



# Product Evaluation

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Engineering Services Program

*The following product has been evaluated for compliance with the wind loads specified in the International Residential Code (IRC) and the International Building Code (IBC).*

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**Evaluation ID:** RV-01

**Effective Date:** December 1, 2015

**Re-evaluation Date:** November 2019

**Product Name:** Roll Vent® and Rapid Ridge® Shingle Over Ridge Vents

**Manufacturer:** Benjamin Obdyke, Inc.  
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**Brand Names:** TAMKO Roll Vent  
TAMKO Roofing Products, Inc.  
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P.O. Box 1404  
Joplin, MO 64802

EcoVent  
EcoStar LLC  
42 Edgewood Drive  
Holland, NY 14080

**General Description:**

**Roll Vent®:** The Roll Vent® is a continuous, under-the-shingle ventilator used to provide natural ventilation for an enclosed attic in residential construction. The Roll Vent® quickly rolls onto the roof over a cut slot, providing continuous airflow along the ridge. The Roll Vent® must be hand nailed. The Roll Vent® is 10-1/2" wide and 15/16" thick. It is available in rolls of 20' and 50' and is typically cut-to-length cut on the job. The Roll Vent® is manufactured of a flexible nylon matrix fabric with a non-woven nylon-polyester fabric weather barrier.

**Rapid Ridge®:** The Rapid Ridge® is a continuous, under-the-shingle ventilator used to provide natural ventilation for an enclosed attic in residential construction.

The Rapid Ridge® quickly rolls onto the roof over a cut slot, providing continuous airflow along the ridge. The Rapid Ridge® vent has a low profile design that can be installed with a nail gun. The Rapid Ridge® is 10-1/2" wide and 5/8" thick. It is available in rolls of 20' and 50' and is typically cut-to-length cut on the job. The Rapid Ridge® is manufactured of a flexible nylon matrix fabric with a non-woven nylon-polyester fabric weather barrier.

**Limitations:**

**Design Wind Pressure:** -320 psf (**Roll Vent**)

**Design Wind Pressure:** -380 psf (**Rapid Ridge**)

**Roof Slope:** The Roll Vent® and the Rapid Ridge® roof ventilators must be installed on roofs with a minimum slope of 3:12 and a maximum slope of 18:12. For hip roof applications, the maximum roof slope must not exceed 12:12.

**Installation:**

**General:** The Roll Vent® and the Rapid Ridge® roof ventilators must be installed in accordance with "Application & Architectural Drawings," published by Benjamin Obdyke, Inc. and this evaluation report.

**Roof Deck:** The roof deck must consist of wood structural panels with a minimum thickness of 3/8" for plywood and a minimum of 7/16" for OSB. A continuous slot must be cut in the roof sheathing. For the Roll Vent®, the minimum nominal width of the slot, measured horizontally, must be 1-3/4" on each side of the roof ridge. For the Rapid Ridge®, the minimum nominal width of the slot, measured horizontally, must be 1-1/2" on each side of the roof ridge.

**Fasteners:** Asphalt shingles must be installed over the ridge vents. The asphalt shingles and the ridge vent must be secured to the roof deck with roofing nails (nominal 0.125" smooth shank diameter, 0.410" diameter head). For the Roll Vent®, minimum 2-1/2" long nails must be used. For the Rapid Ridge®, minimum 1-3/4" long nails must be used. The fasteners must be long enough to penetrate through the roof deck. The fasteners must be located on each side of the ridge vent and spaced near each end of the ridge vent and at 5" on center along the length of the ridge vent.

**Note:** Keep the manufacturer's installation instructions available on the job site during the installation. Use corrosion resistant fasteners as specified in the IRC, the IBC, and the Texas Revisions.