



## PABCO® Asphalt Shingles

### Recommended Maintenance Practices

PABCO® Roofing Products recommends the following maintenance practices for our asphalt shingles. There may be additional practices for other components of the full roofing system. PABCO® is only addressing the maintenance practices for our shingles.

- Avoid unnecessary foot traffic. The surface granules provide the appearance of the roof, but also cover and protect the core asphalt from harmful ultraviolet light. Excessive scuffing will shorten the useful life of the roof.

*(Newly installed asphalt shingles commonly carry some extra granules riding on the surface of the shingle. These normally come off of the roof in a short period of time by the actions of rain and/or wind. After this initial release of granules, it is part of the normal weathering process for additional granules to be released over the life of the shingles.)*

- Protect the roof when working above the roof surface, such as stucco or masonry work. If these materials get onto the shingle surface, there is no safe method to clean them off.
- Inspect the roof for damage and debris, typically each spring or after extreme weather. Repair roof damage promptly to avoid further damage.
- Do not allow the accumulation of roof debris, such as leaves or pine needles. Debris should be removed in a safe manner by a leaf blower or similar, non-abrasive method. The air flow should be directed down the slope to avoid driving debris under the edges of the shingles. Keep the gutters clear to promote proper water drainage.
- Keep the roof free of moss growth. If keeping debris off the roof does not prevent moss growth, kill moss by applying a 50:50 mix of liquid chlorine bleach and water. Allow the solution to dwell on the surface and then rinse thoroughly with low pressure water. Extended dwell times may be necessary to kill the moss, however avoid letting the solution dry completely as this may prevent complete rinsing. After the moss is dead, it will loosen with time until it can be blown off the roof with any other roof debris. Take proper precautions to protect landscaping and surrounding areas from the chlorine bleach solution.

*(Avoid cleaning practices that may damage the shingles. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of acids, detergent powders, solvents, and any other material that does not rinse cleanly off the roof. Do not clean roofs with a power washer, or any other pressurized water device, with or without chemicals or abrasive methods such as a brush or broom.)*

- Do not apply paints or coatings to the shingles, either intentionally or by accident.
- Safety must be the first priority when working on a roof. Observe every necessary precaution, safety guideline, and safe work practice, or have a roofing professional do the work.

### The PABCO® Limited Shingle Warranty

PABCO® warrants that our shingles are free from manufacturing defects that adversely affect their performance. PABCO® is not responsible for failures of any roof system that are not directly attributable to a PABCO® product. See the PABCO® Limited Shingle Warranty for details, limits, and conditions.

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