

Painting lead flashing

Lead flashing is not recommended for use with ZINCALUME® steel or COLORBOND® steel as it can cause accelerated corrosion of the roof sheeting in some exposure conditions. However it is recognised that lead flashing must be retained in some re-roofing situations when existing lead flashings is built into existing masonry work. In these cases painting will provide a suitable barrier between the flashing and roofing sheet surfaces.

The top surface of lead flashing should also be painted with a good quality exterior paint system so that water running off the flashing is not contaminated with lead ions which will lead to contamination and corrosion of the catchment systems.

Alternatively a plastic strip such as polythene damp course can be used as a separator between the ZINCALUME® steel sheeting and the lead flashing. However, the top surface of the lead flashing must still be painted to prevent contamination and corrosion of the catchment systems.

The preferred malleable flashing material is soft zinc sheet flashing which is compatible with both galvanised, ZINCALUME® steel or COLORBOND® steel sheeting.

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