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Brad Halley
ZIP System Product Manager
Huber Engineered Woods

Re: Acceptance of Huber Engineer Woods Zip® Roof System as a qualified sealed roof deck system for FORTIFIED Home™, FORTIFIED Commercial™ and FORTIFIED Multifamily™ steep slope roof applications

Dear Mr. Halley,

We are pleased to provide this letter notifying Huber Engineered Wood Products that the Zip® Roof System meets the following requirements for a sealed roof deck (SRD) on steep slope roof applications:

- Meets 2025 FORTIFIED Home™ standard sealed roof deck requirements for flashing tape and underlayment per sections 4.4.1.1 and 4.4.2.1
- Material Option 2: Apply an AAMA 711-13, Level 3 (for exposure up to 80°C/176°F) compliant self-adhering flexible flashing tape at least 3 ¾ in. wide directly to the roof deck to seal the horizontal and vertical joints in the roof deck.
- An AC266-rated system consisting of wood structural panel sheathing with integrated water resistive barrier such as Huber Zip™ roof sheathing used in combination with approved or proprietary tape to seal the roof deck seams as described above and in compliance with manufacturers installation instructions, is deemed to comply as an approved FORTIFIED sealed roof deck without any additional underlayments required.

The Zip® Roof system can also be used on steep slope installations where Zip® Roof is an acceptable substrate for finished roof cover materials under the following FORTIFIED programs:

- 2025 FORTIFIED Commercial™ - Wind
- 2025 FORTIFIED Multifamily™ - Wind

In order for the Zip® Roof System to be accepted the entire system must be installed in accordance with Huber's complete installation requirements for the panels and tape. Roof valleys and other sensitive areas of the roof may require additional flashing details or products to provide adequate water intrusion resistance, based on project specific exterior cladding and finished roof covering systems being used.

The Zip® Roof system does not require an additional layer of underlayment to comply with FORTIFIED SRD requirements, as is required for standard plywood or oriented strand board (OSB) panels when installed as the original substrate in a new construction application or when re-decking of an existing structure's entire roof when installed per Huber

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Engineered Wood installation instructions. However, this letter of acceptance is not intended to supersede installation requirements of roof cover manufacturers or local building code requirements if they are more restrictive.

Additionally, all other FORTIFIED requirements related to roof system installation requirements (including but not limited to panel fastening and panel thickness requirements) still apply.

IBHS is available to provide subject matter expertise on acceptance should there be additional questions in the future.

Please feel free to provide this letter to code officials, builders and contractors who use your Zip® Roof System as you see fit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Malik". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Fred" and "Malik" being capitalized and prominent.

Fred C. Malik
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