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DRY FIXED ROOFING SYSTEM



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

RapidRidge Summary

RapidRidge Dry Fixed Roofing System is a brand new concept in Australia. Although widely used throughout Europe for many years, we have not yet moved away from a traditional ‘wet’ method of mortar and pointing for securing ridge caps in Australia. RapidRidge is a mechanically fixed system, which is a more reliable installation method when compared with the tradition method of mortar fixing.

Dry fixed roofs can be installed in most weather conditions and unlike mortar does not degrade over time, meaning there is no need for future maintenance. When this is factored in, dry fixed roofs are always more cost-effective when compared with mortar in the long run.

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Q: Where can I buy RapidRidge from? –

A: RapidRidge can be purchased through our preferred suppliers, but we would recommend getting in touch with us 02 9666 1069 so that we can direct you to an outlet that is familiar with the system.

Q: What are the benefits of RapidRidge?

A:

Dry Fixed Roofing System

Saving Labour Costs – RapidRidge is 50% quicker to install with no repeat visits to the site

Easy to install - Utilising a Dry Fixed ridge means installation is quicker and easier – no requirement to carry mortar and pointing up to the roof

No maintenance - Requires no ongoing maintenance post installation

Ventilated Dry Ridge System

Prolongs the life of the roof - By reducing the severity of temperature fluctuations over time

Reduces Energy costs - Save up to 5% on energy costs throughout the year

Q: What is RapidRidge suitable for use on?

A: The RapidRidge clips are design registered and specifically made for the Australian market. The clips fit most common Monier and Boral tile profiles, please get in touch with us to discuss your requirements. RapidRidge can't be used on metal roofs.

Q: What are the cost benefits of RapidRidge?

A: RapidRidge is 50% quicker to install in comparison to a traditional mortar installation and therefore you save on labour and time. RapidRidge can be finished on the same day and this will reduce travel time to-and-from the site as well as fuel costs and emissions from transport. There is also no ongoing maintenance required with RapidRidge; once it is installed, you don't need to revisit it to maintain the fixings like you do with mortar, which typically dries and cracks over time.

Q: What are the differences between RapidRidge when compared with mortar?

A: Dry fixed roofs can be installed in most weather conditions and unlike mortar, does not degrade over time, meaning there is no need for future maintenance. When this is factored in, dry fixed roofs are always more cost-effective when compared with mortar in the long run.

There is also a batten that runs through the apex of the roof, which you wouldn't find on your standard mortar roof. This is there so you can screw the tile clips into it, holding the ridge tiles onto the roof.

Q: What are the specifications of RapidRidge?

A:

- RapidRidge ridge/hip flashing roll size is 280mm x 5m and roll weight is 2.2kg
- Butyl adhesive strips on each side to bond to the roof tiles
- Aluminium side strips on the flashing provide UV resistance
- Colours available are terracotta and black
- Clips are CSIRO tested and comply with ASD4046.9 – ‘Dynamic Weather Resistance’
- Clips are made from aluminium so will not rust

Q: How do we seal at the gable end?

A: We recommend using our Flexim flexible putty for this. Flexim is a high-grade thixotropic roof putty that retains its flexibility and therefore is unaffected by expansion and contraction due to heat cycles during the day.

Q: Do you need any specialist tools to install RapidRidge?

A: No specialist tools are required, just standard tools such as a drill, tape measure, and hammer.

Q: Can RapidRidge be painted?

A: Yes an outdoor acrylic water based paint should be used such as Wattyl Solaguard or Dulux Weather Shield.

Q: How do I install RapidRidge?

A: For more information on installing RapidRidge, please visit our website to view our installation video, or give us a call on 02 9666 1069.

Q: Can RapidRidge be installed on a property prone to bushfire?

A: RapidRidge cannot be used in areas that require a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) rating.

Q: Where is RapidRidge made and how long has it been available in Australia?

A: RapidRidge is made in Germany, Europe and has been available for over 10 years.

Q: How long is RapidRidge warranty for?

A: RapidRidge comes with a 10 year warranty as long as it's installed according to the installation instructions. The warranty does not cover incorrect installation, accidental damage or an instance of uncontrollable natural forces.



Q: What is RapidRidge made of?

A: RapidRidge is made up of 4 component parts.

The tile clips are made from aluminium, as are the batten holders that run through the apex of the roof. The RapidRidge flashing is made from a creped aluminium and butyl back, and also incorporates a breathable fleece material in the middle to allow the roof space to 'breathe'. When opting for the ventilated system, the eaves vents are made from plastic.

Q: What are the key facts about RapidRidge?

A:

- It can stretch up to 60% in length.
- It has a creped Aluminium top sheet.
- It has a 100% butyl adhesive backing.
- It can be installed on bull noses & curved roofs.
- It can be dressed down onto 3 dimensional profiles.
- It is suitable for skylights, roof vents, heating & cooling units, and any normal penetration.
- It is completely **non-toxic**.
- It can be installed on tile, metal, polycarbonate & slate roofs.
- It does not react with other metals (completely inert).
- It can be installed in complete 5 metre lengths.
- It can be joined by over-lapping by 100mm with the underlying roll turned up by 20cm.