



Technical Bulletin

Asphalt Oil Staining On New Shingles

Asphalt oil staining refers to small dark colored oils that temporarily appear on granules causing some shingles to have a darker appearance. Asphaltic oils are naturally present in all asphalts. Asphalt staining occurs in typically in storage. The possibility of asphaltic oil staining increases when shingles are stored in hot conditions and/or for extended periods of time.

Oil staining is not permanent and will weather-out with exposure to sunlight and rain. Weathering generally takes approximately 90-days but may take longer depending on local weather conditions. This is an exclusively a cosmetic issue and will not affect the performance or long term appearance of the shingles. Once the asphalt oil staining has weathered-out, the shingles' original color will be restored.

It's critically important to let the shingles weather and rinse naturally over time and do not do any of the following to try to clean the shingles:

DO NOT:

- Do not rinse the roof from the ground with a hose. This can drive water under the shingles.
- Do not use high pressure sprays or sprayers to clean the shingles. This can damage the shingle.
- Do not use chemical washes as you may loosen the granule surfacing or damage the asphalt coating.

Asphalt oil staining is cosmetic only and will not affect the Atlas Roofing Limited Shingle Warranty. For additional warranty information please our warranty page at atlasroofing.com/warranty.

