YOUR OBJECTIVE:  
To learn the correct procedure for installing Landmark® shingles.

LANDMARK SERIES  
Landmark shingles have the installer-friendly NailTrak® feature, which provides 1 1/2" wide nailing area and specially formulated Quadra-Bond laminating adhesive (See Figure 12-3).

Landmark IR is impact resistant and is specially manufactured with a polyester mat to meet UL 2218 Class 4 impact resistance rating.

NOTE: Landmark IR must be installed over a clean deck (no roof-overs) to obtain the UL 2218 rating. It is strongly recommended that impact resistant cap shingles made from XT 30 IR shingles be installed on all hips and ridges. Some insurance carriers may not consider the roof system as compliant to UL 2218 Class 4 without impact resistant cap shingles.

Landmark Solaris shingles are ENERGY STAR® qualified roof products that meet both solar reflectance and thermal emissivity requirements. Using CertainTeed’s advanced roofing granules, Landmark Solaris reflects solar energy and radiates heat far better than traditional roofing solaris – it can reduce the roof’s temperature by as much as 20 percent in the summer. NOTE: Use matching Landmark Solaris hip and ridge shingles which are also solar reflective.

STANDARD OR STEEP SLOPES: CertainTeed recommends DiamondDeck® or RoofRunner™ Synthetic Underlayment, Roofers’ Select® High Performance Underlayment, or shingle underlayment meeting ASTM D226, D4869 or D6757. Take care to ensure sufficient deck ventilation when DiamondDeck, RoofRunner or other synthetic underlayment is installed. Follow manufacturer’s application instructions.

LOW SLOPES: All roof shingles applied to a low slope deck (2” to below 4” per foot) require the use of CertainTeed WinterGuard® Waterproofing Shingle Underlayment, or its equivalent,* applied over the entire deck surface. Consult the WinterGuard and individual shingle application instructions for details.

* For low slopes, underlayment equivalents to WinterGuard include:  
1) waterproofing shingle underlaments meeting ASTM D1970;  
2) in areas not prone to snow or ice, two layers of 36” (915 mm) wide felt shingle underlayment lapped 19” (485 mm).  
3) in areas not prone to snow or ice, two layers of CertainTeed’s DiamondDeck or RoofRunner in shingle fashion (half lap) per the low-slope application instructions.

Shingle underlayment should meet ASTM D6757, ASTM D4869 Type I or ASTM D226 Type I. Ensure sufficient deck ventilation when DiamondDeck, RoofRunner or other synthetic underlayment is installed.  
(One layer of shingle underlayment meeting ASTM D4869 applied over the required WinterGuard is also recommended.  

THE ROOF DECK* MUST BE AT LEAST: 3/8” (9.5 mm) thick plywood, or 1/16” (11 mm) thick non-veneer, or nominal 1” (25 mm) thick wood deck.

COLD WEATHER CLIMATES (ALL SLOPES): Application of WinterGuard or a waterproofing shingle underlayment meeting ASTM D1970 is strongly recommended whenever there is a possibility of ice build-up. Follow manufacturer’s application instructions.

FLASHING: Corrosion-resistant flashing must be used to help prevent leaks where a roof meets a wall, another roof, a chimney or other objects that penetrate a roof.

SEALING: Shingle sealing may be delayed if shingles are applied in cool weather and may be further delayed by airborne dust accumulation. If any shingles have not sealed after a reasonable time period, hand sealing may be necessary.

CAUTION: To prevent cracking, shingles must be sufficiently warm to allow proper forming for hips, ridges and valleys.

WARRANTY: These shingles are warranted against manufacturing defects and are covered by SureStart™ protection. See the warranty itself for specific details and limitations.

For technical questions, information on acceptable alternative application methods and materials, or a copy of the product warranty, contact the sources listed below:

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Figure 12-1: Slope definitions.
FASTENING

Figure 12-2: Proper and improper nailing.

**IMPORTANT:** For decks ¾” (19 mm) thick or thicker, nails must go at least ¾” (19 mm) into the deck. On thinner decks, nails must go at least ⅛” (3.2 mm) through the deck.

Nails must be 11- or 12-gauge roofing nails, corrosion-resistant, with at least ⅜” (9.5 mm) heads, and at least 1” (25 mm) long.

Figure 12-3: NailTrak® features a wider nail area and extra-strong Quadra-Bond construction.

**LOW AND STANDARD SLOPE**

Use four nails for every full shingle as shown below.

![Low and Standard Slope Diagram](image)

**IMPORTANT:** When “six nailing” a full shingle, follow the nail pattern shown in figure 12-5, nails can be placed in the 1 ½” nailable area.

**STEEP SLOPE**

Use six nails and four spots of asphalt roofing cement for every full shingle as shown below. Asphalt roofing cement should meet ASTM D 4586 Type II. Apply 1” spots of asphalt roofing cement under each corner and at about 12” to 15” in from each edge.

![Steep Slope Diagram](image)

**CAUTION:** Excessive use of roofing cement can cause shingles to blister.

**TWO CLEAN-DECK APPLICATION METHODS**

FIVE-COURSE DIAGONAL METHOD (6” AND 11”)

FIVE-COURSE DIAGONAL METHOD (5⅜” AND 11¼”)

**NOTE:** The 6” and 11” method is shown below. The 5⅜” and 11¼” method follows the same application instructions as the 6” and 11” method except the dimensions of the shingle cut-offs in the second and third courses are 5⅜” and 11¼” respectively.

**CAUTION:** Use of other installation methods may result in an objectionable pattern.

**PREPARING THE DECK:**

- Apply underlayment as required. CertainTeed suggests that a layer of shingle underlayment be applied. For UL fire rating, underlayment is generally required. Apply flat and unwrinkled.
- Snap chalklines to assure shingles will be correctly aligned. Expose all shingles 5⅜” (143 mm).
STARTER COURSE:
1. Use CertainTeed Swiftstart® Starter, or three-tab self-sealing shingles with the lower tab portions removed. Be sure that the starter shingles are at least 7 5/8" in height. (Figure 12-6).

2. For the first starter, cut 6" from one side of the starter shingle.
3. Apply the remaining piece to the lower left corner of the roof. Make sure there is 1/2" overhanging the rakes and eaves if drip edge is being used. If you are not using drip edge, make the overhang 3/4".
4. Use full length starter shingles for the rest of the course.

1ST COURSE: Apply a full shingle at the lower left corner of the roof. Make the lower edge and left edge lie flush with the edges of the starter course (Figure 12-7).

2ND THROUGH 5TH COURSES:
CAUTION! Failure to follow instruction steps 1-5 below will bring joints too close together and may cause unattractive patterns!

1. Cut 6" off the left end of the first shingle and save this piece for later use. Apply the 32 3/4" long piece over and above the first-course shingle. Leave the bottom 5 5/8" tab portion of the first-course shingle exposed.
2. Cut 11" off the first shingle of the third course and save this for later. Install the 27 3/4" long piece over and above the second-course shingle.
3. Apply the previously removed 11" long piece over and above the third-course shingle.
4. Apply the previously removed 6" long piece from the second course over and above the fourth-course shingle.
5. Install a full shingle against the right edge of each shingle in courses one through five.

CONTINUING UP THE ROOF:
1. Beginning again with a full shingle, repeat the five-course pattern up the left rake. (Figure 12-8, B).
2. Fill-in courses across the roof in a stepped diagonal fashion using full shingles. (Figure 12-8, A). Do not run courses straight across.

IMPORTANT: Do not align joints of shingles closer than 3 1/2"
Air Flow Through Soffit

Provide adequate ventilation under the roof deck to prevent harmful condensation in winter and heat build-up in summer.

For capping hip and ridge, apply CertainTeed "Accessory" shingles of a like color.

Trim flush to roof deck opening

Ridge Vent

Underlayment

Cut shingles 2" (50 mm) back from valley centerline

Remove

Cut shingles 2" (50 mm) diagonally off upper corner of trimmed shingle

Embed each shingle in a 2" (50 mm) wide strip of asphalt roofing cement.

Do not nail within 6" (150 mm) of valley centerline

Underlayment laps WinterGuard 2" (50 mm)

Line valley by centering 36" (915 mm) wide CertainTeed WinterGuard Waterproofing Shingle Underlayment or equivalent directly to deck.

Lay shingles on smaller roof area, across valley and onto the adjoining roof area at least 12" (305 mm).

Figure 12-8: "Five-Course Diagonal Method" installation schematic.

Figure 12-9: Highlight of closed-cut valley details.
from one another.

**HIPS AND RIDGES**

**SHADOW RIDGE® ACCESSORY SHINGLES**

Shadow Ridge shingles have an accented shadow line that is designed to complement these shingles. Simply fold along the pre-cut lines and detach individual cap pieces. Save valuable installation time compared to cutting 3-tab shingles.

There are 24 three-piece units in each Shadow Ridge bundle, providing 72 individual caps that will cover 30 linear feet (33 3/4 linear feet, Metric) of a hip or ridge. Each English dimension cap piece is 12” by 12” (Metric caps are 13 1/4” by 9 7/8”) and features clipped corners on the bottom edge of the exposed portion.

**APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Apply shingles up to the hip or ridge on both sides, then trim flush.

**NOTE:** The last course of shingles should have an exposure of 5” (5 5/8” for metric) or less when the shingle cap or ridge vent is fastened in place. Otherwise, a potential water leak could occur at exposed shingle end joints. The figures used in this section illustrate the application of accessory shingles over a ridge vent; application directly to the roof deck is very similar.

**IMPORTANT:** Use two nails to fasten each shingle. Nails must be minimum 1 3/4” (45 mm) long.

2. Install caps beginning at the bottom of a hip or at either end of a ridge. Apply a starter piece that has the bottom 5” (5 5/8” for metric) removed. Fasten the starter with two nails located about 3” from the rake edge, and 1” in from each side edge. Make sure fasteners used to apply caps penetrate at least 3/4” into or through workmanship and greater risk of worker error.

**TWO ROOF-OVER METHODS**

The same methods used for clean-deck application of these shingles are used for roof-overs. Application of these shingles over English dimension shingles is not recommended — due to the high cost of workmanship and greater risk of worker error.
the decking.

**NOTE:** To assist in proper alignment when ridge vent is not used, snap a chalk line parallel to the hip or ridge along the line where the side edges of the cap shingles should be.

3. Apply a full cap shingle over the starter (*Figure 12-13*), and place fasteners at $5\frac{5}{8}''$ (6 $\tfrac{1}{4}''$ for metric) up from the exposed bottom edge and 1” in from each side. Nails must not be exposed on the finished roof. All nail heads must be driven straight and must not cut into the shingle surface.

**NOTE:** Each cap has a laying/alignment notch at the top edge to center the piece on the ridge line, and two notches on each side to indicate the correct exposure and shadow-line placement (*Figure 12-15*). The side notches of the cap being applied should be aligned with the top edge of the previously applied cap.

*Figure 12-15: Each Shadow Ridge® shingle has a centering notch and two side-alignment notches to help ensure proper placement.*

**FASTENING**

**IMPORTANT:** Use two nails to fasten each shingle. Nails must be minimum 1 $\frac{3}{4}''$ (45 mm) long. For the 4” (100 mm) starter shingle, place fastener 1” (25 mm) in from each side edge and about 2” (50 mm) from the rake (or eave) edge, making sure the fastener goes $\frac{3}{4}''$ into the deck or all the way through. For each full Mountain Ridge shingle, place fasteners $8\frac{5}{8}''$ (219 mm) up from its exposed butt edge and 1” (25 mm) in from each side edge.

**Use Mountain Ridge® accessory shingles to cover hips, ridges or rake edges. One box of 8” wide shingles cover 24 linear feet; 10" wide shingles will cover 20 linear feet. To prevent damage to shingles during application, they must be sufficiently warm to allow proper forming.**

**Figure 12-17: Hip and ridge application.**
HIP, RIDGE AND RAKE SHINGLE APPLICATION

Apply the primary field roofing up to the hip or ridge from both sides of the roof and trim flush or lap over one side, not more than half the width of a Mountain Ridge® shingle.

Assure that the installed Mountain Ridge shingles properly cover hip and ridge field shingles on both sides and the field shingles applied along rake edges. For a rake edge installation, cut the field shingles flush to the rake edge. Apply Mountain Ridge shingles ensuring they fit securely against the rake board. To assist in proper alignment, snap a chalk line parallel to the hip, ridge or rake along the line where the side edges of the Mountain Ridge shingles should fall.

Prepare a 4” Starter shingle by cutting off the lower 8” color granule butt portion of one Mountain Ridge shingle. Apply the 4” starter piece (with sealant nearest the outer edge) over the bottom corner of the hip or rake, or on either end of the ridge, overlapping the corner or end by approximately 1/2” and bending the starter shingle along its centerline to form into place (see figures below.) Install a nail on each side about 2” up from the starter shingle’s exposed butt edge and 1” in from each side edge of the shingle. The 8” piece that was cut off may be used to finish the opposite end of hip, ridge or rake.

Next, apply a full Mountain Ridge shingle over the installed starter shingle, bending it along its centerline and forming into place over the hip, ridge or rake, flush with the bottom and side edges of the starter shingle. Install a nail on each side of the shingle 8 5/8” up from the bottom edge and 1” in from each side edge.

Rake – Ensure field shingles at rake edge are flush with the outer edge of the rake board. Apply Mountain Ridge shingles fitting them snugly against the rake board. Use two color-coordinated aluminum trim or paneling nails, to pin the material to the fascia at 2” (50 mm) up from bottom edge and 2” (50 mm) and 3” (75 mm) in from front edge of shingle. (See Figure 12-18)

Continue application of the Mountain Ridge shingles along the hip, ridge or rake as shown. Expose Mountain Ridge shingles 8”, covering all fasteners.

CEEDAR CREST MEDIUM-PROFILE HIP AND RIDGE ACCESSORY SHINGLES

Use Cedar Crest® accessory shingles to cover hips and ridges. Carefully separate the three-piece units prior to application, by first folding along the pre-cut lines and then detaching the pieces (see Figure 12-19). No cutting is necessary. There are 30 individual shingles (10 three-piece units) in each bundle. One bundle will cover 20 linear feet. Each 12” x 12” shingle has a shadowline that is a design feature which is visible when applied properly. To prevent shingle damage during application, they must be sufficiently warm to allow proper forming.

FASTENING

IMPORTANT: Use TWO nails to fasten each shingle. Fasteners must be minimum 1 3/4” (45 mm) long.

For the starter shingle, place fastener 1” in from each side edge and about 2” up from the starter shingle’s exposed butt edge, making sure fastener goes 3/4” into the deck or all the way through the deck. (see Figure 12-20). For each full Cedar Crest shingle, place fasteners 8 5/8” up from its exposed butt edge and 1” in from each side edge (see Figure 12-21).

Figure 12-18: Rake edge application

Figure 12-19: Separate to make 3 cap shingles.

Figure 12-20: Apply a full cap shingle over the starter shingle.
Here’s a Tip… In the winter put hip and ridge cap shingles in your truck with the heater blasting for 20 minutes so the caps don’t crack when formed. (Thanks to Mark Dulz, Richmond, MI.)

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CEDAR CREST® APPLICATION

Apply primary roofing up to hip or ridge on both sides of roof and trim flush. Ensure that the Cedar Crest shingles will adequately cover the top course of the shingles on both sides of the hip or ridge. Prepare a 4” “starter” shingle by cutting off the lower 8” color granule portion of one Cedar Crest shingle. Apply the 4” starter piece with raised overlay edge over the bottom corner of the hip or to either end of the ridge, overhanging the corner or end by approximately 1/2” and bending the starter shingle along its centerline to form into place (see Figure 12-20). Install a nail on each side about 2” up from the starter shingle’s exposed butt edge and 1” in from each side edge of the shingle.

Then apply a full 12” x 12” piece over the starter, bending the shingle along its centerline and forming it into place over the hip or ridge, flush with the bottom and side edges of the starter shingle. Fasten with two nails minimum 1 3/4” long with one nail on each side of shingle 8 5/8” up from the butt edge and 1” in from each side edge (see Figure 12-21).

Continue application of Cedar Crest shingles up the hip or along the ridge, forming each shingle over the hip or ridge, and fasten as shown in Fastening. Expose Cedar Crest shingles 8”, covering all fasteners.

To assist in proper alignment, snap a chalk line parallel to the hip or ridge applying along the line where the side edges of the Cedar Crest shingles should be.

IMPORTANT: High Wind Instructions. In order to achieve the ASTM D3161 Class “F” Wind Resistance Classification each “hip and ridge” shingle must be both 1) fastened with nails as shown and 2) hand-sealed with two 1/4” wide beads of either BASF “Sonolastic® NP1™ Adhesive” or Henkel “PL® Polyurethane Roof & Flashing Cement” applied from the middle of the shingle’s raised overlay on the top piece and extending approximately 4” along the sides of the headlap along a line 3/4”-1” in from each side edge of the shingle’s headlap as shown. Immediately align and apply the next overlying shingle, gently pressing tab sides into adhesive. Only one side of the double thickness tab is laminated together; to secure the other side, after folding the shingle over the ridge and nailing into position, a 1” diameter spot of either NP1 or PL adhesive must be applied between the shingle layers as shown. Immediately align and apply the next overlying shingle, gently pressing tab sides into adhesive.

Figure 12-21: Install cap shingles at an 8” exposure and fasten with one nail on each side as shown.

Figure 12-22: Hand seal caps as shown.

Hand-sealing adhesive

Dab of asphalt cement between shingle layers

Figure 12-21: Install cap shingles at an 8” exposure and fasten with one nail on each side as shown.

Figure 12-22: Hand seal caps as shown.