
ASTM D8257 – New Standard Specification for Mechanically Attached Polymeric Roof Underlayment Used in Steep Slope Roofing

[Vancouver, BC - March 29, 2021] - ASTM D8257 is the new test standard developed to determine the suitability of synthetic underlayment product for use as steep-slope roofing underlayment. The objective of this new specification is to provide a finished product that will be used as a water-shedding underlayment layer on steep sloped roofs prior to and after installation of the primary roof covering. This new standard incorporates tests that more accurately measures the level of performance expected from the synthetic roofing underlayment category of products. The previous standards were designed for older oil saturated felt products.

Please be advised FT Synthetics has proactively adopted this new standard and have already had independent labs (**Intertek**) verify all its mechanically attached products pass this new standard.

About FT Synthetics

FT Synthetics is a fully integrated manufacturer of coated woven fabrics, with a dedicated focus of developing industry leading new and unique underlayment products designed for the steep slope roofing industry. Its primary goal is to maintain its leadership status by designing high performance, consistent quality products that offer one of the safest walking surfaces available in the industry. FT is able to accomplish these goals due to its unique position of having full control over all steps of the manufacturing process. This includes North American based operations with advanced equipment for non-woven manufacturing, adhesive application, weaving, coating, lamination, and flexographic printing. FT Synthetics development team have over 40 years of combined industry experience manufacturing and distributing synthetic roofing underlayments with an exemplary record of delivering product above customer expectations, on time, every time.

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