

# **INSTALLATION GUIDE** for HotDrip ™

### INTRODUCTION

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HotDrip<sup>™</sup> product is designed to prevent icicles and ice dams from forming at the edge of "A-Style" metal roof edges utilizing a commercial-grade 12W self-regulating UL-approved for roof and gutter deicing heat cable. Many metal roof edges to not have a metal lip/drip edge and use a 90 degree edge. This "A-Style" is used in the rakes of gable roof ends to achieve a neat even finish designed to simply cover and protect exposed wood sheeting edges from moisture deterioration. This flush mounted roof edge is just flashing with a 90 degree bend and with a small offset hem at the bottom which prevents snowmelt from running down the fascia board.

For simple installation, HotDrip<sup>™</sup> slips between a small horizontal gap between the bottom edge of the metal roofing material and the top surface of the cap. It is important to confirm that this horizontal gap exists and to understand how the roofing material is secured, i.e. the space available to slide HotDrip into the horizontal gap, i.e. 2.5 or 4.5 inches, etc.

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### HotDrip<sup>™</sup> Installation Instructions

1. Slide HotDrip<sup>™</sup> panel beneath the existing roof in the horizontal gap. Ensure there is a small continuous horizontal gap between the metal fascia cap and the roofing material (see above).

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2. Slide the HotDrip<sup>™</sup> into place and seal with roofing calk. If determined it is necessary for additional fastening, follow roofing manufacturer's instructions for fastening through the roof deck.

#### WARNING

Low cost, constant current ice melt cable must not be used. Only safety agency "Listed", self regulating ice and snow heat trace cable for roof structures that are provided with the system can be used.



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#### Self-regulating Heating Cable Supplied with System

The HotEdge Rail is supplied with one of the following Listed (KOBQ) De-Icing and Snow-Melting Equipment Heating Cable and accessories (designed for roof and gutter de-icing and snow melt) indicated below and with the installation instructions provided by the heating cable manufacturer.

#### Products from NuHeat

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NuHeat 13 Watt roof and gutter plug in cable 120V 5 ft	13PK08W1-5
NuHeat 13 Watt roof and gutter plug in cable 120V 10 ft	13PK08W1-10
NuHeat 13 Watt roof and gutter plug in cable 120V 15 ft	13PK08W1-15
NuHeat 13 Watt roof and gutter plug in cable 120V 25 ft	13PK08W1-25
NuHeat 13 Watt roof and gutter plug in cable 120V 50 ft	13PK08W1-50
NuHeat 13 Watt roof and gutter plug in cable 120V 75 ft	13PK08W1-75
NuHeat 13 Watt roof and gutter plug in cable 120V 100 ft	13PK08W1-100
NuHeat Heat Shrink Power Connection Kit (incl. 1 end seal)	RPPC
NuHeat Heat Shrink Splice.tee (incl. 2 End Seals)	RPST
NuHeat Heat shrink end seal (1pc)	RPES
NuHeat 13RGRC Roof Clips (box of 50)	RGRC
NuHeat Thermocube Thermostatic Outlet 120V	NH-THC
NuHeat Roof and Gutter Downspout hanger	RGDH
NuHeat Plug-in GFCI adaptor	FP-PLUG
120v NuHeat Roof & Gutter De-Icing Cable	13FP10W1
240v NuHeat Roof & Gutter De-Icing Cable	13FP10W2
120v NuHeat Roof & Gutter De-Icing Cable	R13P8-1
240v NuHeat Roof & Gutter De-Icing Cable	R13P8-2



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### Products from Tyco Thermal Controls LLC (Raychem)

UL File KOBQ.E74811, De-icing and Snow-melting Equipment CSA Class 2872-01, File 021133 C 000 HEATERS-Cable and Cable Sets Raychem® IceStop® Roof & Gutter De-Icing Systems GM-1X Heating cables (120VAC, 10 watts per foot) GM-2X Heating cables (240VAC, 12 watts per foot and 277VAC, 12 watts per foot) FTC-P Power Connection & End Seal Kit FTC-HST Splice/Tee Connection Kit GMK-RC Roof Clips **GM-RAKE** Hanger Bracket Raychem® WinterGard Wet Roof & Gutter De-Icing Systems Heating cables (120VAC, 6 watts per foot) H612 H622 Heating cables (208-277VAC, 6 watts per foot) H900 Power Connection & End Seal Kit H910 Splice/Tee & End Seal Kit H913 & H914 Roof Clip Kits H915 Hanger Bracket Kit H908 120VAC Plug-in Power Connection Kit

### System Test by the Electrical Contractor

#### Insulation Resistance (Megohmmeter) Test

The insulation resistance test is critical to ensure the safety and reliability of the heating cable system. This test should be performed as part of the installation of the system. It is also useful for troubleshooting an installed system. This test is required for warranty coverage from some cable manufacturers. See details in the ice melt cable manufacturer's installation instructions.

A large peak amp reading at cold start-up may indicate a current draw issue. Some systems may require time delay relays to spread out this peak load.

Individual home runs are recommended for troubleshooting, repair and replacement of the ice melt cable.





