

Supply Chain Disruption Affecting Roofing Projects

The chaos of the current supply chain is making news every day and affecting how we all work. We understand the frustrations. However, the reality is that lead time on roofing materials is now two weeks vs. the historical four days.



Roof insulation is a greater challenge. We are ordering as soon as we have a signed project contract or agreement to complete a roof project. **Lead times** are into September/October which means installation will also be delayed.

Costs are continuing to rise. To date, price increases have been: roofing 15%, metal edge materials 40%, and insulation 15%. Weekly notices of future increases have become the norm so we are forced to lock in a price when orders are placed.

We all know how we got here: COVID-19 lockdowns, blockage of the Suez Canal, ongoing trade war with China, lack of workforce, and transportation stoppages. Reid Ribble, CEO of the National Roofing Contractors Association, noted it could be one full roofing season cycle before supply chain levels return to normal.

As an Elite contractor with our main supplier, Duro-Last, we are in constant communication about membrane production. Our business longevity assists with current suppliers while we work with them to lessen the impact and, like everyone else, are also expanding our supplier sources. Membrane roofing projects may be able to be divided into sections and completed over time instead of as one large project. Repair may be a solution as well.



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