UltraPly TPO	Adhered (single or Wide Weld)	.080" UltraPly TPO (8' or 10' sheet)	Unlimited	OK	250' (76.2 m)	30 yr	
	Mechanically Attached (single or Wide Weld)	.080" UltraPly TPO (8' sheet only)	Max. 4:12 (33.3%)	OK	120' (36.6 m)	30 yr	
UltraPly TPO & UltraPly TPO XR	Adhered (single or Wide Weld)	.060" UltraPly TPO (8' or 10' sheet)	Unlimited	OK	250' (76.2 m)	25 yr	
		.045" or .060" UltraPly TPO (8', 10', or 12' sheet) or UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered	Unlimited	OK	250' (76.2 m)	20 yr	
		UltraPly TPO XR 135 (.080")	XR Stick / Twin Jet	Unlimited	OK	250' (76.2 m)	30 yr
			XR Bonding Adhesive	Unlimited	OK		
			Jet Bond	Unlimited	OK		
			Asphalt	Max. 4:12 (33.3%)	OK		
		UltraPly TPO XR 115 (.060")	XR Stick / Twin Jet	Unlimited	OK	250' (76.2 m)	20 yr
			XR Bonding Adhesive	Unlimited	OK		
			Jet Bond	Unlimited	OK		
			Asphalt	Max. 4:12 (33.3%)	OK		
		UltraPly TPO XR 100 (.045")	XR Stick / Twin Jet	Unlimited	OK	250' (76.2 m)	20 yr
			XR Bonding Adhesive	Unlimited	OK		
	Jet Bond		Unlimited	OK			
	Asphalt		Max. 4:12 (33.3%)	OK			
	Ballasted	Pavers	.045" mm or .060" UltraPly TPO	Max. 2:12 (16.6%)	NO	250' (76.2m)	20 yr
		Stone	.045" or .060" UltraPly TPO	Max. 2:12 (16.6%)	NO	75' (22.8 m)	20 yr
	Mechanically Attached (Single or Wide Weld)	.060" UltraPly TPO (8' or 10' sheet only)	Max. 4:12 (33.3%)	OK	120' (36.6 m)	25 yr	
		.045" or .060" UltraPly TPO (8', 10', or 12' sheet)	Max. 4:12 (33.3%)	OK	120" (36.6 m)	20 yr	
		UltraPly TPO XR 135 (.080")	Max 4:12	OK	120' (36.6 m)	30 yr	
		UltraPly TPO XR 100 or 115 (.045 or .060")	Max. 4:12 (33.3%)	OK	120" (36.6 m)	20 yr	
InvisiWeld™ or InvisiWeld-S Plate Induction Bonded System	.045" UltraPly TPO (8' or 10' sheet)	Max. 4:12 (33.3%)	OK	120' (36.6 m)	15 yr		
	.060" UltraPly TPO (8', 10', or 12' sheet)	Max. 4:12 (33.3%)	OK	120' (36.6 m)	20 yr		
	.080" UltraPly TPO (8' or 10' sheet)	Max. 4:12 (33.3%)	OK	120' (36.6 m)	30 yr		
UltraPly TPO SA	Self-Adhered TPO Membrane	.060" UltraPly TPO SA	Max. 2:12 (16.6%)	OK	250' (76.2 m)	20 Yr	
UltraPly TPO Flex SA	Self-Adhered TPO Membrane	.060" UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered SA	Max. 2:12 (16.6%)	OK	250' (76.2 m)	20 Yr	
<b>NOTE:</b> .045" = 1.14 mm                      8' = 2.4 m .060" = 1.52 mm                      10' = 3.05 m .080" = 2.03 mm                      12' = 3.66 m							

## B. CONSULTATION

1. Firestone recommends that a design professional be involved in the design process. For additional assistance, contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for consultation with respect to any necessary deviations from current Firestone requirements and standards.
2. For recommendations on any specific project, about the applicability, or appropriateness, of any material's suitability for use or use of products in conjunction with any other specific material, follow these steps:
  - a) Consult the Firestone Building Products Website: [www.firestonebpco.com](http://www.firestonebpco.com).
  - b) Consult this manual, Firestone UltraPly TPO Application Guides and specific Technical Information Sheets (TIS).
  - c) Consult with the building owner or his design professional.
  - d) Consult with your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for information.
3. Statements in this design guide are provided in good faith with the expectation that a design professional be consulted prior to any job decisions being made.

## C. DESIGN

1. As a supplier of roofing systems, Firestone does not perform engineering or design functions and does not approve or make comments regarding them.
2. Firestone recommends that a design professional be consulted to assure proper design, (i.e. roof system selection) installation, and conformance to building codes, insurance requirements, etc.
3. Refer to the Firestone Roofing Systems [Attachment Guide](#) for additional requirements for securing insulations and membranes.

Following are just a few of the conditions that may influence the need for a design professional:



- Structural conditions that might not be sufficient to support the anticipated load of the completed roof installation
- Structural conditions to support the dynamic loading of the roof system
- The need to review the proposed system assembly for its applicability on specific projects
- The requirements of building codes for the need of a thermal barrier
- The requirements of building codes for the need of a vapor retarder
- The requirements of building codes for the need of an air barrier
- When considering the effect of loads on the structure/decking due to the loading/staging of materials as a part of system installation. The design professional should specify the load limitations to be observed by the Firestone licensed applicator

## D. WARRANTY

1. Where a Firestone Red Shield labor and material warranty is required:
  - a) Submit an Electronic Pre-Installation Notice (P.I.N.) along with an approved roof drawing, 14 days prior to project start and receive an acknowledgement from Firestone of acceptance or necessary enhancements to meet Firestone requirements to receive a warranty.
  - b) The roof must be installed according to the current Firestone requirements appropriate to the project conditions and design requirements.
  - c) The Firestone roof system must be installed by a current Firestone Red Shield licensed applicator.
  - d) The Firestone roof system must be inspected by a Firestone Technical Representative.
  - e) Upon inspection and acceptance of the installed roof system by a Firestone Technical Representative, the warranty will be issued and dated based on the completion date of the roof installation reported by the roofing contractor.
2. Firestone's inspection is to confirm the installation details of the roofing system for compliance with Firestone's documents of record for warranty requirements. The inspection is not intended as an inspection for benefit of the building owner or the design professional with respect to contract, building codes or compliance with specifications other than Firestone's.
3. Hail coverage:

- a) Up to 2" hail coverage requires a minimum 60 mil UltraPly TPO membrane and an approved, adhered high density (HD) coverboard.
  - b) Severe Hail (SH) or Very Severe hail (VSH) requires an approved Factory Mutual assembly and does not affect Firestone Warranty coverage.
  - c) UltraPly TPO InvisiWeld roofing systems do not qualify for hail coverage.
  - d) Contact your Firestone Technical Advisor for additional information.
4. Cut and Puncture Protection (CPP) warranty coverage is available with Ultraply TPO Membranes
- a) Use of 60 mil or greater UltraPly TPO membrane system and additional cost per square foot. Walk pads not required. Please see the warranty pricing guide for current pricing.
  - b) Use of 80 mil Platinum TPO membrane and HailGard Cover board with not additional cost per square foot.

**Note:** Roof protection pad or paver is required all roof access points.

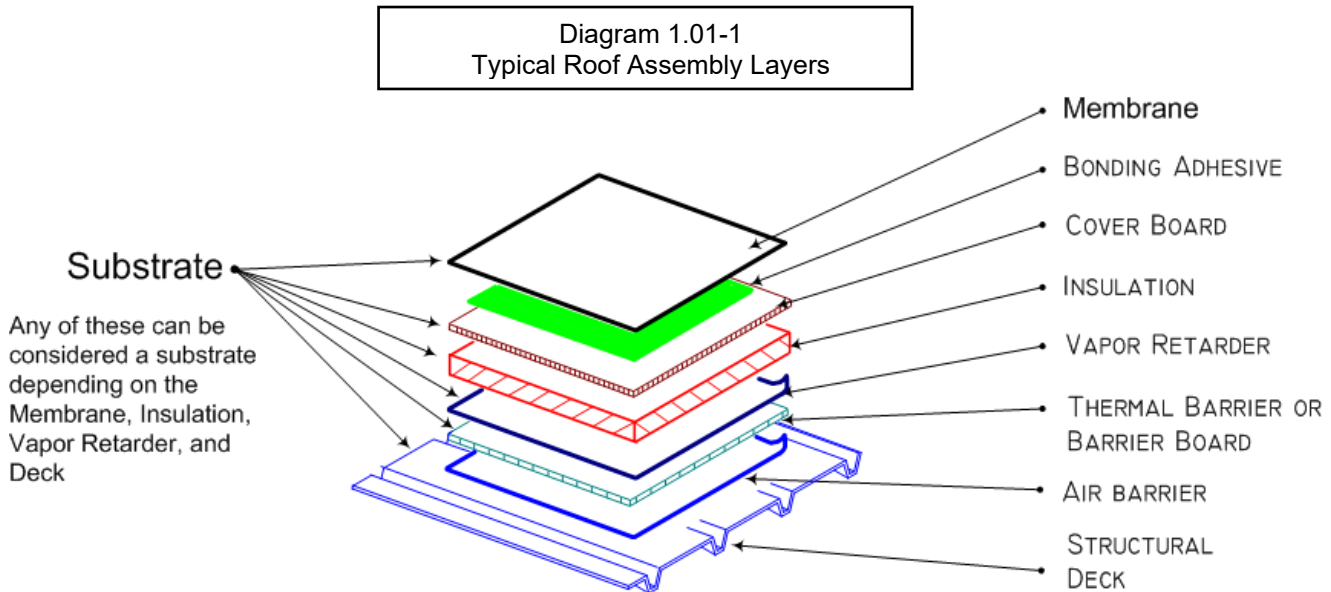
5. An air barrier is required for projects with large wall openings that are greater than 10% of the total wall area that can be left open in a storm. Criteria to be determined based upon Firestone's Review.

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A Firestone warranty cannot be issued if any of the following conditions exist:

- Non-roofing applications such as plaza deck construction, waterproofing, pond liners, etc.
- Roofing applications for single-family residences
- Other non-approved applications



**Not all inter layer attachment methods are shown for clarity.**

## 1.02 QUALITY ASSURANCE

### A. JOB SITE CONSIDERATIONS

1. All safety regulations required by OSHA and other agencies having jurisdiction must be followed.
2. During the construction process, the roofing contractor is responsible for ensuring that all components of the Firestone roof system, including the finished areas are protected from damage, including, but not limited to:
  - Damage that may result from the continued construction process

- Direct contact with continuous steam or heat sources when the in-service temperature is more than 160 °F (71 °C) for UltraPly TPO products
- Asphalt, coal tar, oil base or plastic roof cements, and re-saturated roof products, which are not to be used in direct contact with the waterproofing components of the Firestone UltraPly TPO Roofing Systems
- Discharges, such as petroleum products, greases, oils (mineral and vegetable), animal fats and other byproducts, which may come in contact with the membrane

3. Cold weather application:

- a) When the outside temperature is below 40 °F (4 °C), installation of Firestone roofing systems may require additional application precautions:
- Adhesives and sealants should remain in an environment between 60 °F and 80 °F (16 °C and 27 °C) until ready for use
  - Materials should be used within four hours of removal from a heated storage area. If materials are not used within that time, they should be returned to the heated storage area until the temperature of the material returns to 60 °F (16 °C). Typically, this is 24 hours
- b) For additional information and guidelines, see Firestone Technical Information Sheets (TIS), Firestone Cold Weather Application Guidelines, Firestone UltraPly TPO Roofing Systems Application Guide, UltraPly TPO XR Roofing Systems Application Guide, UltraPly TPO InvisiWeld and InvisiWeld-S Roofing Systems Application Guide, UltraPly TPO SA Roofing Systems Application Guide, UltraPly TPO Flex SA Roofing Systems Application Guide, UltraBlend TPO Roofing Systems Application Guide, any relevant Firestone product-specific installation instructions, and the NRCA Roofing and Waterproofing Manual.

## B. ASPHALT PRODUCTS

1. See the Firestone Asphalt Roofing Systems Guide for Applicators and Designers for additional information.
2. Asphalt for insulation, roofing plies, or base sheets must be Firestone SEBS Mopping Asphalt or either ASTM D 312 Type III or Type IV. Asphalt selection must be suitable for the roof slope. All asphalt must be tested in accordance with ASTM D 312 and be certified by the supplier that it meets the minimum requirements for the specific type and application. Asphalt selection must be suitable for the roof slope.
3. Assure that all health and safety measures are followed when installing hot asphalt to protect the installers as well as occupants of the building. Assure compliance to all building codes and safety regulations when using hot asphalt.
4. Asphalt properties may change when stored at high temperatures and/or for long periods of time. Asphalt may become harder or may experience what is known as “fallback”. Fallback is the degradation of the asphalt to the point that its physical properties (i.e. softening point) deteriorate which could then cause roof slippage. To reduce the chances for fallback, the following recommendations should be implemented:
  - Use higher softening point asphalt
  - Use material as quickly as possible, thus reducing exposure time
  - Insulate all lines and equipment used to transport asphalt
5. Asphalt primer: Asphalt primer must meet ASTM D-41.
6. With the exception of SEBS, Firestone does not manufacture or supply asphalt and does not warrant products we do not sell or supply.

## C. PHASED CONSTRUCTION/TEMPORARY ROOFING

1. Phased Construction
  - a) Phased Construction is defined by the NRCA as “The installation of a roof system in two or more separate time intervals.” The need for temporary roofing is determined by the design professional.



Firestone does not recommend phased construction. Phased construction results in unprotected roof sections, which can allow moisture into the base plies or trap moisture, dust, or debris between the plies of the roof system. These application defects may increase the incidence of blistering in the Firestone roof system.

- b) A better option than the use of phased construction is the use of a temporary roof, which allows for the delayed installation of the roof system until more suitable weather, or until other trades can complete their projects. A temporary roof can be designed and installed in the same way as a vapor retarder and



can then become a vapor retarder.

## 2. Temporary Roofing

- a) If installation of the roof system is required during unsuitable weather, or before completion of wood blocking, curbs, penetrations, or the erection of walls, a temporary roof may need to be installed.
- b) If a temporary roof is needed due to construction requirements, Firestone recommends installing a modified asphalt base sheet or two fiberglass roofing plies in an appropriate adhesive over an approved substrate, to be used as the temporary roof. This temporary roof can serve to protect the interior of the building during the early stages of construction. It may then be removed or repaired, if necessary, and can be left as a vapor retarder prior to the installation of the finished Firestone roofing system.
- c) If roof insulation is installed under the temporary roof, the insulation shall be inspected for wet or damaged areas, so that such areas may be removed and replaced prior to installation of the Firestone roof system.
- d) When a temporary roof is specified as a vapor retarder, precaution shall be exercised in protecting the temporary roof from other construction tradesmen. Damage to the temporary roof may impair its effectiveness as a vapor retarder. If a vapor retarder is installed as a temporary roof during construction, the vapor retarder shall be examined and repaired as necessary to ensure watertight integrity prior to installation of the remainder of the roof system.
- e) For additional information regarding temporary roofs, refer to the NRCA's Roofing and Waterproofing Manual or contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information.

## 1.03 VAPOR RETARDERS / AIR BARRIERS

The determination of the necessity and location for a vapor retarder or an air barrier is a project specific requirement, which is the responsibility of the building owner or his design professional. The proper assessment of the building, the need for, and the proper design and installation of, an air barrier and vapor retarder are critical to the long-term operation of the roofing system.



Firestone does not review or calculate dew point analyses and therefore does not accept responsibility for damage due to recurrence rate or location of the dew point. Although not all projects require a vapor retarder, a design review should be considered for all projects.

The inclusion of an air barrier or vapor retarder may affect the Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual rating of the roof system.

The inclusion of an air barrier or vapor retarder may affect the Firestone system requirements and consequently the Firestone warranty. Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information prior to application of the proposed system.

### A. VAPOR RETARDER

1. To control moisture, a vapor retarder may be necessary to protect certain roofing components when high interior humidity is of concern. Some examples are:
  - When high interior relative humidity is present.
  - When vapor drive may be expected to form a dew point under the roof membrane or in the insulation. Building usages with high humidity interiors where vapor drive may occur, such as swimming pools, laundry facilities, paper mills, and bottling plants.

In these types of environments, there is substantial upward vapor drive, and the potential exists for extreme amounts of moisture accumulation within the roof assembly. If an effective vapor retarder is not included at the proper location in the roof assembly, so that the retarder is warmer than the dew point, condensation will cause damage from the moisture retained in the roof assembly.

This movement is reversed in some air-conditioned buildings in humid summer conditions. This is especially true in southern states.

Vapor retarders are installed because water vapor causes several types of roof assembly failures such as:

- Reduced R-value, since wet insulation becomes a conductor of heat rather than an insulator.
- Deterioration of the roof membrane, insulation, structural decks, and associated building components.
- Delamination of roof components from trapped moisture, which freezes and thaws, eventually evaporating under solar heat with the resulting vapor pressure causing blisters and delamination.

The following is a partial listing which might influence the need for a vapor retarder:

- Building usage as related to vapor drive.



- External temperature in relation to internal temperature.
- The humidity of the interior and/or exterior air.
- Building code requirements.
- Construction generated moisture, particularly during winter when temporary propane heat is required.

A vapor retarder's effectiveness generally depends upon the following factors:

- The vapor retarder's perm (permeance) rating shall be as close to zero as possible.
- The adequacy of design of the vapor retarder membrane.
- The integrity of the vapor retarder's seals at perimeters and penetrations.
- The integrity of the vapor retarder's membrane after other tradesmen finish their projects during construction or any subsequent roof or equipment alterations.
- The vapor retarder's location within the insulated roof assembly.

Construction roof traffic shall be restricted to prevent damage to the vapor retarder. In the event damage does occur, repair the vapor retarder damage with the same roof components and quantities as specified for the vapor retarder installation.

Contact one of the four generally accepted agencies for help in determining the need for a vapor retarder. They are:

- National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) guidelines
- U. S. Army Corp of Engineering Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) guidelines
- American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

## 2. Vapor Retarder properties:

- a) A vapor retarder is defined as a building envelope element that limits diffusion of moisture into an assembly. Diffusion is water vapor migration in a material. Its rate depends on two factors:
- Water vapor pressure difference across the roof assembly.
  - Resistance of materials along the migration path.

Some materials have more resistance than others. Placing a high-resistance material in a roof assembly may help control moisture migration.

- b) Vapor retarders are intended to limit moisture diffusion. Therefore, the main property requirement of a vapor retarder is low water vapor permeance. Water vapor permeance is defined as:

*"The time of water vapor transmission through a unit area of flat materials or construction induced by a unit vapor pressure difference between two specified surfaces, under specified temperature and humidity conditions".*

## 3. Design:

- a) The roof system designer is generally responsible for the design requirements of the roof deck, vapor retarder, and rigid insulation along with the roof system. This is more important when specifying roofing systems over high humidity buildings. The need for a vapor retarder, as well as the type, placement and location of a vapor retarder should be determined by a professional architect or engineer. The list below, are examples of common vapor retarder applications.

- Firestone V-Force™ Vapor Barrier Membrane (self-adhered) applied to an approved flat substrate that has been primed with V-Force Primer. See the V-Force and V-Force Primer Technical Information Sheets (TIS) on the Firestone website for application information.
- Mopped Firestone Type IV M or VI Ply Sheet over a nailed Firestone MB Base Sheet.
- Mechanically attached fiberglass or polyester venting base sheet with 18" (457 mm) side and end laps mopped with hot asphalt.
- Existing dry and sound un-insulated built-up roof system (all splits and blisters repaired).
- Mopped Firestone Type IV M or VI Ply Sheet over an existing dry and sound un-insulated built-up roof system. If gravel surfaced, then gravel shall be removed by power brooming, vacuuming and spudding.
- 2 plies of Mopped Firestone Type IV M or VI Ply Sheet set in hot asphalt over an acceptable mechanically attached barrier board.
- 2 plies of Mopped Firestone Type IV M or VI Ply Sheet set in hot asphalt directly on a properly prepared structural concrete deck.
- Fully adhered Firestone SBS Base Sheet set in hot asphalt, cold adhesive, or SBS Torch Base heat fused, over an acceptable mechanically attached barrier board.
- Fully adhered Firestone SBS Base Sheet set in hot asphalt, cold adhesive, or SBS Torch Base heat

fused, directly on a properly prepared structural concrete deck.

- Six (6) mil polyethylene sheeting taped at laps and to penetrations and perimeters.

b) The roof system designer must:

- Assure that the methods of attachment of the roof system to the vapor retarder selected are compatible.
- Assure that the vapor retarder will extend continuously and evenly throughout the roof plane to provide a complete seal against the intrusion of moist air from the building interior. Integration of the wall and roof air retarder systems is essential.
- Consider the effect of construction moisture on a new roof system, particularly during winter, when temporary propane heat is required.

**B. AIR BARRIERS**

1. While some Firestone roofing systems may require an air barrier to receive a Firestone warranty, the need for an air barrier, as well as the type, placement and location of the air barrier must be determined by a professional architect or engineer.
2. Air barriers systems are a component of building envelope systems that control the movement of air into and out of buildings.
3. An air barrier may consist of a single material or of two or more materials which, when installed as a system, make up an air impermeable, structurally adequate barrier.
4. Air barrier systems are generally comprised of building components and materials that have an air permeability not exceeding 0.004 cfm/sf under a pressure differential of .3" water.
5. No single component or material has the capability to provide a complete air barrier system for a building; therefore, air barrier systems include many components and materials that are interfaced with each other. Firestone recommends that the individual manufacturers of these products provide written certification that their products, when used together, meet this requirement.
6. If the air barrier is to perform its intended role, it must meet a number of requirements:
  - **Continuity:** the assembly must be linked together to ensure that there is no break in the air tightness of the envelope.
  - **Structural Integrity:** The air barrier must can resist the imposed load or must be supported by one that can. It must can resist the strongest wind load acting as either a pressure or suction without rupturing or breaking away from its support. The air barrier and its support must be sufficiently rigid to resist displacement.
  - **Air Impermeability:** A major requirement of an air barrier is that it offers a high resistance to airflow.
  - **Durability:** Durability depends largely on how a material reacts to a specific environment such as moisture, temperature, ultra-violet radiation, and to the presence of other materials (incompatibility).

**C. SLOPED ROOFS – ASPHALT VAPOR OR AIR BARRIER SYSTEMS ATTACHMENT:**

1. The building owner or the design professional intending to specify back-nailing should consider geographic location, specific job conditions, accepted area application practices, and the type and grade of materials specified when creating an actual specification for a project.
2. When the slope of the roof exceeds ½": 12" (4.2%), and hot asphalt attachment is specified, Firestone requires Firestone SBES Mopping Asphalt or Type IV asphalt be used.
3. Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for additional requirements regarding roof slopes over 3": 12" (25%).
4. For roof slopes up to and including ½": 12" (4.2%), the side laps can be installed parallel or perpendicular to the slope.
5. For roofs slopes greater than ½": 12" (4.2%), the membrane must run parallel to the slope and be back-nailed as follows:

TABLE 1.03-1 Back-Nailing Requirement for Sloped Roofs					
Base Sheet	Attachment	<½" (4.2%)	>½" <1" (4.2% - 8.3%)	>1" < 2" (8.3% -16.7%)	>2" < 3" (16.7% - 25%)
Any Applicable Firestone Base Sheet	Hot Asphalt or Mechanically Attached	NFR	Nailers 32' o.c.	Nailers 32' o.c.	Nailers 16' o.c.
			Full Length Sheet	Full Length Sheet	½ Length Sheet

TABLE 1.03-1 – CONTINUED					
Back-Nailing Requirement for Sloped Roofs					
Base Sheet	Attachment	<1/2" (4.2%)	>1/2" <1" (4.2% - 8.3%)	>1" <2" (8.3% -16.7%)	>2" <3" (16.7% - 25%)
Any Applicable Firestone Base Sheet	Heat Fused, Hot Asphalt, Mechanically Attached, or Firestone Multi-Purpose MB Cold Adhesive	NFR	NFR	NFR	Nailers 32' o.c.
					Full Length Sheet
Any Applicable Firestone Base Sheet	Self-Adhered, Heat Fused, Hot Asphalt, Mechanically Attached, or Firestone Multi-Purpose MB Cold Adhesive	NFR	NFR	NFR	Nailers 32' o.c.
					Full Length Sheet
Refer to Firestone MB-BN-1 for detailed back-nailing requirements.					
NFR – No Fastener Required at This Slope					

NOTE: 1/2" = 13 mm; 3" = 76 mm; 1" = 25 mm; 16' = 4.9 m; 2" = 51 mm; 32' = 9.7 m

#### D. INSULATION STOPS AND BACK-NAILING NAILING STRIPS

1. Back-nailing nailing strips are required on all roofs with slopes greater than 16.6% (2:12)
2. Insulation stops and are recommended on all roofs with slopes greater than 16.6% (2:12)
3. Back-nailing nailing strips and Insulation stops shall be a minimum of 3 1/2" (89 mm) wide and the same thickness as the roof insulation.
4. Back-nailing nailing strips and Insulation stops must be attached to resist a force of 200 lbf per lineal foot (2.9 kN/m) minimum.
5. Insulation stops and back-nailing nailing strips are not needed when system is applied directly to a wood deck or a similar nailable substrate.
6. Contact your Firestone Technical services Advisor for information regarding back-nailing requirements utilizing approved insulation less than 1" (25 mm).

#### E. BACK-NAILING MODIFIED ASPHALT BASE SHEETS

##### 1. Non-Nailable decks and nailable decks with insulation

Cut the sheet to conform to nailer spacing. Using capped nails, nail the end lap across the width of the sheet, with the first nail spaced 3/4" (19 mm) from the leading edge of the sheet. The remaining nails are to be spaced approximately 3" (76 mm) on center. The nails should be staggered across the width of the nailer.

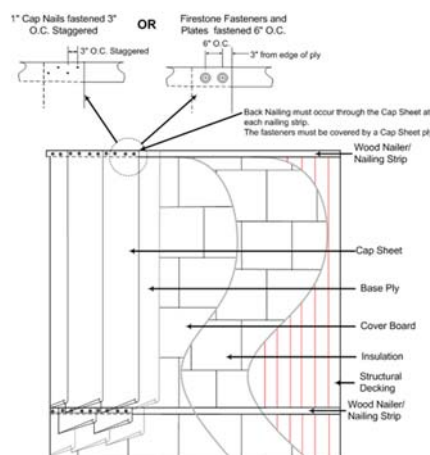
Firestone fasteners and plates may be used in lieu of cap nails. Four per end lap are required.

##### 2. Nailable decks with no insulation

Cut the sheet to conform to nailer spacing. Using capped nails or Firestone fasteners and plates, nail the end lap across the width of the sheet, with the first nail spaced 3/4" (19 mm) from the leading edge of the sheet. The remaining nails are to be spaced approximately 3" (76 mm) on center. The nails should be staggered across the width of the nailer.

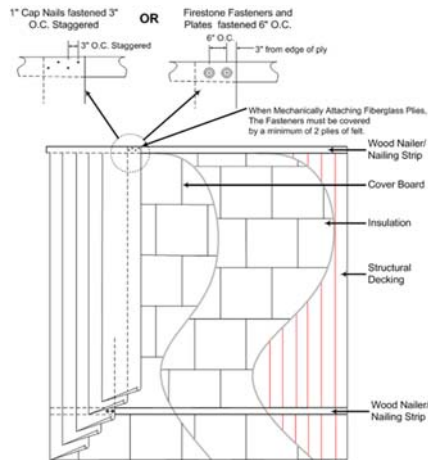
Firestone fasteners and plates may be used in lieu of cap nails. Four per end lap are required.

3. Cap nails must have 1" (25 mm) diameter heads with steel head only. Shank must be minimum 11-gauge (2.3 mm) annular ring or spiral shank and be FM Approved.



## F. BACK-NAILING TYPE IV AND TYPE VI FIBERGLASS ROOFING PLIES

1. Using capped nails or Firestone fasteners and plates, back-nail 3" (76 mm) o.c. from the back edge of each felt along the nailer ensuring that the nails are covered by a minimum of two plies of felt. The nails should be staggered across the width of the nailer.
2. Cap nails must be FM Approved, and have 1" (25 mm) diameter steel heads. Shank must be a minimum of 11-gauge (2.3 mm) annular ring or spiral.



## G. CAP NAILS

1. Cap nails must be FM Approved, and have 1" (25 mm) diameter steel heads. Shank must be a minimum of 11-gauge (2.3 mm) annular ring or spiral.
2. Cap nails cannot be used to attach insulation or for 20 year or greater systems.
3. Firestone insulation plates and fasteners may be used in lieu of cap nails.
  - a) It is the roof system designer's responsibility to:
    - Assure that the methods of attachment of the roof system to the vapor retarder selected are compatible.
    - Assure that the vapor retarder will extend continuously and evenly throughout the roof plane to provide a complete seal against the intrusion of moist air from the building interior. Integration of the wall and roof air retarder systems is essential.
    - Take the appropriate steps necessary to deal with the effect of construction moisture on a new roofing system, particularly during winter, when temporary propane heat is required.

## 1.04 SUBSTRATE AND SUBSTRATE REQUIREMENTS

### A. GENERAL

1. The Firestone UltraPly TPO roof system depends on a suitable substrate to perform its intended function of weatherproofing the building.



It is the roofing contractor's responsibility to ensure that the substrate is acceptable for the Firestone roof system.

2. The substrate to which the Firestone roof system is installed must:
  - Be structurally sound
  - Be dry, smooth, flat and clean
  - Be free of sharp fins, or foreign materials that could damage the membrane
  - Meet the minimum requirements for the system
3. When using asphalt to adhere insulation to a structural concrete substrate, the concrete must be primed with an ASTM D 41 asphalt primer. The primer is applied at a rate of 1½ to 2 gallons per 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.61 to 0.82 L/m<sup>2</sup>).

**B. FASTENER PULLOUT/ADHESIVE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Substrates for membrane and or the insulation attachment are required to provide sufficient pullout resistance for the fasteners and the roof system.
2. In the case where the structural deck does not meet the minimum fastener pullout requirements contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information.

<b>TABLE 1.04-1</b> The Minimum Fastener Pullout Resistances for Specific Systems	
<b>System</b>	<b>Minimum Fastener Pullout</b>
Fully Adhered systems with Insulation Mechanically Attached to Deck	300 lb (136.1 Kg)
Single-Ply mechanically attached and InvisiWeld	400 lb (181.4 Kg)
Base Sheet Mechanically Attached to Deck	300 lb (136.1 Kg)
Base Sheet Nailed to Deck (Cap nail or LWC Fastener)	40 lb (18.1 Kg)
Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information when the structural deck does not meet the minimum fastener pullout requirements.	

3. See the Firestone Attachment Guide for the minimum adhesive pull test requirements for insulation adhesives.
4. Pullout Tests: Due to the variety of physical conditions that can affect pullout resistance, Firestone recommends that on-site tests be conducted by an independent testing laboratory, the manufacturer's representative or the roofing contractor, to determine actual pullout values. The following deck type are those which may not provide sufficient pullout resistance:
  - Steel decks thinner than 22 ga (0.76 mm)
  - Concrete less than 2,500 psi (20,684 kPa)
  - Plywood or oriented strand board less than 7/16" (11.1 mm) thickness
  - Wood plank less than 3/4" (19 mm) thickness
  - All poured or pre-cast gypsum, cementitious wood fiber and lightweight insulating concrete decks
  - Existing masonry or brick
  - Any other substrate that does not have a published pullout capacity greater than the minimum required for the applicable roof system.
- a) The sections of the substrate where integrity is most in question should be used for testing. Test areas should include the corners, drain areas, and perimeters. The minimum number of pullout test recommended is as follows:

<b>TABLE 1.04 -2</b> Recommended Number of Pull Out Tests		
<b>ROOF SIZE</b>		<b>Number of Pull-Out Tests</b>
Less Than 10,000 sf	Less Than 1,000 m <sup>2</sup>	6
10,000 sf - 50,000 sf	1,000 m <sup>2</sup> – 5,000 m <sup>2</sup>	10
50,000 sf - 100,000 sf	5,000 m <sup>2</sup> – 10,000 m <sup>2</sup>	20
Over 100,000 sf	10,000 m <sup>2</sup>	1 per 5,000 sf/ 500 m <sup>2</sup>

- b) When new construction or other conditions prevent preliminary on-site pullout tests, the fastener manufacturer should supply estimated pullout values for design and bid purposes. On-site verification of the pullout capacity must be confirmed prior to system installation. (Consider requesting a unit price bid for potential increased fastening requirement.)

**C. MOISTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

1. The roofing contractor is responsible for ensuring that the substrate is suitable to receive a Firestone roof system. Substrates must be properly cured to meet current industry standards before installing roofing components.
2. Firestone suggests a moisture survey be conducted to determine the moisture content of any existing roof system component. All damaged and/or wet components of the existing system that would be detrimental to the new Firestone roof system must be removed and replaced in kind, prior to its installation.
3. Failure to remove existing roof system components that cause damage to the new Firestone roofing system constitutes a non-warrantable condition.
4. The best diagnostic technique is by taking and evaluating a series of roof cores.

5. Three techniques are currently available to evaluate the roof by indirect / non-invasive means. Results of these studies must still be correlated with roof cores. These techniques provide measurements of factors that can be associated with the presence of moisture.
  - Nuclear moisture detection
  - Infrared thermography
  - Electric capacitance

#### D. DRAINAGE AND SLOPE



Building codes may require a specific minimum slope for drainage. It is the building owner or his design professional's responsibility to consult with the controlling code agency official(s) to determine the specific requirements of each project and each system.

When interior drains are necessary, they must be installed at the low points of a sloped roof deck or insulation and maintained in a working condition.

1. The NRCA and prevailing building codes recommends that a minimum roof slope of ¼" (6.4 mm) per foot be obtained to facilitate proper drainage and maximize long-term performance of the roof system. Firestone recommends following the NRCA guidelines. The minimum Firestone requirement is POSITIVE drainage.
2. Ponding water is defined as a condition existing on any area of the roof where water remains more than forty-eight (48) hours after precipitation.
3. Adequacy of drainage provisions, placement, sizing and/or number of drains required is the responsibility of the building owner or his design professional. Drainage conditions should meet the requirements of applicable codes as well as standard industry recommendations.
4. In re-roofing or re-cover situations, analysis of the existing drainage conditions is the responsibility of the building owner or his design professional. Existing deck deflection or ponding water may necessitate upgrading of the drainage provisions, including relocation of existing drains, possible addition of new drains, increased bar joist support etc. Firestone does not design roof drainage systems or assume any liability for the adequacy (or lack of) roof drainage systems or facilities.
5. Proper and adequate drainage of the roof surface is required to assure the long-term performance of the roofing system. Drains should be of sufficient number, size, and located to provide satisfactory and rapid drainage of the entire roof surface (within 24 to 48 hours of precipitation). Although, a minimum roof slope of ¼" (6.4 mm) per foot is recommended, other slopes are acceptable to receive a Firestone warranty provided positive drainage is attained.
6. Tapered ISO 95+ GL provides an effective and economical solution where substrate slope will not permit efficient drainage. When properly installed, it can extend the life of the roof assembly by eliminating problems associated with ponded water. Tapered ISO 95+ GL is available in slopes from 1/16" (1.6 mm) to ½" (13 mm) per foot. Firestone provides a variety of technical support services for the installation of tapered insulation through the Firestone Tapered Engineering Design Department.
7. The following are just some of the reasons why proper roof drainage is important:
  - Standing water can result in deck deflection and possible structural damage
  - Water on the roof can promote vegetation, fungal and bacterial growth
  - In the event of an opening in the roof membrane, standing water can significantly worsen the damage to the roof system, the building itself, and the interior contents
  - It is required by many, if not all, building codes
  - Proper drainage of the roof system prevents premature deterioration of the roof membrane and roof components

#### E. WOOD NAILERS

1. For new construction projects, wood nailers must be kiln-dried (Southern Pine, Douglas Fir) structural grade #2 or better.
2. **Wood nailers by others:** Make these specifications and details available when others will install nailers. Work that compromises the integrity of the system may jeopardize the warranty.  
For re-roof projects and new construction projects where a poured-in-place deck will be used, wood nailers must be pressure treated for rot resistance, #2 or better lumber. Asphaltic or creosote-treated lumber is not acceptable. Lumber treated with other wood preservatives such as Pentachlorophenol, Copper Naphthenate or Copper 8-quinolinolate will adversely affect the membrane when in direct contact and are, therefore, unacceptable.





Due to EPA regulations regarding treated wood, new treatments for lumber may be highly corrosive to fasteners. Contact the fastener manufacturer for their recommendations on fasteners if attaching nailers that have been treated with the more corrosive materials.

Chemical treating for fire resistance or other purposes (other than pressure treating for rot resistance, i.e. CCA, ACZA, CBA, ACQ or other copper treatments) may affect the performance of the Firestone membrane and accessories. Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information when using chemically treated lumber that will come in contact with the membrane.

3. Firestone requires Wood nailers at the following locations:
  - All roof edges
  - Metal penetration pockets
  - Wood nailers must totally support all sheet metal flanges and be at least ½" (13 mm) wider to roof side
  - Refer to Firestone details for other location requirements
4. The wood nailer may be omitted when all metal flanges on roof curbs are less than 12" (305 mm) on a side OR when placed on and secured directly to the deck.
5. The building owner or his design professional must specify a wood nailer attachment system that will resist a minimum force of 200 lb/ft (2.9 N/m) in any direction. Firestone fasteners are required for all roofing applications. For further clarification, please refer to Factory Mutual Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-49.



If forces at the building perimeters are greater than 200 lb/ft (2.9 N/m) due to increased wind speed as dictated by code requirements and calculated using either ASCE-7 or ANSI/SPRI ES-1, then the securement of the nailers must also be increased to accommodate the calculated loads.

## F. EXPANSION JOINTS

1. The determination of the necessity and location for expansion joints is a project specific requirement, which is the responsibility of building owner or his design professional. Typical consideration for selection criteria may include one or more of the following:
  - Where expansion, contraction or deflection joints are provided in the building structural system
  - Roof expansion joints must be located to accommodate movements caused by building structural movement
  - Where structural framing elements such as joists, rafters, purlins, or steel decking change direction
  - Deck material changes (e.g. from steel to concrete deck). Where different types of roof decks such as concrete and steel abut each other
  - Where additions are connected to existing buildings
  - At junctions where interior heating conditions change such as a heated space abutting an unheated space
  - Where movement between vertical walls and the roof deck is anticipated
  - Roof areas greater than 200' (61 m) on any direction
  - Coordination and sequencing of expansion joint closure systems and their continuity, compatibility and function of seal is the responsibility of the design team

**NOTE:** The conditions above may not be all inclusive. Other conditions may exist in which expansion joints should be considered as determined by a design professional.

2. Expansion joints must not restrict the flow of water.  
Firestone expansion joint details for thermoplastic single-ply systems are located at: UT-E-1 through UT-E-12.

## 1.05 FASTENERS

### A. GENERAL

Refer to the Technical Information Sheet (TIS) that references the specific fastener being used and for the deck penetration requirements of that fastener. All fasteners must be suitable for the existing deck type.

1. Roofing systems rely on the attachment of the components to the deck substrate to perform its basic functions. Wind creates uplift forces on the roof; therefore, the overall holding power of the fasteners is critical. Firestone recommends that the use of any fastener be investigated should there be concerns about the structural integrity of the deck. Some of the items to be considered include:
  - How the fastener(s) might affect the deck
  - The capability of the deck to hold the fasteners and roof system in place in a wind related event



- The structural integrity of the deck may have been weakened over time; thus the choice of fastener and roof attachment methods and frequency should be considered in determining the best solution to the given deck and situation.

Regarding fastener selection:



For new installation or complete tear-off, Firestone AP or HD fasteners may be used for up to a 20-year Red Shield Warranty for mechanical attachment of insulation and or TPO membrane. AP Fasteners and appropriate plates are approved for use for mechanical attachment of TPO membrane into wood decks only. AP Fasteners are not approved for membrane attachment into steel decks. AP Fasteners and plates limited to 15-year warranty when used for insulation attachment into steel decks.

For re-cover or partial tear-off, HD fasteners are required for 15-year or greater warranties, except into wood decks.

Fasteners and plates are not approved for use directly under ballasted roofing systems.



Firestone requires that a suitable insulation or cover board be installed over any substrate that would damage the membrane due to the additional loading of the ballast system.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Fasteners / plates used for insulation attachment
- Fasteners / plates used for existing membrane or insulation securement

Substrates that are not smooth, flat, clean, free of sharp fins, or foreign materials that could damage the membrane.

**TABLE 1.05-1 – ALLOWABLE FASTENER AND SUBSTRATE CONFIGURATIONS**

TIS No.	Fastener	ADHERED MEMBRANE SYSTEMS			MECHANICALLY ATTACHED MEMBRANE SYSTEMS			Acceptable for 20-year Warranty	Acceptable for 25 or 30 Year Warranty	Steel Deck	Structural Concrete Deck	Plywood or OSB Deck	Cementitious Wood Fiber Deck	Gypsum Deck	Lightweight Insulating Concrete Over (See Section 1.06 F for additional requirements)	
		Insulation Attachment	Insulation Attachment	Batten Strips or Seam Plates	Steel Pan	Concrete										
1001	All-Purpose (AP) Fastener	✓	✓	✓ (2)	✓ (1)		✓ (2)									
1002	Heavy-Duty(HD) Fastener	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (3)	✓ (3)
1005	Concrete Drive Fastener	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓					✓ (3)
1006	Polymer Fastener	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓		
1007	Firestone AccuTrac® Kit	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
1009	HD Plus Fastener	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
1011	Purlin Fastener			✓	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓
1012	LWC Base Ply Fastener													✓	✓	✓
For the attachment of base sheets. Insulation may not be attached with LWC Base Ply Fastener.																
1013	#12 Belted Fastener	✓	✓							✓		✓				
1014	#15 Belted Fastener	✓	✓		✓					✓		✓				
1015	Nail Driver											✓				
For the attachment of base sheets. Insulation may not be attached with nails of any kind																
1019	Firestone HailGard™ Fastener	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1020	Two Piece Impact Nail												✓	✓	✓	✓
For the attachment of base sheets. Insulation may not be attached with Two Piece Impact Nail.																

✓ = Acceptable for use (#) = See Note Below \*AccuTrac is a registered Trademark of OMG Roofing, Inc.

**Notes:**

- Warranties are limited to 15 years when All Purpose Fasteners are used for insulation attachment into steel decks. Up to 20 years into Wood decks only.
- All Purpose Fasteners approved for in seam attachment on Wood Decks only. All Purposed Fasteners are not approved for in seam attachment into Steel Decks.
- Fastener must penetrate through Pan or into Structural Concrete below LWC.

**TABLE 1.05-2**  
Acceptable Fastener Uses

Firestone Fastener		Platinum systems	For the attachment of:					
			Roofing insulation (in combination with Firestone Insulation Plate)	Base sheets (In combination with Firestone Insulation Plate)	Firestone Batten Strips	Seam Plates	Termination Bars	Other Accessories
TIS No.	Fastener		See the specific fastener TIS for detailed application data					
<a href="#">1001</a>	All-Purpose Fastener*		✓ *15 year max. into steel decks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">1002</a>	Heavy-Duty Fastener	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">1005</a>	Concrete Drive Fastener	✓	Do not use with polymer batten strips.					
<a href="#">1006</a>	Polymer Fastener	✓	(Special battens and plates required, not approved for in seam attachment.)					
<a href="#">1007</a>	Firestone AccuTrac Kit		Insulation to steel and wood roof decks with OMG AccuTrac installation equipment. A kit consists of both fasteners and insulation plates for the OMG AccuTrac tool.					
<a href="#">1009</a>	HD Plus Fastener	✓	Firestone Metal Batten Strips in Wide Weld mechanically attached systems.					
<a href="#">1011</a>	Purlin Fastener		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membrane and QuickSeam R.M.A. Strip to 12 – 18-gauge structural steel purlin.</li> <li>The Firestone Purlin Fastener can be used in conjunction with Firestone 2" Metal Plates, Firestone V-Plates, or batten strips.</li> </ul>					
<a href="#">1012</a>	LWC Base Ply Fastener		For the attachment of base sheets. Insulation may not be attached with LWC Base Ply Fastener.					
<a href="#">1013</a>	#12 Belted Fastener		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insulation to steel (18-24 ga) and wood.</li> <li>Belted fasteners must be installed with the IF160 automatic installation tool available from SFS INTEC.</li> <li>For insulation attachment, the Firestone IFC/PH 2.75" x 2.75" (70 mm x 70 mm) plate is used.</li> </ul>					
<a href="#">1014</a>	#15 Belted Fastener		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insulation and membrane to steel (18-24 ga) and wood.</li> <li>The #15 Belted fasteners must be installed with the IF160 installation tool available from SFS INTEC.</li> <li>For membrane attachment, the Firestone 2 3/8" (60.3 mm) diameter plate is used.</li> <li>For insulation attachment, the Firestone 2.75" x 2.75" (70 mm x 70 mm) plate is used.</li> </ul>					
<a href="#">1015</a>	Nail Driver		(For the attachment of base sheets. Insulation may not be attached with nails of any kind) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cap nails are to be used to attach a base sheet to a wood deck and cannot be used to attach insulation.</li> <li>Cap nails cannot be used to attach a base sheet through an existing built-up roof when the roof and insulation thickness is over 1/2" (13 mm).</li> </ul>					
<a href="#">1019</a>	Firestone HailGard Fastener	✓	Required with Firestone HailGard / ISOGARD HG Insulation and OSB cover boards to approved decks. No insulation plate necessary.					

✓ = Acceptable for use

**TABLE 1.05-3**

## Acceptable Fastener Plate Uses

TIS No.	Firestone Plates	For use with: ULTRAPLY TPO Systems*	
		UltraPly .045", .060"	UltraPly .045", .060", Platinum .080"
		Mechanically Attached System (MAS)	Wide Weld (Mechanically Attached)
<a href="#">1102</a>	Polymer Fastener Plate	✓	✓
		For attaching Firestone Reinforced Perimeter Fastening Strips ( <a href="#">RPF Strip</a> ) to approved substrates as required by Firestone Specifications and Details.	
<a href="#">1106</a>	Insulation Fastening Plate	✓	✓
		For attaching insulation to approved substrates as required by Firestone Specifications and Details.	
<a href="#">1107</a>	Polymer Fastener Insulation Plate	✓	✓
		For attaching insulation to approved substrates as required by Firestone Specifications and Details.	
<a href="#">1108</a>	HD Seam Plate	✓	
		For attaching Firestone UltraPly TPO membranes to approved substrates as required by Firestone Specifications and Details.	
<a href="#">1109</a>	HD Plus Seam Plate	✓	
		For attaching Firestone UltraPly TPO membranes to approved substrates as required by Firestone Specifications and Details.	
<a href="#">1111</a>	InvisiWeld™ and InvisiWeld-S TPO Coated Insulation Fastening Plate	✓	✓
		For attaching insulation and to attach membrane (when induction bonded) to approved substrates as required by Firestone Specifications and Details.	
✓ = Acceptable for use			

\*Excludes UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered.

**TABLE 1.05-4**

## Acceptable Firestone Batten Bar, Termination Bar and Drain Bar Uses

Firestone Batten and Termination Bars	For the attachment of: ULTRAPLY TPO*		
	UltraPly .045", .060", .080", and TPO XR Membranes		
	Wide Weld Seam	Perimeter Enhancement with Cover Strip	NOTE:
Coiled metal Batten Strip	✓	✓	For anchoring membrane to approved substrates as required by Firestone Specifications and Details.
Metal Batten Strip	✓	✓	For anchoring membrane to approved substrates as required by Firestone Specifications and Details.
Polymer Batten Strip		✓ (QuickSeam Cover Strip Only)	For anchoring membrane (with acceptable cover strip) to approved substrates, as required by Firestone Specifications and Details. Base Tie-ins only.
Polymer Fastener Metal Batten Strip	✓	✓	For anchoring membrane to approved substrates as required by Firestone Specifications and Details. Polymer Fasteners Required. Base Tie-ins only.
Termination bar			For anchoring and sealing flashing terminations to approved substrates as required by Firestone Specifications and Details.
Aluminum Drain Bar			For terminating the membrane roof edge to approved substrates as required by Firestone Specifications and Details.
✓ = Acceptable for use			

\*Excludes UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered.

## 1.06 DECKS



If present, it is required that Phenolic foam insulation be removed. Once removed, a visual inspection of the deck condition and other components is required; all deteriorated components must be replaced as necessary.

It is the building owner or their design professional's responsibility to determine the condition of the deck.

Sprayed-In-Place Polyurethane Foam (PUF) roofing systems require a COMPLETE TEAR-OFF of the polyurethane foam system.

### A. PLATINUM RETROFIT OR RE-COVER APPLICATIONS

Firestone Platinum roofing systems cannot receive a Red Shield Platinum warranty if the existing roof remains in place. A **complete removal** of the existing roof system, including the membrane, insulation and flashings is required.

### B. GENERAL

1. Structural roof decks should be properly designed and constructed to provide sufficient strength to support the anticipated dead and live loads along with the loads anticipated due to the construction traffic without excessive deflection or movement.
2. Roof replacement usually involves more complexities than new construction roofing. Such contingencies as rusted or deteriorated decks, rotted wood components, rooftop equipment that cannot be moved or shut down, and numerous other conditions are often encountered.
  - a) All holes, deformations, depressions, etc., must be reinforced and /or smoothed prior to the roof application.
  - b) Determination and acceptance of a deck for re-roofing is the responsibility of the building owner or his design professional.
  - c) The deck should provide slope to drain.
3. Refer to section 1.09 D for fastening requirements for Mechanically Attached Systems should pullout values be less than 400 lbf (181.4 kg).
4. Even existing concrete roof decks may contain latent amounts of moisture that may affect the insulation and the roof system. To help protect the roofing components, a Firestone Venting Base Sheet or other vapor retarder material may be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The installation of a vapor retarder should be considered regardless of the method of attachment of the insulation or membrane attachment, hot asphalt or adhesive attachment of insulation or the membrane system.

### C. CLASSIFICATION

1. Structural decks can be classified as nailable or non-nailable (sometimes both) for purposes of mechanically attaching or nailing insulation or base sheets. Nailable decks include wood and new decks of gypsum and lightweight insulating concrete. These decks are soft enough so that the above-deck components can be secured with fasteners. Cementitious wood fiber and poured or precast structural concrete decks have been referred to as non-nailable. The term non-nailable is misleading. Firestone Building Products has fasteners that are approved for these decks.
2. Structural decks can be classified as combustible or non-combustible for purposes of fire ratings and code requirements.

TABLE 1.06-1 Structural Deck Classification		
Deck	Nailable or Non-nailable	Combustible or Non-combustible
Steel	Non-nailable	Non-combustible
Concrete	Both	Non-combustible
Wood	Nailable	Combustible
Cementitious Wood Fiber Decks	Both	Non-combustible
Gypsum	Nailable	Non-combustible
Light weight insulated concrete	Nailable	Non-combustible

**D. STEEL DECKS**

1. Firestone recommends that steel decks be a minimum 22 ga (0.76 mm).
2. Factory Mutual Research-Approved steel decks are currently available in 22 ga (.0295" 0.794 mm), 20 ga (.0358", 0.909 mm) and 18 ga (0.0474", 1.204 mm) thick sheets with 1.5" (38 mm) deep corrugations. The corrugations (ribs) are cold rolled in the sheets. The deck has a 6" (152 mm) module, that is, the ribs are 6" (152 mm) on center. All fastening Approvals and recommendations are based on this profile. (Approved and recommended spacing's are such that the fasteners will engage the top flange of the deck). Another common configuration is 3" (76 mm) deep deck, which usually has an 8" (203 mm) module.
3. When mechanically attaching a membrane to a steel deck see section 1.09 D. for specific requirements.
4. When mechanically attaching insulation, steel decks are required to have a minimum fastener pullout of 300 lb per fastener for adhered roofing systems.
5. Firestone single-ply membranes **may not** be adhered or fastened directly to a steel deck.
6. On steel decks, the edges of insulation boards running parallel with the deck are required to be supported by the top flange of the metal deck. The board should have a minimum 1½" bearing on the steel deck flange. Cantilevering insulation boards over deck flutes can result in fracturing insulation boards, reducing the support for the membrane, making it susceptible to puncture.
7. All deteriorated components must be replaced, in kind.
8. For retrofit of metal buildings, refer to Metal Building Recover Specifications. Direct attachment of Firestone mechanically attached or fully adhered roofing systems to metals roofs (regardless of gauge) without an acceptable cover board is strictly prohibited.

<b>Table 1.06-2</b> Acceptable Fasteners for Steel Decks	
<b>Insulation:</b>	
Heavy Duty	¾" (19 mm) through deck
All-Purpose Maximum 15 year warranty.	
Belted Fasteners	
HailGard Fastener (No Insulation Plate)	¾" (19 mm) through deck
<b>Membrane:</b>	
Heavy Duty Fasteners and Plates	¾" (19 mm) through deck
Heavy Duty Plus Fasteners and Plates	1" (25 mm) through deck

<b>Table 1.06-3</b> Acceptable Insulation Adhesives for use direct to Steel Decks
I.S.O. Spray™ R I.S.O. Fix™ I.S.O. Stick™ I.S.O. Twin Pack™ Twin Jet
<b>Note:</b> 1. Deck must be clean, free of all processing oils and other contaminates. 2. Bead spacing should spaced to ensure top flute adhesion is made. 3. Use only 4' x 4' (1.2 m x 1.2 m) insulation boards with adhesives. 4. Factory Mutual (FM) does not recognize adhesion of insulation direct to steel decks.

**E. STRUCTURAL CONCRETE ROOF DECKS**

1. Firestone recommends that the concrete deck be a minimum 2,500 psi (20684 KPa).
2. Refer to [section 1.09 D](#) for fastening requirements for Mechanically Attached Systems should pullout values be less than 400 lbf (181.4 kg).
3. When mechanically attaching insulation, structural concrete roof decks require a minimum fastener pullout of 300 lb (1.8 kN) per fastener for adhered roofing systems.



NOTE: The suitability of mechanically fastening insulation or membrane to any hollow core, pre-stressed or post-tensioned structural concrete deck assembly is the responsibility of the design professional. Special consideration needs to be given to the relationship between the deck attachment allowances and Firestone mechanical attachment requirements.

4. Verify with the building owner or the owner's design professional about the suitability of mechanical fastening into pre-stressed and post-tensioned structural concrete.
5. Newly poured decks must be sufficiently cured to allow adhesion to the substrate surface. Cure times vary. A roof consultant, structural engineer, or concrete industry professional should be contacted to perform moisture tests if readiness of concrete is in question.

6. Pre-cast concrete panels may not always be a suitable substrate to receive insulation due to the potential for irregularities, even if the joints are grouted. It may sometimes be necessary to consider pouring a leveling layer of structural or lightweight concrete over the panels prior to roofing.
7. Concrete additives can have a negative impact on the adhesion of asphaltic membranes and insulation products. The concrete supplier/installer should certify that any additives in the mix will not render the deck unsuitable for roofing application for warranted systems.
8. Firestone does not accept for warranty any concrete substrates that have been sealed with chemical sealers or silicon surface treatments.

<b>TABLE 1.06-4</b> Single-Ply Adhesion/Attachment to Structural Concrete Roof Decks	
<b>UltraPly Platinum TPO</b>	
Adhered & Mechanically Attached	Firestone <b>UltraPly Platinum TPO</b> Roofing System Membranes require a minimum substrate of: ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL 1" (25 mm), HailGard / ISOGARD HG 1½" (38 mm), ISOGARD HD, or ¼" (6 mm) DensDeck or SECUROCK properly installed for the job conditions.
<b>UltraPly TPO</b>	
Adhered	The Firestone UltraPly TPO Roofing System Membrane may be adhered directly to poured-in-place structural concrete using Firestone bonding adhesive.
Mechanically Attached	Requires protection mat or insulation.
<b>UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered</b>	
Adhered	The Firestone UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered Roofing System Membrane may be adhered directly to poured-in-place structural concrete using Firestone bonding adhesive.
<b>UltraPly TPO XR</b>	
Adhered	The Firestone UltraPly TPO XR Membrane may be adhered directly to poured-in-place structural concrete using hot asphalt, Firestone XR Bonding Adhesive, I.S.O. Spray R, XR Stick or Twin Jet.
<b>UltraPly TPO SA or UltraPly TPO Flex SA</b>	
Adhered	The Firestone UltraPly TPO SA or UltraPly TPO Flex SA Membrane Roofing System may be adhered directly to a poured-in-place structural concrete. Note: priming may be required prior to application.



When mopping direct to concrete decking, precautions must be taken to protect everything below from dripping hazards of the hot asphalt!

<b>Table 1.06-5</b> Acceptable Fasteners for Structural Concrete Decks	
<b>Insulation:</b>	
Heavy Duty	1" (25 mm) into the structural concrete deck
HailGard Fastener (No Insulation Plate)	
Firestone Concrete Drive	1 ¼" (32 mm) into the structural concrete deck
<b>Membrane:</b>	
Heavy Duty Fasteners and Plates	1" (25 mm) through deck
Heavy Duty Plus Fasteners and Plates	1" (25 mm) through deck
Concrete Drives	1 ¼" (32 mm) into concrete deck

<b>Table 1.06-6</b> Acceptable Insulation Adhesives for use direct to Structural Concrete Decks
I.S.O. Spray™ R I.S.O. Fix™ I.S.O. Stick™ I.S.O. Twin Pack™ Twin Jet Hot Asphalt
<b>Note:</b> 1. Deck must be clean, free of all residual materials and other contaminants. 2. Primer may be required. 3. Bead spacing should be spaced to ensure top flute adhesion is made. 4. Use only 4' x 4' (1.2 m x 1.2 m) insulation boards with adhesives.

**F. WOOD DECKS: PLYWOOD, OSB AND WOOD PLANK**

1. Firestone recommends that plywood and OSB decks have a minimum 7/16" (10.5 mm) thickness.
2. A minimum of 1" (25 mm) ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL is required when installing UltraPly TPO Platinum systems over wood decks. (A thermal barrier may be required depending on local building codes and/or



specific project requirements.)

3. Adhered and mechanically attached UltraPly TPO single-ply systems may be installed directly to a OSB or plywood deck when:
  - a) The surface is structurally sound, smooth, flat, clean, dry, and free of sharp fins, loose splinters or foreign materials that may damage the membrane.
  - b) The deck is secured using threaded fasteners that provide a smooth profile, meeting FM 4470 and the guidelines found in "Designing Commercial Roofs to Withstand Wind Uplift Forces" document, which can be found at apawood.org. **NOTE:** Nails are not permitted.
  - c) Tongue and groove panels are recommended.



Fire treated plywood may be used provided it has not been treated with Ammonium Phosphates.

4. Refer to [section 1.09 D](#) for fastening requirements for Mechanically Attached Systems should pullout values be less than 400 lbf (181.4 kg).
5. When mechanically attaching insulation to wood decks, the required fastener pullout is of 300 lb (1.8 kN) per fastener minimum for adhered roofing systems.
6. When nailing a base sheet, wood decks are required to have a minimum per fastener pullout of 40 lb (0.24 kN) for cap nails.

<b>TABLE 1.06-7</b>		
Single-Ply Adhesion/Attachment to Wood Roof Decks		
<b>UltraPly Platinum TPO</b>		
Adhered	Firestone UltraPly Bonding Adhesive; Jet Bond Spray Adhesive	Firestone UltraPly Platinum TPO Roofing System Membranes require a minimum substrate of: ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL 1" (25 mm), HailGard / ISOGARD HG 1½" (38 mm), ISOGARD HD Cover Board ½" (12.7 mm) or ¼" (6 mm) DensDeck or SECUROCK properly installed for the job conditions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechanically Attached</li> <li>• InvisiWeld and InvisiWeld-S Plate Induction Bonded System</li> </ul>	Appropriate Fasteners and Batten	
<b>UltraPly TPO</b>		
Adhered	The Firestone UltraPly TPO Roofing System Membrane may be adhered directly to a wood deck using UltraPly Bonding Adhesive or Jet Bond Spray Adhesive.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechanically Attached</li> <li>• InvisiWeld™ and InvisiWeld-S Plate Induction Bonded System</li> </ul>	The Firestone UltraPly TPO Roofing System Membrane may be mechanically attached directly to a wood deck using the appropriate fasteners and plates or batten bars.	
<b>UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered</b>		
Adhered	The Firestone UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered Roofing System Membrane may be adhered directly to a wood deck using UltraPly Bonding Adhesive or Jet Bond Spray Adhesive.	
<b>UltraPly TPO XR</b>		
Adhered	XR Bonding Adhesive or Jet Bond Bonding Adhesive	
Mechanically Attached	The Firestone UltraPly TPO XR Roofing System Membrane may be mechanically attached directly to a wood deck using the appropriate fasteners and plates or batten bars.	
<b>UltraPly TPO SA or UltraPly TPO Flex SA</b>		
Adhered	The Firestone UltraPly TPO SA or UltraPly TPO Flex SA Roofing Membrane System may be adhered directly to a wood roof deck. Note: priming may be required.	



<b>Table 1.06-8</b> Acceptable Fasteners for Plywood, OSB and Wood Plank Roof Decks	
<b>Insulation:</b>	
Heavy Duty	1" (25 mm) into or through deck
All-Purpose	
Belted Fasteners	
HailGard Fastener (No Insulation Plate)	
<b>Membrane:</b>	
Heavy Duty Fasteners and Plates	1" (25 mm) through deck
Heavy Duty Plus Fasteners and Plates	1" (25 mm) through deck

<b>Table 1.06-9</b> Acceptable Insulation Adhesives for use direct to Plywood, OSB and Wood Plank Roof Decks	
I.S.O. Spray™ R I.S.O. Fix™ I.S.O. Stick™ I.S.O. Twin Pack™ Twin Jet	
Note:	
1. Deck must be clean, free of all processing oils and other contaminants.	
2. Bead spacing should be spaced to ensure top flute adhesion is made.	
3. Use only 4' x 4' (1.2 m x 1.2 m) insulation boards with adhesives.	

**G. CEMENTITIOUS WOOD FIBER DECKS**

1. Mechanically Attached Membrane Systems are not approved into Cementitious Wood Fiber Decks.
2. When mechanically attaching insulation, cementitious wood fiber decks are required to have a fastener pullout of 300 lb (1.8 kN) for each fastener for adhered roofing systems.
3. Firestone recommends that cementitious wood fiber deck have a minimum 2" (51 mm) thickness.
4. Firestone TPO Membranes cannot be installed directly to a cementitious wood fiber deck. The membrane must be adhered to an acceptable Firestone insulation or cover board.

<b>Table 1.06-10</b> Acceptable Fasteners for Cementitious Wood Fiber Decks	
<b>Insulation:</b>	
Polymer Fasteners and Plates	1 ½" (38 mm) into deck
<b>Membrane:</b>	
Not Approved	

<b>Table 1.06-11</b> Acceptable Insulation Adhesives for Attachment direct to Cementitious Wood Fiber Decks	
I.S.O. Spray™ R I.S.O. Fix™ I.S.O. Stick™ I.S.O. Twin Pack™ Twin Jet	
Note:	
1. Deck must be clean, free of all processing oils and other contaminants.	
2. Bead spacing should be spaced to ensure top flute adhesion is made.	
3. Use only 4' x 4' (1.2 m x 1.2 m) insulation boards with adhesives.	

**H. GYPSUM ROOF DECKS**


1. Firestone recommends that the gypsum roof deck have a minimum 2" (51 mm) thickness.
2. Mechanically Attached Membrane Systems are not approved into Gypsum Decks.
3. When attaching insulation to a gypsum roof deck, a fastener pullout of 300 lb (1.8 kN) per Firestone Polymer Fastener is required for adhered roofing systems.
4. When mechanically attaching a base sheet to a gypsum roof deck, a fastener pullout of 40 lb (.24 kN) per Firestone LWC Base Sheet Fastener is required.
5. Firestone TPO Membranes cannot be installed directly to a gypsum roof deck. The membrane must be adhered to an acceptable Firestone insulation or cover board.

<b>Table 1.06-12</b> Acceptable Fasteners for Cementitious Gypsum Roof Decks	
<b>Insulation:</b>	
Polymer Fasteners and Plates	1 ½" (38 mm) into deck
<b>Membrane:</b>	
Not Approved	

<b>Base Sheet Attachment:</b>
1.2" (30.5 mm) and 1.7" (43 mm) LWC Base Sheet Fastener

<b>Table 1.06-13</b> Acceptable Insulation Adhesives for Attachment direct to Gypsum Decks
I.S.O. Spray™ R I.S.O. Fix™ I.S.O. Stick™ I.S.O. Twin Pack™ Twin Jet
<b>Note:</b> 1. Deck must be clean, free of all processing oils and other contaminants. 2. Bead spacing should be spaced to ensure top flute adhesion is made. 3. Use only 4' x 4' (1.2 m x 1.2 m) insulation boards with adhesives.

**I. LIGHTWEIGHT INSULATING CONCRETE ROOF DECKS:**

 Firestone suggests a vapor retarder be considered over any Lightweight Concrete roof deck, especially over Lightweight Concrete with Aggregate. However, where not specifically required in the chart below, the determination of the necessity and placement of a vapor retarder is project-specific and rests with the building owner or their design professional.

1. Firestone recommends that lightweight insulating concrete have a minimum 2" (51 mm) thickness.
2. Refer to [section 1.09 D](#) for fastening requirements for Mechanically Attached Systems should pullout values be less than 400 lbf (181.4 kg). All mechanically attached membrane systems must attach into or through a structural concrete deck or steel form pan.
3. When mechanically attaching insulation through lightweight insulating concrete, into a structural deck, a fastener pullout of 300 lb (1.8 kN) per fastener is required for adhered roofing systems.
4. When mechanically attaching a base sheet to lightweight insulating concrete using Firestone 1.7" LWC Base Ply fasteners, a fastener pullout of 40 lb (.24 kN) per fastener is required.
5. A properly prepared, existing, dry, and sound, un-insulated built-up roof system (all splits and blisters repaired) can function as a vapor retarder in a warranted Firestone system but will not be included within Firestone warranty coverage.

<b>TABLE 1.06-14</b> Single-Ply Adhesion/Attachment to Lightweight Insulating Concrete Roof Decks		
<b>New System with Insulation</b>		<b>New System without Insulation</b>
<b>UltraPly TPO Platinum</b>		
Adhered	Insulation and Vapor Retarder Required	Not allowed
Mechanically Attached	Vapor Retarder Required	Not allowed
<b>UltraPly TPO</b>		
Adhered	Insulation and Vapor Retarder Required	Cellular Lightweight Concrete: UltraPly TPO membrane may be fully adhered directly to a Cellular Lightweight Insulating Concrete Roof Deck using appropriate Firestone Bonding Adhesive. A vapor retarder is not required, provided that the deck is clean, smooth, dry, and free of sharp edges, fins, loose or foreign materials, oil, grease, and other materials that may damage the membrane.
Mechanically Attached	Insulation and Vapor Retarder Required	The vapor retarder is not required, provided that the deck is clean, smooth, dry, and free of sharp edges, fins, loose or foreign materials, oil, grease, and other materials that may damage the membrane.

Table 1.06-14 – Continued Single-Ply Adhesion/Attachment to Lightweight Insulating Concrete Roof Decks		
New System with Insulation		New System without Insulation
<b>UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered</b>		
Adhered	Insulation and Vapor Retarder Required	Cellular Lightweight Concrete: UltraPly TPO membrane may be fully adhered directly to a Cellular Lightweight Insulating Concrete Roof Deck using appropriate Firestone Bonding Adhesive. A vapor retarder is not required, provided that the deck is clean, smooth, dry, and free of sharp edges, fins, loose or foreign materials, oil, grease, and other materials that may damage the membrane.
<b>UltraPly TPO XR</b>		
Adhered with Firestone XR Bonding Adhesive or Jet Bond Spray Adhesive	Insulation and Vapor Retarder Required	Cellular Lightweight Concrete: UltraPly TPO XR membrane may be adhered directly to a Cellular Lightweight Insulating Concrete Roof Deck using Firestone XR Bonding Adhesive. A vapor retarder is not required, provided that the deck is clean, smooth, dry, free of sharp edges, fins, loose or foreign materials, oil, grease, and other materials that may damage the membrane
Adhered with Hot Asphalt	Insulation and Vapor Retarder Required	Not allowed
Mechanically Attached	Insulation and Vapor Retarder Required	A vapor retarder is not required, provided that the deck is clean, smooth, dry, and free of sharp edges, fins, loose or foreign materials, oil, grease, and other materials that may damage the membrane.
<b>UltraPly TPO SA or UltraPly TPO Flex SA</b>		
Adhered	Insulation and Vapor Retarder Required	Cellular Lightweight Concrete: UltraPly TPO SA or UltraPly TPO Flex SA membrane may be fully adhered directly to a Cellular Lightweight Insulating Concrete Roof Deck. A vapor retarder is not required, provided that the deck is clean, smooth, dry, and free of sharp edges, fins, loose or foreign materials, oil, grease, and other materials that may damage the membrane.

Table 1.06-15 Acceptable Fasteners for Lightweight Insulating Concrete Roof Decks	
<b>Acceptable Fasteners into Steel Pan</b>	
Firestone Heavy Duty (HD's) Firestone HailGard	¾" (19 mm) Minimum penetration of fastener through steel pan
<b>Acceptable Fasteners into Structural Concrete Substrate</b>	
Firestone Heavy Duty (HD's) Firestone HailGard	1" (25 mm) into concrete deck
Firestone Concrete Drives	1¼" (32 mm) into concrete deck
<b>Acceptable Fasteners for attaching Base Sheet to Light Weight Insulating Concrete</b>	
Firestone 1.7" (43 mm) LWC Base Ply Fastener	

**J. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PARTIAL TEAR OFF, AND RETROFIT/RECOVER APPLICATIONS  
(PLATINUM SYSTEMS REQUIRE COMPLETE TEAR OFF)**



If present, it is required that Phenolic foam insulation be removed. Once removed, a visual inspection of the deck condition and other components is required; all deteriorated components must be replaced as necessary. It is the building owner or their design professional's responsibility to determine the condition of the deck.

1. A **Partial Tear Off** is the removal of the existing roofing membrane, installing a new layer of insulation over the existing in-place insulation, and installing a new membrane roofing system over the new insulation.
2. A **Retrofit** or **Recover** is the installation of a new membrane roofing system (including insulation) over an existing roofing membrane.
3. The effect of existing moisture on the performance of the new system may be significant depending upon the roofing components selected. Therefore, a moisture survey should be conducted to determine the moisture content of the existing roof system components. All components of the existing system that would be detrimental to the new Firestone roof system must be removed and replaced in kind prior to installation.
4. Limitations in flashing heights may be encountered. Existing building features (e.g., door or window locations, weep holes, and through-wall flashings) may not allow sufficient clearance to provide proper termination above the potential water level, additional insulation, or other details. Detailed consideration of

these conditions is critical to the integrity of the roofing system. **Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information or assistance.**

5. Confirm the structural integrity of the existing deck and specify repair or replacement as required.
6. Existing roof components are not included in the Firestone warranty.
7. Verify that the attachment of the existing roof system is acceptable for the specific new Firestone roof system.

TABLE 1.06-16 Special Considerations for Partial Tear Off, and Retrofit/Recover Applications	
Deck	Special Considerations
<b>Steel Decks and Nailable Decks</b> (Wood Plank, Plywood, OSB, Gypsum, Cement Wood Fiber, Poured in Place Concrete Decks)	The attachment of the existing system may not be sufficient if the existing insulation is not mechanically fastened or not fastened correctly, or if the existing system contains fasteners that may be corroded. It is strongly recommended that the existing roof system be mechanically attached to the structural deck according to local code, Insurance and Firestone requirements, and prior to installing the new insulation.
<b>Non-Nailable Decks</b> (Poured in Place Concrete Decks, Pre-cast Concrete Decks, Post-Tension Concrete Decks, Hollow Core)	If the existing insulation or membrane is not adequately adhered to the deck, it is strongly recommended that the existing roof system be removed to the deck.



The suitability of mechanically fastening insulation or membrane to any hollow core, pre-stressed or post-tensioned structural concrete deck assembly is the responsibility of the design professional. Special consideration needs to be given to the relationship between the deck attachment allowances and Firestone mechanical attachment requirements.

All recover or retrofit systems using adhesives for insulation attachment require a pull test to verify adhesion. Refer to the Firestone Attachment Guide for adhesion pull test requirements for Firestone insulation adhesives.

When using fasteners, verify that the substrate has sufficient fastener pullout resistance to meet system requirements.

**K. PARTIAL TEAR OFF: (PLATINUM SYSTEMS REQUIRE COMPLETE TEAR OFF)**

1. **Partial Tear Off and Recover** is the removal of the existing membrane, installing a new layer of insulation over the existing in place insulation and a new membrane over the new insulation.
2. The existing insulation must be suitable for use as a component of the new roof system. The existing insulation must be:
  - a) Dry and free of trapped moisture.
  - b) Re-secured as necessary to meet Firestone, local code, or other specified wind uplift requirements.
  - c) An acceptable substrate for the new insulation and the new membrane.
3. If existing insulation is to remain, all damaged or wet components must be removed and replaced, in kind, prior to installing the new roof system.
4. Existing roof components are not included in the Firestone warranty.

**L. RETROFIT/RECOVER APPLICATIONS: (PLATINUM SYSTEMS REQUIRE COMPLETE TEAR OFF)**

**1. Existing Smooth Surface Built-Up or Modified Bitumen Roofs**

- a) New insulation or cover board is required, except:
  - When installing an appropriate roof membrane directly to a properly prepared smooth surface BUR or modified bitumen roof. The existing smooth asphalt roof must not have been coated or resaturated. UltraPly TPO XR 110 is limited to a 15 year warranty.
  - Staining of the UltraPly TPO membrane may occur when attached directly to existing BUR or Modified Bitumen Roof.
  - Bonding to an existing asphalt based roof system is not acceptable when the melting point of the existing asphalt is less than 180 °F (82 °C).

- b) The UltraPly TPO XR Membrane System may be adhered to a properly prepared smooth surface BUR or Modified Bitumen roof. The existing smooth asphalt or Modified Bitumen roof must not have been coated or resaturated.
  - All damaged or wet components must be removed and replaced prior to installing the new roof system.
  - Existing roof components are not included in the Firestone warranty.

## 2. Mineral Surfaced Modified Bitumen

- a) UltraPly TPO XR membrane may be adhered to a properly prepared granulated modified bitumen roof. UltraPly TPO XR 110 is limited to a 15 year warranty.
- b) Insulation, cover board, or protection mat required, except when installing an UltraPly TPO XR membrane system.
- c) All damaged or wet components must be removed and replaced, in kind, prior to installing the new roof system.
- d) Existing roof components are not included in the Firestone warranty.

## 3. Asphalt Built Up and Modified Roofs with Flood Coat & Gravel

- a) New insulation or cover board is required. Use of 4' x 4' (1.2 m x 1.2 m) .5boards is recommended.
- b) All damaged or wet components must be removed and replaced, in kind, prior to installing the new roof system.
- c) Existing roof components are not included in the Firestone warranty.
- d) The removal of loose gravel may be required to meet local building code requirements or for structural consideration. If loose gravel is removed, some method of leveling may be required to provide a suitable substrate for new insulation.

## 4. Coal Tar Built-Up Roofs

- a) New insulation or cover board is required.
- b) All damaged or wet components must be removed and replaced, in kind, prior to installing the new roof system.
- c) Flow of existing coal tar into the building may occur when new fasteners penetrate an existing coal tar pitch membrane and substrate.



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- d) The removal of loose gravel may be required to meet local building code requirements or for structural consideration. If loose gravel is removed, some method of leveling may be required to provide a suitable substrate for the insulation.
- e) Existing roof components are not included in the Firestone warranty.

## 5. Existing Single-Ply Systems

- a) New insulation or cover board is required.
- b) Recover over single-ply roofing systems require that all existing base tie-ins be removed or cut prior to the new roof installation.
- c) All damaged or wet components must be removed and replaced, in kind, prior to installing the new roof system.
- d) Existing roof components are not included in the Firestone warranty.

## M. PREPARATION OF EXISTING GRAVEL, SMOOTH, AND GRANULE SURFACED ASPHALT MEMBRANES (PLATINUM SYSTEMS REQUIRE COMPLETE TEAR OFF)

- 1. Verify that the attachment of the existing roof system is acceptable. If existing insulation is not mechanically fastened, contains fasteners that may be corroded or loose, or the attachment may not be sufficient, consideration should be given to re-attaching the roof system prior to installing the new insulation.
- 2. When adhering insulation to a gravel surfaced roof, all loose gravel or granules must be removed by vacuuming and/or, power brooming. After all loose gravel has been removed; spud the remaining gravel

smooth to provide a level bonding surface.

3. If adhering the insulation or cover board with asphalt, prime the surface using an ASTM D 41 asphalt primer.
4. The existing assembly should be re-secured as necessary to meet local code and insurance or design wind uplift requirements.



Sprayed In-Place polyurethane foam (PUF) roofing systems require a COMPLETE TEAR-OFF of the Sprayed In-Place polyurethane foam system.

Existing roofs over Phenolic Insulation require a COMPLETE TEAR-OFF of the entire roof system to the structural deck. When Phenolic insulation is removed, a visual inspection of the deck condition and other components is required; all deteriorated components must be replaced as necessary.

## 1.07 BASE SHEET

### A. GENERAL

1. Depending on the base sheet and the substrate, base sheets may be attached with fasteners, hot asphalt, or heat fusing as required by the specifications.
2. The Firestone modified base sheets and base plies must be installed so that all laps shed water.
3. Where the slope exceeds 1/2" (13 mm) in 12" (305 mm), (4.2%) and hot asphalt is required, Firestone recommends that Firestone SEBS Mopping Asphalt or Type IV asphalt be used. See also table [1.03-1](#) for attachment of asphalt membranes on slopes.
4. Firestone does not manufacture or supply Type III or Type IV asphalt and does not warrant the performance of products not supplied by Firestone.

TABLE 1.07-1 Allowable Base Sheet Attachments			
Substrate to Which Base Sheet or Base Ply Will Be Attached	Attachment Method		
	Mechanically Attached	Heat Weld	Hot Asphalt
<b>Decks</b>			
Structural Concrete	✓	✓	✓
Plywood or Oriented Strand Board	✓		
Wood Planking	✓		
Poured or Pre-Cast Gypsum	✓		
Cementitious Wood Fiber	✓		
Lightweight insulating concrete Decks and Fills (See <a href="#">Section 1.06 I</a> for additional requirements)	✓		
<b>Recover</b>			
Existing Smooth Surface Built-Up or Modified Bitumen Roofs		✓	✓
Asphalt Gravel Surfaced Built-Up Roofs			✓
Mineral Surface Built-Up or Modified Bitumen Roofs		✓	✓
<b>New Insulation / Cover Board</b>			
ISOGARD HD	✓		
STRUCTODEK HD Wood Fiber Board	✓		✓
HailGard / ISOGARD HG	✓		
DensDeck Products	✓	✓	✓
SECUROCK	✓	✓	✓
✓ = Acceptable for use			
Reference must be made to other sections of the Single Ply Design Guide, the Asphalt Design Guide, Detail Drawings, and <a href="#">Technical Information Sheets</a> (TIS) for additional and/or specific requirements.			



Roofing plies or base sheets cannot be fully mopped to polyiso insulation. A suitable overlay must be used to separate the polyiso insulation from the fully adhered, hot asphalt applied, ply.

The following are overlays over polyiso that are generally acceptable when attaching any ply sheet with hot asphalt:

- A compatible cover board
- Approved Dens Deck product
- A base sheet mechanically attached through the polyiso insulation into the structural deck



## 1.08 INSULATION

### A. GENERAL

1. Insulation must provide a suitable substrate for the proposed roof system as well as insulating the building.
2. Insulation thickness requirements may vary for code compliance. Contact the local code or insurance official before contacting your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information.
3. Refer to Insulation or Cover Board Technical Information Sheet (TIS) for specific spanning capabilities.
4. Refer to the Firestone Attachment Guide for adhesion pull test requirements for Firestone insulation adhesives.



Only Firestone brand insulation can be included in the Firestone Red Shield warranty.

### B. ATTACHMENT

1. Insulation may be installed by various methods including fasteners, adhesives, and asphalt. It is acceptable to combine fastener and adhesive attachment methods in multi-layer applications.
2. Tapered insulation below the 1" (25 mm) minimum thickness must be fastened at a rate of one (1) fastener and plate per two (2) ft<sup>2</sup> (0.22 m). If possible, install the tapered insulation first, covered by the flat stock.
3. Refer to specific Firestone Technical Information Sheets (TIS) for installation and fastening requirements.
4. When a composite of two insulation layers is installed, the fastening pattern required for the top board thickness must be used. A common fastener may be used to install multilayer applications. Some restrictions apply to fastener length depending on standards used.



Ballasted systems are not allowed when the membrane is installed directly onto a hard surface, such as DensDeck, SECUROCK, OSB, Gypsum, ISOgard HD or concrete.

Ballasted systems are not allowed when the membrane is installed directly to a layer of mechanically attached insulation.

TABLE 1.08-1 Insulation/Cover Board Attachment Options by Deck and Recover/Retrofit						
Substrate to Which Insulation / Cover Board Will Be Attached or Adhered	Attachment Method					
	Mechanically Attached	I.S.O. Fix	I.S.O. SPRAY R	Twin Jet	I.S.O. Twin Pack or I.S.O. Stick	Hot Asphalt
<b>Decks</b>						
Steel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Structural Concrete	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Plywood or Oriented Strand Board	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Wood Planking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Poured or Pre-Cast Gypsum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Cementitious Wood Fiber	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Lightweight Insulating Concrete Decks (See <a href="#">Section 1.06 H</a> for additional requirements)	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	N/A
<b>Recover/Retrofit (Excluding Platinum Systems)</b>						
Existing Smooth Surface Built-Up Roof or Modified Bitumen Roofs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coal Tar Built-Up Roofs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A
Asphalt Gravel Surfaced Built-Up Roof	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mineral Surface Built-Up Roof or Modified Bitumen Roof	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓





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- When a composite of two insulation layers is installed, the fastening pattern required is dependent on the top board type and thickness. A common fastener may be used to simultaneously fasten all layers to the structural deck.
- In areas where tapered insulation thickness is below the 1" (25 mm) minimum thickness, insulation must be fastened at a rate of one (1) fastener and plate per two (2) ft<sup>2</sup> (0.22 m<sup>2</sup>).
- Firestone's published reduced fastening rates for ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL insulation, under selected conditions, will not affect the products performance. However, the reduced fastening rate may allow insulation board movement that may result in interior building noise.

TABLE 1.08-3 Chart of Insulation Attachment Options (Mechanical Attachment)							
Structural Deck To Which Insulation/ Cover Board Will Be Mechanically Attached	Attachment Method						Minimum penetration of fastener into/ through deck
	Firestone All Purpose (AP) Fasteners and Plates	Firestone Heavy Duty (HD) Fasteners and Plates	Firestone Polymer Fasteners and Plates	Firestone Concrete Drives and Plates	Firestone Belted Fasteners and Plates	Firestone HailGuard Fasteners	
Steel *15 Year Max Warranty	✓ *	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	¾" (19 mm) through deck
Structural Concrete	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	Heavy Duty (HD) or HailGuard 1" (25 mm) into deck
							Concrete Drives 1¼" (32 mm) into deck
Plywood or OSB	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	1" (25 mm) into or through deck
Wood Plank	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	1" (25 mm) into or through deck
Gypsum	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	1½" (38 mm) into deck.
Cementitious Wood Fiber	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	1½" (38 mm) into deck.
Lightweight insulating concrete over steel deck (See Section 1.06 H for additional requirements)	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	Heavy Duty (HD) or HailGuard ¾" (19 mm) through steel pan
Lightweight insulating concrete over concrete deck (See Section 1.06 H for additional requirements)	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	Heavy Duty (HD) or HailGuard 1" (25 mm) into the structural concrete deck.
							Concrete Drives 1¼" (32 mm) into the structural concrete deck.
✓ = Acceptable for use                      N/A = Not Applicable							

**E. MINIMUM NUMBER OF FASTENERS AND PLATES PER INSULATION BOARD**

- Refer to Firestone for the required patterns for proper placement of approved fasteners and plates for insulation on Firestone minimum roofing systems specifications. These fastening patterns apply to the following flat or tapered insulations. The most common fastener density and pattern requirements are shown on this Technical Information Sheet. For non-standard fastener densities, contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for information
- Certain specifications and job conditions may call for increased densities of fasteners in the perimeters and corners of roofs.

**TABLE 1.08-4**

Minimum number of fasteners and plates per insulation board

System	Insulation	Insulation Thickness	Number of Fasteners per 4' x 4' Board	Number of Fasteners per 4' x 8' Board	
<b>Mechanically Fastened Membrane Systems</b>	<b>UltraPly Platinum</b> New Construction or complete tear off to the deck with any damage repaired or replaced	ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL	1"	8	16
		ISOGARD HD	1/2"	6	16
		DensDeck	1/4"	8	16
		DensDeck StormX Prime	5/8"	8	16
		SECUROCK	1/4"	8	16
		HailGard / ISOGARD HG	1.5"	8	16
	<b>UltraPly TPO</b> <b>UltraPly TPO XR</b> New Construction <b>Not</b> over a BUR, Modified, or Adhered Single-Ply System	All Firestone Approved Insulations	All Approved Thicknesses	4	5
	<b>UltraPly TPO</b> <b>UltraPly TPO XR</b> New Construction with an Air barrier or a recover over existing loose laid or Mechanically Attached Single-Ply System	ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL	.5" - 1.4"	8	16
			1.5" - 1.9"	6	12
			2" or greater	4	8
ISOGARD HD		1/2"	6	12	
STRUCTODEK HD Fiberboard (max 15-year)		.5" - 1"	8	16	
HailGard / ISOGARD HG		1.5" - 1.9"	6	12	
DensDeck		1/4"	8	16	
		1/2"	6	12	
		5/8"	4	8	
DensDeck Prime		1/4"	8	16	
		1/2"	6	12	
		5/8"	4	8	
DensDeck StormX Prime		5/8"	4	8	
		1/4"	8	16	
	1/2"	6	12		
SECUROCK Gypsum-Fiber	1/2"	6	12		
	5/8"	4	8		

**NOTE:** 1/4" = 6.4 mm      1" = 25 mm      1.9" = 48.2 mm  
 1/2" = 13 mm      1.4" = 35.6 mm      2" = 51 mm  
 5/8" = 16 mm      1.5" = 38.1 mm

**TABLE 1.08-5**

Minimum number of fasteners and plates per insulation board

System	Insulation	Insulation Thickness	Number of Fasteners per 4' x 4' Board	Number of Fasteners per 4' x 8' Board	
<b>Adhered systems</b>	<b>UltraPly Platinum</b>	ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL	1"-4"	8	16
		HailGard / ISOGARD HG	1.5" or greater	8	16
		DensDeck	1/4" or greater	8	16
	<b>UltraPly TPO</b>	ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL	.5" - 1.4"	8	16
			1.5" - 1.9"	6	12
			2" or greater	4	8
	<b>UltraPly TPO XR</b>	ISOGARD HD	0.5"	6	12
		HailGard / ISOGARD HG	1.5" - 1.9"	6	12
	<b>UltraPly TPO SA</b>	STRUCTODEK HD Fiberboard (max 15-year)	2" or greater	4	8
	<b>UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered</b>	SECUROCK Gypsum-Fiber	.5" - 1"	8	16
			1/4"	5	12
			1/2"	4	10
	<b>UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered SA</b>	DensDeck Prime	5/8"	4	8
			1/4"	6	12
1/2"			5	10	
5/8"			4	8	
	DensDeck StormX Prime	5/8"	4	8	

**NOTE:** 1/4" = 6.4 mm      1" = 25 mm      1.9" = 48.2 mm  
 1/2" = 13 mm      1.4" = 35.6 mm      2" = 51 mm  
 5/8" = 16 mm      1.5" = 38.1 mm

<b>TABLE 1.08-6</b> The Minimum Fastener Pullout Resistances for Specific Systems	
<b>System</b>	<b>Minimum Fastener Pullout</b>
Fully Adhered systems with Insulation Mechanically Attached to Deck	300 lb (136.1 Kg)
Single-Ply Mechanically Attached.	400 lb (181.4 Kg)
Base Sheet Mechanically Attached to Deck	300 lb (136.1 Kg)
Base Sheet Nailed to Deck (Cap nail or Firestone LWC Fastener)	40 lb (18.1 Kg)

In the case where the structural deck does not meet the minimum fastener pullout requirements Contact a Technical Services Advisor at Firestone Building Products.

**F. ASPHALT ATTACHMENT OF INSULATION /COVER BOARD TO SUBSTRATE:**

- The proposed insulation or cover board must be compatible with the roof substrate, the proposed bitumen and the requirements of the Firestone roof system.
- Hot steep asphalt (ASTM D 312 Type III or Type IV) may be used to attach insulation beneath a ballasted, fully adhered or mechanically attached roof system.
- When using hot asphalt for attachment:
  - The insulation must be no larger than 4' X 4' (1.2 m X 1.2 m)
  - Stagger all insulation joints from adjoining boards and subsequent layers by 6" (153 mm)
- Assure that all health and safety measures are followed when installing hot asphalt to protect the installers as well as occupants of the building
- Expanded or extruded polystyrene insulation cannot be attached or adhered to with hot asphalt.

<b>TABLE 1.08-7</b> Approved Substrates for use with Asphalt Attachment of Insulation /Cover Board		
Approved base sheets that have been attached in accordance with Firestone requirements		✓
Approved base plies that have been adhered in accordance with Firestone requirements		✓
Compatible insulations	ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL	✓
Compatible Cover Boards	Approved Dens Deck. And SECUROCK Products (Dens Deck must be primed with ASTM D 41)	✓
Poured-in-Place or pre-cast structural concrete decks that has been primed with ASTM D 41 primer		✓
Existing properly prepared asphalt membrane roofing systems.	Uncoated smooth or granular surfaced BUR	✓
	Granule surfaced SBS modified asphalt roofing systems	✓
	Gravel surface Built-Up roofing systems	✓
✓ = Acceptable for use		

**G. ADHESIVE ATTACHMENT OF INSULATION /COVER BOARD TO SUBSTRATE**

- Assure that all safety measures are followed when installing insulation adhesives to protect the installer as well as the occupants of the building.
- Firestone insulation adhesives must be applied in accordance with the installation instructions and Technical Information Sheets (TIS).
- Firestone I.S.O. Twin Pack, Firestone I.S.O. Stick, Firestone I.S.O. FIX, Firestone Twin Jet and Firestone I.S.O. SPRAY R Adhesive:
  - The insulation must be no larger than 4' X 4' (1.2 m X 1.2 m)
  - Stagger all insulation joints from adjoining and adjacent boards and adjacent layers, 6" (153 mm) minimum.
- Refer to the Firestone Roofing Systems Adhered Insulation Layout Guide at the end of this section for adhesion pull test requirements for Firestone I.S.O. Twin Pack, Firestone I.S.O. Stick, Firestone I.S.O. FIX, I.S.O. SPRAY R and Firestone Twin Jet.
- Existing decks containing residual asphalt must be cleaned and scraped as smooth as possible.
- Existing decks shall be smooth, flat, clean, dry, free of sharp fins, or foreign materials.

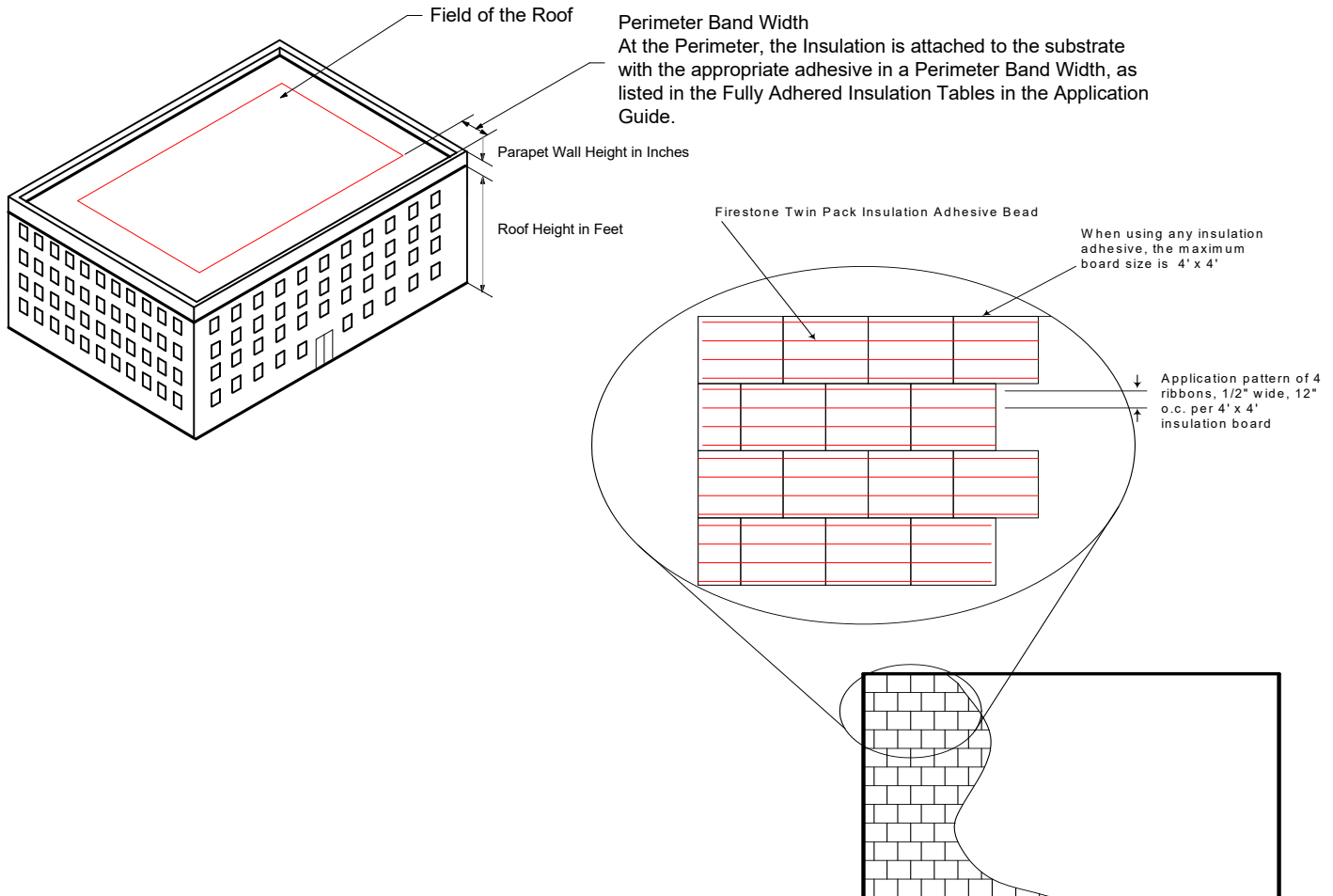
TABLE 1.08-8 Allowable Adhesive Attachment of Insulation/Cover Board to Structural Deck													
Structural Deck To Which Insulation or Cover Board Will Be Adhered	I.S.O. FIX			Twin Jet			I.S.O. SPRAY R			I.S.O. Twin Pack I.S.O.Stick			NOTE
	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	
Steel		✓		✓			✓				✓		New steel decks require cleaning to remove processing
New Structural Concrete	✓			✓			✓			✓			New poured decks must have a minimum 28-day drying/curing time and be dry from
Existing Structural Concrete	✓				✓		✓				✓		Existing concrete containing residual asphalt must be cleaned and scraped smooth as possible
Plywood, OSB, Wood Planking	✓			✓			✓			✓			
Cementitious Wood Fiber		✓			✓		✓			✓			
Poured or Pre-Cast Gypsum		✓			✓			✓			✓		
Cellular Lightweight Insulating Concrete (Celcore or Elastizell)			✓		✓			✓			✓		New poured decks must have a minimum 28-day drying/curing time and be dry from "weather".
Lightweight Insulating Concrete Decks (See Section 1.06 H for additional requirements)			✓					✓			✓		
✓ = Acceptable for use													

TABLE 1.08-9 Allowable Adhesive Attachment of Insulation/Cover Board to Base Layer of Insulation													
New Base Layer of Insulation Or Asphalt Base Sheet To Which Insulation or Cover Board Will Be Adhered	I.S.O. FIX			Twin Jet			I.S.O. SPRAY R			I.S.O. Twin Pack I.S.O. Stick			NOTE
	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	
ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL, Resista / ISOGARD CG	✓			✓			✓			✓			Maximum 4' x 4' (1.2 m x 1.2 m) boards only unless noted otherwise.  I.S.O. FIX Maximum slope: 2:12
ISOGARD HD	✓			✓			✓			✓			
STRUCTODEK HD Fiberboard	✓			✓			✓			✓			
HailGard / ISOGARD HG			✓			✓			✓			✓	
DensDeck Products and SECUROCK Gypsum-Fiber	✓			✓			✓			✓			
Perlite Insulation			✓			✓			✓			✓	
V-Force Vapor Barrier Membrane	✓			✓			✓			✓			
Approved Firestone Asphalt Base Sheets		✓			✓		✓			✓			

**TABLE 1.08-10**  
Allowable Adhesive Attachment of Insulation /Cover Board to Retrofit/Recover

Recover / Retrofit To Which Insulation or Cover Board Will Be Adhered	I.S.O. FIX			Twin Jet			I.S.O. SPRAY R			I.S.O. Twin Pack I.S.O.Stick			NOTE
	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	Acceptable	Pull Test Required	Not Acceptable	
Smooth Surface BUR		✓			✓		✓				✓		Primer may be required
Existing Asphalt Roofs Gravel Surfaced BUR Mineral Surface BUR Mineral Surface Modified		✓			✓		✓				✓		All interruptions in the existing roof membrane must be re-sealed to prevent air infiltration. Primer
Coal Tar Pitch BUR			✓			✓	✓				✓		Aged and Oxidized, Primer may be required
Existing Single-Ply Systems			✓			✓			✓			✓	Primer may be required

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## Application Rate

1. Firestone Twin Pack Adhesive is generally installed in ½" (13 mm) beads spaced 12" (305 mm) o.c. Application rates will increase as job requirements become more demanding.
2. Primer may be required, depending on the substrate.

## Criteria for Field Testing Firestone I.S.O. Twin Pack and I.S.O. Stick Adhesive for Adhesion to Deck Substrates

1. Prepare an area large enough to allow a 4' x 4' (1.2 m x 1.2 m) insulation board to be laid in place. Follow manufacturer's guidelines for surface preparation and list of acceptable substrates or contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information.
2. Secure the board to the substrate with adhesive per recommended application rates and methods: 12" (305 mm) o.c., ½" (13 mm) to ¾" (19 mm) bead, weighted for 5 minutes minimum).
3. Allow the adhesive a **minimum of 60 minutes to cure**. This period should be sufficient in almost any temperature to indicate the adhesion values required for the test.
4. After the adhesive has been allowed to cure, pull up on the adhered board by placing a hand under the corner or end of the board in the same direction as the ribbons. Make sure that the board is **lifted by hand**. Using tools to scrape the board may disbond the adhesive from the deck. This will not show whether the adhesive is performing under uplift considerations. (If a tool is used, it should be used to **pry or pop the board up**).
5. Observe the insulation and deck. The desired result is a delamination of the surface or board facer with adhesive and facer residue remaining on the deck or the board breaks apart remaining adhered to the deck at the ribbons. **If the board is lifted and the adhesive pulls/peels off the deck or decking are pulled up with the board, this is considered an unacceptable substrate.**

## 1.09 ROOF MEMBRANE

### A. MEMBRANE SECUREMENT OPTIONS FOR ULTRAPLY TPO MEMBRANE SYSTEMS

1. The following outlines the various securement options for individual system types. Compliance with all installation criteria is required to issue a Firestone Warranty. Additional attachment requirements may be necessary to comply with design criteria, insurance requirements or local building code.
2. An air barrier is required for projects with large wall openings that are greater than 10% of any one wall area that could be left open in a storm. Criteria for enhancements to be determined based upon Firestone's review. Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information.



<b>TABLE 1.09-1</b> Approved Immediate Substrates for UltraPly TPO Membranes Up to and Including 20-year Warranties							
New Firestone Insulation or Approved Firestone Base Sheet to Which Membrane Can Be Applied	UltraPly TPO			UltraPly TPO XR (Horizontal Substrates)			
	Adhered	Mechanically Attached	Ballasted	XR Bonding Adhesive	Jet Bond	Hot Asphalt	I.S.O. Spray R XR Stick Twin Jet
<b>New Insulation</b>							
ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL, Resista / ISOGARD CG	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
ISOGARD HD	✓	✓			✓		✓
STRUCTODEK HD Fiberboard (Maximum 15 Year Warranty)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HailGard / ISOGARD HG	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
DensDeck Products and SECUROCK Gypsum-Fiber	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
DensDeck StormX Prime Roof Board	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
SECUROCK Glass-Mat		✓					
Perlite Insulation							
EPS/XPS Insulation			✓				
Fiberglass Insulation			✓			✓	
Approved Firestone Asphalt Base Sheet						✓	✓
✓ = Acceptable for use							

<b>TABLE 1.09-2</b> Approved Immediate Substrates for UltraPly TPO Membranes Up to and Including 20-year Warranties							
Structural Deck to Which Membrane Can Be Directly Applied	UltraPly TPO			UltraPly TPO XR (Horizontal Substrates)			
	Adhered	Mechanically Attached	Ballasted	XR Bonding Adhesive	Jet Bond	Hot Asphalt	I.S.O. Spray R XR Stick Twin Jet
<b>Decks</b>							
Structural Concrete	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Plywood or Oriented Strand Board	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Wood Planking	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Poured or Pre-Cast Gypsum				✓ *	✓		✓
Cementitious Wood Fiber							
Lightweight Insulating Concrete Decks (See <a href="#">Section 1.06 H</a> for additional requirements)	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
✓ = Acceptable for use (* XR Bonding Adhesive Acceptable to Pre-Cast Gypsum Only)							

TABLE 1.09-3 Approved Immediate Substrates for UltraPly TPO Membranes Up to and Including 20 Year Warranties							
Properly Prepared Recover / Retrofit Substrate to Which Membrane Will Be Directly Applied	UltraPly TPO			UltraPly TPO XR (Horizontal Substrates)			
	Adhered	Mechanically Attached	Ballasted	Mechanically Attached	XR Bonding Adhesive	XR Stick I.S.O. Spray R Twin Jet	Hot Asphalt
Recover							
Smooth Surface Built-Up or Smooth Modified Bitumen Roofs (Applicable for 20 Year or less Warranties)	✓	Protection mat required	Protection mat required	✓	✓	✓	✓
	45 mil max. 15 Years			45 mil max. 15 Years			
Mineral Surface Built-Up or Modified Bitumen Roofs (Applicable for 20 Year or less Warranties)		Protection mat required	Protection mat required	✓	✓	✓	✓
	45 mil max. 15 Years			45 mil max. 15 Years			
✓ = Acceptable for use							

## B. ADHERED SYSTEMS

TABLE 1.09-4 AVAILABLE ADHESIVES FOR ULTRAPLY TPO MEMBRANES TO APPROVED SUBSTRATES									
Adhered Single-Ply System	UltraPly Bonding Adhesive	Water Based Bonding Adhesive – P (15-year max)	Single Ply LVOC Bonding Adhesive	XR Bonding Adhesive	Hot Asphalt	I.S.O. Spray R	XR Stick	Twin Jet	Jet Bond
UltraPly TPO, UltraPly TPO Platinum, UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
UltraPly TPO XR (Horizontal Substrates)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
UltraPly TPO SA, UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered TPO SA	Not Applicable – The SA Adhesive is pre-applied to the bottom side of the membrane								
✓ = Acceptable for use									

## C. BALLASTED SYSTEMS

Ballasted systems are not allowed when the membrane and ballast are installed directly onto a hard surface, such as ISOGARD HD, DensDeck, SECUROCK, OSB, gypsum or concrete.

Insulation fasteners / plates are not approved for use directly under a ballasted membrane system.



Firestone requires that a suitable insulation or cover board be installed over any substrate that would damage the membrane. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Fasteners / plates used for insulation attachment
- Fasteners / plates used for existing membrane / insulation securement
- Substrates that are not smooth, flat, clean, free of sharp fins, or foreign materials that could damage the membrane

### 1. Ballast

- All ballast should be of adequate size and weight to provide proper protection against wind uplift. The building owner or his design professional is responsible for the ballast design and selection on a specific building. Firestone can assist with its Firestone Ballast Paver system in selection and design. Firestone does not certify or comment on stone ballast other than to state the requirements for warranty described in this technical guide. Regarding size and roughness of stone ballast refer to local building codes, the ANSI/SPRI “Wind Design Standard for Ballasted Single-Ply Roofing Systems RP-4” or Factory Mutual Technical Advisory Bulletin 1-29 for information regarding stone ballast requirements on loose laid single-ply roofing systems.
- The weight of ballast must be considered when determining the structure’s ability to support the load of staged materials or the completed roof installation and other expected loads. Firestone takes no responsibility for making this structural analysis, but strongly recommends that a professional engineer or registered architect make this determination prior to the job start.
- Install ballast materials daily as a maximum time frame. Failure to do so may cause damage to the system from wind or allow movement of the insulation.

- d) Do not stock pile ballast materials.

2. Stone Ballast

- a) Stone ballast should be smooth, water worn gravel with rounded edges and corners, relatively free of fractures, loam, sand, or other foreign substances and contain no more than 4% fines.  
 b) Unless otherwise designed, the minimum ballast coverage required by Firestone for warranty is 10 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (48.8 kg/sq. m) using nominal ¾" to 1½" (19 mm to 38 mm) diameter stone meeting ASTM D 448 size #4 using ASTM C-136 method of testing.  
 c) This rate may not provide adequate membrane coverage if stone larger than ASTM D 448 size #4 is used.

TABLE 1.09-5 Chart of Minimum Coverage Requirements for Various Ballast Gradations		
ASTM Size No.	Nominal Size	Minimum Acceptable Coverage
4 (Firestone Minimum)	¾" (19 mm) to 1½" (38 mm)	10 lb/ft <sup>2</sup> (48 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
357	¾" (19 mm) to 2" (51 mm)	10 lb/ ft <sup>2</sup> (48 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
3	1" (25 mm) to 2" (51 mm)	10 lb/ ft <sup>2</sup> (48 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
24	¾" (19 mm) to 2½" (63 mm)	11 lb/ ft <sup>2</sup> (54 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
2	1½" (38 mm) to 2½" (63 mm)	13 lb/ ft <sup>2</sup> (63 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
1	1½" (38 mm) to 3½" (89 mm)	16 lb/ ft <sup>2</sup> (78 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )

3. Concrete Pavers

- a) Only approved ballast systems are permitted on warranted Firestone installations. The Firestone Roof Ballast Paver system consists of smooth trowel finished interlocking concrete pavers, and may be used, and should be applied at a rate of not less than 12 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (58.48 kg/m<sup>2</sup>). Maximum space between pavers should be ½" (13 mm).  
 b) Interlocking paving stones weighing a minimum of 10 lb per ft<sup>2</sup> (48.8 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) which have proven performance for wind and weather resistance, may be used. This system should have a minimum performance warranty from the paver manufacturer equal to the Firestone roof warranty.  
 c) Firestone Protection Mat or an additional layer of Firestone Membrane must be installed between the membrane and all pavers. The Firestone Protection Mat must be completely covered with pavers to prevent ultraviolet degradation of the mat.

4. Crushed Stone Ballast

- a) Crushed stone ballast should be durable, free of excessive sharps or fractures, loam, sand or other foreign substance, meeting the physical testing requirements below.  
 b) Firestone Protection Mat or an additional layer of Firestone Membrane must be installed between the membrane and the crushed stone ballast. The Firestone Protection Mat must be completely covered with the crushed stone ballast to prevent ultraviolet degradation of the mat.  
 c) Specific Gravity: Minimum 2.40 Mg/m<sup>3</sup> (ASTM C 127 test method)  
 d) Impact Resistance: Maximum 40% weight loss (ASTM C 535 and C 131 test methods).  
 e) Soundness: (ASTM C 88 test method)  
 f) Maximum 12% weight loss (with sodium sulfate)  
 g) Maximum 18% weight loss (with magnesium sulfate)  
 h) Unless otherwise designed, the minimum ballast coverage required by Firestone for warranty is 10 lb per ft<sup>2</sup> (48.8 kg/sq. m) using nominal ¾" to 1½" (19 mm to 38 mm) diameter stone.

**D. MECHANICALLY ATTACHED SYSTEMS**

Within Firestone Specifications, reference is made to Firestone's Mechanically Attached Systems.

Mechanically Attached TPO Roofing Systems include:

- UltraPly TPO Mechanically Anchored System – using appropriate Firestone Fasteners and HD Seam Plates
- UltraPly TPO InvisiWeld System – using appropriate Firestone Fasteners and InvisiWeld or InvisiWeld-S Insulation Plates
- UltraPly TPO Wide Weld System – using appropriate Firestone Fasteners and Batten Strips
- UltraPly TPO XR Membrane System – using appropriate Firestone Fasteners and HD Seam Plates
- UltraPly TPO RMA System – using Firestone QuickSeam Reinforced Mechanical Attachment Strips secured with appropriate Firestone Fasteners and HD Seam Plates



UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered and Flex Adhered SA is an adhered membrane only. It is not approved for mechanical attachment.



Firestone recommends that when installing mechanically attached membranes over steel decks, the field attachment should run perpendicular the deck panels.

1. See the Firestone Attachment Guide for specific membrane layout requirements.
2. Due to the nature of mechanically attached roofing systems, some fluttering or billowing of the membrane can be expected and may produce sound under certain conditions.
3. Appropriate Firestone Seam Plates or Batten Strips (Wide Weld Systems only) must be used with Firestone Fasteners to secure the Firestone Mechanically Attached System membrane.
4. Where the deck will not provide a minimum fastener pullout resistance of 400 lb (1.8 kN), Firestone has designed a system of alternate fastener spacing to be used based on fastener pullout capacity (see Table 1.09-6).
5. Consult with local building code and insurance officials or design professionals to determine if more stringent securements are required. Below is the minimum attachment requirement to receive a Firestone Warranty.

TABLE 1.09-6 Chart of Fastening Rates		
Min. Pullout Value	Fastener Spacing for Field	Fastener Spacing for Perimeter
400 lbf (1.8 kN) or greater	12" (305 mm) o.c	12" (305 mm) o.c.
300 lbf to 399 lbf (1.3 kN to 1.8kN)	9" (229 mm) o.c.	6" (152 mm) o.c.
200 lbf to 299 lbf (0.9 kN to 1.3 kN)	6" (152 mm) o.c.	6" (152 mm) o.c.
less than 200 lbf (0.9 kN)	This system is not applicable	

6. The fastener spacing in the above tables assumes that decking is dry and free of any deterioration. Firestone recommends that pullout testing be completed by the Firestone Licensed Applicator on all re-roof projects, regardless of deck type to confirm pullout resistance.
7. For decks other than those listed above, contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information.
8. Perimeter Attachment Selection:



For retrofit of metal buildings, refer to the [Metal Building Recover Guide](#). Direct attachment of Firestone Mechanically Attached Roofing Systems to metal roofs (regardless of gauge) is strictly prohibited.

- a) Roof perimeter areas must be attached in accordance with the Firestone Attachment Guide.
- b) As an alternate to mechanical attachment, the perimeter area may be fully adhered.
  - The adhered perimeter area must cover the same area as if the perimeters were mechanically attached, as indicated in the Firestone Attachment Guide
  - The adhered perimeter area must be prepared in accordance with the substrate and insulation requirements of the Firestone Adhered roof system
  - The adhered perimeter area must be isolated from the mechanically attached field of the roof by a continuous row of Firestone Fasteners and Seam Plates

### Membrane Lap Splicing (UltraPly TPO Membrane up to 30-year Warranty)

1. Splice Firestone UltraPly TPO membrane by heat welding the side and end laps with a hot air welder. Refer to the UltraPly TPO Application Guide for additional welding information.
2. If reinforced TPO membrane thickness is greater than .045" (1.14 mm), T-joint patches must be installed at all reinforced membrane seam intersections. For specific instructions, refer to the Firestone UltraPly TPO Roofing Systems Application Guide and Firestone UltraPly TPO Lap Splice Details.
3. Red Shield Warranties up to 20 years may utilize UltraPly TPO QuickSeam Products as appropriate (see UltraBlend details).
4. For 25 or 30-year Red Shield Warranties, QuickSeam Products are not permitted.
5. Refer to Firestone details and application specifications for specific requirements.

## Membrane Lap Splicing (UltraPly TPO XR Membrane)

1. Splice UltraPly TPO XR Membrane side laps by heat welding with a hot air welder. Refer to the UltraPly TPO Application Guide for additional welding information. In the absence of a selvage edge follow end lap splicing procedure noted in step #2 below.
2. End laps are to be completed by butting the TPO XR Membrane sheets together and hot air welding an 8" (203 mm) wide strip of UltraPly TPO membrane to complete the end lap splice.
3. If reinforced TPO membrane thickness is greater than .045" (1.14 mm), T-joint patches must be installed at all reinforced membrane seam intersections. For specific instructions, refer to the Firestone UltraPly TPO Roofing Systems Application Guide and Firestone UltraPly TPO Lap Splice Details.
4. Red Shield Warranties up to 20 Years may utilize UltraPly TPO QuickSeam Products as appropriate (see UltraBlend details).

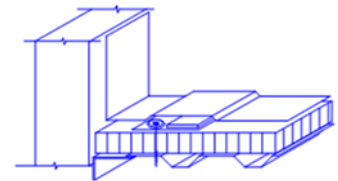
### 1.10 FLASHINGS

#### A. DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

1. Many factors affect the performance of the flashing system. Extended warranties may require special flashing applications and details. Design drawings for several common applications are available from the Firestone Technical Database Web Site. Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information.
2. A flashing is a roofing element used to prevent water from penetrating the exterior surface of a roof or to intercept and lead water off it. Flashings divert the water to the roof membrane. The roof membrane then carries it to the roof drainage system. Typically, a flashing intercepts water flowing down parapets, down walls of higher adjacent construction and down roof penetrations. There are four typical locations where a flashing is needed:
  - Terminations
  - Junctions
  - Projections
  - Joints
3. In any flashing detail, there are up to three different flashing components:
  - Base flashing
  - Counter Flashing
  - Cap flashing

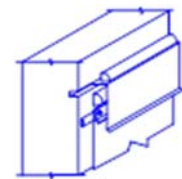
#### Base Flashing

An extension of the roofing membrane or a different material that is bonded to the roof to form a waterproof joint. It extends upward along the vertical surface to divert water onto the membrane. The base flashing should reach a higher level than that reached by water on the roof. In some situations, water may have to be temporarily stored on the roof. This may occur during heavy rainfalls, where the drain size is inadequate, where local building regulations require controlled flow drains, or where ice and snow restrict drainage.



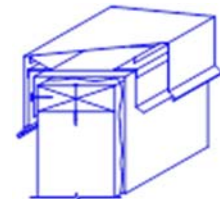
#### Counter Flashing

Counter Flashing is used, in some situations, to carry water onto the base flashing and the membrane. This may be the case where a wall rises above a roof surface. The counter flashing covers the vertical termination of the base flashing. It provides protection for the base flashing and may serve to shed water. Where required, the counter Flashing is secured to the parapet or wall cladding.



#### Cap Flashing

Cap flashings are horizontal coverings for parapets and expansion joints. Cap flashing should be sloped toward the roof and secured to allow differential movement. Failure to provide for adequate flashing height at the design stage may result in serious problems that cannot be corrected subsequently



4. Limitations in flashing heights may be encountered. Existing building features (i.e., door or window locations, weep holes, through-wall flashings, etc.) may not allow sufficient clearance to provide proper termination above the potential water level, additional insulation or other details. Detailed consideration of these conditions is critical to the integrity of the roofing system. Contact a Firestone Technical Services Advisor for assistance.

## B. WALL/CURB FLASHING MATERIALS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. The following chart lists the flashing requirements for Firestone Single-Ply systems.
2. Refer to the Firestone UltraPly TPO Application Guide and detail drawings sections for additional information.
3. 25 and 30-year warranties may require special flashing applications.
4. All membrane base tie-ins must be attached to substrates which provide a minimum of 200 lbf (89 kN) force in any direction.

Table 1.10-1 Wall/Curb Flashing Materials and Requirements			
Membrane	Detail	Detail Description	
30 Year Platinum .080" TPO	Wall Terminations	Firestone Termination Bar with surface mounted or reglet inserted counterflashing in accordance with current Firestone details.	
	Curbs	Curbs, walls, and expansion joints must be anchored with appropriate base tie-in detail, using HD Seam Plates and HD Fasteners. Curbs and walls must be flashed using a minimum 0.060" UltraPly TPO Membrane or UltraPly TPO 18" Curb Flashing, per current Firestone 30 year details. Flashings must be sealed with welded details and may include UltraPly TPO Coated Metal.	
	Corners	Must be Flashing using heat welded Firestone pre-molded Inside/Outside Corners per 30 year details.	
	Roof Edges	Firestone AnchorGard or EdgeGard Fascia or Drain Bar systems. Firestone Coping Systems or UltraPly TPO Coated Metal. Completed per Current Firestone 30 year details.	
	Parapets	Firestone Coping System	
	Penetrations	Flash with UltraPly Pipe Flashing (weldable), UltraPly TPO Penetration Pocket, or UltraPly TPO Unsupported Flashing, per current Firestone 30 year details.	
UltraPly TPO	All Flashings	Up to 20 yr	Curbs, walls, and expansion joints must be anchored with appropriate base tie-in detail, using UltraPly QuickSeam Reinforced Perimeter Fastening (RPF) Strip or HD Seam Plates (see current details for alternate base tie-in details). Curbs and walls must be flashed using minimum 0.045" UltraPly TPO Membrane, UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered, TPO SA, UltraPly TPO Flex SA or UltraPly TPO 18" Curb Flashing. Flashings may be sealed with welded details or QuickSeam products (see UltraBlend details) where acceptable and may include UltraPly TPO Coated Metal.
		25 yr	Minimum 60 mil membrane. Follow 30-year Platinum TPO flashing details as noted above.
	Roof Edges	Up to 20 yr	Firestone AnchorGard or EdgeGard Fascia, Drain Bar systems, Firestone Coping System, UNA-Edge System or UltraPly TPO Coated Metal. QuickSeam details may be used.
		25 yr	Follow 30-year Platinum TPO edge details as noted above
	Parapets	Firestone Coping System	
UltraPly TPO XR	All Flashings	Up to 20 yr	Curbs, walls and expansion joints must be anchored with appropriate base tie-in detail using foam adhesive (XR Stick, Twin Jet, Jet Bond or I.S.O. Spray R) with UltraPly TPO XR membrane, or HD Seam Plates and HD Fasteners with TPO membrane. Curbs and walls must be flashed using minimum 0.045" UltraPly TPO membrane, UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered, TPO SA or UltraPly TPO 18" Curb Flashing
	Roof Edges	Up to 20 yr	Firestone AnchorGard or EdgeGard Fascia, Drain Bar systems, Firestone Coping System, UNA-Edge System or UltraPly TPO Coated Metal. See XR specific details for additional information.
	Parapets	Firestone Coping System	
UltraPly TPO SA or UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered SA	All Flashings	Up to 20 yr	Curbs, walls, and expansion joints must be anchored with appropriate base tie-in detail, using UltraPly QuickSeam Reinforced Perimeter Fastening (RPF) Strip or TPO seam plates (see current details for alternate base tie-in details). Curbs and walls must be flashed using minimum 0.045" UltraPly TPO Membrane, UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered, TPO SA, or UltraPly TPO Flex SA or UltraPly TPO 18" Curb Flashing. Flashings may be sealed with welded details or QuickSeam products (see UltraBlend details) where acceptable, and may include UltraPly TPO Coated Metal.
	Roof Edges	Up to 20 yr	Firestone AnchorGard or EdgeGard Fascia, Drain Bar systems, Firestone Coping System, UNA-Edge System or UltraPly TPO Coated Metal. QuickSeam details may be used.
	Parapets	Firestone Coping System	
UltraPly TPO InvisiWeld	All Flashings	Up to 20 yr	Curbs, walls, and expansion joints must be anchored with appropriate base tie-in detail, using UltraPly QuickSeam Reinforced Perimeter Fastening (RPF) Strip, TPO seam plates or InvisiWeld plates (see current details for alternate base tie-in details). Curbs and walls must be flashed using minimum 0.045" UltraPly TPO Membrane, UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered, TPO SA, UltraPly TPO Flex SA or UltraPly TPO 18" Curb Flashing. Flashings may be sealed with welded details or QuickSeam products (see UltraBlend details) where acceptable, and may include UltraPly TPO Coated Metal.
	Roof Edges	Up to 20 yr	Firestone AnchorGard or EdgeGard Fascia, Drain Bar systems, Firestone Coping System, UNA-Edge System or UltraPly TPO Coated Metal. QuickSeam details may be used.
	Parapets	Firestone Coping System	



Many Firestone RubberGard™ EPDM and EcoWhite™ EPDM QuickSeam products and accessories are approved for use on UltraPly TPO Roofing Systems for up to a 20-year warranty. See Firestone UltraBlend specifications and details for additional information.



### C. PENETRATIONS (PIPES, CONDUITS, ETC.)

#### 1. Pipe Flashings:

Wherever possible, all round rigid pipe penetrations ranging in size from 1½" (38.1 mm) outside diameter to 8" (203 mm) outside diameter should be flashed with Firestone Pre-Molded Pipe Flashings. If it is not possible to fit an UltraPly TPO pre-molded flashing onto the pipe due to site conditions, the pipe should be covered with a field-fabricated flashing in accordance with Firestone Details. Firestone QuickSeam accessories may be utilized up to a 20-year warranty (see UltraBlend details for additional information).

#### 2. Flexible penetrations (electrical and braided cables, etc.):

Flexible penetrations or conduits may not be flashed with pre-molded, field-fabricated flashings or penetration pockets. Flexible penetrations must be installed through a rigid gooseneck, a sheet metal enclosure or other isolating structure.

### D. PENETRATION POCKETS

#### 1. The following types of penetrations require the installation of a Penetration Pocket detail:

- a) Rigid pipes with an outside diameter less than 1" (25 mm) and up to 4" (102 mm).
- b) Clusters of pipes.
- c) Unusual shapes, e.g., structural beams, channels or angles.

#### 2. A minimum clearance of 1" (25 mm) between penetrations and on all sides of the penetration pocket, is required to assure adequate allowance for Firestone Pourable Sealer around each penetration.

### E. CURBS AND TERMINATIONS

#### 1. All flashing terminations above the field of the roof membrane (except penetration pockets and Pre-Molded Firestone accessories) should provide a minimum design height of at least 8" (203 mm).

#### 2. There are situations where minimum design height cannot be met. In these situations, minimum flashing height should be no lower than the potential water level that could be reached because of a deluging rain. Wherever a vertical termination height is 5" (127 mm) or less, a Firestone Termination Bar detail that is subsequently counter-flashed, is required. Do not flash over existing through-wall flashings, weep holes or scuppers.

#### 3. Termination must be made directly to a sound, watertight, rigid, vertical substrate. For retrofit conditions, existing loose flashing materials must be removed, or overlaid with ¾" (16 mm) exterior grade plywood. Termination bars are not to be installed into gypsum or wood substrates.

#### 4. When using a surface-mounted termination, (i.e., termination bar or surface-mounted counter-flashing) ensure a consistent seal along the wall interface. The wall surface above the termination must be waterproof.

#### 5. Gypsum board, used as a substrate for flashings, must be moisture resistant exterior grade with laminated fiberglass facers and recommended for this application by the gypsum board manufacturer. Base tie-ins must be made into the deck because gypsum does not provide the required minimum fastener pullout resistance of 200 lbf (0.9 kN).

#### 6. Uneven substrates such as stucco, cobblestone, textured masonry or corrugated metal panels, etc. are not suitable to receive flashings. Such surfaces must be prepared to provide an acceptable substrate by attaching minimum ⅝" (16 mm) exterior grade or pressure treated plywood. Attach as required for structural integrity.

#### 7. DensGlass® Gold is not an acceptable substrate for any Firestone membrane wall flashing system.

### F. SHEET METAL WORK

#### 1. Coping, gravel stops, drain bars, counter flashings etc., must be supplied by Firestone. If Firestone is not able to supply a given sheet metal product or design, it must be installed per current Firestone details but will not be included as part of the Firestone Warranty.

#### 2. The installed membrane roofing system must be made watertight before sheet metal application.

#### 3. It is the owner's responsibility to maintain non-Firestone sheet metal in a watertight condition.

#### 4. Make these specifications available to the sheet metal fabricator/contractor.

#### 5. Attachment:

##### a) Counter flashings, copings, and other perimeter or penetration metal work must be properly fastened and sealed by the roofing contractor or others.

##### b) All sheet metal work not supplied by Firestone should be fabricated and installed in accordance with the most stringent requirements from one of the following organizations, the Sheet Metal and Air



Conditioning Contractors National Association, Inc. (SMACNA), the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA), ANSI/SPRI or Dade County.

Some specific roofing details in [Firestone's Technical Specifications](#) may exceed SMACNA recommendations. For such details, follow Firestone requirements.



Refer to ANSI/SPRI ES-1 for information on enhanced wind design for metal edge treatments and performance criteria.

Extended wind speed warranties require enhanced edge details. Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information.

6. If a metal flashing product by others is submitted via a deviation request for inclusion in the warranty coverage, the following are minimum requirements for consideration:
  - a) The sheet metal work must be shop or factory formed or extruded.
  - b) Minimum requirements regarding sheet metal work material are 24 ga (0.61 mm) G-90 Kynar pre-finished steel or 0.040" (1 mm) aluminum (mill finished, pre-finished or anodized).
  - c) A deviation request for inclusion of sheet metal work in warranty coverage must accompany the PIN form submitted by the installing contractor.
  - d) The deviation request must include shop drawings of the sheet metal work to be included and a roof plan showing the installed location and linear dimension for each profile.
  - e) Should the deviation request be granted, the installing contractor will be responsible to Firestone Building Products for a period of two-years from the date of Firestone's inspection and acceptance under their installer's agreement.
7. Metal work not in conformance with Firestone specifications and details or which compromises the integrity of the roof system may jeopardize issuance of the warranty for the entire project. Firestone does not warrant the performance of products Firestone does not supply.
8. UltraPly TPO XR Membrane may require special consideration, see XR specific details or contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information.

## 1.11 WALKWAYS

### A. LOCATIONS

Walkways help protect the membrane from damage due to necessary rooftop service traffic.

1. Walkway systems on warranted Firestone roofs are required at all access points (ladders, hatches, doorways, etc.) and are recommended for use:
  - On roof areas that are subject to foot traffic more frequently than once per month
  - Around all serviceable rooftop units
2. It is the responsibility of the building owner to maintain walkway systems.
3. Traffic related roof damage is not covered by the Firestone Warranty. In areas of extreme traffic, contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for options to enhance the roof system to prevent or mitigate damage to roofing components.

### B. WALKWAY MATERIAL

1. For Firestone UltraPly TPO Roofing Systems, approved walkways are to be utilized in the areas indicated above. Walkways are to be installed in accordance with the instructions provided in the Technical Information Sheet or Application Guide for each product.
2. Walkways may be constructed using Firestone UltraPly TPO Walkway Pads, X-Tread Walkway Pads, EcoWhite QuickSeam Walkway Pads (see UltraBlend specifications) or approved pavers (with sacrificial membrane layer).
3. Concrete pavers, with an additional layer of membrane installed beneath the paver for protection, may be substituted for walkway pads on ballasted and adhered systems. Consult details and guides for additional information.
4. Special Requirements for Ballasted Systems: Walkways within 10' (3.04 m) of the edge of the roof must utilize concrete pavers over an additional layer of membrane.
5. Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for information regarding other materials designated as a walking surface.

## 1.12 WARRANTY

### A. GENERAL

1. Consult this Single Ply Design Guide opening section: 1.01 - General Design Criteria - Initial Design Considerations and Warranty requirements.
2. 30-Year UltraPly TPO Platinum Roofing Systems require new construction or a complete tear off existing roofing components.
3. For new construction or complete tear-off, Firestone AP, HD (or Polymer Fasteners and Polymer Fastener Plates when appropriate) may be used for mechanical attachment of insulation to the appropriate deck.
4. For new construction or complete tear-off, Firestone AP Fasteners and Plates are approved for insulation attachment on warranties up to 20 years on adhered or mechanically attached systems into Steel or Wood decks only. Pull tests should be conducted on re-roof/re-cover conditions.
5. All Purpose (AP) Fasteners and Plates are approved for in seam attachment on Wood Decks only.
6. For Re-cover or partial tear off, Firestone HD fasteners are required for 15-year or greater warranties, except into wood decks.
7. Tie-Ins to other roofing systems are not warranted by Firestone.
8. Failure of a flashing or termination to an intermediate element (e.g., metal panel, insulation, surface treatment, etc.), which itself could fail and admit moisture beneath the membrane is beyond the limits of the Firestone warranty.
9. Upon Firestone's inspection and acceptance of the installed roof system, the requested warranty can be issued. Firestone's inspection is not intended as an inspection for the benefit of the owner or design professional with respect to contract, building codes or compliance with specifications other than Firestone's. Warranted Firestone roofing systems are to be installed only on commercial, industrial, institutional or multi-family commercial housing structures in the United States and Canada. Issuance of a warranty for projects outside the US and Canada must be submitted to your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for consideration prior to bidding. Individual residential construction does not qualify for a Firestone warranty. Only Firestone supplied components are eligible to be covered as part of the Firestone Warranty.

Thickness	Membrane	5-15 Years	20 Years	25 Years	30 Years
.080" (2.0 mm)	UltraPly TPO Platinum	YES	YES	YES	YES
.060" (1.52 mm)	UltraPly TPO	YES	YES	YES	NO
.060" (1.52 mm)	UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered	YES	YES	NO	NO
.045" (1.14 mm)	UltraPly TPO	YES	YES (except InvisiWeld*)	NO	NO
.080" (2.0 mm)	UltraPly TPO XR 135	YES	YES	YES	YES
.060" (1.52 mm)	UltraPly TPO XR 115	YES	YES	YES	NO
.045" (1.14 mm)	UltraPly TPO XR 100	YES	YES	NO	NO
.060" (1.52 mm)	UltraPly TPO SA UltraPly TPO Flex SA	YES	YES	NO	NO

\*45-mil UltraPly TPO is eligible for 15-years max in InvisiWeld applications.

10. It is the owner's responsibility to expose the membrane if warranty service is required when access is impaired. Such impairment includes, but is not limited to:
  - Design features, such as window washer systems, which require the installation of traffic surface units more than 80 lb (36.3 kg) per unit
  - Any equipment, ornamentation, building service units and other roof top surfacing materials that are not defined as part of the membrane assembly
  - Intricately placed or multicolored ballast configurations
  - Individual pavers utilized as ballast, which weigh more than 80 lb (36.3 kg) per unit, unless otherwise required by Firestone for wind uplift resistance
  - Interlocking paver systems that utilize mechanical clips, strapping, adhesive, etc.
  - Rooftop equipment that does not provide Firestone with reasonable access to the membrane
  - Severely ponded water, snow, ice, and other unrelated materials

The following table shows the types and minimum thicknesses of Firestone insulation acceptable for use as an immediate substrate for Firestone roofing membranes in Firestone Red Shield Warranties. Other approved insulations may be allowed below the immediate substrate insulation.

<b>TABLE 1.12-2</b> Chart of Acceptable Insulations and Attachments for UltraPly TPO Membranes: 5, 10 and 15-Year Red Shield Warranties							
System	ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL (flat or tapered)	Firestone Composite	HailGard / ISOGARD HG	STRUCTODEK HD Fiberboard	ISOGARD HD	DensDeck Products	SECUROCK Gypsum-Fiber
Minimum thickness of Firestone insulation acceptable for use as an immediate substrate for Firestone roof system.	1" (25 mm)	1.5" (38 mm)	1.5" (38 mm)	½" or 1" (13 or 25 mm)	½" (13 mm)	¼" (6 mm)	¼" (6 mm)
<b>Adhered</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Ballasted</b>	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Mechanically Attached</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>UltraPly TPO XR</b>	<b>Hot Asphalt</b>	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<b>XR Bonding Adhesive</b>	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	✓
	<b>I.S.O. Spray R</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<b>XR Stick</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<b>Twin Jet</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓ = Acceptable							

<b>TABLE 1.12-3</b> Chart of Acceptable Insulations for Single-Ply Membranes: 20 or 25 Year Firestone Red Shield Warranties							
The minimum thickness of Firestone insulation acceptable for use as an <u>immediate substrate</u> for Firestone roof membranes in Firestone Red Shield warranties.							
System	ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL (flat or tapered)	Firestone Composite	HailGard / ISOGARD HG	STRUCTODEK HD Fiberboard	ISOGARD HD	DensDeck Products	SECUROCK Gypsum-Fiber
The minimum thickness of Firestone insulation acceptable for use as an immediate substrate for Firestone roof system.	1" (25 mm)	1.5" (38 mm)	1.5" (38 mm)	½" or 1" (13 or 25 mm)	½" (13 mm)	¼" (6 mm)	¼" (6 mm)
<b>Adhered</b>	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓
<b>Ballasted</b>	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Mechanically Attached</b>	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓
<b>UltraPly TPO XR</b>	<b>Hot Asphalt</b>	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	✓
	<b>XR Bonding Adhesive</b>	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	✓
	<b>I.S.O. Spray R</b>	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓
	<b>XR Stick</b>	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓
	<b>Twin Jet</b>	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓
	<b>Jet Bond</b>	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓
✓ = Acceptable							

**TABLE 1.12-4**  
30 Year UltraPly TPO Platinum Requirements

.080" UltraPly TPO Platinum System Design Options & Requirements	Basic (B)	Puncture (P)	Puncture & 2" Hail (PH)	Puncture & Wind (100 mph) (PW)	Puncture, 2" Hail & Wind (PHW)
<b>System Securement</b>					
Mechanically Attached	✓	✓		✓	
Fully Adhered	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Minimum Insulation</b>					
ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL (1" (25 mm) minimum req.)	✓	✓		✓ (MAS 5' (1.5 m) and 8' (2.4 m) sheets only)	
HailGard / ISOGARD HG (1½" (38 mm) minimum required)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (Adhered Only)
ISOGARD HD (½" (12.7 mm))	✓	✓	✓ (Adhered Only)	✓ (MAS 5' (1.5 m) and 8' (2.4 m) sheets only)	
DensDeck (¼" (6 mm) minimum required)	✓	✓	✓ (Adhered Only)	✓ (MAS 5' (1.5 m) and 8' (2.4 m) sheets only)	
SECUROCK (¼" (6 mm) minimum required)	✓	✓	✓ (Adhered Only)	✓ (MAS 5' (1.5 m) and 8' (2.4 m) sheets only)	
<b>Cover Board Fastening</b>					
HD Fasteners & HD Insulation Plates (ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL, DensDeck and SECUROCK only)	✓	✓		✓	
I.S.O. Twin Pack or I.S.O. Stick	✓	✓	✓		
I.S.O. Fix	✓	✓	✓		
I.S.O. SPRAY R	✓	✓	✓		
Twin Jet	✓	✓	✓		
HailGard Fasteners (HailGard / ISOGARD HG Only)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Membrane Fastening</b>					
Standard Specification (72 -90 MPH Wind Speed Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Technical Information)	✓	✓	✓		
100 MPH Wind Speed (Contact your Firestone Technical Services Advisor for Review)				✓	✓
<b>Roof Edge</b>					
AnchorGard (complete system only)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AnchorGard (with field fab Una-Clad Metal Only)	✓	✓	✓		
EdgeGard+ (complete system only)	✓	✓	✓		
Firestone Coping (complete system only)	Una-Clad			✓	✓
Firestone Drain Bar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓ =Acceptable					

TABLE 1.12-5 Firestone UltraPly TPO System / Membrane / Flashing Options by Warranty Term		
WARRANTY TERM	ACCEPTABLE ROOF SYSTEM / MEMBRANE(S) / APPLICATION	ACCEPTABLE FLASHING OPTION(S)
30 YEAR PLATINUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>80 mil UltraPly TPO</li> <li>80 mil UltraPly TPO XR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 or 80 mil UltraPly TPO or Coated Metal</li> </ul>
25 YEAR RED SHIELD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 or 80 mil UltraPly TPO</li> <li>60 or 80 mil UltraPly TPO XR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 or 80 mil UltraPly TPO or Coated Metal (to 30-year details)</li> </ul>
5, 10, 15, 20 YEAR RED SHIELD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>45, 60 or 80 mil UltraPly TPO</li> <li>UltraPly TPO SA or UltraPly TPO Flex SA</li> <li>UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered</li> <li>45, 60 or 80 mil UltraPly TPO XR</li> <li>InvisiWeld (60-mil or 80-mil)*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>45, 60 or 80 mil UltraPly TPO</li> <li>Coated Metal</li> <li>UltraPly TPO SA or UltraPly TPO Flex SA</li> <li>InvisiWeld</li> <li>UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered</li> <li>RubberGard EcoWhite EPDM (spliced using UltraBlend specifications)</li> </ul>

\*45-mil UltraPly TPO is eligible for 15 years max in InvisiWeld applications.

TABLE 1.12-6 Firestone UltraPly TPO Warranty Summary*			
WARRANTY NAME	SPECIFICATION	ELIGIBLE CONTRACTOR	COVERAGE
Platinum <b>PHW</b> - Puncture, Hail and Wind	Firestone UltraPly TPO Platinum membrane adhered to HailGard / ISOGARD HG insulation	Licensed Applicator	Repair leaks in the roof system caused by Firestone-supplied materials or the workmanship used to install them, plus damage by cut, puncture, hail or winds up to 100 mph. No dollar limit to repair warranted leaks. Warranty term: 30 years
Platinum <b>PW</b> - Puncture and Wind	Firestone Platinum membrane adhered to HailGard / ISOGARD HG insulation or 8' sheets Mechanically Attached	Licensed Applicator	Repair leaks in the roof system caused by Firestone-supplied materials or the workmanship used to install them, plus damage by cut, puncture or winds up to 100 mph. No dollar limit to repair warranted leaks. Warranty term: 30 years
Platinum <b>PH</b> - Puncture and Hail	Firestone Platinum membrane adhered to HailGard/ ISOGARD HG, ISOGARD HD or Dens-Deck, installed over ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL insulation	Licensed Applicator	Repair leaks in the roof system caused by Firestone-supplied materials or the workmanship used to install them, plus damage by cut, puncture or hail. No dollar limit to repair warranted leaks. Warranty term: 30 years
Platinum <b>P</b> - Puncture	Firestone Platinum membrane adhered to ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL insulation	Licensed Applicator	Repair leaks in the roof system caused by Firestone-supplied materials or the workmanship used to install them, plus damage by cut or puncture. No dollar limit to repair warranted leaks. Warranty term: 30 years
Platinum <b>B</b> - Basic	Firestone Platinum membrane adhered to ISO 95+ GL / ISOGARD GL insulation	Licensed Applicator	Repair leaks in the roof system caused by Firestone-supplied materials or the workmanship used to install them. No dollar limit to repair warranted leaks. Warranty term: 30 years
Red Shield Limited 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 Year Warranty	Firestone specifications for the term requested	Licensed Applicator	Repair leaks in the roofing system caused by Firestone-supplied materials or the workmanship used to install them. No dollar limit to repair warranted leaks.
Membrane-Only Warranty	Firestone specifications for the term requested	Licensed Applicator	Limited warranty providing replacement membrane sufficient to repair leaks in the Firestone Roofing Membrane which leaks because of normal exposure to weather or manufacturing defects in the Membrane.

\*NOTE: See Warranty Pricing Guide for pricing information. HailGard / ISOGARD HG Composite Insulation is required for Platinum PHW, which includes 100 MPH increased wind speed, Cut & Puncture protection, and 2" Hail coverage at no additional charge. Hail coverage, Cut & Puncture protection, and extended wind speed coverage for other immediate substrates are priced separately.

**TABLE 1.12-7**  
Firestone Thermoplastic Membrane Only Warranty Summary

Membrane	Thickness (mil)	Max. Term (Years)	Ballasted	MAS	Adhered	Invisiweld™
UltraPly TPO	45	20	✓	✓	✓	15 Years
	60	25	‡	✓	✓	✓
UltraPly TPO Platinum	80	30	‡	✓	✓	✓
UltraPly TPO SA UltraPly TPO Flex SA	60	20	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A
UltraPly TPO Flex Adhered	60	25	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A
UltraPly™ TPO XR	100	20	✓	✓	✓	N/A
	115	25	‡	✓	✓	N/A
	135	30	‡	✓	✓	N/A

‡ Ballasted applications limited to 20 years maximum except where indicated.  
N/A = Not an approved attachment method for this membrane.

**THESE CHARTS ARE ONLY A SUMMARY OF GENERAL WARRANTY COVERAGE**  
**END OF SECTION**