

Scotchgard™ Protector Frequently Asked Questions

Shingles Featuring Scotchgard™ Protector



Q. Why do I have black streaks on my roofing shingles?

Black streaks are commonly caused by a specific form of algae but can be prevented by using shingles featuring Scotchgard™ Protector which is designed to prevent black streaks on roofs for the life of the shingle. Shingle manufacturers utilize 3M™ Copper Roofing Granules to help prevent the black streaks caused by algae on roofs. Atlas Roofing and Malarkey Roofing each manufacture shingle products featuring Scotchgard™ Protector which means the shingles are designed to protect against black streaks for the life of the shingle.

Q. Why do the 3M™ Copper Roofing Granules help prevent algae on roofing shingles?

Enough 3M Copper Roofing Granules must be present to provide adequate protection against black streaks and they must be distributed across the shingle surface uniformly to be most effective. 3M research shows that a minimum 10% blend of copper-containing granules, uniformly distributed across the shingle surface and the hip and ridge, helps prevent black streaks caused by algae. All shingles featuring Scotchgard™ Protector are tested by a third-party laboratory to ensure they contain the minimum 10% of copper-containing granules.

Q. Are shingles featuring Scotchgard™ Protector a Holmes Approve Product?

Yes. Mike Holmes is a professional contractor and the host and creator of the hit TV series Holmes on Homes, Holmes Inspection and Holmes Makes It Right. Mike Holmes accepts nothing less than top-performing products that are proven to last which is why shingles featuring Scotchgard™ Protector have become part of the HOLMES Approved Products program.

Q. Do 3M™ Copper Roofing granules or shingles featuring Scotchgard™ Protector contain PFAS?

The active ingredient in shingles featuring Scotchgard™ Protector is cuprous oxide. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are not intentionally used in the manufacturing process or composition of this product.

Q. Can I drink the water from the roof run-off?

It is not recommended that any rainwater that has come into contact with roofing materials be collected as potable cistern water for either human or animal usage. Most cisterns do not have a filtration or reverse osmosis system to eliminate the presence of chemical, particulate and biological material. Please refer to federal and local water quality regulations for more information.

Q. Can you spray your roof with Scotchgard™ Protector?

No. Scotchgard™ Protector is the brand name that represents the promise of keeping your roof looking good for the life of the shingle. The “ingredient” is 3M™ Copper Roofing granules integrated into the shingle surface in a prescribed way during the manufacturing process to protect against black streaks caused by algae on roofs.

Q. Where can I purchase shingles with Scotchgard™ Protector?

Find a contractor near you.

[Atlas Roofing](#)



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