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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MASTER SPECIFICATION FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILT-UP ROOFING, TYPE 5AWS

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

	Pounds
Five layers asphalt-saturated rag felt (F. S. B. Spec. No. 86)-----	76
Asphalt for mineral surfaced roofing (F. S. B. Spec. No. 84)-----	125
Roofing gravel (F. S. B. Spec. No. 82)-----	400
or	
Roofing slag (F. S. B. Spec. No. 82)-----	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.

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

The board roof surface installed by other contractors, before being considered satisfactory for laying the roof covering shall be smooth, and free from loose boards, large cracks, or projecting ends which might injure the roofing. All loose and foreign material shall be removed. Precast gypsum slabs shall be firmly set, well pointed, and free from any unevenness which might injure the roofing.

**3. APPLICATION**

Roofing of the type 5AWS shall be laid in the following manner:

(a) 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. Carry these layers of felt up abutting vertical surfaces at least 4 inches. Nail the sheets along the edges sufficiently to hold them in place until the remaining felts are laid with nails driven through flat tinned disks.

(b) Mop the entire surface of this felt with a uniform coating of hot asphalt, using not less than 25 pounds per 100 square feet.

(c) 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, and nailing each sheet approximately 6 inches from its upper edge with nails driven through flat tinned disks. Lap the ends not less than 6 inches. When 36-inch felt is used lap the sheets 24½ inches. Cut off these layers of felt at abutting vertical surfaces. 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.

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

(e) 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 5AWS is adapted to board sheathing with inclines not exceeding 3 inches to the foot or precast gypsum slabs or blocks with inclines not exceeding 1 inch to the foot and shall not be used on inclines greater than these.

Roofing constructed in the manner specified is durable and should not require repairs or renewals on account of the action of the elements for a period of 20 years.

#### VIII. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

No details.

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