ATTIC VENTILATION INSPECTION

ATTIC VENTILATION IS ESSENTIAL

A Properly Designed Attic Ventilation System Must be Installed with New Shingles To:

- Validate new shingle warranty.
- Help protect the attic from damage caused by excess heat in the summer and moisture in the winter.
- Help shingles and roofing materials last longer.
- Help prevent the formation of ice dams.
- Help reduce the risk of mold.

THE BALANCED SYSTEM® FOR ATTIC VENTILATION

Research has shown that the best way to ventilate an attic is with a system that provides <u>continuous</u> airflow along the entire underside of the roof sheathing. This requires a balanced system of <u>intake</u> vents low at the roof's edge or in the soffit/eaves and <u>exhaust</u> vents at the ridge.



Use this attic inspection form to identify potential problems with the attic ventilation system.

STYLE OF ROOF	EXTERIOR INSPECTION					
Basic gableBasic hipLots of gablesLots of hips	Total Length of Horizontal Ridge: Total Length of Diagonal Hips: • Signs of damage from inadequate ventilation					
Cut-up	• Warped, buckled roof deck	□ Yes	🗌 No			
EXISTING EXHAUST VENTS Note: Avoid mixing two different types of exhaust vents on the same roof of a common attic. Ridge Vents and/or Hip Ridge Vents Roof Louvers Power Fan(s)	 Heat, moisture damage to shingles; curling, cracking, fish mouthing Soffits; peeling paint, signs of leaking from roof Problems with ice dams in the winter months Icicles at edge of roof in winter Uneven snow melt on roof Gutter damage from ice dams 	 ☐ Yes 	□ No □ No □ No □ No □ No □ No			
Gable Louvers	INTERIOR INSPECTION					
SIZE & NUMBER OF INTAKE VENTS The Edge [™] Vent Vented Drip Edge Continuous Soffit 0" 10"	 Square footage of attic: Blockage of intake vents (insulation, etc.) Signs of leaks on attic ceiling Signs of damage from inadequate ventilation Moisture damage 	YesYesYes	□ No □ No □ No			
6" x 16" undereave 6" x 16" undereave 4" x 16" undereave	 Rust, dirt on exposed nails Compacted attic insulation Mold, mildew in the attic Blackened plywood 	 └ Yes └ Yes └ Yes └ Yes 	 □ No □ No □ No □ No 			

ATTIC VENTILATION GUIDELINES

For optimum attic ventilation for today's tighter built, tighter remodeled homes that have more efficient building materials, Air Vent recommends exceeding minimum building codes.* Air Vent recommends 1 square foot of ventilation for every 150 square feet of attic floor space with:

- half of the openings at the ridge for exhaust
- half of the openings low at the roof's edge or in the soffit for intake

*Note: For minimum building code requirements you may be able to use the 1/300 ratio but Air Vent recommends the 1/150 ratio.



THE BENEFITS OF A BALANCED ATTIC VENTILATION SYSTEM



In the summer, heat buildup is minimized so living areas stay cooler and air conditioners run less.



In the winter, balanced ventilation helps keep the roof deck uniformly cool, reducing the likelihood of ice dams and water damage.



Balanced ventilation helps reduce moisture which can reduce the R-value of some insulation.



Moisture-laden air is removed from the attic before condensation can cause structural damage.



RIDGE VENTS = OPTIMUM EXHAUST

Air Vent's ShingleVent[®]II is designed to provide exceptional **weather protection** and **air-flow performance**. Airflow is enhanced by the use of an external baffle that deflects wind over the vent and creates low pressure above the vent openings to "pull" air from the attic, resulting in increased airflow rates. The external baffle also deflects weather up and over the vent protecting the attic. ShingleVent II also has an internal weather filter to provide further protection from the elements.

For roofs with very little or no horizontal ridge (commonly called hip roofs) Air Vent's Hip Ridge[™] Vent is an option. Designed with an integrated gasket, external baffle and internal weather filter, the Hip Ridge Vent can be installed on diagonal hips with confidence in all climates. Visit www.airvent.com for our full line of ridge vents.

The $EDGE^{TM}VENT = OPTIMUM$ INTAKE

Air Vent's shingle-over, roof-top installed intake vent The Edge[™] perfectly balances with Air Vent ridge vents. It combines <u>continuous</u> airflow and three levels of weather protection: patented internal baffles, an internal weather filter and a patented drainage system.

Use the chart below to balance your ridge vents with intake vents. The chart below is based on using a ridge vent with 18 square inches of Net Free Area per linear foot (for example, ShingleVent II).

BALANCING YOUR RIDGE VENT SYSTEM WITH INTAKE VENTS												
Length of Horizontal Ridge	Linear Feet of The Edge™ Vent	Number of Undereave Vents			Combined Length	Linear Feet of	Number of Undereave Vents					
		16" x 8"	16" x 6"	16" x 4"	Ridges*	The Edge [™] Vent	16" x 8"	16" x 6"	16" x 4"			
15	30	5	6	10	20	14	3	3	5			
20	40	6	9	13	30	20	4	5	7			
30	60	10	13	19	40	27	5	6	9			
40	80	13	17	26	50	34	6	8	11			
50	100	16	21	32	60	40	7	9	13			
60	120	19	26	39	80	54	9	12	18			
70	140	23	30	45	100	67	11	15	22			
80	160	26	34	51	120	80	13	18	26			
90	180	29	39	58	140	94	16	21	31			

* Lengths for hip ridges are for half of the length being ventilated. See instruction sheet for details.



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