

A photograph of two construction workers on a roof. One worker is wearing a white hard hat, a white t-shirt, and a safety harness. The other worker is wearing a grey hard hat and a grey shirt. They are standing on a roof with a blue metal edge. In the background, there are several multi-story buildings under a clear sky.

# ROOF REPLACEMENT CONSIDERATIONS and PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Introduction: You need a new roof, now what?
2. Brief history of roofing
3. Roof System Design Considerations
4. Value of the Roof Consultant
5. Construction Project Management
6. Roof Maintenance Considerations
7. Summary

# BRIEF HISTORY OF ROOFING

A blue-tinted photograph of three construction workers on a flat roof. One worker is leaning on a parapet wall, another is standing nearby, and a third is in the foreground. The background shows a city skyline.



# Built-Up Roofing (BUR)

Oxidized Asphalt or Coal Tar

Alternating plies of reinforcement

- Rag, paper, asbestos
- Fiberglass

Typically 3-5 plies of felts installed



1890

1970



# Shift in Design & Construction

## Historic Roofs

- Slope 1–3 inches/foot
- Little equipment (vents, AC units, etc.)
- Limited movement (concrete/wood)
- Quality “rag” felts and quality bitumen used to fabricate

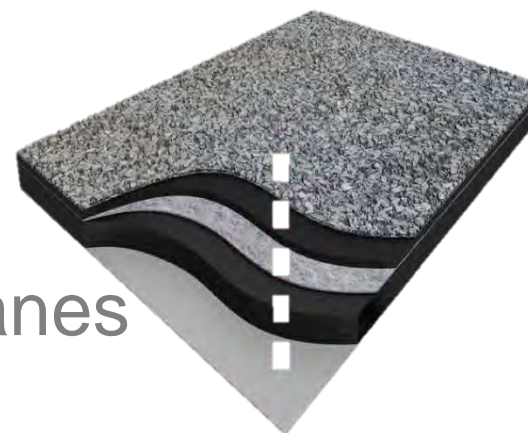
## Modern Roofs

- Commonly 1/4 – 1/2 inches
- More equipment & traffic
- Lightweight steel construction
- More deck movement
- Less mass
- Increase in insulation (R-Value)
- Quality of BUR products dropped dramatically



## Modified Bitumen (SBS & APP) Enters The Market (1970's)

- Modifiers added to asphalt to improve performance
- Reinforced membranes - Polyester, fiberglass, composite
- Factory controlled, watertight membranes
- Typical multi-ply system > 200 mils



1970

2018



# History of Single Ply

1960's

1st PVC  
European  
manufacturer

< 10 yrs. later,  
U.S. production  
began

1970

Coal tar pitch  
built-up roof  
(BUR) system  
of choice

1973

Oil embargo  
led to EPDM  
Roofing

1994

TPO roofing  
membrane  
enters U.S.  
market



# How important is the Roof?

- 2% of construction cost
- 40% of all building related problems are due to water intrusion
- 70% of all litigation
- Source: architectmagazine.com

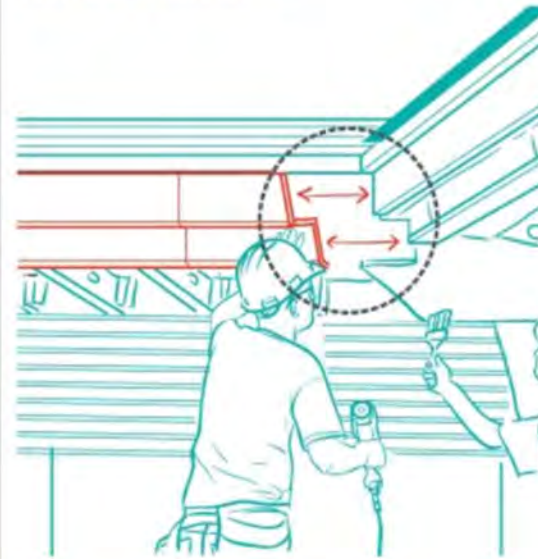
## When It Leaks It Pours

Water intrusion makes up more than 70 percent of construction litigation. Roofs are often the culprit, so why aren't architects more careful about designing this most important aspect of any shelter?

By AARON SEWARD

### WHEN IT LEAKS IT POURS

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When stripped down to its most fundamental purpose, architecture is about sheltering people from the elements. From this point of view, perhaps the most important part of any building is its roof. Roofs keep us dry and, combined with walls, warm. The sheltering function of a roof is a straightforward concept, yet a quick glance at statistics on building failures will show that—in spite of having a good handle on the idea of the roof—those in the architecture, engineering, and construction industries have a rather difficult time putting it into practice in acceptably reliable ways.

Roofs, on average, last only about half of their designed lifetime. Furthermore, 40 percent of all building-related problems are due to water intrusion—and water usually intrudes through roofs. Most startling, though, is the fact that, while roofs only make up about 2 percent of construction costs, water intrusion accounts for more than

70 percent of construction litigation; roof failures and related fallout are often at the root of the issue. So what's going wrong?



# ROOF DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS



# DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS : TO NAME A FEW

Building Use

Criticality of a Leak

Life Expectancy

Budget

Deck Type(s)

Energy Code:  
Insulation R Value  
Requirements

Membrane  
Preferences

CODE Approvals:  
Uplift Pressures

Fire  
Considerations /  
UL

Slope and  
Drainage

Odd geometries  
/flashing  
conditions

HVAC  
Considerations

Skylights

Plumbing and  
Electrical

Anchors for  
Window Cleaning

Satellite/Cable

Cell Phone  
Transmitters

Chemical  
Exposures

Aesthetics

Green Space /  
Patio Space

WARRANTY

# ROOF OPTIONS

Re-Roof

Complete Tear  
Off

Re-Cover

2<sup>nd</sup> Roof over 1<sup>st</sup>  
Roof

Repair

Buy some time

Coating

Extends life of a  
"GOOD"  
Performing Roof

Insurance and  
Warranty  
Considerations



# ROOFS IN FLORIDA NEED TO BE RESILIENT!

Resilience [rə'zilyəns]: Noun. *The ability to resist and recover from extreme exposures.*

*The three “R’s” of resilient low-slope roofing: Robust, Redundant & Resourceful*

- **Robust**: Resistant to extreme exposures (resist and recover from wind, fire, hail/impact and traffic).
- **Redundant**: Multi-ply redundancy (2-ply SBS modified bitumen, SBS-PMA, SBS-PVC hybrid membranes)
- **Resourceful**: Long service life, and practical to maintain, repair and re-cover.

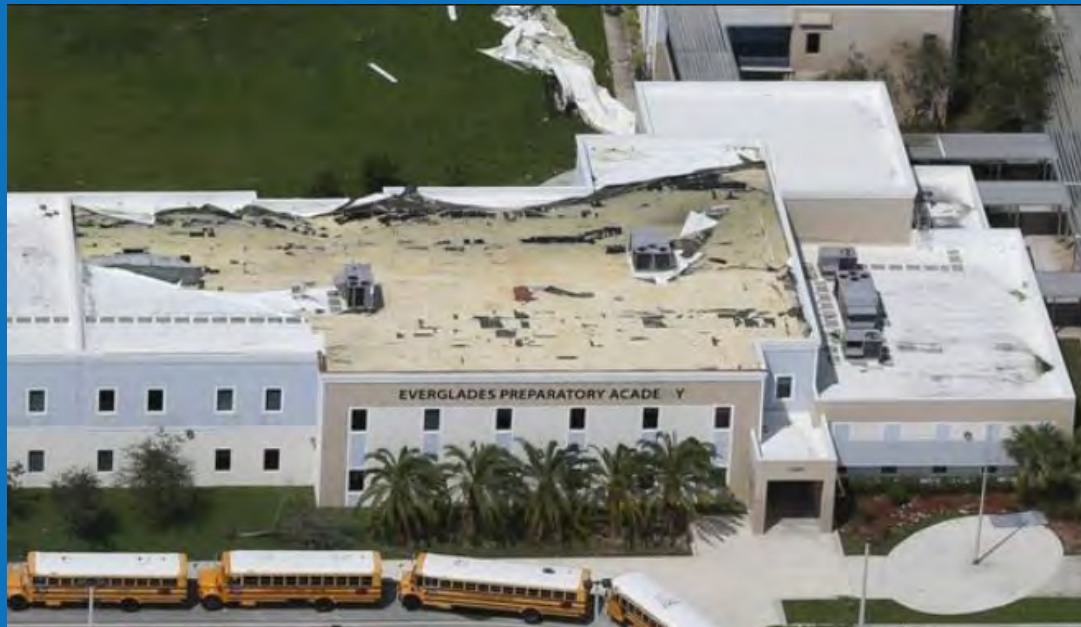
# SBS Modified Advantages

- High elongation & recovery
- Multiply protection - redundancy
- Excellent high and low-temperature flexibility
- Superior long-term aging





## Wind resistance:



Lightweight, flexible single-ply membranes are more susceptible to large-scale wind damage.



**OUT OF SIGHT OUT OF MIND...WHY PAYING  
MORE CAN COST YOU LESS?**



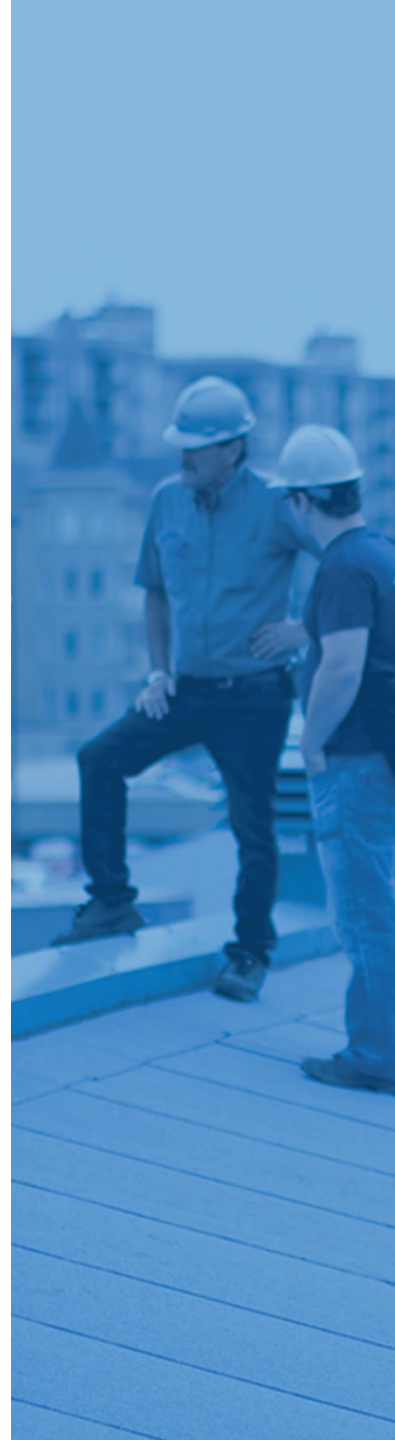
# THE VALUE OF THE ROOF CONSULTANT





# The Process Without the Roof Consultant

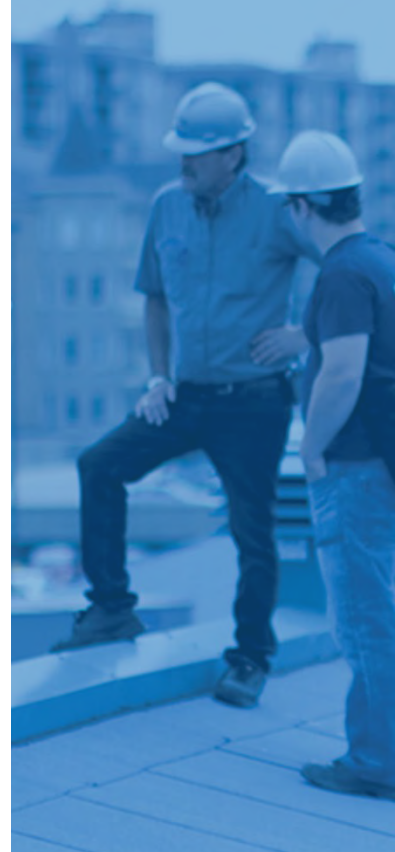
- 3 or 4 bids from contractors
  - *Apples – TPO*
  - *Oranges – PVC*
  - *Pineapples - SBS*
  - *Grapes – Other*
- How do you know which to go with?
- Let's review a real life, recent project case





# The “Cost” of Doing it on Your Own

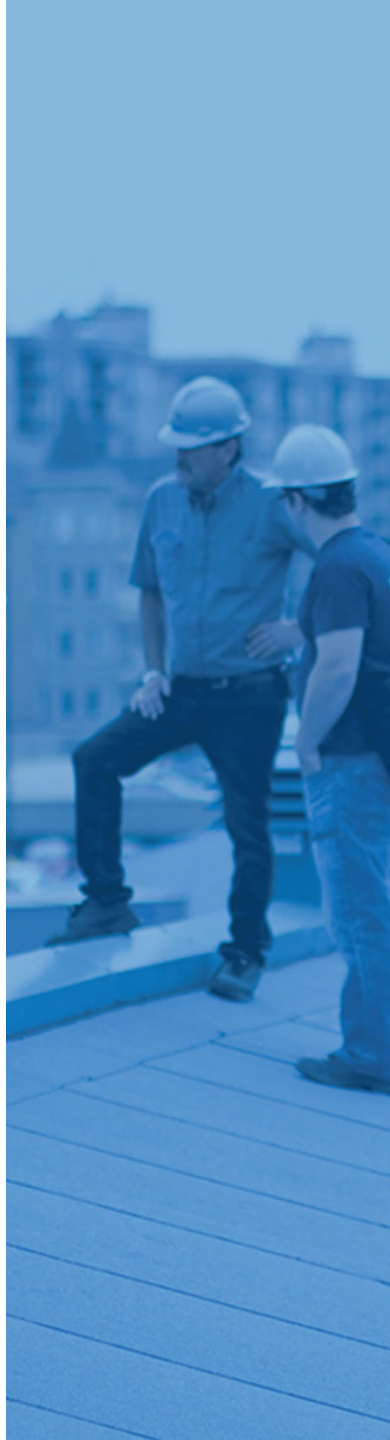
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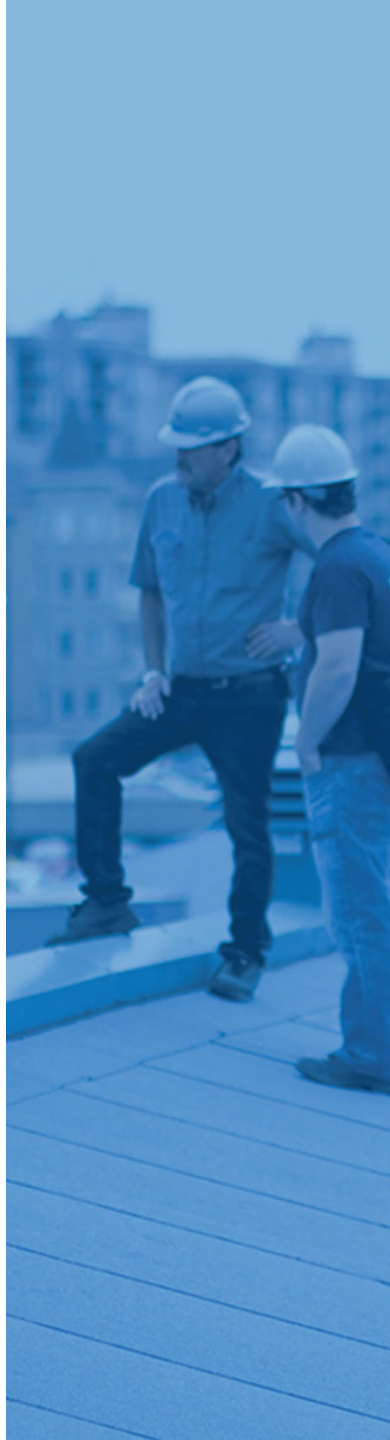
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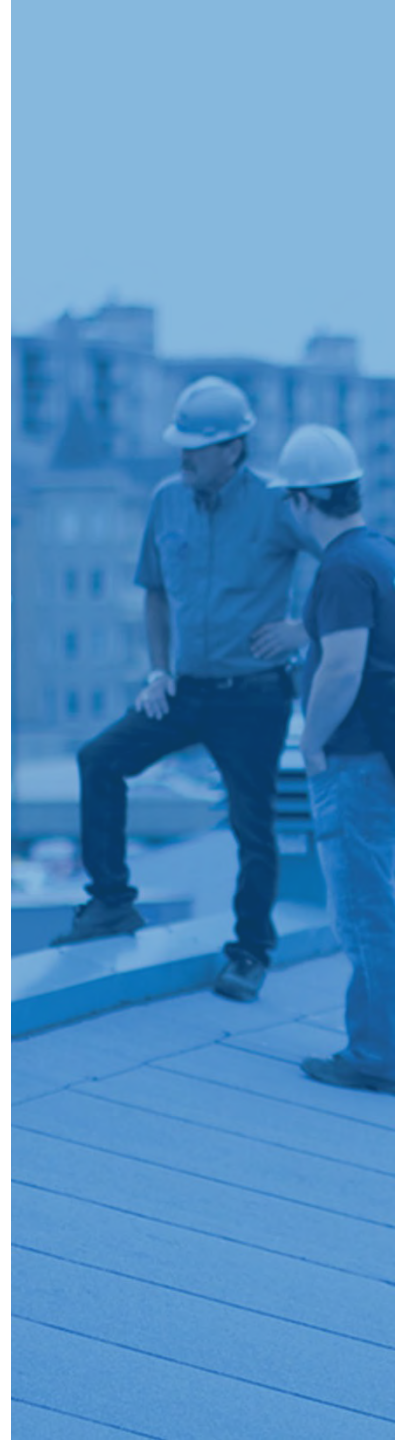
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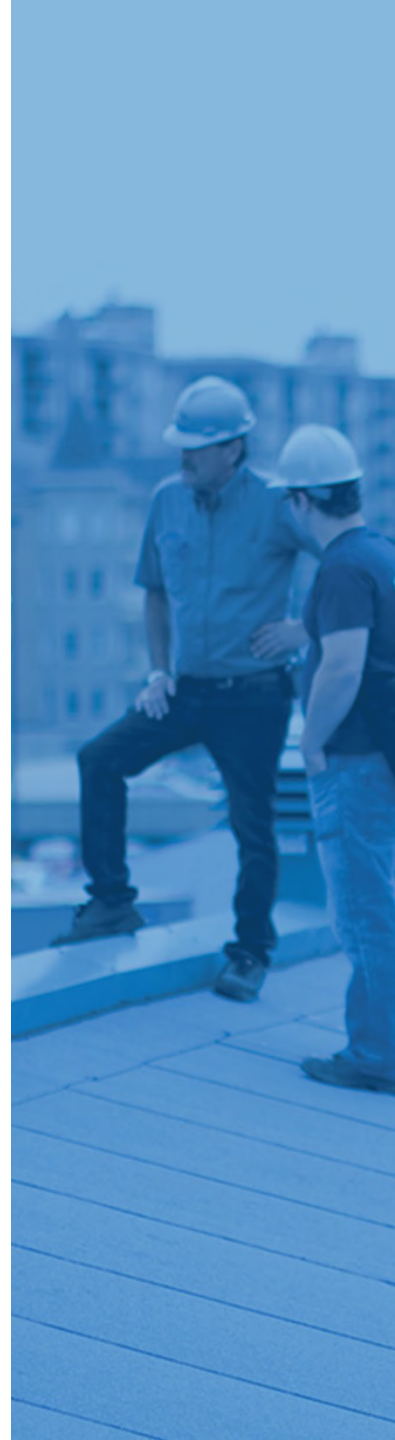
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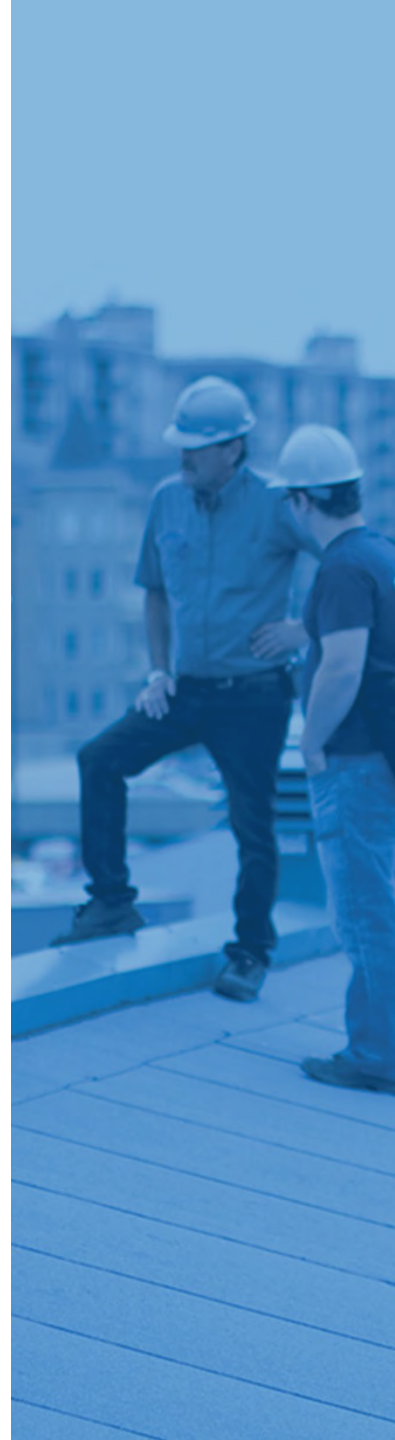
## ■ In Summary

- *No paper trail*
- *The board didn't even know who hired this contractor*
- *Board members no longer there*
- *Permit pulled after the roof was installed*
- *No oversight during installation*
- *No warranty issued*
- *Not a Florida Building Code approved assembly*
- *Major negligence and malfeasance*
- *Lawsuit*



# The Process With the Roof Consultant

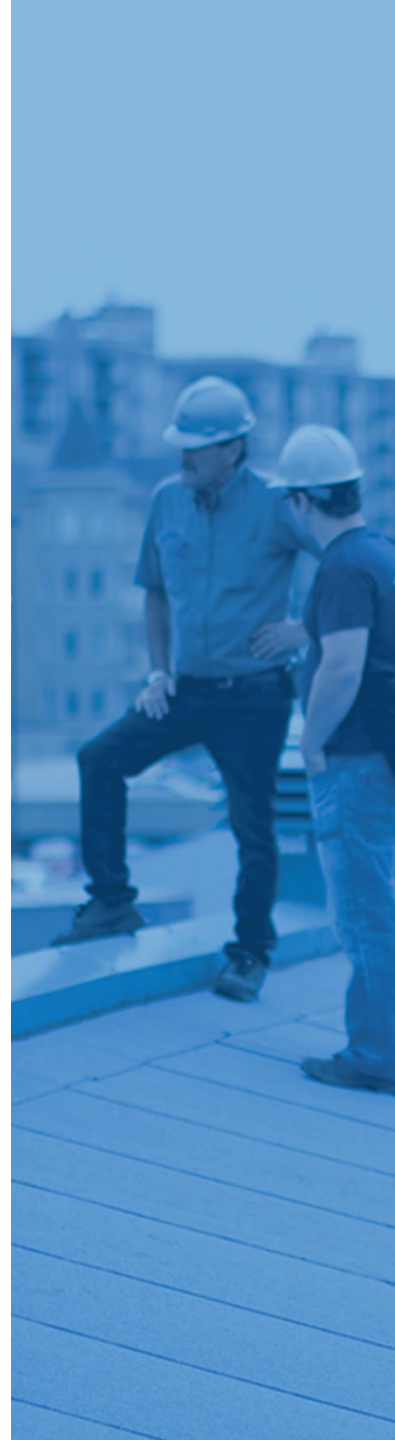
- Roof Investigation
  - *Infrared Scans, Core cuts, etc.*
- Budget Review
- System Selection and Design
  - *Pre-qualified system manufacturers*
  - *Project Manual*
  - *Covers all trades – HVAC, plumbing, electrical, roofing, lightning protection*
- Bid Process
  - *Pre-qualified contractors*
  - *Apples to Apples bids!*





# The Process With the Roof Consultant

- Post bid process
  - *Interviews*
  - *Is low price always best?*
- Project Management
  - *Unforeseen conditions*
- Quality Control
  - *Inspections*
- END RESULT – PEACE OF MIND!

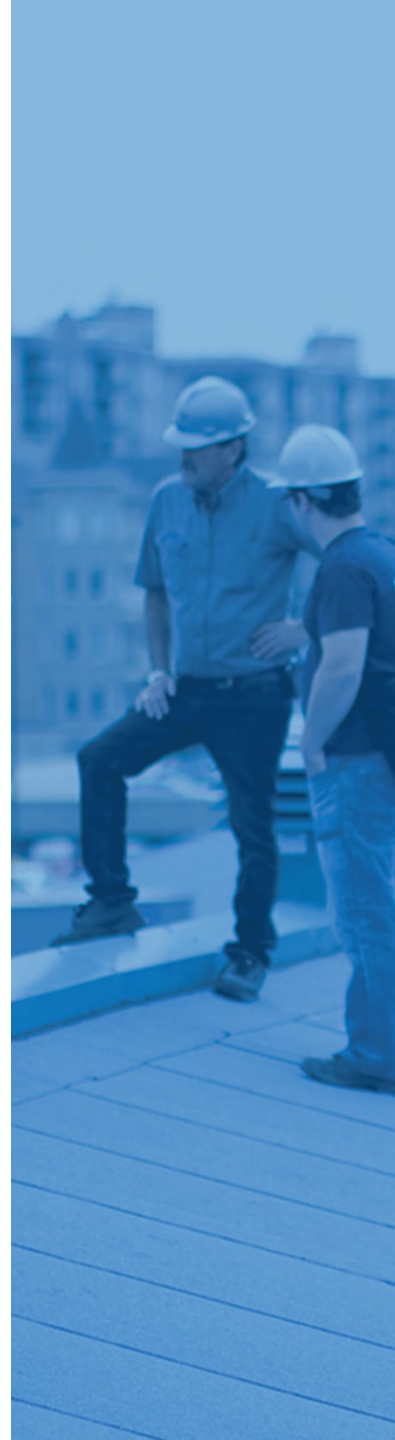


# Same Project: After Consultant Involved

**VAPOR  
BARRIER  
INSTALLATION**



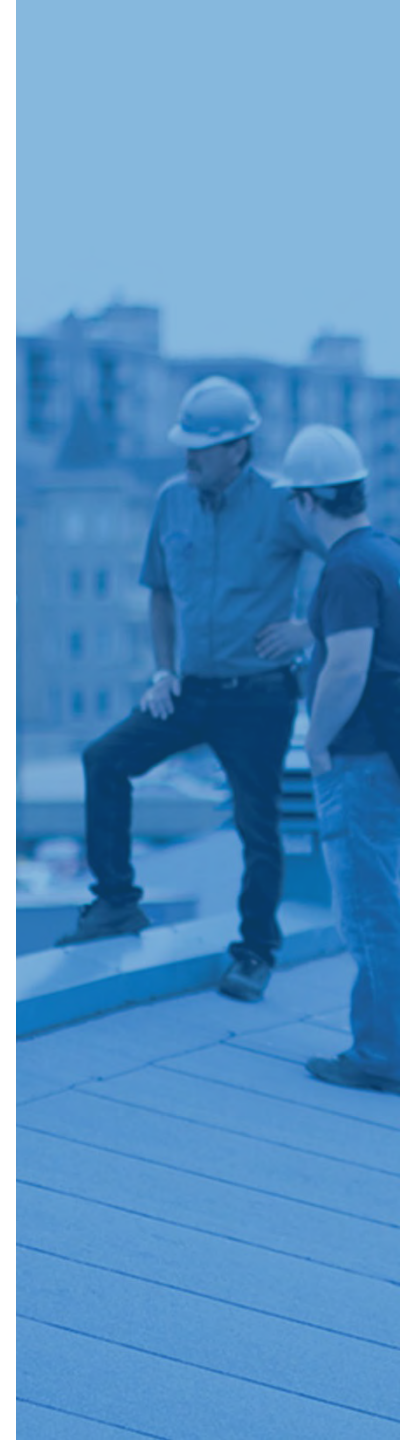
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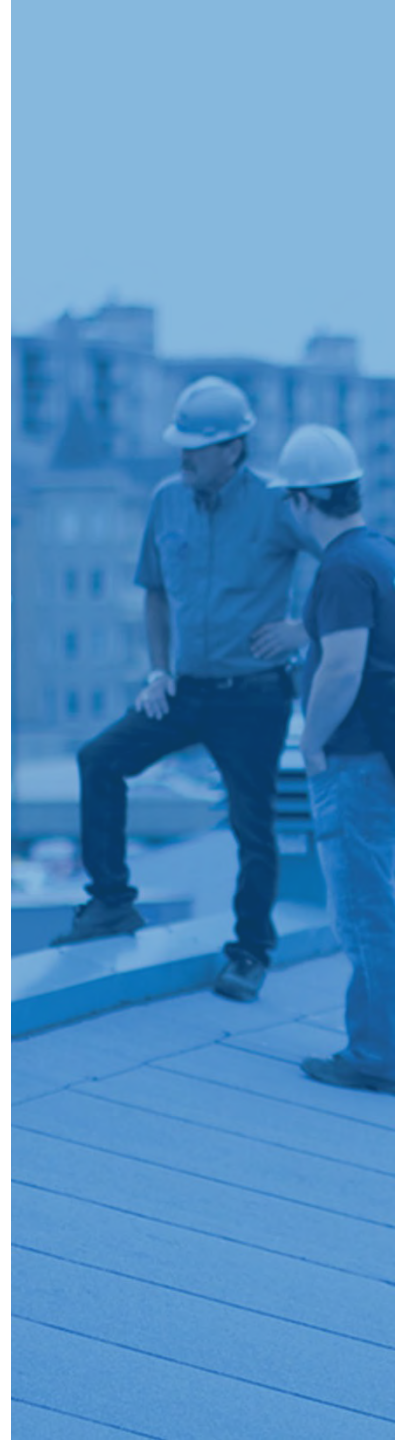
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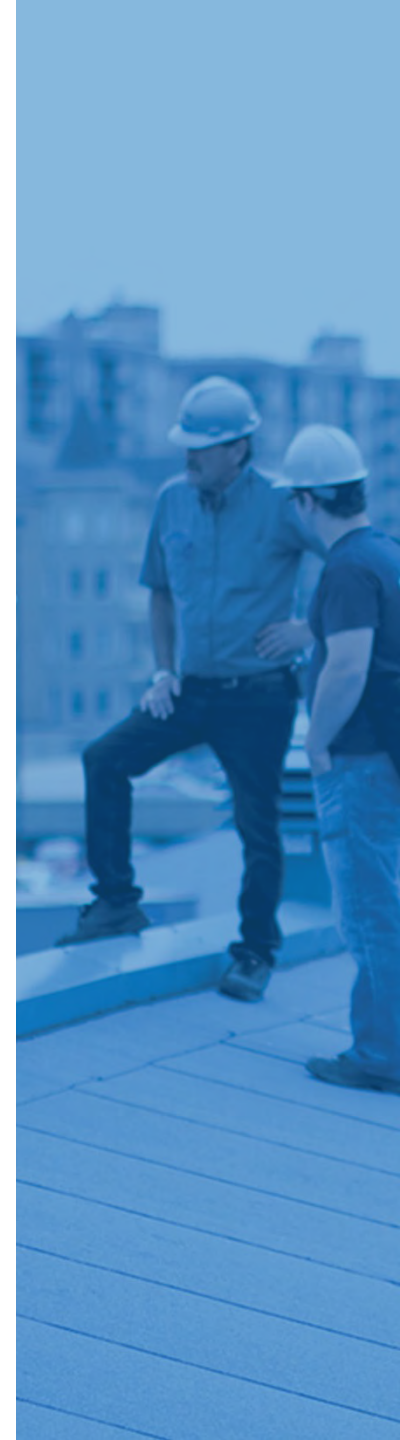
**RIBBON  
ADHERED  
BASE PLY**





# Same Project: After Consultant Involved

**TORCH  
APPLIED  
CAP PLY**





# Same Project: After Consultant Involved

**PREMANUFACTURED  
EDGE  
SYSTEM**





# Same Project: After Consultant Involved

**NEW, 20 YEAR ND**

**SOPREMA SBS 2 PLY**

**“RESILIENT” ROOF SYSTEM**



# CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PROCESS





# Construction Project Workflow

Your roof is assessed, and a plan is developed to determine the necessary course of action; then, the best products and services are recommended, and a timeline is established.

Proposal Request

Roof Survey Prepared

Estimate and Proposal Prepared

Proposal Presentation

Contract Signed

Start-up Package:  
Certificate of Insurance,  
Contact List,  
Permit Applications,  
etc.

Job Added to Schedule

# Construction Project Workflow

At regular stages along the way, you are updated on the project and supplied with appropriate reports and photographs.

Project Team Assigned

Engineering + Testing Performed

If Required:  
Subcontractor Coordination

Permitting

Internal Pre-planning

Manufacturer Warranty Registration Submitted

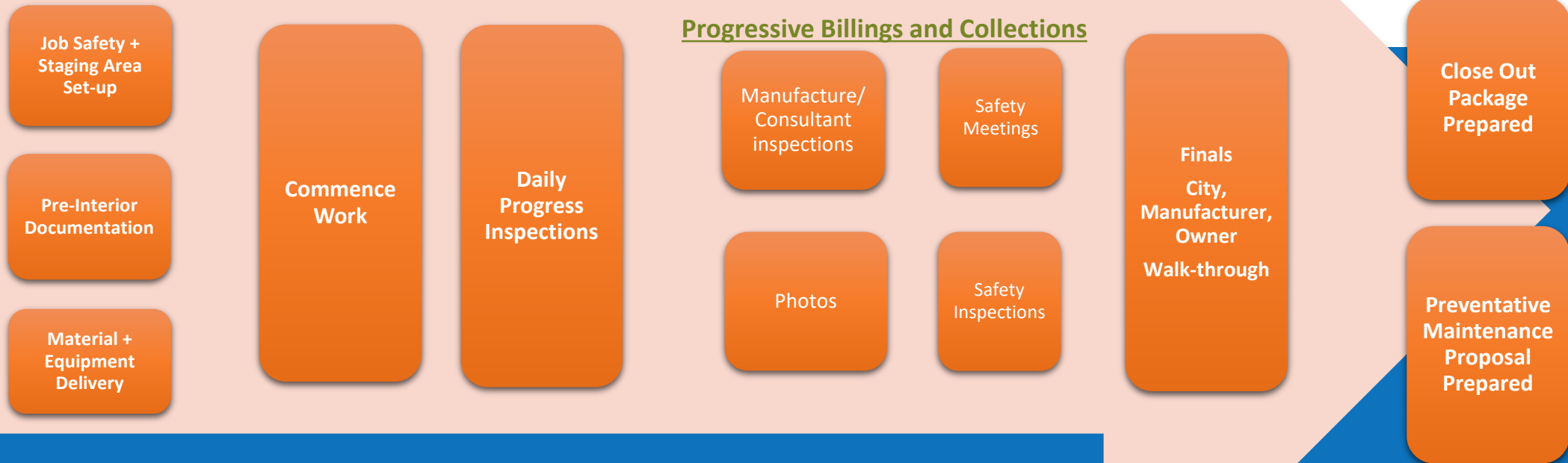
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Pre-Construction Meeting



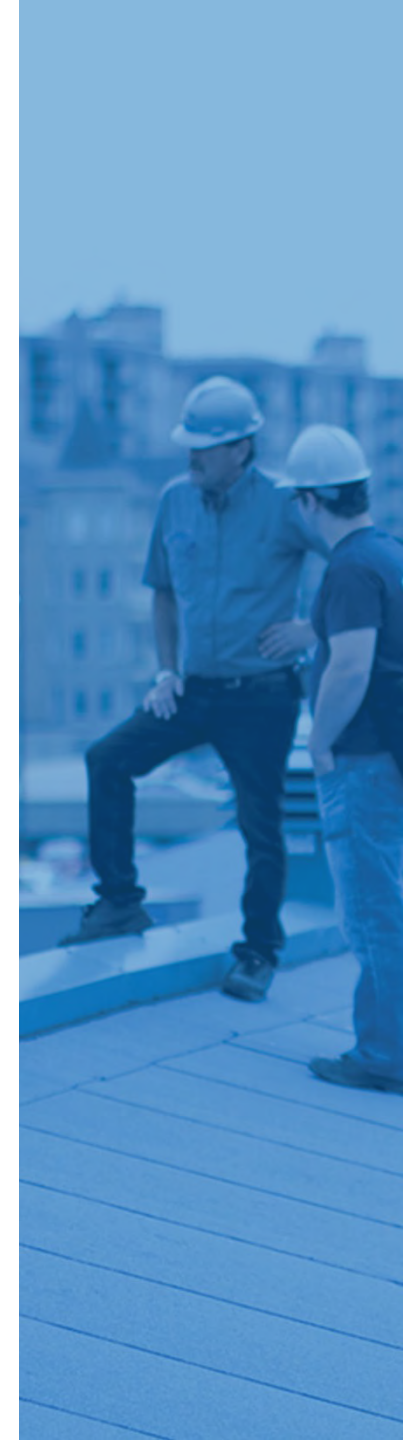
# Construction Project Workflow

Safety is always a part of every project and incorporated into every facet of the job.



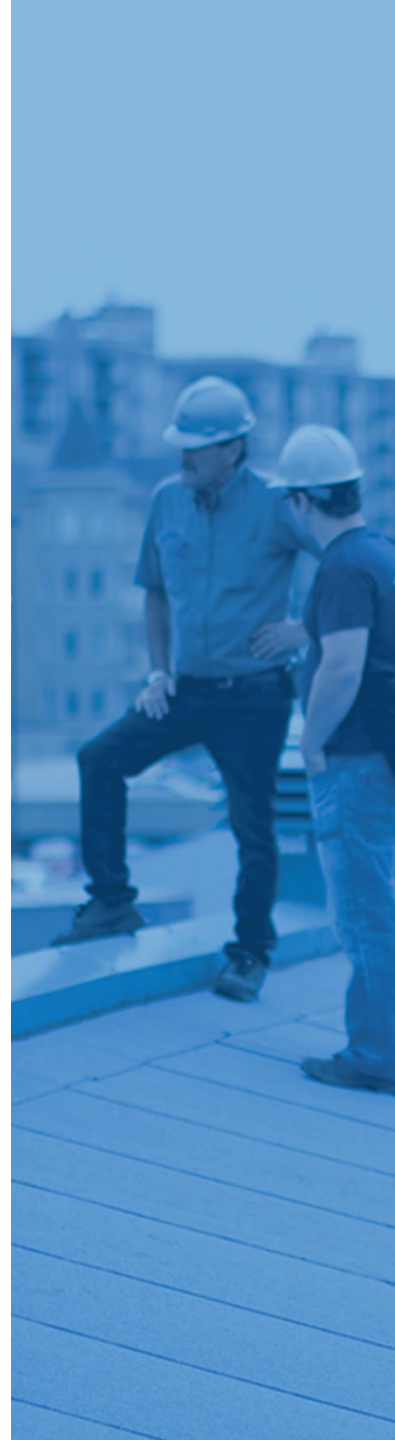


# Mechanical Equipment (HVAC)



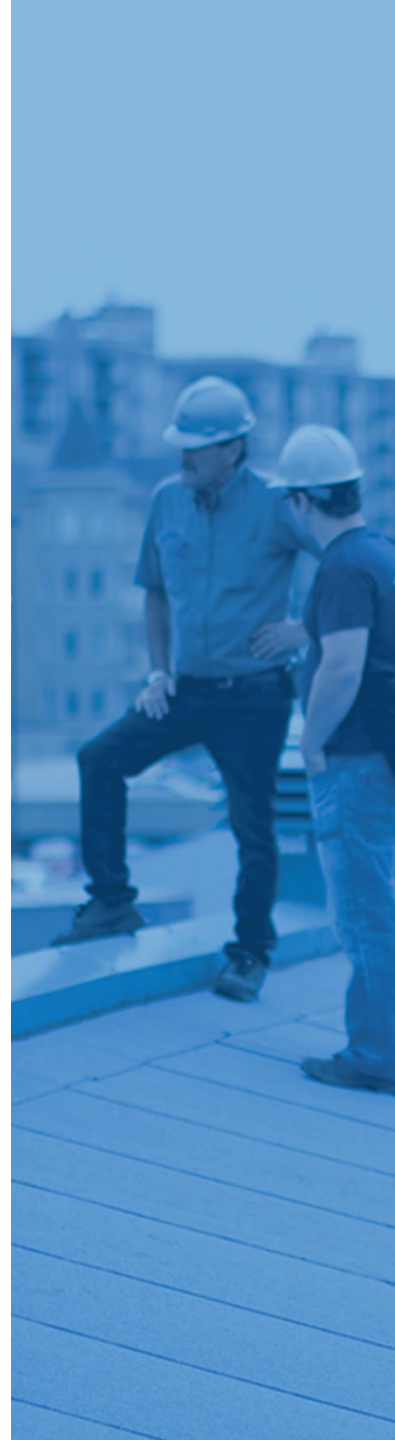


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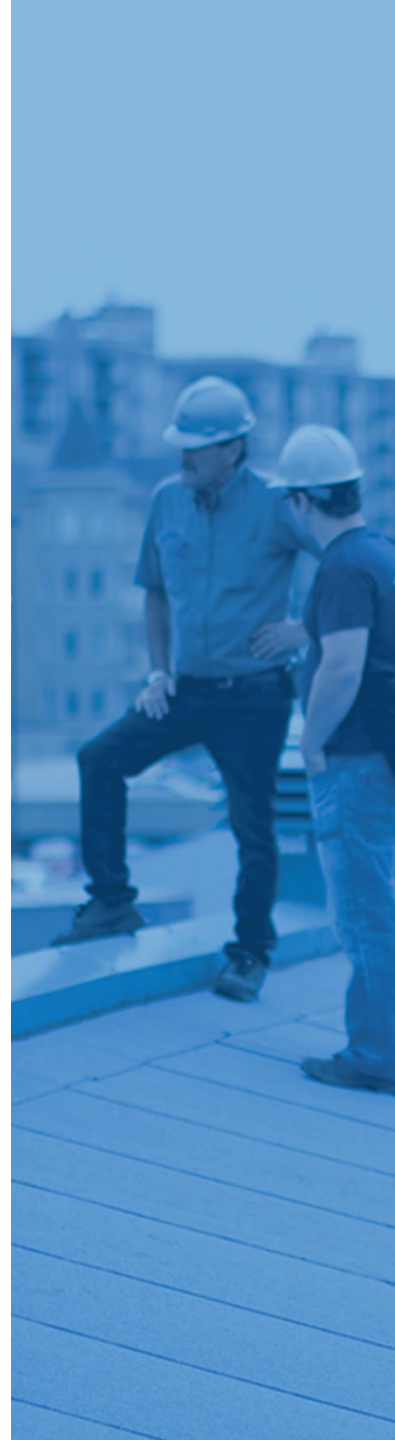


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# Infrared Scan Technology



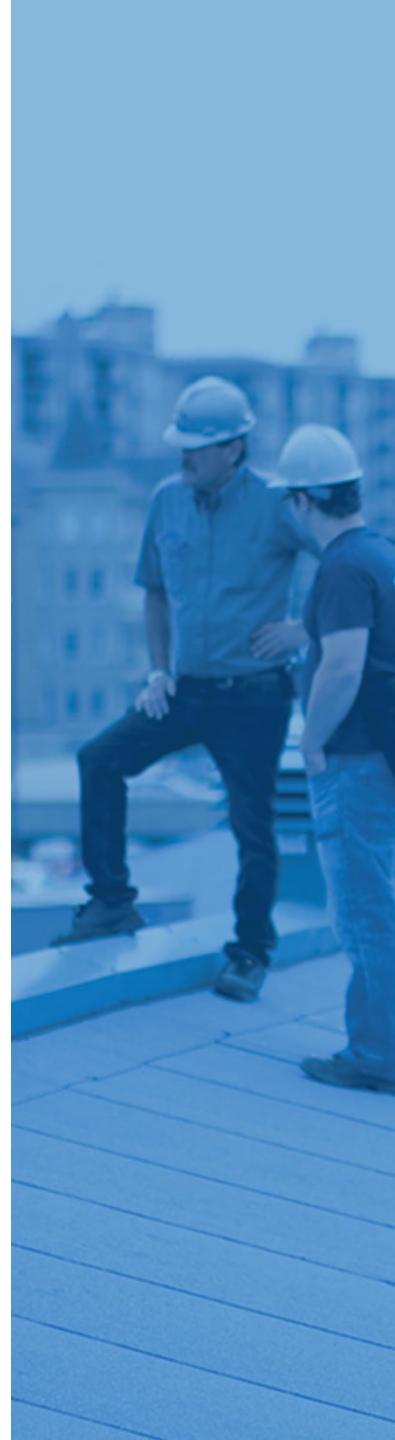
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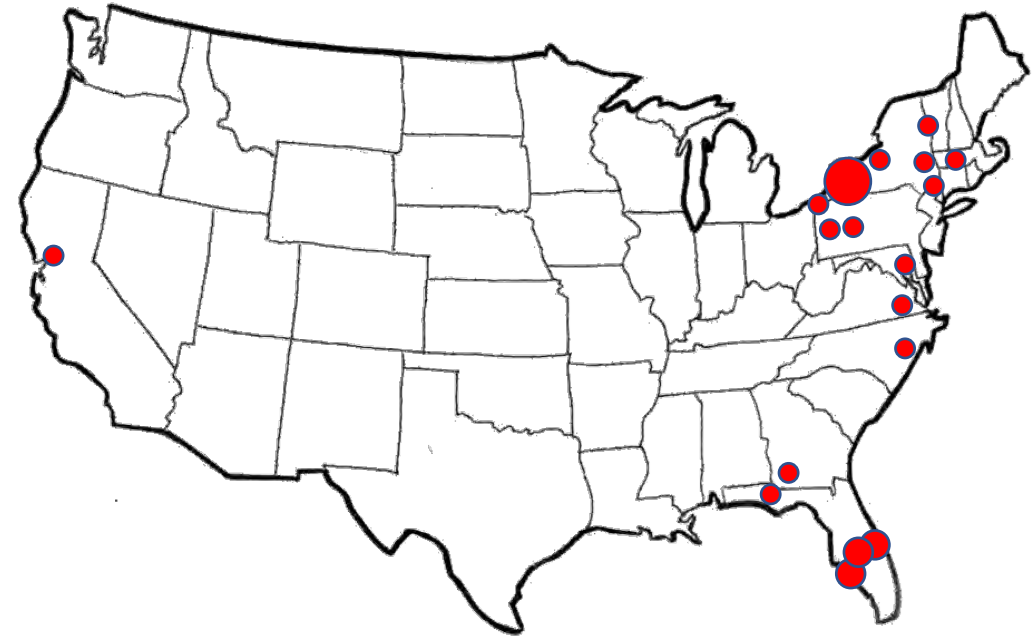
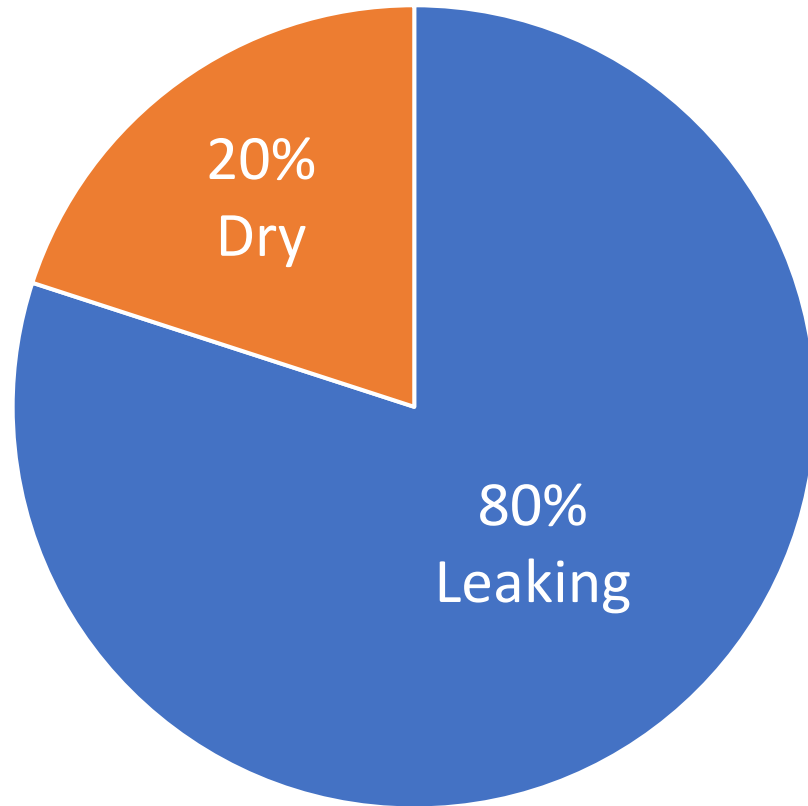






# Did you know?

## Flat / Low Slope Roofs Inspected



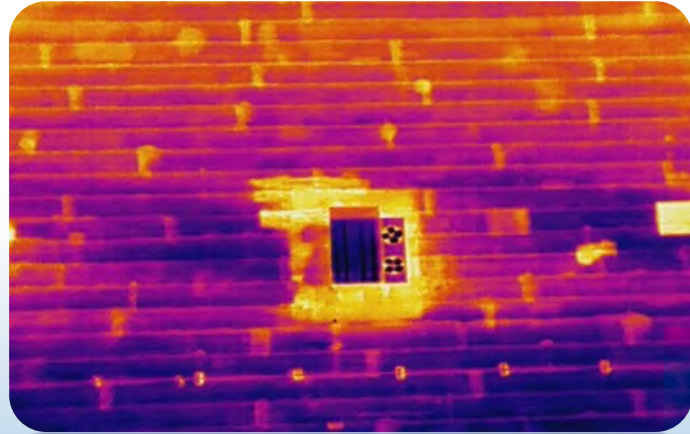
N = 500+ Buildings Inspected

EagleHawk Collected Data

*80% of Roofs Inspected Leak and Most People Don't Know It!*

# Roof Inspection – Proactive vs Reactive

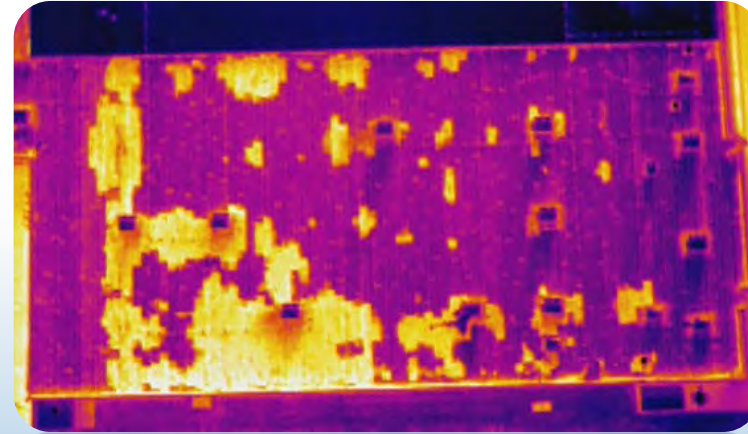
*Proactive*



Minor Repair

VS

*Reactive*



Major Replacement

> 80% of Roofs Inspected Show Signs of Wetness

**REACTIVE:** Years may go by before a roof failure is detected and by then water is typically coming through the ceiling.

**PROACTIVE:** By utilizing Drone Technology, we can detect problems EARLY and EFFICIENTLY to help avoid expensive roof repairs or replacements.

*Routine Roof Inspections Allow for Better Control Over Roof Maintenance*



# Trend Analysis and the Danger of “Fake News”

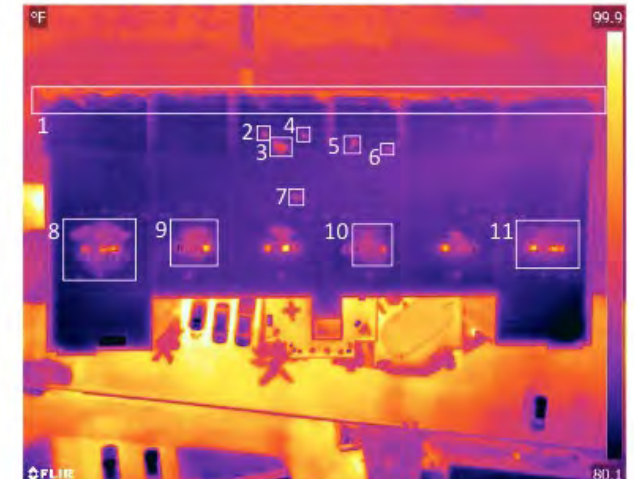
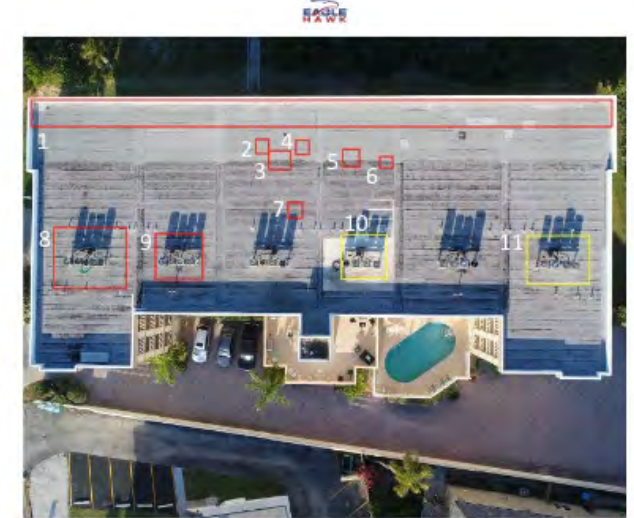
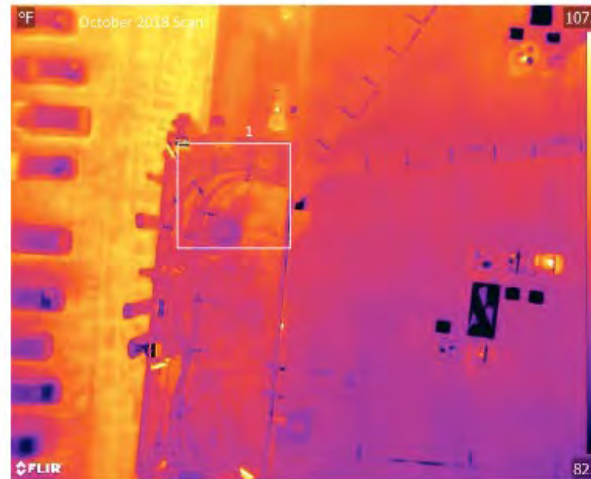
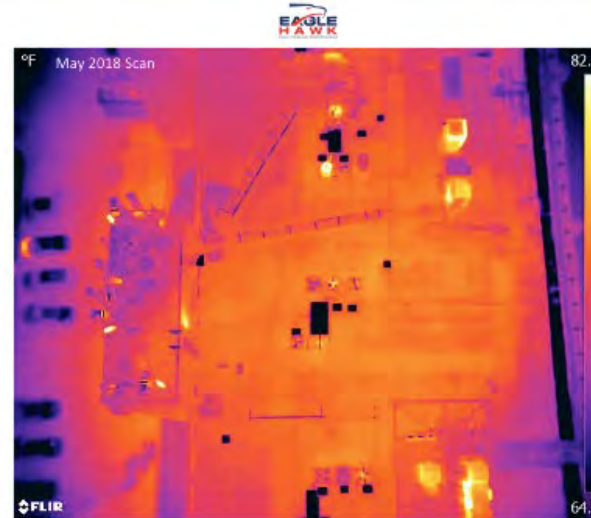
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4	50	This area shows evidence of wetness in the insulation propagating from a material failure.
5	20	This area shows evidence of wetness in the insulation propagating from a material failure.
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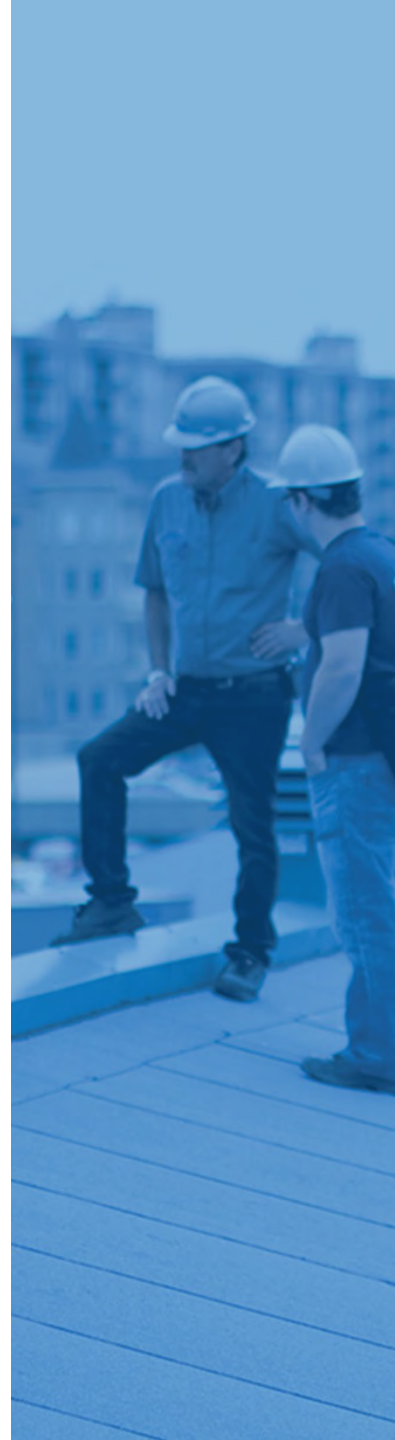
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*Looking for “trends” and collecting data frequently ensures savings* 42

# Maintaining Your New Roof

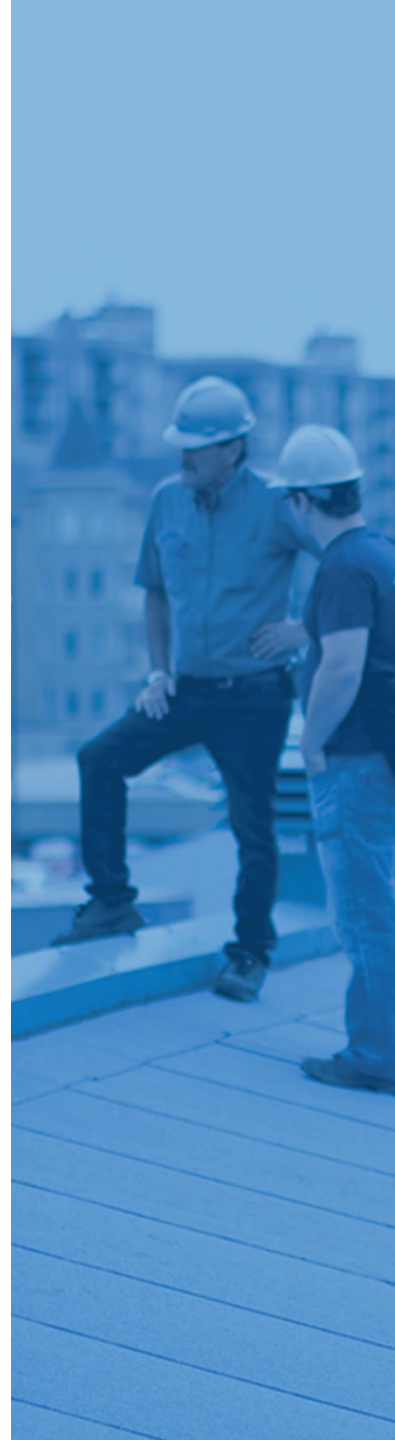
- Strongly recommend Preventative Maintenance agreements – directly with the contractor
- Keep your warranties where you can find them
- Maintenance requirements are included with warranty paperwork
  - *Document your activity*
- Leak process
  - *File claim with manufacturer on your warranty*





# In Summary

- Roof projects are complicated
- Hire a professional roof consultant
  - *Thorough Investigation*
  - *The right roof system option for your building*
  - *Pre-qualified, vetted contractors and manufacturers*
  - *Project manual addresses all trades*
  - *Apples to apples bids*
  - *Management and Quality Control*
- You get what you pay for = Peace of mind!



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**QUESTIONS?**