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### Applicable Designation Level:



## FORTIFIED Requirements for Cement and Clay Hip and Ridge Tile Installed Over Asphalt Shingle Roof Cover

### Introduction

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.**

### Eligibility

To qualify for a FORTIFIED Roof™ – New Roof designation, all roof cover components must have appropriate testing to demonstrate they are properly wind-rated and installed. Tile is a different roofing system than asphalt shingles and has different required testing and wind-rating methods.

Testing of tile and asphalt shingles installed together as an assembly must be provided. If such testing is not provided, then tiles and asphalt shingles must have separate test reports and separate corresponding installations.

For any homes pursuing FORTIFIED designation (existing homes being re-roofed or new construction) that have asphalt shingle roofs with tile hip and ridge pieces, all parties involved in roofing design and installation must be aware that **the following information must be provided to IBHS, or a FORTIFIED Roof – New Roof designation will not be issued:**

- **From the cement/clay tile hip and ridge manufacturer:** Product testing approval from the manufacturer of the cement/clay tile hip and ridge accessory pieces specifying design pressure ratings or other wind rating and the installation methods required to meet design pressure or wind ratings. Refer to Section 2.10.1 of the [2025 FORTIFIED Home Standard](#) for acceptable testing reports.
- **From a professional engineer:** Signed and sealed letter documenting the code-compliant Component and Cladding (C&C) site-design wind pressures or other wind rating that the hip and ridge tiles must resist. The letter must also include assessment of the product testing approval and if the hip and ridge tiles, as installed, meet the required wind pressures or other wind rating.
  - For assemblies with design pressure ratings in units of pounds per square foot (psf), required site design wind pressure may also be provided utilizing the [Wind Uplift Design Pressure Calculator](#) on the FORTIFIED website.





# Clay Ridge/Hip Tiles with Asphalt Shingles

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## Installation Requirements

Follow the manufacturer's installation instructions, including any associated approvals required to meet or exceed the site-specific design pressures.

## Compliance Verification Requirements

- Four photos from different areas taken **during installation** of Hip and/or Ridge components.
- Four photos from different areas showing finished Hip and/or Ridge installation.
- Product testing approval from the manufacturer of the cement/clay tile hip and ridge tile as described above with installed system identified
- Signed and sealed letter from Professional Engineer as described above or if applicable, output from FORTIFIED Wind Uplift Design Pressure Calculator
- Roofing Compliance forms for **both** Asphalt Shingle roof cover and Tile roof cover.

## Additional References

For additional guidance, refer to the following:

- [FORTIFIED Home Documentation Requirements](#)
- [FRSA & TRI Alliance 6th Edition Florida High Wind Concrete & Clay Tile Installation Manual](#)
- [FORTIFIED Legal Disclaimer](#)

