



# DensDeck<sup>®</sup>

Roof Boards

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**DensDeck<sup>®</sup> Prime**  
**DensDeck<sup>®</sup> DuraGuard**

## Overview of Products

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### Over 20 Years of DensDeck® Roof Boards – Proven Performance

With billions of square feet installed in a complete range of roofing systems and climate extremes, DensDeck Roof Boards have proven their toughness and versatility. The unique construction has been shown to withstand delamination, deterioration, warping and job site damage far more effectively than paper-faced gypsum board and other conventional roofing products such as wood fiberboard and perlite.

- Treated gypsum core for moisture resistance and sound insulation
- Fire, rot and hail resistant
- Holds up well under normal foot traffic while stiffening and stabilizing roof decks
- Easy to install in all types of roof systems
- Ideal product for direct membrane application

**DensDeck®** is designed to address four persistent challenges inherent in commercial roofing assemblies: fire resistance, moisture resistance, strength and dimensional stability. DensDeck is a patented fiberglass mat-faced, noncombustible,\* nonstructural, moisture-resistant treated gypsum core panel.

**DensDeck® Prime** combines all the features of standard DensDeck with an enhanced surface treatment. The green surface coating allows uniform spreading of adhesives, which results in a stronger, more consistent bond. For cold mastic and torch applied modified bitumen as well as all fully adhered single-ply systems, DensDeck Prime provides a stronger, more economical installation by reducing the amount of mastic or adhesive, potentially eliminating the field primer\*\* and reducing the number of fasteners required to achieve high wind uplift values.

**DensDeck® DuraGuard** provides a durable low perm, integrated coating with all the features of DensDeck Roof Board. Additionally, the DuraGuard coating provides an ideal substrate for a wide variety of adhered roofing systems, including self-adhered and hot-mopped membranes. Field primer that is typically used to prepare the substrates for self-adhesive membranes may be eliminated by using DensDeck DuraGuard.\*\* Also, DensDeck DuraGuard roof boards may be used as a substrate under commercial metal and roof tile applications as a substrate for self-adhesive secondary water barriers.

### Georgia-Pacific Gypsum Products and LEED®

Many of our products may qualify to contribute to earning LEED® points through the USGBC's Green Building Rating System for *New Construction & Major Renovations v 3* and other current LEED building standards. With 12 manufacturing plants in the United States and Canada, in many instances we are able to support Regional Materials credits. To determine the Georgia-Pacific Gypsum plant source, see the SMDS for DensDeck at [www.gpgypsum.com](http://www.gpgypsum.com) and you may qualify for points in the following LEED categories:

#### Materials and Resources

- Recycled Content Credits 4
- Regional Materials Credits 5

#### Innovation in Design Credit

- When tested, as manufactured, product scored a 10 (the highest score) for resistance to growth of mold pursuant to the test method ASTM D 3273

#### LEED for Schools

#### Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ)

- Mold Prevention – Credit 10

\*As described and tested in accordance with ASTM E 136.

\*\*Consult with membrane manufacturer for actual priming requirements.

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## Areas of Use

**Public and government buildings** – Improved fire resistance protects the safety of occupants.

**Health care facilities** – Fire resistance and reduced potential for mold growth are important in these settings.

**Major airports** – Improved fire and sound isolation contribute to the comfort and safety of travelers.

**National retail chains** – Improved hail resistance means less damage and lower maintenance bills for owners and managers.

**Manufacturing facilities** – Superior fire resistance for long-term performance.

**Churches** – Superior fire resistance ensures peace of mind where safety is critical.

**Sports arenas** – Improved strength and fire resistance contribute to safety of visitors.

**Food processing plants** – Mold and moisture resistance make for a better indoor air environment.

**Coastal communities** – High wind uplift resistance provides protection from severe weather conditions.

**Green applications** – Added protection and support for Photovoltaic (PV), Vegetative and Reflective Cool Roofs.

DensDeck® Roof Boards are an excellent fire barrier over steel decks and combustible roof decks. Roofing specifications for steel deck installations often require a fire barrier as the component applied above the metal. This element controls and limits the amount of fuel contributed to a fire beneath the roof.

Factory Mutual (FM) Class 1 minimum-tested 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board is the only 1/4" (6.4 mm) gypsum product that meets the calorimeter requirements for insulated steel decks including EPS and XEPS products. DensDeck panels are an excellent fire barrier in built-up, modified bitumen and single-ply roofing systems.

DensDeck, DensDeck® Prime and DensDeck® DuraGuard Roof Boards have achieved a very comprehensive Class A (UL 790) fire rating at Underwriters Laboratories and FM Approvals (ASTM E 108) due to their outstanding fire resistance.

- ASTM E 84 with DensDeck and DensDeck Prime Roof Boards: Flame Spread 0, Smoke Developed 0
- ASTM E 119 with 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck® Fireguard® roof board: UL Classified Type DD
- Due to the outstanding fire performance of 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck® Fireguard® Roof Board, this product can replace any classified or unclassified 5/8" (15.9 mm) gypsum board in an assembly in the UL Fire Resistance Directory under the prefix "P," including: P225, P227, P230, P235, P254, P257, P259, P266, P302, P508, P510, P512, P514, P518, P701, P711, P713, P714, P717, P718, P719, P720, P722, P725, P726, P727, P728, P729, P730, P731, P732, P733, P734, P735, P736, P738, P739, P740, P741, P742, P743, P801, P811, P815, P819, P824, P825, P826, P828, P921\* and in the ULC Fire Resistance Directory under the prefix "R" including: R210, R217, R221, R222, R223, R224, R225, R702, R703, R804, R805, R806
- ANSI/UL 1256 Steiner Tunnel "Fire Classified Construction," a code-accepted alternative to a 15-minute thermal barrier for roof assemblies utilizing a minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board (see page 12 for illustration)

\*For additional information on P921, call the Technical Service Hotline.



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## Properties, Standards and Classifications

### DensDeck® Roof Board

Properties	1/4" (6.4 mm)	1/2" (12.7 mm)	5/8" (15.9 mm)
Thickness, nominal	1/4" (6.4 mm) + 1/16" (1.6 mm)	1/2" (12.7 mm) ± 1/32" (.8 mm)	5/8" (15.9 mm) ± 1/32" (.8 mm)
Width, standard	4' (1219 mm) ± 1/8" (3 mm)	4' (1219 mm) ± 1/8" (3 mm)	4' (1219 mm) ± 1/8" (3 mm)
Length, standard	8' (2438 mm) ± 1/4" (6.4 mm)	8' (2438 mm) ± 1/4" (6.4 mm)	8' (2438 mm) ± 1/4" (6.4 mm)
Weight, lbs./sq. ft., nominal	1.1 - 1.2	1.95	2.5
Surfacing	Fiberglass mat	Fiberglass mat	Fiberglass mat
Flexural Strength <sup>1</sup> , parallel, lbs. min.	40	80	100
Flute Spanability <sup>2</sup>	2-5/8" (66.67 mm)	5" (127 mm)	8" (203.2 mm)
Permeance <sup>3</sup> , Perms	50	35	32
"R" Value <sup>4</sup>	.28	.56	.67
Linear Variation with Change in Temp., in/in °F	8.5x10 <sup>-6</sup>	8.5x10 <sup>-6</sup>	8.5x10 <sup>-6</sup>
Linear Variation with Change in Moisture, in/in %RH	6.25x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.25x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.25x10 <sup>-6</sup>
Water Absorption <sup>5</sup> , % max	10.0	10.0	10.0
Compressive Strength, psi nominal	500 - 900	500 - 900	500 - 900
Surface Water Absorption, grams, nominal	≤2.5	≤2.5	≤2.5
Flame Spread, Smoke Developed (ASTM E 84)	0/0	0/0	0/0
Fire Classification	FM CLASS 1 (as overlayment) UL 1256, ULC S-126 UL Class A (UL 790) ULC S-107	FM Class 1 (FM 4450) UL 1256, ULC S-126 UL Class A (UL 790) ULC S-107	FM Class 1 (FM 4450) UL 1256, ULC S-126 UL Classified "P" assemblies ULC Classified "R" assemblies ULC S-101 Class A (UL 790), ULC S-107
Mold Resistance per ASTM D 3273 <sup>6</sup>	10 (Highest Score)	10 (Highest Score)	10 (Highest Score)
ASTM Standard	C 1177	C 1177	C 1177
Uplift Standards and Testing <sup>7</sup>	ANSI/UL 1897 ASCE 7 FM 4470	ANSI/UL 1897 ASCE 7 FM 4470	ANSI/UL 1897 ASCE 7 FM 4470
Bending Radius	5' (1524 mm)	8' (2438 mm)	12' (3658 mm)

### DensDeck® Prime Roof Board

Properties	1/4" (6.4 mm)	1/2" (12.7 mm)	5/8" (15.9 mm)
Thickness, nominal	1/4" (6.4 mm) + 1/16" (1.6 mm)	1/2" (12.7 mm) ± 1/32" (.8 mm)	5/8" (15.9 mm) ± 1/32" (.8 mm)
Width, standard	4' (1219 mm) ± 1/8" (3 mm)	4' (1219 mm) ± 1/8" (3 mm)	4' (1219 mm) ± 1/8" (3 mm)
Length, standard	4' (1219 mm) & 8' (2438 mm) ± 1/4" (6.4 mm)	4' (1219 mm) & 8' (2438 mm) ± 1/4" (6.4 mm)	4' (1219 mm) & 8' (2438 mm) ± 1/4" (6.4 mm)
Weight, lbs./sq. ft., nominal	1.15 - 1.25	1.975	2.55
Surfacing	Fiberglass mat non-asphaltic coating	Fiberglass mat with non-asphaltic coating	Fiberglass mat with non-asphaltic coating
Flexural Strength <sup>1</sup> , parallel, lbs. min.	40	80	100
Flute Spanability <sup>2</sup>	2-5/8" (66.7 mm)	5" (127 mm)	8" (203 mm)
Permeance <sup>3</sup> , Perms	50	35	32
"R" Value <sup>4</sup>	.28	.56	.67
Linear Variation with Change in Temp., in/in °F	8.5x10 <sup>-6</sup>	8.5x10 <sup>-6</sup>	8.5x10 <sup>-6</sup>
Linear Variation with Change in Moisture, in/in %RH	6.25x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.25x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.25x10 <sup>-6</sup>
Water Absorption <sup>5</sup> , % max	10.0	10.0	10.0
Compressive Strength, psi nominal	500 - 900	500 - 900	500 - 900
Surface Water Absorption, grams, nominal	≤2.0	≤2.0	≤2.0
Flame Spread, Smoke Developed (ASTM E 84)	0/0	0/0	0/0
Fire Classification	FM CLASS 1 (as overlayment) UL 1256, ULC S-126 UL Class A (UL 790) ULC S-107	FM Class 1 (FM 4450) UL 1256, ULC S-126 UL Class A (UL 790) ULC S-107	FM Class 1 (FM 4450) UL 1256, ULC S-126 Class A (UL 790) ULC S-107
Mold Resistance per ASTM D 3273 <sup>6</sup>	10 (Highest Score)	10 (Highest Score)	10 (Highest Score)
ASTM Standard	C 1177	C 1177	C 1177
Uplift Standards and Testing <sup>7</sup>	ANSI/UL 1897 ASCE 7 FM 4470	ANSI/UL 1897 ASCE 7 FM 4470	ANSI/UL 1897 ASCE 7 FM 4470
Bending Radius	5' (1524 mm)	8' (2438 mm)	12' (3658 mm)

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## Properties, Standards and Classifications *continued*

### DensDeck® DuraGuard Roof Board

Properties	1/4" (6.4 mm)	1/2" (12.7 mm)	5/8" (15.9 mm)
Thickness, nominal	1/4" (6.4 mm) + 1/16" (1.6 mm)	1/2" (12.7 mm) ± 1/32" (.8 mm)	5/8" (15.9 mm) ± 1/32" (.8 mm)
Width, standard	4' (1219 mm) ± 1/8" (3 mm)	4' (1219 mm) ± 1/8" (3 mm)	4' (1219 mm) ± 1/8" (3 mm)
Length, standard	4' (1219 mm) and 8' (2438 mm) ± 1/4" (6.4 mm)	4' (1219 mm) and 8' (2438 mm) ± 1/4" (6.4 mm)	4' (1219 mm) and 8' (2438 mm) ± 1/4" (6.4 mm)
Weight, lbs./sq. ft., nominal	1.5 - 1.575	2.0	2.5
Surfacing	Fiberglass mat Durable, low perm coating	Fiberglass mat Durable, low perm coating	Fiberglass mat Durable, low perm coating
Flexural Strength <sup>1</sup> , parallel, lbs. min.	40	80	100
Flute Spanability <sup>2</sup>	2-5/8" (66.67 mm)	5" (127 mm)	8" (203 mm)
Permeance <sup>3</sup> , perms	≤10	≤10	≤10
"R" Value <sup>4</sup>	.28	.56	.67
Linear Variation with Change in Temp., in/in °F	8.5x10 <sup>-6</sup>	8.5x10 <sup>-6</sup>	8.5x10 <sup>-6</sup>
Linear Variation with Change in Moisture, in/in %RH	6.25x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.25x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.25x10 <sup>-6</sup>
Water Absorption <sup>5</sup> , % max	10.0	10.0	10.0
Compressive Strength, psi nominal	1500	500 - 900	500 - 900
Surface Water Absorption, grams, nominal	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
Flame Spread, Smoke Developed (ASTM E 84)	15/0	15/0	15/0
Fire Classification	FM Class 1 (as overlayment)	FM Class 1 (as overlayment)	FM Class 1 (as overlayment)
	UL 1256, ULC S-126	UL 1256, ULC S-126	UL 1256, ULC S-126
	UL Class A (UL 790)	UL Class A (UL 790)	Class A (UL 790)
	ULC S-107	ULC S-107	ULC S-107
Mold Resistance per ASTM D 3273 <sup>6</sup>	10 (Highest Score)	10 (Highest Score)	10 (Highest Score)
Bending Radius	8' (2438 mm)	12' (3658 mm)	16' (4877 mm)
ASTM Standard	C 1177	C 1177	C 1177
Uplift Standards and Testing <sup>7</sup>	ANSI/UL 1897 ASCE 7 FM 4470	ANSI/UL 1897 ASCE 7 FM 4470	ANSI/UL 1897 ASCE 7 FM 4470

1. Tested in accordance with ASTM C 473.

2. Tested in accordance with ASTM E 661 (400 lb. conc. load only for 1/2" (12.7 mm) and 5/8" (15.9 mm)).

3. Tested in accordance with ASTM E-96 (dry cup method).

4. Tested in accordance with ASTM C 518 (heat flow meter).

5. ASTM C 1177 minimums.

6. See "Mold Resistance" below.

7. See pages 13 and 14 for uplift pressures achieved.

**MOLD RESISTANCE.** The mold resistance of DensDeck® Roof Boards has been tested, as manufactured, in accordance with ASTM D 3273. The ASTM D 3273 test is a 4-week controlled laboratory test. The mold resistance of any building product when used in actual job site conditions may not produce the same results as were achieved in the controlled, laboratory setting. No material can be considered mold proof. When properly used with good design, handling and construction practices, DensDeck Roof Boards provide increased mold resistance.

## Roof System Application Recommendations

Roofing System	DensDeck® Roof Boards	DensDeck® Prime Roof Boards	DensDeck® DuraGuard Roof Boards
<b>Single Ply Mech Attached</b>	<b>Recommended</b> , has all the properties needed to perform well and maintains long-term fire resistance*	<b>Acceptable</b> , as an alternative to DensDeck Roof Boards and maintains long-term fire resistance*	<b>Acceptable, caution</b> – may create a “double vapor retarder” situation; consult design authority
<b>Single Ply Adhered (solvent)</b>	<b>Acceptable</b> , may require more adhesive and may result in uneven drying	<b>Recommended</b> , controlled absorption and breathable surface resists adhesive blisters	<b>Acceptable</b> , but certain adhesives may not dry quickly and may cause solvent vapor blisters
<b>Single Ply Adhered (water-based)</b>	<b>Acceptable</b> , excess adhesive use and absorption may cause uneven drying	<b>Recommended</b> , controlled absorption and ability to dry to the inside	<b>Acceptable</b> , adhesives may take longer to dry through the low perm coating
<b>Mod Bit Torched</b>	<b>Acceptable</b> , but the fiberglass facings may carbonize and turn to a powder, creating a bond breaker	<b>Recommended</b> , works very well without having to field prime***	<b>Acceptable</b> , has been used successfully; coating may blister under extended direct flame
<b>Mod Bit Cold</b>	<b>Acceptable</b> , field primer may be required to control the absorption***	<b>Recommended</b> , controlled absorption and drying of mastic	<b>Acceptable</b> , solvents in mastic may take longer to dry through the low perm coating
<b>Mod Bit Mopped</b>	<b>Acceptable</b> , has a long history, can work but may require field priming and some application temperature guidelines may have to be followed	<b>Recommended</b> , some application temperature guidelines and procedures may have to be followed**	<b>Recommended</b> , the gypsum is isolated from the hot asphalt by the low perm coating minimizing the effects of substrate frothing**
<b>BUR Ply Sheets</b>	<b>Acceptable</b> , has a long history of performing well by following application temperature guidelines	<b>Recommended</b> , can work well by following application temperature guidelines**	<b>Recommended</b> , the gypsum is isolated from the hot asphalt by the low perm coating minimizing the effects of substrate frothing**
<b>BUR Hybrid</b>	<b>Acceptable</b> , has a long history of performing well by following application temperature guidelines	<b>Recommended</b> , can work well by following application temperature guidelines**	<b>Recommended</b> , the gypsum is isolated from the hot asphalt by the low perm coating minimizing the effects of substrate frothing**
<b>Self Adhered</b>	<b>Acceptable</b> , must be field primed prior to installation of membrane	<b>Acceptable</b> , field priming recommended prior to installation of membrane	<b>Recommended</b> , high strength surface and integral coating, does not require field priming***
<b>Spray Foam</b>	<b>Acceptable</b> , can work well but excess absorption of foam may be an issue; may require field priming	<b>Recommended</b> , dark surface increases foam yield and controlled absorption	<b>Acceptable</b> , darker surface increases foam yield
<b>Thermal Barrier</b>	<b>Recommended</b> , has a long history; if bonded vapor retarder is installed, choose DensDeck Prime or DensDeck DuraGuard roof board for self adhesive	<b>Acceptable</b> , works well if bonded vapor retarder is used	<b>Acceptable</b> , works well if bonded vapor retarder is used; do not use if vapor retarder is not desired
<b>Fluid Applied</b>	<b>Acceptable</b> , works well but may absorb more coating; rough surface “grabs” coating for high applied coating peel strength	<b>Acceptable</b> , works well and controls absorption of fluid applied coating	<b>Recommended</b> , controlled absorption and high strength surface

\* NRCA and MRCA Fire Testing of Membrane Roof Systems, Tech Bulletin January 2006.

\*\* Acceptable for adhering to insulation by ribbon or spot mopping or for DensDeck Roof Board in mechanically attached systems.  
**Flood mopping the board to a substrate followed by a flood mopping of the membrane is not recommended.**

\*\*\* Confirm with membrane manufacturer.

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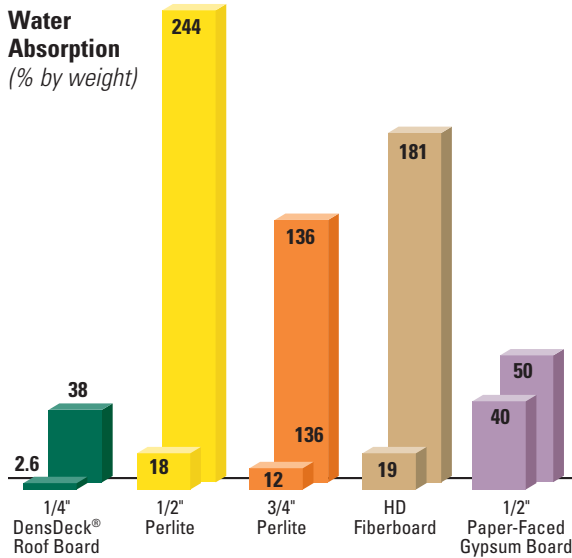
## System Manufacturers Approvals

This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of companies that approve the use of DensDeck® Roof Boards.

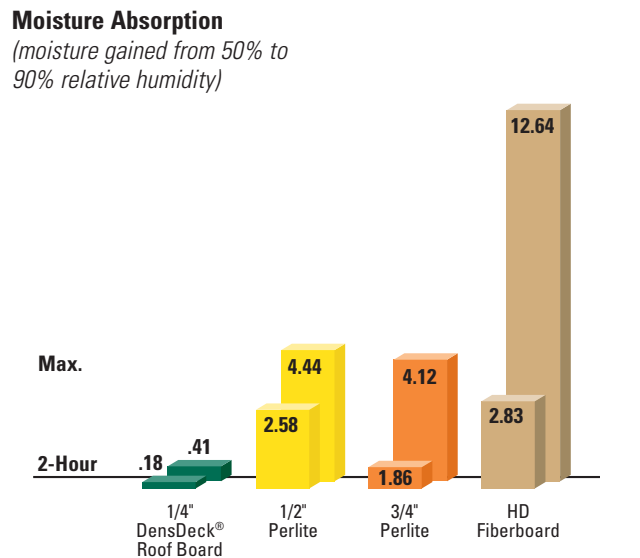
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Atlas Roofing Corp.	Custom Seal Inc.	GAF Materials Corp.	Malarkey Roofing Co.	2001 Inc.
BASF Corp.	Dow Chemical	GenFlex Roofing Systems	Mule-Hide Products	Tamko Roofing
Bitec Inc.	Dow Roofing Systems	GS Roofing Products	Performance Roof Systems	Thermo Mfg. Co.
Bluestone Inc.	Duro-Last Roofing Inc.	Henry Co.	Pittsburgh Corning Corp.	Tremco Inc.
Bondcote Corp.	Ecology Roof Systems	Hydro Stop Inc.	Polyglass USA	Tri Ply
Burkeline Roofing Systems	Environmental Roofing Systems	Hyload Inc.	Republic Powdered Metals	US Ply
Carlisle SynTec Inc.	ER Systems	IB Roof Systems	Sika-Sarnafil Inc.	Versico Inc.
Celotex Corp.	E S Products Inc.	Imperial Adhesives	Seaman Corp. Building Systems	
Centimark Corp.	Eurecoats	Intec/Permaglas	Siplast Inc.	
Certainteed Corp.	Fields Corp.	Johns Manville	Soprema Inc.	
Commercial Innovations	Firestone Building Products Co.	Koppers Inc.	SPI Inc.	
Conklin Co. Inc.	Flex Membrane International	Lexcan Industrial Supply Ltd.	Stafast Roofing Products	

## Competitive Roof Substrate Comparisons\*

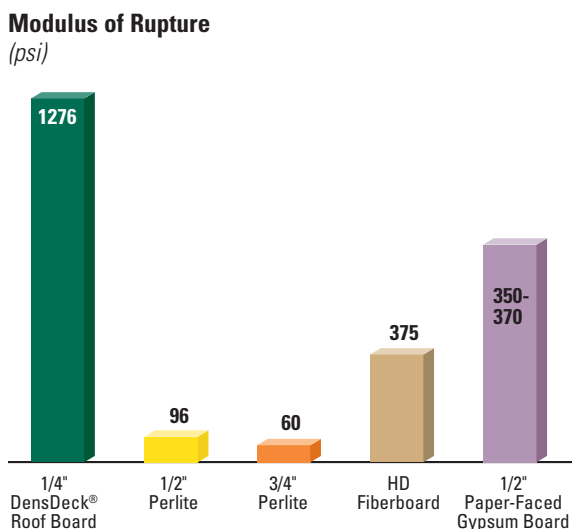
**Water Absorption**  
(% by weight)



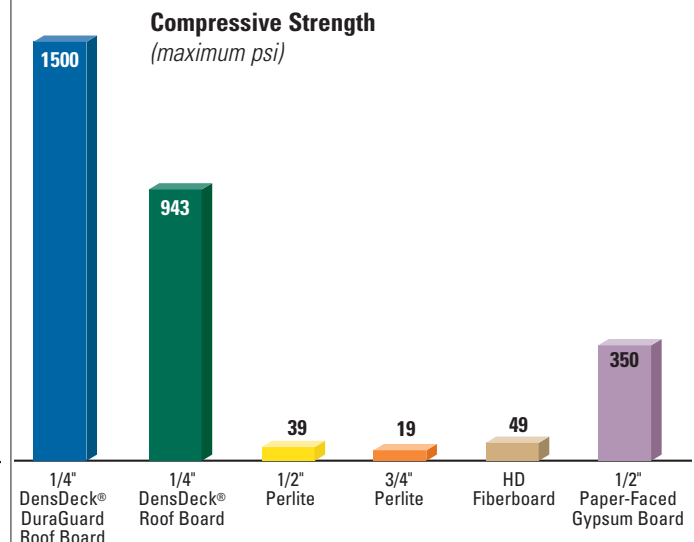
**Moisture Absorption**  
(moisture gained from 50% to 90% relative humidity)



**Modulus of Rupture**  
(psi)



**Compressive Strength**  
(maximum psi)

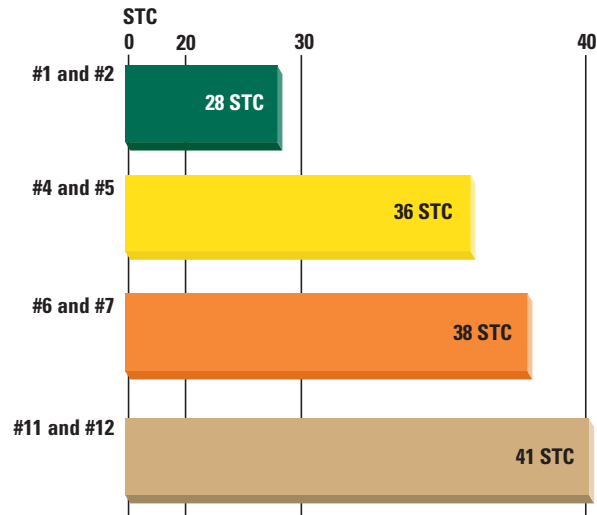
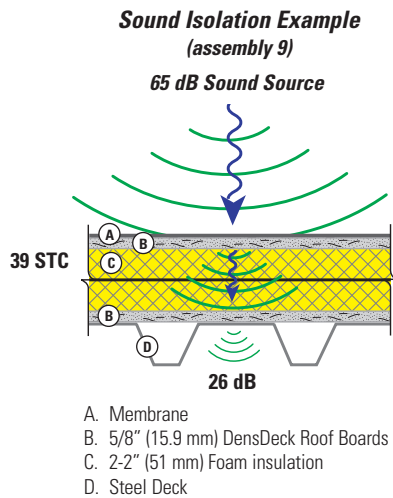


\*Actual test results from stock materials. Average or minimum values may differ.

## Sound Control

To block unwanted entry of sound through a roof assembly, multiple layers of DensDeck® Roof Boards will efficiently keep outside sound outside. Whether around airports, in urban environments or to keep equipment noise from disrupting the occupants of a building, DensDeck can effectively contribute to sound isolation. The test results in the following charts allow the designer to select the appropriate assembly.

Sound Transmission Class (STC), measured in decibels, is the weighted average of the drop in sound intensity measured in a range of frequencies from 80 to 5,000 Hz across a barrier. The sound level outside is reduced by the STC number and if the result is close to or below the background, interior sound level, it will not be heard or will not be disruptive.



*The data relating to sound-tested assemblies is based on the characteristics, properties and performance of materials and systems obtained under controlled test conditions as set forth under ASTM E 90 and E 413.*

Sound Source	Decibels
Jet take-off, rock concert	120
Chainsaw	110
Lawn mower, truck, tractor	90
Freeway traffic	70
Office (background)	40-50

### Sound Testing of Steel Deck Roof Assemblies Tested per ASTM E-90, Rated per ASTM E-413 for STC

STC	Underlayment	Insulation	Coverboard	Membrane	System Attachment
1	None	6" (152 mm) ISO	None	None	Mechanical
2	None	3" (76 mm) ISO	None	None	Mechanical
3	None	6" (152 mm) EPS (Extruded)	None	None	Mechanical
4	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck® Roof Board	3" (76 mm) ISO	1/2" (12.7 mm) DensDeck® Prime Roof Board	EPDM	Mechanical/EPDM-Adh.
5	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Board	3" (76 mm) ISO	1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board	EPDM	Mechanical/EPDM-Adh.
6	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Board	3" (76 mm) ISO	1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board	EPDM	All components adhered
7	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Board	8" (203 mm) ISO	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board	None	Mechanical
8	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Board	8" (203 mm) ISO	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board	None	All components
9	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Board	4" (101.6 mm) ISO	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board	SBS Mod Bit	Mechanical/ Mod Bit-Torched
10	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Board	6" (152 mm) ISO	Two: 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Board 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board	None	Mechanical
11	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Board	6" (152 mm) ISO 1/2" (12.7 mm) HD Fiberboard	One: 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board	None	Mechanical
12	5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Board	6" (152 mm) EPS (Extruded)	Two: 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Board 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board	None	Mechanical

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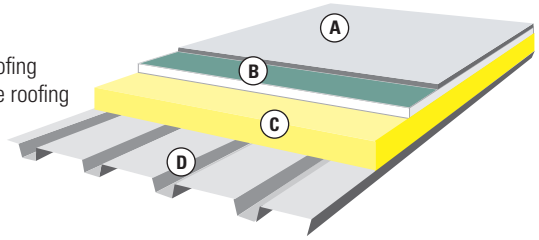
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## Applications

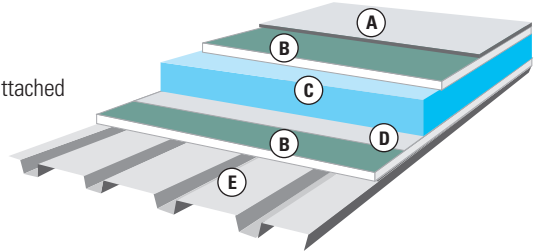
### Cover Board – DensDeck® Prime preferred for adhered membrane. DensDeck preferred for mechanically attached membrane.

- A. Membrane
- B. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck® Roof Boards placed directly below the roofing membrane. In this application the product provides the primary support for the roofing membrane and protects insulation. DensDeck Roof Board may help achieve a Class A, B, or C (UL 790) fire rating in conjunction with various membranes.
- C. Rigid Foam Insulation
- D. Any Structural Deck



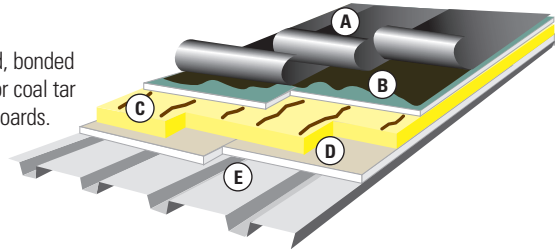
### Substrate for Vapor Retarders – DensDeck Prime preferred.

- A. Membrane
- B. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards fastened to deck. Membrane attached with cold mastics, hot asphalt or adhesives.
- C. Rigid Foam Insulation
- D. Vapor Retarder
- E. Metal Deck



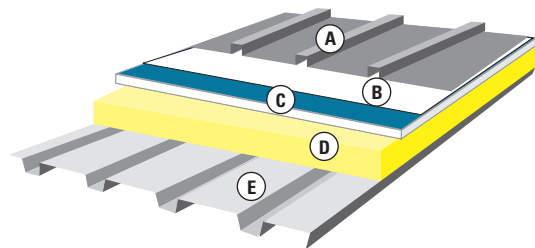
### Ribbon/Spot Mopping – DensDeck Prime preferred.

- A. Asphaltic Membrane
- B. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards may be mechanically fastened, bonded with mastic or adhesives or partially hot mopped to foam insulation. Asphalt or coal tar built-up roofing systems may then be mopped directly to the DensDeck Roof Boards.
- Ribbon or spot mopping is the recommended application.**
- C. Rigid Insulation
- D. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board
- E. Any Structural Deck



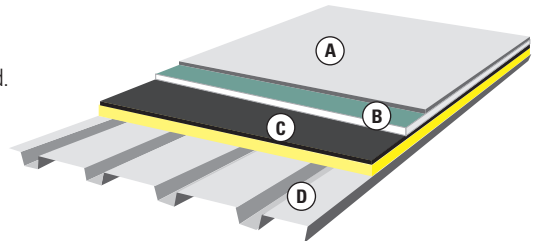
### Metal Roof Thermal Barrier – DensDeck® DuraGuard preferred.

- A. Standing Seam Metal Roof
- B. Secondary Water Barrier
- C. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards provides a thermal barrier in conjunction with a standing-seam metal or tile roofing system while providing support for hail resistance and noise reduction.
- D. Insulation (optional)
- E. Metal Deck



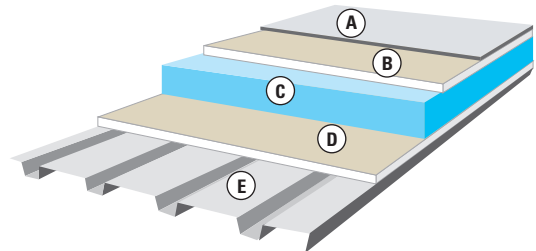
### Roof Recover Board – DensDeck Prime preferred for adhered systems.

- A. Membrane (various)
- B. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards utilized as a roof recover board. Recover boards are placed over the existing membrane surface where they function as a separator and support layer between the old roof and a new roofing membrane.
- C. Existing Roof Assembly
- D. Any Structural Deck



### Thermal Barrier

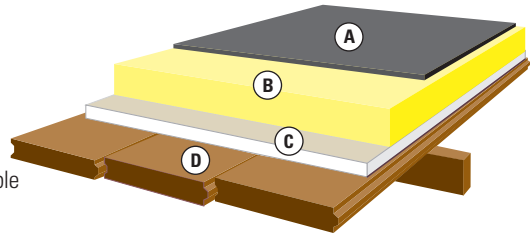
- A. Membrane
- B. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck cover board
- C. Polystyrene Insulation
- D. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards provide a thermal barrier installed directly to metal deck for both expanded and extruded polystyrene insulation.
- E. Metal Deck



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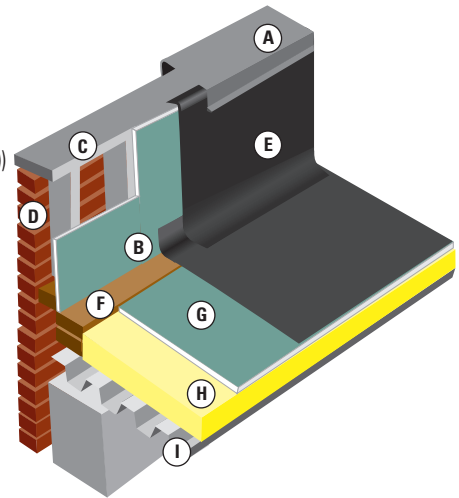
### Fire Barrier Underlayment

- A. Classified Membrane
- B. Rigid Foam Insulation (optional)
- C. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck® or DensDeck® Prime Roof Board used as a barrier board underlayment below optional rigid foam insulation on a combustible deck (wood) to achieve a Class A, B or C fire rating (UL 790).
- D. Wood Deck



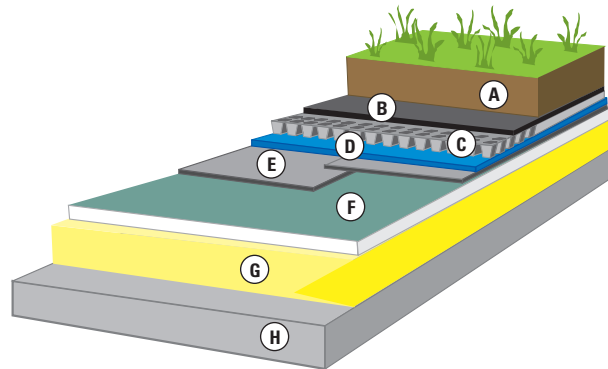
### Parapet Wall Substrate – DensDeck Prime Roof Board preferred.

- A. Wall Cap
- B. Minimum 1/2" (12.7 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Boards fastened 8" (203 mm) o.c. to wood or metal framing. 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards may be used for fully supported or adhered applications. (16" (406 mm) o.c. = 1/2" (12.7 mm); 24" (610 mm) o.c. = 5/8" (15.9 mm))
- C. Parapet Wall Framing
- D. Exterior Finish
- E. Adhered Flashing Membrane
- F. Nailer
- G. DensDeck or DensDeck Prime Roof Board
- H. Rigid Foam Insulation
- I. Any Structural Deck



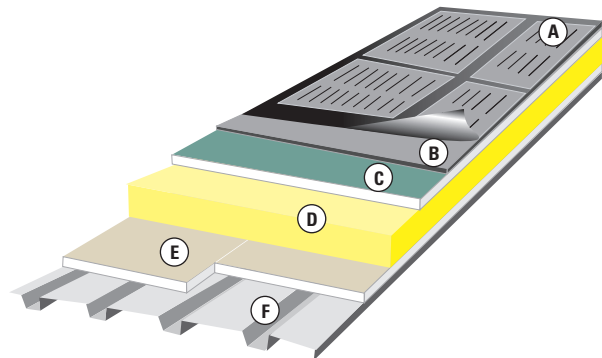
### Vegetative "Green" Roof

- A. Growing Medium and Plants
- B. Moisture Retention Mat
- C. Drainage Layer
- D. Protection Fabric/Root Barrier
- E. Waterproofing Membrane
- F. Minimum 1/2" (12.7 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board
- G. Insulation
- H. Various Structural Decks



### Photovoltaic Roofing System

- A. PV Panels
- B. Roofing Membrane
- C. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board
- D. Insulation
- E. DensDeck (optional)
- F. Any Structural Deck



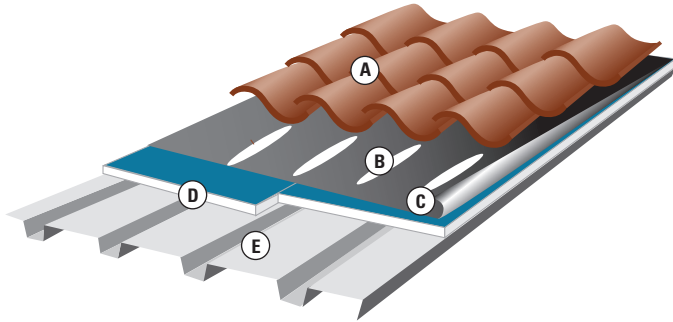
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## Foam Adhered Roof Tile

### Foam Adhered Tile

- A. Cement or Clay Tile
- B. Foam
- C. Self-Adhesive Secondary Water Barrier
- D. DensDeck® DuraGuard
- E. Steel Deck



## Static Uplift Testing: Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck® DuraGuard – Foam Adhered Roof Tile to Membrane (All 22-gauge steel deck)

In response to a growing construction practice of adhesive application of roof tile on commercial roofs, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum sponsored a series of critical static uplift testing in simulated roof tile assembly constructions incorporating our minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard Roof Board. Those test results and partial construction details are summarized in the table below:

Thermal Barrier: Substrate	Self-Adhered, Water-Shedding Underlayment	Foam Adhesive	Tile Type	Average Ultimate Load (F bar, lbf).*	Attachment Resistant Expressed As a Moment (Mf) ( ft-lbf )**
Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard mechanically attached	Protecto Wrap Rainproof 40	PolyFoam	<b>Cement</b> Monier (S Type, High Profile)	149.8	81.3
Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard	Protecto Wrap (R-40)	PolyFoam	Monier, Medium Profile	139.6	75.7
Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard	Protecto Wrap (R-40)	PolyFoam	Monier, Medium Profile	172.2	94.3
Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard	PolyGlass Polystick TU Plus	PolyFoam	Monier (S Type, High Profile)	166.7	90.9
Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard	PolyGlass Polystick TU Plus	PolyFoam	Monier, Medium Profile	131.2	70.5
Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard	PolyGlass Polystick TU Plus	PolyFoam	Monier, Low Flat Profile	205.8	113.7
Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard	Protecto Wrap (R-40) Rainproof 40	PolyFoam	Hanson S Type (High Profile)	142.4	76.1
Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard	Protecto Wrap (R-40)	PolyFoam	Hanson, Medium Profile	139.6	70.0
Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard	Protecto Wrap (R-40)	PolyFoam	<b>Clay</b> Altusa, Clay Tile S Type	110.1	66.9

\*The maximum resistance load achieved expressed as an ultimate load.

\*\* The attachment resistance expressed as a moment as provided by the adhesive bond between the tile and underlayment.

## Long-Term Fire Protection

Long-term fire protection of roofing systems is a key concern of the design authority, code officials and building owners. DensDeck® Roof Boards will contribute to the fire-resistance characteristics of roof assemblies over time.\* DensDeck Roof Boards can enhance the fire resistance of a roof assembly and can overcome limitations of the membrane or insulation.

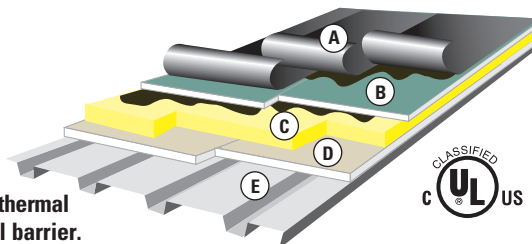
“When using a low-slope membrane roof system, designers should include in their designs a suitable cover board that is consistent with an appropriate listing or approval from a code-approved testing agency. This recommendation is consistent with the guidelines already contained in *The NRCA Roofing and Waterproofing Manual, Fifth Edition*. Furthermore, for mechanically attached single-ply membrane roof systems, designers of newly-installed roof systems are now recommended to include a noncombustible cover board that is consistent with an appropriate listing or approval from a code-approved testing agency. Examples of noncombustible cover boards include **fiberglass mat-faced gypsum boards and gypsum roof boards.**” (January 2006 NRCA/MRCA Technical Bulletin, at page 3.)

\*See: January 2006 NRCA/MRCA Technical Bulletin: *Fire Testing of Membrane Roof Systems.*

## UL Assemblies\*

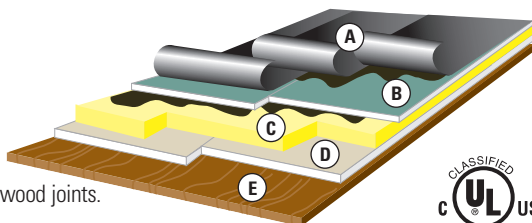
### UL 1256 Fire Barrier Board Classification

- A. UL Classified Roof Covering
- B. Min. 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board Cover Board (optional)
- C. UL Classified (EPS) Insulation
- D. **Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board serving as an insulation thermal barrier underlayment and an acceptable code alternative to a thermal barrier.**
- E. Classified Steel Deck



### UL 790 Class A Barrier Board on Combustible Decking

- A. UL Classified Roof Covering
- B. Min. 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board Cover Board (optional)
- C. UL Classified Insulation (optional)
- D. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board serving as an insulation thermal barrier overlayment with all joints staggered a min. of 6" (152 mm) from the plywood joints.
- E. Classified Wood Deck



\*Design assemblies for illustrative purposes only. Consult appropriate fire resistance directory for assembly information. See Fire Safety Caution on back panel.

### UL Notes:

Note 1: Classification (A, B or C) and maximum incline will be the same as that of the Classified Roofing System (TGFU) which otherwise is limited to use over noncombustible deck.

Note 2: The use of the DensDeck barrier board over the insulation permits the use of any Classified Roofing System (TGFU) which otherwise is limited to use over noncombustible deck.

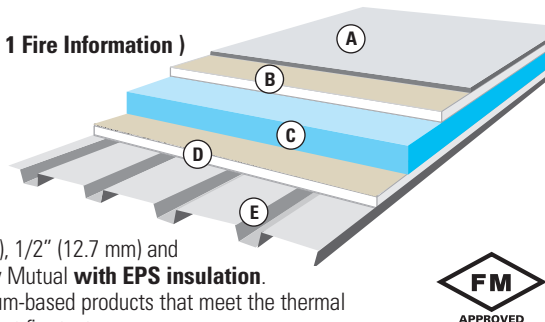
Note 3: The use of the DensDeck barrier board directly over the combustible deck permits the use of any classified Roofing System (TGFU) which otherwise is limited to use over noncombustible deck. When used, insulation must consist of one of the types specified.

**The use of DensDeck Roof Board as an underlayment achieves a noncombustible deck classification on a combustible deck.**

## Factory Mutual/FM Approvals\*

### Typical Configuration of DensDeck Roof Boards (Factory Mutual Class 1 Fire Information )

- A. Membrane (various)
- B. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards Overlayment
- C. Rigid Foam Insulation (including EPS)
- D. Minimum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards Underlayment
- E. Metal Deck



Due to the superior fire resistance of DensDeck Roof Boards, the 1/4" (6.4 mm), 1/2" (12.7 mm) and 5/8" (15.9 mm) products can meet the calorimeter test requirements of Factory Mutual **with EPS insulation**. Further, 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards are the only 1/4" (6.4 mm) gypsum-based products that meet the thermal barrier underlayment requirements in certain Class 1 assemblies of this stringent fire test.

DensDeck Roof Boards are typically utilized (see diagram) in these constructions as an insulation underlayment. In some assemblies it will be used as an insulation overlayment (1/4" (6.4 mm), 1/2" (12.7 mm) or 5/8" (15.9 mm)). In other assemblies it will serve both of these roles in the same system.

See Roof Nav for descriptions of numerous approved systems and assemblies incorporating DensDeck Roof Boards for use in approved combinations.

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## Wind Uplift Information

Wind uplift resistance of roofing assemblies is achieved by fastening and/or adhering the roofing components to the structural deck. Uplift resistance testing may be conducted by several independent laboratories, in accordance with FM 4470 or ANSI/UL 1897 test procedures. The test results show the ultimate (not design) pounds per square foot (PSF) uplift resistance which has been achieved.

It is the responsibility of the roofing design authority to comply with code requirements and follow the guidelines in ASCE-7 or FM 1-28 and 1-29 to establish the appropriate design uplift resistance and safety factor. In these documents, several factors are considered to determine the design pressure required, including but not limited to, height of the building, ground roughness, exposure and importance factor. Once the design pressure is determined, the roofing assembly which meets this pressure, with the appropriate safety factor, is selected by the design authority.

## Elevated UL Wind Uplift Ratings with DensDeck® Roof Boards Hot Mopped over Steel Decks



### Uplift Resistance: 150 psf

Deck: 22 MSG (minimum)  
 Insulation (optional): Any type, 2" (51 mm) maximum  
 Barrier Board: DensDeck Roof Board, 5/8" (15.9 mm) thick minimum  
 Fasteners: No. 15 steel screws (or equivalent) with 3" (76 mm) square No. 26 MSG formed galvanized steel plates. One fastener every 2 sq. ft.  
 Insulation: Polyisocyanurate, minimum 1-1/2" (38 mm) thick, hot-mopped  
 Barrier Board: DensDeck Roof Board, 1/2" (12.7 mm) thick minimum, hot-mopped  
 Membrane: Hot-mopped ply/cap asphalt or modified bitumen membrane systems

### Uplift Resistance: 190 psf

Deck: 22 MSG (minimum)  
 Insulation: Polyisocyanurate, minimum 1" (25.4 mm) thick, loose laid  
 Barrier Board: DensDeck Roof Board, 5/8" (15.9 mm) thick minimum, hot-mopped  
 Fasteners: No. 15 steel screw (or equivalent) with 3" (76 mm) square No. 26 MSG formed galvanized steel plates. One fastener every 2 sq. ft.  
 Membrane: Hot-mopped ply/cap asphalt or modified bitumen membrane systems

### Uplift Resistance: 245 psf

Deck: 22 MSG (minimum)  
 Insulation: Polyisocyanurate, minimum 1" (25.4 mm) thick, loose laid  
 Barrier Board: DensDeck Roof Board, 5/8" (15.9 mm) thick minimum, hot-mopped  
 Fasteners: No. 15 steel screw (or equivalent) with 3" (76 mm) square No. 26 MSG formed galvanized steel plates. One fastener every 1.6 sq. ft.  
 Membrane: Hot-mopped ply/cap asphalt or modified bitumen membrane systems

## Vertical Pull Resistance Over Structural Concrete Deck

Examples of results over 600 PSF from hundreds of listings.

Roof System	Attachment to Deck	PSF Resistance
Single-Ply Fully Adhered	Adhered	915
Single-Ply Fully Adhered	Adhered	840
Single-Ply Fully Adhered	Adhered	735
Multi-Ply Hot Asphalt	Hot Asphalt	840
Multi-Ply Torched	Hot Asphalt	840
Multi-Ply Torch Cap Hot Asphalt Base	Hot Asphalt	840
Multi-Ply Torched	Adhered	810

See [www.roofnav.com](http://www.roofnav.com) for additional listings.

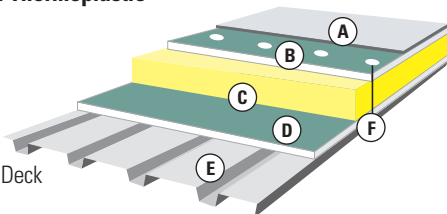
## Uplift Resistance Pressures Achieved With DensDeck® Through Independent Testing

(Check membrane manufacturers' listing including FM, UL and other accredited labs for thousands of additional uplift assembly ratings with DensDeck products.<sup>2</sup>)

System Type and Description	Wind-Uplift PSF	Product <sup>1</sup>	# of fasteners <sup>2</sup> (4' x 8' board)
<b>Fully Adhered EPDM and Thermoplastic Membranes</b>	FM 60	1/4" (6.4 mm) <b>DensDeck</b>	12
	FM 60/75/90	1/4" (6.4 mm) <b>DensDeck® Prime</b>	12
	FM 60	1/2" (12.7 mm) <b>DensDeck</b>	10
	FM 60	1/2" (12.7 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	10
	FM 60/75/90	5/8" (15.9 mm) <b>DensDeck</b>	8
	FM 60/75/90	5/8" (15.9 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	8
	FM 90	1/4" (6.4 mm) <b>DensDeck</b>	15
	FM 90	1/2" (12.7 mm) <b>DensDeck</b>	15
	FM 90	1/2" (12.7 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	12
	FM 180*	5/8" (15.9 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	24
	FM 285**	1/2" (12.7 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	32

### Fully Adhered EPDM and Thermoplastic Membranes

- A. Single-ply Membrane
- B. Min. 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board
- C. Insulation
- D. Min. 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board (optional)
- E. Classified Steel Deck
- F. Fastener (see chart)<sup>2</sup>



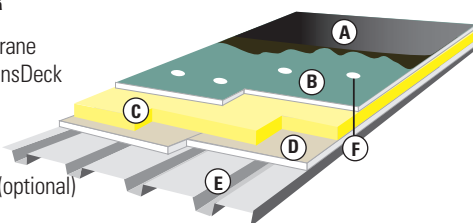
Single-ply and EPDM will include both reinforced and nonreinforced.

\* Carlisle Reinforced 45 mil TPO was used to achieve an FM 180 rating.

\*\* Carlisle FleeceBack was used to achieve an FM 285 rating.

### Modified Bitumen/BUR

- A. BUR or Mod Bit Membrane
- B. Min. 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board
- C. Insulation
- D. Min. 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board (optional)
- E. Classified Steel Deck
- F. Fastener (see chart)<sup>2</sup>



Modified bitumen without base sheet. Mod Bit is torched or set in hot asphalt. BUR is minimum 3-ply.

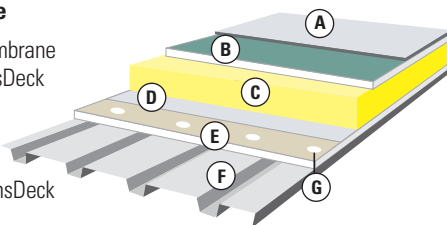
FM 60/75/90	1/4" (6.4 mm) <b>DensDeck</b>	12
FM 60/75/90	1/4" (6.4 mm) <b>DensDeck® Prime</b>	8
FM 60/75/90	1/2" (12.7 mm) <b>DensDeck</b>	9
FM 60/75/90	1/2" (12.7 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	8
FM 60/75/90	5/8" (15.9 mm) <b>DensDeck</b>	8
FM 60/75/90	5/8" (15.9 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	8
FM-135*	1/2" (12.7 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	20
FM-225**	1/2" (12.7 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	24
FM-315**	1/2" (12.7 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	32
UL <sup>3</sup> 150 PSF	1/2" (12.7 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	16
UL <sup>3</sup> 190 PSF	5/8" (15.9 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	16
UL <sup>3</sup> 240 PSF	5/8" (15.9 mm) <b>DensDeck or DensDeck Prime</b>	20

\*Siplast SBS Mod Bit torched or set in hot asphalt was used to achieve the FM 135 rating.

\*\*Three plies of glass felts were set in hot asphalt to achieve the FM 225 and 315 ratings.

### Vapor Retarder Substrate

- A. Any Rated Adhered Membrane
- B. Min. 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board (optional)
- C. Insulation (optional)
- D. Vapor Retarder
- E. Min. 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Board
- F. Classified Steel Deck
- G. Fastener (see chart)<sup>2</sup>

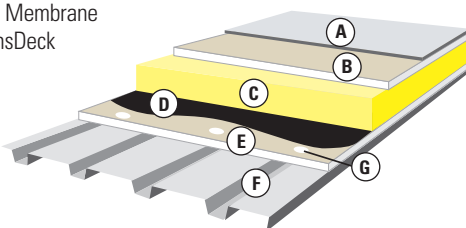


Components above vapor retarder bonded with cold mastics, hot asphalt, adhesives or Insta-Stick.

FM 60/75/90	5/8" (15.9 mm) <b>DensDeck</b>	8
FM 60/75/90	5/8" (15.9 mm) <b>DensDeck Prime</b>	8

### EPDM, BUR or Mod Bit with Insulation Adhered with Hot Asphalt

- A. EPDM, BUR or Mod Bit Membrane
- B. Min. 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board (optional)
- C. Rigid Foam Insulation
- D. Asphalt Adhesive
- E. Min. 1/2" (12.7 mm) DensDeck Roof Board
- F. Classified Steel Deck
- G. Fastener (see chart)<sup>2</sup>



FM 60 (EPDM)	1/2" (12.7 mm) or 5/8" (15.9 mm) <b>DensDeck or DensDeck Prime</b>	8
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DensDeck Roof Board (1/2" (12.7 mm) or 5/8" (15.9 mm)) and fully adhered single-ply membranes FM-rated 60 PSF with insulation attached with asphalt adhesive.

FM 90 (BUR or Mod Bit)	1/2" (12.7 mm) or 5/8" (15.9 mm) <b>DensDeck or DensDeck Prime</b>	8
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DensDeck Roof Board (1/2" (12.7 mm) or 5/8" (15.9 mm)) and BUR or modified bitumen membranes FM-rated 90 PSF with insulation attached with asphalt adhesive.

<sup>1</sup> DensDeck DuraGuard fastener density where applicable to the membrane system type is identical to DensDeck Prime up to FM 90 PSF.

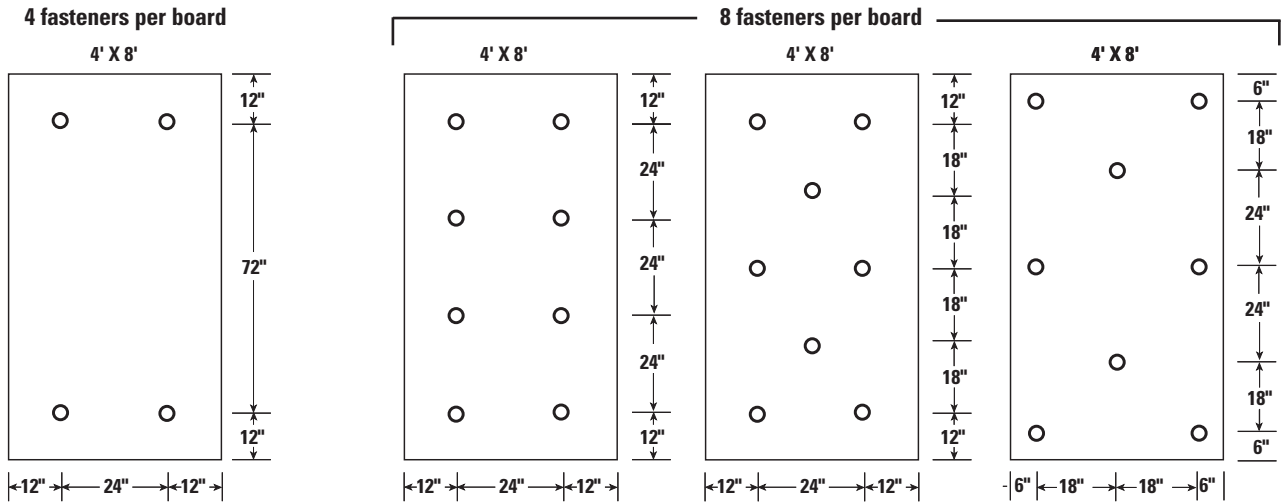
<sup>2</sup> Fastener rates shown are for the field of the roof. Additional fasteners are required for perimeter and corner areas and require either additional designer authority calculations or uplift testing. Unless otherwise noted, all screws used in tests are polymer coated, FM approved, min. 12 ga steel and plates are 3" (76 mm) diameter corrosion resistant steel. Tests were conducted over 22 ga steel decks. Rates of fasteners for wood and structural concrete decks are the same using appropriate fasteners. Field pull-out tests may be required. See FM Global Property Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-29.

<sup>3</sup> Tested at Underwriters Laboratories. Refer to page 13.

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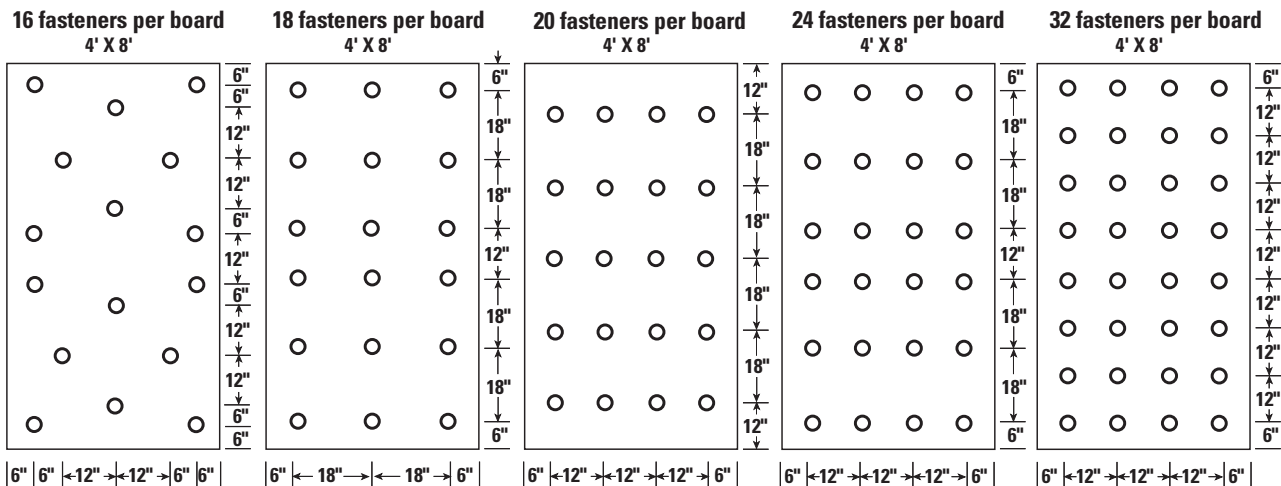
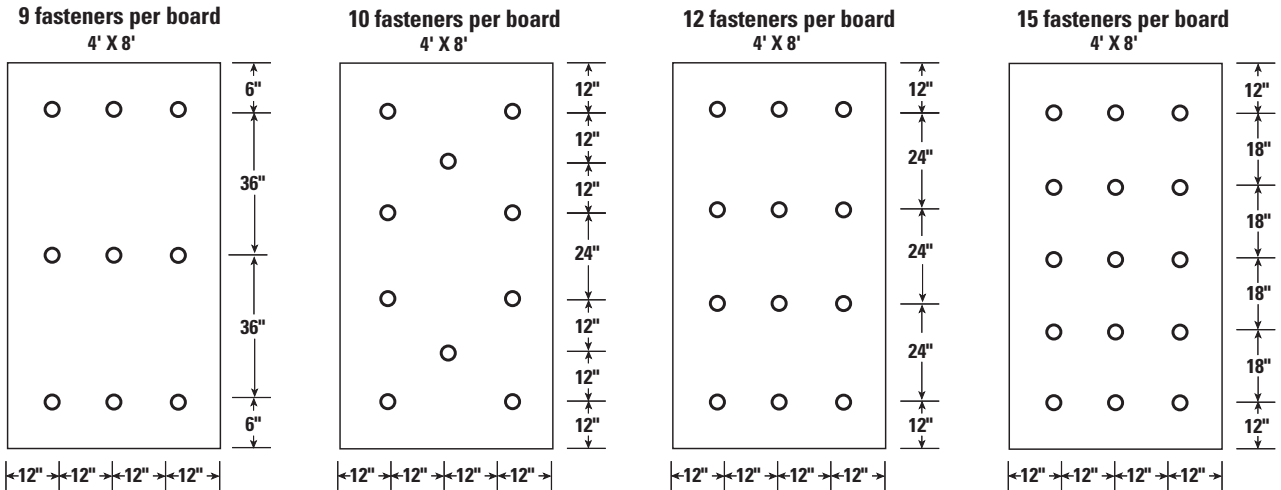
## GP Fastener Patterns Tested

Other patterns are available from system manufacturers or testing agencies.



Note: Preliminary insulation or mechanically attached roof covering requires a minimum of 4 fasteners per 4' x 8' board in FM assemblies.

1/4" and 1/2" DensDeck® Prime Roof Board (Mod Bit and BUR)  
 – Optional –



## Architectural Specifications

### Part 1 – General

#### 1.0 Description

A. Work in this section includes, but is not limited to:

1. Thermal barrier.
2. Roofing protection board.
3. Roof insulation protection board.
4. Re-cover board.

B. Related work specified elsewhere:

1. Roof insulation.
2. Roof membrane.
3. Roof assembly design.

#### 1.1 Submittals

A. Product data: Submit manufacturer's descriptive literature indicating material composition, thickness, sizes and fire resistance.

B. Submittals: Indicate fastener and adhesive patterns for wind uplift resistance specified.

#### 1.2 Delivery, Storage and Handling

A. Deliver materials to the jobsite with manufacturer's identification intact. The protective plastic shipping covers used to wrap gypsum panel products for rail shipment are intended to provide temporary protection from moisture exposure during transit only and are not intended to provide protection during storage after delivery. Remove the plastic shipping covers immediately upon receipt of delivery. DensDeck® Roof Boards also may be wrapped in temporary factory-applied plastic packaging (plastic wrap) that **must** be removed upon receipt. **Failure to remove the plastic shipping covers and plastic wrap may result in entrapment of condensation or moisture, which may cause application problems.**

B. Provide other suitable, breathable weather protection for storage to keep DensDeck products dry. Outside storage must be off the ground and protected by a breathable water-shedding covering. Provide means for air circulation around and under stored bundles of DensDeck Roof Boards. DensDeck Roof Boards must be roofed the same day as installed. DensDeck Roof Boards must be kept dry before, during and after application. If boards have been inadvertently exposed to elevated job site moisture, allow boards to dry before using.

### Part 2 – Products

#### 2.0 Gypsum Roof Boards

##### A. **DensDeck® Roof Boards** –

1. Acceptable product: Georgia-Pacific Gypsum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Board, 1/2" (12.7 mm) DensDeck Roof Board and 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck® Fireguard® Roof Board.
2. Composition: Nonstructural, fiberglass mat-faced gypsum panel with water-resistant core.
3. Size: Nominal 4' (1220 mm) x 8' (2440 mm). Edges: Square.
4. Fire Resistance:
  - a. Flame spread 0, smoke developed 0, when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84. Noncombustible as described and tested in accordance with ASTM E 136.
  - b. 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Fireguard Roof Board UL-classified Type DD when tested in accordance with ASTM E 119.
  - c. Class A when tested to UL 790. (UL classified)
  - d. Code alternate to 15-minute thermal barrier as tested to UL 1256.

##### B. **DensDeck® Prime Roof Boards** –

1. Acceptable product: Georgia-Pacific Gypsum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board, 1/2" (12.7 mm) DensDeck Prime Roof Board and 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Prime Fireguard Roof Board.
2. Composition: Fiberglass mat-faced gypsum with nonasphaltic, highly filled proprietary heat-cured coating on one side.
3. Size: Nominal 4' (1220 mm) x 8' (2440 mm), 4' (1220 mm) x 4' (1220 mm). Edges: Square.

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## 4. Fire Resistance:

- a. Flame spread 0, smoke developed 0, as described and tested in accordance with ASTM E 84. Noncombustible as described and tested in accordance with ASTM E 136.
- b. 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck® Prime Fireguard® Roof Board: UL-classified.
- c. Class A when tested to UL 790. (UL classified)
- d. Code alternate to 15-minute thermal barrier as tested to UL 1256.

C. **DensDeck® DuraGuard Roof Boards** –

1. Acceptable product: Georgia-Pacific Gypsum 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck® DuraGuard Roof Board, 1/2" (12.7 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard Roof Board and 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard Fireguard Roof Board.
2. Composition: Fiberglass mat-faced gypsum panel with low-perm, durable, integrated-coating on one side and coated fiberglass mat on the back.
3. Size: Nominal 4' (1220 mm) x 8' (2440 mm), special order 4' (1220 mm) x 4' (1220 mm). Edges: Square.
4. Fire Resistance:
  - a. Flame spread 15, smoke developed 0, when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84. Noncombustible as described and tested in accordance with ASTM E 136.
  - b. 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck DuraGuard Fireguard Roof Board UL classified.
  - c. Class A when tested to UL 790 (UL classified).
  - d. Code alternate to 15-minute thermal barrier as tested to UL 1256.

**2.1 Miscellaneous Materials**

- A. FM or UL approved flat bottom plates and fasteners: Provide size and type in accordance with FM or UL requirements and roof membrane manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. Adhesives: As recommended by roof system manufacturer or as required by tested assembly.

**Part 3 – Execution****3.0 General**

- A. Provide DensDeck® Roof Boards where indicated on drawings using fastening system specified.
- B. Use maximum lengths possible to minimize number of joints. Support edge joints with deck ribs. Stagger end joints of adjacent lengths of DensDeck Roof Boards. Ends and edges are typically butted.
- C. Use appropriate corrosion-resistant fasteners.

**3.1 Roof Board Installation**

- A. Adhered or Mechanically attached: As recommended by roof system and/or adhesive manufacturer or as required by FM or UL guidelines for wind uplift resistance.

**3.2 Parapet (Wall) Framing and Fastening**

- A. Maximum parapet framing space for 1/2" (12.7 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards is 16" (406.4 mm) o.c. Maximum framing for 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards is 24" (610 mm) o.c.
- B. Fasten a maximum 8" (203 mm) o.c. around the perimeter and 8" (203 mm) o.c. on framing members in the field of the panel.

**Standards and Code Compliance**

- DensDeck Roof Boards in 1/4" (6.4 mm), 1/2" (12.7 mm) and 5/8" (15.9 mm): ASTM C 1177.
- DensDeck, DensDeck Prime and DensDeck DuraGuard roof boards meet Factory Mutual 4450 criteria for Class 1 insulated steel roof decks.
- 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Fireguard Roof Board is a classified gypsum board by Underwriters Laboratories and ULC, and can be used in many UL "P" and ULC "R" and S-101 assemblies. Consult UL and ULC directory for approved assemblies.
- 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck, DensDeck Prime and DensDeck DuraGuard roof boards: UL 790 Class A listing as a barrier board and UL 1256 as a thermal barrier underlayment over steel decks.
- FM, UL or other certified labs tested for uplift resistance. See wind uplift information.
- Florida Building Code #1250.
- 1/4" (6.4 mm), 1/2" (12.7 mm) and 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck, DensDeck Prime and DensDeck DuraGuard roof boards. Miami-Dade County, Florida NOA # 08-0908.10.
- 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck, DensDeck Prime and DensDeck DuraGuard roof boards can qualify in specific FM Class 1 assemblies.

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## Limitations/Recommendations

- DensDeck® Roof Boards are designed to act with a properly designed roof system following good roofing practices. The actual use of DensDeck Roof Boards as a roofing component is the responsibility of the roofing system's designing authority. Georgia-Pacific Gypsum does not offer roofing system design services.
- Conditions beyond the control of Georgia-Pacific Gypsum, such as weather conditions, dew, application temperatures and techniques, may cause adverse effects with roofing systems. Always consult roofing system manufacturers for their specific instructions on applying their products to DensDeck Roof Boards.
- DensDeck Roof Board products may have temporary factory-applied packaging (plastic wrap) that must be removed upon receipt to prevent accumulation or entrapment of condensation or moisture which may cause application problems. Provide other suitable breathable weather protection for storage to keep DensDeck Roof Boards dry.
- Panels must be kept dry before, during and after installation. Avoid moisture accumulation through entrapped condensation. Apply only as many DensDeck Roof Boards as can be covered by a roof membrane system in the same day.
- Board edges and ends should be butted in typical installations. However, long, uninterrupted runs of 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck® Prime roof board may require slight gapping due to higher surface temperature gain.
- Accumulation of water due to leaks or condensation in or on DensDeck Roof Boards must be avoided during and after construction. Avoid overuse of non-vented, direct-fired heaters during winter months. Avoid application of DensDeck roof boards during rain, heavy fog and any other conditions that may deposit moisture on the surface.
- The need for a separator sheet between the DensDeck Roof Boards and the roofing membrane must be determined by the roof membrane manufacturer or roofing systems designer.
- When applying solvent-based adhesives or primers, allow sufficient time for the solvent to flash off to avoid damage to roofing components.
- Maximum flute span is 2-5/8" (67 mm) for 1/4" (6.4 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards; 5" (127 mm) for 1/2" (12.7 mm) DensDeck Roof Boards; and 8" (203 mm) for 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensDeck Fireguard® products.
- DensDeck, DensDeck Prime and DensDeck® DuraGuard roof boards should not be subjected to abnormal or excessive loads or foot traffic, such as, but not limited to, use on plaza decks or under steel-wheeled equipment that may fracture or damage the panels. Provide suitable roofing system protection when required.
- Independent evaluations have demonstrated that hot mopping to DensDeck products is an acceptable method of bonding membranes. **Ensure product is dry prior to commencing installation of hot asphalt application.**
  - When using DensDeck or DensDeck Prime roof boards, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum recommends maximum asphalt application temperatures for Type III asphalt of 425° to 450°F. Application temperatures above these recommended temperatures may adversely affect roof system performance. Consult and follow roofing system manufacturer's specifications for full mopping applications and temperature requirements.
  - Follow accepted roofing industry guidelines for full mopping applications such as EVT temperature guidelines, brooming and proper application rates of asphalt.
  - For application temperatures in excess of 450°F and for mopping of type IV asphalt, ribbon or spot mopping or the installation of a perforated base sheet are recommended methods of bonding asphalt in lieu of full mopping.
- For hot mopping asphalt or coal tar directly to DensDeck DuraGuard roof board, follow the manufacturer's recommended system application temperature guidelines and good roofing practices.
- **Flood mopping DensDeck DuraGuard to a substrate followed by a flood mopped application of a membrane is not recommended.** Mechanical attachment, ribbon adhesives or ribbon or spot mopping of asphalt are acceptable methods of attachment, prior to flood mopping a membrane.

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- DensDeck Prime roof board is the preferred substrate for torch application.\* Ensure product is dry prior to commencing installation of torch application.
  - Ensure proper torching technique.
  - Limit the heat to the DensDeck Prime roof board. Maintain a majority of the torch flame directly on the roll.
  - When using DensDeck Roof Board in lieu of DensDeck Prime roof board, prime the surface of the DensDeck Roof Board and allow to dry thoroughly.\*
  - When torching to DensDeck® DuraGuard Roof Board, maintain the majority of the torch flame on the Mod Bit roll rather than on the surface of the board. Field priming should not be required.
- The effect and positioning of DensDeck DuraGuard Roof Board’s low-perm coating must be considered in the design of the roofing assembly.
- Confirm any priming requirements of DensDeck DuraGuard Roof Board with membrane manufacturer. Field priming is not expected to be needed with a number of systems.
- These recommendations and guidelines are given to help assure satisfactory product performance; they do not constitute specifications or instructions. In case of conflicting recommendations, system manufacturer’s and/or design authority’s should prevail.
- DensDeck Roof Boards are not intended to be used as sheathing when covered with exterior cladding. Consult our DensGlass® Sheathing brochure.

*\* Independent testing has shown that field priming of standard DensDeck Roof Board results in higher peel strength than unprimed DensDeck Roof Board.*

*If questions arise about the use of DensDeck®, DensDeck® Prime or DensDeck® DuraGuard roof boards before, during or after the product installation and/or system application, contact the roof system manufacturer or the Georgia-Pacific Gypsum Technical Hotline at 1-800-225-6119.*

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