

# Technical Data Sheet

## Universal Starter Strip Shingles



### PRODUCT INFORMATION

CertainTeed's Universal Starter Strip Shingles (7" x 36") combines durability and flexibility for better resistance to blow-off. Availability depends on sales region.

**Limitations:** Use as a starter course on shingle roofs with slopes greater than 2" per foot and can be used with any 12" x 36" shingle having a weather exposure of  $\leq 5"$ . For new roofs or tear-offs only. Apply Universal Starter Strips in accordance with local building code requirements and following good roofing practice. Low slope applications (2" to 4" per foot) require additional underlayment. In areas where icing along the eaves can cause a backup of water, apply CertainTeed WinterGuard™ Waterproofing Shingle Underlayment, or its equivalent, to the deck according to application instructions provided with the product and on the shingle package.

**Product Composition:** These shingles are composed of a fiber glass mat base and ceramic-coated mineral granules tightly embedded in carefully refined, water-resistant asphalt, and are pre-cut to a convenient size.

#### Applicable Standards:

ASTM D 3018, Type I

ASTM D 3462

ASTM D 3161 Wind Resistance

ASTM E 108 Fire Resistance: Class A

UL 790 Fire Resistance: Class A

UL 997 Wind Resistance

ICC-ES ESR-1389

CSA Standard A123.5-98 (& -05)

#### Technical Data:

Weight/Bundle (approx.): 55-60 lb

Dimensions (overall): 7" x 36"

Shingles/bundle: 34

Lineal Feet/bundle: 102

### INSTALLATION

Refer to detailed application instructions supplied with the field shingles for further information and application procedures. The following is a general summary of installation methods.

**General:** While Universal Starter Strip shingles are specifically designed to be used with shingles 36" length and having a weather exposure of  $\leq 5"$ , they can be installed beneath shingles of *any* length if special precautions are taken. **IMPORTANT:** In all cases, but particularly when Universal Starter shingles are applied beneath shingles having lengths other than 36", ensure that the end joints of the starter and the first course shingles are NEVER LESS THAN 3-1/2" apart. Apply Universal Starter Strip shingles in accordance with local building code requirements and following good roofing practice.

**Eaves:** The sealant on starter courses should face out and lie as close as possible to the eaves edge of the roof. Fasten as described below.

**Rakes:** After applying the starter shingles at the eaves, but prior to installing the field shingles, starter shingles may be applied up the slope at the rake edge with sealant facing out and nearest to the outer roof edge. Fasten as described below.

**Fastening:** Use four nails on these starter shingles as shown on field shingle product wrap. Remember, the sealant on starter courses should lie as close as possible to the eaves edge of the roof. Nails must be of sufficient length to penetrate into the deck 3/4" or through the thickness of the decking, whichever is less. Nails are to be 11 or 12 gauge, corrosion-resistant roofing nails with 3/8" heads.

### **MAINTENANCE**

These shingles do not require maintenance when installed according to manufacturer's application instructions. However, to protect the investment, any roof should be routinely inspected at least once a year. Older roofs should be observed more frequently.

### **WARRANTY**

Starter shingles carry a limited transferable warranty to the consumer against manufacturing defects. For specific warranty details and limitations, refer to the warranty itself (available from the local supplier, roofing contractor or on-line at [www.certainteed.com](http://www.certainteed.com) ).

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