

TECHNICAL ADVISORY BULLETIN

To: GAF Residential Sales, GAF Contractors, GAF Field Services

From: Technical Services Department

Subject: Gutter Covers And Shingles



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What Are Gutter Covers?

Gutter covers are ... generally made of plastic or metal with the main purpose of keeping leaves and other debris from clogging your gutters.

How Are Gutter Covers Installed By A Homeowner?

If you are a homeowner... and attempting the installation on your own, you will generally find no application instructions provided, either at the place of purchase or on the respective manufacturers website.

GAF suggests... that homeowners not attempt to install gutter covers themselves unless they can obtain installation instructions from the gutter cover manufacturer. Instead, it may be best to have gutter covers installed by a professional installer who is familiar with good roofing practices.

What If They Are Installed By Professional Installers?

Most professional installers... of gutter covers have their own specific application instructions that must be followed to obtain the maximum benefit of the gutter cover. In almost all instances the products are installed in accordance with good roofing practices and do not have an impact on the roofing manufacturer's warranty.

What To Avoid?

In general... Avoid installing gutter covers when the application instructions require the following:

- penetrating the shingle with a fastener, to hold the cover in place
- removal and replacement of shingles for installation
- removal and elimination of drip edges
- installation under the underlayment

Also avoid...

- placing the cover under the felt underlayment
- significant bending of the shingles during installation

Does Installing Gutter Covers Affect My Warranty?

No... The GAF Limited Warranty only covers manufacturing defects of the shingles, and does not cover the gutter covers or damage due to their installation.

Where Can I Get More Information?

GAF Technical Services can assist you... with these and other questions you may have regarding your new roof installation. GAF Technical Services can be contacted at **800-ROOF-411** (800-766-3411). Also, the GAF website is a great resource for just about any question you may have or for additional information you may require. Please visit: www.gaf.com.