

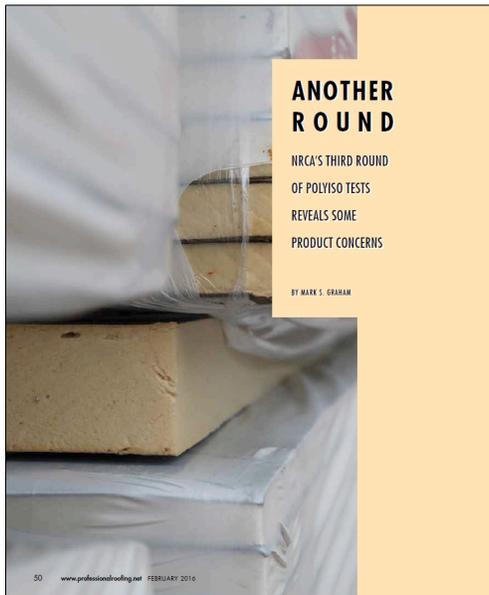


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technical issues

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Knit lines



Knit lines -- continued





Photo from manufacturer's product literature

Thickness and knit lines



As delivered by manufacturer.

Knit lines -- continued



After conditioning: 158 ± 4 F and $97 \pm 3\%$ RH for 7 days

Knit lines -- continued



Knit line and V-groove close-up (after conditioning)

“NRCA recommends the use of a suitable cover board layer over polyisocyanurate insulation before the installation of roof membrane.”

-The NRCA Roofing Manual: Membrane Roof Systems-2015

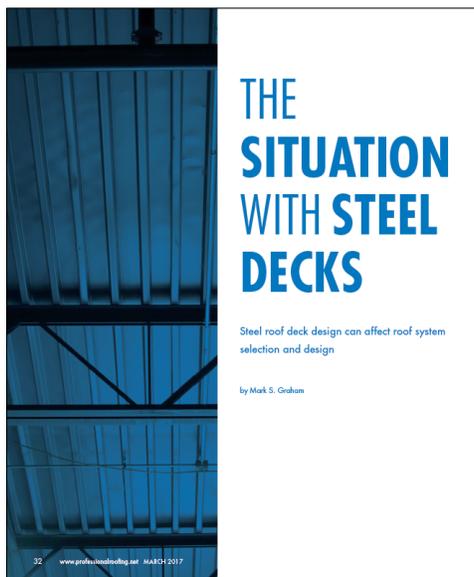


**Polyisocyanurate insulation
thickness variability concerns**

Additional interim recommendations

Polyiso. knit line, thickness and dimensional stability concerns

- Measure polyiso. thickness upon delivery
- Look for knit lines and board unevenness
- Contact manufacturer and NRCA if you see any issues



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Steel roof deck design

- SDI Design Manual
- AISI S100, "Specifications for the Design of Cold-formed Steel structural Members"
- ANSI/SDI RD1.0-2006, "Standard for Steel Roof Deck"
- ANSI/SDI RD-2010, "Standard for Steel Roof Deck"
- *SDI Roof Deck Design Manual, First Edition* (Nov. 2012)

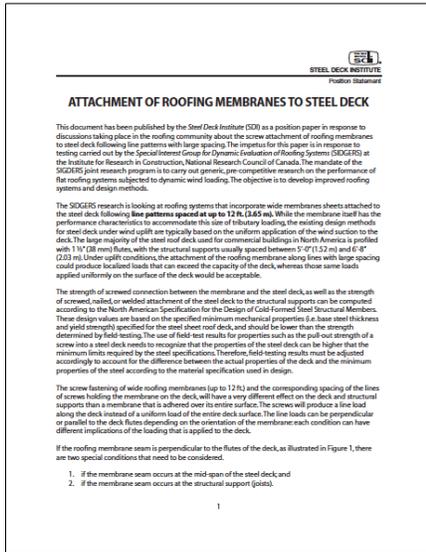
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Wind uplift resistance

- Minimum 30 psf uplift (uniform loading)
- Minimum 45 psf uplift (uniform loading) at roof overhangs

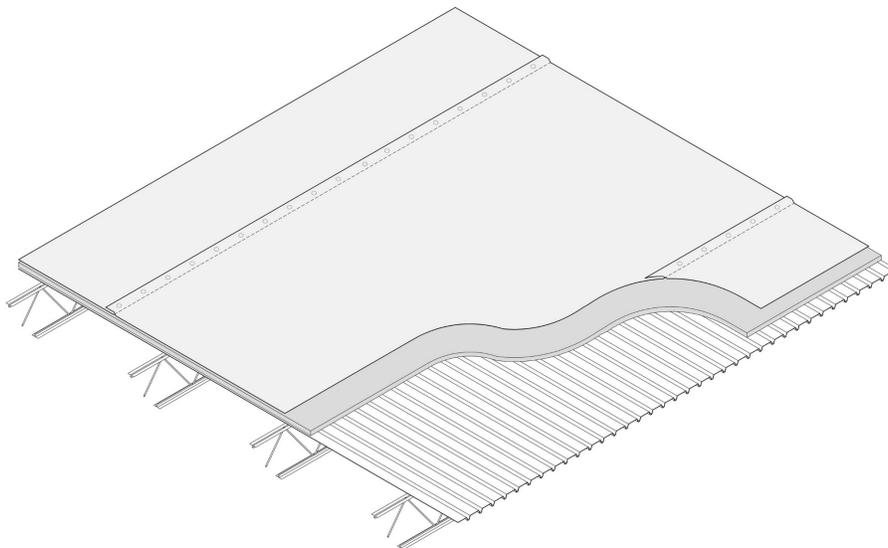
SDI bulletin

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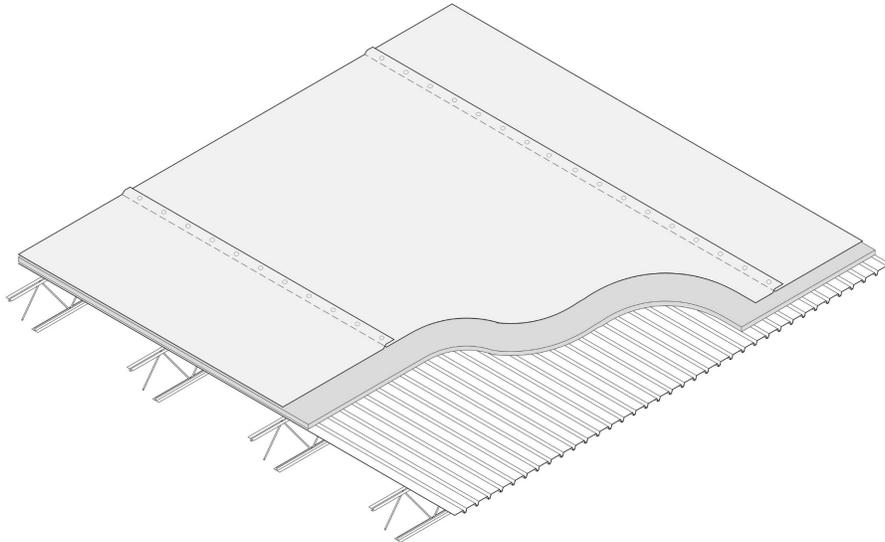
- Decks designed for joist spacing between 5' and 6' 8" o.c.
- Deck designed for uniform loading
- Seam-fastened single-ply membranes are a concern

Membrane seams across deck flutes



SDI: 3.8 X moment (deck); 2 X load (joists)

Membrane seams in deck flute direction



SDI: 12 X bending moment and shear (deck)

SDI bulletin -- Conclusion

“...SDI does not recommend the use of roofing membranes attached to the steel deck using line patterns with large spacing unless a structural engineer has reviewed the adequacy of the steel deck and the structural supports to resist to wind uplift loads transmitted along the lines of attachment. Those lines of attachment shall only be perpendicular to the flutes of the deck.”

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Note to Insurers of Factory Mutual Insurance Company: Contact the local FM Global office before insuring any roofing work.		
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Revised/now criteria:

- Steel roof decks:
 - Uniformly-distributed loading
 - Concentrated loading
- Lightweight structural concrete

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2.2.3.2 When designing the steel deck, give consideration to the needed wind rating, and how the load is applied (concentrated vs. uniformly distributed) from the above-deck components to the deck. Where the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is greater than half the deck span, treat as a concentrated load.		
As an alternative to using Tables 1A or 1B for concentrated loads, a performance-based approach may be used if calculations are conducted by a licensed S.E. or P.E. in structural engineering. This applies to situations where the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is greater than one-half the deck span. Make the following assumptions:		
A. Assume a 3-span structural condition.		
B. Assume the first row of roof cover fasteners is located at mid-point of the first deck span.		
C. Assume maximum allowable stresses are determined using allowable strength design (ASD) in accordance with AISI S100-2012, or comparable standard outside the United States		
Due to the more brittle nature of higher grade steels, the maximum yield stress used in the analysis is 80,000 psi (414 MPa), even for 80,000 psi (552 MPa) yield stress steel. Use Tables 1A through 1E as follows to facilitate deck selection:		
Table 1A. Use for roof covers or base plies that are mechanically fastened to the steel deck when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is more than half the deck span and the deck is 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) deep, wide rib (Type B) with a minimum yield stress of 33,000 psi (228 MPa).		
Table 1B. Use for roof covers or base plies that are mechanically fastened to the steel deck when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is more than half the deck span and the deck is 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) deep, wide rib (Type B) with a minimum yield stress of 60,000 psi (414 MPa).		
Note: Where the minimum specified yield stress is between 33,000 psi (228 MPa) and 60,000 psi (414 MPa), it is reasonably accurate to interpolate the maximum deck span linearly based on Tables 1A and 1B.		
Table 1C. Use for roof covers or base plies that are adhered to insulation or cover board, or mechanically fastened to the steel deck when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is one-half the deck span or less and the deck is 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) deep, wide rib (Type B) with minimum yield stresses of 33,000 psi (228 MPa) and ultimate wind ratings of from 80 to 225 psf (2.9 to 10.8 kPa).		

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Table 1C. Maximum Steel Deck Span (ft) for 1½ in. (38 mm) Deep, Wide Rib (Type B) Steel Deck with an Adhered Roof Cover, for Wind Ratings from 60 to 225 psf (2.9 to 10.8 kPa)
(NOTE: Use this table when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is one-half the deck span or less. Green font indicates that deflection governs over bending stress.)

Yield Stress psi	Deck Gauge	Ultimate Wind Rating per RoofNav (psf)												
		Maximum Span (ft)												
33,000	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.07	6.67	6.33	6.03	5.78	5.55	5.35	5.17
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.43	7.05	6.72	6.44	6.18	5.96	5.76
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	8.66	8.22	7.84	7.50	7.21	6.95	6.71
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	9.89	9.38	8.94	8.56	8.23	7.93	7.66
40,000	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.96	6.67	6.35	6.10	5.88	5.68	
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.76	7.40	7.08	6.80	6.56	6.33	
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.04	8.62	8.25	7.93	7.64	7.38	
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.32	9.84	9.42	9.05	8.72	8.43	
45,000	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.04	6.74	6.48	6.24	6.03	
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.51	7.22	6.95	6.72	
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	8.76	8.41	8.11	7.83	
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	9.99	9.60	9.25	8.94	
50,000	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.93	6.66	6.42	6.20	
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.72	7.42	7.15	6.91	
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.00	8.65	8.33	8.05	
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.28	9.87	9.51	9.19	
55,000	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.90	6.67	
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.69	7.43	
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	8.97	8.66	
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.24	9.89	
60,000 +	22	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.97	
	20	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.77	
	18	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.06	
	16	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.34	

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Table 1A. Maximum Steel Deck Span (ft) for 1½ in. (38 mm) Deep, 33,000 psi (228 MPa) Yield Stress, with a Mechanically Fastened Roof Cover
(Note: Use this table when the distance between rows of roof cover fasteners is more than one-half the deck span.)

Max Deck Spans By Wind Rating/Fastener Spacing, Sheet Gauge for 33 ksi, 1½ in. Deep Wide Rib Deck

Roof Cover Fastener Row Spacing (ft)	Gauge	Wind Rating [psf]																		
		330	315	300	285	270	255	240	225	210	195	180	165	150	135	120	105	90	75	60
3.5	18	4.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	4	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6
4	18	4.5	4.5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	4.5	5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
4.5	18	-	4	4	4.5	5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4	5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6
5	18	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6
5.5	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	5	6	6	6	6	6
6	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	5.5	6	6	6	6
6.5	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	5.5	6	6	6
7	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	6	6	6	6	6
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7.5	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5.5	6	6	6	6	6
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Max Deck Spans By Wind Rating/Fastener Spacing, Sheet Gauge for 80 ksi, 1 1/2 in. Deep Wide Rib Deck

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		330	315	300	285	270	255	240	225	210	195	180	165	150	135	120	105	90	75	60
8.5	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	6	6	6	6
9	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	6	6	6	6	6
9.5	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	6	6	6	6	6
10	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4	4.5	4.5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	4.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5.5	6	6	6	6
10.5	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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11	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6
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	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	6	6	6	6
11.5	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	6	6	6	6
12	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6
	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	5.5	6	6	6
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	20	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
4	18	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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4.5	18	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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	22	4	4	4.5	5	5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
5	18	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	4.5	5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	4	4	4.5	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
5.5	18	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	20	4	4.5	4.5	5	5.5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	22	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
6	18	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
6.5	18	4.5	5	5	5.5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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Roof Cover Fastener Row Spacing	Gauge	330	315	300	285	270	255	240	225	210	195	180	165	150	135	120	105	90	75	60

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NRCA's recommendations

Uniformly-loaded vs. non-uniform, linear pattern loaded steel roof decks

New construction:

- Structural engineer awareness of roof system design
 - Note load pattern and steel's yield strength on structural drawings and shop drawings
- Roof system designer awareness of steel roof deck design

NRCA's recommendations – cont.

Uniformly-loaded vs. non-uniform, linear pattern loaded steel roof decks

Reroofing:

- Realize steel roof decks are not likely designed to current SDI, FM Global and FM Approvals' standards
- If steel deck design cannot be verified:
 - Use narrow fastener row/seam spacing (rows/seams \leq joist spacing)
 - Use a uniform uplift loading roof system (BUR, MB, adhered single ply)

Fastener pull-out tests...

There is little correlation between fastener pull-out resistance and a steel roof deck's yield strength and uplift (bending) strength

Although roofing contractors sometimes are given the responsibility of inspecting and accepting steel roof decks to receive a new roof system, determining a roof deck's design adequacy is beyond the expertise of most roofing contractors.

This determination is best made during a project's design phase.

CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

discussion of construction issues and techniques

Are Your Roof Members Overstressed?

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Membrane roof systems installed on steel roof decks traditionally result in a uniform transfer of wind uplift loads from the roof membrane to the steel roof deck and underlying supporting structure (e.g., steel joists). For example, in a built-up membrane roof system — which has been used commonly in the U.S. roofing industry for more than 125 years — the built-up membrane is continuously adhered to rigid board insulation. The rigid board insulation, which is used to span the steel deck's flutes, is mechanically attached to the steel roof deck in a cloudy-spaced pattern (e.g., 1 fastener per every 3 square feet), resulting in a near uniform uplift load path. Polymer-modified bitumen roof systems and adhered single-ply membrane roof systems are installed in similar configurations and result in a similar uniform uplift load path.

In the 1960s, single-ply membrane roof systems were first introduced into the U.S. roofing market. By the late 1970s, the seam-fastened, mechanically attached method of installation was first introduced. With this installation method, the single-ply membrane sheet is mechanically attached along its outer edges into the roof deck, which results in a larger tributary uplift load per fastener and placement of fasteners in linear, non-uniform loading configurations of the roof deck and underlying supporting structure.

When first introduced, membrane sheet widths in seam-fastened single-ply membrane roof systems typically were five feet wide, resulting in rows of mechanical fasteners spaced at five feet on-center. Since the early 2000s, single-ply membrane sheet widths have become wider, with 10-foot-wide sheets now commonplace — resulting in rows of mechanical fasteners spaced at 10 feet on-center. Currently, single-ply membrane roof systems have clearly overtaken conventional built-up and polymer-modified bitumen membrane systems in market share. The seam-fastened, mechanically attached method of installation also has overtaken traditionally adhered methods of application. The National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) annual market survey shows seam-fastened, mechanically attached single-ply membrane roof systems make up the majority of all membrane roof systems currently installed.

With the greatest emphasis on wind resistance in design, a closer look at how seam-fastened mechanically attached single-ply membrane roof systems interact with steel roof deck and joint construction is in order.

A common method of single-ply membrane sheet layout is shown in Figure 1. A common placement of mechanical fasteners is shown in Figure 2. These concentrated line loads can severely overstress the steel deck and may also cause the steel joist below the deck to be overstressed under uplift loading. The behavior of such fastening systems, when the roof system is subjected to uplift loadings, is shown in Figure 3. The current trend in occurrence is for the membrane installer to mechanically fasten the membrane to the deck only along the edge of the sheet rolls to speed up the roof installation, thereby lowering installation costs. Unfortunately, the Structural Engineer of Record, and the steel deck and joint suppliers, are usually unaware of the concentrated load patterns of the roof membrane attachment. In fact, the architect of record may not be aware of the ramifications of such attachments. The Architectural roofing specifications may simply state that the roof membrane shall be installed per manufacturer recommendations. The roofing installer fastener is the one who generally decides on the exact layout of the membrane sheets on the roof. That decision is made based on what layout can be installed in the fastest and least expensive

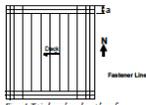


Figure 1. Typical membrane layout by joists.

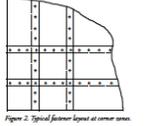


Figure 2. Typical fastener layout at corner seams.

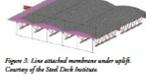


Figure 3. Line attached membrane under uplift. Courtesy of the Steel Deck Institute.

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