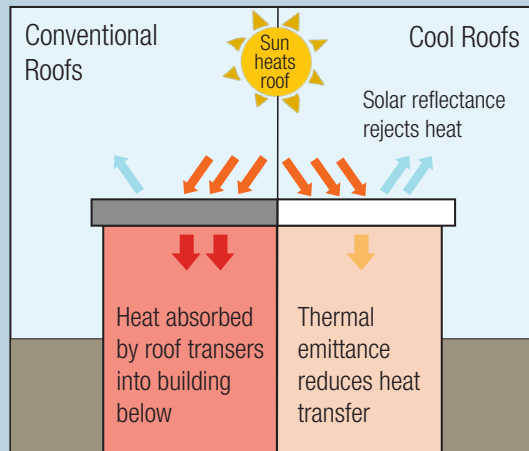


ENERGY EFFICIENT ROOFS

Energy efficient roofs are also known as cool roofs. These roofs are designed to reflect more sunlight and absorb less heat than a standard roof. Energy efficient roofing products have high solar reflectance and thermal emittance properties. These properties help lower roof and attic temperatures on hot, sunny days to reduce the need for air conditioning. Both properties are measured from 0 to 1, and the higher the value the cooler the roof.

Solar reflectance (SR) refers to a material's ability to reflect the sun's solar energy back into the atmosphere.

Thermal emittance (TE) refers to how much of the absorbed heat is released.



Solar reflectance and thermal emittance

WHAT IS THE SOLAR REFLECTANCE INDEX?

The solar reflectance index (SRI) is an alternative to meeting the minimum requirements for thermal emittance and aged solar reflectance in the prescriptive approach. The SRI calculation allows for trade-offs between thermal emittance and aged solar reflectance values. The Energy Commission's solar reflectance index calculator must be used to determine the SRI value. The calculator is available on the Energy Commission's website.

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The two approaches for compliance are performance and prescriptive. The performance approach requires using approved compliance software where energy trade-offs are allowed to bring the whole building into compliance with the Energy Code. The prescriptive approach has predefined efficiency requirements for each building component that must be met in order to comply.

The prescriptive requirements per § 140.3(a)1A listed below are the minimum efficiency requirements for roofing products. The values depend on the climate zone, building type, and the slope of the roof per TABLE 140.3-B and TABLE 140.3-C. These requirements apply to nonresidential, hotel and motel buildings that are mechanically heated or cooled (conditioned space). See § 141.0(b)2B for the prescriptive requirements for roofing alterations.

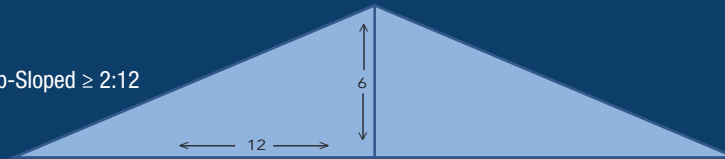
Nonresidential Prescriptive Requirements

NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS				
	CLIMATE ZONE	AGED SOLAR REFLECTANCE &	THERMAL EMITTANCE	OR SRI
L	1-16	≥0.63	≥0.75	≥75
SL	1, 3 2, 4-16	≥0.20 ≥0.25	≥0.75 ≥0.80	≥16 ≥23
HOTELS AND MOTELS				
	CLIMATE ZONE	AGED SOLAR REFLECTANCE &	THERMAL EMITTANCE	OR SRI
L	9,10,11, 13,14,15	≥0.55	≥0.75	≥64
SL	2-15	≥0.20	≥0.75	≥16

Low-Sloped < 2:12



Steep-Sloped ≥ 2:12



Roof Characteristics:

L Low-sloped, rise to run of less than 2:12

SL Steep-sloped, rise to run of 2:12 or greater

WHAT TRIGGERS THE ENERGY EFFICIENT ROOF REQUIREMENTS?

The prescriptive approach requires that roofs meet minimum aged SR and TE efficiencies or the minimum SRI for newly constructed buildings, additions, and alterations where more than fifty percent or 2,000 square feet, whichever is less, of the roof is replaced, recovered, or recoated.

WHAT ARE THE EXCEPTIONS?*

All Building, Project, and Roof Slope Types

- Roof area covered by integrated photovoltaic (PV) panels or solar thermal panels
- Roof constructions that have thermal mass with a weight of at least 25 lb/ft² over the roof membrane

New Construction § 140.3(a) 1A and Additions § 141.0(a):

Low-sloped:

- Wood-framed roofs in climate zones 3 and 5 with a roof assembly U-factor of 0.034 or lower
- An aged solar reflectance less than 0.63 is allowed when meeting the roof/ceiling U-factor in TABLE 140.3

Alterations (re-roof) § 141.0(b)2B:

Low-sloped:

- Aged solar reflectance trade-off is allowed when meeting the roof/ceiling U-factor per TABLE 141.0-B

*If building meets any of these exceptions, it is exempt



Cool roof coating at Palladio at Broadstone.