

Self-Sealing Asphalt Shingles Latest Development To Lessen Wind Damage

Homeowners have more than a fighting chance against the havoc caused by high wind storms, hurricanes, tornadoes and cyclones that are sure to hit many areas of the United States in years to come.

Since few sections of the country are completely safe from major storms, authorities are convinced that millions of dollars in damage and a great deal of family hardship could be avoided each year if more homes were protected by wind-resistant roofing.

There are cases on records where entire roof assemblies have been torn from houses and later found with asphalt shingles still firmly in place.

Asphalt Shingles

A leading roofing manufacturer, The Ruberoid Co., recommends the application of Self-Sealing asphalt shingles, the latest development in roofing to minimize wind damage. A special thermoplastic sealing agent along the tabs of the shingle is activated by heat of the sun

after the roofing has been installed.

This sealing action actually fuses shingles together to form what is, in effect, a one-piece roof that is highly resistant to wind and weather. Prolonged shingle life is assured by numerous drainage spaces between the sealing points. These allow escape of the condensed moisture that inevitably appears beneath any roof shingle.

Shortens Life

Trapped moisture shortens roof life by attacking both shingle and underlay material, by expanding into ice formations that weakens shingles and loosens nails.

The speed of the sealing action depends upon prevailing temperatures. In summer, bonding begins immediately. In spring and fall, several days may be required. Once the sun has done its job, however, each Self-Sealing shingle is sealed down to stay.

Homeowners, who are contemplating new roofs, should also consider asbestos-cement roofing shingles for economy,

beauty and life-time performance. One type of asbestos-cement shingles, "American Thatch," brings the traditional design of thatch into tune with today's architectural requirements.

Asbestos-cement shingles offer significant savings both in material and application costs, are as tough as stone, yet comparatively light in weight. It is formed by reinforcing Portland cement with asbestos fibre giving a shingle that is fireproof, rot-proof and one that never wears out.

Attractive colors are blended into the asbestos-cement mix and the surface of the shingle is sealed with a plastic, weather-resistant finish. A specially designed copper storm anchor reinforces the natural wind resistance of this rigid, rock-hard shingle.

Boat Owners Find Additional Room

The nation's recreational boat owners will find additional cruising room this year through the ever-expanding waterways created by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The sailing and cruising public in some 38 states gained 23,000 miles of shoreline in 1961 as more than 3,000,000 acres of water surface were added through the approximately 200 navigation, flood control or multiple purpose projects operated by the Corps of Engineers.

An additional 1,300 miles of shoreline are expected to be added by projects in Vermont, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, California, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Oregon, Washington, Georgia and South Carolina.

The vast interest of the boating public in these man-made waterways is demonstrated by the fact that from an estimated 5,000,000 visitors in 1946, a total of 110,000,000 made use of the boating, picnic and other recreational areas in 1961.

Boating has been the major interest at the new reservoirs, especially in regions which formerly lacked navigable waters. To meet this increased enthusiasm the Corps of Engineers have built 1,900 boat launching ramps on 200 man-made lakes and these facilities are continually being increased.

Congress annually provides the necessary appropriations for waterway projects.

So far the president's wife, who has done a lot of interesting decorating at the White House, has not turned her attention to the Honey Fitz.

The Rio Grande is the third longest U.S. river.

Designs Changing For Insulations

Though mineral-surface insulating siding has been used as a building materials product for over 30 years, people are talking about it with new enthusiasm.

Inherent insulation properties are the same, but the quality of design, color and texture has been completely overhauled and upgraded. New, wider selections of insulating siding styles and colors, along with added texture, are permanently embossed right at the factory; no painting is required; ease of maintenance is a boon to the busy homeowner.

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Many Boat Types Reflected at Show

The growing production of multi-hulled craft of various types was reflected by the large display of sailing and power catamarans and trimarans at the recent National Motor Boat Show in New York. These ranged up to 20 feet in length and featured many readily convertible and "car top" models.

Largest was the 20-foot Power Cat 2,000, built of fiberglass and outboard powered. A 17-foot 6-inch trimaran with a beam of 8 feet carries 100 square feet of sail and may also take outboard power.

Other catamarans that can be sailed or converted into power craft include the 12-foot fiberglass Aqua-Cat with aluminum members and weighing 115 pounds. A speed of 18 knots under sail is claimed and the craft can be converted into a runabout by installation of a motor mount.

A 9-foot 10-inch Seaman Water Cat weighs less than 60 pounds, is built for outboard power but can be converted into a sailing craft with a kit offered as an extra. A DC-14 catamaran is being marketed as a one-design class. This carries 100 square feet of sail on her lateen rig. She can be changed into a power catamaran and carry outboard motor up to 7½ h.p.

Aluma Craft has brought out a new S-12 catamaran type sailing craft, and Georgetown Yacht Basin features the Cougar catamaran, a 17-footer available in either plywood or fiberglass hulls. The boat carries 183 square feet of sail and has been clocked at speeds of over 20 knots. The Berg, 12-foot Midget-Cat, which seats four persons, has a beam of 5 feet 3 inches, carries 80 square feet of sail and is rated at 10 knots.



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