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CLASS 4 IMPACT RESISTANT HIP & RIDGE STRIPS

PORTLAND, Oregon – February 12, 2015 – The Hip & Ridge Strips from Malarkey Roofing Products® have earned the UL 2218 Class 4 impact resistance rating. When combined with a Malarkey Class 4 shingle, the Hip & Ridge Strips are the finishing touch to a full Class 4 rated roofing system.

Each year, the National Weather Service records what they call major hail events, where they receive reports of hail that is one inch or greater in diameter. Both Kansas and Oklahoma were in the top five states for major hail events in 2013, with 504 events in Kansas and 411 events in Oklahoma. With varying sizes and velocities of hailstones, nothing is completely hail proof. By creating more hail resistant products, we create safer homes and build trusted partnerships with homeowners.

In the independent “Insurance Claim Hail Study,” the Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) found that buildings with roof a covering classified as impact resistant were 40 percent less likely to have claims than those without. They have also found that even among UL rated impact-resistant shingles, polymer modified impact-resistant shingles performed 20% to 50% better than traditional oxidized impact-resistant shingles in all four impact classes.

All Malarkey products with a Class 4 rating are made with Flexor™ SBS polymer modified asphalt. Flexor™ offers increased flexibility over traditional oxidized asphalt, allowing shingles to conform to a variety of roof structures and withstand extreme weather. This unique asphalt is also resilient through temperature cycles, providing superior granule adhesion to the shingle to create a barrier from the elements.

For more information on Malarkey Roofing Products, or to find a representative, call 800.545.1191 or visit WWW.MALARKEYROOFING.COM.

About Malarkey Roofing Products

Malarkey Roofing Products is a Portland, Oregon based company that provides technology driven residential, commercial, and sustainable roofing solutions for contractors, architects and homeowners seeking dependable roofing products.

Since 1956, Malarkey Roofing Products has consistently valued innovation and is motivated to manufacture products that improve people's lives while balancing environmental and economic interests.

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