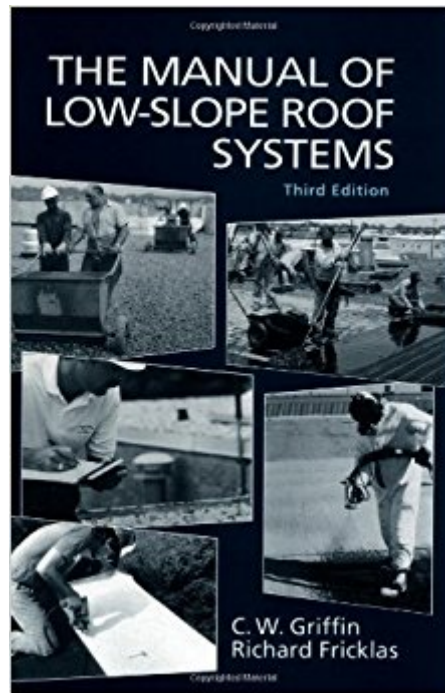




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# Manual Of Low-Slope Roof Systems



## Synopsis

This edition has been updated to provide information on pertinent changes in applicable building codes, including recommendations stemming from Hurricane Andrew. It covers all major types of flat, multi-ply, built-up roofing systems that are typically used on commercial and industrial facilities.

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**THE PREMIER GUIDE TO COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ROOFS** For decades, this manual has been the most widely respected guide to designing and specifying low-slope roof systems. It remains unique -- the only working handbook that treats all topics in roof design, from fundamentals to roof systems and materials options. This fourth edition covers major advances in design and materials, as well as changes in building codes. It gets you up to speed on roof system performance, emerging materials, drainage, wind uplift, vapor control, fire resistance, thermal insulation, reroofing, and much more. You'll even find field-tested solutions for such problems as lap-seam failures, membrane shrinkage, and fastener backout. Covering all major types of flat, multi-ply, low-slope roofing systems for commercial and industrial facilities, this definitive text also updates you on new procedures in inspection and maintenance. For architects, roof designers, roof consultants, contractors, spec writers, attorneys, materials manufacturers -- anyone who needs authoritative, up-to-date information on all aspects of roof technology -- the Manual of Low-Slope Roof Systems dominates the field. Roof It Right Roof failure causes in depth (and specific methods

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We already have the Third edition and wanted current information prior to making decisions relating to a project. We appreciated the detailed information included. For example, where existing metal coping over architectural foam at a shopping center had failed to withstand hundred mile per hour winds in Southern California over the last ten years, we were able to review the formulas and wind uplift factors to better gauge design requirements. We found the photograph in Chapter Seven on Wind Uplift showing a "fascia strip bent upward despite the use of a cleat designed to stabilize it" exceptionally useful. "The 24-gauge stainless steel fascia strip was stressed beyond its yield point because the continuous cleat fasteners were located near the top of the cleat. This faulty location

increased the unbraced, cantilevered depth of the fascia strip, exponentially multiplying the bending stress exerted by the wall deflected wind." It was helpful to have the metal gauge described, and critically useful to understand the mechanics of failure with the cleat design. This is the most important aspect of the book. It can help avoid problems. As the owner of Commercial Resource Management, this is our purpose, so we found the book very helpful. We were able to find the FM Global Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-49 mentioned in the book online, and while we had only foam incapable receiving fasteners to permit face nailing the continuous cleat or hook strip, we were able to incorporate the design principles described to develop an alternate. We also used the Grouping Pipes Through Roof Membranes diagram in the Flashings section to correct a problem with defective icing refrigerant lines entering an existing "pitch pan." We were able to find design parameters for thermal movement in the metal roof chapter "annual temperature ranges of 200 deg. F . . . must be capable of accommodating movements up to 2 in. in 200 ft." Since my run was 140 ft., I adjusted to use a figure of 1.4 in..

I gave this book 4 stars and not 5 because it was not large enough. It should have been the next size format, so that the drawings would render better. That said, however, I must recommend this for several reasons: 1, there is a paucity of books on roofing, a mundane subject at best and of interest to few people. However, for those people, not much to choose from. "Low slope roof" is industry parlance for a commercial/industrial roof which will have layers of hot tar and roofing felt, then gravel, placed on a generally flat roof. This book explains it all, from a history of this type of roof, to various materials used, what to watch for, how to write specifications, and problems that might occur in the design or construction phases. 2, for those architects that design or specify roofs, it explains roofing in depth, and helps avoid expensive mistakes that experience alone would teach. Although the book is expensive, the information given is worth every penny. Those who will buy this book will know that.

If you are a practitioner or student of low slope roofing systems, then you need this book! More than just a stiff reference material, it explores the various systems you will confront if you do any Division 7 related work. Written in an easy to understand format (I'm a reformed knuckle-dragger).

Technical but still readable. Even a do-it-yourselfer (if spending plenty of time rereading) can figure it out. Only book of it's kind letting you know the possible pitfalls from all the flat roof systems out there. Lacks some details I would have liked to have since I am not a professional. Very good for

someone who wants to tell a contractor what style of flat roof to build, less than perfect if you want a how-to book.

The best book on low slope roofing there is. Standard Training and reference book for Tremco Representatives, other manufacturers and roofing consultants for decades

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