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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS | ROOFING**

Alligatoring	Shrinkage cracking of the bituminous surface of built up or smooth surface roofing, producing a pattern of deep cracks resembling an alligator hide.
Asphalt	A highly viscous hydrocarbon produced from the residuum left after the distillation of petroleum; used as a waterproofing agent of a built-up roof.
Ballast	An anchoring material (such as rock, gravel, pavers) used to resist wind uplift forces of roof membrane.
Bitumen	A generic term for asphalt or coal tar pitch roofing.
Blister	A spongy raised portion of roofing membrane as a result of pressure of entrapped air or water vapour.
Built-up Roofing (BUR)	A continuous, semi-flexible roof covering consisting of laminations or plies of saturated or coated felts alternated with layers of bitumen.
Cant Strip	A continuous strip of triangular cross-section, fitted into the angle formed by a structural deck and a wall or other vertical surface, and used to provide gradual transition for base flashing and horizontal roof membrane.
Crack	A break in a roofing membrane as a result of flexing, often occurring at a ridge or wrinkle.
EPDM	A synthetic rubber sheet used in single ply roof membrane (ethylene propylene diene monomer).
Expansion Joint	A deliberate separation of two roof areas to allow expansion and contraction movements of the parts.
Eaves	The protective overhang at the lower edge of a sloped roof.

Fascia	The finish member covering the edge or eaves of a flat or sloping roof or roof overhang.
Fishmouth	An opening of the lapped edge of applied felt in built-up roofing due to adhesion failure.
Flashing	Connecting devices that seal membrane joints, drains, gravel stops and other places where membrane is interrupted. Base flashing forms the upturned edges of the watertight membrane. Cap or counter flashing shields the exposed edges and joints of the base flashing.
Gravel Stop	Flanged device, normally metallic, designed to prevent loose aggregate from washing off roof. It also provides a finished edge detail for built-up roofing assembly.
High Risk Roof	A roof which scores 15 or greater out of 20 using the Snow Overload Risk Assessment checklist.
Modified Bitumen	Asphalt with the addition of polymer modifiers to increase cold temperature flexibility and warm temperature flow resistance and stability.
PVC	A generic term for single ply plastic sheet membrane (poly vinyl chloride); seams are fused by solvent or hot-air welding techniques.
Parapet	The part of the wall entirely above the roof
Ponding	The collection of water in shallow pools on the roof surface.
Slope	The ratio between the measures of the rise and the horizontal span.
Soffit	The finish on the underside of a roof overhang.

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