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## Polymeric Shake Tile Roof System

# INSTALLATION GUIDE

This installation guide is written and provided for the use of professional roofing applicators and EcoStar™ Gold Star Authorized Applicators. Contact the technical department for information on warranty availability and the requirements and benefits of the Gold Star program.

**SPECIAL NOTE: Empire Shake™ has been tested and listed with Underwriters Laboratories as a Class A and a Class C roofing material (UL 790). Empire Shake™ has been tested and listed by Underwriters Laboratories as a Class 4 impact resistance product (UL 2218). To maintain the requirements of these tests and their listings the roof system must be installed exactly as stated in this installation guide.**

### WARRANTIES\*

EcoStar warrants this product to be free of manufactured defects at the time of shipment from EcoStar's factory. EcoStar will at its option either supply new product or pay the reasonable cost of replacement products found to be defective hereunder.

**EcoStar's limited warranties are the only warranties extended by EcoStar with respect to its materials. There are no other warranties, including the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. EcoStar specifically disclaims liability for any incidental, consequential, or other damages, including but not limited to, loss of profits or damages to a structure or its contents, arising under any theory of law whatsoever.**

The dollar value of EcoStar's liability and buyer's remedy under this limited warranty shall not exceed the purchase price of the EcoStar material in question.

### SHADE VARIATION

All Empire Shake tiles come with shade variation. EcoStar tiles that have been ordered and supplied to the job site under one **EcoStar sales order number are blended at the factory and do not need to be blended onsite before installation. It is always the responsibility of the applicator to make frequent inspections from the ground or other vantage point to ensure that random shading occurs.** EcoStar will not be held responsible for correcting the appearance of non-random installations. Roofers must inspect the roof frequently to prevent customer dissatisfaction.

NOTE: If EcoStar tiles have been supplied to the job site under two or more EcoStar sales order numbers, all tiles must be blended together on-site before installation. Specific blending instructions can be found at [www.ecostarllc.com](http://www.ecostarllc.com) on the "Resource Library" page. EcoStar will not be held responsible for correcting the appearance of unblended installations.

Natural weathering will produce further shade variations, even in tiles appearing to be identical in color when new.

### TEMPERATURE

Like all roofing materials, EcoStar tiles are subject to thermal contraction and expansion. To ensure that they are installed at their normal dimensions, materials should be installed at temps of 45°F (7°C) or greater. EcoStar considers any installation when ambient temperatures are below 45°F (7°C) to be a "low temperature installation". If tiles have been stored in temperatures below 45°F (7°C), they must be restored to a temperature above 45°F (7°C) before installation. Ambient temperature should be at least 34°F (1°C) and rising. For assistance with low temperature installations, please contact the technical department.

### SUBSTRATE

The tiles should only be installed on a minimum of 15/32" (12 mm) plywood decking, 7/16" (11 mm) OSB or minimum 3/4" (19 mm) tongue and groove decking with end gaps not exceeding 1/4" (6 mm). Contact the technical department for approved alternatives. Under all circumstances, existing roof materials must be removed down to the deck prior to installation.

### SLOPE

The tiles are not recommended for slopes less than 3/12 (14°). If lower slopes are desired, contact the technical department for review. On roof slopes less than 4/12 (18°), the tiles must be installed with a maximum 7" (178 mm) exposure. On roof slopes of 4/12 (18°) or greater, the tiles may be installed with a 7" (178 mm) or 8" (203 mm) exposure. On roof slopes of 6/12 (27°) or greater, tiles may be installed at a 7" (178 mm), 8" (203 mm) or 9" (229 mm) exposure.

### UNDERLAYMENT

**Glacier Guard™** or equal must be applied to all eaves, rake edges, hips, valleys, ridges and protrusions. If a Class C roof system has been specified, cover the remaining exposed deck with **Aqua Guard™** or equal. If a Class A roof has been specified, **GP Gypsum Corporation's DensDeck®** roof board may be used, or **GAF VersaShield®** underlayment, or EcoStar-approved alternate. If VersaShield is used, it must be applied over the entire roof deck after the installation of the **Glacier Guard. Gold Star Warranty\*** requires the use of the above mentioned EcoStar specified products.

### FASTENERS

Stainless steel ring shank roofing nails are recommended for application of the tiles. **Gold Star Warranty\*** application requires the use of **EcoStar Ring Shank Fasteners**. Hand drive and pneumatic coil nails are available.

### FLASHING MATERIAL

EcoStar recommends that flashing be either copper or stainless steel. Flashing metal, however, is not covered by any EcoStar warranty. Like materials should be used when fastening metal flashings.

### SEALANTS

If local codes require the use of a shingle sealant, the only material approved for use with EcoStar tiles is Dow Corning 790 silicone sealant.

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## INSTALLATION STEPS

**Empire Shake** tiles are designed and manufactured to duplicate the look of natural wood shakes.

1. Install **Glacier Guard** in all valleys, eaves, rake edges, hips, ridges and protrusions. **Gold Star Warranty\*** application requires the use of **Glacier Guard**.

2. Install a minimum of 30 lb (13.6 kg) (ASTM D226 Type II or ASTM D4869 Type IV) felt over the remaining area of the deck surface. If a Class C roof is required, the 30 lb (13.6 kg) felt or equal must be UL listed. **Gold Star Warranty\*** application requires the use of **EcoStar Aqua Guard** underlayment for a Class C roof system. If a Class A roof is required, install **GAF VersaShield®** or equivalent over the entire deck including areas already covered by the **Glacier Guard**. **Gold Star Warranty\*** application requires the use of GAF VersaShield, or EcoStar-approved alternate, for a Class A roof system.

3. Install metal edging at eaves and rake edges. Any corrosion resistant metal edging is acceptable. Copper and stainless steel are recommended. It should be noted that EcoStar Warranties do NOT cover metal flashing.

**Note:** When using copper and stainless steel flashing material the appropriate corresponding nails should be used.

4. A critical step is **BENDING**. Every tile that is installed must be bent in a downward arch before applying it to the roof deck. Whatever position the tile is in when fastened to the roof deck, is the position it will maintain. It is recommended that each member of the installation crew be instructed on how to bend the tile to insure that it lies flat when fastened to the roof deck. While grabbing the top of the tile (textured side up) with the right hand and the bottom edge of the tile with the left hand, bend the tile in a downward motion until the tile maintains arch. The tiles must be curved under when installing.

5. Beginning at the eave edge, install a starter row of tiles with two nails per tile (in location shown on tiles). 1 1/2" (38 mm) long stainless steel ring shank roofing nails are recommended. **Gold Star Warranty\*** application requires the use of **EcoStar Ring Shank Fasteners**. Maintain a minimum 3/8" (10 mm) gap between starter tiles.

6. When using pneumatic nailing equipment, frequently check both the depth and pressure setting, so nails are not over driven, causing tiles to lift. Lifted tiles will diminish the aesthetic appearance of the finished roof system. The nail should not dent the tile.

7. The initial layer of tiles becomes the starter row. This layer will be completely covered by the next row to be installed. When installing Empire Shake Plus tiles, Empire Shake tiles must be used for the starter row. When the first course of tile is installed, tiles must be offset to cover the nails from the previous row. A minimum of 3/8" (10 mm) is required between tiles and between tiles and protrusions.

8. **CAUTION:** Do not install the tiles with an upward curl. Whatever position the tile is in when fastened to the roof deck, it will maintain that position. It is required that each member of the installation crew be instructed on how to bend the tile manually to insure that it lies flat when fastened to the roof deck.

9. As the tiles are installed up the roof, the tiles must be cut at rake edges, valleys and protrusions. The tiles can be cut using a straight edge and a utility or roofing knife, but it may be quicker and easier to use a power saw. Any blade designed to cut wood will cut the tiles. Cut the tiles so that the cut will be toward the field of the roof away from the rake edge.

10. As the tiles are installed up the roof slope, it is recommended that lines be snapped horizontally. The horizontal lines will keep the tiles looking straight and uniform. **DO NOT USE RED CHALK. Red chalk will stain the tiles.**

11. **CAUTION:** As the tiles are installed up the slope of the roof, the installation should be constantly checked from the ground to ensure there is no patterning developing and proper blending is occurring. The warranty does NOT cover the aesthetic appearance of the Majestic Slate roof installation. It is the responsibility of the applicator to ensure that color/shading and quality of workmanship meets the aesthetic expectations of the home/building owner.

12. Continue to install the tiles up the roof slope. Be sure to place the nails directly in the position noted on the tiles. Stainless steel ring shank nails are recommended.

**Tiles can be slippery when wet, caution should be exhibited with early morning dew, frost and after rain. EcoStar suggests the use of toe boards, OSHA approved harnesses and safety equipment at all times.**

13. When all tiles have been applied to the roof slopes, the pre-formed Empire Shake Hip & Ridge tiles are applied to all hips and ridges. **Empire Shake Hip & Ridge tiles are always installed with a 6" (152 mm) exposure** with two 2" (51 mm) or 2 1/2" (64 mm) nails per tile. The use of ridge venting systems is highly recommended. Mushroom cap style vents may be used, but ridge venting provides better venting and improves the aesthetic appearance of the roof system. Ridge venting must be installed before installing the Empire Shake Hip & Ridge. When installing over ridge vent, Hip & Ridge tiles are installed with 2 1/2" (64 mm) nails.

14. As work progresses up roof slopes, care should be taken to minimize traffic over completed areas of the roof. The tiles will show any mud or dirt tracked across them. This will cause aesthetic issues with the completed appearance of the roof. It is the responsibility of applicator or building owner to remove this mud or dirt. A mild detergent should be used in combination with a bucket of water to remove the mud or dirt. Clean water can then be used to finish the cleaning process. Do not use any chemicals or solvents without first checking with the EcoStar technical department. **EcoStar is not responsible for the cleaning of any tiles.**

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# Empire Shake & Empire Shake Plus Installation Guide

## PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

This area provides identification of the product and a toll-free contact telephone number for questions or assistance with the product and installation.

## QUALITY INFORMATION

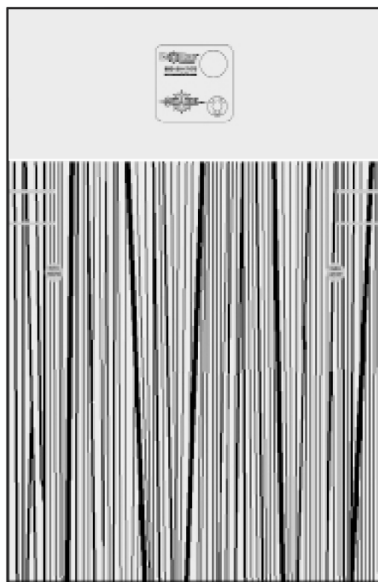
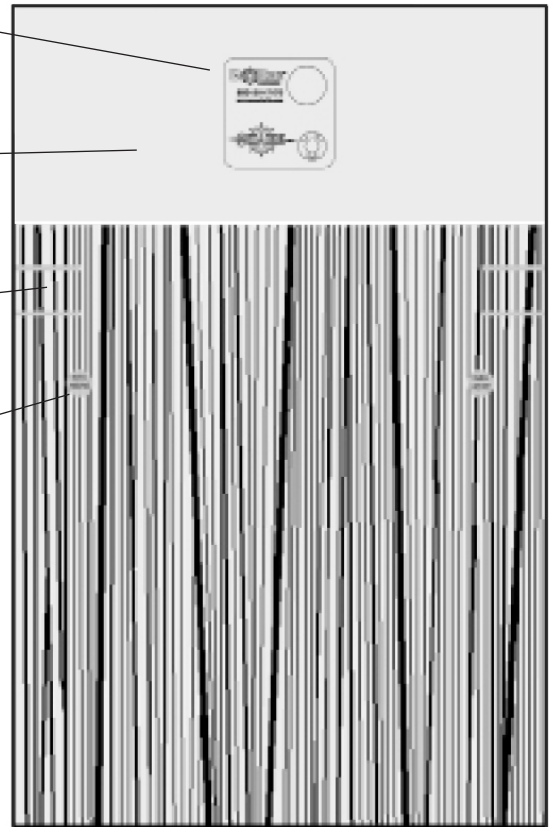
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## INSTALLATION MEASUREMENT

Two marks are molded into every tile. When these marks are placed in alignment with the top edge of the previous row of tiles, proper tile exposure is provided automatically.

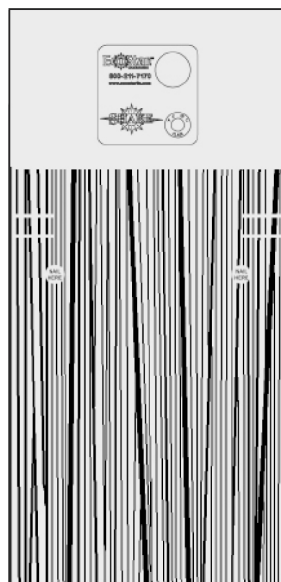
## TILE FASTENING

Molded into each tile is a fastener locator. This assists during installation for proper positioning of the fastener. Each bundle of Empire Shake contains all three sizes of tile in 8 different surface textures. When installing the tiles, care needs to be taken to ensure that no pattern is created by the repetition of tiles.



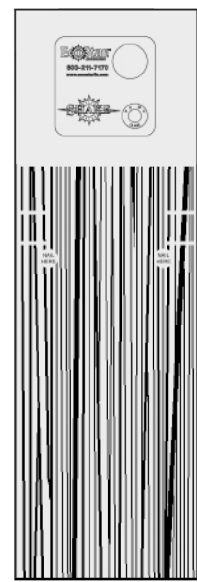
### Empire Shake

12" wide x 20" long x  $\frac{3}{8}$ " nominal  
(305 mm x 508 mm x 10 mm nominal)



### Empire Shake

9" wide x 20" long x  $\frac{3}{8}$ " nominal  
(229 mm x 508 mm x 10 mm nominal)



### Empire Shake

6" wide x 20" long x  $\frac{3}{8}$ " nominal  
(152 mm x 508 mm x 10 mm nominal)

### Empire Shake Plus

12" wide x 20" long x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " nominal  
(305 mm x 508 mm x 19 mm nominal)

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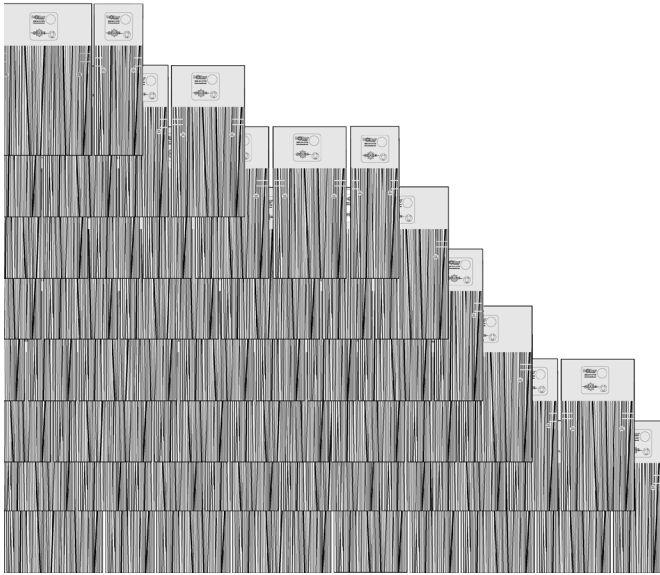
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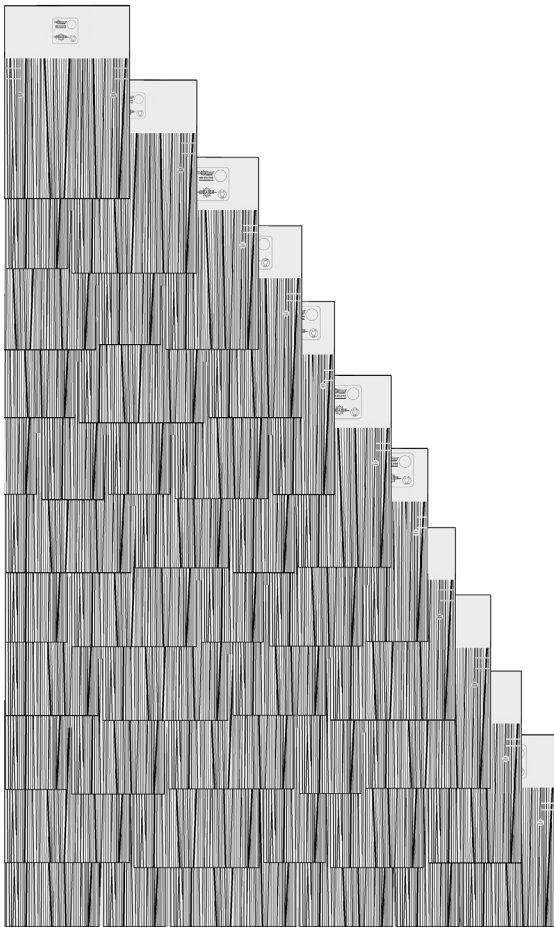
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## Standard Installation

This drawing depicts Empire Shake tiles installed in the standard method. This method places the bottom of each tile in a straight line. This method sometimes uses straight edges to maintain the line. Use this method of installation when a contemporary look is required.



## Staggered Installation

This drawing depicts Empire Shake tiles installed in the staggered method, which allows each tile to be slightly higher or lower, never more than 1" (25.4 mm), than the tile next to it. The difference between each tile determines how rough the overall look of the roof will be upon completion. Varied exposure of each tile provides a more random look and sometimes is considered a more traditional look.

## Aspen Blend

Mixing of Empire Shake and Empire Shake Plus can be done to create a more three-dimensional look called Aspen Blend.



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