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2025 FORTIFIED Home STANDARD

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High Wind



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1 Program Overview

1.1 Designations

The FORTIFIED Home® program was developed to reduce avoidable suffering and financial loss caused by hurricanes, high winds, and hail. The program requirements provide a systems-based, multi-tiered approach for improving the resistance of homes and their contents to damage caused by wind, wind-driven rain, and hail.

Achieving a “designation” means a home meets all requirements of a level of the FORTIFIED Home Program, and that construction and installation of the required components were completed by an authorized contractor, the required documentation of materials and installation were submitted by an authorized third party and reviewed by IBHS, and a certificate of compliance for the property was issued by IBHS.

Available Designations

There are 24 available designations. Each is a combination of the designation level, applicable weather hazard, and roof category.

STANDARDS	DESIGNATION LEVELS					
	FORTIFIED Roof™		FORTIFIED Silver™		FORTIFIED Gold™	
	NEW ROOF	EXISTING ROOF	NEW ROOF	EXISTING ROOF	NEW ROOF	EXISTING ROOF
FORTIFIED Home™–Hurricane						
FORTIFIED Home™–High Wind						
+ HAIL SUPPLEMENT						
FORTIFIED Home™–Hurricane & Hail						
FORTIFIED Home™–High Wind & Hail						

Figure 1.1: Available Designations

Designation Levels

There are three designation levels—FORTIFIED Roof®, FORTIFIED Silver®, and FORTIFIED Gold®—that build on each other and address different systems of the home. FORTIFIED Roof is the first level. To attain FORTIFIED Silver (the second level), the FORTIFIED Roof designation requirements must first be met. To attain FORTIFIED Gold (the third level), both the FORTIFIED Roof and FORTIFIED Silver designation requirements must first be met.



Weather Hazard

The location of the home will determine which standard must be followed (FORTIFIED Home© –Hurricane or FORTIFIED Home© –High Wind). The optional FORTIFIED Home© –Hail Supplement may be used in conjunction with either standard (if all requirements are met) and will result in a FORTIFIED Home© –Hurricane & Hail or FORTIFIED Home© –High Wind & Hail designation.

Roof Category

Whether the roof is new or existing will also determine which program requirements must be met.

- **New Roof** designations are only appropriate for new construction or re-roofing projects where all roof sheathing is new or in good condition, and sealed roof deck and roof covering systems are newly installed and installation in compliance with FORTIFIED Home requirements is verifiable at the time of designation. A new roof designation is only valid for the first five years after roof installation on a re-roof or the first five years after a certificate of occupancy is issued on new construction. Complete evaluation files must be submitted to IBHS for designation within one year of completion to be eligible for a New Roof designation.
- **Existing Roof** designations are appropriate for existing homes that have a roof and roof covering with greater than five useful years of life remaining that do not show visible signs of damage or deterioration. FORTIFIED homes seeking re-designation without re-roofing are only eligible for an Existing Roof designation.

If a home qualifies for a FORTIFIED Roof – New Roof designation, then any higher-level designation (FORTIFIED Silver or FORTIFIED Gold) will also be indicated as “New Roof.” If the home qualifies for a FORTIFIED Roof – Existing Roof designation, then any higher-level designation (FORTIFIED Silver or FORTIFIED Gold) will also be indicated as “Existing Roof.”



Goals of Each Designation Level

 <p>FORTIFIED Roof</p>	<p>FORTIFIED Home™–Hurricane Build or retrofit home to minimize roof damage, attic water intrusion and associated damage by providing prescriptive roof sheathing and attachment, sealed roof deck, code-compliant roof covering, and approved roof and gable end vents/covers.</p> <hr/> <p>FORTIFIED Home™–High Wind Build or retrofit home to minimize roof damage, attic water intrusion and associated damage by providing prescriptive roof sheathing and attachment, sealed roof deck, code-compliant roof covering and approved roof vents.</p>
 <p>FORTIFIED Silver</p>	<p>FORTIFIED Home™–Hurricane Build or retrofit home to meet all requirements of FORTIFIED Roof + minimize damage from failure of windows and doors, garage doors, gable ends, chimney tie-downs, soffits, and attached structures such as porches and carports.</p> <hr/> <p>FORTIFIED Home™–High Wind Build or retrofit home to meet all requirements of FORTIFIED Roof + minimize damage from failure of garage doors, gable ends, chimney tie-downs, and attached structures such as porches and carports.</p>
 <p>FORTIFIED Gold</p>	<p>FORTIFIED Home™–Hurricane Build or retrofit home to meet all the requirements of both FORTIFIED Roof and FORTIFIED Silver + minimize structural failure of the building by providing a continuous load path from roof to walls and ultimately to foundation, adequately pressure-rated windows and doors, and minimum wall sheathing requirements.</p> <hr/> <p>FORTIFIED Home™–High Wind Build or retrofit home to meet all the requirements of both FORTIFIED Roof and FORTIFIED Silver + minimize structural failure of the building by providing a continuous load path from roof to walls and ultimately to foundation and minimum wall sheathing requirements.</p>
 <p>Optional Requirements</p>	<p>FORTIFIED Home™–Hail Supplement Build or retrofit roof to minimize impact damage due to hail by providing properly impact-rated roof covering, skylights, and PV systems.</p>

Figure 1.2: Designation Level Goals



1.2 Designation Term Limit and Re-Designations

FORTIFIED designations are valid for 5 years. Homes may be re-designated for additional 5-year terms by having a re-designation inspection at the end of each term. The re-designation inspection focuses on the roof covering and any substantive changes to systems covered under the FORTIFIED program. FORTIFIED homes seeking re-designation without re-roofing are only eligible for FORTIFIED Home – Existing Roof designation. Re-designations can occur on-time, early, or late. The different requirements for these situations can be found below.

☐ On-Time Re-designations

FORTIFIED designated properties are eligible for an On-Time Re-designation from one year before to one year after the expiration date indicated on the most recent FORTIFIED designation certificate.

- Re-designation evaluations submitted by a certified FORTIFIED evaluator within this period are subject to the standard redesignation review fees in effect at the time of submission.
- Re-designation certificates expire five years from the expiration date of the most recent designation certificate. Therefore, certificates issued after the prior expiration date will be valid for less than five years.

☐ Early Re-designations

Re-designations submitted more than one year before the expiration date of the most recent certificate will be considered Early Re-designations.

- Early Re-designation evaluations submitted by a certified FORTIFIED evaluator are subject to the standard re-designation review fees in effect at the time of submission.
- Certificates issued for Early Re-designations will be valid from the date of approval and will expire five years from that date. Therefore, certificates issued for Early Re-designations shorten the term of the prior certificate and result in a two-certificate term of less than 10 years.

☐ Late Re-designations

If a re-designation evaluation is submitted after the one-year grace period has elapsed but less than five years after the most recent expiration date, it is considered a Late Re-designation, and the property may be eligible for re-designation subject to additional terms and conditions explained below.

- Late Re-designations are subject to an additional processing fee.
- Re-designation certificates expire five years from the expiration date of the most recent designation certificate. Therefore, certificates issued for Late Re-designations will be valid for less than five years.

☐ Renewing Designations Beyond Five Years

Properties with a designation certificate that has been expired for more than five years are not eligible for re-designation. These properties will need to undergo a full FORTIFIED evaluation to determine if the home meets the current FORTIFIED standard.



1.3 Scope of FORTIFIED Requirements

The FORTIFIED Home program is a **voluntary program** that only addresses wind and wind-driven rain aspects of risk, with the option to follow requirements that address the risk of hail damage. The requirements of the High Wind designation are intended to reduce risk due to severe thunderstorms, straight-line wind events, and high winds at the outer edges of tornadoes, while the requirements of the Hurricane designation are intended to reduce risk primarily due to tropical storms and hurricanes. Additional information about coordination with other requirements, including local building codes, can be found in [Section 2.16](#).

1.4 IBHS Contact Information and Technical Resources

More information can be found at <https://fortifiedhome.org> and in Appendix A. You also can submit specific inquiries at: <https://fortifiedhome.org/contact/> or email support@ibhshelp.zendesk.com.



2 Eligibility and Minimum Requirements for all FORTIFIED Designations

2.1 Applicable Regions

The FORTIFIED Home Standard provides program requirements for homes in both high-wind and hurricane-prone regions of the United States as specified by the American Society of Civil Engineers Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures (ASCE 7):

Hurricane designations are applicable for homes where the ultimate design wind speed (V_{ult}) is greater than 115 mph as specified in ASCE 7-10 through ASCE 7-22.

High wind designations are applicable for homes where the ultimate design wind speed (V_{ult}) is equal to or less than 115 mph as specified in ASCE 7-10 through ASCE 7-22.

NOTE: The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) provides an online tool to easily determine design wind speed based on site address per ASCE 7-22, 7-16, and 7-10 (Refer to Risk Category II wind speeds): <https://ascehazardtool.org/> Always check local code requirements for wind speed as well, in case they differ from the wind speeds provided by the ASCE website.



2.2 Qualifying Dwelling Types

For all structures it is important to determine whether the building falls under the FORTIFIED Home, FORTIFIED Commercial[®] or FORTIFIED Multifamily[®] programs. If the building is designed with IRC and/or has residential insurance, it may qualify for the FORTIFIED Home program. If the building is built under the IBC and/or is commercially insured, it may qualify for the FORTIFIED Commercial or FORTIFIED Multifamily program. Note that residential structures that are either used for or converted into businesses fall under the FORTIFIED Commercial program and are NOT applicable for a FORTIFIED Home designation.

The FORTIFIED Home program is only applicable for the residential, single-family and two-family dwelling types listed below.

- ❑ **Single-family detached home**—a freestanding residential building occupied by one family. Limited to three stories above grade. This also includes detached single-family factory-built modular homes that are designed, built, and sited to meet all local building code requirements.
- ❑ **Two-family dwelling units (duplex)**—a freestanding residential building occupied by two families. Limited to three stories above grade. **NOTE:** The entire two-family building, which includes both dwelling units, must be evaluated under the appropriate FORTIFIED requirements and the entire building must meet all requirements for the designation being considered. Individual units are NOT eligible for designation unless the entire building is being designated.
- ❑ **HUD manufactured homes**—a single-family residential home manufactured to HUD's Zone II or Zone III Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards adopted after July 1994 is eligible for a FORTIFIED Roof level designation only. Manufactured homes are not eligible for FORTIFIED Silver or Gold Designations. Homes sited in a Zone I location must be manufactured to Zone II requirements, and homes sited in a Zone II or III location must be manufactured to Zone III requirements. The home must be sited on and properly attached to a permanent foundation (see foundation requirements in [Section 2.4](#)). HUD manufactured homes built before July 1994 and Zone I homes are NOT eligible for a FORTIFIED designation. For additional guidance on manufactured homes see [Technical Bulletin FH 2023-08](#).
- ❑ **Townhouse**—a single-family dwelling unit constructed in a group of three or more attached units in which *each unit extends from foundation to roof and has a yard or public way on not less than two sides*. Limited to three stories above grade. Mixed use (commercial and residential) buildings are NOT eligible. **NOTE:** The entire townhouse building, which includes all townhouse units composing the building, must be evaluated under the appropriate FORTIFIED requirements and the entire building must meet all requirements for the designation being considered. Individual townhouse units are NOT eligible for designation unless the entire building is being designated. Example: A four-unit, two-story townhouse with all units attached is eligible for a specific FORTIFIED designation only if the entire building, including each and every townhouse unit, is evaluated and all units meet the requirements for that designation.

2.3 Ineligible Foundation Types

Homes on a foundation constructed of unrestrained stacked masonry or stone (a dry-stack foundation) are NOT eligible for any FORTIFIED designation without approved retrofit of the foundation. For homes with a crawl space, all perimeter piers and supporting walls must be photo documented to confirm that they are not dry stacked. The use of shims between the foundation and main structure of the house may be considered dry stack and make the home ineligible for any FORTIFIED designation.

NOTE: By following a professional engineering plan, it may be possible to retrofit the foundations above to become eligible for a FORTIFIED designation. Retrofitted foundations must meet the requirements of qualifying foundation types (reference [Section 2.4](#)) for the FORTIFIED designation level being sought.

❑ Unreinforced (dry-stack) foundations



Figure 2.1: Ineligible Dry-stack Foundation



Figure 2.2: Ineligible Dry-stack Foundation



Figure 2.3: Ineligible Dry-stack Foundation



Figure 2.4: Ineligible Dry-stack Foundation

2.4 Qualifying Foundation Types

Homes on a permanent foundation may be eligible for FORTIFIED designation. Acceptable foundation types may include (but not necessarily be limited to) the following, provided that all subsequent requirements are met.

Slab on grade



Figure 2.5: Eligible Slab on Grade Foundation

Elevated-floor home-to-foundation connections

To be eligible for a FORTIFIED Silver or Gold designation or re-designation under the FORTIFIED program, homes with elevated floors (not slab-on-grade construction) must have adequate positive connections from the floor or wall structure to the supporting foundation. For example, homes on piers or pilings must have connections from the tops of the piers/pilings to the home's floor beams and a home on piers with shallow foundations must have connections that provide a continuous load path to the foundations. All connectors must be free from damage, corrosion-resistant (if applicable) in accordance with [Section 2.12](#) of this standard and installed per the connector manufacturer's installation instructions. The requirement for positive attachment to the foundation is not required for FORTIFIED Roof eligibility however, shims between the foundation and main structure of the house may be considered dry stack and make the home ineligible.



Figure 2.6: Eligible Crawlspace Foundation



Figure 2.7: Eligible Post and Beam/Piling Foundation



Figure 2.8: Eligible Stem Wall Foundation

HUD-code manufactured home foundations

Foundations must be capable of resisting the design wind load requirements with no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. lateral deflection. Requirements specified in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Permanent Foundation Guide for Manufactured Housing ([HUD4930.3C](#)) dated September 1996 or later provide useful assistance in identifying suitable foundation options. Based on results of past inspections of home installations that were reported as permanent, the following requirements of the HUD Guide and FORTIFIED requirements are emphasized and are part of the Field Evaluation inspection.

- Screw-in soil anchors are not considered a permanent anchorage and cannot be used as any part of the required permanent foundation unless their heads are restrained from lateral movement by embedment in a reinforced concrete footing or concrete slab.
- All concrete masonry unit (CMU) bearing walls, piers, and columns, as well as any units used as part of systems to resist uplift, overturning, and lateral loads must be composed of reinforced concrete masonry with mortared bed and head joints. Cells with reinforcing must be fully grouted. Dry-stacking of CMU is not allowed.
- All bearing walls, piers, and columns must be installed on and connected to acceptable footings or a concrete slab. Footings and slabs must be protected from the effects of frost heave by extending below the frost line or by using a frost-protected shallow foundation design.
- Walls and piers used as part of the uplift, overturning, or lateral load-resisting system must include adequately sized connections and elements capable of resisting tension or compression loads as appropriate. Straps or cables are acceptable, provided they are connected to the home or its chassis and transfer the design loads to the slab or footings supporting the walls, piers, or columns. Use of frictional resistance between the home or its chassis and the tops of the walls, piers, or columns or between the bottom of the walls, piers, or columns and the footings to resist lateral loads is not allowed.

2.5 Qualifying Roof Structural Members

- FORTIFIED Home specifications are applicable for wood framed roof structural members (i.e., wood trusses or rafters) with minimum 2 in. nominal thickness (1½ in. actual thickness), spaced at 24 in. o.c. maximum with wood structural panel sheathing (i.e., plywood or OSB) or wood board decking. For wood roof framing outside of these parameters, a signed and sealed letter from a professional engineer (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition) will be required to verify the sheathing is adequately rated for the span and applicable design wind pressures, and that the attachment of the sheathing to the roof framing members is adequate and in compliance with [Appendix B1](#).
 - Other construction materials and types of roof framing/sheathing shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Materials, design, and installation must at minimum comply with local building code requirements, manufacturer specifications, and the design parameters listed below.
- Roof framing must be designed (by others) to support all gravity and wind loads corresponding to the site design wind speed, roof height, exposure category, and location on the building and all required load combinations in accordance with the applicable edition of ASCE 7 with the following minimum requirements:
 - Roof members are recommended to be designed for a minimum wind speed, $V_{ult}=130$ mph and Exposure C (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition).
 - Collar ties are required on all rafter pairs.

2.6 Definition of Roof Areas for FORTIFIED Roof Designations

For a qualifying home to be eligible for the FORTIFIED New Roof Designation, all roof covers on or attached to the building must be replaced when reroofing. Only roof sections outside of exterior foundational walls may be exempt if there is a separation from the main roof cover. Documentation must be submitted confirming separation from main roof cover due to the presence of existing parapet walls, flashing where the roof covering is completely interrupted or terminated (excluding any type of valley), or difference of elevation (excluding hips, ridges and change of slope). Several of the most common types of roof sections are described and identified as required or optional in Figures 2.9 and 2.10 below and in [2022-02 FORTIFIED Roof Identification](#).

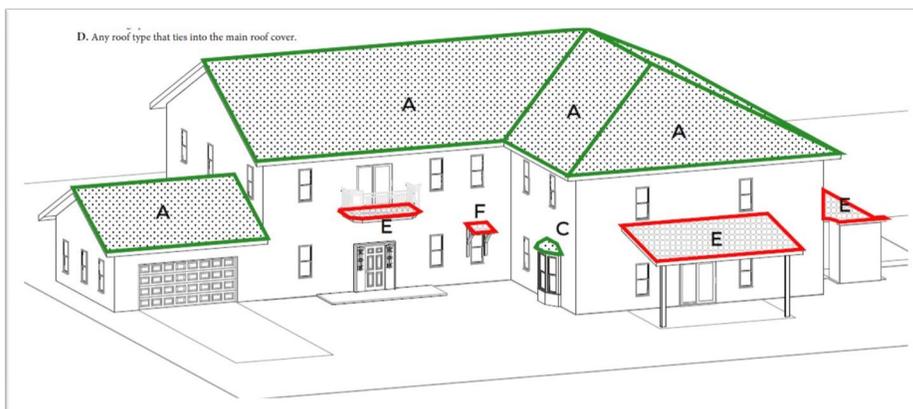


Figure 2.9: Roof Areas - Sample House - Front

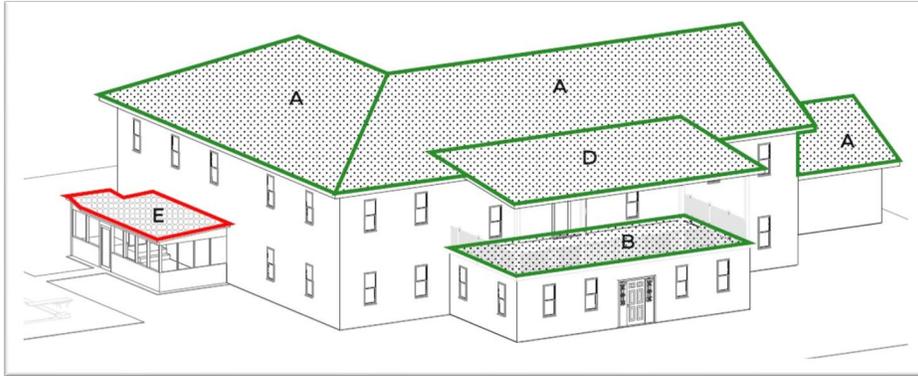


Figure 2.10: Roof Areas - Sample House - Back

- **Required - Roof sections within scope of FORTIFIED** (outlined in green in figures above):
 - A. Sloped and/or low-slope roofs over the living space of a home and attached garages
 - B. Upper-level balconies and/or decks over the living space of the home.
 - Exposed walking surfaces must be treated as a low-slope roof section.
 - May include widow's walk (not shown in Figures)
 - C. Bay windows and/or bump-out roof areas over the living space of the home.
 - D. Any roof type that ties into the main roof cover.
- **Optional - Roof sections outside scope of FORTIFIED** (outlined in red in figures above):
 - E. Exterior roofs and/or upper-level balconies that are not over living space of the home or tied into the main roof cover.
 - Exterior roofs that are separate from the main home, or the main roof.
 - F. Architectural features that project from the wall of the home (such as eyebrows and awnings).

2.7 Roof Accessories and Equipment

The presence or installation of any roof-mounted equipment/structures or rooftop accessories may affect a home's eligibility for designation, designation status or eligibility for re-designation. Any items that change the home structurally, penetrate the FORTIFIED roof or roof cover, interfere with FORTIFIED edge details or otherwise put the home at an increased risk of damage during high winds require additional design and installation documentation and must follow FORTIFIED guidance when available.

- FORTIFIED Guidance has been developed for the following roof mounted structures, equipment and accessories:



Elevated Roof-Mounted Decks: [Technical Bulletin FH 2022-03](#)

Roof-mounted or “rooftop” decks (typically wood-framed decks that are built over the roof of a home) are popular in some parts of the country. Any deck or balcony that is located over an area defined as a required roof section per [Section 2.6](#), is included within the scope of this technical bulletin.



Eligibility and Compliance of Accessory Roof Structures: [Technical Bulletin FH 2023-03](#)

Accessory structures include, but are not limited to sunrooms, patio covers, porches, carports, and pergolas that are connected to the home. If the roofs of these types of accessory structures are connected to or integrated with the main roof cover, then their potential for failure in a high wind event puts the main roof cover at increased risk of failure due to the connection of the two roofs.



Cement and Clay Hip and Ridge Tile installed over Asphalt Shingle Roof Cover: [Technical Bulletin FH 2023-05](#)

In the Gulf Coast region (predominantly in Louisiana), cement or clay hip and ridge tile accessory pieces are commonly installed on top of asphalt shingle roofs. This situation may negatively affect a home’s ability to receive a FORTIFIED Home designation and therefore requires the attention of all parties involved in FORTIFIED evaluations.



Guidance on Leaf Guards and Gutters: [Technical Bulletin FH 2023-09](#)

When re-roofing FORTIFIED homes, the presence of gutters and leaf guards can interfere with FORTIFIED required edge details including the installation of underlayment under new drip edge metal and starter strip under first course of shingles. This technical bulletin outlines pathways to a FORTIFIED designation.



Elevated Roof Mounted HVAC Units: [Technical Bulletin FH 2024-01](#)

Roof-mounted HVAC units are popular in some parts of the country. However, improperly attached units or units in poor condition are at risk of failure during high wind or hurricane events. This can lead to damage that allows water intrusion or undermines the structural integrity of the home. Additionally, the platform, or pieces of it, along with the HVAC unit itself can become windborne debris that damage the home and neighboring structures.



Guidance on Rain Diverters: [Technical Bulletin FH 2024-02](#)

To limit the water flowing off a roof and into a walkway, many homeowners have rain diverters installed. On asphalt shingle roofs, this flashing material is typically inserted between courses of the shingles. However, doing so breaks the manufacturer’s shingle seal, which makes this area of the roof more vulnerable to wind damage.



Additional accessories and equipment may also affect a home’s eligibility for designation. The list above was complete at the time of publication; however, a comprehensive list of current technical bulletins can be found at: www.FORTIFIEDhome.org.

- ❑ Permanently mounted rooftop structures and/or equipment installed on a FORTIFIED Roof not addressed in FORTIFIED technical bulletins must be properly designed for the site conditions, installed in compliance with design requirements and manufacturer installation instructions, and documentation must be collected at the time of installation.

Some rooftop accessories and equipment may fall outside of the scope of FORTIFIED and therefore shall be installed at the risk of the homeowner. This may include, but is not limited to, small satellite dishes, and small weathervanes and lightning rods. The best practice for adding roof-mounted accessories that fall outside the scope of FORTIFIED is to have them installed according to the manufacturer’s installation instructions for high winds by a qualified contractor, and when applicable, in compliance with a professional engineering design, with all roof penetrations properly sealed and flashed.

- ❑ Roof-mounted equipment or structures must not touch the roof cover other than at properly flashed and sealed structural supports that penetrate through the roof cover. All components associated with permanently mounted rooftop structures and/or equipment shall be installed to provide adequate clearance above the roof cover to permit repairs, replacement and/or maintenance of the roofing system or any of its components and shall not restrict the flow of water from draining off the roof cover.

2.8 Qualifying Ring-Shank Nails

- ❑ For all roof sheathing fastening, use minimum 8d (0.113-in. diameter) x 2 3/8 in. long roof sheathing ring-shank nails for connection of sheathing unless otherwise noted in FORTIFIED Home specifications. Note: minimum 1 5/8 in. penetration of nail into main member (truss/rafter) is required, therefore, depending on sheathing thickness, nails longer than 2 3/8 in. may be required.
- ❑ Ring-shank nails accepted by the FORTIFIED program shall comply with ASTM F1667. Only full round head ring-shank nails are acceptable. Off-center ring-shank nails with full round heads are acceptable. Clipped-head ring-shank nails are not acceptable for attachment of wood structural panel roof sheathing.

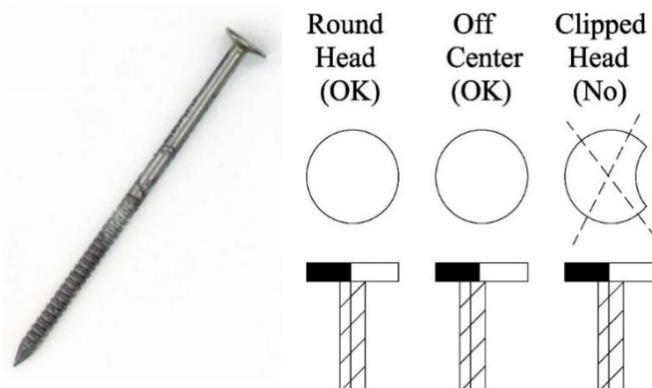


Figure 2.11: Ring-shank Nail



2.9 Acceptable Debris Impact Ratings for Openings and Opening Covers

- Openings and opening covers described as “impact-rated” for debris in this FORTIFIED standard for FORTIFIED Roof, FORTIFIED Silver, and/or FORTIFIED Gold levels must be tested and approved at minimum in accordance with one of the following International Residential Code (IRC) accepted test standards for impact resistance (or with locally adopted standards if they are more restrictive) and installed in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions:
 - Large Missile D (9 lb 2x4 impacting end on at 50 ft/sec) as defined in ASTM E1996 and ASTM E1886, or AAMA 506
 - The Florida Building Code Testing Application Standards TAS 201 and TAS 203
 - For garage doors, ANSI/DASMA 115 is acceptable

NOTE: For additional hail impact rating requirements of the FORTIFIED Hail Supplement for skylights, refer to [Section 7.4](#).

2.10 Acceptable Design Pressure (DP) Ratings

2.10.1 Acceptable Design Pressure (DP) Ratings for Roof Covers

- Roof cover systems described as “pressure-rated” or “DP-rated” in this FORTIFIED standard must have a certified design pressure report in compliance with one of the following, have DP ratings that meet or exceed site-specific required design pressures corresponding to a minimum of $V_{ult} = 130$ mph and Exposure C, and must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions:
 - ICC-ES Evaluation Report
 - Florida Product Approval
 - Miami-Dade County Notice of Acceptance (NOA)
 - Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) Evaluation Report
- DP ratings from organizations not listed above must incorporate a 2.0 safety factor by testing in accordance with **UL 580** or **UL 1897** or **TAS 125**.
 - UL 580 test report is acceptable for design uplift pressures **up to 52.5 psf maximum**.
 - For design uplift pressures greater than 52.5 psf, a UL 1897 test report will be required with design pressure ratings greater than or equal to the required design uplift pressures.
- FORTIFIED will not accept engineering extrapolation of test data (outside of the parameters set by the report/approval) to achieve greater DP ratings or larger connection spacings than listed in the certified report. Additionally, the installed product must match the tested assembly in the certified report.



2.10.2 Acceptable Design Pressure (DP) Ratings for Openings

- Openings described as “pressure-rated” in this FORTIFIED standard must be tested and approved at minimum, in accordance with one of the following International Residential Code (IRC) accepted pressure test standards (or with locally adopted standards if they are more restrictive), have DP ratings that meet or exceed site-specific required design pressures corresponding to a minimum of $V_{ult} = 130$ mph and Exposure C, and must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions:

For windows, skylights, glass blocks, glass doors, and entry doors:

- AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440 or ASTM E330 (products tested to 1.5 times design pressure)
- The Florida Building Code Testing Application Standard TAS 202

For garage doors:

- ANSI/DASMA 108 or ASTM E330 (products tested to 1.5 times design pressure) for doors with no glazing
- ANSI/DASMA 115 for doors with glazing
- The Florida Building Code Testing Application Standard TAS 202

- FORTIFIED will not accept engineering rational analysis in lieu of testing to determine design pressure ratings. Additionally, the installed product must match the tested assembly in the certified report.

2.11 Referenced Codes and Standards

Codes and Standards referenced herein shall be the latest editions or as referenced in the locally adopted building code(s). Refer to [Appendix C](#) for list of references. Note the versions of ASCE 7 that are referenced in the following model codes:

- IRC 2024 → ASCE 7-22
- IRC 2021 → ASCE 7-16
- IRC 2018 → ASCE 7-16
- IRC 2015 → ASCE 7-10
- IRC 2012 → ASCE 7-10
- IRC 2009 → ASCE 7-05
- IRC 2006 → ASCE 7-05
- IRC 2003 → ASCE 7-02
- IRC 2000 → ASCE 7-98



2.12 Corrosion Protection Requirements for Fasteners and Connectors in Coastal Regions

Installed hardware must comply with the FORTIFIED Fastener and Connector Corrosion Protection Requirements Table shown below and also provided in FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-G-1](#) “Corrosion Protection Requirements”. To provide additional guidance interpreting the definition of a saltwater shoreline, [maps](#) are provided for some areas on the [Technical Resources page of the FORTIFIED Home website](#). If you have questions on areas that are not included, please reach out to the FORTIFIED team for more information. For all connections described in this table, if corrosion is observed at time of re-designation, designation may not be renewed.

Requirements & Best Practices for FORTIFIED Roof™ Designations			
	REQUIREMENTS		BEST PRACTICES
	Distance to saltwater shoreline ¹		Distance to brackish water shoreline
ROOF CONNECTIONS	0–300 ft	300–3,000 ft	0–300 ft
Roofing nails for shingles	Category A	Category B (or better)	Category B (or better)
Concrete and clay roof tile fasteners			
Roof vent fasteners			
Metal roof system including panels and exposed fasteners, clips, etc.	Follow manufacturer's corrosion resistance guidance for coastal areas. If not provided by manufacturer, the following corrosion resistance categories may be accepted for exposed fasteners and clips		
	Category A	Category B (or better)	
Fasteners used for attachment of underlayment to roof deck	Category B (or better)		
Roof-mounted equipment exposed connections and fasteners	Category A	Category B (or better)	
Requirements and Best Practices for FORTIFIED Silver™ and FORTIFIED Gold™ Designations			
	REQUIREMENTS		BEST PRACTICES
	Distance to saltwater shoreline ¹		Distance to brackish water shoreline
EXTERIOR EXPOSED CONNECTIONS (including under soffits and elevated foundations)	0–300 ft	300–3,000 ft	0–300 ft
Silver:	Category A	Category B (or better)	Category B (or better)
• Soffit fasteners			
• Exposed attached structure connectors, anchors, fasteners	Aluminum Soffits NOT Allowed	Aluminum Soffits Allowed	
Gold: Exposed CLP connectors, anchors, fasteners			
	BEST PRACTICES		BEST PRACTICES
	Distance to saltwater shoreline ¹		Distance to brackish water shoreline
INTERIOR CONNECTIONS (including enclosed in attic or within wall cavity)	0–300 ft	300–3,000 ft	0–300 ft
Silver:	Category B (or better)		Category C (or better)
• Gable bracing metal connectors and fasteners			
• Gable outlooker hangers, clips and fasteners			
• Chimney framing metal connectors and fasteners			
Gold: Enclosed CLP connectors, anchors, fasteners	Category C (or better)		

Figure 2.12: [Standard Detail F-G-1](#)



Corrosion Resistance Categories ^{2,3}	
<p>CATEGORY A: STAINLESS STEEL OR EQUIVALENT</p> <p><u>Metal connectors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stainless steel per ASTM A316 <p><u>Fasteners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stainless steel per ASTM A304 or A316 Proprietary coated fasteners require documentation of equivalent corrosion protection performance to stainless steel, such as equivalence testing per ICC-ES AC257 Exposure Condition 4, or other comparative testing documentation 	<p>CATEGORY B: ENHANCED GALVANIZED OR EQUIVALENT</p> <p><u>Metal connectors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galvanized per ASTM A653 with G185 coating <u>Hot-dip galvanized</u> per ASTM A123 <p><u>Fasteners with diameters over 3/8 in.:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Hot-dip galvanized</u> per ASTM A153 Class C <p><u>Fasteners with diameters up to 3/8 in. shall meet one of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Hot-dip galvanized</u> per ASTM A153 Class D Galvanized per ASTM A641 Class 3 Per ASTM G85, Annex 5, Corrosion resistance exhibiting not more than 5% red rust after the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — for nails: 280 hours — for roof tile fasteners: 1000 hours — for other carbon steel fasteners: 360 hours In lieu of testing listed above, proprietary coated fasteners require documentation of equivalent or superior corrosion protection performance to the galvanization options listed above, such as equivalence testing per ICC-ES AC257 Exposure Condition 4, or other comparative testing documentation Testing per ASTM B117 with corrosion resistance exhibiting not more than 5% red rust after 1,000 hours exposure may be accepted if no other testing is available
<p>CATEGORY C: STANDARD GALVANIZED</p> <p><u>Metal connectors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galvanized per ASTM A653 with G90 coating <p><u>Fasteners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galvanized per ASTM A641 Class 1 	
<p>NOTES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For the purposes of FORTIFIED Home designation, “saltwater shoreline” shall be considered as the ocean or gulf coastline along the mainland United States including seaward island coastlines. This includes the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf of Mexico coastlines, as well as the coastline of any Bay or Sound with no land barrier separating it from being completely open to the ocean or Gulf of Mexico. Distances are measured from the closest feature of the subject building to the ocean or gulf coastline. Fastener and connector materials and coatings must be compatible with materials and coatings they <u>come into contact with</u> to prevent galvanic corrosion due to dissimilar materials. Fasteners in contact with chemically treated wood shall be in accordance with the requirements of the IBC/IRC or locally adopted code as applicable. 	

Figure 2.13: [Standard Detail F-G-1](#) (continued)

2.13 Documentation Requirements

Appropriate and adequate documentation must be provided to IBHS to achieve a FORTIFIED designation of any level (FORTIFIED Roof, FORTIFIED Silver, and FORTIFIED Gold). Installation documentation is intended to verify and enforce that FORTIFIED requirements have been followed and installed as required onsite, and that adequately rated products have been chosen and installed in compliance with manufacturer requirements. **ALL PHOTO DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SITE SPECIFIC**, verified by geolocation stamp or home address visible in photo. Installation documentation may include but is not limited to the following depending on designation level:

- Photo documentation of product packaging
- Photo documentation of installation
- Certified testing reports and/or manufacturer installation instructions for certain products
- FORTIFIED Compliance Forms

Submitted documentation must be unique to the site address receiving designation and must be of satisfactory image quality and/or resolution so that it is legible and easily deciphered. Failure to submit adequate documentation may result in denial of FORTIFIED designation. Full listings of minimum [documentation requirements](#) for all designation levels are available on the [FORTIFIED Home website](#).



2.14 FORTIFIED Provider Requirements

2.14.1 FORTIFIED Home Evaluator

All documentation must be gathered by and submitted to IBHS by a certified FORTIFIED Home Evaluator. More information on experience and other requirements can be found in the [FORTIFIED Home Evaluator Handbook](#).

EXCEPTION: A small subset of roofing contractors, called Direct Submit Roofing Contractors, may submit their own documentation to IBHS without the involvement of a third-party evaluator. These contractors are selected and invited at the sole discretion of IBHS after developing a record of successful FORTIFIED Roof installations and are required to meet additional experience, licensure, training, and insurance requirements.

2.14.2 FORTIFIED Roofing Contractor

All components of a FORTIFIED Roof must be installed by a qualified FORTIFIED Wise Roofing Contractor or Company with an active listing in the FORTIFIED Directory. The qualified roofing contractor must also complete the appropriate roofing compliance form(s) for each project and submit all required documents through a Certified FORTIFIED Home Evaluator. More information on experience and other requirements for roofers can be found in the [FORTIFIED Roofing Contractor Handbook](#).

2.14.3 FORTIFIED Professional

A FORTIFIED Professional certification is ideal for those licensed in their field that wish to incorporate FORTIFIED into their design or construction services, including general contractors, home builders, architects, engineers, and home designers. More information on experience and other requirements for of certification can be found in the [FORTIFIED Professional Handbook](#).

2.15 Recommendations for Flood Mitigation

The FORTIFIED program is designed to reduce the risk of damage due to high winds, wind-driven rain and hail. Although the FORTIFIED Home standard does not address flood risk, **IBHS recommends building homes at an elevation corresponding to a 1-in-500 chance of flooding per year or a minimum of 3 ft above the base flood elevation (the base flood elevation corresponds to a 1-in-100 chance of flooding per year).**

2.16 Appropriate Use of FORTIFIED

FORTIFIED Home requirements are minimum requirements for FORTIFIED designations and do not take the place of structural design or supersede more restrictive requirements from the structural design, locally adopted building code(s), or product manufacturer's specifications. It is the responsibility of the building designer and contractor to ensure local regulations and building codes are properly accounted for and recognize that many requirements fall outside of the scope of FORTIFIED. The *2025 FORTIFIED Home Standard* is to be applied in conjunction with federal, state, and local codes, ordinances and regulations in addition to the structural design which is by others. In case of a conflict between provisions, use whichever is more stringent.



3 Designation Requirements for FORTIFIED Roof – Existing Roof

The FORTIFIED Roof – Existing Roof designation provides prescriptive methods to create a qualified roof without requiring roof covering replacement on an existing home. From [Section 1.1](#):

Existing Roof designations are appropriate for existing homes that have a roof and roof covering with greater than five useful years of life remaining that do not show visible signs of damage or deterioration. FORTIFIED homes seeking re-designation without re-roofing are only eligible for an Existing Roof designation.

This approach may be used when roof covering replacement is determined to be unnecessary if ALL the following requirements of this section are met. If one or more of the following requirements are not met or if the roof cover is removed, then re-roofing in accordance with [Section 4](#) is required.

Existing Roof shall not be used as a pathway for inadequate documentation of a newly installed roof or to allow materials that cannot be documented to meet the standard's requirements, such as reuse of existing metal or tile roof cover. There are some documented cases where a FORTIFIED Roof – Existing Roof designation may be awarded in lieu of a FORTIFIED Roof – New Roof designation. These instances are clearly defined in technical bulletins, including the following:

- [FH 2023-03: Eligibility and Compliance of Accessory Roof Structures](#)
- [FH 2023-09: FORTIFIED Guidance on Leaf Guards and Gutters](#)
- [FH 2024-02: FORTIFIED Guidance on Rain Diverters.](#)

Additional technical bulletins may become available after the publication of this Standard. A full list of current technical bulletins can be found at <https://fortifiedhome.org/2025-technical-documents/>.

3.1 Roof Deck and Roof Cover

- Roof structural members must meet the requirements of [Section 2.5](#).
- Wood Structural Panel Roof Sheathing** must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - 7/16 in. Minimal Nominal Thickness (Performance Category)

Rafter Spacing	Nominal Thickness ¹	Minimum Actual Thickness	Maximum Actual Thickness
24 in. o.c. Max	7/16 Performance Category ²	0.406 in.	0.469 in.

NOTES:

1. For other panel thickness, see Table 1 in the [US Voluntary Product Standard PS2, Performance Standard for Wood Structural Panels](#)
2. 7/16 Performance Category sheathing is based on the 2024 Wood Framed Construction Manual and the FORTIFIED Minimum wind speed of V_{ult}=130mph and Exposure C.



- **NOTE:** Wood Structural Panels are required to be manufactured to performance standards detailed by the US Department of Commerce as defined in Section 803.2 of the 2024 IRC. These standards require panels being labeled with both a nominal and actual thickness. The Performance Category (or nominal thickness) is shown as a fraction and the minimum (or actual) thickness in decimal format. For FORTIFIED, the Performance Category is the number that should be documented. For more information see [APA Technical Topic TT-054: Panel Thickness Tolerances and Labeling](#).
- The existing roof cover does not show visible signs of damage or deterioration.
- There is only one layer of roof covering.
 - **NOTE:** Although some jurisdictions allow a new roof to be installed over an existing roof, FORTIFIED requires existing roof covering to be removed to the deck before installing a new roof cover system.
- Existing roof covering is estimated to have at least 5 years of useful life remaining based on roof cover type, age, condition, any visible deterioration or corrosion.
- There is adequate access to the attic to allow the application of closed-cell spray urethane-based foam adhesives along joints between sheathing and roof framing members as well as along all seams between the roof sheathing panels.
- Drip edge is installed.

For FORTIFIED Hail Supplement requirements, refer to [Section 7.2 or 7.3](#) as applicable.

3.2 Sealing and Strengthening of Roof Deck

- Apply ASTM or TAS tested 2-component, spray polyurethane foam adhesive to the underside of the wood structural panel roof deck in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail **F-SRD-1** “Roof Deck Attachment and Sealed Roof Deck from Within Using Spray Foam” (refer to Appendix A). Note: The use of closed-cell polyurethane foam adhesive with wood board roof decking is not permitted.



Figure 3.1: Closed-cell Spray Polyurethane Foam Adhesive Applied to Underside of Roof Sheathing

<p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRAY ADHESIVES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PRODUCT MUST BE TESTED AND EVALUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EITHER ASTM E330, STANDARD TEST METHOD FOR STRUCTURAL PERFORMANCE OF EXTERIOR WINDOWS, DOORS, SKYLIGHTS, AND CURTAIN WALLS BY UNIFORM STATIC AIR PRESSURE DIFFERENCE (APPLIED TO ROOF SHEATHING) OR TAS 202-94, CRITERIA FOR TESTING IMPACT AND NON-IMPACT RESISTANT BUILDING ENVELOPE COMPONENTS USING UNIFORM STATIC AIR PRESSURE. THE MINIMUM ALLOWABLE DESIGN UPLIFT PRESSURE MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 110 PSF AND THE PROOF TEST PRESSURE ACHIEVED WITHOUT FAILURE OR STRUCTURAL DISTRESS MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 165 PSF. 2. ADHESIVE MUST BE A TWO COMPONENT SPRAY POLYURETHANE FOAM SYSTEM WITH A MINIMUM CORE DENSITY OF 15.5 PCF IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM D2903, STANDARD TEST METHOD FOR APPARENT DENSITY OF RIGID CELLULAR PLASTICS. 3. SPRAY POLYURETHANE FOAM ADHESIVE SYSTEM MUST BE INSTALLED BY A PROPERLY TRAINED AND QUALIFIED APPLICATOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S MAINTENANCE AND INSTALLATION GUIDELINES. 4. DOCUMENTATION FROM THE INSTALLING CONTRACTOR, ON COMPANY LETTERHEAD, IDENTIFYING THE MANUFACTURER AND "PRODUCT USED FOR THE IMPROVED ROOF SHEATHING ATTACHMENT/SEALED ROOF DECK" MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE CERTIFIED FORTIFIED EVALUATOR TO BE INCLUDED WITH FINAL DESIGNATION CHECK. DOCUMENTATION SHOULD ALSO STATE THAT THE INSTALLATION MEETS THE MANUFACTURER'S REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ALLOWABLE DESIGN UPLIFT PRESSURE OF AT LEAST 110 PSF (PROOF TEST OF AT LEAST 165 PSF). 5. USE THE MINIMUM DENSITY AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE MANUFACTURER TO MEET A MINIMUM DESIGN UPLIFT PRESSURE ON THE SHEATHING OF 110 PSF. 	<p>GENERAL NOTES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. REFER TO APP. C, FORTIFIED HOME STANDARDS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON EXISTING SHEATHING REQUIREMENTS. 2. 7/8" MIN. THICKNESS REQUIRED WITH ROOF MEMBERS @ 24" O.C. MAX. 3. FORTIFIED HOME STANDARDS ARE TO BE APPLIED IN CONJUNCTION WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL CODES, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS IN ADDITION TO THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN WHICH IS BY OTHERS. IN CASE OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN PROVISIONS, USE WHICH EVER IS MORE STRINGENT. 		
	<p>APPLICABLE STANDARDS:</p> <p>FORTIFIED HOME™ - RESIDENCE GUIDE FORTIFIED HOME™ - HIGH WIND ZONE</p>	<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>STEEP SLOPE ROOF DECK ATTACHMENT AND SEALED ROOF DECK FROM WITHIN USING SPRAY FOAM</p>	<p>DRAWING #:</p> <p>F-SRD-1</p>
		<p>DATE: 11/01/2024</p>	

Figure 3.2: Standard Detail F-SRD-1

Closed-Cell Spray Polyurethane Foam Adhesive Minimum Requirements

- Product must be tested and evaluated in accordance with either ASTM E330, Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Doors, Skylights and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference (applied to roof sheathing), or TAS 202-94, Criteria for Testing Impact and Non-Impact Resistant Building Envelope Components Using Uniform Static Air Pressure. The minimum allowable design uplift pressure must be greater than or equal to 110 psf and the proof test pressure achieved without failure or structural distress must be greater than or equal to 165 psf.



- Adhesive product must be a two-component spray polyurethane foam system with a minimum core density of 1.5–3.0 pcf in accordance with ASTM D1622, Standard Test Method for Apparent Density of Rigid Cellular Plastics.
- Spray polyurethane foam adhesive system must be installed by a properly trained and qualified applicator in accordance with the manufacturer’s maintenance and installation guidelines.
- Documentation from the installing contractor, on company letterhead, identifying the manufacturer and product used for the improved roof sheathing attachment/sealed roof deck must be provided to the certified FORTIFIED Evaluator to be included with final designation checklist. Documentation should also state that the installation meets the manufacturer’s requirements for an allowable design uplift pressure of at least 110 psf (proof test of at least 165 psf).

Closed-Cell Spray Polyurethane Foam Adhesive Installation

To provide enhanced roof sheathing attachment and to seal the roof deck, apply a 1.5- to 3-in. fillet of 2-component spray polyurethane foam adhesive to:

- All joints between wood structural panel roof sheathing
 - The use of closed-cell polyurethane foam adhesive with wood board roof decking is not permitted.
- All intersections between roof sheathing and roof framing members
- All valleys

Closed cell spray polyurethane foam adhesive application shall comply with the manufacturer’s installation requirements and the density shall not be less than that required by the manufacturer to meet a minimum design uplift pressure on the sheathing of 110 psf:

EXCEPTION: If it can be demonstrated through inspection and documentation that the roof sheathing attachment meets or exceeds one of the following requirements AND that a qualified sealed roof deck system is installed, then the installation of closed-cell spray polyurethane foam adhesive is not required:

1. Wood board roof deck must meet or exceed the requirements of FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-RS-1](#) “Roof Deck Attachment – Sawn Lumber or Wood Board Roof Deck with No Gaps” (refer to Appendix A).
2. Structural wood panel sheathing must meet or exceed the requirements of FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-RS-2](#) “Hurricane and High Wind– New Construction Roof Deck Attachment – Structural Wood Panels” (refer to Appendix A)
3. Roof sheathing attachment meets or exceeds the requirements outlined in [Appendix B1](#).



3.3 Attic Vents and Covers

3.3.1 Ridge and Off-ridge Vents

- Ridge and off-ridge vents must be TAS 100(A) rated and anchored to the roof in compliance with manufacturer recommended installation for high winds.
 - If TAS 100(A) rating of existing vent cannot be verified, then new vents complying with TAS 100(A) must be installed.

3.3.2 Gable End Vents

- For Hurricane Designations only, gable end vents must have removable shutters in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-GS-1](#) “Gable Vent Shuttering” (refer to Appendix A), and homeowner must be made aware that installation of shutters is temporary and that shutters must be removed once the hurricane threat has passed.



Figure 3.4: Example of Gable End Vent



Figure 3.5: Outside Shuttering of Gable End Vent with Plywood



Figure 3.3: Shuttering of Gable End Vent from Inside Attic

GENERAL NOTES:

- REFER TO APPLICABLE FORTIFIED HOME STANDARDS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
- REFER TO FORTIFIED STANDARD DETAIL F-G1 FOR CORROSION PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS.
- TO MAINTAIN PROPER ATTIC VENTILATION, VENT SHUTTERING MAY BE PERFORMED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS ONLY AND SHUTTERS ARE TO BE REMOVED AFTER A STORM THREAT IS OVER.**
- FOR FORTIFIED STANDARDS ARE TO BE APPLIED IN CONJUNCTION WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL CODES, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS IN ADDITION TO THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN WHICH IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FORTIFIED HOME STANDARDS. USE WHEN NECESSARY, USE WHEN AVAILABLE IS MORE PRESENT.

WOOD STRUCTURAL PANELS OF 2 1/4" MIN. THICKNESS. FLAT SHUTTER CUT TO FIT WITH MIN. THICKNESS. PRE-DRILL HOLES AT FASTENER LOCATIONS. SPACING MAY VARY. SET TO 1/8" MAX. SPACING SIDES AND FASTENER BRACING SHOWN.

OUTLINE OF GABLE VENT BEYOND SHUTTER

PERMANENT CORROSION RESISTANT FASTENERS TO TOUCH PRE-DRILLED HOLES. REFER TO TABLE F-GS-1 FOR FASTENER INFORMATION. MINIMUM OF 2 FASTENERS PER EACH PANEL IS REQUIRED.

SHUTTER CAN BE RECALLED FROM OUTSIDE OR HOLES OR FROM INSIDE OF ATTIC.

SUPPORT STRUCTURE TYPE	FASTENER TYPE & SIZE	END DISTANCE, D
WOOD	2" x 4" LAG BOLTS W/ 2" EMERALD MEN'S 1" x 1" WASHER	1"
CONCRETE OR GROUTED MASONRY	3/4" x 2" FASTENER W/ 2" EMBEDMENT & 1" WASHER	2 1/2"

NOTE: USE 1/8" SCREWS AT EACH 1/2" HORIZONTAL BRACING POINT. USE 1/8" x 1/4" RESISTANT AND 1/8" x 1/4" x 1/8" MIN. W/ 1/8" MAX. CAPACITY.

NOTE: SELF-ADHESIVE WEATHER STRIP CAN BE USED TO SEAL THE SHUTTER TO THE FRAME. REMOVE WEATHER STRIP IF SHUTTER IS INSTALLED ON INSIDE OF ATTIC. ENSURE THAT ANY WEATHER STRIP ACCUMULATES IN THE GUTTER CAN DRAIN TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE AND NOT INTO THE WALL BELOW.

APPLICABLE STANDARDS: FORTIFIED HOME® HURRICANE 2008	DESCRIPTION: TEMPORARY GABLE VENT SHUTTERING	DRAWING #: F-GS-1	DATE: 11/01/2024
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Figure 3.6: [Standard Detail F-GS-1](#)



3.4 Photovoltaic (PV) Systems

- Roof mounted PV systems shall be designed to structurally support the system and withstand applicable gravity and wind loads. The system must be permanently anchored to the roof structure. Ballasted systems are not eligible for a FORTIFIED Designation.
- Letter of compliance required from professional engineer indicating that connections and installation of the PV system meet the design intent, and that system has been appropriately designed for the following:
 - Roof-mounted PV systems shall be designed for component & cladding wind loads for the site in accordance with:
 - ASCE 7-16 or ASCE 7-22 using an effective area based on the dimensions of a single unit frame.
 - The roof deck and supporting structure must be designed to support all gravity and wind loads resulting from the PV system installation.
 - In the case of a roof-mounted PV system that attaches only to the roof cover (such as metal roof cover panels), in addition to the design of the PV system itself, the engineer's analysis and letter of compliance must confirm that the full design and load path from the PV system to the roof cover and from the roof cover to the roof structure is adequate to resist site design component & cladding wind loads. This includes confirming that the roof cover system was tested to resist the additional loads imposed from the PV system and that the attachment of the roof cover system to the roof structure is adequate to resist the loads imposed from the PV system.
 - **NOTE:** Drawings from PV manufacturers typically do not cover all FORTIFIED design requirements and must be accompanied by the site-specific letter of compliance from a professional engineer as described above.
- All roof penetrations must be sealed and flashed in accordance with the PV system and roof covering manufacturer's requirements.
- Coordination between the solar contractor and roofing contractor is required to ensure proper design, installation, and flashing including material compatibility.

For **FORTIFIED Hail Supplement** requirements, refer to [Section 7.5](#).



4 Designation Requirements for FORTIFIED Roof – New Roof

The FORTIFIED Roof – New Roof designation provides prescriptive methods for installing a roof on a new home or re-roofing an existing home. Re-roofing is required when one or more of the requirements outlined in [Section 3](#) are not met. From [Section 1.1](#):

- **New Roof** designations are only appropriate for new construction or re-roofing projects where all roof sheathing is new or in good condition, and sealed roof deck and roof covering systems are newly installed and installation in compliance with FORTIFIED Home requirements is verifiable at the time of designation. A new roof designation is only valid for the first 5 years after roof installation on a re-roof or the first five years after a certificate of occupancy is issued on new construction. Complete evaluation files must be submitted to IBHS for designation within one year of completion to be eligible for a New Roof designation.

4.1 Roof Deck Minimum Thickness Requirements

- Roof structural members must meet the requirements of [Section 2.5](#).
- **Wood Structural Panel Roof Sheathing** must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - 7/16 in. Minimal Nominal Thickness (Performance Category)

Rafter Spacing	Nominal Thickness ¹	Minimum Actual Thickness	Maximum Actual Thickness
24 in. o.c. Max	7/16 Performance Category ²	0.406 in.	0.469 in.
NOTES: 3. For other panel thickness, see Table 1 in the US Voluntary Product Standard PS2, Performance Standard for Wood Structural Panels 4. 7/16 Performance Category sheathing is based on the 2024 Wood Framed Construction Manual and the FORTIFIED Minimum wind speed of V _{ult} =130mph and Exposure C.			

- **EXCEPTION:** for clay or concrete tile roofs, roof sheathing may have minimum thickness requirements greater than FORTIFIED. Verify the required thickness per the product approval and manufacturers installation instructions. For metal roof covers, verify manufacturer’s sheathing thickness requirements are met.
- **NOTE:** Local building code requirements for roof sheathing thickness may be more stringent based on-site conditions.
- **NOTE:** Wood Structural Panels are required to be manufactured to performance standards detailed by the US Department of Commerce as defined in Section 803.2 of the 2024 IRC. These standards require panels to be labeled with both a nominal and actual thickness. The Performance Category (or nominal thickness) is shown as a fraction and the minimum (or actual) thickness in decimal format. For the purposes of FORTIFIED, the Performance Category is the number that should be documented. For more information see [APA Technical Topic TT-054: Panel Thickness Tolerances and Labeling](#).



- ❑ **Sawn lumber or wood board roof sheathing** members must have $\frac{5}{8}$ in. minimum thickness with gaps less than or equal to $\frac{1}{8}$ in. between boards. For decking with gaps greater than $\frac{1}{8}$ in. see FORTIFIED Standard Detail **F-RR-5** “Fastening Wood Structural Panel Roof Sheathing over Existing 1x Roof Deck Board with Gaps”
- **EXCEPTION:** If roof cover manufacturer has specific guidance that allows for gaps greater than $\frac{1}{8}$ in., then up to $\frac{1}{4}$ in. maximum gaps between boards are allowed in compliance with manufacturer guidance. In any case where gaps between boards exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ in., wood structural panel overlay is required. See Technical Bulletin 2023-07 for additional information.
- **NOTE:** Local building code requirements for roof sheathing thickness may be more stringent based on-site conditions.

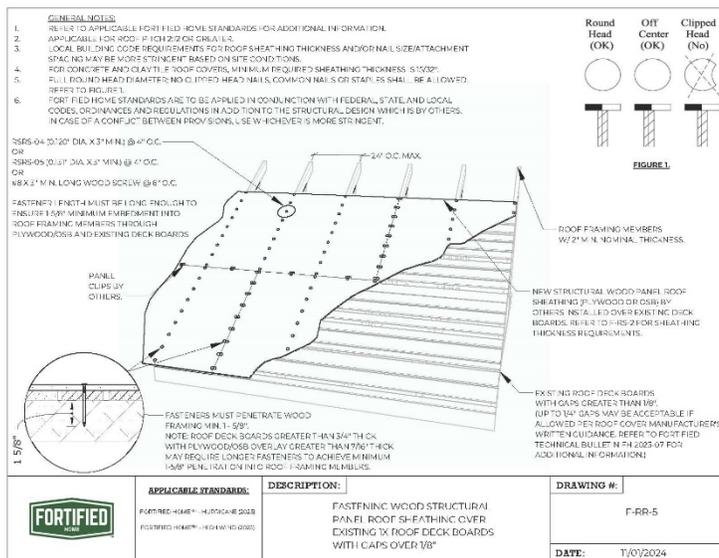


Figure 4.1: [Standard Detail F-RR-5](#)

- ❑ Roof sheathing must be designed to resist the applicable loads and load combinations specified in ASCE 7 per either engineering analysis or prescriptive method.
- FORTIFIED Home requirements are based on minimums of $V_{ult} = 130$ mph and Exposure C. For conditions that exceed these minimums, refer to WFCM Table 3.12A (2024 Edition) for prescriptive guidance.
- ❑ For all other types of roof sheathing, design by a Professional Engineer is required per [Section 2.5](#) and [Appendix B1](#).

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4.2 Attachment of New Roof Deck Only

4.2.1 Attachment of New Wood Board Roof Sheathing

- Attachment of sawn lumber or wood board roof decking to roof structural members** shall be in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-RS-1](#) “Roof Deck Attachment – Sawn Lumber or Wood Board Roof Deck with No Gaps” (refer to Appendix A) and Table F-RS-1, or in compliance with a professional engineer’s design per [Section 2.5](#) and [Appendix B1](#).

Table F-RS-1 Fasteners Required for Wood Board Decking Attachment

Wood Board/Lumber (Roof Decking) Width	Number and Minimum Dimensions of Nails per Board for Each Framing Member it Crosses
Up to 8"	Two (2) 0.131" ϕ min. w/ 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " penetration into roof framing members (min. length of nail = 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")
Larger than 8"	Three (3) 0.131" ϕ min. w/ 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " penetration into roof framing members (min. length of nail = 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")

NOTE: Clipped-head, D-head, or round-head nails shall be acceptable provided they have the required minimum diameter and length.

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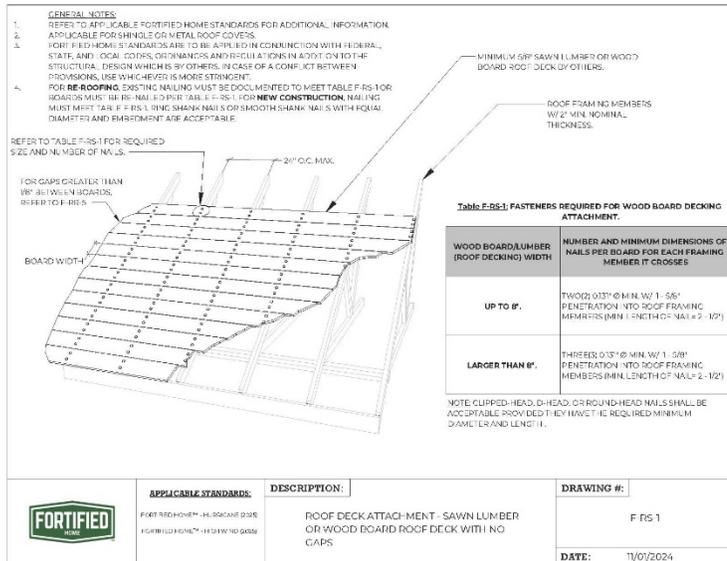


Figure 4.2: Standard Detail F-RS-1



- Attachment of wood structural panel overlay over sawn lumber or wood board roof decking to structural members shall be per FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-RR-5](#) “Fastening Wood Structural Panel Roof Sheathing over Existing 1x Roof Deck Board with Gaps Over 1/8 Inch” or in compliance with a professional engineer’s design per [Section 2.5](#) and [Appendix B1](#). See [Technical Bulletin 2023-07](#) for additional information.

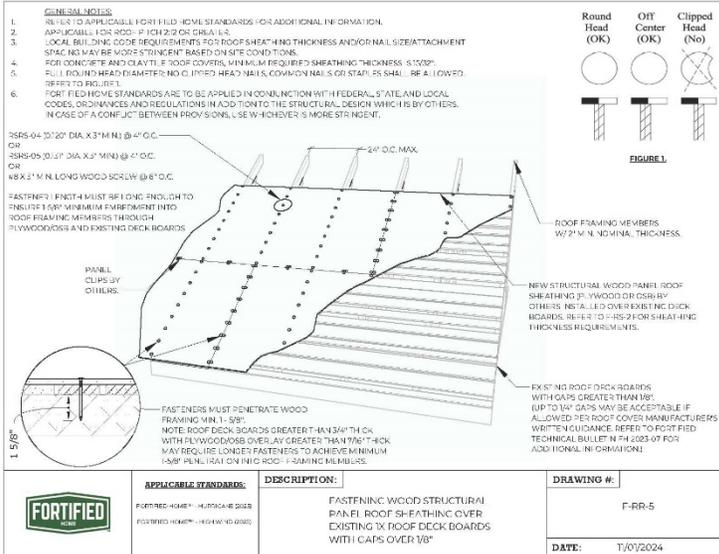


Figure 4.3: [Standard Detail F-RR-5](#)

4.2.2 Attachment of New Wood Structural Panel Roof Sheathing (Plywood or OSB)

- Ring-shank nails shall meet the requirements of [Section 2.8](#).
- Attachment of structural wood panel roof sheathing to roof structural members** shall be minimum RSR-01; 0.113 in. dia. x 2 3/8 in. Roof Sheathing Ring Shank Nail at 4 in. o.c. spacing maximum in all areas of the roof. See [F-RS-2](#) for more information. Note: Longer nails may be needed for thicker sheathing. Nail must be long enough to penetrate a minimum 1 5/8 in. into truss/rafter.

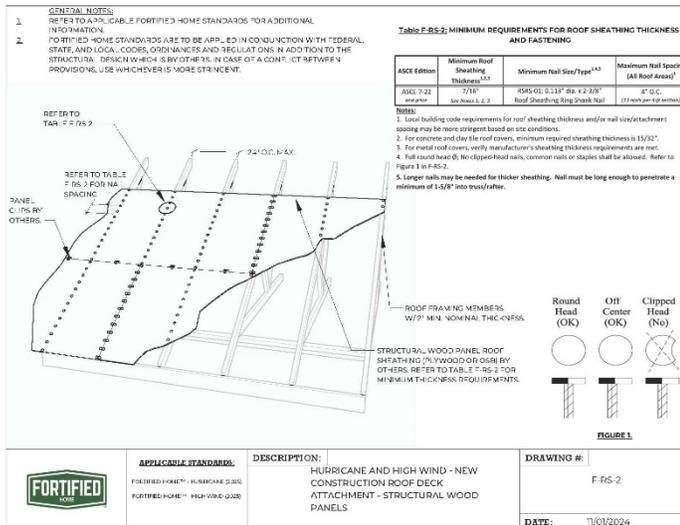


Figure 4.4: [Standard Detail F-RS-2](#)

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4.3 Inspection and Attachment of Existing Roof Deck (Re-Roof Only)

- ❑ All existing roofing materials must be removed down to the roof deck.
- ❑ Roof structural members must meet the requirements of [Section 2.5](#).
- ❑ Existing roof sheathing must meet minimum thickness requirements in [Section 4.1](#)
- ❑ Existing roof deck must be inspected (after old roofing materials have been removed) to identify any damaged or deteriorated decking. Replace damaged decking in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-RR-1](#) “Re-Roofing Deck Replacement Fastening Detail” (refer to Appendix A) or in compliance with a professional engineer’s design per [Section 2.5](#) and [Appendix B1](#).
 - Damage includes (but is not limited to) soft or spongy wood, wood swelling or buckling, delaminating (plywood) or crumbling/flaking of wood.
 - Do not cut or notch supporting wood members when removing damaged/deteriorated decking.
 - If a section of the roof deck is damaged or deteriorated, remove and replace the entire damaged sheet or board.

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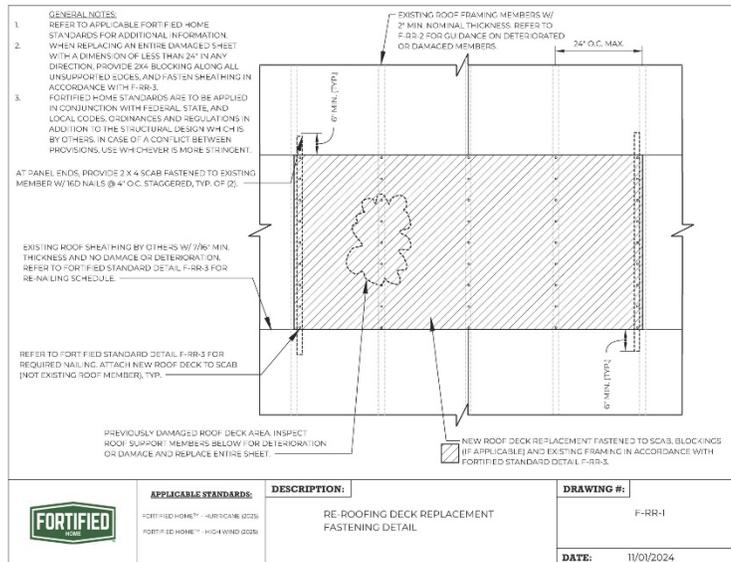


Figure 4.5: [Standard Detail F-RR-1](#)

- ❑ Existing wood roof framing members (rafters or trusses) below damaged/deteriorated decking must be inspected for damage/deterioration.
- ❑ Damaged/Deteriorated roof framing members may be repaired in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-RR-2](#) “Re-Roofing New Scab Member Detail for Damaged or Deteriorated Wood Framing Member” (refer to [Appendix A](#)) if **all** the following conditions are met:
 - Roof framing members are 2x (nominal 2 in. thick) lumber spaced 24 in. o.c. maximum.
 - Damaged/deteriorated area must be less than 25% of roof framing member depth.
 - Damaged/deteriorated area must not exceed 25% of member length up to a maximum length of 2 ft.



- Damaged/deteriorated area must be a minimum of 6 in. away from any mechanical connections (i.e., truss/rafter hangers, truss connector plates, etc.).

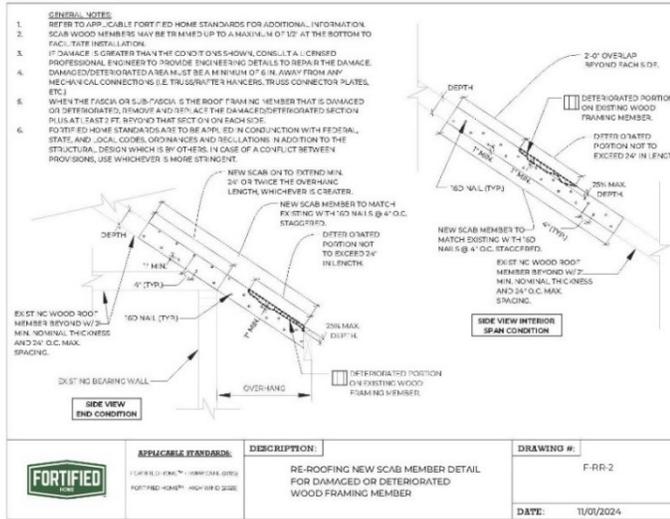


Figure 4.6: Standard Detail F-RR-2

- For conditions other than described above, roof members must be evaluated by a licensed professional engineer to verify structural capacity and/or provide a design for repair.
- **For existing sawn lumber or wood board roof decking**, fasteners are required to meet the requirements of FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-RS-1](#) “Roof Deck Attachment – Sawn Lumber or Wood Board Roof Deck With No Gaps” (refer to [Appendix A](#)):
 - Existing fasteners must be documented to meet Table F-RS-1 or boards must be re-nailed per Table F-RS-1.
- **For existing wood structural panel overlay over sawn lumber or wood board roof decking**, attachment to structural members must be documented to meet, or re-nailed to meet FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-RR-5](#) “Fastening Wood Structural Panel Roof Sheathing over Existing 1x Roof Deck Board with Gaps Over 1/8 Inch”. See [Technical Bulletin 2023-07](#) for additional information.

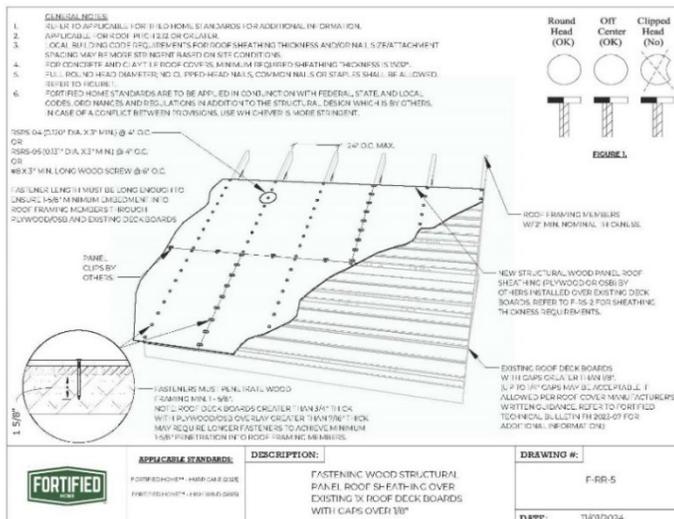


Figure 4.7: Standard Detail F-RR-5

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- ❑ **For existing wood structural panel roof sheathing**, re-nail the roof deck with additional 0.113-in. x 2³/₈-in. 8d ring-shank nails (refer to [Section 2.8](#)) minimum, installed at 4 in. o.c. in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-RR-3](#) “Re-nailing the Roof Deck (Wood Structural Panels)”:
 - **NOTE:** Longer nails may be needed for thicker sheathing. Nails must be long enough to penetrate a minimum 1⁵/₈ in. into truss/rafter.
 - Spacing between new and existing nails shall not be less than 2 in. o.c. If supplemental fastening would cause a nail spacing of less than 2 in. o.c., then FORTIFIED Standard Detail F-RR-3 is not allowed. A professional engineer must be consulted to review existing conditions and design the roof deck attachment per [Section 2.5](#) and [Appendix B1](#).
 - To avoid wood splitting, stagger nails for spacings 3 in. o.c. or less.
 - **EXCEPTIONS:**
 - If it can be documented that the home has previously received a FORTIFIED designation and the site has a design wind speed of $V_{ult} = 160$ mph or less and Exposure C or less, then supplemental fastening is not required.
 - If it can be documented that existing nailing meets the requirements of Table [F-RS-2](#) (refer to [section 4.2.2](#)), then supplemental fastening is not required.

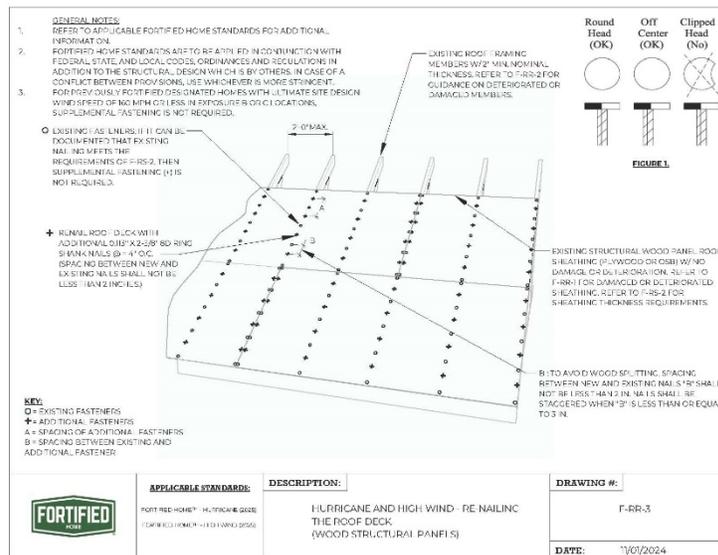


Figure 4.8: [Standard Detail F-RR-3](#)

- ❑ In lieu of FORTIFIED prescriptive re-nailing requirements, re-nailing may be installed in compliance with a professional engineer’s design per [Section 2.5](#) and [Appendix B1](#).



by the level of surface texture or wax used in fabricating the OSB panels. 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).

Underlayment Types:

Next, apply one of the following code-compliant underlayment options over the self-adhering tape:

- ASTM D226 Type II (#30)
- ASTM D4869 Type III or Type IV (#30)

CAUTION: Be sure to check product labelling carefully. Not all products labelled ASTM D4869 are Type III or Type IV. ASTM D4869 Type I or Type II will NOT be accepted.

ASTM D6757 (for asphalt shingle roof covers)

- As an alternative, apply a reinforced synthetic roof underlayment which has ICC approval as an alternate to ASTM D226 Type II felt paper. The synthetic underlayment must have a minimum tear strength of 15 lbf in accordance with ASTM D4533 and a minimum tensile strength of 20 lbf/in. in accordance with ASTM D5035.

CAUTION: For wood shake/shingle roof covers, synthetic underlayment may not be permitted. Refer to roof cover manufacturer requirements and [Technical Bulletin FH 2021-03](#) for additional information.

NOTE: An AC266-rated system consisting of wood structural panel sheathing with integrated water resistive barrier such as *Huber Zip*® roof sheathing used in combination with approved or proprietary tape to seal the roof deck seams as described above and in compliance with manufacturer installation instructions, is deemed to comply as an approved FORTIFIED sealed roof deck without any additional underlayments required.

Underlayment Installation:

Underlayment must be attached using annular-ring or deformed-shank roofing nails (0.083 in. minimum diameter and sufficient length to penetrate through the roof sheathing or not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ in. into the roof sheathing) with minimum 1-in.-diameter caps (metal or plastic button cap nails). Metal caps and nail or metal cap-nails are required for ultimate design wind speed of 170 mph or greater. Fasteners shall meet the corrosion protection requirements outlined in [F-G-1](#).

Space fasteners at 6 in. o.c. spacing along all laps and at 12 in. o.c. vertically and horizontally 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 4 in. and end laps must be a minimum of 6 in.

The number of rows of cap nails required for mechanically attaching underlayment is determined by the width of the roll being used. For 36-inch rolls as shown in F-SRD-2, two rows of cap nails between laps are required to meet the 12 in. spacing requirement. For roll widths greater than 36 in. additional rows of fasteners are required. Refer to the following companion details for guidance fastening rolls of underlayment greater than 36 in.:



- Refer to [F-SRD-2A](#) for 40 to 42-in. wide synthetic underlayment rolls

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 THESE CONNECTIONS PROVIDED AS A REFERENCE TO OTHER SHEET DATA.
 DRAWING TO 42-2 REFER TO 42-2 FOR CONNECTION NOTES. ADDITIONAL
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40 TO 42 INCH WIDE SYNTHETIC UNDERLAYMENT ROLL
 ALL END AREAS TO BE APPLIED WITH 1/2 INCH THICK MEMBRANE TO
 PREVENT OF LEAKS FROM UNDERLAYER. SEE DETAIL FOR CONNECTION
 DETAILS.

	APPLICABLE STANDARDS: <small>ICC-ES ESR-1107 - UNDERLAYMENT FOR STEEP SLOPE ROOFS</small>	DESCRIPTION: STEEP SLOPE SMOOTH TOP OF DECK FLASHING, APPE AND UNDERLAYMENT - SHINGLE OR METAL ROOF COVERS USING 40 TO 42 INCH WIDE SYNTHETIC UNDERLAYMENT.	DRAWING #: F-SRD-2A
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- Refer to [F-SRD-2B](#) for 48-in. wide synthetic underlayment rolls

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- Refer to [F-SRD-2C](#) for 60-inch wide synthetic underlayment rolls

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60 INCH WIDE SYNTHETIC UNDERLAYMENT ROLL
 ALL END AREAS TO BE APPLIED WITH 1/2 INCH THICK MEMBRANE TO
 PREVENT OF LEAKS FROM UNDERLAYER. SEE DETAIL FOR CONNECTION
 DETAILS.

	APPLICABLE STANDARDS: <small>ICC-ES ESR-1107 - UNDERLAYMENT FOR STEEP SLOPE ROOFS</small>	DESCRIPTION: STEEP SLOPE SMOOTH TOP OF DECK FLASHING, APPE AND UNDERLAYMENT - SHINGLE OR METAL ROOF COVERS USING 60 INCH WIDE SYNTHETIC UNDERLAYMENT.	DRAWING #: F-SRD-2C
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4.4.1.2 Method 2: Sealed Roof Deck – Two Layers Underlayment – Shingle or Metal Roof Covers, Steep Slope

4.4.1.2.1 Method 2A: [F-SRD-3](#) “Sealed Roof Deck – Two Layers Felt Underlayment – Shingle or Metal Roof Covers, Steep Slope”

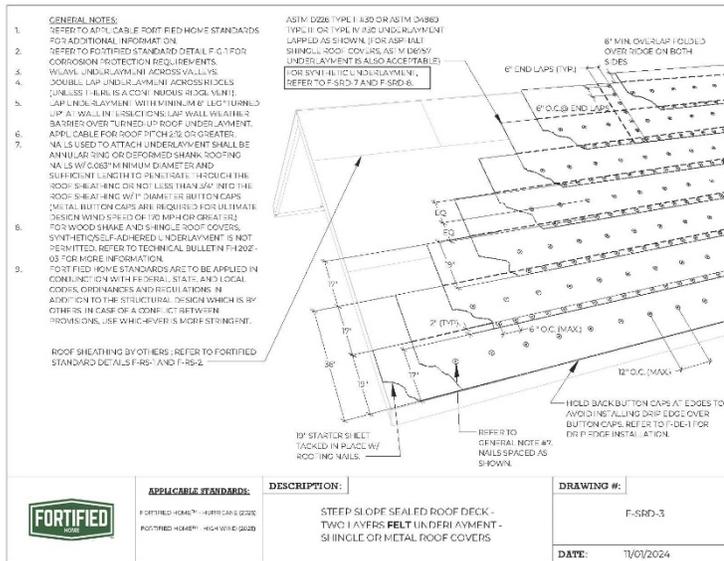


Figure 4.10: [Standard Detail F-SRD-3](#)

Underlayment Types:

Apply (2) layers of one of the following code-compliant underlayment options:

- ASTM D226 Type II (#30)
- ASTM D4869 Type III or Type IV (#30)

CAUTION: Be sure to check product labelling carefully. Not all products labelled ASTM D4869 are Type III or Type IV. ASTM D4869 Type I or Type II will NOT be accepted.

- ASTM D6757 (for asphalt shingle roof covers)
- For synthetic underlayment, refer to [Section 4.4.1.2.2](#)

Underlayment Installation:

Install two (2) layers of underlayment in a shingle-fashion, lapped 19 in. on horizontal seams (36-in. roll), and 6 in. on vertical seams.

The starter course of felt is to be installed as described below and shown in [F-SRD-3](#).

1. Cut 17 in. off one side of the roll and install the remaining 19-in.-wide strip of underlayment along the eave, safely tacked in place.
2. Carefully install a 36-in.-wide roll of underlayment over the 19-in.-wide course of underlayment along the eave.
3. Follow the same procedure for each course, overlapping the sheets 19 in. (leaving a 17 in. exposure).

Underlayment must be attached using annular-ring or deformed-shank roofing nails



(0.083 in. minimum diameter and sufficient length to penetrate through the roof sheathing or not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ in. into the roof sheathing) with minimum 1-in.-diameter caps (metal or plastic button cap nails). Metal caps and nail or metal cap-nails are required for ultimate design wind speed of 170 mph or greater. Fasteners shall meet the corrosion protection requirements outlined in [F-G-1](#).

Fasten the bottom edge of the roll (horizontal lap) with fasteners at 6 in. o.c. Since the bottom edge (horizontal lap) of the next layer of underlayment will be fastened approximately 19 in. above the horizontal lap below, install a row of nails with 12 in. o.c. horizontal spacing about 10 in. above the bottom lap. When the installation is completed, the resulting fastening of the two (2) layers of felt should consist of the same fasteners at approximately 6 in. o.c. along all laps and at not more than 12 in. o.c. in the field of the sheet between the side laps. Add fasteners along any exposed vertical laps so that the maximum spacing between fasteners is 6 in. o.c.

4.4.1.2.2 Method 2B : [F-SRD-7](#) and [F-SRD-8](#) “Sealed Roof Deck – Two Layers Synthetic Underlayment – Shingle or Metal Roof Covers, Steep Slope”

Underlayment Types:

Apply (2) layers of one of the following code-compliant underlayment options:

CAUTION: For wood shake/shingle roof covers, synthetic underlayment may not be permitted. Refer to roof cover manufacturer requirements and [Technical Bulletin FH 2021-03](#) for additional information.

- ASTM D8257 – Mechanically Attached Polymeric Roof Underlayment Used in Steep Slope Roofing.
- Reinforced synthetic roof underlayment which has a current ICC, AC 188 approval as an alternate to ASTM D226 Type II felt paper.

The synthetic underlayment must have a minimum tear strength of 15 lbf in accordance with ASTM D4533 and a minimum tensile strength of 20 lbf/in. in accordance with ASTM D5035 and pass the ASTM D4869 liquid water transmission test.

Underlayment Installation:

Two layers of a FORTIFIED-compliant reinforced synthetic underlayment shall be installed in a shingle fashion, in the following manner:



□ **For 40-in.-wide Rolls:**

Install the first course of underlayment as described below and shown in [F-SRD-7](#).

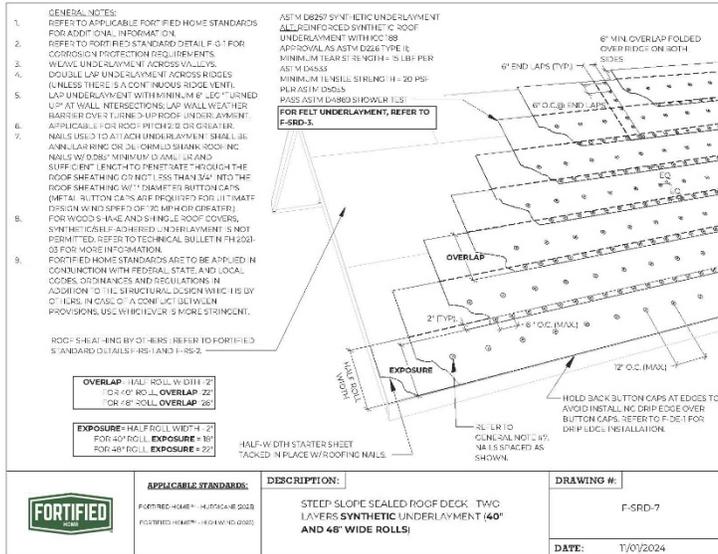


Figure 4.11: [Standard Detail F-SRD-7](#)

1. Cut 20 in. off one side of the roll and install the remaining 20-in.-wide strip of underlayment along the eave. Safely tack in place.
2. Carefully install a 40-in.-wide roll of underlayment over the 20-in.-wide course of underlayment along the eave.
3. For the succeeding courses follow the same procedure for each, overlapping the sheets 22 in. (leaving an 18-in. exposure). Fasten with one row in the center of the sheet at 12 in. o.c. and one row at the overlaps fastened 6 in. o.c.

□ **For 48-in.-wide Rolls:**

Install the first course of underlayment as described below and shown in FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-SRD-7](#).

1. Cut 24 in. off one side of the roll and install the remaining 24-in.-wide strip of underlayment along the eave. Safely tack in place.
2. Carefully install a 48-in.-wide roll of underlayment over the 24-in.-wide course of underlayment along the eave.
3. For the succeeding courses follow the same procedure for each, overlapping the sheets 26 in. (leaving a 22-in. exposure). Fasten with one row in the center of the sheet at 12 in. o.c. and one row at the overlaps fastened 6 in. o.c.

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□ **For 60-in.-wide Rolls:**

Install the first course of underlayment as described below and shown in FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-SRD-8](#).

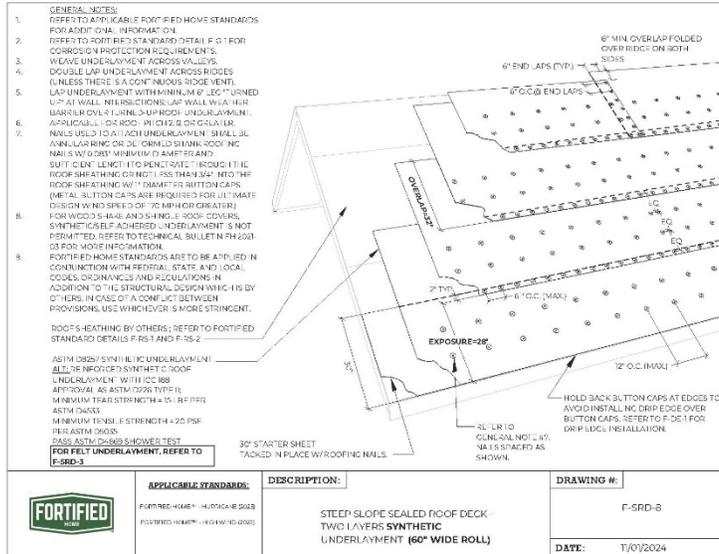


Figure 4.12: Standard Detail F-SRD-8

1. Cut 30 in. off one side of the roll and install the remaining 30-in.- wide strip of underlayment along the eave. Safely tack in place.
2. Carefully install a 60-in.-wide roll of underlayment over the 30-in.-wide course of underlayment along the eave.
3. For the succeeding courses follow the same procedure for each, overlapping the sheets 32 in. (leaving a 28-in. exposure). Fasten with two equally spaced rows in the center of the sheet at 12 in. o.c. and one row at the overlaps fastened 6 in. o.c.

In all cases, fasten underlayment a maximum 6 in. o.c. along the side and end laps and a maximum 12 in. o.c. in the middle of the sheet between the side laps.

For ultimate design wind speeds less than 170 mph, secure underlayment using annular-ring or deformed-shank nails with 1-in.-diameter caps (button cap nails). For ultimate design wind speeds 170 mph or greater, secure underlayment using annular-ring or deformed-shank nails with thin metal disks (“tincaps”).

4.4.1.3 Method 3: **F-SRD-4** “Sealed Roof Deck – Self-Adhered Membrane (Showing Bond Break for Asphalt Shingles) – Shingle and Metal Roof Covers – Steep Slope”

CAUTION:

- Manufacturers emphasize the need for adequate attic ventilation when self-adhered membrane is applied over the entire roof. This is particularly important north of the North Carolina/ South Carolina border. Also, some local building departments prohibit the use of this system. Check with the local building department for restrictions and refer to underlayment and primary roof system manufacturer’s installation instructions for ventilation limitations.
- For wood shake/shingle roof covers, self-adhered underlayment may not be permitted. Refer to roof cover manufacturer requirements and [Technical Bulletin FH 2021-03](#) for additional information.

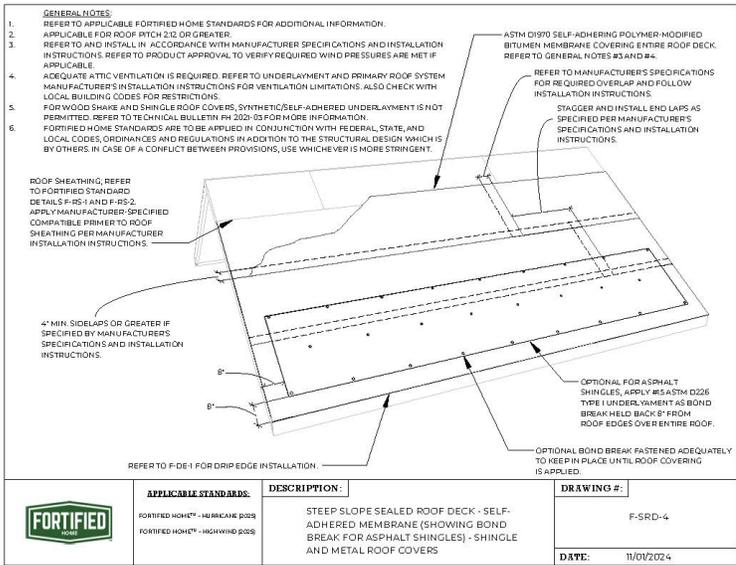


Figure 4.13: **Standard Detail F-SRD-4**

Underlayment Type:

ASTM D1970 self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen membrane.

Underlayment Installation:

Refer to and install in accordance with manufacturer specifications and installation instructions. Refer to product approval to verify required wind pressures are met, if applicable.

Cover the entire roof deck with a full layer of self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen membrane meeting ASTM D1970 requirements. Lap underlayment with minimum 6-in. leg “turned up” at wall intersections. Lap wall weather barrier overturned-up roof underlayment.

In some instances, the ability of the self-adhered membranes to adhere to oriented strand board (OSB) sheathing may be compromised by the level of surface texture or wax used in fabricating the OSB panels. In applications where membrane adhesion to OSB is marginal, apply a manufacturer-specified compatible primer to the OSB panels to ensure the proper attachment of the self-adhering membrane to the sheathing.



by the level of surface texture or wax used in fabricating the OSB panels. 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).

Anchor Sheet Underlayment Type:

Next, apply the following underlayment over the self-adhering tape:

- ASTM D226 Type II (#30)

NOTE: An AC266-rated system consisting of wood structural panel sheathing with integrated water resistive barrier such as Huber Zip® roof sheathing used in combination with approved or proprietary tape to seal the roof deck seams as described above and in compliance with manufacturers installation instructions, is deemed to comply as an approved FORTIFIED sealed roof deck without any additional underlayments required. To consider this system as an anchor sheet for concrete and clay tile roof covers, the system must meet required site design uplift pressures and installation must be in compliance with manufacturer installation instructions.

Anchor Sheet Installation:

Refer to and install in accordance with roof tile manufacturers installation information and the tested assembly shown in the product approval. Refer to product approval to verify required wind pressures are met if applicable.

Anchor sheet must be attached using annular-ring or deformed-shank roofing nails (0.083 in. minimum diameter and sufficient length to penetrate through the roof sheathing or not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ in. into the roof sheathing) with minimum 1-in.-diameter caps (metal or plastic button cap nails). Metal caps and nail or metal cap-nails are required for ultimate design wind speed of 170 mph or greater. Fasteners shall meet the corrosion protection requirements outlined in [F-G-1](#).

Space fasteners at 6 in. o.c. spacing along all laps and at 12 in. o.c. vertically and horizontally 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 4 in. and end laps must be a minimum of 6 in.

Roof Tile Cap Sheet Type and Installation:

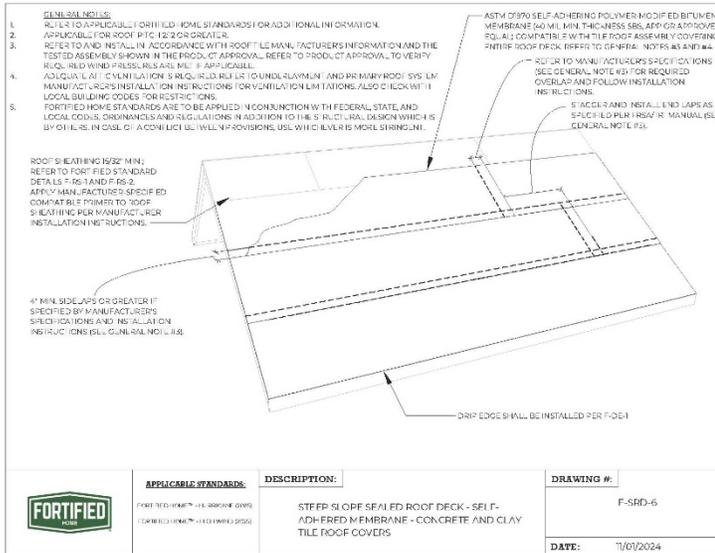
Finally, apply an approved self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen roof tile cap sheet complying with ASTM D1970 that meets the site design wind speeds over anchor sheet OR hot-mop an approved tile underlayment over the underlayment/anchor sheet using hot asphalt.

Refer to and install in accordance with roof tile manufacturers installation information and the tested assembly shown in the product approval. Refer to product approval to verify required wind pressures are met if applicable.



4.4.2.2 Method 5: **F-SRD-6** “Sealed Roof Deck – Self-Adhered Membrane – Concrete and Clay Tile Roof Covers, Steep Slope”

CAUTION: Manufacturers emphasize the need for adequate attic ventilation when self-adhered membrane is applied over the entire roof. This is particularly important north of the North Carolina/South Carolina border. Also, some local building departments prohibit the use of this system. Check with the local building department for restrictions and refer to underlayment and primary roof system manufacturer’s installation instructions for ventilation limitations.



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Figure 4.15: **Standard Detail F-SRD-6**

Underlayment Type:

ASTM D1970 self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen membrane; 40 mil minimum thickness, SBS, APP or approved equal is required.

Underlayment Installation:

Refer to and install in accordance with roof tile manufacturers installation information and the tested assembly shown in the product approval. Refer to product approval to verify required wind pressures are met, if applicable.

Cover the entire roof deck with a full layer of self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen membrane meeting ASTM D1970 requirements. Lap underlayment with minimum 6-in. leg “turned up” at wall intersections. Lap wall weather barrier over turned-up roof underlayment.

In some instances, the ability of the self-adhered membranes to adhere to oriented strand board (OSB) sheathing may be compromised by the level of surface texture or wax used in fabricating the OSB panels. In applications where membrane adhesion to OSB is marginal, apply a manufacturer-specified compatible primer to the OSB panels to ensure the proper attachment of the self-adhering membrane to the sheathing.

4.5 Drip Edge (roof slopes 2:12 or greater)

NOTE: For roof slopes less than 2:12, refer to manufacturer's drip edge installation requirements.

- Use new (minimum 26 gauge for steel) corrosion-resistant metal drip edge and fasteners in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail **F-G-1** "Corrosion Protection Requirement" (refer to Appendix A).
 - Drip edge shall comply with building code requirements for metal flashing. For additional guidance, refer to the [FORTIFIED Home General Flashing Guidelines for Steep-Sloped Roofs](#).
- For shingle, metal, concrete or clay tile roof covers with sealed roof decks in accordance with [Section 4.4](#), install drip edge along all eaves and gable rake edges in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail **F-DE-1**.

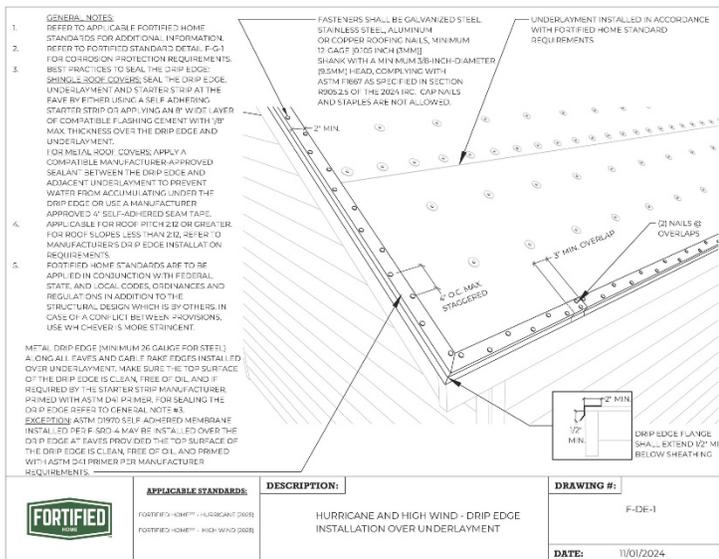


Figure 4.16: [Standard Detail F-DE-1](#)

Installation and Attachment

- Drip edge shall be installed OVER the underlayment along gable rake edges and at eaves.
 - EXCEPTION:** Self-adhered membrane may be installed over the drip edge at eaves provided the top surface of the drip edge is clean, free of oil, and primed with ASTM D41 primer.
- Overlap drip edge a minimum of 3 in. at joints. Drip edge flange shall extend 1/2 in. below the bottom of the sheathing and extend back on the roof a minimum of 2 in.
- Drip edge must be mechanically fastened to the roof deck at 4 in. o.c. maximum.
 - Fasteners shall be galvanized steel, stainless steel, aluminum or copper roofing nails, minimum 12-gage [0.105 inch (3 mm)] shank with a minimum 3/8-inch-diameter (9.5 mm) head, complying with ASTM F1667 as specified in section R905.2.5 of the 2024 IRC. Cap nails and staples are not allowed.
- Install (2) fasteners in each overlap joint. Mechanical fasteners should be applied in an alternating (staggered) pattern along the length of the drip edge with adjacent fasteners placed near opposite edges of the leg/flange of drip edge on the roof.

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Sealing the Drip Edge

- **For shingle roof covers:** The top surface of the drip edge shall be clean, free of oil, and if required by the starter strip manufacturer, primed with ASTM D41 primer. Seal the drip edge, underlayment and starter strip at the eave by either using a self-adhering starter strip or applying an 8-in.-wide layer of compatible flashing cement with $\frac{1}{8}$ in. maximum thickness over the drip edge and underlayment.
- **For metal roof covers:** The top surface of the drip edge shall be clean, free of oil, and if required, primed with manufacturer-approved primer. Apply a compatible manufacturer-approved sealant between the drip edge and adjacent underlayment to prevent water from accumulating under the drip edge or use a manufacturer approved 4 in. self-adhered seam tape.

4.6 Flashing

Flashings are used to weatherproof or seal roof system edges at perimeters, penetrations, walls, expansion joints, valleys, drains, and other places where the roof covering is interrupted or terminated. Ensuring FORTIFIED Roof requirements are in place, roofing contractors shall install flashings whether metal or membrane type in a manner consistent with roof cover manufacturers installation requirements preventing moisture from entering the wall or roof, or through moisture-permeable materials at intersections or other penetrations through the roof plane.

- Use new, corrosion-resistant metal flashing and fasteners in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-G-1](#), “Corrosion Protection Requirements” (refer to Appendix A).
 - **ALL FLASHING MUST BE IN NEW CONDITION.**
 - When re-roofing, all existing flashing material shall be removed and discarded.
 - For additional guidance, refer to the [FORTIFIED Home General Flashing Guidelines for Steep-Sloped Roofs](#).
- Flashings shall be installed at all places where the roof covering is interrupted or terminated, including, but not limited to the following:
 - Roof system perimeters and edges
 - Roof pitch changes
 - Roof penetrations
 - Walls
 - Chimneys
 - Expansion joints
 - Valleys
 - Drains



- Flashings shall be installed in accordance with the most restrictive of the following compliance methods:
 - Local building code requirements
 - Product manufacturer's installation instructions
 - Additional roof cover specific supplemental standards listed below: (Also listed in [Appendix C](#))

For asphalt shingle roof covers:

- [Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association \(ARMA\) Residential Asphalt Roofing Manual](#)
- [National Roofing Contractors Association \(NRCA\) Roofing Manual: Architectural Metal Flashing](#)
- [2023 Florida Building Code \(FBC\) Roofing Application Standard \(RAS\) No. 115 "Standard Procedures for Asphalt Shingle Installation" listed in the Test Protocols for High Velocity Hurricane Zones](#)

For concrete and clay tile roof covers:

- [Tile Roof Institute](#)
- [2023 Florida Building Code \(FBC\) Roofing Application Standard \(RAS\) No. 115 "Standard Procedures for Asphalt Shingle Installation" listed in the Test Protocols for High Velocity Hurricane Zones](#)

For wood shingles and wood shakes:

- [Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau \(CSSB\) New Roof Construction Manual](#)



4.7 Steep-Slope (2:12 and greater) Roof Coverings Only

- Roof slope must be 2:12 or greater.
- All roof coverings and their attachments must comply with one of the following as applicable for roof cover type:
 - ASCE 7 design wind speed for the site location of the building and must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations for high-wind regions.
 - Minimum 130 MPH ultimate design wind speed
 - Minimum Exposure Category C
 - Per 2024 IRC R905.1 shall be installed to resist the component and cladding loads specified in Table R301.2(1), adjusted for height and exposure in accordance with Table R301.2(2).
 - Minimum 130 MPH ultimate design wind speed
 - Minimum Exposure Category C
 - Refer to the appropriate FORTIFIED Design Pressure Calculator on the [FORTIFIED website](#) for guidance on required design pressures for steep-slope roof coverings
- Refer to sections [4.7.1](#), [4.7.2](#), [4.7.3](#) and [4.7.4](#) for requirements for specific steep-slope roof cover types.
- Roof-mounted equipment/structures or rooftop accessories that interfere with a roof cover may affect the eligibility of a home to receive a FORTIFIED Designation or require additional documentation. This includes but is not limited to interaction of multiple roof cover types, gutters and leaf guards, accessory roof structures, rain diverters, elevated roof-mounted decks, roof-mounted HVAC units among others. Refer to [Section 2.7](#) for additional information.

4.7.1 For Asphalt Shingles Only (Steep Slope):

- Asphalt shingles must meet ASTM D3161 (Class F) or ASTM D7158 (Class H)

For **FORTIFIED Hail Supplement** requirements, refer to [Section 7.2.1](#).

- Asphalt shingles must be installed per manufacturer recommendations for high wind regions or local building code requirements, whichever is more stringent.
- Installation of starter strips at eaves shall be in accordance with one of the following two options (refer to Appendix A for FORTIFIED Standard Details):
 - **Option 1: F-RC-1** “Asphalt Shingle Installation Guidance for Steep Slope – Option 1: Peel and Stick Starter Strip Installation at Eave or Rake”
 - **Option 2: F-RC-2** “Asphalt Shingle Installation Guidance for Steep Slope – Option 2: Shingle Strip Starter Installation at Eave or Rake”
- Installation of shingles at gable rakes shall be in accordance with one of the following three options (refer to Appendix A for FORTIFIED Standard Details):



- **Option 1: F-RC-1** “Asphalt Shingle Installation Guidance for Steep Slope – Option 1: Peel and Stick Starter Strip Installation at Eave or Rake”
- **Option 2: F-RC-2** “Asphalt Shingle Installation Guidance for Steep Slope – Option 2: Shingle Strip Starter Installation at Eave or Rake”
- **Option 3: F-RC-3** “Asphalt Shingle Installation Guidance for Steep Slope – Option 3: Shingle Set Directly in Flashing Cement at Rake Only”

See details pictured on pages 52 and 53

- At intersections and both sides of open valleys, shingles shall be set in a minimum 8-in.-wide strip of flashing cement (maximum thickness of flashing cement = 1/8 in.).
- At cut side of closed valleys, shingles shall be set in a minimum 2-in.-wide strip of flashing cement (maximum thickness of flashing cement = 1/8 in.).
- Woven valleys shall be installed per manufacturer specifications.
- The presence or installation of gutters, leaf guards, or rain diverters can interfere with FORTIFIED required edge details or the shingles ability to seal, thereby disqualifying the home from a FORTIFIED Roof – New Roof designation. Refer to [Section 2.7](#) and [Technical Bulletins FH 2023-09](#) and [FH 2024-02](#) for additional information and compliance requirements.

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F-RC-1 - Self-Adhered Starter Strip Installation at Eave or Rake

Apply shingle manufacturer-approved ASTM D1970 fully adhered (peel-and-stick) starter strip with asphaltic adhesive strip at eave—installed so that starter strip adheres to and covers the drip edge top surface. Starter strip and shingles must not extend more than 1/4 in. beyond the drip edge.

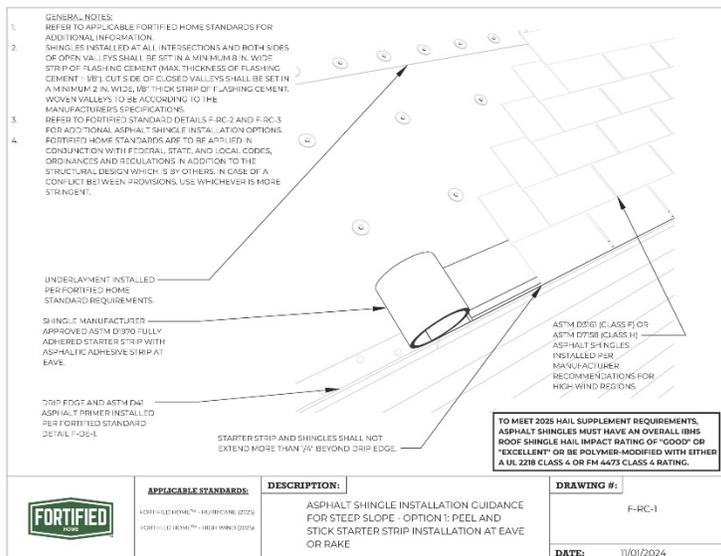


Figure 4.17: Standard Detail F-RC-1



F-RC-2 - Shingle Strip Starter Installation at Eave or Rake

Set shingles in a minimum 8-in.-wide strip of compatible flashing cement. Maximum thickness of flashing cement shall be 1/8 in. Fasten starter strips parallel to the eaves along a line above the eave line according to the manufacturer's specifications. Position fasteners to ensure they will not be exposed under the cutouts in the first course. Starter strips and shingles must not extend more than 1/4 in. beyond the drip edge.

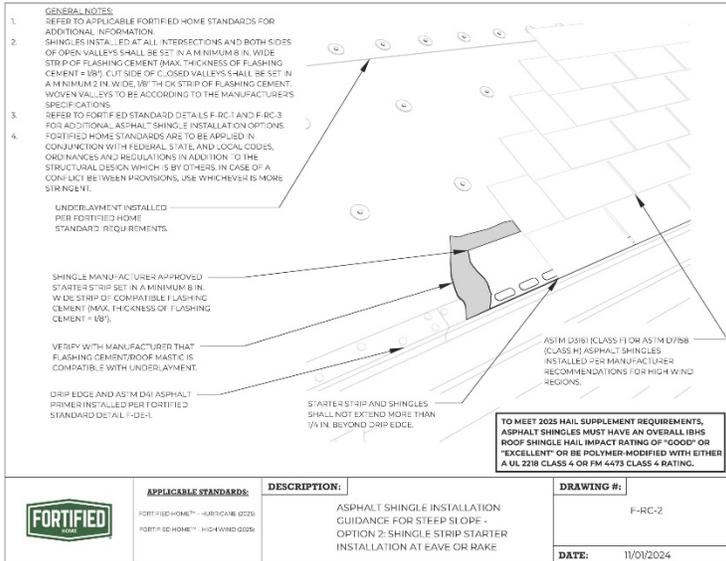


Figure 4.18: Standard Detail F-RC-2

F-RC-3 - Shingles Set Directly in Flashing Cement at Rake Only

Each shingles course at rakes shall be set in a minimum 8-in.-wide strip of compatible flashing cement. Maximum thickness of flashing shall be 1/8 in. Fasten shingles at rakes according to the manufacturer's specifications. Shingles must not extend more than 1/4 in. beyond the drip edge.

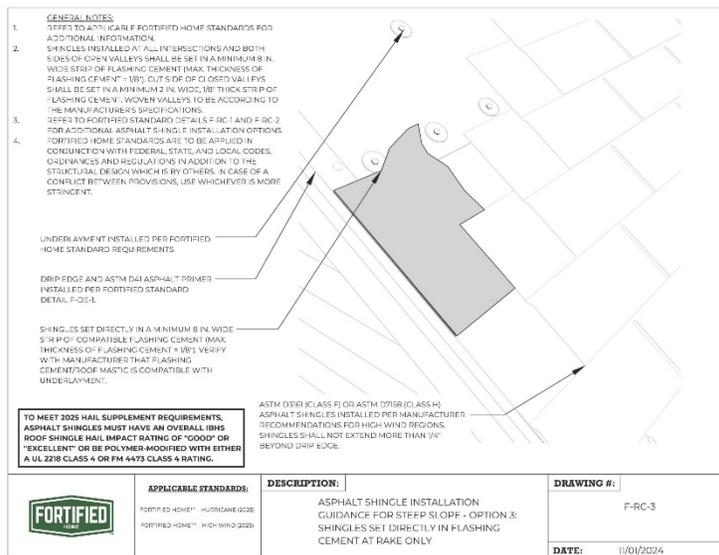


Figure 4.19: Standard Detail F-RC-3



4.7.2 For Clay and Concrete Tile Only (Steep Slope)

- Clay and concrete roof tile systems must have a certified design pressure report meeting the requirements outlined in [Section 2.8.1](#).
- Clay and concrete roof tile systems and attachments must have design pressure ratings equal to or greater than the required wind uplift pressures for the site design wind speed, roof height, exposure category, and location on the building corresponding to no less than $V_{ult} = 130$ mph and Exposure C (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition).
- Installation including flashings must be in accordance with the following:
 - Manufacturer's installation instructions
 - Manufacturer's product approval
- Roof tiles may be installed with roof tile adhesives that are recognized and installed in accordance with one of the following:
 - ICC-ES Evaluation Report
 - Florida Product Approval
 - Miami-Dade County Notice of Acceptance (NOA)
 - Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) Evaluation Report
- Mortar-set tile or mortar-set hip and ridge tiles are not permitted.
- Hip and ridge boards or metal must be attached to the roof framing to resist the uplift pressure for the site design wind speed and exposure or in accordance with the tile manufacturer's product approval.
- Hip and ridge tiles must be secured to the hip and ridge boards or metal with mechanical fasteners and/or an approved roof tile adhesive to resist the uplift pressure for the site design wind speed and exposure or in accordance with the tile manufacturer's product approval.
- Installation must be over continuous decking meeting minimum thickness requirements of the test report and FORTIFIED and one of the acceptable sealed roof deck underlayment options per [Section 4.4.2](#).

For FORTIFIED Hail Supplement requirements, refer to [Section 7.2.2](#).



4.7.3 For Metal Shingles and Panels Only (Steep Slope)

- Metal roof cover systems must have a certified design pressure report meeting the requirements outlined in [Section 2.8.1](#):
 - Roof cover systems described as “pressure-rated” or “DP-rated” in this FORTIFIED Standard must have a certified design pressure report in compliance with one of the following, have DP ratings that meet or exceed site-specific required design pressures corresponding to a minimum of $V_{ult} = 130$ mph and Exposure C, and must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions:
 - ICC-ES Evaluation Report
 - Florida Product Approval
 - Miami-Dade County Notice of Acceptance (NOA)
 - Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) Evaluation Report
 - DP ratings from organizations not listed above must incorporate a 2.0 safety factor by testing in accordance with **UL 580** or **UL 1897** or **TAS 125**.
 - UL 580 test report (with safety factor of 2.0) is acceptable for design uplift pressures **up to 52.5 psf maximum**.
 - For design uplift pressures greater than 52.5 psf, a UL 1897 test report (with safety factor of 2.0) will be required with design pressure ratings greater than or equal to the required design uplift pressures.
 - FORTIFIED will not accept engineering extrapolation of test data (outside of the parameters set by the report/approval) to achieve greater DP ratings or larger connection spacings than listed in the certified report. Additionally, the installed assembly must match the tested assembly in the certified report including sheathing thickness and fastening.
 - Refer to the appropriate FORTIFIED Design Pressure Calculator on the [FORTIFIED website](#) for guidance on required design pressures for steep-slope roof coverings.
- Installation must be in accordance with manufacturer specifications for the applicable uplift pressures.
- Installation must be over continuous decking meeting minimum thickness requirements of the test report and FORTIFIED and one of the acceptable sealed roof deck underlayment options per [Section 4.4](#).
- Flashings must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

For FORTIFIED Hail Supplement requirements, refer to [Section 7.2.3](#).



4.7.4 For Other Steep-Slope Roof Coverings

- Roof cover systems must have either a certified design pressure report meeting the requirements outlined in [Section 2.8.1](#) or other product-specific code-compliant wind rating documentation as applicable for the roof cover type.
 - Roof cover systems and their attachments must have design pressure ratings equal to or greater than the required wind uplift pressures for the site design wind speed, roof height, exposure category, and location on the building corresponding to no less than $V_{ult} = 130$ mph and Exposure C (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition).
- Refer to the appropriate FORTIFIED Design Pressure Calculator on the [FORTIFIED website](#) for guidance on required design pressures for steep-slope roof coverings
- Installation must be in accordance with manufacturer specifications for the applicable uplift pressures.
- Installation must be over continuous decking meeting minimum thickness requirements of the test report and FORTIFIED and one of the acceptable sealed roof deck underlayment options per [Section 4.4](#).

For FORTIFIED Hail Supplement requirements, refer to [Section 7.2.4](#).

4.8 Low-Slope (less than 2:12) Roof Coverings Only

- Roof Slope must be less than 2:12.
- Roof system must be installed over wood roof deck (verify that roofing system is appropriate for and compatible with roof deck).
- Low-slope roof cover systems must have a certified design pressure report meeting the requirements outlined in [Section 2.8.1](#).
- Low-slope roof cover systems and their attachments must have design pressure ratings equal to or greater than the required wind uplift pressures for the site design wind speed, roof height, exposure category, and location on the building corresponding to no less than $V_{ult} = 130$ mph and Exposure C (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition).
 - Refer to [Table B2.1](#) in [Appendix B2](#) for guidance on required design pressures for low-slope roof coverings.
- Low-slope roof system attachments must be installed in compliance with the requirements of the certified design pressure report and building code requirements.
- Installation including flashings must be in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and building code requirements.
- Drip edges must be mechanically fastened to the roof deck at the 4" o.c. maximum spacing.
- Roof-mounted equipment/structures or rooftop accessories that interfere with a roof cover may affect the eligibility of a home to receive a FORTIFIED Designation or require additional documentation. This includes but is not limited to interaction of multiple roof cover types, gutters and leaf guards, accessory roof structures, rain diverters, elevated roof-mounted decks, roof-mounted HVAC units among others. Refer to [Section 2.7](#) for additional information.

For FORTIFIED Hail Supplement requirements, refer to [Section 7.3](#).

4.9 Attic Vents and Covers

4.9.1 Ridge and Off-ridge Vents

- Ridge and off-ridge vents must be TAS 100(A) rated and anchored to the roof in compliance with manufacturer recommended installation for high winds.

4.9.2 Gable End Vents

- **For Hurricane Designations only**, gable end vents must have removable shutters in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-GS-1](#) “Gable Vent Shuttering,” and homeowner must be made aware that installation of shutters is temporary and that shutters must be removed once the hurricane threat has passed.



Figure 4.21: Example of Gable End Vent



Figure 4.22: Outside Shuttering of Gable End Vent with Plywood



Figure 4.23: Shuttering of Gable End Vent from Inside Attic

GENERAL NOTES:

- REFER TO APPLICABLE FORTIFIED HOME STANDARDS FOR ADDITIONAL PRESERVATION.
- REFER TO FORTIFIED STANDARD DETAIL F-G-1 FOR CORROSION PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN PROPER ATTIC VENTILATION. VENT SHUTTERING MAY BE PERFORMED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS ONLY AND SHUTTERS ARE TO BE REMOVED AFTER A STORM THREAT IS OVER. ADEQUATE ATTIC VENTILATION MUST BE MAINTAINED ON A REGULAR BASIS.
- FOR RESIDUAL STANDBY USE, TO BE APPLIED IN CONJUNCTION WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL CODES, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS IN ADDITION TO THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN WHICH IS BY OTHERS. IN CASE OF A CORRELATION WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS, USE WIND RESISTANCE STRIKING.
- WOOD STRUCTURAL FRAMING OR OTHER NON-CORROSION FLAT SHUTTER CUT TO FIT WITH MIN. THICKNESS. PRE-DRILL HOLES AT FASTENER LOCATIONS. SPACING MAY VARY. REF. NOT TO EXCEED MAX. DIMENSIONS AND FASTENER SPACING SHOWN.

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OUTLINE OF GABLE END VENT SHUTTER

PERMANENT CORROSION RESISTANT FASTENERS THROUGH PRE-DRILLED HOLES. REFER TO TABLE F-GS-1 FOR FASTENER INFORMATION. MINIMUM 60° OF FASTENERS FOR EACH PANEL TO BE REQUIRED.

NOTE: SHUTTERS CAN BE INSTALLED FROM OUTSIDE OF HOUSE OR FROM INSIDE OF ATTIC.

NOTE: SELF-ADHESIVE WEATHER STRIPPING CAN BE USED TO SEAL THE SHUTTERS TO THE FRAMEWORK. REMOVE VENT HOLES IF SHUTTERS INSTALLED ON INSIDE OF ATTIC. REMOVE ANY WATER THAT ACCUMULATED IN THE CAVITY CAUSED BY THE OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE AND NOT INTO THE WALL BELOW.

SUPPORT STRUCTURE TYPE	FASTENER TYPE & SIZE	END DISTANCE, D
WOOD	3/4" Ø LAC. DECKING NAIL 2" EMBEDMENT & 1" Ø WASHER	1"
CONCRETE OR GROUTED MASONRY	3/4" Ø FASTENER W/ 2" EMBEDMENT & 1" Ø WASHER	2.5"

NO. Nails, W/ 16" SCREWS ARE AT LEAST 12" TO MAXIMUM OF 24" IN MASONRY. USE EIGHT OR RESISTANT ANCHORS W/ 5000 LBS MIN. W/ 16" 304L CARBON ST.

APPLICABLE STANDARDS: FORTIFIED HOME™ - HURRICANE 2008

DESCRIPTION: TEMPORARY GABLE VENT SHUTTERING

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Figure 4.20: Standard Detail F-GS-1

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4.10 Photovoltaic (PV) Systems

- Roof mounted PV systems shall be designed to structurally support the system and withstand applicable gravity and wind loads. The system must be permanently anchored to the roof structure. Ballasted systems are not eligible for a FORTIFIED Designation.
- A Letter of Compliance from professional engineer is required, and it must indicate that connections and installation of the PV system meet the design intent, and that system has been appropriately designed for the following:
 - Roof-mounted PV systems shall be designed for component & cladding wind loads for the site in accordance with:
 - ASCE 7-16 or ASCE 7-22 using an effective area based on the dimensions of a single unit frame.
 - The roof deck and supporting structure must be designed to support all gravity and wind loads resulting from the PV system installation.
 - In the case of a roof-mounted PV system that attaches only to the roof cover (such as metal roof cover panels), in addition to the design of the PV system itself, the engineer's analysis and letter of compliance must confirm that the full design and load path from the PV system to the roof cover and from the roof cover to the roof structure is adequate to resist site design component & cladding wind loads. This includes confirming that the roof cover system was tested to resist the additional loads imposed from the PV system and that the attachment of the roof cover system to the roof structure is adequate to resist the loads imposed from the PV system.
 - **NOTE:** Drawings from PV manufacturers typically do not cover all FORTIFIED design requirements and must be accompanied by the site-specific letter of compliance from a professional engineer as described above.
- All roof penetrations must be sealed and flashed in accordance with the PV system and roof covering manufacturer's requirements.
- Coordination between the solar contractor and roofing contractor is required to ensure proper design, installation, and flashing including material compatibility.

For FORTIFIED Hail Supplement requirements, refer to [Section 7.5](#).



5 Designation Requirements for FORTIFIED Silver

Achievement of a FORTIFIED Silver designation is a recognition that appropriate measures for the geographic region have been taken, in addition to the FORTIFIED Roof mitigation measures, to reduce the impact of other common amplifiers of damage caused by wind pressure and windborne debris.

5.1 Prerequisite Designation

- FORTIFIED Roof designation requirements per [Section 3](#) or [Section 4](#) have been met.

5.2 Windows and Skylights (Hurricane Designation Only)

NOTE: Windows in breakaway flood walls are not required to meet impact or design pressure rating requirements.

For FORTIFIED Silver designation, it may be sufficient to protect windows and doors with opening protection systems. However, if seeking FORTIFIED Gold designation, all windows and door assembly pressure ratings must also meet or exceed the design pressures provided in Appendix [Table B2.3](#).

- For Hurricane designation only, all glazed openings (openings with glass) must be protected from impact by one of the two following options:
 - **Option 1:** Opening assemblies are impact-rated (refer to [Section 2.9](#))
 - **Option 2:** Openings have qualified impact-rated opening protection systems (refer to [Section 2.9](#))
 - For $V_{ult} < 130$ mph, protective systems that provide at least the level of protection of wood structural panels with a minimum thickness of $\frac{7}{16}$ in. and a maximum span of 44 in. between lines of fasteners are permitted to be used as removable opening protection, attached in accordance with the requirements of FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-GS-1](#) “Gable Vent Shuttering” (refer to Appendix A).

EXCEPTION: Dog doors up to 3ft² installed in exterior walls are exempt from impact-rating requirements. However, dog doors located in impact-rated window and door assemblies must either be included in the tested assembly for impact-rating as defined in Option 1 above or the entire opening must be protected by an impact-rated opening protection system as defined in Option 2 above.

For **FORTIFIED Hail Supplement** requirements for skylights, refer to [Section 7.4](#).



5.3 Entry Doors (Hurricane Designation Only)

NOTE: Entry doors in breakaway flood walls are not required to meet impact or design pressure rating requirements.

- For Hurricane designation only, all entry doors must be protected from impact by one of the following two options:
 - **Option 1:** Entry doors are impact-rated (refer to [Section 2.9](#))
 - **Option 2:** Entry doors have qualified impact-rated opening protection systems (refer to [Section 2.9](#))

EXCEPTION: Dog doors up to 3ft² installed in exterior walls are exempt from impact-rating requirements. However, dog doors located in impact-rated window and door assemblies must either be included in the tested assembly for impact-rating as defined in Option 1 above or the entire opening must be protected by an impact-rated opening protection system as defined in Option 2 above.

5.4 Garage Doors

NOTE: Garage doors in breakaway flood walls are not required to meet impact or design pressure rating requirements.

5.4.1 Garage Doors (Hurricane Designation Only)

- For Hurricane designation, all garage doors must be pressure-rated, and garage doors with windows must also be protected from impact per one of the options listed in Table 5.1.

Table 5-1: Minimum Garage Door Requirements for FORTIFIED Home–Hurricane /FORTIFIED Silver Designations

Garage Door Type	Requirement Option 1	Requirement Option 2
Garage Doors <u>with</u> Glazed Openings (Windows):	Pressure-rated ^{1,2} and impact-rated ¹	Pressure-rated ^{1,2} and protected by impact-rated ¹ cover
Garage Doors <u>without</u> Glazed Openings (No Windows):	Pressure-rated ^{1,2}	N/A
<p>Notes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refer to sections 2.9 and 2.10.2 for definitions of “impact-rated” and “pressure-rated,” respectively. 2. Pressure ratings must meet or exceed the design pressures provided in Table B2.3 in Appendix B2 for the exposure category (Exp. C minimum), design wind speed (V_{ult} = 130 mph minimum), garage door size and location on the building. 		

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5.4.2 Garage Doors (High Wind Designation Only)

- For High Wind designation, all garage doors must be pressure-rated as shown in Table 5.2.

Table 5-2: Minimum Garage Door Requirements for FORTIFIED Home–High Wind /FORTIFIED Silver Designations

Garage Door Type	Requirement
Garage Doors <u>with OR without</u> Glazed openings (Windows or No Windows):	Pressure-rated ^{1,2}
Notes	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refer to Section 2.10.2 for definition of “pressure-rated.” 2. Pressure ratings must meet or exceed the design pressures provided in Table B2.3 in Appendix B2 for the exposure category (Exp. C minimum), design wind speed ($V_{ult} = 130$ mph minimum), garage door size and location on the building. 	

5.5 Gable Ends

Refer to Figure 5.1 for illustration and identification of gable end framing terminology used in this section and elsewhere in the FORTIFIED Home Standard.

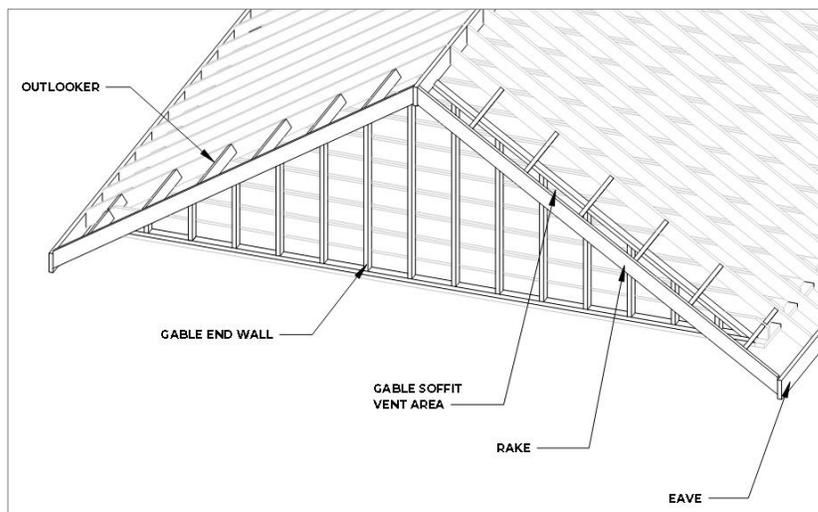


Figure 5.1: Gable End Framing Terminology Illustration

5.5.1 Gable End Wall Sheathing

- Gable end wall sheathing shall be designed to have sufficient strength and fastening to resist wall design wind pressures specified in ASCE 7 or shall be in compliance with approved prescriptive provisions.
- Gable end wood structural panel wall sheathing shall have a minimum thickness of $\frac{7}{16}$ in.
 - FORTIFIED requirements are based on minimums of $V_{ult} = 130$ mph and Exposure C. For conditions that exceed these minimums, refer to 2024 WFCM Table 3.13A1 for prescriptive guidance.
- Gable end wall system shall provide impact resistance of at least the level of protection of wood structural panels with the minimum required thickness.



5.5.2 Gable End Wall Framing and Bracing

Gable ends over 3 ft tall must be properly designed for site conditions with adequate connections along the top and bottom and must be properly braced against positive and negative wind pressures. Gable-end framing and bracing shall be either properly designed or retrofitted per one of the following options:

- **Option 1:** Gable end framing, connections and bracing shall be designed by a professional engineer (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition) for the appropriate exposure category, design wind speed, mean roof height and location on the building to resist the appropriate positive and negative lateral wind loads and wind uplift.
 - Site-specific gable end and bracing designs shall be documented on the [SC1 Silver Compliance Form for Engineer](#) and signed by the professional engineer responsible for the design.
 - Gable end and bracing installation must be documented on [SC2 Silver Compliance Form for Contractor](#) and signed by the contractor responsible for installation.
- **Option 2:** Gable end framing and bracing (for gables 3 ft and taller unless otherwise specified by locally adopted building code) shall be retrofitted or constructed in accordance with one of the prescriptive options listed below (IEBC, FBC, or WFCM) provided the following requirements are met:
 - Ceiling diaphragm shall meet the following minimum requirements unless otherwise specified in prescriptive provisions:
 - 1/2 in. minimum thickness for drywall
 - 3/8 in. minimum thickness for plywood or plaster installed over wood lath
 - Prescriptive gable end installation must be documented on the [SC2 Silver Compliance Form for Contractor](#) and signed by the contractor responsible for installation.
 - Cases not eligible for prescriptive guidance include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - Gable end walls on rooms with vaulted or cathedral ceilings
 - Gable ends taller than 16 ft for existing homes or 10 ft for new construction and/or gable ends that have an irregular shape
 - **For existing homes: 2024 International Existing Building Code, Appendix C, Chapter C1: Gable End Retrofit for High Wind Area**
<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IEBC2024P1/appendix-c-guidelines-for-the-wind-retrofit-of-existing-buildings>
 - **For existing homes: 2023 Florida Building Code – Existing Building 8th Edition, Chapter 17 – Retrofitting** <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/FLEBC2023P1/chapter-17-retrofitting>
 - **For New Construction: 2024 Wood Frame Construction Manual** and [Appendix F](#) of the 2025 FORTIFIED Home Standard: May be used for wind speeds less than $V_{ult}=130$ mph with gables that do not exceed 10' height at peak. Gable end studs must be spaced at 16 in. o.c. maximum. Additional details on gable end bracing can be found in Sections 3 and 10 of [Appendix F](#).



5.5.3 Gable End Overhang Construction (Hurricane Designation Only)

- For Hurricane designation only, gable end overhangs that exceed 12 in. long for ASCE 7-10 or 9 in. long for ASCE 7-16 or ASCE 7-22, shall be constructed and connected as outlookers in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-GE-1](#) “Prescriptive Gable End Outlooker Framing and Anchorage” (refer to Appendix A) or designed by a professional engineer (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition).
 - Signed and sealed site-specific outlooker design details shall be provided by the engineer responsible for the design and documented on the [SCI Silver Compliance Form for Engineer](#).
 - Outlookers and/or gable end wall or truss must not be notched.
 - Blocking shall be installed between the outlookers and attached to the top of the gable wall truss or framed wall top plate.

Table 5-3: From [F-GE-1](#): Rake Overhang Outlooker Maximum Length and Connection Requirements

Ultimate Wind Speed, V_{ult} (mph)	Exposure B&C		Exposure D	
	Max. Overhang Length (in) ¹	Uplift Connection at Gable End ^{1,3,4,5}	Max. Overhang Length (in) ¹	Uplift Connection at Gable End ^{1,3,4,5}
130	24	Simpson H10A USP RT16A	22	Simpson H10A USP RT16A
140	22	Simpson H10A USP RT16A	18	Simpson H10A USP RT16A
150	20	Simpson H10A USP RT16A	16	Simpson H10A USP RT16A
160	16	Simpson H10A USP RT16A	14	Simpson H10A USP RT16A
170	14	Simpson H10A USP RT16A	14	Simpson H14
180	14	Simpson H14	-	-

Notes

1. Both outlooker framing spacing and connector spacing are at 24 in. o.c. max.
2. Loads are per the *2024 Wood Frame Construction Manual* and ASCE 7-22.
3. Simpson H10A connection requires (9) 0.148-in. x 1½-in. nails to outlooker and (9) 0.148-in. x 1½-in. nails to gable end top chord.
4. USP RT16A connection requires (9) 0.148-in. x 1½-in. nails to outlooker and (8) 0.148-in. x 1½-in. nails to gable end top chord.
5. Simpson H14 connection requires (12) 0.131-in. x 1½-in. nails to outlooker and (15) 0.131-in. x 2½-in. nails to gable end top chord.

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Outlooker Connections

Prescriptive outlooker connections to gable end roof member shall be in accordance with Table F-GE-1, and connections to second roof member (i.e., connection at backspan) shall be Simpson LU24 or USP JL24 joist face hanger with (4) 0.162-in. x 3½-in. nails to roof member and (2) 0.148-in. x 1½-in. nails to outlooker. Refer to FORTIFIED Standard Detail [F-GE-1](#) for additional guidance.

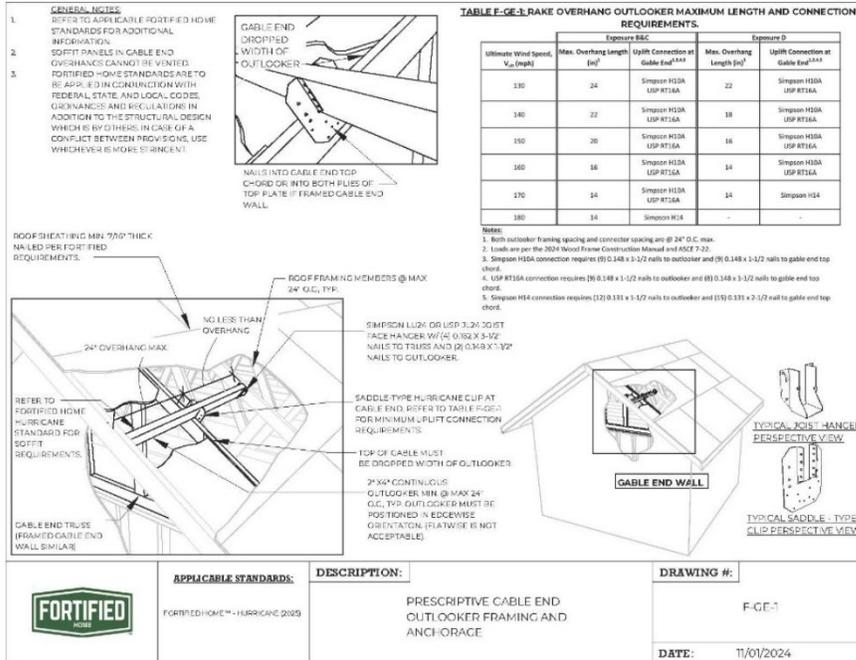


Figure 5.2: Standard Detail F-GE-1

5.5.4 Vented Gable End Rake Soffits (Hurricane Designation Only)

For Hurricane designation only, vented gable end soffits are not permitted. For existing homes, a builder/contractor or other design professional should be consulted to determine if gable end rake soffits are required to be vented to comply with attic ventilation requirements. If gable end rake soffits are required to be vented, then the home is not eligible for a FORTIFIED Home-Hurricane / FORTIFIED Silver designation. If gable end rake soffits are not required to be vented, then they shall be blocked by one of the two following options:

- ❑ **Option 1:** Remove the vented soffit material and reinstall a non-porous soffit material to the bottom of the outlookers in accordance with the manufacturer's installation requirements for high-wind areas.
- ❑ **Option 2:** Plug the gaps from the inside with metal flashing and sealant (or wood blocking with caulk adhesive). The flashing should be well attached and completely seal the openings. Use sealant around the edges.



Figure 5.3: Blocking of Gable Rake Soffit Vents Using Metal Flashing

5.6 Soffits (Hurricane Designation Only)

For New Homes (Hurricane Designation Only):

- For new homes, vinyl or aluminum soffits are limited to 12 in. between support members and must be installed in accordance with the soffit manufacturer's instructions.
 - Aluminum soffit covers may not be used within 3,000 ft of the coast.

For Existing Homes (Hurricane Designation Only):

For Existing Soffit Covers in Good Condition:

- Assess condition of existing soffit cover. Existing soffit cover may be used if it is in good condition.
 - Existing soffit cover may not be brittle, deteriorated, cracked, torn, or damaged
 - Aluminum soffit cover may not be used within 3,000 ft of the coast
- If existing soffit cover manufacturer is known, verify that it is installed in compliance with manufacturer's installation details and requirements for soffit support and panel attachment for the appropriate design wind pressure and product model.
 - One source for this information is the Florida Building Code Product Approval website which provides information on soffit manufacturers' installation guidance for specific design pressures.
 - Refer to [Table B.2.2](#) in [Appendix B2](#) for guidance on appropriate design pressures.
- If existing soffit cover is not installed in compliance with manufacturer's specifications or if manufacturer is not known, soffit overhangs extending more than 12 in. from the wall must have a brace/support installed in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail **F-S-1** "Soffit Retrofit Detail" such that the unsupported soffit is not more than 12 in.

For Existing Soffit Covers Not in Good Condition:

- If existing soffit cover is not in good condition, existing soffit cover shall be removed and replaced with new soffit cover installed per manufacturer specifications for the appropriate design wind pressure.
 - Refer to FORTIFIED Standard Detail **F-S-1** "Soffit Retrofit Detail"
 - Refer to [Table B.2.2](#) in [Appendix B2](#) for guidance on appropriate design pressures.

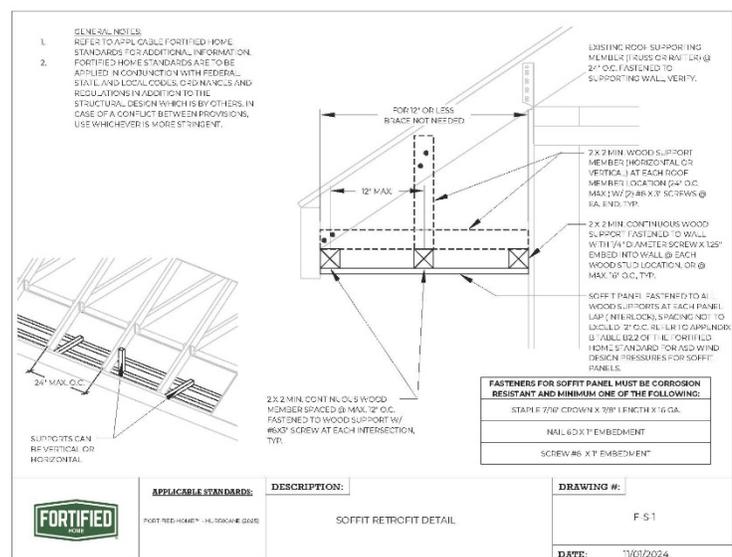


Figure 5.4: [Standard Detail F-S-1](#)

5.7 Chimneys

□ All chimneys, regardless of material, type, or location on the home, must be adequately anchored to the structure to resist loads based on site design wind speed and exposure category. Certification from a professional engineer (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition) is required for new construction and for existing construction. Professional engineer shall provide detailing similar to FORTIFIED Standard Detail **F-CTD-1** “Chimney Tie-Down Detail” or signed and sealed letter of compliance for an existing chimney including the following as applicable:

- Chimney wall framing adequacy
- Overall over-turning stability and base shear requirement
- Roof support members adequacy and bracing requirement
- Specific attachment schedule of chimney structure to the main structure
- Connection of the chimney structure to the foundation

EXCEPTION: Prescriptive construction or retrofit in accordance with FORTIFIED Standard Detail **F-CTD-1** may be acceptable in lieu of certification from a professional engineer if the following criteria are met:

- Chimney extends less than 5 ft above the roof deck
- Chimney is not located along the edge of the roof

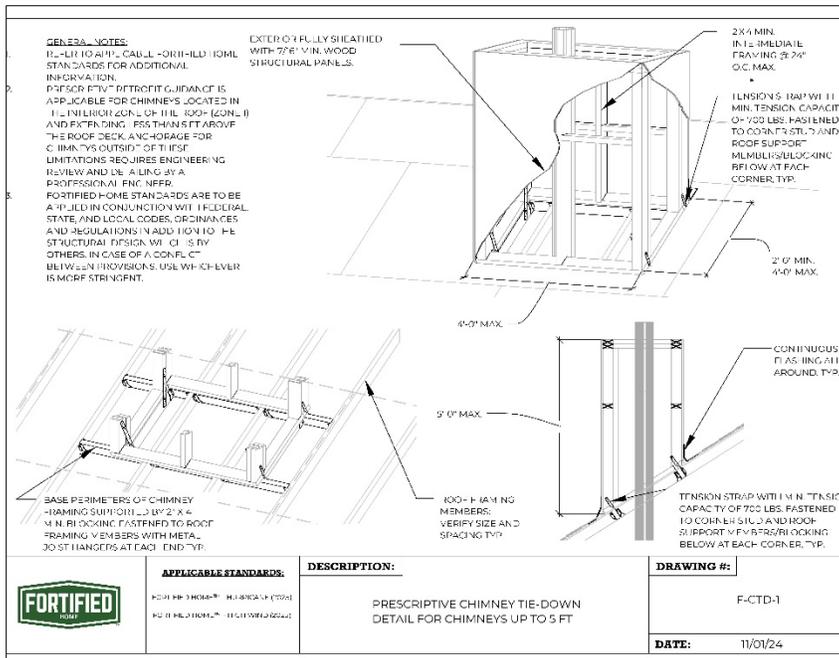


Figure 5.5: Standard Detail F-CTD-1



5.8 Attached Structures

An attached structure is an outdoor or semi-outdoor space with a solid roof that is attached to an exterior wall or the roof structure of the main building. This includes both structures that are part of the main building construction and continuous load path (CLP) and also add-on structures connected to the home for support that are not part of the main CLP design. This does not include detached structures that are not connected to the main building.

- Attached structures such as porches and carports must have adequate connections for uplift pressures based on site design wind speed and exposure category. Certification from a professional engineer (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition) is required for new construction and when connections are concealed by finished materials. The following connections must be provided and verified:

NOTE: Nail-only connections (such as toe-nailed connections) for roof, beam, and column connections are not permitted for FORTIFIED and are an immediate disqualifier.

For single-level attached structures:

- Roof framing must be directly connected to roof beam with metal connectors.
- Roof beam must be directly connected to columns with metal connectors or a minimum of (2) bolts.
- Columns must be connected to foundation with metal connectors or a minimum of (2) bolts.

For multi-level attached structures (multi-level porch with middle floor level):

- Roof framing must be directly connected to roof beams with metal connectors.
- Roof beams must be directly connected to upper-level columns with metal connectors or a minimum of (2) bolts.
- Upper-level columns must be connected directly to one of the following at their bottom:
 - Lower-level columns with metal connectors or (2) bolts minimum.
 - Middle floor structural support beams with metal connectors or (2) bolts minimum.
- Middle floor beams must be attached to lower-level columns/pilings/piers with metal connectors or a minimum of (2) bolts.
- Lower-level columns must be directly connected to foundation with metal connectors or a minimum of (2) bolts or have proper embedment depth/footing specified.

EXCEPTION: [The FORTIFIED Porch/Carport Calculator](#) provides guidance on connector selection for roof to beam, beam to column, and column to foundation connections for wood framed attached structures that fall within the limitations below. This calculator can be used for the retrofit of existing structures or for new construction. For new construction, the building designer or contractor is responsible for the design of all other elements of the

attached structure including framing and foundations in compliance with an approved prescriptive method and all applicable local building codes.

- To be eligible, the attached structure must meet the following conditions:
 - Rectangular or square plan; 20 ft D x 25 ft W max. w/ 1.5 ft max. overhang
 - Flat, monoslope roof
 - Weight of roof = 7 psf min.
 - Mean roof height = 15 ft max.
 - Framing geometry as shown below in Figure 5.6:

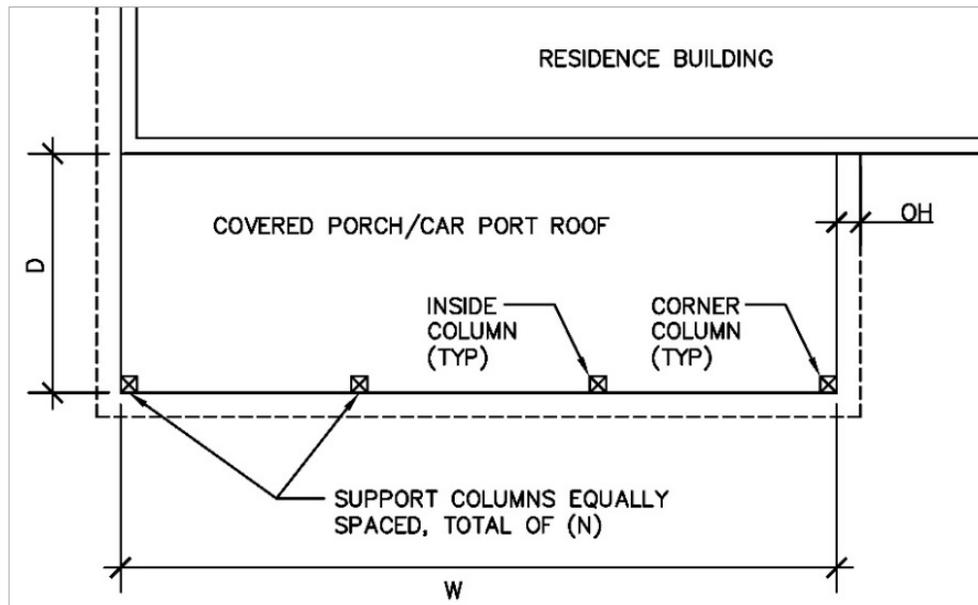


Figure 5.6: Framing Geometry for Prescriptive Retrofit of Attached Structures

- The required uplift reactions provided by the calculator can be used to select connectors whose published allowable uplift capacities meet or exceed the required loads provided by the calculator when installed per manufacturer installation instructions.
- Site-specific attached structure designs shall be documented on the [SC1 Silver Compliance Form for Engineer](#) and signed by the professional engineer responsible for the design.
- Attached structure installation must be documented on the [SC2 Silver Compliance Form for Contractor](#) and signed by the contractor responsible for installation.



6 Designation Requirements for FORTIFIED Gold

Achievement of a FORTIFIED Gold designation is a recognition that mitigation measures, in addition to the FORTIFIED Roof and FORTIFIED Silver, have been taken to ensure that critical structural load path connections of the home have been considered by the appropriate building professionals and weak links likely to result in structural damage have been strengthened. It does NOT mean that structural damage will not occur.

6.1 Prerequisite Designations

- FORTIFIED Roof designation requirements per [Section 3](#) or [Section 4](#) have been met.
- FORTIFIED Silver designation requirements per [Section 5](#) have been met.

6.2 Wind Pressure Resistance of Windows and Doors (Hurricane Designation Only)

- All openings (windows, skylights, glass blocks, glass doors, entry doors, and garage doors) must be pressure-rated (refer to [Section 2.10.2](#)).
 - Design Pressure ratings must meet or exceed site-specific required design pressures corresponding to a minimum of $V_{ult} = 130$ mph and Exposure C for the opening size and location on the building and must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Guidance for required design pressures for openings is provided in [Table B2.3](#) in [Appendix B2](#).
 - **EXCEPTION:** Dog doors up to 3ft² installed in exterior walls are exempt from design pressure rating requirement. Dog doors are not allowed to be installed in door or window assemblies unless part of the design pressure-rated tested assembly.

For FORTIFIED Hail Supplement requirements for skylights, refer to [Section 7.4](#).

6.3 Wall Impact Resistance

- Exterior walls must be constructed using a wall system that provides, at minimum, the resistance to wind pressures and debris impact provided by 7/16-in.-thick wood structural panels attached to wood wall framing.

6.4 Continuous Load Path (CLP) Options for New Homes

The CLP options in [Section 6.4](#) are applicable for new construction meeting the following requirements:

- The Certificate of Occupancy was issued less than 12 months prior to the application being made to IBHS.
- All required documentation has been obtained during the construction process and has been provided to IBHS.

For construction that does not meet the above requirements, refer to [Section 6.5](#) "Continuous Load Path for Retrofit of Existing Homes."



6.4.1 Custom Engineered CLP Design by Professional Engineer

- For new homes, a professional engineer (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition) must incorporate the continuous load path in the home's design plans. Continuous load path design shall include, but shall not be limited to the following minimum elements designed in conformance with IRC/IBC or with sound engineering practices corresponding to the appropriate design wind speed, exposure category, mean roof height and number of stories and also incorporating the minimum FORTIFIED requirements listed:
 - **Roof framing design including roof diaphragm design**
 - EOR must review the design of roof framing members by specialty engineer (i.e., trusses) for general compliance with overall structural design including confirming layout, point loads, and that roof designs correspond with site conditions.
 - **Floor framing design including floor diaphragm design**
 - EOR must review the design of floor framing members by specialty engineer (i.e., trusses) for general compliance with overall structural design including confirming layout, point loads, and that floor designs correspond with site conditions.
 - **Wall framing design including shear wall design**
 - Shear walls must be designed as either full height, fully sheathed walls or moment frames, and there must be sufficient percentage of full height walls on all building sides to adequately transfer shear loads.
 - CMU block walls must be 8 in. (nominal) minimum width.
 - At top of all CMU/concrete walls, fully grouted bond beams with continuous reinforcement including required laps at corners and intersections must be specified.
 - For CMU/concrete walls, vertical reinforcement must be specified at a regular o.c. spacing and at all corners including required ties to bond beam reinforcement at top and foundation reinforcement at bottom.
 - For CMU/concrete walls, lintels and vertical cells around all wall openings (windows/doors) must be fully grouted with vertical and horizontal reinforcement including ties specified.
 - **Foundation design**
 - Slab-on-grade or stem wall foundation design (including retaining wall design if applicable) must include vertical reinforcement at corners and in grouted cells at an adequate spacing.
 - For elevated foundations (such as piers/pilings), beams spanning between pilings, embedment depth of pilings (if applicable), bracing/reinforcing of foundation/piling system, and adequate positive connections from the floor or wall structure to the supporting foundation must be specified.
 - Unrestrained stacked masonry or stone (dry-stack foundations) are NOT permitted for FORTIFIED and are an immediate disqualifier.



- **Roof-to-wall connection requirements to resist uplift and applicable shear forces**
 - Acceptable connections may be metal strap/tie connectors that adequately transfer vertical load from the roof members to the wall members below (i.e., straps/connectors must be connected to both plies of double top plates with additional straps to wall studs as needed on the interior or attached to sheathing on the exterior).
 - Alternative acceptable connections may be through-bolt or screw connections with sufficient embedment to connect through both plies of the wall top plate, with additional straps to wall studs below as needed on the interior or attached to sheathing on the exterior.
 - Toe-nailed only connections are not acceptable for FORTIFIED and are an immediate disqualifier.
- **Wall above-to-below connection requirements to resist cumulative uplift and applicable shear forces**
 - Acceptable connections may be exterior sheathing lapped at least width of floor system.
 - Alternative acceptable connections may be exterior sheathing lapped at least width of floor system with additional vertical metal straps.
 - Alternative acceptable connections may be vertical metal straps and horizontal framing plates (if exterior sheathing is not lapped).
- **Adequate positive anchorage (hold-downs/tension ties) at all building corners (for all floor levels) are a FORTIFIED requirement and must be specified.**
- **Ground wall-to-foundation connection requirements to resist cumulative uplift and applicable shear forces**
 - Positive wall-to-foundation anchorage connections consisting of bolts (with washers and nuts), embedded straps, or anchors are required and may be spaced no greater than 48 in. o.c., with a minimum of 2 anchors per wall segment.
- **Chimney framing and connection requirements to roof support members as described in [Section 5.7](#)**
- **Attached Structure design including member connections and anchorage as described in [Section 5.8](#)**
 - Complete Continuous load path design shall be documented on the [GC1 Gold Compliance Form for Engineer – Engineered CLP for New Construction](#) and signed by the professional engineer responsible for the design.
 - Installation of the continuous load path elements shall be documented on the [GC2 Gold Compliance Form for Contractor – Engineered CLP for New Construction](#) and signed by the contractor responsible for installation.



6.4.2 Prescriptive CLP Design for Wood Framing by Design Professional (High Wind Designations Only)

- ❑ FORTIFIED Home–High Wind allows a prescriptive CLP design option to be completed by a licensed design professional for wood-framed homes with parameters that conform to the limitations noted below. Wood framed homes with parameters that fall outside of these limitations, may be considered on a case-by-case basis and shall require a professional engineer (Refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition) to oversee the prescriptive design in accordance with [Section 6.4.3](#).
- ❑ For new wood framed homes, a licensed design professional may use the American Wood Council’s (AWC) *Wood Frame Construction Manual* to specify the continuous load path requirement:
 - Building parameters and design must conform to the limitations of the *Wood Frame Construction Manual*.
 - Building parameters and design must conform to the additional FORTIFIED limitations listed in [Appendix F](#).
- ❑ Installation of the continuous load path elements shall be documented on the [GC5 Gold Compliance Form for Contractor – Prescriptive CLP for High Wind Only New Construction](#) and signed by the contractor responsible for installation.

6.4.3 Prescriptive CLP Design by Professional Engineer

- ❑ For wood framed homes that fall outside the limitations of [section 6.4.2](#) and/or home constructed of building materials other than wood, such as cold-formed steel (CFS), insulated concrete forms (ICF) or concrete masonry units (CMU), prescriptive design options may be considered on a case-by-case basis and shall require a professional engineer (Refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition) to oversee the prescriptive design and to confirm the following:
 - Prescriptive method used is in accordance with current accepted engineering practices and in compliance with the local building code
 - The building parameters and site conditions are within the scope of the prescriptive method limits
 - The correct design specifications from the prescriptive method for the building parameters and site conditions have been utilized
 - Systems and connections that are part of the CLP design but fall outside the limits of the prescriptive method have been properly designed (i.e., including but not limited to roof system, roof to wall connections, floor system(s), foundation, foundation to wall connections, etc.)
 - Lateral loads have properly been accounted for in design
- ❑ Complete continuous load path design provided by the professional engineer and shall include, but shall not be limited to the minimum elements outlined in [Section 6.4.1](#) designed in conformance with IRC/IBC or with sound engineering practices



corresponding to the appropriate design wind speed, exposure category, mean roof height and number of stories, with the minimum FORTIFIED requirements incorporated.

- ❑ Complete Continuous load path design incorporating the prescriptive method used shall be documented on the [GC1 Gold Compliance Form for Engineer – Engineered CLP for New Construction](#) and signed by the professional engineer responsible for the design.
- ❑ Installation of the continuous load path elements shall be documented on the [GC2 Gold Compliance Form for Contractor – Engineered CLP for New Construction](#) and signed by the contractor responsible for installation.

6.5 Continuous Load Path for Retrofit of Existing Homes

Retrofitting an existing home structure to meet the FORTIFIED Gold requirements can be a complicated undertaking that may fall outside the homeowner's budget and time constraints. Much depends on the existing condition of the home and the accessibility of the structural components requiring investigation and retrofit. This option is applicable for existing homes where the Certificate of Occupancy was issued more than 12 months prior to the application being made to IBHS.

- ❑ A professional engineer (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition) must perform site inspections(s) to identify structural components that need retrofitting to meet the requirements of current building code, minimum structural safety requirements, and FORTIFIED Roof, FORTIFIED Silver, and FORTIFIED Gold requirements. Refer to [Appendix G](#) for a list of the minimum elements that must be inspected and assessed by the professional engineer.
- ❑ Continuous load path design shall be documented on the [GC3 Gold Compliance Form for Engineer – CLP for Retrofit of Existing Home](#) and signed by the professional engineer responsible for the design.
- ❑ Installation of the continuous load path elements shall be documented on the [GC4 Gold Compliance Form for Contractor – CLP for Retrofit of Existing Home](#) and signed by the contractor responsible for installation.



7 Designation Requirements for FORTIFIED Hail Supplement Only

7.1 Applying Hail Requirements in Conjunction with Wind Requirements

Sections 3 through 6 of the FORTIFIED Home Standard include provisions to mitigate against wind and/or wind-driven rain hazards and provide the requirements to achieve a High Wind or Hurricane designation at the FORTIFIED Roof, FORTIFIED Silver or FORTIFIED Gold level.

This section (Section 7) provides the requirements to achieve a supplemental Hail designation and is intended to be used in conjunction with sections 3 through 6 to achieve a combined High Wind & Hail or Hurricane & Hail designation.

To achieve a High Wind & Hail or Hurricane & Hail designation, the roof cover and any skylights or roof-mounted photovoltaic systems must meet the requirements of sections 3 through 6 and section 7.

7.2 Steep-Slope Roof Coverings Only

7.2.1 Asphalt Shingles

- Asphalt shingles must have a rating of “Excellent” or “Good” on the IBHS Roof Shingle Hail Impact Ratings current at the time of roof installation.

The [IBHS Impact Resistance Test Protocol for Asphalt Shingles](#) is a test standard that was developed in 2019 to evaluate the hail performance of new asphalt shingle roof products. The test method uses state-of-the-art hailstone characteristics, kinetic energies, and damage assessment technology to evaluate new shingle performance against hail. IBHS has published, and will periodically refresh, the performance ratings for the most widely sold, basic impact resistant shingles when subjected to 2-in. impacts according to the test protocol. [Products with a Good or Excellent rating](#) must be used. Refer to [Appendix E](#) for the list of IBHS roof shingle hail impact ratings and a link to the most current ratings.

7.2.2 Clay and Concrete Roof Tiles

- FM 4473 Class 4

FM 4473 is a test standard administered by Factory Mutual Research that uses pure water frozen ice balls to evaluate impact resistance of new rigid roof covering materials (like concrete tile, clay tile, or slate). It involves firing the ice balls from a sling or air cannon at the roof-covering product. A Class 4 rating requires the product to still be functional following two impacts in the same spot with 2-in. ice balls. Clay and concrete roof tiles must meet a Class 4 impact rating.

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7.2.3 Metal Panels

- UL 2218 Class 4

UL 2218 is a test standard developed by Underwriters Laboratories for assessing the impact resistance of new flexible roofing products, like metal panels or metal shingles. It involves dropping steel balls of varying sizes from heights designed to simulate the energy of falling hailstones. Class 4 indicates that the product was still functional after being struck twice in the same spot by 2-in. steel balls. Class 4-rated products must be used.

It should be noted that while impact-resistant metal roofs have good impact resistance and are likely to survive most hailstone sizes without functional damage, metal roofs can be vulnerable to aesthetic damage since hail can cause permanent indentations in the roofing panels. Use of metal roofing products with granular coatings may reduce the visibility of small indentations.

7.2.4 Other Roof Coverings

- For all other roof coverings, documentation must indicate that the roof cover has either a UL 2218 Class 4 rating or FM 4473 Class 4 rating to be eligible for FORTIFIED Home Hail Designation.

7.3 Low-Slope Roof Coverings Only

- Low-slope roof covers must meet one of the following test standards:
 - FM 4470 with a Class 1-SH or 1-VSH
 - UL 2218 Class 4

7.4 Skylights

- Skylights shall meet at least one of the following impact rating requirements:
 - ASTM E1886 cyclic pressure test requirements and be ASTM E1996 missile impact-rated “B,” “C,” “D,” or “E”
 - FM Approved per ANSI/FM 4431, with Severe Hail Rating
 - Miami-Dade County Approved (MDCA) with current Notice of Acceptance

7.5 Photovoltaic (PV) Systems

- Roof-mounted photovoltaic (PV) systems require the following:
 - Flexible PV modules that are FM Approved for hail or meet FM 4476 that includes a Severe Hail rating
 - Rigid PV modules that are FM Approved for hail or meet FM 4478 that includes a Class 4 rating
 - Rigid modules that meet UL 1703 Standards for Flat-Plate Photovoltaic Modules and Panel



Appendix A. Technical Resources

FORTIFIED has many tools that assist homeowners, contractors, evaluators, and other stakeholders successfully achieve FORTIFIED Designations. These tools can be found mostly on our website: fortifiedhome.org but we have also included tools from outside organizations that may be useful.

A1. IBHS Contact Information

Answers to many common questions can be found in the [FORTIFIED frequently asked questions](#). If you cannot locate your answer, please email the team at support@ibhshelp.zendesk.com.

A2. FORTIFIED Provider Network

Evaluators, Professionals, and Roofing contractors who have completed required training, passed the exam, and provided proof of relevant experience and qualifications can be found on the FORTIFIED Provider Network. Three certifications exist for providers in the FORTIFIED Provider Network and listed in the [FORTIFIED Directory](#):

- Fortified Wise Roofing Contractors are trained in all aspects of installing a FORTIFIED Roof. This listing is intended for contractors who only install roofing. For more information, including eligibility requirements, see the [FORTIFIED Roof Contractor Handbook](#).
- The Fortified Wise Professional listing is intended for those who provide construction and/or design services for homeowners and other key stakeholders. This listing covers FORTIFIED Roof, FORTIFIED Silver, and FORTIFIED Gold. For more information, including eligibility requirements, see the [FORTIFIED Professional Handbook](#).
- FORTIFIED Evaluators provide third-party verification of FORTIFIED requirements for homes where property owners or contractors are seeking a FORTIFIED Designation. For more information, including eligibility requirements, see the [FORTIFIED Evaluator Handbook](#).

For those interested in joining the FORTIFIED Provider Network please visit <https://fortifiedhome.org/how-to-become-fortified-certified/>. Certified FORTIFIED providers will have access to the Provider Portal, which allows for self-service administration of credentials and offers exclusive FORTIFIED marketing materials. For assistance with the Provider Portal please refer to the [FORTIFIED Provider Portal User Guide](#).

A3. FORTIFIED Homeowner Fact Sheets

To help FORTIFIED Providers communicate the requirements and expectations of FORTIFIED Homes, Homeowner Fact sheets are provided in the Provider Portal. These include things that may put a home's designation at risk as well as information on the redesignation process. There are different fact sheets for the different levels of designation which are provided on the FORTIFIED Webpage.

- [FORTIFIED Home—Hurricane - Gold](#)
- [FORTIFIED—High Wind - Gold](#)
- [FORTIFIED Home—Hurricane - Silver](#)
- [FORTIFIED—High Wind - Silver](#)
- [FORTIFIED Home—Hurricane - Roof](#)
- [FORTIFIED—High Wind - Roof](#)



A4. FORTIFIED Home Standard Details

FORTIFIED Home Standard Details are available on our website in PDF, DWG, DXF, and JPG formats

Detail Number	Detail Title	Applicable Level		
		Roof	Silver	Gold
F-G-1	Corrosion Protection Requirements	✓	✓	✓
F-G-2	Roof and Wall Zone Diagram	✓	✓	✓
F-RS-1	Roof Deck Attachment - Sawn Lumber or Wood Board Roof Deck with No Gaps	✓	✓	✓
F-RS-2	Hurricane - New Construction Roof Deck Attachment - Structural Wood Panels	✓	✓	✓
F-RS-3	RETIRED	N/A	N/A	N/A
F-SRD-1	Roof Deck Attachment and Sealed Roof Deck from Within Using Spray Foam	✓	✓	✓
F-SRD-2	Steep Slope Sealed Roof Deck - Flashing Tape and Underlayment- Shingle or Metal Roof Covers	✓	✓	✓
F-SRD-2A	Steep Slope Sealed Roof Deck - Flashing Tape and Underlayment- Shingle or Metal Roof Covers Using 40 to 42 Inchwide Synthetic Underlayment	✓	✓	✓
F-SRD-2B	Steep Slope Sealed Roof Deck - Flashing Tape and Underlayment- Shingle or Metal Roof Covers Using 48 Inchwide Synthetic Underlayment	✓	✓	✓
F-SRD-2C	Steep Slope Sealed Roof Deck - Flashing Tape and Underlayment- Shingle or Metal Roof Covers Using 60 Inchwide Synthetic Underlayment	✓	✓	✓
F-SRD-3	Steep Slope Sealed Roof Deck - Two Layers Felt Underlayment - Shingle or Metal Roof Covers	✓	✓	✓
F-SRD-4	Steep Slope Sealed Roof Deck - Self-Adhered Membrane (Showing Bond Break for Asphalt Shingles) - Shingle and Metal Roof Covers	✓	✓	✓
F-SRD-5	Steep Slope Sealed Roof Deck - Flashing Tape, Underlayment and Roof Tile Cap Sheet - Concrete and Clay Tile Roof Covers	✓	✓	✓
F-SRD-6	Steep Slope Sealed Roof Deck - Self-Adhered Membrane - Concrete and Clay Tile Roof Covers	✓	✓	✓
F-SRD-7	Steep Slope Sealed Roof Deck – Two Layers Synthetic Underlayment (40” and 48” Wide Rolls)	✓	✓	✓
F-SRD-8	Steep Slope Sealed Roof Deck – Two Layers Synthetic Underlayment (60” Wide Roll)	✓	✓	✓
F-DE-1	Hurricane and High Wind - Drip Edge Installation Over Underlayment	✓	✓	✓
F-DE-2	RETIRED	N/A	N/A	N/A
F-DE-3	RETIRED	N/A	N/A	N/A
F-RC-1	Asphalt Shingle Installation Guidance for Steep Slope - Option 1: Peel and Stick Starter Strip Installation at Eave or Rake	✓	✓	✓
F-RC-2	Asphalt Shingle Installation Guidance for Steep Slope - Option 2: Shingle Strip Starter Installation at Eave or Rake	✓	✓	✓
F-RC-3	Asphalt Shingle Installation Guidance for Steep Slope - Option 3: Shingles Set Directly in Flashing Cement at Rake Only	✓	✓	✓
F-RR-1	Re-Roofing Deck Replacement Fastening Detail	✓	✓	✓
F-RR-2	Re-Roofing New Scab Member Detail for Damaged or Deteriorated Wood Framing Member	✓	✓	✓
F-RR-3	Hurricane - Re-Nailing the Roof Deck (Wood Structural Panels)	✓	✓	✓
F-RR-4	RETIRED	N/A	N/A	N/A
F-RR-5	Fastening Wood Structural Panel Roof Sheathing Over Existing 1x Roo Deck Boards with Gaps	✓	✓	✓
F-GS-1	Temporary Gable Vent Shuttering	✓	✓	✓
F-GE-1	Prescriptive Gable End Outlooker Framing and Anchorage	N/A	✓	✓
F-S-1	Soffit Retrofit Detail	N/A	✓	✓
F-CTD-1	Prescriptive Chimney Tie-Down Detail for Chimneys up to 5 ft	N/A	✓	✓



A5. FORTIFIED Home Technical Bulletins

FORTIFIED technical bulletins serve multiple purposes; they provide additional technical information that must be used in conjunction with FORTIFIED Home standards due to changes or additions to the standard between updates. They also provide clarification or additional information on unusual situations or they provide approved optional methods to achieve compliance with FORTIFIED Home standards requirements. The list below was current at the time of publication but it is always recommended that you refer to <https://fortifiedhome.org/2025-technical-documents/> for the most current published Technical Bulletins.

TB Number	Technical Bulletin Title
FH 2015-04	Sealed Roof Deck Supplemental Deck Attachment
FH 2019-01	Metal Panel Roof Covering Guidance
FH 2020-01	Design Pressure Guidance for Roof Coverings
PA 2021-01	Product Advisory - Vycor
FH 2021-03	Sealed Roof Deck for Wood Shake and Shingle Roof Systems
PA 2022	IBHS Guidance: Choosing the Right Tape
FH 2022-01	Roof Sheathing Nail Pattern Documentation Requirements
FH 2022-02	FORTIFIED Roof Identification
FH 2022-03	FORTIFIED Home Requirements for Elevated Roof-Mounted Decks
FH 2022-04	Product Substitution Due to Supply Chain Issues and Product Availability
FH 2022-05	Requirements for Re-Roofing Over Existing Self-Adhered Membranes
PA 2023-01	Product Advisory - Eligibility of Existing Fiberglass Resin Deck Coatings as Roof Covers
FH 2023-03	Eligibility and Compliance of Accessory Roof Structures
FH 2023-04	Use of Factory Seconds or Unlabeled Material in FORTIFIED
FH 2023-05	FORTIFIED Requirements for Cement and Clay Hip and Ridge Tile Installed Over Asphalt Shingle Roof Cover
FH 2023-07	FORTIFIED Home Requirements for Homes with Excessive Gaps Between Wood Decking Boards
FH 2023-08	Eligibility Requirements for Homes Constructed to the HUD Code
FH 2023-09	FORTIFIED Guidance on Leaf Guards and Gutters
FH 2024-01	FORTIFIED Home Requirements for Elevated Roof-Mounted HVAC Units
FH 2024-02	FORTIFIED Guidance – Rain Diverters

A6. FORTIFIED Home Checklists

FORTIFIED develops checklists that can be used by the evaluator, roofer, or other stakeholders as they work toward a designation. Closely following these checklists is critical to the likelihood of success of achieving a designation. The list below was current at the time of publication but it is recommended that you refer to <https://fortifiedhome.org/2025-technical-documents/> for the most current published Checklists.

Title	Description
Eligibility Checklist	Highlights compliance issues that can affect eligibility for a FORTIFIED designation
Documentation Requirements	Describes documentation needed for FORTIFIED designation
Re-Roofing Checklist	Details the specific requirements of a FORTIFIED Roof re-roofing project
Re-designation Checklist	Describes documentation needed for a renewal of a FORTIFIED designation
Roof Repair Checklist	Provides guide to making repairs to a FORTIFIED roof and how to document repair



A7. FORTIFIED Home Compliance Forms

There are instances in which contractors or design professionals are unable or unwilling to complete the electronic compliance forms generated by the FORTIFIED evaluation software, FOCUS. In lieu of electronic compliance forms, fillable PDFs that can be completed and signed by hand are available on the Technical Resources page of fortifiedhome.org. The following compliance forms are required depending on the designation level, roof cover type(s), and the continuous load path method utilized:

Required Compliance Forms for FORTIFIED Roof Designations:

For all new roof or re-roofing projects it is required to complete a Roofing Compliance Form (RCF) for each type of roof cover installed on the home. For example, if a home has both asphalt shingles and low slope roof sections/areas, then the FORTIFIED Wise Roofing Contractor must complete both RCF1 and RCF5.

Form	Roofing Compliance Form Title
RCF1	Roofing Compliance Form for Asphalt Shingle Roof Cover – New Roof or Re-Roof
RCF2	Roofing Compliance Form for Metal Panel Roof Cover – New Roof or Re-Roof
RCF3	Roofing Compliance Form for Tile Roof Cover – New Roof or Re-Roof
RCF4	Roofing Compliance Form for Wood Shakes or Shingles – New Roof or Re-Roof
RCF5	Roofing Compliance Form for Low Slope Roof Cover – New Roof or Re-Roof

Required Compliance Forms for FORTIFIED Silver Designations:

In addition to all applicable Roofing Compliance Forms, for all homes pursuing a FORTIFIED Silver Designation both SC1 and SC2 must be completed.

Form	Silver Compliance Form Title
SC1	FORTIFIED Home - Silver Compliance Form for Engineer
SC2	FORTIFIED Home - Silver Compliance Form for Contractor

Required Compliance Forms for FORTIFIED Gold Designations:

In addition to all applicable Roofing Compliance Forms and Silver Compliance Forms, for all homes pursuing a FORTIFIED Gold Designation, the following Gold Compliance Form(s) are required as applicable for the continuous load path method utilized:

- For new construction homes that are designed by a professional engineer per sections 6.4.1 or 6.4.3, where the Certificate of Occupancy was issued less than 12 months prior to the application being made to IBHS, and all required documentation has been obtained during the construction process, both GC1 and GC2 are required.

Form	Gold Compliance Form Title
GC1	FORTIFIED Home - Gold Compliance Form for Engineer – Engineered Continuous Load Path for New Construction
GC2	FORTIFIED Home - Gold Compliance Form for Contractor – Engineered Continuous Load Path for New Construction

- For **existing homes** that are being retrofitted to meet the requirements of the FORTIFIED Gold Standard per Section 6.5, both GC3 and GC4 are required. This includes “new construction” homes where the Certificate of Occupancy was issued more than 12 months prior to the application being made to IBHS

Form	Gold Compliance Form Title
GC3	FORTIFIED Home - Gold Compliance Form for Engineer – Continuous Load Path for Retrofit of Existing Home
GC4	FORTIFIED Home - Gold Compliance Form for Contractor – Continuous Load Path for Retrofit of Existing Home

- For homes pursuing a FORTIFIED Gold – **High Wind Designation utilizing the prescriptive CLP method** outlined in Section 6.4.2 and Appendix F, GC5 is required.

Form	Roofing Compliance Form Title
GC5	FORTIFIED Home - Gold Compliance Form for Contractor – Prescriptive Continuous Load Path for New Construction



A8. FORTIFIED Home Calculators

FORTIFIED Home Calculators are created and maintained as tools for contractors to use in the determination of design pressure requirements or some attached structures. These tools are available for use but not required. The list below was current at the time of publication but it is always recommended that you refer to <https://fortifiedhome.org/2025-technical-documents/> for the most current published calculators.

- [FORTIFIED Porch / Carport Uplift Calculator](#)
- [FORTIFIED Wind Uplift Design Pressure Calculator \(ASCE 7-22\)](#)
- [FORTIFIED Wind Uplift Design Pressure Calculator \(ASCE 7-16\)](#)
- [FORTIFIED Wind Uplift Design Pressure Calculator \(ASCE 7-10\)](#)

A9. FORTIFIED Home Corrosion Resistance Maps

FORTIFIED requires corrosion protection within 3,000 feet of a saltwater shoreline. As a tool to assist builders in defining saltwater shorelines maps have been developed in some areas. The list below was current at the time of publication but it is always recommended that you refer to <https://fortifiedhome.org/2025-technical-documents/> for the most current published maps.

- [Corrosion Resistance Requirements – Gulf Coast States \(LA, MS, AL\)](#)
- [Corrosion Resistance Requirements – South Atlantic States \(GA, NC, SC\)](#)
- [Corrosion Resistance Requirements – Florida](#)
- [Corrosion Resistance Requirements – Texas](#)

A10. FORTIFIED Home Flashing Guidelines

Roof flashing is an integral component of the roof system. It is used to seal roof systems where the system is interrupted or terminated and is always required when installing a new roof or re-roofing an existing home. Examples of roof flashing include drip edge at the eave and rake, valley flashing, wall and chimney flashing, flashing at roof pitch changes, and flashing at all roof penetrations. [General Flashing Guidelines for Steep Slope Roofs](#) instructs installers that all flashing installed on a FORTIFIED roof must be in new condition and points to roof covering manufacturers for flashing installation instructions and provides additional guidance.

A11. FORTIFIED Home Modular Homes Toolkit

Unlike manufactured/mobile homes which are built to the HUD Code, modular homes are factory-built single family homes designed to comply with the International Residential Code. Modular homes are generally a good candidate for FORTIFIED. However, because most of the home's construction happens at a plant and the structure's siting is different from traditional building, certain steps are required to attain a FORTIFIED designation. The [FORTIFIED Home Modular Home Toolkit](#) is available to assist manufacturers and evaluators seeking designations for modular homes.



Appendix B. Design Information

B1. Roof Sheathing Attachment Requirements Outside of FORTIFIED Prescriptive Parameters

FORTIFIED prescriptive roof sheathing attachment requirements are applicable within the parameters described in [Section 2.5](#). For conditions outside of these parameters, roof sheathing attachments may be independently verified by a professional engineer (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition) as described in [Section 2.5](#), incorporating the following minimum factors of safety:

- ASCE 7-10 ASD Method: ASD C&C wind load x 2.0 factor of safety
- ASCE 7-10 LRFD Method: [LRFD C&C wind load x 0.6] x 2.0 factor of safety
- ASCE 7-16 and ASCE 7-22 ASD Method: ASD C&C wind load x 1.67 factor of safety
- ASCE 7-16 and ASCE 7-22 LRFD Method: LRFD C&C wind load x 1.0 factor of safety

B2. FORTIFIED Minimum Pressure Requirement Tables

Table B2-1: Low Slope Roof ASD Wind Uplift Design Pressures (psf) for Roof Heights 30 ft or less

Low-Slope Roof ASD Wind Uplift Design Pressures (psf) for Roof Heights 30 ft or less			
Ultimate Wind Speed, V_{ult} (mph)	ASCE Edition	Exposure B&C	Exposure D
130	7-10	64	76
	7-16 or 7-22	73	87
140	7-10	75	88
	7-16 or 7-22	85	101
150	7-10	86	102
	7-16 or 7-22	97	116
160	7-10	98	116
	7-16 or 7-22	111	131
170	7-10	110	130
	7-16 or 7-22	125	148
180	7-10	124	146
	7-16 or 7-22	140	166

Notes

1. Design pressures provided are intended to be preliminary guidance for use with the FORTIFIED Home program and correspond to worst case corner zone locations for flat roofs per ASCE 7. Design pressures must meet or exceed local code requirements.



Table B2-2: ASD Wind Design Pressures (psf) for Soffit Panels

ASD Wind Design Pressures (psf) for Soffit Panels													
Exposure B&C													
Soffit Height (ft)	ASCE Edition	Ultimate Wind Speed, V_{ult} (mph)											
		130 mph		140 mph		150 mph		160 mph		170 mph		180 mph	
15	7-10	22	-29	26	-34	29	-39	34	-45	38	-50	42	-57
	7-16 and 7-22	22	-30	26	-34	29	-39	34	-45	38	-51	42	-57
20	7-10	23	-31	27	-36	31	-41	36	-48	40	-53	45	-60
	7-16 and 7-22	24	-32	27	-37	31	-42	36	-48	40	-54	45	-60
25	7-10	25	-32	29	-38	33	-43	37	-50	42	-55	47	-63
	7-16 and 7-22	25	-33	29	-38	33	-44	37	-50	42	-56	47	-63
30	7-10	25	-34	30	-39	34	-45	39	-52	44	-57	49	-66
	7-16 and 7-22	26	-34	30	-40	34	-46	39	-52	44	-59	49	-66
35	7-10	26	-35	31	-41	35	-46	40	-54	45	-59	51	-68
	7-16 and 7-22	26	-35	31	-41	35	-47	40	-54	45	-61	51	-68
Exposure D													
Soffit Height (ft)	ASCE Edition	Ultimate Wind Speed, V_{ult} (mph)											
		130 mph		140 mph		150 mph		160 mph		170 mph		180 mph	
15	7-10	27	-35	31	-41	36	-47	41	-54	46	-60	51	-69
	7-16 and 7-22	27	-36	31	-42	36	-48	41	-54	46	-61	51	-69
20	7-10	28	-37	33	-43	38	-50	43	-57	48	-64	54	-73
	7-16 and 7-22	28	-38	33	-44	38	-50	43	-57	48	-65	54	-73
25	7-10	29	-39	34	-45	39	-52	45	-60	50	-66	56	-75
	7-16 and 7-22	29	-39	34	-46	39	-52	45	-60	50	-67	56	-75
30	7-10	30	-40	35	-46	40	-53	46	-61	52	-68	58	-78
	7-16 and 7-22	30	-41	35	-47	40	-54	46	-61	52	-69	58	-78
35	7-10	31	-41	36	-48	41	-54	47	-63	53	-70	60	-80
	7-16 and 7-22	31	-42	36	-48	41	-55	47	-63	53	-71	60	-80
Notes													
1. Design pressures provided are intended to be preliminary guidance for use with the FORTIFIED Home program per ASCE 7. Design pressures must meet or exceed local code requirements.													



Table B2-3. ASD Wind Design Pressures (psf) for Components; (Windows, Entry Doors, Patio Doors, Garage Doors and Opening Protection Products for Roof Heights 30 ft or less)

ASD Wind Design Pressures (psf) for Components; (Windows, Entry Doors, Patio Doors, Garage Doors and Opening Protection Products for Roof Heights 30 ft or less)																									
Exposure B&C																									
Area of Opening (ft ²) (height x width)	ASCE Edition	Ultimate Wind Speed, V_{ult} (mph)																							
		130		140		150		160		170		180													
		Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 4	Zone 5												
10	7-10	25	-27	25	-34	30	-31	30	-39	34	-36	34	-45	39	-42	39	-52	44	-46	44	-57	49	-53	49	-66
		26	-28	26	-34	30	-32	30	-40	34	-37	34	-46	39	-42	39	-52	44	-47	44	-59	49	-53	49	-66
		29	-32	29	-37	34	-37	34	-43	39	-42	39	-50	44	-46	44	-56	49	-53	49	-65	55	-60	55	-73
20	7-10	24	-27	24	-31	28	-31	28	-36	32	-35	32	-42	37	-39	37	-48	42	-45	42	-55	47	-51	47	-61
		24	-27	24	-32	28	-31	28	-37	33	-35	33	-42	37	-40	37	-48	42	-45	42	-55	47	-51	47	-61
		29	-32	29	-37	34	-37	34	-43	39	-42	39	-50	44	-46	44	-56	49	-53	49	-65	55	-60	55	-73
50 (Single Car Garage)	7-10	23	-24	23	-33	27	-28	27	-32	30	-32	30	-38	35	-38	35	-43	39	-42	39	-49	44	-48	44	-55
		23	-24	23	-34	27	-29	27	-32	30	-32	30	-38	35	-38	35	-44	39	-43	39	-49	44	-48	44	-55
		29	-32	29	-37	34	-37	34	-43	39	-42	39	-50	44	-46	44	-56	49	-53	49	-65	55	-60	55	-73
100 (Two Car Garage)	7-10	22	-24	22	-27	25	-27	25	-31	29	-31	29	-35	33	-35	33	-39	37	-41	37	-45	42	-46	42	-51
		22	-24	22	-27	25	-27	25	-31	29	-31	29	-35	33	-35	33	-39	37	-41	37	-45	42	-46	42	-51
		29	-32	29	-37	34	-37	34	-43	39	-42	39	-50	44	-46	44	-56	49	-53	49	-65	55	-60	55	-73
100 (Two Car Garage)	7-16 and 7-22	26	-28	26	-32	30	-32	30	-37	34	-37	34	-42	39	-42	39	-46	44	-48	44	-53	49	-54	49	-60
		26	-28	26	-32	30	-32	30	-37	34	-37	34	-42	39	-42	39	-46	44	-48	44	-53	49	-54	49	-60
		29	-32	29	-37	34	-37	34	-43	39	-42	39	-50	44	-46	44	-56	49	-53	49	-65	55	-60	55	-73

Area of Opening (ft ²) (height x width)	ASCE Edition	Ultimate Wind Speed, V_{ult} (mph)																							
		130		140		150		160		170		180													
		Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 4	Zone 5												
10	7-10	30	-32	30	-40	35	-37	35	-46	40	-43	40	-53	46	-50	46	-61	52	-55	52	-68	58	-63	58	-78
		30	-33	30	-41	35	-38	35	-47	40	-44	40	-54	46	-50	46	-62	52	-56	52	-69	58	-63	58	-78
		29	-32	29	-37	34	-37	34	-43	39	-42	39	-50	44	-46	44	-56	49	-53	49	-65	55	-60	55	-73
20	7-10	29	-32	29	-38	34	-37	34	-44	39	-42	39	-50	44	-48	44	-57	49	-54	49	-65	56	-60	56	-73
		27	-28	27	-33	32	-33	32	-38	36	-38	36	-45	41	-45	41	-51	46	-50	46	-58	52	-57	52	-66
		27	-30	27	-34	32	-35	32	-40	36	-40	36	-45	41	-45	41	-52	46	-51	46	-59	52	-57	52	-66
50 (Single Car Garage)	7-16 and 7-22	26	-28	26	-32	30	-32	30	-37	34	-37	34	-42	39	-42	39	-46	44	-48	44	-53	49	-54	49	-60
		26	-28	26	-32	30	-32	30	-37	34	-37	34	-42	39	-42	39	-46	44	-48	44	-53	49	-54	49	-60
		29	-32	29	-37	34	-37	34	-43	39	-42	39	-50	44	-46	44	-56	49	-53	49	-65	55	-60	55	-73
100 (Two Car Garage)	7-16 and 7-22	26	-28	26	-32	30	-32	30	-37	34	-37	34	-42	39	-42	39	-46	44	-48	44	-53	49	-54	49	-60
		26	-28	26	-32	30	-32	30	-37	34	-37	34	-42	39	-42	39	-46	44	-48	44	-53	49	-54	49	-60
		29	-32	29	-37	34	-37	34	-43	39	-42	39	-50	44	-46	44	-56	49	-53	49	-65	55	-60	55	-73

- Notes:**
- Design pressures provided are intended to be preliminary guidance for use with the FORTIFIED Home program per ASCE 7. Refer to FORTIFIED Standard Detail F-G-2 for identification of Zones 4 and 5. Design pressures must meet or exceed local code requirements.



Appendix C. References

American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI)

- [steel.org](https://www.steel.org)
- [American Iron and Steel Institute \(AISI\) North American Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Framing – Prescriptive Method for One and Two Family Dwellings \(AISI S230\)](#)

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

- [asce.org](https://www.asce.org)
- [American Society of Civil Engineers Minimum Design Loads for Building and Other Structures \(ASCE 7\)](#)

American Wood Council (AWC)

- [awc.org](https://www.awc.org)
- [Wood Frame Construction Manual \(WFCM\) 2024 Edition](#)

Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association (ARMA)

- www.asphaltroofing.org
- [Residential Asphalt Roofing Manual Design and Application Methods](#)
- [ASTM International Designation F1667; Standard Specification for Driven Fasteners: Nails, Spikes, and Staples](#)

Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau (CSSB)

- www.cedarbureau.org
- [Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau \(CSSB\) New Roof Construction Manual, 2020 Edition](#)

The Florida Building Code (FBC)

- www.floridabuilding.org
- [2023 Florida Building Code – Test Protocols for High Velocity-Hurricane Zone, Sixth Edition](#)

Florida Roofing and Sheet Metal Contractors Association (FRSA)

- www.floridarroof.com

National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA)

- www.nrca.net
- [The NRCA Roofing Manual: Architectural Metal Flashing and Condensation and Air Leakage Control](#)

Tile Roofing Institute (TRI)

- tileroofing.org



Appendix D. Definitions

Acceptable roof cover: a roof that is not visibly damaged or deteriorated and has at least 5 years of useful life remaining is eligible for acceptance as part of a FORTIFIED Roof – Existing Roof designation. A certified FORTIFIED Evaluator must inspect the roof to determine the condition and remaining useful life of the roof covering. Roof coverings that are damaged or deteriorated, or with less than 5 years remaining useful life as determined by the IBHS-certified evaluator are not eligible for a FORTIFIED Roof – Existing Roof designation. However, if the home is re-roofed in accordance with FORTIFIED Roof – New Roof designation requirements specified in [Section 4](#), it is eligible for a FORTIFIED Roof – New Roof designation when all additional FORTIFIED Roof requirements are met.

Bearing point: the top of a wall that provides vertical support for the roof structure.

Carport: an attached carport is a structure whose roof is attached to the building or the roof structure of the dwelling and at least one side of the structure is open. A built-in carport has the roof of the house extending over the area used for parking cars, boats, or other storage.

Certified FORTIFIED Evaluator: an independent third-party individual who meets the professional requirements for certification by IBHS as listed in the [FORTIFIED Evaluator Handbook](#), has completed the FORTIFIED Evaluator training course, has achieved a passing score on the designation certification exam, and has registered for the FORTIFIED Provider Portal.

Certified FORTIFIED Roofing Contractor: an individual who acts as a roofing contractor and who has met the professional requirements for certification by IBHS as listed in the [FORTIFIED Roofing Contractor Handbook](#), has completed the FORTIFIED training course, has achieved a passing score on the designation certification exam, and has registered for the FORTIFIED Provider Portal.

Certified FORTIFIED Professional: an individual who acts as a contractor or designer and has met the professional requirements for certification by IBHS as listed in the [FORTIFIED Professional Handbook](#), has completed the FORTIFIED training course, has achieved a passing score on the designation certification exam, and has registered for the FORTIFIED Provider Portal.

Components and Cladding (C&C): Elements of the building envelope or elements of building appurtenances and rooftop structures and equipment that do not qualify as part of the main wind force resisting system (MWFRS).

Continuous load path: an engineering term that refers to a series of connections that allow forces, such as those created by high-wind events, to pass from one part of a structure to another and ultimately to the foundation. A continuous load path allows the building to resist the forces created by high winds as a unit. Without a continuous load path, there are “weak links” in a building’s connections. These weak links are where failures are most likely to occur.

Damaged or deteriorated lumber: generally, this is lumber that is marked by one or more of the following characteristics: soft or spongy, swelling or buckling, delaminating (plywood), or crumbling and flaking of the wood.

Design pressure rating: the allowable wind pressure rating assigned to a window, door, or opening protection product, expressed as both a positive and negative pressure. The design pressure rating is based on specific testing and a required factor of safety.



Design wind speed: the wind speed specified in the building code for a given location that is used in accordance with code-accepted procedures to establish wind pressures and associated forces that a building or parts of a building must be capable of resisting.

Designation: A FORTIFIED Home “designation” means that a home meets all the requirements of a level of the FORTIFIED Home Program, installation was completed by an approved contractor, required documentation of materials and installation has been submitted by an authorized third party, reviewed by IBHS and a certificate of compliance for the property has been issued by IBHS.

Documentation: evidence that a specific requirement has been met, either in the form of a test report, manufacturer’s installation guidelines, product markings, or other evidence that proves that a specific requirement has been met.

Drip edge: metal flashing installed at eaves and along gable rake edges.

Exposure B: generally refers to site locations where terrain including urban and suburban areas, wooded areas, or other terrain with numerous, closely spaced obstructions that have the size of a single-family dwelling or larger prevails in the upwind direction for greater than 1,500 ft (or 2,600 ft for homes with MRH greater than 30 ft). Refer to ASCE 7 for additional information.

Exposure C: generally refers to site locations where Exposure B or Exposure D do not apply (i.e. open terrain with scattered obstructions that have heights generally less than 30 ft, including flat, open country and grasslands. Refer to ASCE 7 for additional information.

Exposure D: generally refers to site locations where terrain including flat, unobstructed areas and water surfaces, including smooth mud flats, salt flats, and unbroken ice either prevails in the upwind direction for a distance of greater than 5,000 ft or is within 600 ft of such terrain conditions. Refer to ASCE 7 for additional information.

Flashing: components used to weatherproof or seal roof system edges at perimeters, penetrations, walls, expansion joints, valleys, drains, and other places where the roof covering is interrupted or terminated.

Gable end: the vertical triangular wall between the sloping ends of a gable roof and the rectangular wall below.

Gable rake edge: the edge of the roof overhang at a gable end.

Glazed openings: any opening in a door or wall that contains glass.

Impact-rated products: impact-rated products include permanently installed products like doors, windows, sliding glass doors, and skylights that have been tested and approved in accordance with, at a minimum, International Residential Code (IRC) accepted impact resistance and design pressure test standards.

IRC: the International Residential Code developed by the International Code Council (ICC).

Living area: conditioned space in a home that is protected from the elements by walls, windows, doors, and the roof structure.

Low slope: roof surfaces with a slope less than 2:12.

Mean roof height (MRH): the average height of the roof, usually calculated as the average of the eave and ridge height of the roof.

Metal roof: a roof that uses metal panels installed over and attached to a wood deck as its primary roof covering material.



Main Wind Force Resisting System (MWFRS): an assemblage of structural elements assigned to provide support and stability for the overall building or other structure. The system generally receives wind loading from more than one surface.

Opening protection products: opening protection products must be tested and approved with, at a minimum, International Residential Code (IRC) accepted test standards for the large missile (missile D: 9-lb 2x4 impacting at 50 ft/sec) impact resistance and minimum design pressure for the site, building size, opening size, and location on the building. Opening protection products include permanently or temporarily installed shutter systems like roll shutters, accordion shutters, colonial shutters, Bahama-style shutters, storm panels, and fabric and screen products.

Outlooker: these are usually 2x framing members that extend out over the top of the gable wall to support the sheathing on the overhang. They are typically required when the gable overhang is greater than 12 in.

Out-of-plane wind loads: when associated with gable ends or exterior walls, out-of-plane wind loads are wind loads that are perpendicular to the face of the gable end or exterior wall.

Porch: a porch is an outdoor or semi-outdoor space with a solid roof directly above it where the roof is attached to an exterior wall or part of the roof of the primary structure. It may have one or more sides that are or once were open or screened. Screen pool enclosures are not considered porches for the purpose of this program.

Prescriptive retrofit measure: a detailed retrofit measure provided in this guide, which does not require analysis by an engineer. These measures can be used to strengthen a home to the extent necessary to meet the requirements provided in this standard.

Professional engineer: licensed professional engineer registered in the state where the home is located, with license in good standing with professional engineering board(s). Engineer shall have adequate current knowledge and practical experience in area of practice to sign and seal residential structural engineering designs.

Qualified roof: a roof covering meeting high-wind-resistance criteria appropriate for the design wind speed at the location and installed according to the appropriate manufacturers installation requirements for the design wind speed and application.

Qualified Sealed Roof Deck (SRD): protective measures taken in addition to or as part of the underlayment system installed under the primary roof cover (i.e., shingles, tile, or metal roofing) that is designed to stay in place and keep water from entering the home if the primary roof covering is damaged or lost due to high winds.

Protective measures and underlayments that may qualify as a sealed roof deck under FORTIFIED include:

- A self-adhered membrane applied over the entire roof deck.
- A 4-in.-wide self-adhered membrane tape applied over all joints in the roof deck, covered by a roofing felt or synthetic underlayment approved as a substitute for the required roofing felt.
- Two (2) layers of approved felt installed as required in this standard, when the roof cover is asphalt shingles or metal.
- A closed-cell foam applied to all joints in the roof deck from the attic.

Roofing component: a roofing product that is incorporated into various roofing assemblies.

Roof ridge: the intersection of two roof planes at the peak of the roof.



Roof span: the maximum distance perpendicular to the ridge between outside bearing walls providing vertical support for the roof structure. For relatively simple buildings, this is usually the maximum distance (perpendicular to the ridge) between the outer walls that run parallel to the roof ridge.

Shear walls: a wall composed of braced panels (also known as shear panels) to counter the effects of lateral load acting on a structure. Wind and earthquake loads are the most common loads that shear walls are designed to resist.

Shingle roof: a roof that uses either asphalt or wood shingles installed over a wood deck as its primary roof covering material.

Steep slope: roof surfaces with a slope of 2:12 and greater.

Tile roof: a roof that uses either concrete or clay tile installed over a wood deck as its primary roof covering material.

Underlayment: a material applied to the surface of the roof deck or roof sheathing prior to the installation of the primary roof covering material.

Wall openings: windows and all doors, including entry doors, sliding glass doors, and garage doors.

Wind loads: pressures exerted on a building due to wind multiplied by the area upon which the pressures act. Wind loads are determined by applicable wind load provisions of ASCE 7 "Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures."



Appendix E. IBHS Roof Shingle Hail Impact Ratings

The IBHS Hail Impact-Resistant Shingle Ratings shown were last updated in November 2025. However, the ratings change as additional testing is performed.

NOTE: To be eligible for a Hail Supplement to a FORTIFIED designation, asphalt shingles must have a rating of “Excellent” or “Good” on the IBHS Roof Shingle Hail Impact Ratings current at the time of roof installation.

For the most current ratings, refer to: <https://ibhs.org/hail-impact-resistant-shingle-ratings/>





Appendix F. FORTIFIED Prescriptive CLP Design Limitations and Minimum Requirements for High Wind

FORTIFIED Prescriptive CLP Design Limitations and Minimum Requirements for High Wind Using the *2024 Wood Frame Construction Manual*. Details for many of the items required can be found in the *Wood Frame Construction Manual*.

Prescriptive CLP design measures per the *2024 Wood Frame Construction Manual* may ONLY be used for homes conforming to both the limitations listed in the *Wood Frame Construction Manual* and the following additional FORTIFIED limitations:

- One or two-story wood framed structure
- Mean roof height shall not exceed 33 ft
- Minimum 4:12 roof pitch
- Maximum building width shall not exceed 36 ft
- Maximum building length shall not exceed 80 ft
- Length of building shall not exceed 2.25 times the building width
- Exterior and/or shear wall line offset shall not exceed 4 ft
- Gables shall not exceed 10 ft height at peak
- Wall top plate to roof ridge height shall not exceed 10 ft
- Wall height shall not exceed 10 ft
- Wall openings shall be less than 6 ft, 0 in. wide.
- At any side of the structure, the total length of full-height wall (i.e., sum of lengths of wall with no openings) shall not be less than 60% of the overall wall length and no side of the structure shall have more than 15% of the total area as openings.
- Structure must be supported by slab on grade reinforced concrete footing in conformance with Item 9.

A design professional may follow the prescriptive design guidance per the *2024 Wood Frame Construction Manual*, incorporating fastening guidance per 2024 IRC Table R602.3(1), and the following additional minimum requirements to provide a FORTIFIED Home© –High Wind Continuous Load Path (CLP).

1. Design Parameters

- a. Designs shall correspond to Exposure C or greater
- b. Designs shall correspond to ultimate windspeed, $V_{ult} = 130$ mph or greater
- c. Roof snow load shall not exceed 30 psf
- d. Roof dead load shall not exceed 20 psf

2. Roof Framing

- a. Roof framing system with roof sheathing and sheathing attachment constructed with minimum $\frac{7}{16}$ -in.-thick wood structural panels attached to all framing members with 8d ring shank nails at 4 in. o.c.



3. Roof structure

- a. Roof structural members shall not exceed 24 in. o.c spacing
- b. If trusses:
 - i. Engineered trusses designed for minimum $V_{ult} = 130$ mph for terrain Exposure C
- c. If rafter system:
 - i. Collar ties on all rafter pairs
 - ii. Rafters sized for span per 2024 WFCM for minimum $V_{ult} = 130$ mph for terrain Exposure C
 - iii. Install strap, with the minimum capacity listed in Table F-1, over top of ridge board connecting tops of rafter pairs

Table F-1: Required Capacities for Ridge Straps

Required Minimum Capacities for Ridge Straps Connecting Pairs of Rafters Based on Roof Span and 24-in. Spacing between Rafters					
Roof Span (ft)	20	24	28	32	36
Strap Capacity (lb)	592	710	830	948	1,066

- d. Gable rake roof sheathing overhang shall not exceed 12 in. and outlooker framing member spacing shall not exceed 24 in and must be in compliance with Standard Detail F-GE-1.
- e. Gables shall not exceed 10 ft height at peak and stud spacing shall not exceed 16 in. o.c.

4. Roof-to-Wall Connections

Anchor roof structure to exterior wall below using metal connectors following the requirements listed below:

- a. Metal connectors are required at all wall-to-roof framing connections (trusses and rafters) and must be sized to meet the load requirements of Table F-2 as shown in Figure F-1.

Table F-2 Roof-to-Wall Connector Minimum Capacities

Roof-to-Wall Connector Minimum Capacities Based on Roof Span and 24-in. Spacing between Rafters or Trusses					
Roof Span (ft)	20	24	28	32	36
Strap Uplift Capacity (lb)	448	512	578	642	706
Strap Lateral Capacity, $F2^3$ (lb)	308				
Strap Shear Capacity, $F1^4$ (lb)	162 multiplied by R (see footnote 2)				
Notes:					
1. Based on 15 psf roof and ceiling dead load.					
2. $R = L/W$ for wind perpendicular to the ridge and $R=W/L$ for wind parallel to the ridge, where W is the building width and L is the building length.					
3. $F2$ load direction is perpendicular to the wall (Refer to Figure 1).					
4. $F1$ load direction is parallel to the wall (Refer to Figure 1).					

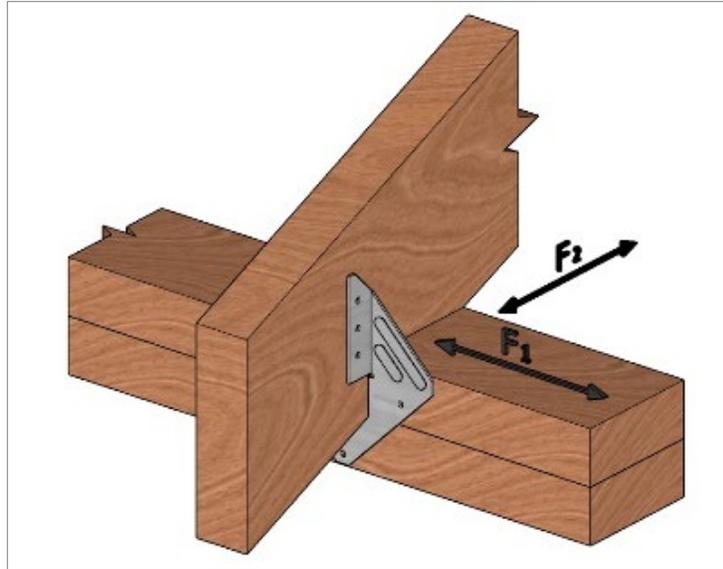


Figure F-1: Metal Straps on Exterior of Top Plate
(from Chapter 3, *2024 Wood Frame Construction Manual*)

- b. All components of the load path must be on the same side of the wall. For example, if exterior wall sheathing is used to transfer loads from top plate to the studs, metal straps connecting the trusses/rafters to the top plate of the wall must be on the exterior. If the metal straps are placed on the interior, additional metal connectors are required to transfer loads from the wall top plate to the wall studs. See Figures 3.2j and 3.2k in the *2024 Wood Frame Construction Manual* for more information.

5. Interior Shear Walls

- a. Interior shear wall stud member spacing shall not exceed 16 in. o.c.
- b. Interior shear walls must be fully sheathed with $\frac{7}{16}$ in. minimum wood structural panels attached with 8d common nails at a maximum of 6 in o.c. along edges and 12 in. o.c. in the field of the panels. Interior shear walls must be braced by a parallel floor or ceiling joist above (or blocking if the shear wall runs perpendicular to the framing) and a slab-on-grade concrete footing per Item 8.
- c. Anchorage must be provided for all shear walls per Section 9 of Appendix F.

6. Exterior Wall Construction

- a. Wall stud member spacing shall not exceed 16 in. o.c.
- b. Wood frame exterior walls must be fully sheathed on the exterior face including areas above or below wall openings with minimum $\frac{7}{16}$ -in. wood structural panels. Wood structural panels must extend from top plate to sill plate with all panel edges over framing (blocked). Blocking shall be installed as needed per the 2024 IRC Table R602.3(1). All exterior walls must be fully sheathed on the interior face including areas above or below wall openings with minimum $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. gypsum wallboard attached with 5d cooler nails at a maximum of 7 in. o.c. along edges and 10 in. o.c. in the field of the panels.



- c. Exterior wall sheathing shall be attached to the wall framing using the following:
 - i. For one-story building or top story of two-story building, wood structural panels shall be fastened to the wall studs with 8d common nails, 10d box nails or 8d ring-shank nails at a maximum of 6 in. o.c. along all edges and 12 in. o.c. to framing members in the field of the panels.
 - ii. For bottom story of two-story building, wood structural panels shall be fastened to the wall studs with 8d common nails, 10d box nails or 8d ring-shank nails at a maximum of 3 in. o.c. along all edges and 12 in. o.c. to framing members in the field of the panels.
- d. Anchorage must be provided for all shear walls per [Table F-4](#).

7. Floor-to-Floor Connections (for 2-story structures)

- a. For 2-story wood frame buildings to transfer vertical loads, install metal straps that connect wall studs from the wall above to wall studs in the wall below or from wall studs above to the rim board and from the rim board to the wall studs below to achieve the uplift capacities outlined in Table F-3. Straps can be installed on each stud or at a spacing not to exceed 8 ft. For example, for a 24-ft roof span with straps installed at 4-ft spacing, the required capacity of the strap would be 784 lb (196 lb multiplied by 4-ft spacing).

Table F-3: Floor-to-Floor Connection Loads

Floor-to-Floor Connection Loads per Ft of Wall Length Based on Roof Span					
Roof Span (ft)	20	24	28	32	36
Strap Capacity (lb/ft of wall length)	164	196	229	261	296
Note: Based on wall dead weight of 7 psf and height of 8 ft.					

- b. For 2-story wood frame buildings to transfer shear loads, use continuous sheathing (minimum 4ft) that spans across the floor depth to connect the upper wall, rim board, and lower wall per fastening schedule specified in 2024 IRC Table R602.3(1). Nail spacing along studs shall not be less than 3 in.
- c. Hold-downs connecting upper shear walls to lower shear walls shall each have a capacity per Table F-4.
- d. Floor sheathing shall be wood structural panels with $\frac{3}{4}$ in. minimum thickness installed over floor support members and fastened with 10d common nails at 6 in. o.c. to perimeter rim joists and edges and at 12 in. o.c. in the field.
- e. Exterior wall framing connection to floor diaphragm (top plate of lower wall and bottom plate of upper wall) shall be adequate to resist a shear load of 308 lb per linear foot.



8. Opening Framing Connections

- a. Strapping is required at ends of openings in wood frame exterior walls when openings are greater than 3 ft and less than 6 ft wide:
 - i. Strap double top plate to king stud using strapping with 1,295 lb capacity at each end of opening.
 - ii. Header to be connected directly to double-top plates or by infill studs to top plate for 353 plf by straps, clips, ties, or metal connectors, etc.
 - iii. Strap end of header to jack stud using strapping with 1,060 lb uplift capacity at each end of header.
 - iv. Connect king/jack stud-pack to support wall below or foundation using strapping with capacity of 1,295 lb at each end of opening.

9. Footings & Wall Anchorage

- a. Anchor floor system and exterior walls to foundation using 5/8-in.-diameter anchor bolts with 8 in. embedment into concrete and a 3-in. x 3-in. x 1/4-in.-thick plate washer at 24 in. o.c. maximum and 6 in. from end of bottom plate.
- b. Slab on grade reinforced concrete footing shall have a minimum width of 20 in. and a minimum thickness of 12 in.. Each footing should have a minimum of (2) #5 reinforcing bars continuous.
- c. Hold-downs connecting exterior walls at corners and interior shear walls at ends to foundation shall be installed. The capacity of the hold-down shall be per Table F-4.

Table F-4: Required Capacities for Shear Wall Hold-Downs

Required Capacities for Shear Wall Hold-Downs		
Location	1-Story	2-Story
Upper wall to lower wall	N/A	4,360 lb
Wall to foundation	4,360 lb	8,720 lb

10. Floor Framing

- a. Floor structure
 - i. Floor structural members shall not exceed 24 in. o.c. spacing
- b. Floor Joist Blocking
 - i. Blocking shall be installed at floor deck edges in the first 2 joist or truss bays from exterior walls for edges where walls are parallel to floor joists or floor trusses. Blocking shall be spaced a maximum of 4 ft o.c. and connected using three (2) 10d common nails at each end and two (3) 16d common nails through the floor sheathing above. For a second-floor-level floor system, a strap with a minimum capacity of 310 lb shall be installed so that it wraps the outside edge of the double top plate of the wall below and is connected to the bottom of the blocking in the first bay.

11. Gable End Bracing

- a. Gable end bracing is required for systems not using balloon framing or walls with continuous reinforcing to the roof deck level. Install continuous 2-in. x 4-in. lateral brace at ceiling from gable end truss to opposite end of attic at 4 ft o.c. Each lateral brace to have a minimum 20-gauge metal strap connected to the lateral brace that also wraps over bottom chord of gable end wall plate/truss, over the top plate of wall below and is connected to stud in wall below. Strap to be fastened with ten (10) 8d nails at each end of strap for wood frame wall below. Blocking (2-in. x 4-in.) must be added in bay between gable wall framing and first ceiling joist or truss and attached to bottom of lateral brace with four (4) 10d nails. Refer to Fig. 3.7a in 2024 WFCM.

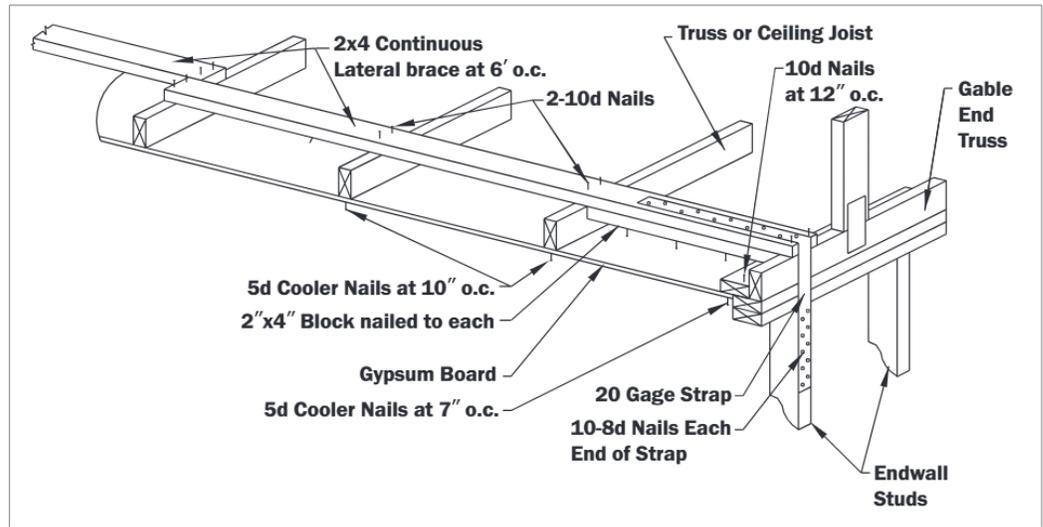


Figure F-2: Ceiling Bracing Gable End Wall Diagram
(from Chapter 3 of the 2024 Wood Frame Construction Manual)



Appendix G. FORTIFIED CLP Guidance for Retrofit of Existing Homes

A professional engineer (refer to [Appendix D](#) for definition) must perform site inspections(s) to identify structural components that need retrofitting to meet the requirements of current building code, minimum structural safety requirements, and FORTIFIED Roof, FORTIFIED Silver and FORTIFIED Gold requirements. The following CLP elements at minimum are to be inspected and, if found inadequate, retrofitted to bring them to a status meeting the conditions described below.

NOTE: *If it is determined that retrofitting is required, the engineer must provide retrofit designs including connections to resist wind pressures and resulting loads using $V_{ult} = 130$ mph for terrain Exposure C or site-specific loading, whichever is greater.*

A. Roof Construction and Framing

- Roof framing member can be either wood trusses or rafters:

1. Wood engineered trusses framing:

- Truss framing does not exceed 24 in. o.c.
- Existing truss members appear to be in sound condition and supporting appropriate roof loads:
 - Wood members of any truss are not deteriorated or damaged.
 - All truss connector plates at each joint of any truss member are in good condition.
- Alteration and/or repair of any truss members has been fully investigated and certified by a design professional to ensure such member(s) can safely carry the appropriate gravity and uplift loads.

2. Roof rafter and ceiling joist framing:

- Roof rafter and ceiling joist member size, spacing, span, and framing shall comply with, at a minimum, IRC requirements for the appropriate lumber species and grade. Roof rafter framing shall conform to one of the following two construction methods listed in the IRC:
 - **Method 1:** Braced rafter construction
 - **Method 2:** Collar ties or ridge straps construction
 - a. Roof rafter collar ties or ridge straps to resist wind uplift shall be connected in the upper third of the attic space in accordance with IRC requirements.
- When ceiling joists or rafter ties are not provided for a section of or an entire roof rafter framing area, the ridge formed by these rafters shall be supported by a wall or girder designed in accordance with accepted engineering practice. The gravity and uplift loads carried by these walls or girders shall be safely transmitted down to the foundation support.
- Roof sheathing thickness and material are appropriate for the span between truss framing members to carry required loads but is not less than $7/16$ in. OSB/plywood.



- Roof sheathing is fastened to all roof framing members and along all perimeters with fastener size and spacing to sufficiently resist appropriate wind uplift pressures and horizontal shear diaphragm forces.
- Roof framing member bearing at each support wall, beam, or column shall have a sufficient connection to resist the appropriate gravity and wind uplift forces.
- Roof framing member bearing at top of all exterior bearing walls shall have sufficient capacity to provide lateral support to brace the wall from both positive and negative wind pressures.
- Each roof framing member to another roof framing member intersection shall have a connection with sufficient capacity to resist both the appropriate gravity and wind uplift forces.
- Support girders or beams shall be capable of accommodating all loads imposed.
- Each bearing support of the girder or beam shall have a connection with sufficient capacity to resist the appropriate gravity and wind uplift forces.

B. Wall Construction and Framing

- Wall framing system* shall be capable of accommodating all external loads imposed at each level of building:

** Wall framing system can be either shear wall, moment-resisting frame, or combination.*

1. Basement walls or below grade portion of any walls

- Wall framing shall resist lateral earth pressure due to “saturated” soil condition and/or lateral wind pressures on partially exposed wall portion.
- Wall framing shall have capacity to simultaneously carry gravity loads from above and resist stated lateral pressures.
- Top and bottom of the wall framing shall be mechanically fastened to structural framing members to resist lateral force due to above stated forces. For example: bottom of wall shall be fastened to the foundation and top of wall shall be fastened to a floor framing system with sufficient horizontal diaphragm capacity.
- Portion of walls in contact with soil shall be protected by water-resistant materials.

2. Exterior bearing walls

- Wall framing system must resist all imposed loads (wind, gravity) and be capable of transmitting the resulting loads to the foundation.
 - Forces acting perpendicular to wall surface (wind pressure acting perpendicular to wall height)
 - Forces acting parallel to length of wall segment (base shear or shear diaphragm)
- Wall framing system shall be capable of supporting gravity loads from each floor framing system above plus the roof framing system and applicable lateral loads.



- Structural framing around wall opening shall be sufficient to carry above stated loads. Example: column on each side of opening, beam spanning over the opening, and the connection of beam to column at each side shall be sufficient to accommodate gravity, uplift, and applicable lateral loads.
- Top and bottom of the wall framing system shall be mechanically fastened to structural framing members to resist lateral wind pressures and uplift forces.
- Bottom of the wall framing system shall be mechanically fastened to the support structural member/system below to resist base shear forces resulting from summation of shear wall or moment-resisting system loads of all floor level(s) above plus its current floor level.
- Wall framing system at each level shall provide sufficient lateral stability for the overall structure resulting from all applicable lateral loads.

3. Interior bearing walls

- Interior bearing wall framing system shall resist all applicable loads imposed.
- Top of wall framing system shall provide sufficient bearing surface for roof or floor framing members and shall be connected to each supported framing members to resist applicable uplift and lateral forces.
- Bottom of wall framing system shall be properly supported by a structural framing system such as foundation, floor framing, or bearing wall. Bottom of wall framing system shall be connected to support systems below to transmit applicable gravity, uplift, and lateral forces to support system below.

C. Floor Construction and Framing

- The floor framing system must support all applicable IRC live loads, all imposed dead loads, plus any interior bearing walls or columns resting on it.
- Floor framing systems shall resist horizontal shear diaphragm resulting from applicable lateral forces.
- Floor framing system shall be properly supported and sufficiently connected to safely transmit all applicable gravity, uplift, and lateral forces to structural support system below.

D. Continuous Load Path Verification

A continuous and adequate load path from the roof to the foundation of the home must exist. The building must have positive connection from the roof to foundation as a means to transmit wind uplift and lateral shear loads safely to the ground. This includes providing roof-to-wall connection hardware with required uplift and shear resistance as determined by the professional designer.

- Roof-to-wall connections shall resist uplift and applicable shear forces.
- Wall above-to-below shall have sufficient connection to resist cumulative uplift and shear forces.
- Ground wall-to-foundation connection must resist cumulative uplift and shear forces.



E. Foundation Support System Verification

- Existing foundation support system must resist gravity loads, uplift, and lateral shear forces to provide building stability.

F. Compliance Forms

- Complete Continuous load path verification and/or retrofit design shall be documented on the [GC3 Gold Compliance Form for Engineer – CLP for Retrofit of Existing Home](#) and signed by the professional engineer responsible for the verification and/or design.
- Installation of the continuous load path elements shall be documented on the [GC4 Gold Compliance Form for Contractor – CLP for Retrofit of Existing Home](#) and signed by the contractor responsible for installation.