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THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILT-UP ROOFING, TYPE 5ACS

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I. TYPE

This roofing shall consist of five layers or plies of asphalt-saturated rag felt cemented together with asphalt and surfaced with slag, gravel, or similar surfacing material, as called for in the proposal for the work.

Flashings of the type required under the specification for the building shall be included and shall conform to the United States Government Master Specifications for Flashings No. 156 or No. 157.

II. MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP

No details.

III. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

No details.

IV. DETAIL REQUIREMENTS

1. MATERIALS

Roofing of type 5ACS shall contain not less than the following quantities of materials per 100 square feet:

	Over concrete	Over gypsum
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Asphalt primer (F. S. B. Spec. No. 87).....	7.5	15.0
Five layers asphalt-saturated rag felt (F. S. B. Spec. No. 86).....	76.	76.
Asphalt for mineral surfaced roofing (F. S. B. Spec. No. 84).....	170.	170.
Roofing gravel (F. S. B. Spec. No. 82).....	400.	400.
or		
Roofing slag (F. S. B. Spec. No. 82).....	300.	300.

2. WORKMANSHIP

The asphalt shall not be heated above 400° F., and shall be hot when the felts are laid.

The sheets of felt shall be laid so as to be free from wrinkles and buckles and so that pronounced ridges are not formed at the laps.

When the roof surface is of gypsum, each sheet of felt shall be nailed at approximately 6 inches from its upper edge with nails driven through flat tinned disks.

The surfacing material shall always be dry when applied, and, in addition, shall be heated in cold weather.

Concrete and gypsum surfaces installed by other contractors, before being considered satisfactory for laying the roof covering, shall be smooth, firm, dry, and free from high spots, depressions, and all loose and foreign material. Precast slabs shall be firmly set and well pointed.

When the roof surface is of gypsum, apply a second coat of primer after the first coat has dried, using not less than 1 gallon per 100 square feet.

3. APPLICATION

Roofing of type 5ACS shall be laid by either the shingle or the two and three method. The shingle method is preferred and shall be used when no choice is specified.

(a) SHINGLE METHOD.—(1) Coat the roof surface uniformly with asphalt primer, using not less than 1 gallon per 100 square feet and allow to dry.

(2) Over this coating of asphalt lay five layers of 32-inch asphalt-saturated felt over the entire roof surface, lapping each sheet 26 inches over the preceding sheet. Lap the ends of the sheets not less than 6 inches. When 36-inch felt is used, lap the sheets 29 inches.

Mop each of these five sheets the full width of the lap with hot asphalt using not less than 20 pounds per 100 square feet in each mopping. Cut off these layers of felt at abutting vertical surfaces.

(3) Over the entire surface apply a uniform coating of asphalt, using not less than 60 pounds per 100 square feet.

(4) Into this asphalt, while hot, embed the surfacing material.

(b) **TWO AND THREE METHOD.**—(1) Coat the roof surface uniformly with asphalt primer, using not less than 1 gallon per 100 square feet and allow to dry.

(2) Over this apply a uniform coating of hot asphalt, using not less than 30 pounds per 100 square feet.

(3) Over this coating of asphalt lay two layers of 32-inch asphalt-saturated felt over the entire roof surface, lapping each sheet 17 inches over the preceding sheet. Lap the ends of the sheets not less than 4 inches. When 36-inch felt is used, lap the sheets 19 inches. Mop the full width of each lap with hot asphalt, using not less than 20 pounds per 100 square feet in each mopping. Cut off these layers of felt at abutting vertical surfaces.

(4) Mop the entire surface of this felt with a uniform coating of hot asphalt, using not less than 20 pounds per 100 square feet.

(5) Over this coating of asphalt, lay three additional layers of 32-inch asphalt-saturated felt over the entire roof surface, lapping each sheet 22 inches over the preceding sheet. Lap the ends of the sheets not less than 6 inches. When 36-inch felt is used, lap the sheets 24½ inches. Mop each of these three sheets the full width of the lap with hot asphalt, using not less than 20 pounds per 100 square feet in each mopping. Cut off these layers of felt at abutting vertical surfaces.

(6) Over the entire surface apply a uniform coating of hot asphalt, using not less than 60 pounds per 100 square feet.

(7) Into this asphalt, while hot, embed the surfacing material.

V. INSPECTION

No details.

VI. PACKING AND MARKING

No details.

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Roofing of type 5ACS is adapted to concrete and poured gypsum surfaces with inclines not exceeding 3 inches to the foot and shall not be used on inclines greater than this.

Roofing constructed in the manner specified above is durable and should not require repairs or renewals on account of the action of the

elements for a period of 20 years. While the surface of this type of roofing will require some attention in about the same time as roofing of type 4ACS, if the roofing is allowed to stand until complete failure longer life can be expected from type 5ACS than from type 4ACS.

VIII. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

No details.

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