



# Sealed Roof Deck

## Material Options for Taping Roof Deck Seams

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### Abstract

The material options for taping the seams of the roof deck have been expanded to include AAMA 711-13, Level 3 (for exposure up to 80°C/176°F).

### Requirements

There are two material options for taping the seams on the roof deck.

#### Option 1

Apply an ASTM 1970 compliant self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen flashing tape, at least 4-in. wide, directly to the roof deck to seal the horizontal and vertical joints in the roof deck.

#### Option 2

Apply an AAMA 711-13, Level 3 (for exposure up to 80°C/176°F) compliant self-adhering flexible flashing tape, at least 3¼-in. wide, directly to the roof deck to seal the horizontal and vertical joints in the roof deck.

Any flashing tape used to achieve a sealed roof deck must be fully adhered without voids (e.g., wrinkles) in order to be accepted. In some instances, the ability of self-adhered flashing tapes to adhere to Oriented Strand Board (OSB) sheathing may be compromised by the level of surface texture or the wax used to improve the water resistance of the OSB panel. In applications where flashing tape adhesion to OSB is marginal, apply a manufacturer-specified compatible primer to the OSB panels where the tape will be applied to ensure the proper attachment of the self-adhering tape to the sheathing. Do not nail or staple the tape to the roof sheathing. Refer to the manufacturer’s recommendations for installation and primer requirements (if applicable). Next, apply a code-compliant #30 ASTM D226 Type II or ASTM D4869 Type IV underlayment over the self-adhering tape. This underlayment must be attached using annular ring or

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**Note:** Although 4 photographs is the minimum number of pictures required, the goal is to achieve a 360° view of the house and FORTIFIED upgrades. Most photographs will be taken from the ground and site conditions may dictate that more than the minimum be provided.

deformed shank roofing fasteners with minimum 1-in.-diameter caps (button cap nails) at 6 in. o.c. spacing along all laps and at 12 in. o.c. in the field or a more stringent fastener schedule if required by the manufacturer for high-wind and prolonged exposure installations. Horizontal laps must be a minimum of 2 in. and end laps must be a minimum of 6 in.

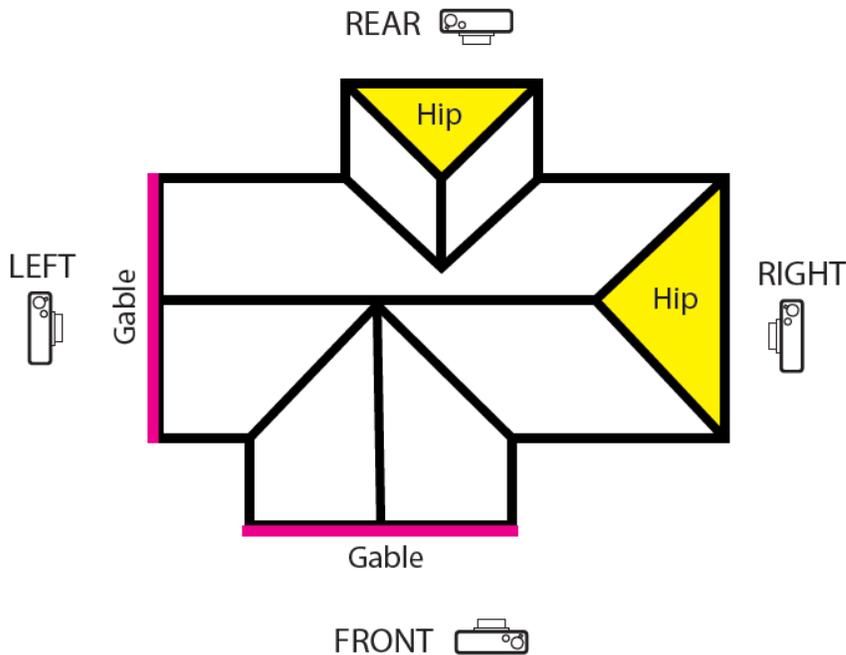


Figure 0-1. Minimum photograph requirement and locations (Front, Rear, Left and Right).

## Compliance Verification Requirements

This method of sealing the roof deck is to be documented and verified by a certified FORTIFIED Evaluator. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

### Pictures of Tape Installed

Count: Minimum = 4

- Must show 4 different sections of the roof (Front, Rear, Left and Right). See Fig. 0-1.
- Must clearly show tape fully adhered to the deck without wrinkles or voids. See Fig. 0-2.
- Must show at least one full sheet of roof decking (with all 4 seams taped) per photo.
- Must be in focus.

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- Must have the following clearly visible: date, address or FORTIFIED ID, location (e.g., Front, Rear, Left and Right). See Fig. 0-3.

### Pictures of Felt Installed

Count: Minimum = 4

- Must show 4 different sections of the roof (Front, Rear, Left and Right).
- Must clearly show laps and fasteners.
- Must have the following clearly visible: date, address or FORTIFIED ID, location (e.g., Front, Rear, Left and Right).

### Other Documentation Required

- Completed Roof Compliance Form (RCF-1) identifying tape manufacturer, specification requirement (ASTM 1970 or AAMA 711-13, Level 3) and type of compatible primer, if used.

OR

- Invoices and product packaging identifying tape product name, manufacturer, specification requirement (ASTM 1970 or AAMA 711-13, Level 3) and type of compatible primer, if used.



Figure 0-2. Applying qualified tape to roof deck seams using flat blade to eliminate voids and wrinkles.

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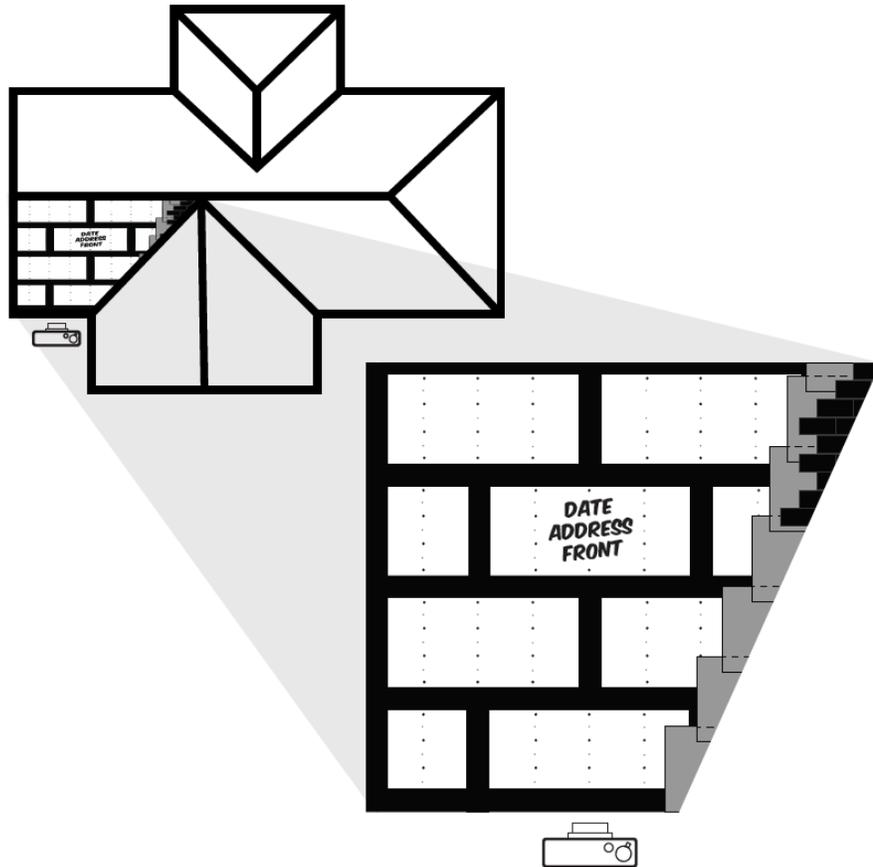


Figure 0-3. Labeling of roof deck to identify project and photo location.

## Completing Evaluation Form

When completing the Sealed Roof Deck section of a FORTIFIED Home Evaluation form, select SRD System Type as shown in Fig. 0-4. Add photos and other documentation by clicking on the camera icon.

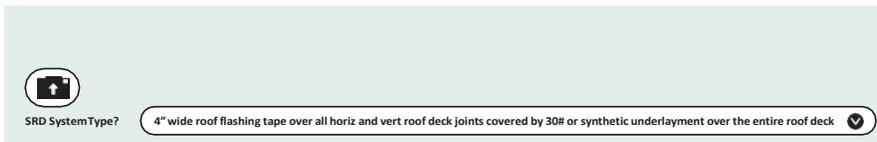


Figure 0-4. Selection for SRD system type.