



→ 7 Fatal Mistakes OF ROOF RESTORATION

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SKIPPING THE DIAGNOSTICS STEP.



Lack of proper diagnostics often leads to wrong decisions. Accurate information is obtained through a moisture survey. Seek expert advice when it comes to evaluating if a roof is a good candidate for restoration.

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COMPARING APPLES TO ORANGES.



An incomplete evaluation often leads to a wrong decision. A detailed specification written to meet both your budget and your building needs will set the standards for the quality of the system and the application. Find an advocate who will provide you with options and help you write the specification that is in your best interest. The contractors that want your business will have to comply with the technical requirements of the specification and application procedures. Remember, a roof “coating” is not necessarily a roof “restoration” system.

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BEING MISLED BY WARRANTY TERMS.



Warranty does not equal performance. Building owners get a false sense of security when they receive a restoration warranty. Understand your obligations. Double-check the limitations. Verify the track record of the proposed system. Read the fine print of your restoration warranty to make sure it is realistic and meets your expectations.



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IGNORING THAT YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR.



Building owners are often misled by a low price with a long warranty. When it comes determining the value of your warranty, make sure you have a clear understanding of system compatibility and durability, quality assurance during application, and preventive maintenance practices for the restoration system.

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CUTTING CORNERS ON THE PREP WORK.



The performance of any restoration coating is compromised when a surface is not properly cleaned and ready for the system application. Not taking care of existing leaks, not replacing wet insulation, using the wrong cleaning system or the wrong cleaning agents, and not allowing time for drying are all contributing factors to a restoration project that will fall short in performance.

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LACK OF QUALITY CONTROL DURING THE APPLICATION.



Restoring an existing roofing system is less complicated than replacing a roof, but that doesn't mean that a quality assurance process shouldn't take place. Either a technical representative from the manufacturer or a registered roof observer should be present during the preparation and application of a restoration system to make sure the surface is acceptable, the details are properly addressed and the materials applied at the proper coverage rates.

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NOT FOLLOWING GOOD ROOFING PRACTICES.



Before, during and after a roof restoration, good roofing practices will impact the long term performance of the roofing system. The proper diagnostics, a detailed specification, quality assurance during application, a comprehensive warranty and a preventive maintenance program are all contributing factors to a successful roof restoration.



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