# Product and technical manual





Adhering to the use of good roofing practices

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### BMI Coverland's history dates back to 1949 and has since evolved to become the largest concrete roof tile manufacturer in Southern Africa.

Boasting a national footprint of 7 manufacturing sites as well as 4 depots, we offer a comprehensive range of locally produced concrete roof tiles, as well as complimentary roof components and systems designed to cover a variety of functional aspects of roof construction.

#### **OUR HISTORY**

BMI South Africa's history dates back to 1949 when the founding company, Vereeniging Tiles Ltd (a division of Redland) installed the first double action line production tile machine in Vereeniging. Business developed well over the years which led to a merger in 1976 with three other major tile manufacturers to form Coverland Roof Tiles, specialising in concrete roof tile production. Another key acquisition in 2007, of the Kulu Group, made us the leading concrete tile producer in South Africa. By 2017, as part of the Braas Monier Building Group, the business was acquired by Standard Industries, and combined with lcopal to form BMI Group.

#### **OUR PROMISE**

We help build communities by providing shelter, protection and peace of mind through effective and innovative roofing and waterproofing solutions, designed to transform the way people live and work. We care about our people, our partners and those we serve. Together, we are leading our industry in new, efficient, safe and sustainable ways.

Our values guide us to be a business where every employee is empowered to be the best version of themselves; where both employees and customers are constantly inspired by what we do; where we never stop evolving our products, systems and solutions, and where we're fully connected as one team.

BMI Coverland also offers an Accredited Architect CPD (Category One) activity, audited and approved by the South African Institute of Architects. We offer practical training on our roofing products to our customers to ensure top quality workmanship. Our mission is to continue to deliver high quality roofing solutions, pioneering innovations and world-class service. We aim to drive progress, improve quality of life and give peace of mind for architects, contractors, building- and home-owners alike. Because at BMI Coverland we believe it's never just a roof.



#### **ABOUT BMI GROUP**

BMI Group was born out of a recognition that customers now expect a single point of expertise to help them find their ideal roof. Bringing together some of the industries most trusted brands to become the largest supplier of both flat and pitched roofing and waterproofing solutions throughout Europe, BMI Group has over 165 years of experience and innovation to offer its clients.

As a Standard Industries company, BMI Group, headquartered in the UK, has the support, reach and resources of a global enterprise. With over 120 production facilities across Europe, Africa and Asia, and more than 9,500 employees worldwide, the business is well positioned to provide an unparalleled level of service to homeowners, specifiers, contractors, property owners and developers. Find out more at **www.bmigroup.com** 



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# **Setting standards**

As a part of BMI Group, roofing materials are first tested at the BMI Technical Center in Germany before innovations are released for sale. BMI has a dedicated in-house team of product designers, engineers and materials scientists who work closely with equipment manufacturers and external specialists to develop new and improved products. Advanced techniques such as Computer Aided Design or 3D printing are used for detailed design and visualisation of products. These resources are applied to the development of concrete tiles, clay tiles, fittings and accessories as well as functional and aesthetic coatings.

Manufacturing of a new product is only the last step of an extensive programme of development, engineering, trials and testing before the implementation is carried out.

Excellent performance and ease of use on the roof are vital to the success of our roofing systems. Our test facilities allow us to analyse the performance of our products under all climatic conditions – a clear requirement given the variety of our local markets.



#### **INTENSE PRODUCT TESTING**

Setting standards with our product testing methods we expose our products to sunlight simulation and UV radiation, acid rain, freeze-thaw resistance and thermal shock testing. We test the ease of laying and use of our products internally. BMI weathering stations in eight countries worldwide additionally help us to simulate and predict the durability of our products many years into the future in all types of climate conditions.

Our roofing products are tested in a wind tunnel unique to the industry. The wind tunnel can simulate wind and rain conditions found in a wide range of climate zones worldwide. The simulations even include situations which typically arise only every 50 years. Only when the new roofing materials have passed the wind tunnel trials as well as several other hardness tests and long-term ageing tests, does BMI release its innovations for sale.

#### **EXPERTS AT WORK**

The technical experts at BMI drive the sharing of product and production know-how through people networks, training courses and in-house consulting in many industrial and product related fields. Learnings made in one of the plants are facilitated by the technical teams and spread across the Group to improve overall performance and efficiency of our plants for better quality products. Our technical centre and our business units have more than 50 years of experience in roofing. We devote more resources to roofing development, and have more know-how than any other roofing company in the world.

Last but not least, experts of the technical centre are actively involved in the development of national and international industry standards in several boards, associations and organisations to make sure that our high product standards make it into norms and standards for the benefit of the customer.

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This document explains the importance of concrete roof tilers adhering to the use of good roofing practices. The document is based on existing SANS Building Codes of Practice and the extensive experience gained by BMI Coverland – which has been manufacturing concrete roof tiles in South Africa for more than half a century.

The primary function of the roof is to protect a building from a variety of weather conditions pertaining to a specific area. The more elaborate or complicated the roof, the more it will call for delicate details in order to ensure optimum performance from the roof covering. Please call your nearest BMI Coverland office for further information.

# The whole roof is key



Modern roofs do not only offer protection from the elements, but also provide a variety of functions for the home. The advantages of individual components add up to a more extensive benefit. High-performance insulating radiant barriers offer high energy-saving potential. The right tiles in combination with matching fixings and safety components resist even the harshest of weather conditions. Integrated cooling and ventilation systems play an increasingly important role in modern buildings.



**Ridge tree** 



Kro clip

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**Ridge clip** 

**Roof tile fittings** 





Dry ridge rolls

Dry vent monoridge



Radenshield™ aluminium membrane



Undertile membrane



Easyflash® Plus



Eave filler / comb



**Concrete tiles** 



Storm clip & nails



Clear/translucent tile

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# **Concrete Roof Tile Collection**





Today concrete is an indispensable building material for the construction of modern buildings and a firm part of the appearance of our cities. Concrete tiles provide protection against wind and weather, and is an ecologically sound solution offering excellent value for money.

Perspective Farmhouse® White

### A modern building material

Concrete tiles are made from sand, water, cement and pigments, and are not fired like clay tiles, but cured at temperatures of approximately 60 degrees Celsius. The curing process makes them sturdy enough to be transported within 7 days after manufacture, and they get stronger over time. The energy-efficient production process and long product life cycle mean that concrete tiles have one of the best environmental footprints of all roofing materials. Our concrete tiles are available in a variety of designs, perfectly suited to different architecture: With high or low profiles, classic or premium surface finishes for UV-resistance.



A lot can change in 30 years, but your roof doesn't have to. With a track record of just over 70 years and the backing of BMI Technical Centre, we are proud to introduce our **30 Year Roof Tile Guarantee**.

Your roof is your protection from the elements, your shelter and with our guarantee, your peace of mind. Our concrete range is guaranteed against the event of damage to the weather resistance of the product resulting from a manufacturing defect. In the unlikely event that damage occurs, BMI Coverland will repair the affected product for the lifetime of the guarantee.

#### #itsneverjustaroof







DISCLAIMER: Some profiles and colours shown in this brochure, may be region specific. Contact us for availability in your area. The colour of the tiles displayed in these pages may vary due to the printing process. BMI Coverland recommends that you view an actual tile sample before reaching a purchase decision. Customised colours are available on request. **30 year functional guarantee:** T's & C's apply. For more information please contact your sales representative or email us at info.sa@bmigroup.com

#### **CONCRETE TILE FINISHES**

#### Flair

The unique coating technique applied to the tiles, ensures a long-lasting and significantly richer colour appearance. The coating, tested in our weathering facilities in Germany, is formulated for UV-resistance and prevents efflorescence for a durable and ultra-solid finish. An acrylic polymer emulsion film is applied to the wet tile. The coating is then cured onto the surface of the tile to create an inseparable bond of colour pigments with the tile. It effectively seals the pores of the tile, so that minerals do not reach the tile surface, and locks in the vibrant colour.





#### Vibrant

Our unique low-VOC coating applied during manufacturing, bonds with the tile and through its VibeTech Technology delivers deep, rich colours, and colour uniformity across the roof. In addition, our EffloBlock technology ensures no efflorescence appears after installation delivering a world class look to your development.



#### **Farmhouse**®

The through colour tile is accentuated by a second colour, sporadically applied to give it a natural rustic appearance.

Brown





#### **Through Colour**

A single-shaded base colour throughout the roof tile displays a distinct roof surface.







#### **BENEFITS OF CONCRETE TILES**

- Durable and gets stronger with age
- 30 year roof tile guarantee for peace of mind
- Good soundproofing properties
- Easy to install and to replace/repair
- Available in a wide range of natural colours
- Enhances and increases the value of your home
- With the correct installation it provides a safe and secure home
- A very cost effective roofing solution when you include your roof timber/trusses and installation costs





#### ELITE



#### Our Elite roof tile has a flat structured outline epitomising a flawless modern roof.



Farmhouse Slate Grey White

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Overall size of tile (mm)	420 x 330
Approx mass per tile (kg)	5.2
Linear cover per tile (mm)	295

5.2 kg



#### STRUCTURAL DATA

The roof structure specifications should comply with the regulations in your area.

Minimum pitch requirements	17° to 25°	26° and over
Rafter Centres	Up to 760 mm 38 x 38 Batten	Up to 950 mm 38 x 50 mm Batten on edge
Headlap (mm)	100	75
Batten Centres (mm)	320	345
Batten per m² (m)	3.13**	2.9**
Number of tiles per m <sup>2</sup>	10.6	9.8
Approx mass of tile m² (kg)	55	50
Laying Application	Broken Bond	Broken Bond
Undertile Membrane/ Radenshield™ recommended at all pitches	Mandatory	Mandatory





Farmhouse Slate Grey White



Through Colour

Slate Grey

Terracotta

Through Colour Red





Through Colo Brown

\*\* No allowance for wastage.

#### PERSPECTIVE



Our Perspective roof tile is ultra-modern with an undulating contour giving a smooth aesthetic with solid functionality.



Farmhouse White

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Overall size of tile (mm)	420×330
Approx mass per tile (kg)	4.6
Linear cover per tile (mm)	300
Linear cover per tile (mm)	300





#### **STRUCTURAL DATA**

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Minimum pitch requirements	17° to 25°	26° and over
Rafter Centres	Up to 760 mm 38 x 38 Batten	Up to 950 mm 38 x 50 mm Batten on edge
Headlap (mm)	100	75
Batten Centres (mm)	320	345
Batten per m² (m)	3.13**	2.9**
Number of tiles per m <sup>2</sup>	10.42	9.66
Approx mass of tile m² (kg)	52	44
Undertile Membrane/ Radenshield™ recommended at all pitches	Mandatory	Mandatory
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Through Colour Brown

Farmhouse

Brown

\*\* No allowance for wastage.

#### **CUPOLA**



Our Cupola roof tile denotes an unmistakable Mediterranean character with its deep rolls and bold tile curves.



Farmhouse Terracotta

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Overall size of tile (mm)	420 x 330
Approx mass per tile (kg)	4.7-4.9
Linear cover per tile (mm)	300





#### **STRUCTURAL DATA**

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Rafter Centres	Up to 760 mm 38 x 38 Batten	Up to 950 mm 38 x 50 mm Batten on edge
Headlap (mm)	100	75
Batten Centres (mm)	320	345
Batten per m² (m)	3.13**	2.9**
Number of tiles per m <sup>2</sup>	10.42	9.66
Approx mass of tile m² (kg)	±51	±47
Undertile Membrane/ Radenshield™ recommended at all pitches	Mandatory	Recommended
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Red

Red





Slate Grey



Through Colour



Farmhouse

Terracotta





Through Colour Brown

\*\* No allowance for wastage.

#### TAUNUS



Our Taunus roof tile, though conventionally shaped, is striking and bold and adds charm to timeless and modern designs.



Through Colour Terracotta

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Overall size of tile (mm)	420 × 330
Approx mass per tile (kg)	4.4
Linear cover per tile (mm)	300





#### **STRUCTURAL DATA**

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\_ 332mm -

The roof structure specifications should comply with the regulations in your area.

Minimum pitch requirements	17° to 25°	26° and over
Rafter Centres	Up to 760 mm 38 x 38 Batten	Up to 950 mm 38 x 50 mm Batten on edge
Headlap (mm)	100	75
Batten Centres (mm)	320	345
Batten per m² (m)	3.13**	2.9**
Number of tiles per m <sup>2</sup>	10.42	9.66
Approx mass of tile m² (kg)	46	43
Undertile Membrane/ Radenshield™ recommended at all pitches	Mandatory	Recommended
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Vibrant Slate Grey	Vibrant Red	Vibrant Terracotta	Vibrant Brown

Red

Red



Farmhouse

Slate Grey



Through Colour Through Colour Slate Grey



Farmhouse

Terracotta



Farmhouse

Brown

Through Colour Brown

\*\* No allowance for wastage.

#### **DOUBLE ROMAN**



#### Our Double Roman roof tile is a classic for the subtle and timeless design.



Farmhouse Brown

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Overall size of tile (mm)	420×332
Approx mass per tile (kg)	4.2
Linear cover per tile (mm)	300





#### **STRUCTURAL DATA**

The roof structure specifications should comply with the regulations in your area

Minimum pitch requirements	17° to 25°	26° and over
Rafter Centres	Up to 760 mm 38 x 38 Batten	Up to 950 mm 38 x 50 mm Batten on edge
Headlap (mm)	100	75
Batten Centres (mm)	320	345
Batten per m² (m)	3.13**	2.9**
Number of tiles per m²	10.42	9.66
Approx mass of tile m² (kg)	46	41
Undertile Membrane/ Radenshield™ recommended at all pitches	Mandatory	Recommended
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Farmhouse Slate Grey

Slate Grey

Red







Through Colour Red



Farmhouse



Farmhouse

Brown

\*\* No allowance for wastage.



#### Our Renown roof tile is a low-profile design to blend unobtrusively into any environment with a more contemporary feel and square edged profile.



Through Colour Slate Grey

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

420 x 330
4.4
300





#### **STRUCTURAL DATA**

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Through Colour Slate Grey

Through Colour Terracotta

#### **ARKITONE MIX**

The Arkitone Range is a Mediterranean concept of randomly laid concrete roof tiles of different colours creating an artistic style in roofing. It makes a quiet statement in superiority, status and appearance. This range is available in Taunus and Cupola.





Classic Autumn



Classic Sunset



**Classic Tuscan** 



Classic Harvester



Classic Dusk

#### **CONCRETE ROOF TILE FITTINGS**



#### V-RIDGE HIP STARTER

No. per Hip	One
Thickness (mm)	14-16
Fixing	Bed in mortar. Dry Ridge System recommended.
Laying	Open end butts next tile
Mass (kg)	± 4.4



### MONO RIDGE No. per LM ± 2.2 tiles Thickness (mm) 14-16 Fixing Bed in mortar. Dry Ridge System recommended. Laying Butt jointed Mass (kg) ± 5 (Standard)



V-RIDGE TILE	
No. per LM	± 2.2 tiles
Thickness (mm)	12-14
Fixing	Bed in mortar. Dry Ridge System recommended.
Laying	Butt jointed
Mass (kg)	± 4.0 (Standard)



RAKE VERGE	
No. per Verge	One per tile course + one
Thickness (mm)	14-16
Fixing	Two non-corrodible screws or nails
Laying	Overlapping



TAPERED HIP STARTER	
No. per Hip	One
Thickness (mm)	13-16
Fixing	Bed in mortar. Dry Ridge System recommended.
Laying	Overlapping
Mass (kg)	± 4.4



#### GABLE ROLL 370\*

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No. per LM	± 3.2 tiles
Thickness (mm)	13-16
Fixing	Two non-corrodible screws or nails
Laying	Overlapping
Mass (kg)	± 3.3 (Standard)



TAPERED RIDGE		
No. per LM	± 2.5 tiles	
Thickness (mm)	13-16	
Fixing	Bed in mortar. Dry Ridge System recommended.	
Laying	Overlapping	
Mass (kg)	± 5.0	



GABLE ROLL 400*		
No. per LM	± 3 tiles	
Thickness (mm)	12-14	
Fixing	Two non-corrodible screws or nails	
Laying	Overlapping	
Mass (kg)	± 3.2 (Standard)	

### Roofing Systems & Components



Energy efficiency, innovative insulation and healthy house ventilation while saving costs is not a contradiction, but a natural consequence when it comes to the environmental quality of our roofing systems.

### The whole roof is key

We are one of the few manufacturers to offer both a comprehensive range of concrete and clay tiles for pitched roofs and complementary roofing components designed to cover various functional aspects of roof construction.

#### **DRY RIDGE SYSTEM**



**Ridge rolls** 



**Ridge tree** 





Kro clip

Ridge clip

#### **UNDERLAYS AND ROOF FLASHING**



Radenshield™ Aluminium radiant barrier



Undertile membrane



Easyflash®



**Connection Strip** 

#### **ROOFING ACCESSORIES**



Eave filler / comb



Storm clip, nails & oxides



Clear/translucent tile

#### **DRY RIDGE SYSTEM**

Dry Ridge roofing refers to the easy roll and clip mechanical installation of the ridge and hip tiles without the use of the traditional mortar application. The Coverland Dry Ridge System offers a leak-proof, maintenance-free solution for your roof ridge and hip-lines. It comprises of the Ridge Tree which aligns the topmost ridge or hip batten, an easy to install dry-fix ridge roll that is secured onto the batten and Ridge/Hip Clips to secure the ridge tiles. The result is a storm-proof and maintenance-free ridge and hip-line giving your roof a superior aesthetic finish.



#### Ventilating dry ridge system

The BMI Coverland Ventilated Dry Ridge System replaces mortar bedding with a breathable ridge roll — FigaRoll Plus or FigaRoll Plus S — that allows the air to circulate from the eave via the underlay to the roof ridge and away from the wooden roof structure. The result is a healthier indoor environment because the humidity and stagnant air, produced in the interior of the building, escapes through the roof. The roof construction can then dry out preventing mould and dry rotting. It is a secure weatherproof system that allows optimum ventilation for a healthier indoor climate. It also has the added advantage of an aesthetically pleasing ridge line, free from messy mortar that cracks and causes leaks.

#### Application

The application is time efficient and less labour intensive – an estimated 2.5 hours to fix a 10m BMI Coverland Dry Ridge roof compared to 6 hours for a 10m mortar application. Follow the fixing instruction on page 29 or visit our website for the short video tutorial.



#### Benefits

#### **Time-saving**

- No unusual skills and minimal tools required for the roll and stick mechanism.
- Easy roll and stick application, no messy mortar or the inconvenience of mixing and carrying mortar.
- Approximately 2.5 hours/10m roof versus mortar approximately 6 hours/10m roof.
- Light-weight and less mess.

#### Maintenance-free

- Ensures no cracks or leaks normally attributed to mortar applications.
- Ventilating Ridge Roll allows for expansion and contraction of the roof, resulting in a maintenancefree ridge and hip-line.
- The Ridge Roll assists in preventing mould and damp that rots the timber and damages the roof structures.

#### Storm and weather-proof

- The components to the system ensures that the tiles are securely fastened for maximum protection against the elements.
- Offers better resistance to wind uplift and water penetration.

#### **Cost-effective**

No long-term maintenance associated with mortar bedding.

#### **Universal design**

- High quality design that is aesthetically pleasing.
- Suits most concrete roof tile profiles.

#### Why dry ridge?



Mortar hardens therefore it does not expand and contract with varying weather conditions or daily temperature variations. Hairline cracks form which eventually increase in size.



Rain then penetrates the ridge and hip line through these cracks and cause damage to the interior of the roof. Ongoing rain damage can cause trusses to rot which pose a serious health risk to the occupants of the property.



Often maintenance to the ridge and hip-lines use the same mortar method. An over coat of waterproofing is applied on top. This looks unattractive and inevitably leads to future maintenance costs.

#### Components of the dry ridge system





#### Ventilating ridge rolls

Figaroll<sup>®</sup> Plus and Figaroll Plus S are progressive dry-fix ridge and hip rolls with an innovative double ventilation channel system having adjusted holes for ideal roof ventilation and resistance against driving rain and snow.



#### **Ridge Tree**

A solid device that acts as a guide for optimal alignment for the fixing of ridge and hip runners, which aesthetically enhances the ridge and hip-line. The steel is strong yet pliable for easy fixing with screws.



#### Kro Clips

Corrosion-resistant stainless spring clips that fix tiles to the valleys and hips.



**Ridge Clip / V-Seal Clip** Stove enamelled aluminium clips facilitate easy and rapid fixing of ridge tiles on tapered ridges. Replace the Ridge Clip with V-Sealing clips for V-Ridge System.

#### **DRY RIDGE ROLLS**

A high-performance dry ventilation solution, allowing ventilation on the ridge line with the new double-duct "labyrinth ventilation technique". It protects the roof infrastructure against humidity to create a comfortable indoor ambiance. Its high UV-resistance provides a highly durable and long lasting solution.

#### FigaRoll Plus

Best suited for roofs with rolled tile profile e.g. Cupola

#### **PRODUCT DATA**

Material	PP Fleece & Coated Aluminium/PET composite foil
Ventilation Cross-section (cm²/m)	150
Stretch factor of side strip	Approx. 20%
Surface Colours	Red / Black/ Brown
Length of Roll (m)	5
Width of Roll (mm)	350
Weight (kg per roll)	2.2
Fire rating	Class E



#### FigaRoll Plus S

Figaroll Plus S has been designed especially for roofs with flat tiles (e.g. Elite, Lógica Plano), with a smaller side strip that is less visible when covered by the ridge tile.

#### PRODUCT DATA

Material	Aluminium, Polyisobutylene and fleece
Agrément Certification	2008/343
Ventilation Cross-section (cm²/m)	150
Stretch factor of side strip	Approx. 20%
Surface Colours	Red / Black
Length of Roll (m)	5
Width of Roll (mm)	210
Weight (kg per roll)	1.1
Fire rating	Class E





#### Dry ridge installation

























#### PLEASE NOTE: Surfaces must be clean and dry before installing.

- 1. Measure the pitch at the ends and in the middle of the ridge. Bend Ridge Tree in relation to the angle of the ridge, taking into account the size of the ridge battens (38mm x 50mm).
- 2. Attach the Ridge and Hip Tree to counter batten/ rafter (for that you need to lift the topmost battens on both sides). Align and fix the remaining Ridge Trees around 600mm of a bow-taut lace. Thereafter the topmost roof battens must be attached again.
- 3. Cut tiles are fixed durably to the hip structures with Kro Clips without drilling. Only nails and hammer needed. Kro Clips are supplied with 30cm length corrosion-resistant binding wire fixed from the Kro Clip to the hip batten/rafter.
- 4. Ensure a clean, dust-free, dry surface within area of the adhesive edge. Roll out and align Ridge Roll onto the ridge or hip batten (Butyl strip down). Staple the middle along the ridge batten following the white line.
- 5. Pull off the adhesive strips, one side at a time, to expose the CH bond special Butyl glue. Press the adhesive edge firmly and securely by systematically working, for example, from the left side towards the right side. Stick butyl onto all high points of the tiles before moulding into the tile recesses. In the same way as on the ridge-line, Ridge Roll can also be applied on the hip-line.
- 6. Where ridges and hips intersect, lay Ridge Roll onto the ridge/hip end ensuring sufficient overlap. At the beginning of the new roll of Ridge Roll overlap the product for at least 5cm.
- 7. Complete the ridge and/or hip with BMI Coverland ridge tile fittings using 4.5mm diameter wood screws.
- 8. Fix the ridge tiles together with the Ridge Clips using 4.5mm diameter wood screws until ridge/hip is complete. Replace tapered Ridge Clips with V-Sealing Clips in a V-Ridge system.
- 9. Finish of with a hip starter tile.
- 10. Secure a block on the edge of the batten to lift the hip starter at the head to be level with the ridges.
- 11. Measure holes at 35mm and 235mm. The first hole for the alignment of the ridge. The second hole for securing the hip starter in place to avoid movement side ways and prevent wind uplift.
- 12. Secure ridge with bonded washer and screws.

#### **COOL ROOF SYSTEM**

The BMI Coverland Cool Roof System is a self-sustaining system that offers a solution to reduce the flow of heat transfer through the roof. It optimises the roof's thermal performance with a combination of heat reflection, ventilation and insulation components to minimise the radiant heat and reduce the heat transmitted into the roof. An integral part of the Cool Roof solution is RadenShield<sup>TM</sup> – a highly reflective, low-emissivity underlay that functions as an optimum radiant barrier, resulting in less air conditioning, and less electricity usage.



#### How it works

The Cool Roof system functions through interdependent products that keep a building's interior cool and comfortable. The Dry Ridge system uses convection to circulate cool air, which enters through the eaves, heats up and escapes through the ventilated ridges. A dry-ridge roll seals the ridge and allows heat to escape from the top of the roof while the Ridge Tree aligns the ridge battens for better airflow. At the eaves, the Filler Comb further promotes natural ventilation flow and RadenShield<sup>™</sup> reflects radiant heat and also insulates against rain and dust.

#### Energy-saving, cost-saving

As a passive system, the Cool Roof system runs the entire day. When the house is cooler, airier and fresher, you use less air-conditioning, which saves on your electricity bills. Since the interior environment of the building is cool and comfortable, there is less need – if any – for devices, such as air conditioners and/or fans. Fridges will also use less energy to keep cool. Using the Cool Roof system saves on energy consumption and since it can be applied to all types and styles of housing; it saves energy at all levels. What's more, the Cool Roof system doesn't require any mechanical installation or ventilation. It is a simple, self-sustaining system that delivers lasting and sustainable benefits. Browse to page 36 for more tips on project savings that comply with SANS 204 Energy Efficiency in Buildings.

#### Benefits

#### Comfort

- RadenShield<sup>™</sup> reflects 97% of radiant heat.
- Cool and comfortable interior up to 10°C cooler\*.

#### **Energy-saving**

 Saves on energy consumption – save up to 30% on electricity usage\*.

#### Protection

- RadenShield<sup>™</sup>helps prevent dust, sand, pollen and insects accumulating in the roof cavity and penetrating the interior of the home.
- RadenShield<sup>™</sup>reduces pressure variances, decreasing the risk of tile or roof sheeting from taking off in windy conditions.
- RadenShield<sup>™</sup>reduces water suction caused by windy conditions and pressure variance.

#### The benefits of the Dry Ridge system are applicable since it forms part of the Cool Roof system

 $^*$  Scientifically tested by BMI Technical Centre based on 90m² room with a regulated temperature of 22°C and used in conjunction with the Cool Roof components.

#### Components of the cool roof system



in summer with Radenshield™

Acts as a barrier to retain warmth in the winter



**RadenShield™** Refer to the RadenShield™ product pages for more information on the product specifications.



**Counter Battens** Creates a passage of airflow underneath the tiling battens. Supplied by your roof truss manufacturer.



**Eaves Filler** Prevents the access of birds and mice, and facilitates airflow for the Cool Roof System.



**Ridge Tree** 

A solid device that acts as a guide for optimal alignment for the fixing of ridge and hip runners. See the Dry Ridge System for more information.



**Ridge Clip** Stove enamelled aluminium clips facilitate easy and rapid fixing of ridge tiles.



**FigaRoll Plus** Ridge and hip rolls for roof ventilation and resistance against driving rain and snow.



**Kro Clips** Corrosion-resistant stainless spring clips that fix tiles to the valleys and hips.

#### **UNDERLAYS**

#### **Residential Radenshield™**

RadenShield<sup>™</sup> radiant barriers are a range of aluminium roofing membranes that provide the added benefit of a reflective insulation material. The highly effective physical properties add indoor comfort and reduced energy consumption. RadenShield<sup>™</sup> is a waterproof barrier and is vapour impermeable. The material composition diagrams and tables illustrate unique attributes of the RadenShield<sup>™</sup> products.

#### RADENSHIELD™ SINGLE-SIDED

Material	PP A1 Single aluminium side
Agrément Certification	2009/366
Size (linear metres)	30 x 1.5
Roll Coverage (m²)	45
Effective Coverage (m²)	40.5
Weight (g/m²)	126
Mass (kg)	5.7
Thickness (mm)	0.31-0.35
Tensile Strength	MD 180 N/50 mm; CD 180 N/50 mm; EN12311-1
Average Nail Tear Strength	MD 120 N; CD 120 N; EN12310-1
Fire Rating	B/B3/3/H
R-values ((m²K)/W)	Product: 1.05   System: 1.4*

#### **RADENSHIELD™ DOUBLE-SIDED**

Material	PP A1 Double aluminium sides
Agrément Certification	2009/369
Size (linear metres)	30 x 1.5
Roll Coverage (m²)	45
Effective Coverage (m²)	40.5
Weight (g/m²)	172
Mass (kg)	7.8
Thickness (mm)	0.29-0.31
Tensile Strength	MD 200 N/50 mm; CD 180 N/50 mm; EN12311-1
Average Nail Tear Strength	MD 150 N; CD 150 N; EN12310-1
Fire Rating	B/B1/2/H
R-values ((m²K)/W)	Product: 1.59   System: 1.94*

#### RADENSHIELD™ ECOSENTIAL

PP A1 Double aluminium sides
2020/605
30 x 1.5
45
40.5
127
6.3
0.2-0.24
MD N/50 mm; CD N/50 mm; EN12311-1
MD 250 N; CD 270 N; EN12310-1
SANS 428 – B/B1/2H (SP & USP)
Product: 1.52   System: 1.87*













PLEASE NOTE: R-Values are subject to change due to ongoing testing. \*System R-value = product r-value + 0.35 where 0.35 m2K/W represents the roof tiles and standard plasterboard with 40mm gap above the foil and 60mm gap below. The system r-value is a guide and should be professionally verified based on the actual roof application process.

#### Industrial Radenshield™

High performance aluminium radiant barriers for buildings with galvanised sheet cladding or tiled-roof building. RadenShield<sup>™</sup> Industrial and Illumina can be installed in buildings with galvanised sheet cladding or tile-roof buildings. It is especially suited for the use in large scale open-roof application.

#### **RADENSHIELD™ INDUSTRIAL**

Material	PP A1 Double aluminium sides
Agrément Certification	2009/367
Size (linear metres)	33.33 × 1.5
Roll Coverage (m²)	50
Effective Coverage (m²)	45
Weight (g/m²)	220
Mass (kg)	11
Thickness (mm)	0.42-0.46
Tensile Strength	MD 300 N/50 mm; CD 240 N/50 mm; EN12311-1
Average Nail Tear Strength	MD 250 N; CD 270 N; EN12310-1
Fire Rating	SANS 428 – B/B1/2/H&V (SP & USP)
R-values ((m²K)/W)	1.57**

#### **RADENSHIELD™ ILLUMINA**

Material	PP A1 Single aluminium sides
Agrément Certification	2012/425
Size (linear metres)	33.33 × 1.5
Roll Coverage (m²)	50
Effective Coverage (m²)	45
Weight (g/m²)	182
Mass (kg)	9.1
Thickness (mm)	0.46-0.5
Tensile Strength	MD 300 N/50 mm; CD 240 N/50 mm; EN12311-1
Average Nail Tear Strength	MD 250 N; CD 270 N; EN12310-1
Fire Rating	SANS 428 – B/B1/2/H&V only (SP)
R-values ((m²K)/W)	1.05**





#### **Undertile Membrane**

BMI Coverland Undertile Membrane is a fundamental element of a roof structure and is a reliable alternative to plastic underlays. It provides superior wind uplift strength which prevents the uplift of roof coverings during strong wind gusts. It offers protection against water ingression and dust invasion. When a roof structure is tiled according to the required specifications and suitably fitted with BMI Coverland Undertile Membrane, it performs as a weather-tight roof.



#### Benefits



#### Superior wind uplift strength

 During short wind gusts, pressure difference occur between the roof space and the outside roof tiles. The result is a wind force that causes total or partial removal of the roof tiles allowing further damage by natural elements.

• BMI Coverland Undertile Membrane fitted underneath the tiles, assist in equalising pressure differences, it thereby offers resistance against strong wind penetration.

#### Increased water-tightness

- Water can enter the roof space and damage the roof interior in the following ways:
  - In windy conditions, a high pressure difference between the roof space and outside the roof tiles causes water suction. Without the BMI Coverland Undertile Membrane as a barrier, water is sucked down into the lower pressure roof space.
  - In the event of damage to the tile or other roof covering.
  - Hailstones that melt in valleys, or concealed gutters can leak into the roof space.
- BMI Coverland Undertile Membrane is water impermeable and does not allow water through.





#### 2-PLY

Material	2-ply laminate of 95 g/m² white, 20 g/m² Polypropylene	
Agrément Certification	2011/384, NHBRC approved	
Roll dimensions (m)	30 (L) × 1.5 (W)	45 (L) × 1.5 (W)
Mass (kg per roll)	4.5	4.5
Coverage (m²) Effective with 150 mm overlap	40.5	60.75
Tensile Strength	180 Newtons	
Average Nail Tear Strength	80 Newtons	
Fire rating	B/B1	
Water Resistance	Waterproof barrier and vapour impermeable	







#### Installation for domestic / commercial / light industrial roofing



- 1. Unroll underlay and install horizontally, from left to right, across the rafters and starting at the eaves. Work towards the ridge of the roof (1a). The upper side of the underlay is marked with the BMI Coverland logo and a dotted line indicating the minimum overlap between layers of 150mm.
- 2. Ensure each horizontal layer is placed across the rafters in such a way as to avoid sagging, creases and/or gaps. Tack-nail into position and secure using through-nail horizontal battens. Avoid unnecessary tears/penetrations through the underlay.
- 3. Minimum recommended width of horizontal overlap is 150mm (1b). Horizontal overlaps should be secured under a batten. Ensure vertical joints overlap by a minimum of 150mm and that they are secured to a rafter (2a). Corrosion-resistant staples or EP clout nails are recommended. If the building is in a high wind area, it is recommended that the underlay is nailed to the underside of the tiling battens.
- 4. The underlay between the trusses must be sufficiently taut, while allowing a shallow through to facilitate run-off beyond the wall or into the gutter, should rain water penetrate the tiles (2b).
- Layers of underlay that run over a hip should overlap by a minimum of 150mm. Each layer should overlap the layers of underlay on the adjacent elevation of the roof.
- 6. Ensure that a layer of damp-proof course is applied over the underlay at roof ridges, hips and at the roof's apex.
- 7. Ensure that a layer of underlay at least 600mm wide is laid in the roof's valleys before the final layers of underlay are laid. Secure these strips beneath valley battens, ensuring that the final underlay layer is laid over these battens.
- 8. Where holes need to be cut for ventilation and soil pipes use the following procedure:
  - Underlay must be star-cut carefully to prevent tears, ensuring the tabs face downward and that the pipes fit closely through the holes.
  - Fit a proprietary collar over the pipe to protect the underlay.

#### Installation for galvanised sheet cladding



Fig 4.1: Diagram A – 150mm sidelap joint. Straining wire central to overlapping.

Fig 4.2: Diagram B – 100mm sidelap joint. Straining wire central to overlapping

- Refer to diagrams A, B, C and D. Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) coated straining wires are secured from the top apex purlin, over intermediate purlins to the bottom eave purlin at 338mm centres (1b).
- The first straining wire is secured 75mm away from the gable end. All wires are evenly tensioned ensuring that cut ends face downwards.
- 3. Note: All other applications to comply with the National building regulations and codes of practice.
- RadenShield<sup>™</sup> is laid over the straining wires (2a) ensuring that it is squared off to the underlay and is secured to the apex purlin using doublesided tape (2b). The underlay is evenly tensioned and secured to the eaves purlin again using double sided tape.
- All subsequent layers of RadenShield<sup>™</sup> are to be fixed as above with a not less than 100mm overlap over the previous sheet. Straining wires must be positioned at the centre of the overlaps and not less than 50mm from the sheet edges.



Diagram illustrating steps to laying undertile membranes and radiant barrier membranes over the roof truss under the tiles





Fig 4.3: Diagram C – Laying over the straining wire and fixing to the apex

Fig 4.4: Diagram D – Laying



Diagram of laying RadenShield™ on straining wires

#### RADENSHIELD™ GUIDELINE FOR SANS 10400-XA: 2021 ENERGY EFFICIENCY

November 2021 saw the release of the updated application of the National Building Regulations SANS 10400-XA: 2021 Ed 2 Energy usage in buildings, This follows on the original regulations promulgated in November 2011. The new regulations make it mandatory to specify thermal insulation in buildings based on their occupancy class as stated in regulations XA1, XA2 and XA3.

#### **Energy zones**

The original climate zones from the original regulations have been replaced with energy zones. There are 7 energy zones across South Africa and these where determined by the heating and cooling energy required to regulate the internal comfort levels of buildings. The explanation of each energy zone can be identified using the legend on the map:



Zone 5H -> 80% humidity area

#### **R-VALUE REQUIREMENTS**

Energy zones	1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7	5H
Minimum Thermal Resistance required – Total R-value m²K/W	3.7	2.7
Total R-value of roof & ceiling materials / other materials	0.35	0.35
Minimum added R-value required m²K/W	3.35	2.31

Below find the calculation of the R-value contribution for a roof construction using our RadenShieldTM product range. This allows for less bulk insulation required resulting in a cost saving for the roof insulation required to achieve the relevant R-value.

R-VALUE (m²K/W)	Single Sided	Ecosential	Double Sided
Concrete roof tile (any colour) & standard plasterboard	0.35	0.35	0.35
R-value of RadenShield™ with 40mm airgap to tile and 60mm below foil	1.05	1.52	1.59
Total R-value (m²K/W)	1.40	1.87	1.94

#### WATERPROOFING / FLASHING

#### EasyFlash<sup>®</sup>

Signs of failed flashing include roof leaks and damaged ceilings. EasyFlash® is an innovative, dry-fix sealing abutment solution designed to replace traditional metal flashing for abutments and junctions between walls and roof surfaces. It's 100% self-adhesive that seals for up to 15 years, maintenance-free\*.

#### Benefits

#### Maintenance-free

- All weather durability.
- Up to 15 years when sealed with Connection Strip.

#### **Cost saving**

 In a cost-comparison over 15 years, EasyFlash<sup>®</sup> costs a third less than traditional methods.

#### Simple to install

- Easy roll and stick mechanism.
- Easy installation saves time.

#### Universal design

- UV-resistant.
- Available choice of colours for selection and matching.

#### PRODUCT DATA

Material	Coated aluminium composite with self-adhesive butyl
Roll dimensions (m)	5 (L) × 0.25 (W)
Stretch factor	up to 50%
Thickness (mm)	2.7
Surface Colours	Brown / Black / Terracotta

Recommended to seal with Connection Strip in accordance with application instructions

#### **Connection Strip**

Connection Strip is used for the mechanical fixing of EasyFlash<sup>®</sup>. It is an reversible product which is easy to fix due to its prefabricated punched holes.

#### PRODUCT DATA

Material	Clean colourbond steel	
Dimensions (m)	2.4 (L) × 0,6 (W)	
Colour	Double-sided brown & terracotta	
Hole distribution (mm)	400	

#### EasyFlash® and Connection Strip application instructions

#### Application

- Dormers
- Brick chimneys
- Side & horizontal wall connections

#### Preparation

- Ensure that the tile surface is dry, free from dirt and dust
- Plastered walls must first be primed and painted









#### **RAFTER / TRUSSES**

As per structural requirements. To comply with SANS 563 Softwood structural timber and engineer's specifications.



Battens to comply with SANS 653 Softwood battens and brandering. Non-corrodible nails 3.35mm used, need to be long enough to penetrate the rafter to a depth of 55mm.





#### **ROOFING ACCESSORIES**

A modern roof needs to do more than just keep water out and a full roof system is more than a sum of its parts. With the appropriate roofing accessories, our roofs transform into complete roof systems, adding functionality, quality, security and an attractive appearance to the roof.

#### Innofix

Innofix Clip is the revolutionary new tool-free tile clip. It's simple to fix, with less tile breakage and it's quicker than ever to install. It's our strongest clip yet, and suitable for all exposure zones. It is designed to work with 38 x 38mm tiling battens only.

#### Installation



 Innofix Clip is installed by hooking onto the BMI Coverland tile interlock and then sliding beneath the 38 x 38mm roof batten where it is clipped into place with an audible click sound.



 Push the bottom part of the hook down under the 38 x 38mm batten – and wait for the audible 'click'.



3. Innofix Clip is fixed in a click.





#### Stormclips, nails, screws and pigments

A range of fastening storm clips are available to match concrete tile profiles, including a universal storm clip. Storm clips ensure that tiles stay fixed in high winds and act as a barrier from criminals entering through the roof. Galvanised EP clout nails, smooth or serrated, are available in a range of lengths to meet all building requirements. Galvanised passive screws can be used to secure fittings within the BMI Coverland Dry Ridge System and other forms of fitting requirements. High quality pigments ensure lasting mortar colour.

#### **PRODUCT DATA**

Galvanised EP clout nails (mm)	25, 32, 40, 50, 63, 75, 82, 100
Aluminium nails (mm)	40, 50, 63
Oxide	Pigments to match tile colours

#### **Clear tile**

The Clear Tile has been designed as a cost-effective means of illuminating rooms and is easy to install. It has the same dimensions as those of the standard profiles. It is produced to withstand the harshest elements for a prolonged period of time, is resistant to ultraviolet rays and will provide many years of trouble-free illumination. Available in Cupola, Double Roman, Perspective, Elite and Taunus.

#### **PRODUCT DATA**

Material

Transparent Polymethylmethacrilate PMMA





## Technical Guidelines


# More than 70 years of roofing experience

We have been making pitched roof products for almost a century, and our expertise, developed over this extended period of time, covers all steps of the roofing process.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY INSTRUCTION**

Many building products such as roof tiles are manufactured using raw materials. These raw materials contain a proportion of crystalline silica. Powered mechanical processing such as cutting or drilling of the products will release some quantities of respirable silica dust. Where exposure to this dust is high and prolonged over time, it can lead to lung disease (silicosis) and an increase risk of lung cancer where silicosis has been contracted.

The following control measures are required:

- An approved P3/FFP3 particulate respirator must be used during all cutting and drilling processes.
- In addition, engineering control such as wet cutting or dust extraction devices should be applied.
- For cutting and drilling, control measures are required.
   Wet cutting or dust extraction should be applied.







Eye protection

Respiratory protection Dusk mask type P3/FFP3





## **INSPECTING THE ROOF STRUCTURE**

Before battening commences, the main contractor should make sure that the rafter/truss centres do not exceed those recommended for the batten size. The roof structure should also present no abnormality, thereby offering an even plane for battening and tiling. It is strongly recommended not to proceed until the structure is approved.

## An important note regarding re-roofing

It is unlikely that a roof previously covered with other materials will have the correct structure to carry concrete tiles. A comprehensive assessment is therefore essential and proper adjustment and reinforcement of the structure must be done before laying concrete roof tiles. It is always advisable to contact your nearest Coverland outlet for expert advice when considering a re-roofing job.

## **USEFUL TIPS**

- In order to avoid damage, ladders against or into eaves' gutters should be clear of the gutters and then securely anchored. It is dangerous to rest a ladder against a verge owing to the uneven line of support and its greater susceptibility to damage.
- Materials or tools required should be carried up and not drawn or dragged over the roof. Materials stacked on the roof should not overload the battens, undertile membrane or roof structure, and should preferably be placed on the rafter lines.
- Care should be taken when walking on the roof. It is bad practice to walk up the valleys and hips. When walking on the tiles always step on the bottom middle of the tile.



## **ROOF STRUCTURE SPECIFICATION**

Roof slope below 26 degrees ±100mm tile overlap minimum batten gauge 320mm

Rafter Length	Courses on Roof	Batten Centres									
1.000	4	0.250	3.150	10	0.315	5.300	17	0.312	7.450	24	0.310
1.050	4	0.263	3.200	10	0.320	5.350	17	0.315	7.500	24	0.313
1.100	4	0.275	3.250	11	0.295	5.400	17	0.318	7.550	24	0.315
1.150	4	0.288	3.300	11	0.300	5.450	18	0.303	7.600	24	0.317
1.200	4	0.300	3.350	11	0.305	5.500	18	0.306	7.650	24	0.319
1.250	4	0.313	3.400	11	0.309	5.550	18	0.308	7.700	25	0.308
1.300	5	0.260	3.450	11	0.314	5.600	18	0.311	7.750	25	0.310
1.350	5	0.270	3.500	11	0.318	5.650	18	0.314	7.800	25	0.312
1.400	5	0.280	3.550	12	0.296	5.700	18	0.317	7.850	25	0.314
1.450	5	0.290	3.600	12	0.300	5.750	18	0.319	7.900	25	0.316
1.500	5	0.300	3.650	12	0.304	5.800	19	0.305	7.950	25	0.318
1.550	5	0.310	3.700	12	0.308	5.850	19	0.308	8.000	25	0.320
1.600	5	0.320	3.750	12	0.313	5.900	19	0.311	8.050	26	0.310
1.650	6	0.275	3.800	12	0.317	5.950	19	0.313	8.100	26	0.312
1.700	6	0.283	3.850	13	0.296	6.000	19	0.316	8.150	26	0.313
1.750	6	0.292	3.900	13	0.300	6.050	19	0.318	8.200	26	0.315
1.800	6	0.300	3.950	13	0.304	6.100	20	0.305	8.250	26	0.317
1.850	6	0.308	4.000	13	0.308	6.150	20	0.308	8.300	26	0.319
1.900	6	0.317	4.050	13	0.312	6.200	20	0.310	8.350	27	0.309
1.950	7	0.279	4.100	13	0.315	6.250	20	0.313	8.400	27	0.311
2.000	7	0.286	4.150	13	0.319	6.300	20	0.315	8.450	27	0.313
2.050	7	0.293	4.200	14	0.300	6.350	20	0.318	8.500	27	0.315
2.100	7	0.300	4.250	14	0.304	6.400	20	0.320	8.550	27	0.317
2.150	7	0.307	4.300	14	0.307	6.450	21	0.307	8.600	27	0.319
2.200	7	0.314	4.350	14	0.311	6.500	21	0.310	8.650	28	0.309
2.250	8	0.281	4.400	14	0.314	6.550	21	0.312	8.700	28	0.311
2.300	8	0.288	4.450	14	0.318	6.600	21	0.314	8.750	28	0.313
2.350	8	0.294	4.500	15	0.300	6.650	21	0.317	8.800	28	0.314
2.400	8	0.300	4.550	15	0.297	6.700	21	0.319	8.850	28	0.316
2.450	8	0.306	4.600	15	0.307	6.750	22	0.307	8.900	28	0.318
2.500	8	0.313	4.650	15	0.310	6.800	22	0.309	8.950	28	0.320
2.550	8	0.319	4.700	15	0.313	6.850	22	0.311	9.000	29	0.310
2.600	9	0.289	4.750	15	0.317	6.900	22	0.314	9.050	29	0.312
2.650	9	0.294	4.800	16	0.300	6.950	22	0.316	9.100	29	0.314
2.700	9	0.300	4.850	16	0.303	7.000	22	0.318	9.150	29	0.316
2.750	9	0.306	4.900	16	0.306	7.050	23	0.307	9.200	29	0.317
2.800	9	0.311	4.950	16	0.309	7.100	23	0.309	9.250	29	0.319
2.850	9	0.317	5.000	16	0.313	7.150	23	0.311	9.300	30	0.310
2.900	10	0.290	5.050	16	0.316	7.200	23	0.313	9.350	30	0.312
2.950	10	0.295	5.100	16	0.319	7.250	23	0.315	9.400	30	0.313
3.000	10	0.300	5.150	17	0.303	7.300	23	0.317	9.450	30	0.315
3.050	10	0.305	5.200	17	0.306	7.350	23	0.320			
3.100	10	0.310	5.250	17	0.309	7.400	24	0.308			

Rafter Length	Courses on Roof	Batten Centres
1.000	3	0.333
1.050	4	0.263
1.100	4	0.275
1.150	4	0.288
1.200	4	0.300
1.250	4	0.313
1.300	4	0.325
1.350	4	0.338
1.400	5	0.280
1.450	5	0.290
1.500	5	0.300
1.550	5	0.310
1.600	5	0.320
1.650	5	0.330
1.700	5	0.340
1.750	6	0.292
1.800	6	0.300
1.850	6	0.308
1.900	6	0.317
1.950	6	0.325
2.000	6	0.333
2.050	6	0.342
2.100	7	0.300
2.150	7	0.307
2.200	7	0.314
2.250	7	0.321
2.300	7	0.329
2.350	7	0.336
2.400	7	0.343
2.450	8	0.306
2.500	8	0.313
2.550	8	0.319
2.600	8	0.325
2.650	8	0.331
2.700	8	0.338
2.750	8	0.344
2.800	9	0.311
2.850	9	0.311
2.900	9	0.317
2.900	9	0.322
3.000	9	0.328
3.050	9	0.339
3.100	9	0.344

Rafter Length	Courses on Roof	Batten Centres
3.150	10	0.315
3.200	10	0.320
3.250	10	0.325
3.300	10	0.330
3.350	10	0.335
3.400	10	0.340
3.450	10	0.345
3.500	11	0.318
3.550	11	0.323
3.600	11	0.327
3.650	11	0.332
3.700	11	0.336
3.750	11	0.341
3.800	11	0.345
3.850	12	0.321
3.900	12	0.325
3.950	12	0.329
4.000	12	0.333
4.050	12	0.338
4.100	12	0.342
4.150	13	0.319
4.200	13	0.323
4.250	13	0.327
4.300	13	0.331
4.350	13	0.335
4.400	13	0.338
4.450	13	0.342
4.500	14	0.321
4.550	14	0.325
4.600	14	0.329
4.650	14	0.332
4.700	14	0.336
4.750	14	0.339
4.800	14	0.343
4.850	15	0.323
4.900	15	0.327
4.950	15	0.330
5.000	15	0.333
5.050	15	0.337
5.100	15	0.340
5.150	15	0.343
5.200	16	0.325
5.250	16	0.328

Rafter Length	Courses on Roof	Batten Centres
5.300	16	0.331
5.350	16	0.334
5.400	16	0.338
5.450	16	0.341
5.500	16	0.344
5.550	17	0.326
5.600	17	0.329
5.650	17	0.332
5.700	17	0.335
5.750	17	0.338
5.800	17	0.341
5.850	17	0.344
5.900	18	0.328
5.950	18	0.331
6.000	18	0.333
6.050	18	0.336
6.100	18	0.339
6.150	18	0.342
6.200	18	0.344
6.250	19	0.329
6.300	19	0.332
6.350	19	0.334
6.400	19	0.337
6.450	19	0.339
6.500	19	0.342
6.550	19	0.345
6.600	20	0.330
6.650	20	0.333
6.700	20	0.335
6.750	20	0.338
6.800	20	0.340
6.850	20	0.343
6.900	20	0.345
6.950	21	0.331
7.000	21	0.333
7.050	21	0.336
7.100	21	0.338
7.150	21	0.340
7.200	21	0.343
7.250	21	0.345
7.300	22	0.332
7.350	22	0.334
7.400	22	0.336

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7.600	23	0.330
7.650	23	0.333
7.700	23	0.335
7.750	23	0.337
7.800	23	0.339
7.850	23	0.341
7.900	23	0.343
7.950	24	0.331
8.000	24	0.333
8.050	24	0.335
8.100	24	0.338
8.150	24	0.340
8.200	24	0.342
8.250	24	0.344
8.300	25	0.332
8.350	25	0.334
8.400	25	0.336
8.450	25	0.338
8.500	25	0.340
8.550	25	0.342
8.600	25	0.344
8.650	26	0.333
8.700	26	0.335
8.750	26	0.337
8.800	26	0.338
8.850	26	0.340
8.900	26	0.342
8.950	26	0.344
9.000	27	0.333
9.050	27	0.335
9.100	27	0.337
9.150	27	0.339
9.200	27	0.341
9.250	27	0.343
9.300	27	0.344
9.350	28	0.334
9.400	28	0.336
9.450	28	0.338

## **BATTEN CENTRES**

### **Ridge and Mono Ridge**

The undertile membrane should overlap the apex of a roof by at least 150mm. The ridge battens can then be permanently fixed.

#### Verges

The battens should not be cut until the tile setting out procedure has been completed. Sufficient undertile membrane must be provided for water-proofing the verge detail.

#### Abutments

Sufficient undertile membrane must be provided as detailed in standard flashing requirements.

## Gutters

Gutters should be installed after tiling commences.

#### General

Before tiling work commences, fascia boards, beam filing, valley flashings, plastering and painting work, should be completed to avoid unnecessary traffic on the roof. **Steps for working out batten centres** 

When tiling a roof it is important to position the battens equidistantly from each other to prevent uneven courses. Braas Monier Building Group has produced a simple formula using the tables provided to assist you in this task. Follow these four easy steps to locate the batten centres of rafters ranging from 1 metre to 9.35 metres.

The four steps to working out batten centres are as follows:

- 1. Measure the complete rafter length from the apex of the roof to the end of the eave.
- 2. Position the first batten as per illustration.
- 3. Proceed to batten at centres obtained from the tables for the applicable pitch.
- 4. Always ensure that the top batten is 25mm from point of apex.

#### WINDLOADING AND UNDERTILE MEMBRANES

The most important environment factor which affects the satisfactory performance of roofs is wind gusting. During short-term wind gusts, pressure differences occur between the roof space (loft) and the outside of the roof covering. The result is a wind force that causes the total or partial removal of the roof covering allowing further damage by natural elements. Roof pitches below 30° results in suction on both the windward and leeward sides of the roof. This suction or lifting force, particularly on a low pitched roof, is often the most severe wind load experienced by any part of a building. Under strong wind gusts the uplift on the roof covering may be far in excess of the dead mass of these coverings, requiring both the roof covering and the total roof structure to be securely fixed to prevent the roof and/or covering from being lifted and torn from the building.



A roof with a pitch of less than 30° is experiencing a wind of velocity (Vs) metres per second horizontal and at right angles to the ridge line. The kinetic energy of the wind is transformed into a dynamic pressure q through the interaction of the roof as obstruction with the moving wind: q (Newtons per m<sup>2</sup>) =  $\int \frac{V_2^2}{V_2^2}$  where  $\int = Density of air$ 

Wind tunnel tests and practical evidence have shown that the satisfactory performance of a roof, and a tiled roof in particular, depends on the complementary function of the roof covering and the undertile membrane.

The working performance of the roofing undertile membrane substantially reduces the lifting forces on the roof covering. In addition the undertile membrane brings definite advantages to the building. In essence an undertile membrane is an essential component of a pitched roof and should be considered an investment and an insurance for a weather-tight roof. If a roof structure is fitted with an undertile membrane of suitable quality and is tiled according to the required specifications, it will withstand excessive wind speeds.



Tilting batten to be used to bring the first row of tiles in the same plane of those that follow.



A roofing undertile membrane (high tensile strength/tear resistance), performs a critical function in preventing roof coverings from being removed under high wind gusting and in some instances reduces the need for mechanical fixing. In areas of high driving rain, e.g. coastal regions, an undertile membrane will minimize the risk of rain penetration on all roof pitches that may occur as a result of the reversal of the internal/external pressure relationship caused by the other dominant roof openings. In order to withstand high wind loads it is necessary for all horizontal overlaps to be held down properly. One method is to use an additional batten over the overlap where necessary. A suitable roofing undertile membrane will afford:

- a. An increase in thermal insulation resulting in energy savings during winter and summer.
- b. Reduced dust contamination in the loft space, hence allowing it to be utilised as a storage area.
- c. Minimised water ingress and damage resulting from hailstones melting in valleys, concealed gutters, etc.
- d. Protection against roof leaks in the event of damage to the roof covering.

## FIXING THE UNDERLAY AND BATTENS

#### **Eaves overhang**

Determine the specified eaves overhang and cut the rafters/trusses accordingly.

## **Tilting batten**

A tilting batten (or fascia board) must be used at the bottom end of the rafters, rising above the batten line to ensure that the first course of tiles will be on the same plane as the following courses. The average tilting dimension is plus-minus 14mm higher than the battening being used.

## Valley underlay

If the roof has valleys, start by fixing a strip of underlay at least 600mm wide, centred on the valley's full length, overlapping the ridge on the top and carrying it well into the gutter at the bottom. Secure the underlay on the edges with clout nails.

## **Eaves underlay**

Lay the first horizontal strip over the rafters starting from the eaves, ensuring that it will carry over the fascia board. Secure this first strip to the rafters with clout nails in the upper half only, leaving the lower half free for draping over the tilting batten and well into the gutter. Care should be taken to ensure that the underlay does not form any troughs where water may be trapped. To achieve this the underlay must be taut or supported, if necessary, behind the fascia board/tilting batten. If the roof is to have open soffits, it is good practice to install a thin covering (fibrereinforced cement or other weather-resistant sheet) on top of the rafters for the extent of the eaves or verges overhang before proceeding.

## Positioning the bottom and top battens

Fix the batten, which is to carry the first course of tiles on top of the underlay. The distance of this batten from the fascia board should allow sufficient overhang of the tiles over the fascia board/tilting batten, enabling rainwater to discharge efficiently into the gutter (normally 350mm from the outside of the fascia board to the top of the first batten). Fix the apex batten temporarily, but accurately, at a distance of 25mm from the apex of the rafters, which is adequate for most pitches.

## Calculating the batten gauge

Determine the pitch of the roof and the appropriate batten gauge. Measure the full rafter length and read off the spacings on the table on the following pages. Set the tilting batten and first batten, then proceed to batten at the centres shown in the table. Make sure that the battens run parallel to each other at all times.

## Split apex

A split apex is a design feature. When calculating the batten gauge, the higher apex should always be used. A short course can occur at the lower level apex.

## **Roof underlay and battening**

Proceed with fixing underlay horizontally with clout nails, observing the recommended overlaps. Batten up simultaneously to the apex ensuring that the batten joints are always located on a rafter. It is bad practice to join all the battens on the same rafter. Avoid walking or standing on the underlay as this might cause damage.

## Valleys

At valleys, the horizontal strips of underlay shall overlap underlay previously fitted. Determine the width of the valley flashing to be used. Secure the valley counter battens along both sides of the valley to the rafters securing the underlay. Horizontal battens are now mitred and secured to the valley counter battens.

#### Hips

At hips, the underlay may be cut close to the hip rafter, or may overlap one another on both sides of the hip rafter. A strip of 600mm wide underlay is then placed over the full hip length, overlapping the ridge at the apex and carrying down into the gutter at the bottom. The hip counter battens are secured to the rafters as close to one another as possible along the length of the hip, securing the underlay. Horizontal battens are now mitred and secured to the hip battens.



Distance between rafter apex and first batten

The underlay in all cases should be fixed between rafters and battens (except at the lower edge of a bottom course of tiles where it overlaps the tilting batten and/or fascia board into the gutter), and must overlap horizontally and vertically by at least 150mm at all joints (Work normally carried out by a qualified carpenter).

## **RAKE VERGE**

The Rake Verge system provides a neat maintenance-free finish to the verge of a tiled roof and eliminates the need for barge boards. Rake verge tiles are fixed using non-corrodible fasteners (90-180mm and 63mm).

## Benefits

## **Easy installation**

The Rake Verge system has been designed to facilitate easy installation as it is a versatile product that can be used on variable batten gauges on both sides of the roof.

#### **Compatible with all Coverland profiles**

The Rake Verge system is compatible with all Coverland profiles. Together, they provide a uniform, attractive overall finish to any pitched roof.

#### **Cost-effectiveness**

The Rake Verge system is the most cost-effective system available today.

## **Aesthetically pleasing**

The Rake Verge system provides a beautiful finish to any pitched roof.

#### **PRODUCT DATA**

Length (m)	420
Linear coverage (mm)	±320 per unit depending on batten gauge
Mass	±5.4
Profiled tile	38 x 38mm Tiling batten = 38 x 50mm Verge counter batten
Flat tile	38 x 38mm Tiling batten = 38 x 76mm Verge counter batten



#### Installation procedure

A verge counter batten must be fixed as per the examples (in all cases ±30mm from the edge of the tile to the outer edge of the verge batten must be allowed):

#### Example 1 – Double Roman & Taunus

Top of verge counter battens  $(38 \times 50 \text{ mm})$  to be positioned flush with the top of the tile battens.



#### Example 2– Elite

Top of verge counter battens to be positioned flush with the top of tile battens. A 38 x 76mm verge counter batten is to be used. A drip tray is needed on roofs with an overhanging gable and gables that are flush. This is to reduce drip on the batten and extend the life-span of the batten.



## Example 3 – Cupola

Bottom of verge counter battens to be positioned flush with the bottom of tile battens. In cases where 38 x 50mm battens are used, a 38 x 76mm verge counter batten must be positioned flush with the bottom of the tiling batten.









- In order to obtain a straight line along the eave, the first rake verge tile needs a dummy spacing. This is obtained by driving two nails, one underneath the other, into the end batten as close to the edge as possible so that they protrude ±25mm. Where fascia boards are used, cut fascia to allow ±25mm protrusion beyond the batten to support the first rake verge.
- 2. Place the first rake verge on the first course of tiles and slide upwards, so that the tapered end of the verge tile butts up against the second course of tiles. Mark off the desired overhang on the front of the rake verge tile and cut off. Replace the verge tile and fix in position.
- 3. Now continue along the verge by placing each rake verge butting up against each course of tiles and overlapping each preceding verge tile until you reach the ridge line. Do the adjacent verge, finishing at the ridge.
- 4. At the apex of the roof the rake verges are mitred to form a neat junction with the ridge line. Both the top rakes are bedded in mortar as in the ridge line.

#### Note: Flat tiles require additional weather proofing. Consult your local branch for information and for other specialist products.



## **ABUTMENTS**

Abutments seal walls, chimneys and other rising structures and prevent rain and snow from entering the roof construction. Even under extreme weather conditions, like long-term high temperatures, heavy rain and high winds, our roof flashing rolls increase the durability of a roof, thanks to their outstanding weather resistance. Consult SANS 10062 for details.



## EasyFlash<sup>®</sup> at a top edge abutment

The flashing material, turned up and fixed to the wall, must be carried well over the first tile by at least 150mm, and finished with a cover flashing/connection strip.





Top edge abutment

Back edge abutment

## EasyFlash<sup>®</sup> at a back edge abutment

The flashing material, turned up and fixed to the wall, must immediately be placed over the full tiles above the abutment and carried under the second row of tiles as far as necessary to ensure efficient waterproofing. It must also be extended on each side of the abutment, overlapping the side flashings by at least 150mm. This treatment at a back edge does not provide for the flow of water and debris, and is only acceptable for short distances (chimney, etc.)

## EasyFlash® at a side abutment

All tiles with a contoured profile can be treated in this manner at a side abutment. The flashing material, turned up and fixed to the wall, must be carried well over the nearest raised tile contour and finished with a cover flashing/connection strip.

For further information on the installation of EasyFlash  $^{\odot}$  , see page 33.

## Gutter method

**Concealed side gutter** 

A preformed gutter located adjacent to the abutting face must be positioned below the tile level, supported by a timber insert. Make sure that the side welt on which the tiles are laid is



not pressed flat. The abutting tiles should be laid (whole or cut) approximately 40mm away from the abutting face to allow the water channel to be cleaned.

Where a concealed gutter is not discharging water into an eaves gutter (e.g. around the chimney stack or other abutment) it is important to install it in such a manner that water will discharge freely onto the head of the immediate course of tiles below the abutment.

The whole gutter should be pitched at a slightly lower angle to lead onto the head of the tiles below, and a trough should not be allowed to form at the bottom of the gutter where the debris and water will dam up.

Care should also be taken to form the bottom lip of the gutter in such a way that the rain will not overflow into the roof. At this particular point the front flashing should be carried up under the side gutter and adjacent tile as far as necessary to ensure a waterproof junction. Where this type of gutter is discharging water directly into the eaves gutter (e.g. abutting wall), the same recommendations as for a valley will apply with regard to the fascia board. A tilting batten will be required to support the front of the tiles hanging into the concealed gutter.

#### **Back Gutter**

The size of a back gutter should be in accordance with the expected volume of water it is likely to carry. In constructing a back gutter, the bottom edge of the course of tiles immediately above the gutter shall be raised to maintain

the same tile pitch as for courses (see



Gutter size to be in proportion with water flow

Tilting Dimension). The tiles discharging rainwater into the back gutter should overhang it sufficiently to ensure an efficient discharge.

The back gutter should be so formed at each end as to allow a free flow of water into the concealed side gutters. All abutment flashings should be finished with a cover flashing (of the same material to avoid the possibility of electrolytic corrosion) either stepped or raked and chased into the brickwork.

#### TILING

The following laying and fixing specifications for BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles have been established in accordance with SANS 10062 (Code of Practice for fixing concrete roof tiles), SANS 10160-1 (Code of Practice for the general procedures and loadings to be adopted for the design of buildings), BS 5534 – Part 1/1978 (Code of Practice for slating and tiling and design), roofing technology data and extensive experience gained by BMI Group.

Roofs in exposed and coastal areas can experience severe wind lifting forces. In these situations special recommendations for additional mechanical fixings apply. The principal factors to be considered in deciding on the necessity for additional fixing are:

- 1. The exposure of the site.
- 2. The height above ground of the roof.
- 3. The pitch of the roof.
- 4. The higher wind loadings encountered at eaves and verges.
- 5. Environmental influences Specific laying and fixing specifications for these locations must be considered for each situation.



## Laying specifications Headlap

The minimum headlap for BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles is 100mm on 17°-25° and 75mm on pitches of 26° and above. All BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles, with the exception of the Elite, should be laid straight-bond.

## **Mechanical fixing**

**Coastal regions (up to 30km inland)** – Aluminium alloy/ Non-corrodible serrated clouthead nails of the correct length to suit the profile.

**Inland regions** – Electroplated serrated clouthead nails of the correct length to suit the profile. Non-corrodible

storm clips should always be used where specified. Ensure correct storm clip is used for specific profiles.

#### NAILS SPECIFICATIONS PER PROFILE

Cupola	100 mm long nail/clipped
Clay Tile	50 mm long nail/clipped
Double Roman	63 mm long nail/clipped
Elite	50 mm long nail/clipped
Taunus	75 mm long nail/clipped
Rake Verge	75 mm long nail
Tile Clips	50 mm long nail
Tile Clips for Elite	25 mm long nail

\* Nails to be 2.8mm gauge serrated shank type.

#### **Fixing specifications**

The following fixing guide should provide a sound functional roof in each of the defined exposure categories. However, it cannot encompass all possible circumstances, or the unanticipated worse than the "once in 50 years" prediction. Special laying and fixing specifications must be considered for each situation where the roof pitch, height of the roof, exposure of the site and/or environmental influence are unknown, in doubt, or felt to be critical. Please refer to BMI Group for advice in these circumstances.

Assess the terrain in which the roofing is to be constructed as being of one of the following categories:

Terrain category 1 – exposed smooth terrain with virtually no obstructions



This category includes open sea coasts, lake shores and flat, treeless plains with little vegetation other than short grass.

# Terrain category 2 – open terrain with widely spaced obstructions



This category includes large airfields, open parklands or farmlands and undeveloped outskirts of towns and suburbs, with few trees. Terrain category 3 – terrain having numerous closely spaced obstructions



This category includes wooded areas and

suburbs, towns and industrial areas, fully or substantially developed.

# Terrain category 4 – terrain with numerous large, tall, closely spaced obstructions



This category includes large city centres.

## **Fixing method A**



Mechanically fix two courses of tiles at eaves and verges, or fix the full overhang, whichever is greater, and fix two courses at ridges, and one full tile adjacent to valleys, hips and abutments. Nail cut tiles at valleys, hips and abutments.

## Roof pitches

17° to < 26° – undertile membrane mandatory 26° to < 45° – undertile membrane recommended 45° to < 55° – undertile membrane recommended, each tile to be nailed

55° to vertical – undertile membrane mandatory, each tile to be nailed and clipped

#### **Fixing method B**



If the roof pitch is in the range 17,5° to 44°, mechanically fix a band of tiles of width x (where x is equal to a fifth of the number of courses on the rafter length) at eaves and verges (or fix the full overhang, whichever is greater) and at ridges and abutments. Also fix one full tile adjacent to hips and valleys, and fix every third tile on the rest of the roof. Nail cut tiles at hips, valleys and abutments. If the roof pitch exceeds 45°, nail and clip every tile. Also close soffits at all eaves and verge overhangs.

## **Roof pitches**

17° to < 26° – undertile membrane mandatory</li>
26° to < 45° – undertile membrane recommended</li>
(mandatory at the coast)
45° to vertical – undertile membrane mandatory, each tile
to be nailed and clipped

## Fixing method C



Mechanically fix every tile. Also close soffits at all eaves and verge overhangs.

## **Roof pitches**

17° to < 26° – undertile membrane mandatory 26° to < 45° – undertile membrane mandatory 45° to vertical – undertile membrane mandatory

#### EXPOSURE CATEGORY ASSESSMENT TABLE

Height to Ridge	Regional Basic Design		Exposure
not exceeding (m)	Wind Speed ms-1		Category
5	41 to 40	and below	A
	41 to 49	inclusive	B
	41 to 50	and above	C
10	44 to 43	and below	A
	44 to 49	inclusive	B
	44 to 50	and above	C
15	43 to 42	and below	A
	43 to 47	inclusive	B
	43 to 48	and above	C

## **Rafter pitch**

The angle of elevation between the horizontal plane and the angle of the rafter. Roof pitch = rafter pitch

## **Tile pitch**

The angle of elevation between horizontal and the tile when laid. **Note:** The tile pitch has a lower angle of elevation than the rafter pitch.

Low roof pitch 17° to 25° Normal roof pitch 26° to 35° High roof pitch 36° and above



## Recommended fixing for Elite tiles Roof Pitch

The basic principle to be considered in roof design is that the roof pitch should be adequate to discharge rainwater in the shortest time possible. When using the flat Elite tile water runs across the tile faster than on other curved tiles as there is no shape or curve directing the flow of water.

Another important factor which should be considered when choosing a pitch for the roof is the effect wind forces have on roofs. These forces vary according to the speed and direction of the wind, the degree of exposure, the height and pitch of the roof. The uplift or suction created by wind forces is greater on lower roof pitches. It is thus important to choose the correct design and pitch of the roof when deciding to use the flat Elite tile to prevent leaks and to prevent tiles shifting or being uplifted by gusts of wind.

Boarding allows Elite concrete roof tiles to be laid on roofs that have a pitch of below 25°.



The illustration provides a detailed cutaway of a roof incorporating the Elite concrete roof tile, boarding, undertile membrane, battens, counter battens and trusses.

When laying a roof with boarding, the boarding is first secured directly onto the trusses, thereafter the counter battens, followed by the undertile membrane. The counter battens are fixed through the boarding onto the trusses.

## Wind forces and fixing recommendations

To ensure the satisfactory performance of a roof, the following factors should be taken into consideration:

- Type of building
  - Single, double or triple story roof
  - Mono pitch or Hip roof
- Pitch of roof
- Terrain category

- Basic wind speed
- Height of roof from ground to ridge
- Length of the roof slope

In case of complex roof designs, exceptionally long rafter lengths or buildings located in areas where extreme wind conditions prevail; more stringent fixing specifications may be required. Refer to Laying & Fixing Specifications in the Product and Technical Manual.

We at BMI Coverland however recommend the following tiling procedure when using the flat Elite tile at all times:

- Laying 15mm external quality plywood boarding, selected to comply with standard SANS 929(3), over the rafters with joints supported by rafters or noggins between the rafters.
- Tape all plywood joints with 50mm wide strips of duct tape.
- Install well fixed 38mm x 19mm timber counter battens (to SANS 1783 (5)) at spacings to suit the rafters.
- Lay one layer of BMI Coverland Undertile Membrane or RadenShield<sup>TM</sup> over the counter battens with a minimum horizontal lap of 200mm and a vertical lap 200mm. This underlay must be allowed to sag between the battens and not be pulled tight.
- Fix 38mm x 38mm (up to 760mm rafter centres) tiling battens at maximum gauge necessary to provide a headlap
- The minimum fixing for all tiles is to nail every third course and the full roof overhang. See SANS 10062 for further details. Nails used for the fixing of tiles should be non- corrosive clout nails of sufficient length to penetrate the battens to a depth of at least 25mm.

To ensure that a high standard of roof construction is achieved, it is essential that the timber structure is sound. It is therefore important that the following pre-tiling inspection be completed:

- Batten spacing must confirm with specifications and recommendations as set out by BMI Coverland.
- Roof trusses are properly spaced, secured and adequately braced.
- Undertile Membrane / RadenShield<sup>™</sup> is properly installed.
- Trusses and battens must be true and level.
- Battens have been fixed at valleys to support the valley flashing.
- The position of the first batten must be accurately established to ensure the correct overhang of the roof tiles.

- Fascias, gutters and valley gutters have been installed.
- Parapet walls or any walls extending above the roof have been completed including plastering and painting.
- Abutment flashings have been installed.
- Beam fillings have been completed.

## Laying of tiles

For positive location of the tiles, ensure that the tiles are fully supported by the battens on the batten bearers, and that the lugs of the tile butt-up squarely against the top edge of the battens. This will ensure that the tiles are in straight courses horizontally and vertically.

Work according to chalk lines marked during setting out. The chalk lines will assist in keeping the vertical rows of the tiles in straight parallel lines. Tiles must be laid loose and not tight against each other to allow for thermal movement.



Tiles must be laid broken-bond and mechanically fixed according to specifications

Elite tiles must be laid in a broken bond requiring half tiles in every second course at the gable ends. These tiles, due to their flat design, do not have the inherent strength of profiled tiles and may be damaged or broken if walked upon after installation. Care should therefore be taken when carrying out maintenance work and traffic on the roof should be at a minimum.

## **Starting tiling**

Tile to the lines from the right-hand side, working towards the left, and moving upwards. Simultaneously secure the tiles as required, and install eave fillers where necessary. All BMI Coverland tiles should be laid straight-bond except for the Elite which must be laid broken-bond. Full tiles are marked to facilitate ease of laying to the lines.

## **Cutting tiles**

Purpose-made cut tiles for use at hips and valleys are not manufactured because the position of the cut varies from tile to tile. Cutting of tiles is done on-site, either traditionally by hand or mechanically. CAUTION! Sand, which is used as an aggregate in making concrete, contains silica which is released in dust when mechanical dry cutting of tiles is performed. Inhalation over a long period of time could cause silicosis. It is recommended that a dust mask to a protection level of FFP3 and eye protection be worn as a safety precaution. It is advisable that tiles should not be cut on the roof especially on coated products.

## Hips

The tiles from the two adjacent slopes should be cut closely and secured on the hip rafter to provide adequate support for the bedding of ridge tiles. Hip anchors should be used at the bottom edge of each hip rafter on steep pitches. It is essential to fix all cut tiles carefully at hips and valleys to retain them in position. This can be achieved by using a kro clip or by using an adhesive such as Coverfill.



## Valleys

Extra care should be taken with the valley construction because of its lower pitch in relation to the rest of the roof and the fact that it drains water away from the slopes. The small tile sections should be secured to the valley battens to keep the valley clear and unobstructed and prevent water from overflowing into the roof space.

#### **Closed valley**

Proceed as indicated, with the exception that the tile should be cut in order to form a neat butt joint in the centre of the valley. Best achieved by cutting one side completely, using a



straight edge before starting the other side.

#### Open valley

Once the valley battens have been positioned, a gutter is then formed in the valley using a suitable non-corrodible material. The fascia board is cut away



so that no part of the valley gutter is raised above the fascia board when laid. The tiles on each side of the valley should be neatly cut to alignment and laid in such a way that they project over the side welt by at least 50mm. A gap of at least 50mm should be provided in the centre of the valley between the cut edges of the tiles.

## Inspection after tiling

- Roof level across the plain. No sagging visible (especially at eaves tiles).
- Roof pitch, truss spacing and batten spacing according to specifications.
- Fixing of tiles carried out in accordance with recommendations in the Concrete Manufacturers Association "Technical and Detailed Manual of Concrete roof tile".
- Undertile Membrane / RadenShield<sup>™</sup> properly installed (especially at closed eaves).
- Ridge and hip tiles properly bedded in mortar or installed using BMI Coverland's Dry Ridge System. Hip iron installed when required.
- Tiles in valley neatly cut and properly secured.
- Verge tiles secured to verge counter batten.
- Roof left perfect and watertight on completion. All gutters and valleys cleaned out.
- All cracked tiles are replaced.
- All tiles to be in straight course horizontally and vertically.

#### **Roof tile estimating**

### **Rafter/eaves length estimating method**

This method is recommended as it indicates the quantity of tiles that will be used in practice to comply with the minimum laying and fixing specifications. It takes into consideration the extra courses and rows of tiles that will be necessitated by rafter and eaves lengths that are not an exact multiple of the required rafter gauge or tile linear cover respectively (Refer to Estimating tables).

#### Example – Coverland Taunus tiles at 22.5° roof pitch

- 1. Divide the roof plan into regular sections, i.e. Rectangles A and B.
- 2. In each section measure the rafter length from the elevation of that section (roof apex to outside edge of fascia board.) Using the estimating tables, note the number of courses for that rafter length, i.e. Table 1 (100mm headlap at 320mm batten centres.)
- 3. Read off the eaves length (including the verge overhangs from the plan) in each section and using the estimating tables, note the number of tiles required for this length, i.e. Table 2 (300mm linear cover).

## Section A - 20m = 66 tiles Section B - 6m = 20 tiles



4. Multiply the number of courses obtained in 2 by the number of tiles along the eaves obtained in 3 to obtain the nett quantity of tiles for that side of the roof. Multiply by two to obtain the nett quantity for both sides of each section, i.e Section  $A = 21 \times 66 \times 2 = 2772$ 



5. Calculate the extra tiles at hips and valleys by multiplying each hip and/or valley by the number of courses involved on the rafter length, then by 2:



 $6 \text{ Hips} = 6 \times 21 \times 2 = 252$ 2 Valleys =  $2 \times 21 \times 2 = 84$ 

Nett quantity of tiles = 2 772 + 840 + 252 + 84 = 3 948

#### Technical data

- Batten centre = 320mm
- Linear cover per tile = 300mm
- Tiles per m2 = 10.42

In general three methods are in use to estimate roof tile quantities from a plan:

- a) Rafter/eaves length estimating method
- b) Trigonometrical method
- c) Roof area method



#### **Estimating tables**

This table indicates the number of courses which must be allowed per given rafter length to ensure that the minimum headlap of 75mm or 100mm is obtained. Rafter lengths from roof apex to outside edge of fascia are assumed. All figures are nett. Wastage must be added. This table indicates the number of tiles which must be allowed per given eaves length, assuming that the tiles are laid to the nominal linear cover of 300mm per tile. All figures are nett. Wastage must be added.

#### Number of tiles per rafter length



At meter	320 mm batten centres	345 mm batten centres	At meter	320 mm batten centres	345 mm batten centres
2,000	7	6	5,100	17	15
2,200	7	7	5,200	17	15
2,300	8	7	5,300	17	16
2,400	8	7	5,400	17	16
2,500	8	8	5,500	18	16
2,600	9	8	5,600	18	17
2,700	9	8	5,700	18	17
2,800	9	9	5,900	19	17
2,900	9	9	6,000	19	18
3,000	10	9	6,100	19	18
3,100	10	9	6,200	20	18
3,200	10	10	6,300	20	19
3,300	11	10	6,400	20	19
3,400	11	10	6,500	21	19
3,500	11	11	6,600	21	19
3,600	12	11	6,700	21	20
3,700	12	11	6,800	22	20
3,800	12	11	6,900	22	20
3,900	13	12	7,000	22	21
4,000	13	12	7,100	22	21
4,100	13	12	7,200	23	21
4,200	13	13	7,300	23	21
4,300	14	13	7,400	23	22
4,400	14	13	7,500	24	22
4,500	14	13	7,600	24	22
4,600	15	14	7,700	24	23
4,700	15	14	7,800	25	23
4,800	15	14	7,900	25	23
4,900	16	15	8,000	25	23
5,000	16	15			

#### Number of tiles per eaves length



At meter	Linear cover	At meter	Linear cover
1,830	6	12,330	41
2,130	7	12,630	42
2,430	8	12,930	43
2,730	9	13,230	44
3,030	10	13,530	45
3,330	11	13,830	46
3,630	12	14,130	47
3,930	13	14,430	48
4,230	14	14,730	49
4,530	15	15,030	50
4,830	16	15,330	51
5,130	17	15,630	52
5,430	18	15,930	53
5,730	19	16,230	54
6,030	20	16,530	55
6,330	21	16,830	56
6,630	22	17,130	57
6,930	23	17,430	58
7,230	24	17,730	59
7,530	25	18,030	60
7,830	26	18,330	61
8,130	27	18,630	62
8,430	28	18,930	63
8,730	29	19,230	64
9,030	30	19,530	65
9,330	31	19,830	66
9,630	32	20,130	67
9,930	33	20,430	68
10,230	34	20,730	69
10,530	35	21,030	70
10,830	36	21,330	71
11,130	37	21,630	72
11,430	38	21,930	73
11,730	39	22,230	74
12,030	40	22,530	75

#### Note

- a. The only dimension which has to be measured and scaled is the rafter length.
- b. The estimating tables (rafter length) include for a 3mm per course tolerance in the gauge.
- c. The estimating tables (eaves length) include for a full tile with a left hand lock on the left hand verge (330mm). These tables assume the tile being laid at the mid lock shuffle position.
- d. No allowance has been made for wastage. A 3% wastage factor is the building industry norm.

## **10 EASY STEPS TO TILING A ROOF**

All specifications detailed are for a single storey domestic building - consult your nearest outlet for other applications.



## **Tools Required**

- 1. Saw
- 2. Chalk line
- 3. Tape measure
- 4. Pointing trowel
- 5. Hammer
- 6. Brush
- 7. Nail bag



#### **Truss Centres**

Max 760mm – 38 x 38mm Batten Max 900mm – 38 x 50mm Batten (on edge) Elite 950mm – 38 x 50mm Batten (on edge) Always consult your timber merchant for truss design and timber sizes.

- Truss centres must be equal and correct distances apart
- Apex Truss heights must be level



## **Undertile Membrane**

- a. Coastal areas mandatory at all pitches
- b. Other areas 17°-25° mandatory; 26°-45° optional (recommended)
- c. Lay undertile membrane on top of trusses & under battens
- d. Elite profile undertile membrane mandatory at all pitches



#### **Eaves & Apex**

- The tilting fillet must always be ±12mm thicker than the tile battens.
- From the outside of the tilting fillet/fascia to the top of the first batten 350mm.
- The top of the apex batten must be 25mm from the top of the truss.



#### Batten Centres Roof Pitches

17°-25° – 320mm maximum 26°-45° – 345mm maximum Centres should never be below 300mm.

- Obtain measurement Y and divide either by 320mm or 345mm dependent on pitch.
- The figure obtained is rounded e.g. measurement Y = 4.325m ÷ 320mm = 13.51 (rounded = 14).
- The rounded figure (14) is then divided into Y, this will then give exact batten centre e.g. 4.325m ÷ 14 = 309mm centres.
- Now batten roof at 309mm centres. Always join battens on alternating trusses i.e. not all joints must be on the same truss.



#### Marking Your Roof Out

- a. Always mark your roof out.
- Gable overhang not to exceed more than one tile.
- Lay a course out at the eaves, shuffle this to get desired overhang (each tile has 1.5mm shuffle).
- Ensure tiles are seated properly, corner break can occur if this is not done.
- Run one row of tiles up right hand gable, keeping square to bottom row.
- Run a course of tiles along apex of roof. Tiles must be laid loose and not tight against each other to allow for thermal movement.
- Mark outside edge of underlock of every fourth tile and shoot chalk line to corresponding tiles top and bottom.



#### Loading of Roof

The roof can now be loaded. Commence by stacking in bundles of seven tiles working from apex of roof down towards eaves. The bundles of seven tiles must be stacked on top of the rafters on alternate battens. Both sides of the roof to be equally loaded.



#### Laying of tiles

- Proceed to lay tiles from right to left keeping to chalk lines, lay three rows at a time.
- When walking on tiles always step on the bottom middle of the tile.



#### **Fixing exposed areas**

**Coastal** – aluminium alloy or noncorrodible serrated clouthead nails of the correct length to suit the profile. **Inland** – electroplated serrated clouthead nails.

- Coastal regions all tiles to be mechanically fixed. Eaves to be closed.
- Unexposed areas all exposed eaves to be nailed/clipped, all tiles in ridge course to be nailed/ clipped, thereafter every third tile in every row to be nailed/clipped.
- Always ensure at least one row in from exposed areas is nailed/ clipped.

Contact your nearest outlet for details, regarding mechanically fixing requirements.



## Finishing of ridges/hips

- Roll out and align Compact Roll onto the ridge or hip batten (butyl strip down).
- Staple the middle along the hip batten following the white line.
- Pull off the adhesive strips, one side at a time, to expose the CH bond special butyl glue (for example, starting with the left side then the right side).
- Stick butyl onto all high points of the tiles before moulding into the tile recesses.
- Repeat steps c & d for the other side.
- In the same way as on the hip-line, Compact Roll can also be applied on the ridge-line (just roll and stick).
- Where ridges and hips intersect, lay Compact Roll onto the hip/ ridge end ensuring sufficient overlap.
- Complete the ridge and / or hip with BMI Coverland ridge tile fittings.
- Clip on the hip and/or ridge fittings with BMI Coverland ridge clips.



# **General support information**

BMI Coverland has a dedicated in-house team of product designers, engineers and materials scientists who work closely with equipment manufacturers and external specialists to develop new and improved products.

## PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES



## Strength

BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles comply with the strength requirements of SANS 542.



**Impact strength** BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles can withstand the impact of a 45mm hailstone.



## BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles comply with the dimensional tolerances of SANS 542.

**Dimensional tolerances** 

## Water impermeability

Stringent continuous testing (totally immersed in water for 24 hours), shows a low level of absorption (max 5% of tile mass). These test conditions exceed actual roof conditions where the tiles receive water on one side only.



## Insulation

BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles have excellent insulation properties – they retard heat penetration in summer and retain the warmth in winter. Coverland concrete roof tiles are also highly effective sound insulators.



## Thermal properties

Thermal conductivity – 1,4 W m-1 K-1 Thermal transmission U value: downward heat flow = 4,116 W m-2 K-1



#### Frost

BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles are unaffected by frost.



#### Ultraviolet radiation

BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles are unaffected by intense ultraviolet radiation.



## Fire resistant

BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles are non-combustible when tested to BS 476 Part 4:1984. Classified SAA when tested in accordance with BS 476 Part 3 1975 with respect to fire penetration and spread of flame.



## Durability

BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles will provide a weather fast roof for many years when laid according to the Braas Monier Building Group and SANS Tiling Standards.



## Maintenance

BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles are maintenance-free.

#### HAILSTONES

Hail, as a destructive force of nature, has plagued man, his crops and his property since the beginning of civilization. The vast majority of hailstorms contain hailstones that are relatively small. These small stones can damage crops, but not roofs.

It is known that thunderstorms and hailstorms are closely related and various meteorological phenomena related to thunderstorms and hailstorms e.g. dew point, cloud thickness temperature of cloud base and temperature lapse rate, all reach maxima during the summer period. The maximum frequency occurs in the months of November and December when the temperature lapse rate and the surface temperatures are at their highest.

#### **Research and Testing**

Figure A (Pretoria) indicates that hailstorms are almost entirely confined to the hours between midday and 22h00 with a maximum occurring around 17h00 to 18h00.



Daily variation of frequency of hail and rain over a period of 20 years

Figure B indicates the average number of hailstorm days per annum. It is clear that hailstorm frequency is closely related to height above sea level. Gauteng can expect 4-5 hail days per year whereas the coastal areas of KwaZulu-Natal can expect virtually none.





The ability of a hailstone to cause damage is directly proportional to its energy on impact and this in turn increases with the diameter of the hailstone. In brief a large hailstone is potentially a greater hazard than a small hailstone. The majority of hailstones studied have a density of 910 kg/m3 indicating virtually clear ice. The shapes of hailstones are varied and although these have a limited effect on the damage potential it is negligible compared with the overall effect of the hailstone diameter, i.e. terminal velocity versus impact energy.

Figure C indicates the relationship between hailstone diameter, terminal velocity and impact energy. These calculations assume a spherical model. Independent hail impact tests conducted by the SANS have indicated that a hailstone diameter of between 40-50mm and larger is necessary to damage standard BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles.



These facts have been confirmed by actual observations during hailstorms

Figure C Hailstone diameter, terminal velocity and impact energy

Hailstorm statistics show that only 3% of all reports indicate hailstone diameters in excess of 30mm and only 0,6% indicate hailstone diameters in excess of 45mm. It is noted that these figures probably reflect upper limits as there is a natural tendency to ignore very light hailstorms. The risk of a hailstorm containing hailstones of 45mm or larger, i.e. the critical size that is resisted by BMI Coverland concrete roof tiles, is less than 6 in 1 000 hailstorms. Based on the hailstorm frequency of five per year in the highveld/bushveld regions, the risk is reduced to a chance of 1 in 33 years. Hailstorms that tend to be a very localized phenomena only become significant, so far as building roofs are concerned, when they occur in townships. The afore-mentioned risk is further reduced by the chance of the critical one-in-thirty-three-year hailstorm falling in a township or the open veld. The most densely populated area of the Highveld is Gauteng.

If the land utilisation for residential purposes within this region is projected at 60%, the risk becomes once in 55 years.





## EFFLORESCENCE

Efflorescence, often referred to as "lime bloom", is a natural phenomenon and is found in products containing cement. It is a white deposit which appears on the surface of all concrete based products. Efflorescence is a temporary condition, and does not affect the functional properties of the product. Wind and rain will gradually remove the deposit and the true colour of the tile will be restored.

## NOTE:

Coverland recommends our coated tile range selection to prevent efflorescence.

## **Causes of efflorescence**

Concrete consists of sand, gravel, cement and water — with the cement being produced by burning alumina and lime together with other elements. Water in the form of rain, condensation or dew dissolves part of the lime. A barely soluble white film of lime is created by this chemical reaction and is seen on the surface of the tile when the water evaporates.

#### How is efflorescence removed?

The natural process of weathering (e.g. rain water washing over the tiles), will wash the chalky deposit away, and the true colour of the tile will be restored.

#### Can efflorescence be removed artificially?

A diluted acid mix can be applied as a short-term measure. It is, however, the recommended and accepted practice to allow nature to remove the deposit.

#### Can efflorescence re-appear?

In some instances, efflorescence may recur temporarily. Since the lime content of any concrete product can vary and the weather conditions can also differ, the level of the limae deposit on the surface can also fluctuate considerably. Efflorescence is a natural phenomenon and a temporary condition only.

#### **MORTAR BEDDING**

#### **Bedding of hips**

Bed into position a hip starter. Temporarily bed a ridge at the apex of the hip. Run a levelling line between the hip starter and the top ridge. Proceed to bed ridges from the hip starter to the apex, keeping to the line.

#### **Bedding of ridges**

 Mix to a fairly dry workable consistency 3 parts sharp graded sand, one part portland cement and colorant (about 1kg pigment per 50kgs cement).



- Run a 225mm strip of DPC along the ridge line.
   Exception: CT Run a 150mm strip of Malthoid along the ridge line.
- 3. Soak ridge in water to provide wet joint with mortar.
- Bed at each end of the roof one ridge in a bed of mortar – 50mm wide and 75mm high. Press ridges into mortar.
- Run a gut line between the two bedded ridges. Proceed to lay ridges keeping to line.
- 6. Only butt joints of ridges to be solid bedded, remainder of ridges to be edge bedded.
- All pointing to be neatly struck off and roof to be brushed and cleaned off. Any damaged tiles within the roof to be replaced.
- 8. In some coastal areas the ridge tiles are solid bedded.
- 9. Contact your nearest outlet if in doubt.

For bedding of tapered ridge, apply with the exception that the overlapping joints are caulked and not solidly bedded.

BMI Coverland recommends the Dry Ridge System for the laying of ridges. On pitches of 40° and above, the 90° Barge tile is recommended for use as a ridge and hip tile (refer to Roofing Systems & Components).

#### **ROOF STRUCTURE TERMINOLOGY**



## Notice

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the practices apply to all BMI Coverland profiles. Any

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