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**PABCO FIBERGLASS
ASPHALT SHINGLES**

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Product

- 1.1 Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles are glass-fibre reinforced asphalt shingles surfaced with ceramic coated mineral chips. They are available in the following series types: Paramount Advantage®, Paramount®, Cascade™, Premier Advantage®, Premier Radiance® Elite, PABCO Premier® Elite, PABCO Premier® Professional, Premier Radiance®, PABCO Premier® and Tahoma™.
- 1.2 The shingles and flashing accessories form a roofing system when installed over a plywood substrate and roofing underlayment.

Scope

- 2.1 Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles have been appraised as a roof cladding for buildings within the following scope:
 - the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.1, with regard to floor plan area and building height; and,
 - constructed with timber roof framing and plywood sheathing complying with the NZBC; and,
 - where the roof slope is 9.5° or greater; and,
 - situated in NZS 3604 Wind Zones up to, and including, Extra High.
- 2.2 The system must be installed in accordance with the Technical Literature by an Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd trained and approved installer.

Building Regulations

New Zealand Building Code [NZBC]

- 3.1 In the opinion of BRANZ, Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles, if designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Appraisal, will meet the following provisions of the NZBC:

Clause B1 STRUCTURE: Performance B1.3.1, B1.3.2 and B1.3.4. Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles meet the requirements for loads arising from self-weight, gravity loads, temperature, snow, wind, impact and creep [i.e. B1.3.3 (a), (b), (c), (g), (h), (j), and (q)]. See Paragraphs 8.1–8.7.

Clause B2 DURABILITY: Performance B2.3.1 (b) 15 years and B2.3.2. Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles meet this requirement. See Paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2.

Clause E2 EXTERNAL MOISTURE: Performance E2.3.1 and E2.3.2. Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles meet these requirements. See Paragraphs 13.1 and 13.2.

Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS: Performance F2.3.1. Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles meet this requirement.



Technical Specification

- 4.1 Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles are glass-fibre reinforced asphalt shingles surfaced with ceramic coated mineral chips, available in ten series types. The shingles are combined with plywood sheathing, a roofing underlayment and various flashing accessories to form a roofing system.
- 4.2 System components and accessories supplied by Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd are as follows:

Shingles

- 4.3 Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles are based on the range of roofing shingles with profiles, sizes and weights as shown in Table 1.
- 4.4 The shingles are composed of a fibre glass mat base within two layers of asphalt, with chemically inert granules in the top layer of asphalt to provide protection from the elements. Two of these composites are then laminated into the finished shingle.

Table 1: Shingle Profiles

Shingle	Paramount Advantage®	Paramount®	Cascade™	Premier Advantage®	PABCO Premier® Elite and Premier Radiance® Elite	PABCO Premier® and Premier Radiance®	Tahoma™	PABCO Premier® Professional
Type	Laminated	Open Tooth	Open Tooth	Laminated	Laminated	Laminated	3 Tab	Laminated
Size [mm]	337 x 1,016	394 x 1,016	394 x 1,016	337 x 1,016	337 x 1,016	337 x 1,016	337 x 1,000	337 x 1,016
Weather exposure [mm]	108	108	108	142	142	142	142	142
Approx. mass [kg/m ²]	16.2	14.6	14.6	16.2	13	10.5	8	11.7
Available colours	5	7	4	4	9 [PPP] 6 [PPE]	13 [PP] 4 [PR]	9	12
Approx. total mass [shingle + 15 mm plywood]	26	24.3	24.3	26	35.7	19.9	17.7	21.4

Accessories

- **Plywood sheathing** - minimum 15 mm thick, grade DD or better plywood complying with AS/NZS 2269. Minimum treatment requirements are untreated plywood for ventilated truss roof cavities above 10° and H3 treated plywood for all closed cavity roofs, skillion roofs, and roofs 10° and below. H3 treated plywood must also be used where the plywood edge is unprotected at the eaves. Concealed plywood edges at the eaves do not need to be treated. *[Note: Using plywood sheathing as structural bracing should be avoided as there may be additional requirements.]*
- **Corflute Ridge Vents** - sectional ridge vents 10 mm to 15 mm wide, installed continuously along the ridge. Used to create a cross flow with the 10 mm air gap at the gutter fascia point. They are supplied in approximately 1.2 m to 6 m lengths.
- **#15 and #30 Underlayment** - standard bitumen-impregnated roofing felt complying with ASTM: D226 standards for use under the shingles. The underlayment is installed directly onto the plywood substrate and is supplied in approximately 40 m² rolls. #30 underlayment is a thicker grade installed on lower pitched roofs.
- **Bigfoot 180** - a non-woven polyolefin underlayment. It is used as an alternative to #15 and #30 underlayment under the asphalt tiles when appropriate. It is supplied as a cool grey sheet material in rolls 1.22 m wide x 76.2 m long.



- **Plywood nails** - ring shanked, galvanised, flooring grade nails 64 mm long, having a minimum 3 mm diameter shank, with 7 mm x 5 mm 'D' head.
- **Shingling nails** - stainless steel or compliant hot-dip galvanised gun nails for nailing roof shingles, semi ring shanked, in lengths of 32 mm or 25 mm and having a minimum 3 mm diameter shank with a 9 mm diameter head.
- **Step flashing, apron flashings and terminations** - butyl rubber membrane flashings [Butynol, EPDM] or metal, in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Table 20 for flashing raking sides of chimneys or dormer roof penetration. They are 300 mm x 200 mm and 1 mm thick.
- **Drip edge and barge fascia drip flashings** - folded metal flashings made from pre-painted steel coil. The flashings are 70 mm wide with a right angle bend 50 mm from one edge and a deflector bend 5 mm from the other. These are supplied in 2.4 to 4 m lengths.
- **Boot flashing** - flashings installed over vent pipes, chimneys or penetrations made from various material types to seal between the shingle surface and the penetration. They are installed using stainless steel screws and an adhesive/sealant or exterior grade silicone sealant. They are available in a range of sizes to match requirements.

Handling and Storage

- 5.1 Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles must be transported and handled with care to avoid damaging the pre-finished surfaces.
- 5.2 Long term storage of shingles and accessories must be under dry, ventilated cover. For short term storage on-site, shingles must be stored flat, no more than two pallets high, and off the ground.
- 5.3 Handling and storage of all materials supplied by Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd, whether on-site or off-site, are under the control of the Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd trained and approved installer. Materials must be handled and stored in accordance with the relevant manufacturer's instructions.

Technical Literature

- 6.1 This Appraisal must be read in conjunction with:
 - Asphalt Shingle Roofing New Zealand Technical & Installation Manual, Version 2.2.
- 6.2 All aspects of design, use, installation and maintenance contained in the Technical Literature and within the scope of this Appraisal must be followed.

Design Information

General

- 7.1 Roof framing must comply with NZS 3604, or be to a specific design in accordance with NZS 3603 and AS/NZS 1170.
- 7.2 Timber roof framing must be treated as required by NZS 3602 for the building design application.
- 7.3 Roof design must take into account any requirements for areas subject to regular snowfalls as per the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.3.
- 7.4 Where the roof slope is between 9.5° and 12°, the shingle underlayment must be two layers of #15 underlayment, or two layers of Bigfoot 180 offset by 50%, or one layer of #30 underlayment. Where the roof slope is greater than 12° one layer of #15 Underlayment or Bigfoot 180 can be used. See Paragraphs 16.4 and 16.5 for further information.
- 7.5 The collection of potable water has not been assessed and is outside the scope of this Appraisal.



Structure

Mass

- 8.1 The approximate mass of the Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles is given in Table 1. A light roof is defined in NZS 3604 as a roof with a roofing material [cladding and any sarking] having a mass not exceeding 20 kg/m². A heavy roof is defined in NZS 3604 as a roof with a roofing material [cladding and any sarking] having a mass in excess of 20 kg/m², but not exceeding 60 kg/m².

Snow

- 8.2 Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles are suitable for use in areas where buildings are designed for a 1 kPa snow loading. Refer to Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd for installation details for snow-prone areas.

Wind Zones

- 8.3 When fixed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and this Appraisal, Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles are suitable for use in all NZS 3604 Wind Zones, up to, and including Extra High. See Paragraph 16.2.

Plywood Sheathing

- 8.4 Where LOSP treated plywood is used, the solvents must be allowed to evaporate off for at least one week before installation of the shingle underlayment.
- 8.5 Rafters or trusses must be at maximum 900 mm centres for 15 and 17 mm thick plywood. *[Note: Plywood manufacturer's Technical Literature must be referred to for confirmation of minimum plywood thickness and grades relative to roof pitch and framing centres.]*
- 8.6 The plywood face grain must be laid at right angles to supports. The sheets must be laid with staggered joints in a brick bond pattern.
- 8.7 Tongue and groove plywood edges must be butt-jointed with no gaps between the sheet edges. Square plywood edges must have a 2-3 mm gap between the sheet edges.

Durability

Serviceable Life

- 9.1 Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles are expected to have a minimum serviceable life of at least 15 years, provided maintenance is carried out in accordance with this Appraisal and the Technical Literature.

Weathering

- 9.2 Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles may lose some stone granules over a period of time. On aging, some surface cracking may appear. These cracks will not affect the weathertightness of the roof covering within the minimum 15 years requirement.

Maintenance

- 10.1 Little maintenance should be required, apart from the removal of lichen, moss and organic growth that may become established and the removal of accumulations of the stone granules in spouting.
- 10.2 Annual inspections must be made to ensure that all aspects of the roof cladding, including the pre-finished coating, the flashings and any joints remain in a weatherproof condition. Any damaged areas or areas showing signs of deterioration which would allow water ingress must be repaired immediately.
- 10.3 A water-based chemical treatment recommended by Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd as being suitable for use with bitumen-based products must be used for the removal of organic material. Petroleum-based solvents or cleaners must not be used.

Prevention of Fire Occurring

- 11.1 Separation or protection must be provided to Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles from heat sources such as fireplaces, heating appliances and chimneys. Part 7 of NZBC Verification Method C/VM1 and Acceptable Solution C/AS1, and Acceptable Solution C/AS2 provide methods for separation and protection of combustible materials from heat sources.

Control of External Fire Spread

- 12.1 Fire rated roof construction systems using Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles have not been assessed and are outside the scope of this Appraisal.

External Moisture

- 13.1 Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles, when installed in accordance with this Appraisal, will shed precipitated moisture and therefore meet the performance requirements of NZBC Clause E2.3.1. They will also prevent the penetration of water that could cause undue dampness, or damage to building elements, therefore meeting the performance requirements of NZBC Clause E2.3.2.

Construction Moisture

- 13.2 Roofs clad with Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles, if ventilation requirements are met as in the Technical Literature, allow excess moisture present at the completion of construction to be dissipated without permanent damage to building elements and therefore meet the performance requirements of NZBC Clause E2.3.6. This is achieved by ensuring the construction moisture levels are no higher than 18% when the shingles are laid and before the ceiling is closed-in, as well as providing an adequate level of roof cavity ventilation.

Internal Moisture

- 14.1 Adequate roof space ventilation is necessary to ensure roof space internal moisture levels and temperatures are controlled. Roof space ventilation requirements are given in the Technical Literature.
- 14.2 Ideally, air should be allowed to flow from the bottom to the top of the roof. In skillion-type roofs, a clear, uninterrupted, ventilated air gap of at least 25 mm must be present. Plywood with tongue-and-groove joints should be used on skillion roofs to minimise the restrictions caused by timber blocking. If required by the roof design or occupancy, perforated soffit linings, soffits and ridge vents should be used to minimise the quantity of moisture and heat accumulating in the roof space.
- 14.3 Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd should be consulted for further advice and information on roof ventilation and moisture control, especially when the roof design is unusual.

Installation Information

Installation Skill Level Requirement

- 15.1 Installation of all components and accessories supplied by Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd must be completed by installers trained and approved by Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd.
- 15.2 Installation of the components supplied by the building contractor must always be carried out in accordance with the Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles Technical Literature and this Appraisal by, or under the supervision of, a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) with the relevant License Class.
- 15.3 Technical Literature must be referred to during all inspections of the Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles installations.

System Installation

Plywood Sheathing

- 16.1 Plywood and framing must have a maximum moisture content of 18% at the time of the installation of the shingles.
- 16.2 The plywood must be designed and installed in accordance with the plywood manufacturer's instructions.

Shingle Underlayment

- 16.3 The shingle underlayment must be tightly laid horizontally across the roof, and completely cover hips, ridges [except where ridge vents are used], and valleys.
- 16.4 When the roof pitch is greater than 12°, one layer of underlayment is required. The upper sheets must be lapped by at least 100 mm over the lower sheets.
- 16.5 Only sufficient fasteners to temporarily hold the underlayment in place need be used.

Fixing Shingles

- 16.6 Shingles are fixed in Low and Medium Wind Zones by four evenly spaced nails per shingle, one of which is located 25 mm in from each edge. In High, Very High and Extra High Wind Zones, this is increased to six nails. Fixing methods other than stainless steel and hot-dip galvanised nails have not been assessed and are outside the scope of this Appraisal. Care must be taken to ensure the fasteners are driven in straight and are finished flush with the shingle surface.
- 16.7 Adhesive must be laid in spots on top of all 'drip edges' or eaves where present. The spots of sealant should be approximately 20 mm from the edge of the roof. Where required, adhesive must also be used to seal under or hold down shingles at ridges, hips, upstands, and around penetrations.

Health and Safety

- 17.1 Safe use and handling procedures for Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles are provided in the manufacturer's Technical Literature.

Basis of Appraisal

The following is a summary of the technical investigations carried out:

Tests

- 18.1 The following tests have been carried out by overseas laboratories in order to show compliance with ASTM D3462-1992: behaviour on heating; tear strength; fire resistance; fastener pull-through resistance; pliability; wind resistance; penetration of asphalt; asphalt softening point; compatibility; minimum net mass and average net mass; and mass of glass mat-asphalt and mineral matter.

Other Investigations

- 19.1 Weathertightness, structural and durability opinions have been provided by BRANZ technical experts.
- 19.2 The manufacturer's Technical Literature has been examined by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.
- 19.3 Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles are the subject of ICC Evaluation Service, Inc. Report No. ESR 1717.
- 19.4 Site inspections have been undertaken by BRANZ to assess the practicability of installation.
- 19.5 The long-term performance of properly installed mastic-bonded and self-adhesive roofing shingles in New Zealand and many countries overseas, along with the durability and non-hazardous nature of the materials used has been noted. The overseas and New Zealand experience of asphalt roofing shingles forms the basis of the durability opinion.



Quality

- 20.1 The manufacture of Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles has not been examined by BRANZ, but details regarding the quality and composition of the materials used were obtained by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.
- 20.2 The quality management system of the Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles manufacturer, Pabco Roofing Products, has been assessed by ICC Evaluation Service Inc. and is covered in ES Reports ESR-1717.
- 20.3 The quality of the supply of materials and accessories is the responsibility of Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd.
- 20.4 Quality on-site is the responsibility of the Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd trained and approved installer.
- 20.5 Designers are responsible for the building design, and the building contractor is responsible for the quality of installation of the roof framing and plywood sheathing in accordance with Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd instructions.
- 20.6 Building owners are responsible for the maintenance of Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles in accordance with the instructions of Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd.

Sources of Information

- AS/NZS 1170:2002 Structural design actions.
- AS/NZS 2269:2012 Plywood – Structural.
- AS/NZS 4680:2006 Hot-dip galvanised [zinc] coatings on fabricated ferrous articles.
- ASTM D226/D226M-09 Standard Specification for Asphalt-Saturated Organic Felt Used in Roofing and Waterproofing.
- ASTM D3462-92 Standard Specification for asphalt shingles made from glass felt and surfaced with mineral granules.
- NZS 3602:2003 Timber and wood-based products for use in building.
- NZS 3603:1993 Timber structures standard.
- NZS 3604:2011 Timber-framed buildings.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of amendments - Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.



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In the opinion of BRANZ, **Pabco Fiberglass Asphalt Shingles** are fit for purpose and will comply with the Building Code to the extent specified in this Appraisal provided they are used, designed, installed and maintained as set out in this Appraisal.

The Appraisal is issued only to **Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd**, and is valid until further notice, subject to the Conditions of Appraisal.

Conditions of Appraisal

1. This Appraisal:
 - a) relates only to the product as described herein;
 - b) must be read, considered and used in full together with the Technical Literature;
 - c) does not address any Legislation, Regulations, Codes or Standards, not specifically named herein;
 - d) is copyright of BRANZ.
2. **Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies Ltd:**
 - a) continues to have the product reviewed by BRANZ;
 - b) shall notify BRANZ of any changes in product specification or quality assurance measures prior to the product being marketed;
 - c) abides by the BRANZ Appraisals Services Terms and Conditions;
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 - c) any guarantee or warranty offered by **Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies**.
4. Any reference in this Appraisal to any other publication shall be read as a reference to the version of the publication specified in this Appraisal.
5. BRANZ provides no certification, guarantee, indemnity or warranty, to **Asphalt Shingle Roofing Supplies** or any third party.

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