

### **ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT RUSTIC SHINGLE ALUMINUM ROOFING**

**Q. What is so unique about Rustic Shingle?**

**A.** The Rustic Shingle looks like hand split cedar shakes, but it is manufactured from durable recycled aluminum. It provides the distinctive look of natural wood shakes. The deeply textured surface, custom finish and incredible durability makes Rustic Shingle the perfect choice in even the most "roof-hostile" environment.

**Q. Can it be installed over my old roof?**

**A.** Rustic Shingle is designed to be installed directly over worn-out asphalt, fiberglass and wood shingle roofs to provide long lasting, weathertight protection. This eliminates the time, cost and mess of a complete tear-off. The light weight of aluminum does not add any significant weight load to the house, unlike most other products. In some rare cases the old material may need to be removed to allow a secure installation of Rustic Shingle. This choice can be explained by your roofing contractor.

**Q. What colors are available?**

**A.** Rustic Shingle is available in a variety of colors to complement any home. Earth-tone colors such as Shake Gray, Buckskin and Caramel blend very well with most homes. Homeowners frequently paint their shutters, doors, and window trim to match the colors of Oceanside Blue and Forest Green. Terra Red is used to give homes a Spanish-tile look. White Rustic Shingle provides a concrete tile or Bermuda roof look.

**Q. How long will my Rustic Shingle roof last?**

**A.** Classic Metal Roofing Systems warrants the Kynar finish for 40 years. The aluminum shingles will probably outlast the house. The oldest aluminum roof on record was installed in 1880 on the Chief Secretary's Office Building in Sydney, Australia and is still in sound condition. The cap on the Washington monument, also aluminum, was installed in 1884 and has experienced no problems.

**Q. What finish is on Rustic Shingle?**

**A.** Rustic Shingle will withstand the harshest weather for years to come because it features the baked-on Kynar finish. This special multistep finish is widely recognized as the industry's finest. It is often used on industrial and commercial buildings because of its superior protection and color retention. The layers of the Kynar finish are applied to our quality aluminum alloy in a multi-step process.

#### THE KYNAR FINISH



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**Q. Will a shake roof fit the architectural style of my home?**

**A.** Wood shake roofs give a quality appearance to any home and Rustic Shingle has the distinctive look of the wood it replaces. Many prestigious homes use shake roofs for an eye-catching appearance.

**Q. How long has Rustic Shingle been on the market?**

**A.** Rustic Shingle was engineered by a major aluminum manufacturer in 1959. It is the original aluminum shake roof. It is widely respected for the water tightness and wind resistance of its patented interlock system. Thousands of homes across the country are protected by this product.

**Q. How will this roof affect my energy bill?**

**A.** Homeowners who have reroofed with Rustic Shingle have seen their energy costs decrease by up to 20% after the roof was installed. This is due to Rustic Shingle's low emissivity value. Rather than pass the heat of the sun into the attic, Rustic Shingle reflects up to 94.5% of the sun's rays. This reflectiveness is an inherent property of the aluminum, regardless of the color you choose. According to testing conducted by the Florida Solar Energy Center, Rustic Shingle allows up to 34% less attic heat gain than traditional roofing materials. This means a lighter load for your air conditioner and reduced energy bills.

**Q. Exactly how much can I save by installing a Rustic Shingle roof?**

**A.** The smart homeowner buys roofing on an annual cost basis. First, the total installed price is determined. Then other factors are determined, such as how long the new roof will last; how much it will save in energy costs; how well it provides wind, water and fire protection; how much maintenance it will require; and how well it is likely to survive a severe storm. The initial cost for Rustic Shingle is in the high range for roofing materials, but it will last much longer. Rustic Shingle offers a worry-free long life which means long-term economy and beauty. It adds to the value of the home and increases in value year after year.

**Q. How does Rustic Shingle stay watertight?**

**A.** The four-way interlock, along with careful flashing during the installation process, makes leakage impossible. The locked-down edges of the shingles cannot be lifted, unlike the unsealed edges of other roofing products. An independent lab in Dade County, Florida tested Rustic Shingle with 110 mile per hour wind-driven rain without a single leak. Rustic Shingle provides total home protection against the elements.

**Q. How will this roof stand up in high winds?**

**A.** Rustic Shingle is designed to withstand the strongest winds. It undergoes periodic testing in hurricane force winds of 110 miles per hour and more. It locks on all four sides between panels. The shingles are anchored to the roof deck with screw-shank nails that are virtually impossible to pull out.

**Q. What about hail?**

**A.** Unless unusually severe, hail storms will not damage Rustic Shingle due to its texture and high-strength aluminum alloy. Rustic shingle is warranted not to chip due to hail and not to leak due to hail indentation or perforation. Minor dents that might be caused by an extremely severe hail storm will not be noticeable, hidden in the shingles' natural wood grain pattern. Homeowners who choose Rustic Shingle may be eligible for a discount on their homeowners insurance premium.

**Q. Is aluminum also fireproof?**

**A.** Rustic Shingle cannot be ignited by sparks from chimneys and nearby fires the way wood and other shingles can. Rustic Shingle's available Class 'A' fire rating is proof of this advantage. Since most major residential fires spread from sparks landing on the roof, Rustic Shingle provides the kind of protection that will stop a neighborhood fire in its tracks.

**Q. Does it look shiny and metallic?**

**A.** The deep, natural texture and earth-tone colors of Rustic Shingle give it the authentic look of hand-split cedar shakes. It is easily mistaken for the real thing! Although there may be some gloss right after the roof is installed, that gloss will soon dull to a flat, natural look as airborne dust settles on it.

**Q. How quiet is this roof?**

**A.** The sound of rain or hail hitting this roof won't even be noticed except from an open window. The deep texture of Rustic Shingle breaks up the "sound board" effect that ordinary sheet metal roofing is known for. Roofing felt and attic insulation absorb whatever sound is created.

**Q. What warranty comes with Rustic Single?**

**A.** Rustic Shingle carries an industry leading warranty which increases home value. The aluminum itself carries a Limited Lifetime Warranty for the initial owner and a 40 year Limited Warranty for all future owners. The Kynar finish is protected by the 40 year warranty for all owners. All owners also receive an unmatched 30-year Fade-Resistance Warranty.

**Q. Can this roof be walked on?**

**A.** The deep grooves and woodgrain pattern provide the shingles with the strength needed to sustain normal roof traffic. If the roof is expected to have a lot of traffic, Classic offers an optional styrofoam panel insert. This insert is self-extinguishing and U.L. listed for roof applications.

**Q. How can I have Rustic Shingle installed on my home?**

**A.** Contact Argo Building Products, (847) 674-4930.