



Recommended Guidelines For Application Of Roofing Adhesives To An Occupied Building

DESCRIPTION:

1. When possible, the air intake system should be completely shut down. Air intakes should also be blocked with membrane or plastic sheeting to prevent fumes from seeping into the air system and collecting in low areas. It is conceivable that fumes from adhesives, washes, primers, etc. could be drawn into a ventilation system and a fire could result if the fumes came into contact with a spark from a motor or an open flame.
2. In order to minimize the possible discomfort of the building's occupants, consideration should be given to applying the roof when the building is empty or occupancy is at a minimum.
3. Resumption of air circulation should occur only after the fumes have dissipated. If possible, the building should be well ventilated before occupants return. This procedure is to reduce lingering odors and any possible cause for concern on the part of the occupants.
4. Air vents should be sealed to prevent fumes from entering the building. They should be unsealed only after the fumes have dissipated.
5. If it is not practical to shut down or seal off the ventilation system, attempts should be made to work as fast as possible around air vents with a minimum amount of adhesive-coated roof exposed.

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The intent of this guideline is to reduce or eliminate any complaints about odor from the building's occupants and to prevent the occupants from being exposed to sufficiently concentrated amounts of fumes to cause physical discomfort. Serious health problems can only occur through repeated, long-term, confined exposure to the solvents employed in Firestone adhesives, primers and sealants greater than allowed levels as listed on the Firestone Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for those products.

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