Issue Description:

In early 2008, the length of Oakridge® shingles was increased by 5/8" to 39 3/8" from 38 3/4". Contractors must take extra care when making a repair on less than a full slope with Oakridge® shingles produced prior to 2008.

In addition to the dimension difference, some fading of the colored granules can be expected over the years. This is not a defect but part of the normal weathering process. It is likely that the color of the new shingles will vary from the original shingles to the point that a satisfactory color match is not possible.

Recommendations:

Owens Corning recommends replacement of full slopes where a repair of Oakridge produced prior to 2008 is required. If a full slope replacement is not possible, the new Oakridge shingles must be trimmed to fit in the space created by the removal of the shorter Oakridge product. Do not overlap the ends of the shingles.

Prior to commencing any repair, assess the color variation between the new and aged shingles to assure that the color match is acceptable. In some cases, replacing selected slopes may be acceptable if they are not adjacent.