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Today's Agenda

- Moisture terminology and background
- Terms
- Movement
- Residential Control
 Ventilation/Dilution
- Compact Roofing Assemblies
- Low-Slope Roofing
- Rooftop drainage

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This is a continuation of the webinars from last year plus some new stuff.

- Last Spring the CRA had webinars on:
- Hail Damage investigation
- Terminology, Investigating "leak" complaints, What causes problems in attics.
- Earlier this spring on:
- Snow Retention
- Wind Design
- Today we will:
- Talk about problems with water in and on roofs

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Terminology

Humidity

- Absolute Humidity
- Relative Humidity
- Condensation
- Condensate
- Permeability
 Perms
- Grains
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Terms for moisture movement

- Permeance: the property of allowing the passage of moisture
- Permeability: the state or quality of a material or membrane that causes it to
- allow liquids or gases to pass through it. • Perm Rating: a standard measure of the water vapor **permeability** of a material. The higher the number, the more readily water vapor (in the gaseous state) can diffuse through the material.
- Perm Unit: perm is defined as 1 grain* of water vapor per hour, per square foot, per inch of mercury**

* 7000 grains per pound **an inch of Hg is 0.4912 psi

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Water is an enemy

• Water comes in three phases:

- · Solid as ice and snow (Where we sometimes want to retain it)
- Vapor as steam
- Liquid as water due to weight and leak potential
- Ice is not really a problem unless there is a "pool" of water that freezes and the expansion as water changes to ice causes problems.
- Vapor is only a problem as it condenses

The weight of water can collapse roofs, if the water is allowed to pond deep enough

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Water Vapor

• Does nothing significant

• BUT

• It is a method to move moisture to places where water cannot "flow".

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Vapor Movement

- From high pressure to lower pressure.
- It moves in the air stream when air moves
- The vapor can absorb into materials, move through them in molecular form and then reevaporate on the opposite side of the solid material.



Permeability Range

• Class I, Impermeable (vapor-proof), ≤ 0.1 perm:

- Built-up roofing membrane, perm rating 0.00-0.02 Single-ply membrane, perm rating 0.03-0.06
- Polyethylene film, perm rating 0.06-0.08
- Class II, Semi-Impermeable, > 0.1 ≤ 1.0 perm:
- Asphalt felt, perm rating 0.3-0.8

Polyiso roof insulation, perm rating 1.0 Extruded polystyrene, perm rating 1.0

• Class III, Semi-Permeable, > 1.0 ≤ 10.0 perm:

Expanded polystyrene, perm rating 1.2

Wood fiber, perm rating 3.0-5.0

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Vapor information:

- Air always contains some percentage of moisture
- The capacity of air to hold or carry moisture is related to the temperature of the air
- The total amount of humidity in the air is called the "Absolute Humidity"
- The amount of humidity as a ratio against the capacity of the air is the "Relative Humidity"
- The temperature at which water vapor begins to condense on surfaces
 is called the "Dew Point"
- NOTE: The term is not "condensate" it is condense. Condensate is a noun not a verb.

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Measurement: Psychrometor

Originally 2 thermometers: • One with a wetted cotton "sock", a

"Wet Bulb" • One just a "Dry Bulb"

Using the temperature difference the Relative Humidity could be determined

If you notice the silver color in the Dry Bulb, that is because Mercury thermometers are the most accurate. Needless to say I don't use this anymore.

Today's Psychrometer

 You can show the wet bulb, dry bulb and relative humidity

Cost about \$100

Accuracy ±3%

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REED Instruments 8706 Digital Psychrometer/ Thermo-Hygrometer, (Wet Bulb, Dew Point, Temperature, Humidity)



From where does the humidity come?

Outside:

Open water

Plants

ground Inside:

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Outside Sourced Humidity

 If the air is at 0°F, the Denver Design Temperature, and it is saturated (it is holding as much moisture as it possibly can) then when that air is heater to 70°F it would have a Relative Humidity of 5%.

 If the only source of humidity inside a structure is from outside air there cannot be a condensation problem

It is the inside activities that add humidity that create the problem.

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What is done in the interior?

- Warehouse: likely dry
- Residential: If no humidification interior 30% Rh good value for interior Rh.
- Residential with Humidifiers: Possible problem, Measurements Required
- Factory: Check to see if there is live steam or open water
- Grow Operations: ALWAYS High Humidity

First Line of Control: Inside the Building

• If the moisture isn't in the air it can't move into the attic/roofing system.

- Things to check:
- Mechanical Humidification
- Lots of Cooking
- Lots of washing
 Steam Rooms or Steam Showers
- Direct vents to outside, are they working and are they used

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More Things to Check:

- Concrete pour after roof install, new construction.
- Metal Buildings with old/torn bagged insulation
- Metal Building with high humidity occupancy
- Newly installed humidification systems

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Second Line of Defense: Direct Venting

- Are bath fans tied to light suites in bathrooms?
- Is there a vent hood used above cooking areas?
- If open water is used, is the area direct vented to the outside?
 If the house is "highly efficient" does the house have an air to air heat exchanger?
- Can venting be added?
- Can venting be tied to a humidistat?

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Once the Moisture Sources are Controlled:

• If the general level of interior relative humidity is kept below 30%, then there is low probability of a moisture problem.

• Now you have an opportunity to prevent condensation above the conditioned living space.

Attic/Roofing Ventilation

The Building Code Requires it!



Attic Ventilation: History

Requirements date to 1942 FHA Property Standards Guide

- Building code adopted values from 1/150 to 1/600 over time.
- 2021 IRC Requirements Section R806
- Minimum 1/150
- Except where a Class I or II vapor retarder is installed on the warm side
 Ventilation to be split 50:50 no worse than 60:40 with the high point 3feet above the low point.

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When the hail storm hits...

• And we are due.

- [Last year's webinars on hail damage are available from the CRA.]
- Ventilation is required, you need to add it. But how much?
- You are responsible to add ventilation if it is not already in place.

 This cost should be covered as a part of any Code upgrade coverage that the home owner has.
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Attic Ventilation requirements not based on testing, but on anecdotal information

- Cold air cannot hold much moisture
- The amount of moisture that air can hold goes up quickly as the air warms.
- If cold air is warmed it will hold lots more water vapor.
- Attics are warmed by the sun on the roof and heat escape from inside the building.
- If there is air movement the moisture is diluted and there is no problem.

In extreme cold

Condensation is expected

- The longer the cold stays below freezing the more condensation builds up
- Frost (condensation) starts on the metal fasteners and spreads
- The north face is worse than the South due to solar heating even with some snow
- Does not happen often in the Denver Front range

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How to Handle Excess Moisture

- Don't worry about it, this is Denver a high plains desert
- Dilution is the solution
- Ventilate, Ventilate, Ventilate
- Absorb and then release
- Some materials handle moisture better than others

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Attic Ventilation

• It is simple,

- Calculate the area (in sq. ft.) to the plan view of the house.
- Divide by 150
- Divide by two
- Install that area of free vent area near the ridge and in the soffit

• If it is that simple, why are there so many problems getting it done?

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Problems:

No air movement

- The moisture comes from the warm moist environment to the cold
- The movement is driven by differential vapor pressure
- If the moisture "pools" in a cold attic at some point it exceeds the air's capacity to hold it and condensation occurs.
- A cold night reduces the air's capacity
- Differential attic temperatures
- North side with snow will be colder than South face that gets full sun



 Blind valleys, Slopes into walls, some long valleys all can create problems for intake air. • Open attics can

get you around these problems.

Sectioned attics make things worse.

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The problem is the impossible design

Lots of ridge, right?



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Interesting house

 Long valleys ridge placed skylights, likely cathedral ceiling, long North faces.



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Ventilation solves the problem?

This roof has a ridge vent, But not good eave venting.

You need an inlet and outlet

Ideally they are balanced.

Excess in one is OK, but effective vent is balanced.



Dormers • The large dormer on the left is built on after the roof slope was completed. This does not need to be ventilated.

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"Free Vent Area"

- Screens limit air movement
- Non-wovens virtually stop air movement
- · Excessive openings can allow snow entry.
- Baffles can allow air movement and stop snow
- Louvers on gable vents can be too open.

Free Vent Area

• For Example from available literature:

Features

- Can be installed at edge of roof or on pitch
 Fils roof pitches from 3/12 to 6/12
 Square inches of net free area per foot
 Mode with durable long fasting material
 2 1/2" Ring shank nails included
 Integrated end plug every 2 inches
 Lifetime Limited Warranty

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Quick Calculation

- 9 sq inches = 9/144 = 0.0625 sq. Ft
- 150 times 0.0625 = 9.375 square feet that this intake can vent.
- With a similar ridge vent (two sided one side having 9 sq. In per foot) this combination can vent an 18.7 ft length from eave to ridge.
- This is a house width of 37.5 feet.
- This does not work for complex geometries, but works great for simple ridge lines.
- If there is a vapor retarder, then the size/area vented can be doubled.





Articles

- Lots of article on "best" way to ventilate roof
- Ridge vents vs box vents
- Gable vents and ridge vents
- Mixed systems
- Individual companies generally have articles support the use of their products.

How to Calculate Ventilation Requirements

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Is Venting Required in a Reroofing Situation?

- The current ventilation requirements for ventilation are based on new construction.
- There is a push to have the ventilation added specifically to the codes for reroofing.
- If you are interested in helping to push through a code change to add the ventilation requirement, go to: www.roofventilation.org.

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Compact Roofing Assemblies

- Moisture movement is slow
- Drive is from warm and moist to cold and dry.
- If the moisture hits a surface that is below the dew point temperature, then it will condense.

Moisture Movement in Compact Roofing

- The layers of the roofing assembly are laid out and a thermal profile is
 run
- The thermal profile will provide information about the location of the temperature at which condensation will occur.
- The layers of the roofing can be checked and a determination can be made about the possibility of moisture movement.
- If a layer that has a low perm rating is on the "warm" side of the assembly, then that layer will slow the movement of moisture into and through the roofing assembly.

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When the drive is down in Denver,

- The moisture is being driven out of the assembly into the interior of the building
- The temperature of the roofing membrane is high:
 Black membrane 180° F
- White membrane 120°F
- The air is relatively dry, both inside and outside of the building

• This is not a condition that creates a concern.

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Winter is the problem

- We have a low Design Temperature, 0°F (1% design)
- This means that the temperature of $0^\circ F$ happens approx. 1% of the time in a year.
- Our air is very dry. If the outside air is only heated and no moisture is added, the absolute humidity does not change so there is no problem.
- If the amount of humidity that is added due to interior operations is low, then there is no problem.
- If the amount of humidity that is added is too high then condensation can be a problem.



Thermal Profile

needed to identify the dew	Thermal Profile	Thickness	Outside Temperature 'F	°	Relative Humidity	805
assembly.			Thickness	R-Value	Temp at bottom of layer	Rivalue to this point
	Air Film		Outside Film Cold	0.17	0.5	0.1
A temperature check at	Membrane Surfacing		No Surfacing	0	0.5	0.1
the interface is the easiest	Membrane		TPO	0.24	1.1	0.4
way to do this. The	Coverboard	.25	Gypeum	0.715	3.2	1.12
temperature in a slab of	Insulation Layer #1	2.5	Poly laccyanurate	13,75	41.7	14.87
insulation is a linear	Insulation Layer 2	1.5	Poly Isocyanurate	8.5	64.8	23.12
relationship with location	Layer		Choose Product	0	64.8	23.12
relationship with location	Layer		Choose Product	•	64.8	23.12
between the temperature	Roof Deck		Wood	1.2	68.3	24.37
at the top and the bottom.	Interior Air Film		Indoor Heat Up	0.61	70.0	24.98

Vapor Condensation occurs at the Dew Point Temperature

- The Dew Point is the temperature at which the air is saturated
- This can be calculated by multiplying the Relative Humidity at the
 interior temperature by the saturation vapor pressure.
- Compare this value with the saturation pressure table and then look at the temperature at which this occurs.
- This is the Dew Point temperature

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Calculation

- Interior 70°F 30% Rh
- Saturation Vapor Pressure =0.7387
- Actual Vapor Pressure= 0.3 x 0.7387 = 0.2216 in. Hg
- The saturation vapor pressure of 0.2206 occurs at $37^\circ\mathrm{F}$
- Exterior 0°F
- Therefore, there is a dew point within the assembly.
 The question is does the vapor get to that point in the assembly.

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Is that a problem?

- Roofing materials can absorb and release moisture
- The amount that they can absorb and release depends on the chemistry of the product.
- For example, gypsum inherently contains a lot of moisture and it can absorb and release a lot of moisture without harming the material.
- Wood is also good at absorbing and releasing moisture.
 For example, Iso Insulation has an equilibrium moisture content of 1.4%
- at 45% Rh and 3.0% at 80% Rh.

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ISO Roof Insulation

- 1.4% of dry weight at 45% Rh
- 3.0% at 80% Rh
- + A 1" thick section -ft square of Iso with 2.7 lbs/cu. ft density weighs 0.23 pounds.
- The difference in weight due to moisture is 1.6% of 0.23 = 0.0036 lbs.
- 0.0036 lbs = 25.2 grains

• Remember in 1% of a year only 1.4 grains will get through. Lots of safety.

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What are the issues?

- The model assumes perfect sheets with no holes.
- There needs to be an effort made to overlap sheets and tape joints.
- Holes need to be patched.
- What about putting fasteners through the sheet?
- The fastener is in the hole.
- The compression reduces/prevents air movement

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Moisture Movement: Compact Roof Assemblies

- Moisture moves as a vapor when space allows
- Moves through contact between elements in the assembly.
- For the purpose of our
- discussion we will use vapor pressure as the driving force



New Amenity: Rooftop Skating Rinks

• Get the water off the roof

Roof Drainage

- If the water is not on the roof, then the roof won't leak.
- The weight can become an issue 5 psf per inch of depth
 Drainage needs to be sized for both high and low slope
- High slope drainage problems related to water sheeting from
- roof
- Low-Slope drainage needs to have a back-up to prevent overloading roof structure

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We all know what Liquid Water does to buildings...

- Promotes rot
- Reduces R-values
- Promotes mold growth
- Stains paint
- Swells wood products
- Corrodes fasteners

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Liquid water can also collapse buildings

• Drain and scupper sizing is crucial to the performance of the roof.



Roof Drainage Elements

- Size of the Deluge (rainfall intensity)
- Duration of the intense rainRoof Area being drained
- Slope of the roof

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Roof Drainage

Key points:

- Rainfall intensity
- Duration
- Roof Area to drain
 Slope of roof

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Low-Slope Roofing Steps:

- Calculate the area per drain
- Determine the drain size
- Determine the leader size
- Determine the leader slope
- Determine the water load on the drain
- If the capacity of the drain is greater than the amount of water, Great!

If not a provision for more drainage is required.

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Look at Satellite or Eagle View

 Locate drainage and divide the area based on drainage locations.

• Determine the area drained by each drain

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City of Denver Rainfall

• We design for the 100-year rain

Table 5.1. One-hour Point Rainfall Depths

Return	Period	One-hour Point Rainfall (inches)
2-'	/ear	0.95
5-'	rear .	1.34
10-	Year	1.55
50-	Year	2.25
100	-Year	2.57
Date: July, 1992 Revised:	Reference: Waste based on NOAA Atl	ewater Management Division, 1987, as determined as 2, Volume IIII.

Fomula:

 Gallons Per Minute = 0.0104 x Rainfall Intensity (in./hr) x Roof Area (sq. ft.)

Denver Rainfall Intensity = 2.57 inches in one hour [Deluge is higher]

- 5,000 square feet (measured)
- GPM = 0.0104 x 2.57 x 5,000 = 133.64 gallons per minute

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IPC Section 1105 Roof Drains

Sized to meet sizing in Section 1106





Now the tricky part:

- The drain that exists on the roof can be measured.
- * If doing a reproofing, make sure to use the diameter of the insert not the original
- You have to check the slope of the drain leader inside the building.
 Make sure the drain is cleared.....

Low-Slope Drain Capacity

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- Locally 2.5-3.0 inches / hour is commonly used
- Check with local code

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CALCU	ATE AREA	DRAINAG	E BY RO	OOF DR/	AIN SIZI	AT VA	IOUS R	AINFAL	L RATES	
DRAIN O	TLET SIZE				HOUK	T KAINFAI	L șn inche			-
SIZE (inches)	AREA (sq. inches)	1	1.5	1	ROOF	3 AREA SQU	4 RE FOOTA	GE	6	_
2	3.14	2,880	1,920	1,440	1,150	960	720	575	480	
3	7.06	8,880	5,860	4,440	3,520	2,930	2,200	1,760	1,470	1
4	12.56	18,400	12,700	9,200	7,360	6,130	4,600	3,680	3,070	1
5	19.60	34,600	23,050	17,300	13,840	11,530	8,650	6,920	5,765	-
6	28.30	54,000	36,000	27,000	21,600	18,000	13,500	10,800	9,000	7
8	50.25	116.000	77.400	58.000	46.400	38.660	29.000	23,200	19.315	16

360 1,100 2,300 4,325 6,750 14,500





1106.6 Gutter Capacity

 1106.6 Requires 	Gutter	Area (sq.in.)	Slope	GPM
that the listed	1-1/2 x 2-1/2	3.75	1/4	26
values not be	1-1/2 x 2-1/2	3.75	1/2	40
exceeded.	4	6.28	1/8	39
	2-1/4x3	6.75	1/4	55
 I wo numbers 	2-1/4x3	6.75	1/2	87
are rectangular	5	9.82	1/8	74
• One number is a	4x2-1/2	10	1/4	106
semi-circle	3x3-1/2	10.5	1/2	156
aerrin-cir cie	6	14.14	1/8	110
	3x5	15	1/4	157
	3x5	15	1/2	225
	8	25.13	1/16	172
	4-1/2x6	27	1/4	348
	4-1/2x6	27	1/2	494

Downspouts
Location, Location
Where to intercept the water on the roof
Where to discharge the water to the ground
Considerations:
North Side
Walkways/Driveways
Across lower roofs
What about overflow?
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Gutter Sizing 9 L = LENGTH OF GUTTER-FEET (SERVED BY A DOWNSPOUT) IA = RAINFALL INTENSITY X AREA (DESIGN AREA THAT RELATES TO "L")

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Gutter Topping Devices

• Will likely create icicles.

• Will likely be topped in a deluge. • When cleaning is required it can be hard.

0.80 1.25 1.75

· Seem to be the number one pop-up on my computer

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Gutter Sizing Summary

- Most follows standard tables.
- Never heard of too many downspouts.
- Every turn slow the movement of water
- Watch where you put the water on the ground
- At least if a gutter plugs the water just runs over the top.

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Final comments:



☆Thank you Rich!

- * Presentation Handout & Wind Calculation Tools are available at: https://www.coloradoroofing.org/member/education
- *A survey will be sent after the seminar, please take the time to respond. Your feedback helps us plan future webinars and seminars.
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