

# RhinoRoof® U20

## Synthetic Roofing Underlayment

### RhinoRoof U20 Installation Instructions

RhinoRoof U20 is an air, water and vapor barrier and therefore must be installed above a properly ventilated space(s). Follow ALL building codes applicable to your geographical region and structure type as it is considered a vapor barrier.

**DECK PREP:** Protrusions from the deck area must be removed and decks shall have no voids, damaged or unsupported areas. Deck surface should be free of debris, dry and moisture free.

**USE:** RhinoRoof U20 must be covered by primary roofing within 60 days of application. U20 is designed for use under; asphalt or synthetic shingles, metal in residential applications, and cedar shakes that have been primed.

**APPLICATION:** For slopes from 2:12 and higher RhinoRoof U20 is to be laid out horizontally (parallel) to the eave with the printed side up. Horizontal laps should be 4" and Vertical laps should be 6" and anchored approximately 1" in from the edge. For low slope applications it is recommended to overlap 50% plus 1", for complete definition of low slope and guidelines consult authorities having jurisdiction. U20 product is not recommended for slopes less than 2:12. The use of roofing hammer, pneumatic air or gas driven fastener tools is acceptable. The use of straight edge cutting knives is recommended.

**FASTENERS:** For same day coverage with primary roofing RhinoRoof U20 can be anchored with corrosive resistant 3/8" head x 1" leg roofing nails (ring shank preferred, smooth leg acceptable). The use of every other anchoring location printed on the product is also acceptable. If U20 will be left exposed for up to 60 days the product must be anchored with 1" plastic or metal cap smooth or ring shank roofing nails and anchored in all locations printed on the facer. **DO NOT USE STAPLES:** the use of staples to penetrate RhinoRoof U20 will void warranty.

**ANCHORING:** All anchoring nails must be flush, 90 degrees to the roof deck, and tight with the underlayment surface and the structural roof deck. Where seams and joints require sealant or adhesive use a low solvent plastic roofing cement meeting ASTM D-4586 Type 1, or Federal Spec SS-153 Type 1 such as Karnak, Henry, DAP, MB, Geocel or equivalent. Acceptable alternatives are butyl rubber, urethane, and EDPM based caulk or tape sealant.

**EXTENDED EXPOSURE:** If RhinoRoof U20 product will be exposed longer than 24 hours and up to 60 days then product must be attached to the structural roof deck using a minimum 1" diameter plastic or metal cap roofing nails (ring shank preferred but smooth leg acceptable). Miami Dade approved tin tags/metal caps are also acceptable, and it is recommended for best performance to use with the rough edge facing up. For extended exposure it is always recommended to anchor on every printed position on the facer. RhinoRoof U20 is not designed for indefinite outdoor exposure.

For extended exposure conditions where driving rain or strong winds are expected it is recommended to take additional precautions such as doubling the lap widths. Alternately or in addition to a compatible sealant could be used between the laps or a peel and stick tape could be applied to the overlaps.

### CAUTION - READ GOOD SAFETY PRACTICES BELOW

Good safety practices should be followed on steep slope roofs, such as use of tie-offs, toe boards, ladders and/or safety ropes and personal body harnesses. Follow OSHA guidelines. Slip resistance may vary with surface conditions from debris that accumulates, weather, footwear and roof pitch. Failure to use proper safety gear can result in serious injury. Depending on roof pitch and surface conditions, blocking may be required to support materials on the roof and is good safety practice. Remember to seal the nail holes after removing blocking.

