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Description: Testing of Synthetic Slate Shingles

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Introduction

This report covers testing of synthetic slate shingles. An Intertek Testing Services representative sampled the shingles on August 16, 2004. The samples were received in new and undamaged condition on September 2, 2004. Testing was performed between the dates of September 16 and October 17, 2004.

Samples were tested for Temperature-cycling in accordance with Section 4.9 of ICBO Evaluation Service, Inc., "Acceptance Criteria for Special Roofing Systems, AC07". Temperature Cycling Tests were performed using a VWR Brand, G S Laboratory Equipment Model No. A4013U30 freezer, a Eurotherm 808 temperature controller and a D4-56 spray nozzle.

Product Description

The product identified as synthetic slate shingles were made from recycled plastic (PEP), being flexible and embossed to emulate a slate shingle. The shingles were gray in colour with an embossed slate-like finish. The shingles measured nominally 16-3/4" (425 mm) long by 12" (305 mm) wide and were 1/8" to 1/4" (3.2 mm to 6.4 mm) thick. The top corners of the shingles were cut off at an angle, 3-1/4" (83 mm) in from the side and 2-1/2" (63.5 mm) down from the top edge. The recommended nominal exposure was 6" (152 mm) to 7-1/2" (191 mm), depending on roof slope. The dimensional coverage was approximately 6" (152 mm) by 12" (305 mm) wide to 7-1/2" (191 mm) by 12" (305 mm) wide, giving an area coverage of 0.500 ft² (0.0464 m²) to 0.625 ft² (0.0583 m²).

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Product Description (contd)

The shingles were complete with two 1/4" (6.4 mm) radius semi-circular shaped spacing nubs per side edge, spaced 3-3/4" (95.3 mm) apart on centre. The shingles were intended for installation over solid decking and fastened with two corrosion resistant 1-1/2" (38 mm) 10 ga. hot dipped galvanized, stainless steel, or copper roofing nails with a 3/8" (10 mm) diameter head per shingle. Recommended gap between adjacent shingles is 3/8" (9.5 mm).

A copy of the installation guide for the product stamped "Intertek Testing Services NA Ltd." is appended to this report.

Test Methods

Temperature Cycling Tests ICBO AC07 Section 4.8

Twenty-five cycles, each cycle consisting of 1 hour of water spray exposure, (spray nozzles set at a height of 7 feet, 2134 mm, delivering 6 inches, 152 mm of water per hour), 6 hours at -40°F (-40°C), 2 hours at 70°F (21°C), 14 hours at 180°F (82°C), and 1 hour at 70°F (21°C).

Specified: Shall withstand test without crazing, cracking or suffering any other deleterious surface or joint changes. Additionally, there shall be no sign of failure or distress at fastener locations and at panel joints.

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Observations and Results

There were no signs of any of the roofing tile samples either cracking or crazing. There were no signs of any visible changes in colour, sheen or other deleterious surface or joint changes. There was no significant deformation of the tiles. There were no signs of failure or distress at the fastener locations. There were no signs of nail pull out.

Conclusion

The synthetic slate shingles met the conditions of acceptance of the Temperature Cycling Tests of ICBO Acceptance Criteria AC07 paragraph 9.4.2.

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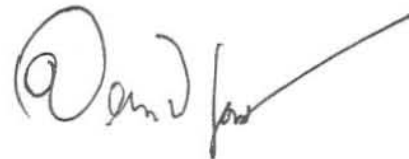
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