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New Roof Construction Manual

This manual is intended for use with Western Red Cedar and Alaskan Yellow Cedar shake and shingle application only. Western Red Cedar and Yellow Cedar products manufactured by Cedar Shake & Shingle Bureau® (“CSSB”) members are labeled with the “Certi” brand name. The species is indicated by either “Yellow” or “Red” Cedar at the top of the label. For ease of reference this manual refers to “Certi-label® Western Cedar” and the term is understood to include both Western Red Cedar and Alaskan Yellow Cedar products manufactured by CSSB members. Material for this manual has been compiled from various authoritative sources and many of the construction methods shown herein have been developed by the shake and shingle specialists in both the United States and Canada. The design and application details and methods of construction reflect current good building practice. Other options are possible but ensure that you check with your local building code official for approval.



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Certi-label® Products

Cedar shakes and shingles manufactured by Cedar Shake & Shingle Bureau® (“CSSB”) members are the only products labeled with the “Certi” brand name. Certi-label® cedar shakes and shingles are made by experienced craftsmen who take pride in their trade and the quality of their product. Despite their varying sizes and sometimes remote locations, member mills are bound together by a rigid quality code. Unannounced independent inspections conducted by accredited third party agencies ensure that product quality is maintained. Products are inspected to conform with various local, national and international codes and standards (contact the CSSB for specific details). Each bundle of product has the mill’s distinctive Certi-label® tucked under the bundle strap. Asking for “the Blue Label®” or “number one blue label” is not specific enough: CSSB members’ products are the only ones with the Certi brand name on the label.



NOTE:

- ONLY experienced professionals who follow proper safety and workmanship practices should implement the information contained herein.
- Different climates have different code requirements. Ensure the right products and installation methods are used per the building code official in your area. The information herein is not intended to supersede local building codes.
- Confirm labels required for warranty registration BEFORE purchasing product. Ensure warranty registration details are listed on purchase order.
- Refer to www.cedarbureau.org for project inspiration and photo portfolio.

Note: This manual replaces all previous versions of the “Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau New Roof Construction Manual”.

This manual presents best practices developed over more than a century of Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau® (“CSSB”) history. Please contact CSSB technical staff with Certi-label® product or installation questions. The contents of this manual are not intended to supersede local jurisdiction requirements or building code. ALWAYS check with your local code jurisdiction for approval of any installation modifications, including accessory building materials.