Directions for Applying the Malarkey OmniSeal™ Roofing System

OMNISEAL™ ROOFING SYSTEM
Malarkey’s OmniSeal™ Self-Adhering Roofing System (OmniSeal™ System) is an all-in-one package of SBS polymer modified roll roofing membranes designed for roofing applications where a waterproofing membrane system is desired.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
Install the OmniSeal™ System in accordance with adopted building code and local amendments. To qualify for warranty protection and obtain stated coverage, the installation instructions detailed here must be followed. Contact Malarkey Technical Services or check our website at WWW.MALARKEYROOFING.COM for the most current version.

We assume no responsibility when there has been improper application, failure to properly prepare the surface or provide adequate ventilation according to FHA or HUD minimum property standard requirements and adopted building code.

For current warranty information, please visit: WWW.MALARKEYROOFING.COM/warranty-center.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS
OmniSeal™ Base is an SBS polymer modified, 40 lbs./square, fiberglass base sheet which can be used over various combustible and non-combustible substrates as the initial ply in the OmniSeal™ System. It is finished on top with a factory-coated primer to enhance adhesion and surfaced on the underside with a mineral parting agent. OmniSeal™ Base is designed to be mechanically fastened.

Optional base sheet: Paragon® ULTRA SA Base is a self-adhering, premium SBS polymer modified, 85 lbs./square, fiberglass base/ply sheet (with fiberglass scrim) developed for use in multi-ply SBS roofing systems. It is surfaced with mineral fines while the underside has an aggressive bonding compound covered with a split-surface release film for easy use and application. ULTRA SA Base carries the Paragon® name since it is often used with Paragon™ cap sheets.

OmniSeal™ Ply is a self-adhering, SBS polymer modified, 40 lbs./square, fiberglass sheet used as a base or ply sheet in the OmniSeal™ System. It is finished on top with a factory-coated primer to enhance adhesion and surfaced on the underside with an aggressive bonding compound covered with a split-surface release film for easy use and application.

OmniSeal™ Cap is a self-adhering, SBS polymer modified, 78 lbs./square, fiberglass cap sheet which can be used over various combustible and non-combustible substrates as the surface membrane in the OmniSeal™ System. It is surfaced with color-coated, ceramic granules for ultraviolet protection and weatherability, and the topside edge has a 4" (102 mm) selvage strip of adhesive covered by release film. OmniSeal™ Cap is surfaced on the underside with an aggressive bonding compound covered with a split-surface release film for easy use and application.

OmniSeal™ Poly Cap is a self-adhering, SBS polymer modified, 90 lbs./square, polyester-reinforced cap sheet with high tear and tensile strength. It can be used over various combustible and non-combustible substrates as the surface membrane in the OmniSeal™ system. Poly Cap is surfaced with color-coated, ceramic granules for ultraviolet protection and weatherability while the underside has an aggressive bonding compound covered with a split-surface release film for easy use and application. The topside edge of the sheet has a 4" (102 mm) selvage strip of adhesive covered by release film.

Note: Any text reference to OmniSeal™ “Cap” refers to both OmniSeal™ Cap and OmniSeal™ Poly Cap.

FASTENING
1" (25 mm) diameter round or 1" (25 mm) square, 11-12 ga., metal cap nails are suitable for fastening OmniSeal™ Base to nailable decks. Fasteners must be long enough to penetrate the roof deck at least ¾" (19 mm) or completely through roof sheathing less than ¾" (19 mm) thick.

Roofing nails with a ½" (10 mm) diameter head and 1" (25 mm) long are used to secure perimeter drip edge flashing.

Although Ply and Cap are self-adhering, a hand-held, hot air welding gun can be employed to activate the membrane adhesive if necessary in cooler weather to facilitate proper adhesion.

Trowel-grade adhesive complying with ASTM D3019 Type III or D4586 is required for laps when any membrane is applied over one with a granule surface, one example being end laps of cap sheets. Polymer modified, trowel grade adhesive provides better performance than non-polymer modified.

As OmniSeal™ membranes are installed, use a hand roller on end laps, walls, base flashings, etc. and a weighted, 75-80 lb. (34-36 kg) roller over the entire surface to promote complete adhesion.

STORAGE PRECAUTIONS
All rolls in the OmniSeal™ System require dry, well-ventilated storage and protection from the weather. Store off the floor on pallets, and keep the rolls on end to prevent them from flattening.

Do not store at temperatures above 120°F (49°C) or below 50°F (10°C). Store the material at a minimum temperature of 55°F (13°C) for at least 24 hours prior to installation.

HANDLING AND APPLICATION PRECAUTIONS
Do not install material that has lost adhesion, been damaged, improperly stored, or exposed to moisture.

OmniSeal™ roll roofing membranes are constructed with fiberglass mats and therefore have dimensional memory, meaning in cooler weather they may wrinkle and/or buckle as the roof warms up if not fully relaxed before installing. Before application, roll out the material, cut into manageable, job-appropriate lengths for easier handling, and in cooler temperatures, allow them to relax.

Condition of the roof deck, temperature, and ambient moisture/humidity affect the application of self-adhering roof systems. The weather forecast and temperature on the day...
of application are very important, i.e., 40°F (4°C) and rising throughout the process. Do not attempt installation after rain or when cold temperatures have produced frost, snow, or ice. Do not leave OmniSeal™ Base or Ply exposed overnight. Install only as much material as can be covered by OmniSeal™ Cap on the same day.

**ROOF DECKS**

Roof decks should be sound, smooth (free of protrusions), meet necessary local requirements, provide positive drainage, and be dry at the time of installation. The deck must be swept clean of dirt and debris.

Nailable substrates should be solidly sheathed and either 15/32" (12 mm) thick, exterior grade plywood or 7/16" (11 mm) oriented strand board (OSB), and fully blocked. Deteriorated or rotted decking should be replaced. For excessively resinous areas, loose knots, and gaps in the wood greater than ¼" (6 mm), cover with minimum 32-gauge galvanized sheet metal and fasten in place.

Finally, any OmniSeal™ System should begin with mechanically-fastened OmniSeal™ Base as installing self-adhering sheets directly to wood decks will make them difficult to remove later, if and when you re-roof.

**APPLICATION: THREE-PLY SYSTEM**

**OmniSeal™ Base**

Roll out OmniSeal™ Base, cut into manageable, job-appropriate lengths, and allow the material to relax. OmniSeal™ Base must be installed completely flat with no wrinkles or buckles. Start at a lower corner of roof and begin by positioning a starter strip, one-third the width (13¾" [344 mm]) of a regular sheet, along the eave. Use of this lesser-width starter strip is necessary to offset the side laps of overlying membrane layers to come. (See Figure 1)

Extend OmniSeal™ Base over roof edges and down the face ¾" (19 mm) past the sheathing or nailer(s). Secure with specified metal cap nails, spaced 5" - 6" (127-152 mm) back from the roof edge and 9" (229 mm) O.C. along the perimeter and edges of the roof.

Continue working up the roof with full-width sheets, lapping subsequent courses a minimum of 2" (51 mm) over the preceding sheet.

Fasten each course in the field of the sheet using a minimum of two staggered rows, approximately 12½" (318 mm) in from the edge and 18" (457 mm) O.C. Fasten side and end laps at 9" (229 mm) O.C.

End laps should be a minimum of 6" (152 mm), and offset a minimum of 3' (0.9 m) from course to course. (See Figure 2)

**OmniSeal™ Base**

OmniSeal™ Base must be covered with OmniSeal™ Ply or Cap the same day. Do not leave exposed.

**OmniSeal™ Ply**

To aid adhesion of the self-adhering OmniSeal™ Ply layer to come next, sweep or blow the OmniSeal™ Base layer clean of debris.

Roll out the material, cut OmniSeal™ Ply into manageable, job-appropriate lengths, and allow to relax. OmniSeal™ Ply must be installed completely flat with no wrinkles or buckles. Start at the same low side of roof and begin by positioning a two-thirds width starter strip (26¼" [667 mm]), adhesive/release side down. (As mentioned before, a starter of this width will accommodate the offsetting of side laps in the courses of OmniSeal™ Base already laid and the OmniSeal™ Cap to come.)

**Application Method 1 (for less than full-width sheets):** With the sheet held steady in position, lift the starting end, and peel back the release film until there is enough exposed adhesive to secure that end to the corner with heavy hand pressure. Once in place, pull off the remaining release film in a continuous motion at a 45° angle, re-check membrane placement, and lower the starter strip to the deck.

Courses to follow are all full-width sheets with minimum 2" (51 mm) side laps and 6" (152 mm) end laps (see next section for more information about constructing T-joints at end laps). End laps should be offset a minimum of 3' (0.9 m) from course to course.

**Application Method 2 (for full-width sheets):** Situate the second course of OmniSeal™ Ply properly up the roof from the starter, and fold the upper half of the membrane back on itself (lengthwise) to expose the release film on that side.

Peel off the release film in a continuous motion at a 45° angle, and carefully lay that portion back down into place on the roof deck, making sure the membrane’s position does not change. Ensure adhesion with firm, even pressure and smooth the membrane flat to the Base sheet below.
Application in Elevated Temperatures: Begin at a lower corner of roof and roll out 2-3 feet of material (610-914 mm). Kneeling or standing in front of the roll, score the release film all the way across with a straight blade knife, taking care not to cut the membrane itself.

Peel back both ends of the release film on the side of the roll closest to you, and pull it completely off the starting end of the roll, exposing the adhesive. Lay the starting end down on the deck and adhere with hand or foot pressure.

Returning to the front of the roll, grasp the remaining release film, both sides, stand up, and begin walking backwards across the roof while pulling up on the release film. Be aware of roof edges.

Do this in a continuous motion; once started, do not stop. Should you have to stop, a quick tug or jerk on the release film may help restart removal and get you going again. If this doesn’t work, cover the partially installed roll with a tarp or synthetic underlayment until it cools, then remove the covering and resume installation. (See Figure 5)

Drip Edge Flashing: Following application of OmniSeal™ Base and Ply layers, install non-corrosive, minimum 26-gauge, sheet metal drip edge flashing along perimeter edges of the roof. Use drip edge with flanges a minimum of 4" (102 mm) wide so the flashing can extend down over the edge sufficiently to cover the vertical face.

Remove any oil from the surface of the metal with a vinegar and water solution prior to installation. Painted metal should be scuffed or lightly primed and allowed to dry. Doing so makes the metal more receptive to adhesion from the self-adhering OmniSeal™ Cap layer to follow.

Using a ¼" (6 mm) notched trowel, apply a thin, uniform coat (¼" (3 mm) thick) of trowel-grade adhesive along the edges of the roof, and set the drip edge into it. Ensure the flashing conforms tightly to the roof perimeter, and secure the top flange with roofing nails, staggered in two rows, 6" (152 mm) O.C.

Install drip edge first along the low side of the roof, and follow by flashing up the slopes. Laps in the metal should be a minimum of 4" (102 mm) and set in sealant/mastic. (See Figure 6)
OmniSeal™ Cap or Poly Cap
To aid adhesion of the self-adhering OmniSeal™ Cap layer to come next, sweep or blow the roof clean of debris.
Roll out OmniSeal™ Cap, cut into manageable, job appropriate lengths, and allow the material to relax. It must be installed completely flat without wrinkles or buckles.
Start at the same low side of roof, and begin by applying a full-width roll along the eave, granule side up (selvage edge at the top), and flush to the edges of the drip edge.
Situate the material, lift and fold back (lengthwise) the upper half of the membrane, making sure the material’s position does not change.
Carefully remove the split release film from that portion of the membrane, pulling it off in a continuous motion at a 45° angle, and flip the material back down onto the Ply sheet. Ensure adhesion by putting firm, even pressure on the material.
With the upper half of the Cap sheet stuck to the deck, repeat the process with the lower half.
Courses to follow are all full-width, have 4" (102 mm) side laps, and 6" (152 mm) end laps. End laps should be offset a minimum of 3’ (0.9 m) from course to course.
When installing subsequent courses, remove the release film from the selvage edge of the underlying course just before overlapping it. This will keep the adhesive area protected and clean.
Make sure wrinkles and buckles are avoided. OmniSeal™ Cap sheets must be rolled with a weighted roller as they are being installed to promote proper adhesion. Work outward from the center of the sheet.
T-Joints at End Laps: End laps in the same course of OmniSeal™ Cap are constructed like those for OmniSeal™ Ply with angled cuts at opposing diagonal corners, but because Cap has a granulated surface, use a ¼" (6 mm) notched trowel and apply a thin, uniform coat (¼" [3 mm] thick) of trowel-grade adhesive to adhesive for the entire 6" (152 mm) end lap of the underlying section (including the notched corner), and press the overlapping end down over it. Follow with a roller to promote complete adhesion. (See Figure 7)

Application at Perimeter Edges: Like T-joints, make angled, 45° cuts in the high-side corner of the Cap’s selvage edge, and fully adhere the ends of membranes that terminate at perimeter edges with trowel-grade adhesive. Roll to ensure adhesion.

APPLICATION: TWO-PLY SYSTEMS
Options for two-ply systems can be constructed with either OmniSeal™ Base and Cap, OmniSeal™ Ply and Cap, or even Paragon® ULTRA SA Base and Cap. With OmniSeal™ pairings, the initial Base and/or Ply layers begin with a 20¾" (527 mm) starter strip along the eave, with full-width courses to follow. (On the sheet, the first lay line past halfway indicates 20¾" [527 mm]).
The starter strip for ULTRA SA Base will be 18¼" (464 mm) wide. On the sheet, the second lay line from the edge is 18¼" (464 mm).
The same membrane installation techniques apply; employ 4" (102 mm) side laps and 6" (152 mm) end laps; offset end laps a minimum of 3’ (0.9 m) from course to course, and construct T-joints as explained above with notched corners and adhesive.
Install drip edge flashing after the initial application of Base or Ply, and follow with Cap.

Note: If you choose not to use nailable OmniSeal™ Base and instead start with self-adhering OmniSeal™ Ply or ULTRA SA Base as the base sheet, the roofing materials may be difficult to remove later, if and when you re-roof.

BASE FLASHING: THREE-PLY SYSTEMS
At roof-to-wall transitions like a parapet wall, curb or mounting pedestal, install a cant strip either nailed or fully adhered to the roof substrate.
From the field, install OmniSeal™ Base to the top of the cant, and fasten at both the toe of the cant and up at the termination with just enough fasteners to hold it in place.
Apply OmniSeal™ Base base flashing next, starting up on the backside of the parapet wall, 2" (51 mm) from the top, and run it forward across the top of the wall, down the vertical
face, and terminate at the toe of the cant. Fasten with scatter nailing, no less than 12" (305 mm) O.C.

From the field, install OmniSeal™ Ply to the top of the cant and slightly above.

Apply OmniSeal™ Ply base flashing, starting on the backside of the parapet wall, 2" (51 mm) from the top, and run it forward across the top of the wall, down the vertical face, across the cant, and out onto the field 3" (76 mm) beyond the toe of the cant.

From the field, extend OmniSeal™ Cap to the top of the cant.

Apply OmniSeal™ Cap base flashing, starting on the backside of the parapet wall, 2" (51 mm) from the top, and run it forward across the top of the wall, down the vertical face, across the cant, and out onto the field 6" (152 mm) beyond the toe of the cant. (See Figure 8)

The area to promote good adhesion. When complete, the top of the parapet wall can be capped with metal coping.

**Tie-In to a Shingle Roof**

Common to residential applications is the transition from a relatively flat roof over a porch or carport to the incline plane of a shingle roof. Integrating very different roofing materials at this critical juncture is covered next.

From the field, extend OmniSeal™ Base up the angled roof 16" (406 mm), and scatter-nail to fasten the membrane in place. Follow with OmniSeal™ Ply in the same fashion, running it up 20" (508 mm) and then repeat with OmniSeal™ Cap, extending it a minimum of 24" (610 mm) above the roof deck.

Ensure each membrane is forced into the break of the roof at the transition (fasten the Base in that spot), and roll to ensure good adhesion and the elimination of creases and trapped air bubbles.

Next install a base flashing cap sheet. Because this involves adhering one membrane to another with a granulated surface, employ a ¼" (6 mm) notched trowel, and apply a thin coat (¼" [3 mm] thick) of adhesive to the entire granulated surface of the field cap sheet to which the base flashing cap sheet will be applied.

Remove the release film from the base flashing cap sheet, position a minimum of 8" (203 mm) up the incline and a minimum of 6" (152 mm) onto the field, and apply it to the field cap sheet. Follow with a roller to promote adhesion, but take care not to displace the adhesive.

To begin tying shingle roofing materials to the OmniSeal™ System, lap your initial course (or starter course) of specified underlayment over the base flashing a minimum of 4" (102 mm) and work your way up the roof from there. (See Figure 9)

**VENT PIPE (AND OTHER FLANGED PENETRATION) FLASHING**

Install OmniSeal™ Base/OmniSeal™ Ply over the approved substrate according to the instructions above. Roof penetration flashings like a pipe jack should have flanges a minimum 4" (102 mm) wide.

Set the pipe jack down over the vent pipe and into a thin, uniform bed of trowel-grade adhesive (non-lead flanges should be mechanically fastened), and strip-off the entire flange with OmniSeal™ Ply, extending it onto the field a minimum of 4" (102 mm) past the flange.

Follow with a layer of OmniSeal™ Cap, installed according to the instructions above, and cut as necessary to fit snugly around the pipe.

Finish by applying a bead of adhesive around the neck of the pipe jack where it protrudes through the OmniSeal™ Cap.

Note: Other types of roof penetrations with flanges (exhaust fan vents, wind-driven turbine ventilators, sump drain pans, etc.) can be treated in similar fashion. (See Figure 10)
INSIDE CORNERS
Apply field membranes and base flashings as described above, but at inside corners, install one side at a time, making V-shaped relief cuts so flaps made by the cuts can be both lapped 4" (102 mm) through the corner and onto the opposite side, and over the top of the parapet.
Install the membranes tight to the corner, fully adhere them onto opposing surfaces, and hand-roll all laps of material to ensure proper adhesion. (See Figure 12)

OUTSIDE CORNERS
Application at outside corners is the same as inside corners. Take care when applying adhesive so the appearance of the Cap isn’t diminished. (See Figure 13)

INSTALLATION FOR ROOF SLOPES GREATER THAN 1:12
OmniSeal™ Systems installed on roof decks greater than 1:12 slope require strapped installation. The application of
membranes in strapped installations are the same but run parallel to roof slope.

T-joints at end laps are treated the same way for both ply and cap sheet layers but widened from 6” (152 mm) to 7”-8” (178-203 mm) in order to add fasteners: five (5), 1” (25 mm) diameter metal cap nails. Position them an inch (25 mm) back from the leading edge of the underlying sheet and 8” (203 mm) O.C. The overlapping head lap should terminate a minimum of 6” (152 m) past the fasteners. (See Figure 14)

![Figure 14 - Construction of T-Joints at End Laps in Strapped Installations](image)

**FINAL NOTE**

These instructions are meant to act as a general guide. If you have questions about this installation or any Malarkey roofing product, please contact our Technical Services Department weekdays at (800) 545-1191 or (503) 283-1191, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Pacific Time. You can also email us at technicalinquiries@malarkeyroofing.com. Thank you.