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FINE GRANULE STRIP

In late 2011 IKO began producing its line of Cambridge laminated asphalt shingles to include a strip of fine mineral granules in the unexposed area of the shingle. See photo below. This 'sand strip' was added to the shingle to help avoid "humping" of the shingles in the bundles, which may occur when they are stacked and stored on pallets.



← Fine granule strip

Older Cambridge shingles made prior to this change will not have the sand strip – the two products (with and without sand strip) can easily be mixed together on the roof. The strip is not visible once the shingles are applied, and in no way affects the performance of the product.

Similarly, due to unavoidable minor variations in the manufacturing process, the sand strip may vary slightly in width, and occasionally some of the shingle's normal granules may be embedded into the strip. Again, this in no way affects the installation or performance of the shingles, and when properly installed, they would still be covered by IKO's Limited Asphalt Shingle Warranty.

Please note that the sand strip should not be used as a 'nailing zone'. Nailing should follow the requirements shown on each shingle wrapper, including nailing into the nail line (the white line shown in the photo, located just below the sand strip). This will ensure the nails penetrate both layers of the laminated shingle, which is essential for optimum roof performance, and roof system wind resistance.

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