



# Product Evaluation

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Engineering Services Program

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**Evaluation ID:** RC-184

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**Product Name:** Minimum 29-Gauge Low Rib X Metal Roofing Panels

**Manufacturer:** Whirlwind Building Components  
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## General Description:

The Low Rib X metal roofing panels have 36" of coverage. The metal roof panels have a 3/4" rib height at 6" on center. The metal roof panels are manufactured from minimum 29 gauge Galvalume coated steel that conform to ASTM A792, Grade 80, with a minimum yield strength of 80,000 psi. The metal roofing panels can be painted with Kynar 500 Fluoropolymer finish coating.

## Limitations:

**Roof Framing:** The metal roofing panels must be installed over one of the following types of roof framing:

- Minimum 15/32" plywood roof deck,

**New Roof Framing Attachment:** The roof framing must meet or exceed the uplift requirements of the International Residential Code or International Building Code and must be installed as required for resistance to wind loads.

**Design Wind Pressures:** The design pressure uplift load resistance must be as specified in Tables 1.

**Roof Slope:** The metal roofing panels may be installed on roofs with a roof slope as low as 3:12. If applied lap sealant is used, then the minimum roof slope is 1/2:12.

**Table 1**

Attachment of minimum 29 gauge Low-Rib X metal roofing panels to minimum 15/32" plywood roof deck

Design Wind Pressure (psf)	Attachment of Roof Panel to 15/32" Plywood
-56.0 psf	Fastener Pattern No. 1 @ 24" o.c.
-131.0 psf	Fastener Pattern No. 2 @ 12" o.c.

**Installation over an Existing Roof Covering:** Installation over an existing roof covering is limited to a maximum of one existing layer of composition shingles, wood shingles or shakes, built-up roofing, or roll roofing applied over an existing, solid roof deck of minimum 15/32" plywood. Note: Inspection of the existing roof deck must be made prior to the installation of the roof panels. The condition of the existing roof deck must be acceptable to receive the metal roofing panels before the metal roofing panel installation proceeds. NOTE: Underlayment is not required to be installed.

**Installation:**

**General:** The metal roofing panels must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended installation instructions and this evaluation report.

**Panels:** The metal roofing panels must be secured to the roof framing as specified in Tables 1 and in accordance with this section.

**Underlayment:** For installations over a solid deck, a minimum of one layer of No. 30 (Type II) asphalt felt must be used. The underlayment used must comply with one or more of the following: ASTM D 226, ASTM D 4869, or ASTM D 1970. The underlayment must be installed with 6 inch side laps and 3 inch end laps. The underlayment must be applied with corrosion resistant roofing nails in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Fasteners must be applied along the overlaps a maximum of 36" on center.

**Attachment of Metal Roof Panels to the Roof Deck:** The metal roofing panels must be secured to the roof framing in the following way:

**Roofing Panels to Plywood Deck:** Minimum No. 10-15 x 1-1/2" long, HiLo Woodgrip screws with washers or approved equal. The fasteners must be long enough to ensure a minimum penetration of 1/4" below the roof deck. (Note: If the metal roofing panels are installed over an existing roof covering, then the fastener length must be increased so that the fasteners are long enough to ensure a minimum penetration of 1/4" below the existing plywood roof decking.) The required fastener pattern and maximum allowable spacing of the fastener lines is specified in Table 1. Refer to Figure 1 for illustrations of the fastener patterns.

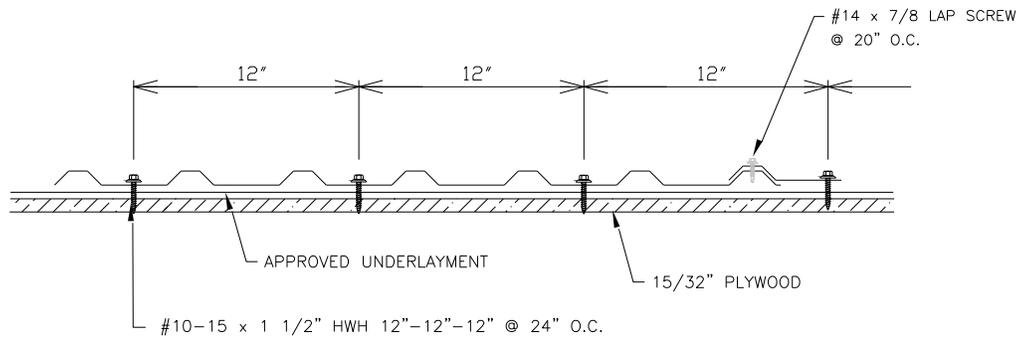
**Panel Side Laps:** The panels are stitched together with minimum 1/4 – 14 x 7/8" long hex head screws with a 5/8" dome washer. The fasteners must be spaced 20" on center along the length of the side lap.

**Alternative Fasteners:** Alternative fasteners of equal or greater strength may be substituted.

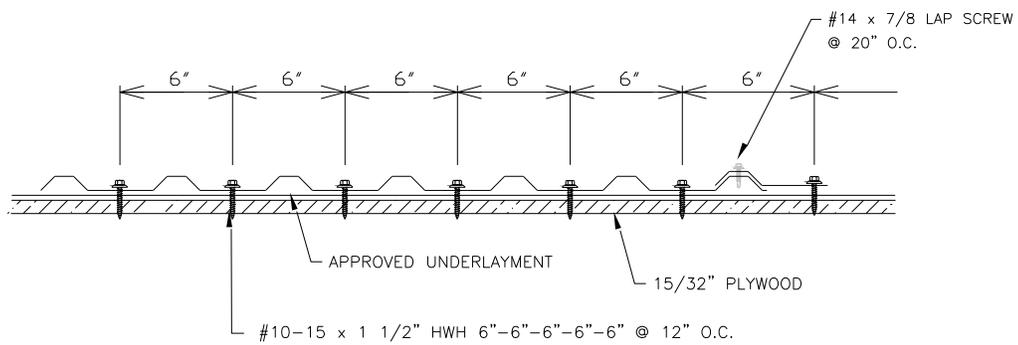
**Trims, Closures, and Accessories:** Components, such as the eave trim, rake trim, ridge trim, hip trim, and valley trim must be installed as required by the manufacturer.

**Note:** Keep the manufacturer’s installation instructions available on the job site during the installation. Use corrosion resistant fasteners as specified in the IRC, the IBC, and the Texas Revisions.

## FASTENER PATTERN #1



## FASTENER PATTERN #2



**Figure 1:** Low Rib X Metal Roofing Panel Secured to a 15/32" Plywood Deck