

Water Resistive Barrier

Building Code requirements and informational handout

R703.1 Exterior walls shall provide the building with a weather-resistant exterior wall envelope with approved corrosion resistant flashing described in Section R703.8. The flashing shall be applied shingle-fashion in such a manner to prevent water from entering into the wall cavity.

1. Verify that WRB is an approved product.
2. WRB shall be applied horizontally shingle fashion over exterior wall sheathing.
3. All seams shall be taped with approved acrylic seam tape.
4. WRB shall be free from holes or breaks in the membrane.
5. Vertical joints lapped minimum 6", and horizontal joints lapped minimum 2", **R703.2**.
6. With newly constructed homes kickout flashings are required where the lowest part of the roof's eave edge comes in contact with a vertical wall plane. This will be verified at the final inspection but can be mentioned to the contractor at this inspection as well.

