

GMCRAFT BUILDING PAPER

Frequently Asked Questions

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Are GMCraft building papers new or unproven products?	GMCraft building papers have been produced and used since 2003. During this period <i>100's of millions of square yards</i> of WRB have been purchased and installed with complete satisfaction by the users.
Why is the color of GMCraft building paper different than some other papers?	Some have questioned the slightly brown shading of the otherwise black paper and think it is inferior asphalt or light saturation. The asphalt used by GMC reflects the geology of the area where it is obtained. This asphalt has the same water holdout capacity as darker asphalt. It is actually " <u>GREENER</u> " than its competitors because it is locally sourced near the GMC plant (Shafter, CA) rather than from distant sources.
Does GMCraft have the appropriate ICC approval and is it accepted in all jurisdictions?	<i>GMC has the same ICC approval</i> as other manufacturers of building papers and has undergone the close scrutiny of the ICC approval process for our 10 Minute, 30 Minute and 60 Minute building papers. GMC, unlike its competitors, makes a full line of asphalt saturated felt products sometimes specified as WRBs. <i>It is accepted where ever asphalt paper is used.</i>
Does GMC make a 60 Minute building paper?	GMC produces a <i>full "60 minute" building paper</i> . It has been extensively used across the Western U.S. without a single warranty issue. Ongoing testing assures this.
How are GMC building papers produced and how is their Quality Control Program managed?	GMC, like other manufacturers, has a proprietary manufacturing process developed over <i>more than 50 years of management and owners experience that insures that the paper meets the required quality requirements</i> . Each and every run of paper is fully tested prior to shipment to our customers to insure its performance and their satisfaction.
Is the changing color (fading) of building paper after exposure to the weather for extended periods of time a good or bad thing?	Part of the reason that GMC chooses to use the particular asphalt it uses is that when this asphalt has been exposed for an extended time, the paper fades in color. All Kraft building papers are designed to be covered within a relatively short period of time (approximately 30 days). <i>Paper that has been exposed for longer periods should be evaluated</i> to assure that the necessary properties are still present in the paper. Blacker asphalts may give false assurances by remaining darker for a longer period of time.
Can I use water proofing products manufactured by other companies with GMC building paper?	Only proprietary systems, which are often over priced, reject the use of compatible products to achieve a "water management system". <i>Qualified contractors understand this and use a variety of quality products from of different manufacturers without problems.</i>
What about rumors that I have heard regarding GMC paper?	GMC is aware of <i>false rumors</i> circulated by a competitor. One includes a report from a non-accredited testing laboratory located on the East Coast. GMC has and continues to conduct random testing by an ICC Accredited laboratory to insure that our paper meets all appropriate standards such as "60 Minute" paper. <i>ICC has also conducted similar random testing of our products and has notified GMC that our paper passed with "flying colors".*</i>
What am I getting when I buy GMCraft building paper?	<i>GMC manufactures a quality product at a competitive price.</i> There are three options to choose from: <u>GMCraft 10 Minute</u> is the minimum standard and often used for purposes other than as a weather resistive barrier. <u>GMCraft 30 Minute</u> is designed for applications that desire more than a minimum standard (10-20 minute papers). <u>GMCraft 60 Minute</u> meets the 60 minute requirements as established by ICC Acceptance Criteria 38.