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FISHMOUTHING

This condition is known in the roofing industry as “fishmouthing”, since the distortions look somewhat like fish mouths.

Fishmouthing is an aesthetic phenomenon, which may occur within the first few months after shingle installation. The extent and number of distortions reaches its maximum within five months of installation. Usually the distortions left alone will disappear over time – within one year after first observing this condition - as the shingles relax and lay flat on their own. These distortions do not return once the shingles have relaxed and lay flat. These distortions do not spread to all shingles on the roof.

In some cases, the shingles do not lay completely flat on their own. In these situations, the best remedy is to seal the shingles down with a high-temperature hot melt adhesive. This process should be done during temperate weather. To avoid potentially unnecessary roof traffic and gluing, and to allow the shingles the time to resolve themselves, it is preferable that the roof should not be visited until at least one year after fishmouths were first observed on the roof. If repairs are made too soon – within the first five months of installation - some of the shingle tabs may still be in the process of distorting, and may be missed. This procedure has been successfully completed on many roofs, with shingles produced by various North American shingle manufacturers. For more details on effective repair methods, please reference CRC Residential Information Bulletin No. R-28 “Manual Sealing of Fishmouthed Shingles”

The distortions in **no way affect the performance** of the roof. The shingles have no propensity for wind damage or leaking. Studies have shown that fishmouthed shingles typically conform to all industry product specifications, and are not defective in any way.

Since the shingles do not have any manufacturing defects or deficiencies, the roof performs normally for the remainder of the expected shingle life.

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