This information has been designed to aid architects, consultants and builders in specifying Certi-label shakes and shingles. It suggests a standardized terminology and style for ordering in the hope of improving accuracy. It incorporates a general outline of the latest application information. Please note, however, that this is a specification guide only. **The information in this manual is not intended to supercede local building codes**. Refer to local building codes for more information.

## **General Specification Data**

- The contractor shall cover all roof surfaces with (specify one type of the following product) Certi-Split shakes/Certi-Sawn shakes/Certigrade shingles bearing the Cedar Shake & Shingle Bureau's official grade marked label.
- 2. Shakes/shingles for roofs shall be (specify grade and length).
- Shakes/shingles for outer courses shall be (specify grade and length).
- 4. Shakes/shingles for undercourses shall be (specify grade and length).
- 5. Roof shakes/shingles shall be laid with a weather exposure of (specify in inches).

## **Roof Application-Sheathing Boards**

- 6. Certi-Split shakes/Certi-Sawn shakes shall be applied over solid sheathing. A solid deck is recommended in seismic activity, hurricane and tornado regions and in areas where wind-driven snow is encountered and under pressure impregnated treated shakes and shingles. Please note that the only solid sheet sheathing tested with Certi-label shakes & shingles is plywood. Check with your local building official for plywood thickness/dimensions.
  - Certi-Split shakes/Certi-Sawn shakes/ Certigrade shingles may also be applied over spaced sheathing.
- All open sheathing shall be 19mm x 89mm or 19mm x 140mm boards (minimum 19mm x 89mm for both shakes and shingles).

 All solid sheathing shall be lumber or structural panels applied according to specifications of the American Plywood Association. Please note: the only solid sheet sheathing tested with shakes and shingles is plywood. Check with your local building official for plywood thickness/ dimensions.

## Roofing Felt Interlay (for shakes only)

9. Contractor shall apply a 914mm wide strip of No. 30 ASTM D226 Type II or No. 30 ASTM D4869 Type IV roofing felt at the eave line. A 457mm wide strip of No. 30 ASTM D226 Type II or No. 30 ASTM D4869 Type IV roofing felt shall be applied over the top portion of the Certi-label shakes and extend onto the sheathing. Bottom edge of felt shall be positioned at a distance above the butt equal to twice the weather exposure.

**Note:** felt interlay between courses is not necessary when straight-split, or taper-split shakes are applied in snow-free areas at weather exposures of less than one-third the total shake length (3-ply roof). Contact the CSSB for more information or visit www.cedarbureau.org

## **Roofing General Application Data**

- 10. Certi-label shakes/shingles shall be at least doubled at all eaves.
- 11. Butts of the Certi-label shakes/shingles in the first course on roofs shall project 38mm from the edge of roof eaves to insure proper spill into gutters and approximately 25mm at gable and rake edge.
- 12. Certigrade shingles shall be spaced apart not less than 6mm, not more than 10mm.
- Certi-Split or Certi-Sawn shakes shall be spaced apart not less than 10mm, not more than 16mm.

14. Premium and Number 1 Grade Certi-label shakes/shingles shall be applied with the weather exposures consistent with the following tables:

Maximum weather exposure			
Shingle length	14° to 18° roof slope	18° and steeper	
406mm	95mm	127mm	
457mm	108mm	140mm	
610mm	146mm	190mm	
Shake length and exposure			
457mm		190mm	
610mm		254mm	
Note exception for resawn shakes: 610mm x 10mm shake = 190mm			

- 15. Chimney flashing shall extend up the chimney to a height not less than 76mm, up the roof slope to a point equal in height to the flashing on the chimney but never less than 1 1/2 times the Certi-label shake/shingle exposure. (All metal flashings should be painted.)

  Manufactured step-flashing:
  127mm x 178mm shingle = 64mm wall, 64mm roof
  203mm x 305mm shakes = 102mm wall, 102mm roof
- Apron counter flashing shall extend to within 25mm of the surface of the finished roof.



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