
RESIDENTIAL REROOF PROCEDURES FOR COOL ROOF PRODUCTS
2019 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE
SECTION 150.2(b)1I)

When 50% or more of the roof is being replaced the roofing requirements are triggered. Any areas of roof covered by building integrated photovoltaic panels and solar thermal panels are exempt; however, the area of roof not covered by photovoltaic panels would still need to meet any applicable cool roof requirements. Additionally, there are many alternatives/exceptions when a cool roof is required.

I. Roofs. Replacements of the exterior surface of existing roofs, including adding a new surface layer on top of the existing exterior surface, shall meet the requirements of Section 110.8 and the applicable requirements of Subsections i and ii where more than 50 percent of the roof is being replaced.

- i. Low-rise residential buildings with steep-sloped roofs. Climate zones 10 through 15 shall have a minimum aged solar reflectance of 0.20 and a minimum thermal emittance of 0.75, or a minimum SRI of 16.

Exception to Section 150.2(b)1Ii:

- a. Air-space of 1.0 inch (25mm) is provided between the top of the roof deck to the bottom of the roofing product; or
- b. The installed roofing product has a profile ratio of rise to width of 1 to 5 for 50 percent or greater of the width of the roofing product; or
- c. Existing ducts in the attic are insulated and sealed according to Section 150.1(c)9; or
- d. Buildings with at least R-38 ceiling insulation; or
- e. Buildings with a radiant barrier in the attic meeting the requirements of Section 150.1(c)2; or
- f. Buildings that have no ducts in the attic; or
- g. In Climate Zones 10-15 and 14, R-2 or greater insulation above the roof deck.