



# TECHNICAL NOTICE

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## **PROPER STORAGE OF FIBERGLASS/ASPHALT SHINGLES\***

Proper storage of TAMKO® fiberglass/asphalt shingles prior to installation is important. Adhering to these guidelines will reduce the likelihood of future problems caused by improper storage, including the following:

- Difficulty separating and removing shingles from the bundle.
- Deformed shingles that do not lie properly on the roof.
- Shingle staining caused by pressure and/or heat.

### **Choose the Right Storage Conditions**

Interior storage in a cool, dry, well-ventilated location on a level surface is the best option. Exterior storage is not recommended for extended periods of time. If exterior storage is necessary, place shingles on a raised platform or pallet that prevents direct contact with the ground.

### **Manage Stock Appropriately**

Systematically rotate stock to ensure shingles that have been in storage the longest are used first (i.e. first in, first out). Arrange shingle pallets with sufficient space between them to permit safe operation of handling equipment in a manner that will not damage the shingle bundles. Although shingles stored in bundles do not have a shelf life, they may stiffen if stored for periods beyond one year.

### **Avoid Stacking Shingle Pallets**

The best practice is to store shingles on the delivery pallet without placing additional pallets on top. Stacking of pallets creates pressure points that may cause staining and/or sticking to occur. If higher stacking is necessary, use of racks or bins is recommended. If racks or bins are not available, temporary double-stacking may be done. NEVER stack pallets more than two high.

Please be aware that an additional pallet should never be placed on top of Heritage Vintage shingles as shipped by TAMKO because of their unique palletizing arrangement.

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