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Are You Repairing or Replacing a Roof?

**Clarification of the District of Columbia's roofing,
roof replacement and roof repair requirements.**



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This is a notice of interpretation to the DCMR 12A Supplement of the International Building Code.

DCMR - Section 105.2.9.b: "Replacement in kind" of Roofing and coping may require a Building Permit in accordance with the following:

Recovering Versus Replacement

1. A Building Permit is not required when an area of less than 100 sq. ft. is being re-roofed or repaired and not more than two (2) layers of membrane or asphalt shingles are involved. If the roofing material is part of a Built Up Roof (BUR or torch down) roof system then the manufacture specifications must be followed. No inspection of this work is required, however, all work must meet the requirements of the 2006 International Building (IBC) or Residential Building (IRC) codes and the manufacturers instructions.

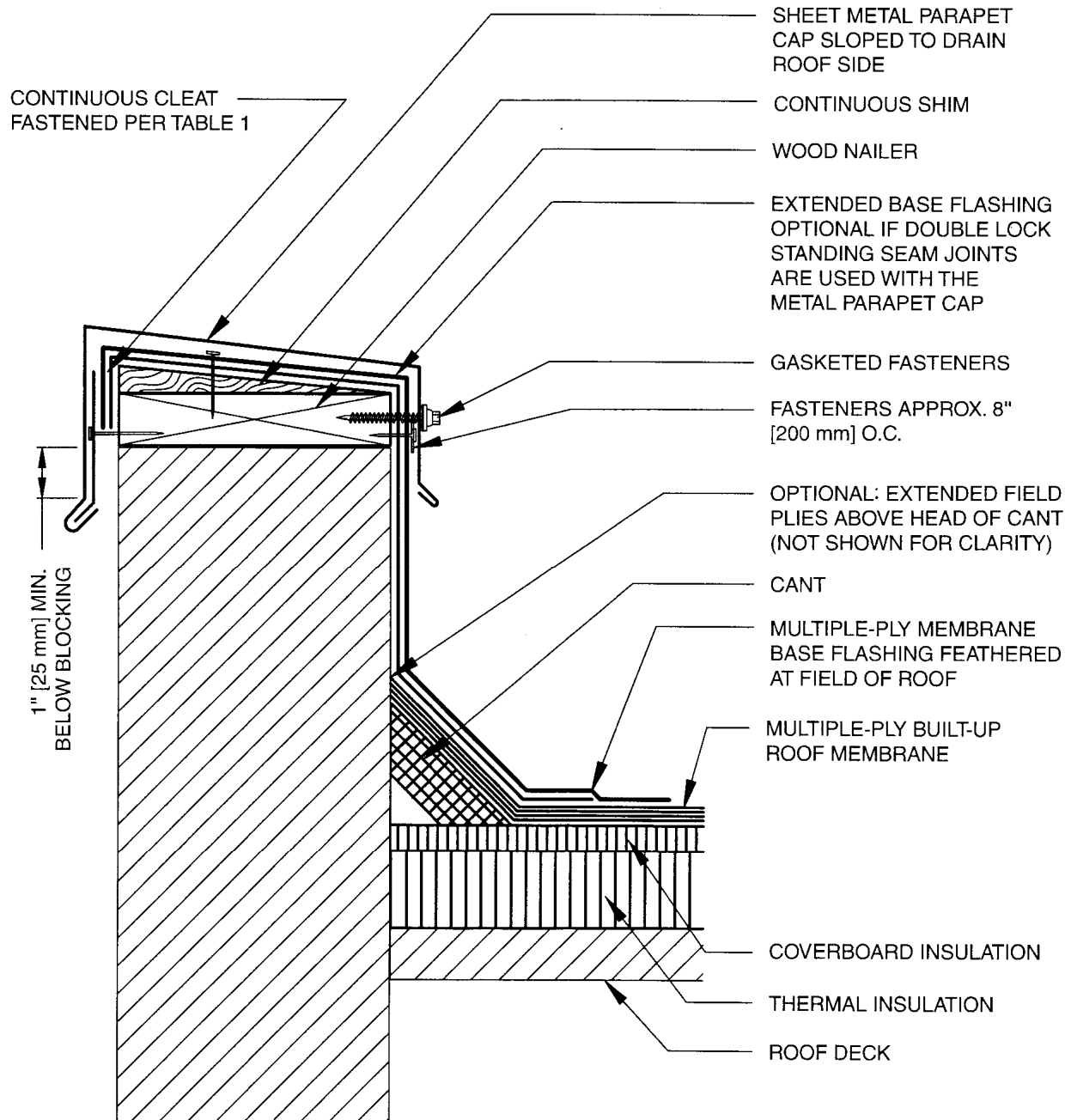
A Permit is required if:

2. Metal flashing is to be removed, repaired or replaced.
3. Re-roofing, roof repairs or replacement is involved and is not exempted by note Number 1.

Note: This notice is clarifying Section 105.2.9.b of the 2006 and 2008 versions of the DCMR 12A supplement to the ICC codes.

NOTE: Refer to the typical details on the pages following.

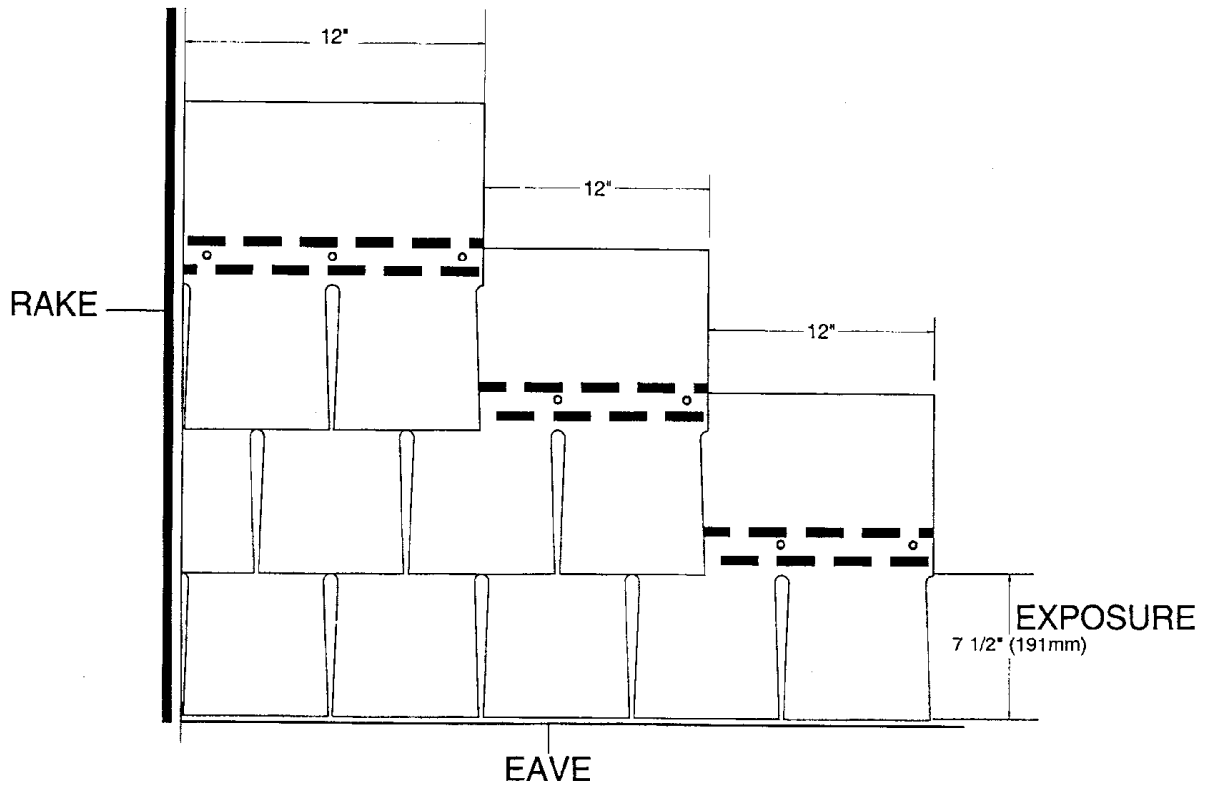
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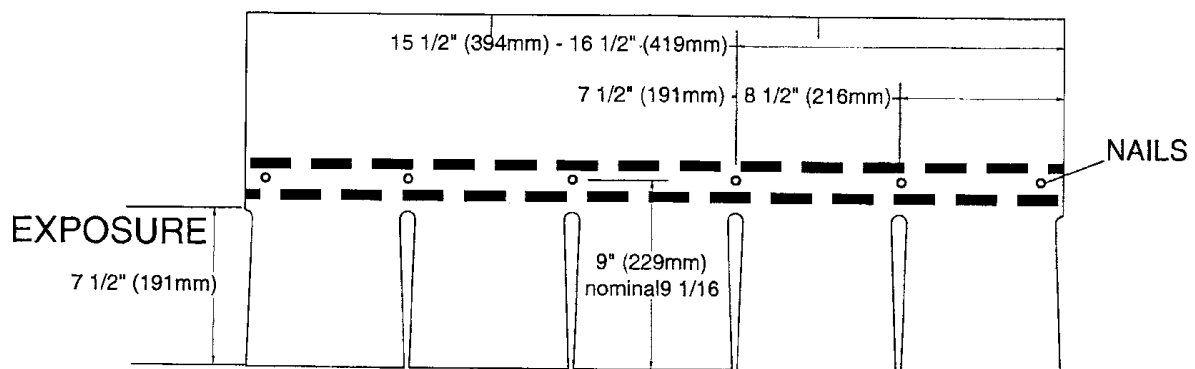
Detail (typical condition): section at edge of roof showing location of sheet metal cap at parapet. This detail assumes a masonry parapet. Refer to the roofing materials manufacturer's specifications for installation with a wood frame parapet.

Typical Details 1.2

DETAIL A



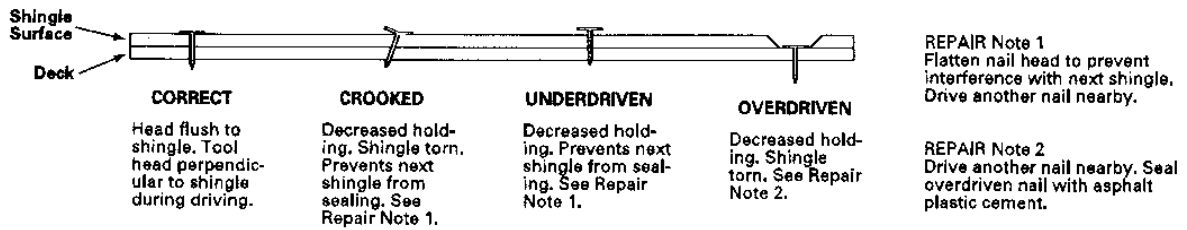
DETAIL B



Nailing Pattern

Details A and B show examples of typical nailing patterns for asphalt shingles during Installation.

Typical Details 1.3



Section Detail showing correct method of driving home roofing nail at shingle surface.