



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

MIXING RUN DATES ON SHINGLES

Shingling a roof takes lots of shingle *bundles*, packaging that holds a certain amount of shingles necessary to cover a roof. Malarkey architectural shingles, Highlander® and Vista®, for example, are packaged 22 shingles to a bundle with three bundles necessary to cover a *square* (100 square feet) of roofing.

During manufacturing, shingle bundles are stamped with a lot number showing the date and time of manufacture (known as the *run date*), and this is usually a six or seven digit numerical code on the side of the bundle. Bundles being used for a roof should have the same or similar lot numbers to ensure the best, uniform appearance. It is also possible to use *different run dates on different planes of the roof*, making it difficult to note any differences in color shading from the ground. If there's any doubt on the roofer's part, they can always lay out shingles with different run dates to check their colors.

Bundles also identify the plant manufacturing location. Different plants use raw materials, including colored granules, from different supplier locations. This added variability makes it very difficult for any materials to match. Malarkey warns against mixing shingles from different plant locations on the same roof.

Should Malarkey somehow change a shingle's composition, we will release a bulletin informing roofing contractors not to mix a new batch variation with an older one.

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