

# LAKE ROAD PLAZA ROOF CONDITION REPORT



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 7780 & 7790 Lake Rd Orlando, FL 32821

#### **Scope of Inspection**

On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2017, a visual site review of the roofing system was conducted on the above referenced property. The review was intended to provide a surface analysis of the roof system assembly and note visible deficiencies. This Limited Commercial Building Inspection was limited to the following items of interest to the client:

- 1. The condition of the roofing system and components
- 2. Identify the cause of water leaks throughout the ceiling areas of the building
- 3. Identify items that would require repair and/or corrective action

Reasonable effort was made to view all safely accessible areas of the subject property. Concealed items cannot normally be inspected without using invasive procedures or special testing equipment that is beyond the scope of this type of general inspection. This limited Commercial Building Inspection Report may not address every problem that may exist with this property at the time of this inspection.

The following attendees were present at the initial meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

William St Croix, Inspector Steven Stevens

Inspector, Healthy Home Inspections CFL, LLC Owner of Subject Property

#### **Statement of Opinion**

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### **History**

The roof system was installed in 2017. The membrane roofing system consisted of UltraPly TPO thermoplastic polyolefin membrane manufactured by Firestone Building Products Company and was mechanically attached through the insulation to a structurally sloped steel deck supporting the roof system.

The membrane was mechanically fastened with fasteners and Seam Plates at 12" centers on 6" wide laps of the 10-foot-wide sheets. Fastening will be doubled at the 14'.6" foot wide perimeters at Building (1) and 16'.8" wide perimeters for Building (2) by adding and additional row of fasteners to the center of each 10' foot wide sheet. All seams to receive a 1.5" heat weld. Firestone recommends all hand welded seams to consist of a 2" heat weld.

Base flashings at walls and curb consisted of UltraPly TPO thermoplastic polyolefin single-ply membrane set in Firestone UltraPly Bonding Adhesive.

Small penetration flashings consisted of UltraPly TPO membrane the same as roofing membrane.

Metal flashings and drainage components were shop fabricated of materials, gauges, and finishes per shop drawings. All metal to which plies are adhered appeared to be primed per manufacturer's requirements.

The mansard roofs consisted of Spanish "S" clay tile manufactured by Santafe Tile Corp. installed over WeatherLock Specialty Tile & Metal Self-Adhering Membrane. The tile was attached with foam roof tile adhesive paddy and one additional fastener at 12:12 slope.

Recently, it appeared that numerous repairs where attempted evidenced by patching and areas where the membrane seams were cleaned to receive repaired welds. The owner stated that the roof had a history of leaks over several months and did not appeared to be corrected. An infrared scan and capacitance moisture meter detected elevated moisture levels... there was no moderate or significant rainfall within that last several weeks before the moisture survey was conducted.



#### **Site observation**

Deficiencies in the roof system:

#### **BUILDING 1:**

- 1. Items noted are as follows: Condensate pipes secure all condensate pipes to the roof system per manufacturer requirement.
- **2.** Condensate pipes: advisable not to install condensate pipes into scuppers. This will cause standing water problems.
- **3.** Secure exhaust hoods to curbs properly.
- **4.** Per manufacturer's requirements and technical specifications, Firestone does not warrant products incorporated or utilized in the installation that were not furnished by Firestone. This was not complied to. GAF TPO EverGuard corner flashing was installed at curbs and other penetrations. This could void the Manufacturer's warranty.
- **5.** Electric Flex cable: penetrated side of a curb. Recommend installation of lock tight washers and no sealant.
- **6.** Goose neck vents: seal seams of goose neck vents (TYP) against water intrusion.
- **7.** Coping metal: install metal counter flashing over the top of the coping flanges against the vertical walls (TYP).
- **8.** Roof tile: install flashing or concrete over the roof tiles as per contract.
- **9.** Louvers along vertical wall install metal counter flashing over the flanges of the louvers (TYP) at 2 locations.
- **10.** Taper insulation between scuppers: do not appear to be installed per contract drawings and plans.
- 11. \*Contract drawings require TPO to be 60 mils. The TPO membrane installed was 45 mils
- **12.** Stucco accent bands allowing moisture entry into wall assembly
- **13.** Stucco accent: Missing expansion joints caused damage to accents
- **14.** General note: Verify from roofing contractor, owner, or GC changes contrary to the plans and specifications were approved...otherwise; all work must meet specifications and plans

#### **BUILDING 2:**

- 1. Items noted are as follows: coping metal attachment, contract calls for coping metal to be secured at 12" on center. Not in compliance.
- 2. Equipment curb B are flashing, add unsupported patches over T-Joints as required per manufacturers installation guide. As needed. (Detail #3 A7.04)
- 3. Mixed manufacturer components...outside corner patch observed was (GAF) not Firestone. Not compliant with Firestones warranty.



- 4. Perimeter edge metal at corners: Single ply membrane not properly adhered to edge metal flanges (TYP).
- Perimeter edge metal: at various locations, the continuous cleat has not been hooked properly to the fascia metal. Also, there are locations where the cleat was not installed as required per contract.
- 6. Coping cap at wall termination are not properly sealed (TYP)
- 7. Coping caps at wall termination do not have proper metal counter flashings.
- 8. Metal counter flashings are not properly secured against high wind conditions.
- 9. Edge metal not in compliance with SMACNA and specification drawings...coping not sloped to inside of building. Recommend destructive investigation to verify attachment pattern per plans and specification and to verify proper type and fastener size.
- 10. Galvanized goose neck vent seams are open to water migration.
- 11. Goose neck vents install T-Patches at locations required, and are missing as per manufacturer.
- 12. Condenser units: flex cable and copper tubing that that routes into the goose neck vents, shall have a drip line to protect from water running down the lines into the vents.
- 13. Advisable to install walk treads next to the A/C units for protection.
- 14. Open lap seams: Open seams were found along the bare flashing of the A/C units, top of parapet walls, perimeter of scuppers
- 15. Splash pads: install protection splash pads below each downspout that drain into a lower roof area for protection to the roof system.
- 16. Interior parapet walls: Found open T-joints and seams along the surface of the vertical walls.
- 17. Roof head wall flashing roof ties are not properly sealed across the top of the roof tiles at the mansard roof areas. Contract calls for mortar to be applied at minimum. A more positive feature would be to install lead flashing over the roof tiles.
- 18. Coping metal: various locations, the coping is not properly hooked to the continuous cleats.
- 19. Roof to wall flashings on tile roof: the angle flashing metal shall be counter flashed with a surface mounted counter flashing. Typically, at all roof to wall flashings for tile roof systems.
- 20. Downspouts: advisable to install additional wall brackets to properly secure downspouts to the walls (TYP). Wall bracket fasteners should be hidden
- 21. Condensate pipes: all condensate pipes shall be properly supported across the roof. All supports shall be fully adhered to the roof system for protection to high wind events.
- 22. Taper crickets: along the rake sides of the building, there are 2 locations that has standing water, corrections advisable to properly drain water.
- 23. Taper crickets between scuppers: according to the contract drawings, the crickets are to have a 45° taper. This was not complied to during application.
- 24. Seam sealer: apply seam sealer per manufactures requirements at all locations the membrane has a cut edge exposed to the elements.
- 25. Condensate pipes: advisable not to place condensate pipes into primary scuppers. This will affect the proper flow of water draining off the roof.



- 26. Scuppers: not sumped to prevent water from damming at scupper locations
- 27. Scupper face plate: not fastened or sealed around perimeter
- 28. Collector heads: not fastened or sealed around perimeter
- 29. Parapet coping cap transition into single ply membrane using the clad metal for positive terminations.
- 30. Masonry anchors through termination bar should have sealant or neoprene washers
- 31. Could not verify screws and plates around curbs and penetrations under the base flashing
- 32. Many sections of wall membrane not fully adhered. The material membrane was gaged at 45 mils. The contract drawings specify roof field sheet/wall membrane to be 60 mils. This was not complied to.
- 33. Attachment of roof tiles to decking. Contract calls for roof to each have one fastener along with foam adhesive under each roof tile. At many locations, this was not complied to.
- 34. Electrical support attachment through the base flashings can void warranties. Corrective action is required to eliminate penetrations.
- 35. Single ply membrane surface damage: As a roof top observation was done over the single ply membrane, surface damage was found at various locations appear to be cut into the membrane at various locations.
- 36. Welds not consistent 1.5"-inch for robot welds and 2"-inch for hand welds if required
- 37. Self-tapping metal screws drilled through sheet metal shavings were not removed from roof and have caused surface rust on membrane.

#### INTERIOR INSPECTION of GALVINIZED METAL DECK

- 1. Unit #107: Rust observed on metal truss at truss/wall connection (left elevation); other areas were observed.
- 2. Unit #108: Rust observed on bottom chord of metal truss. Other areas were observed.
- 3. Unit #112: Water stain observed at ceiling tile located in storage closet



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Showing left view elevation.



Showing rear view elevation.



Showing aerial (top) view.



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General roof view.



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Showing electrical clamp support attached with fasteners through the base flashing. This can void Firestone's warranty. Corrective action is required to eliminate penetration.



The flex cable and copper tubing from the HVAC condenser units entering the vent hood shall have a drip line to prevent moisture entry into the roof assembly.





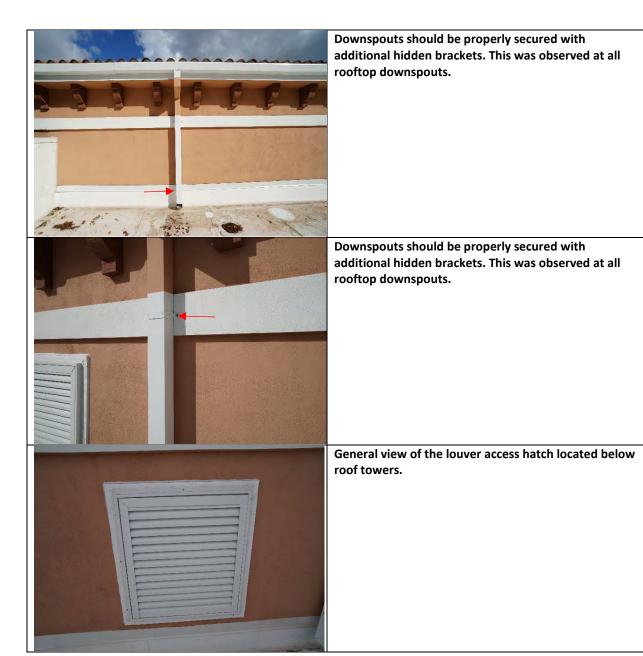
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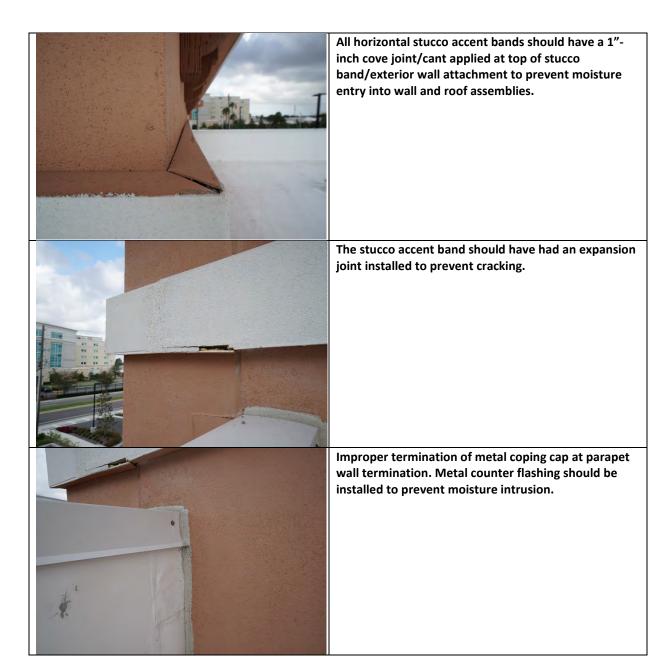


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General view of stucco accent band.

Voids at miters should be sealed with appropriate sealant to prevent moisture intrusion into the wall assembly and the roof assembly.







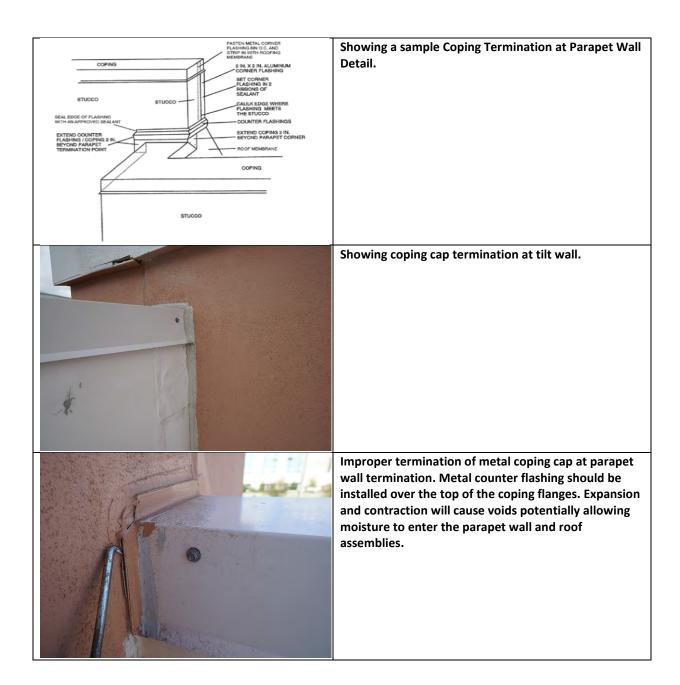


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Parapet cap at tilt wall was not sloped ½"-inch per foot towards the inside of the roof per specifications.



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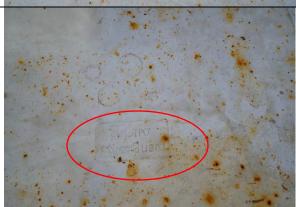


#### **Hazardous Condition**

The contract requires that the clay roof tiles be attached to roof with one fastener along with a large paddy of foam adhesive under each tile. At, many locations this was not complied to. This condition is a hazard and requires immediate correction to prevent severe injury or death.



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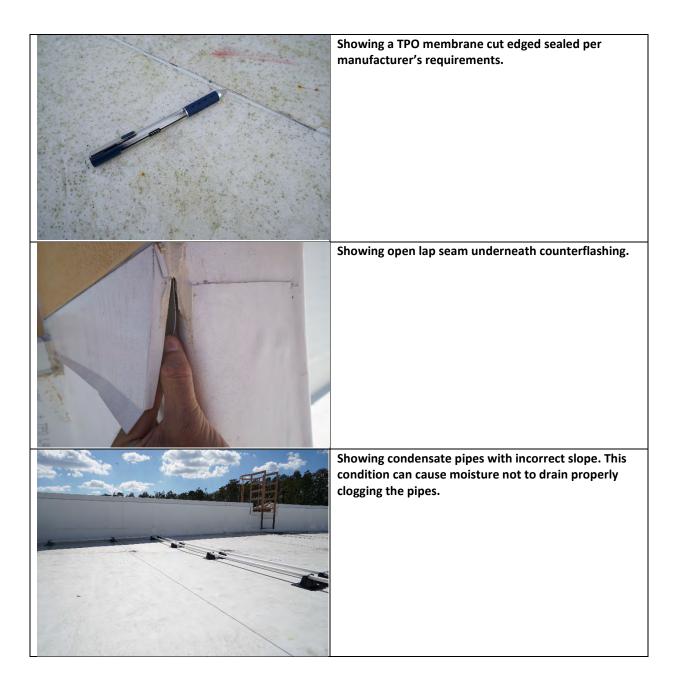


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Recommend adding edge cut sealant per manufacturer's requirements. This condition was observed at many locations and needs to be sealed everywhere the membrane has a cut edge.







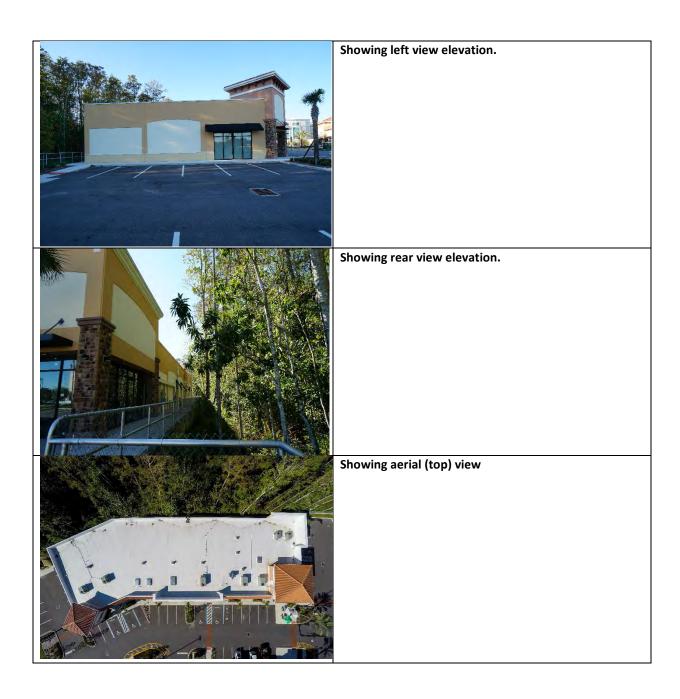
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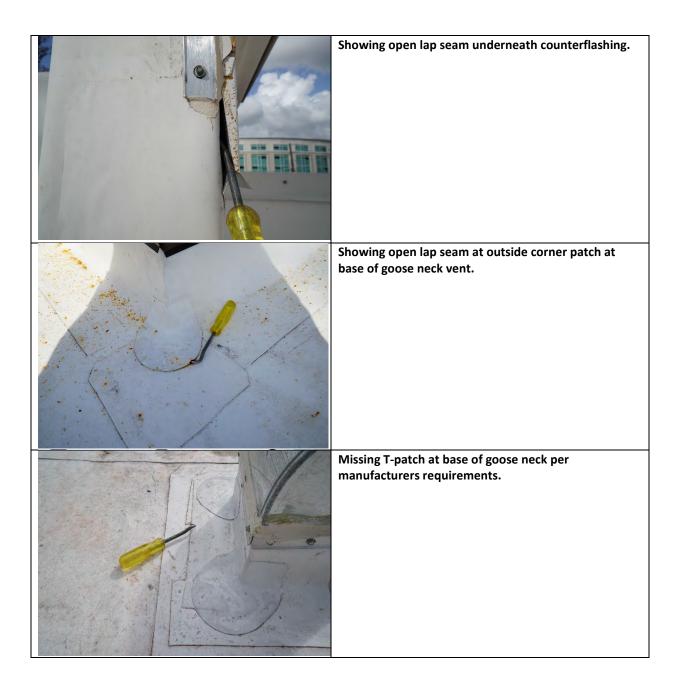
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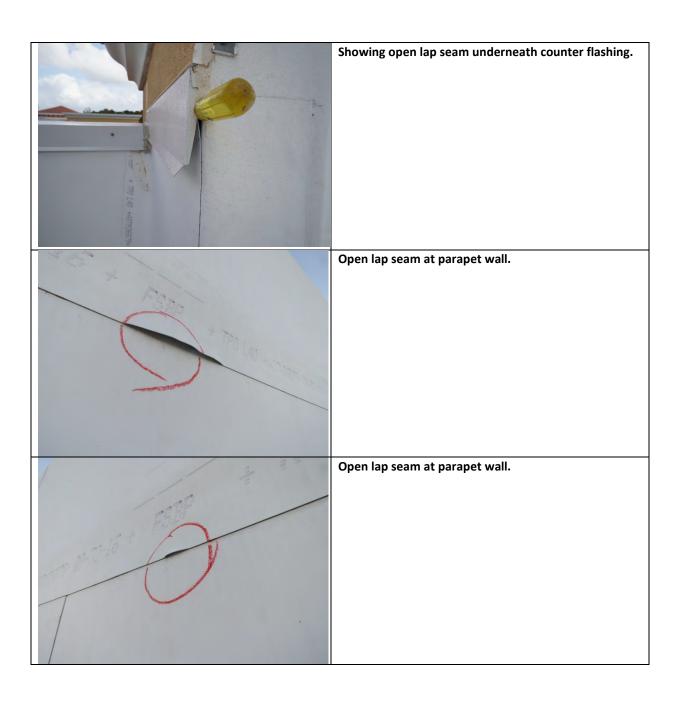




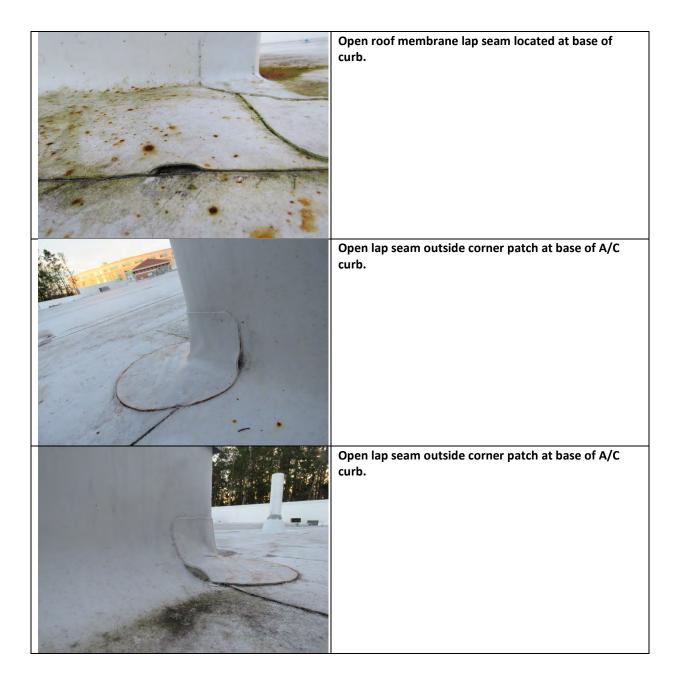




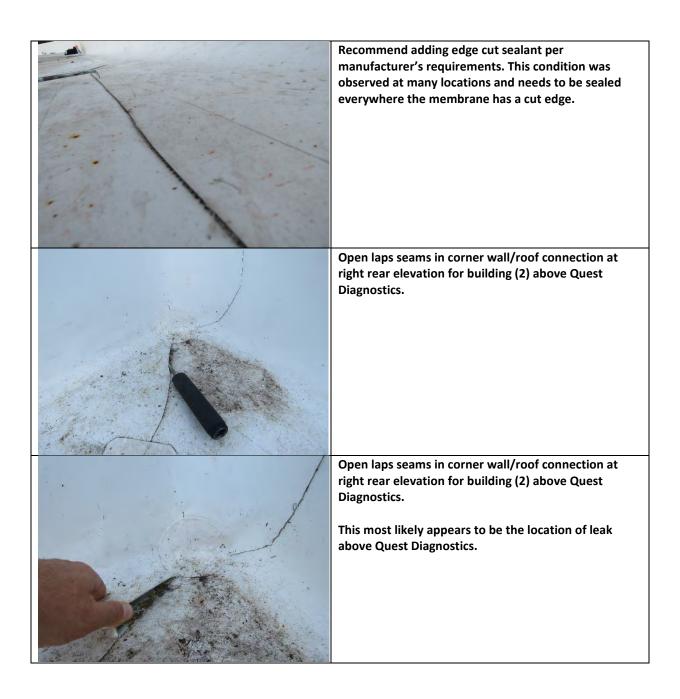




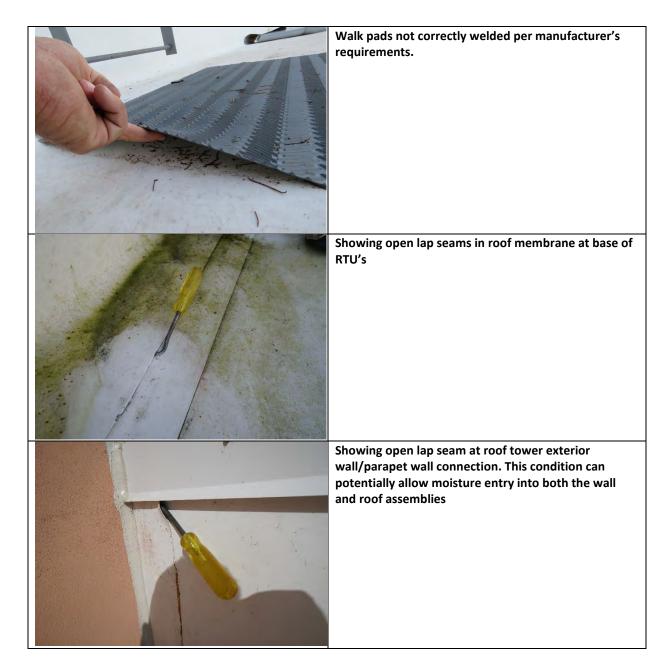




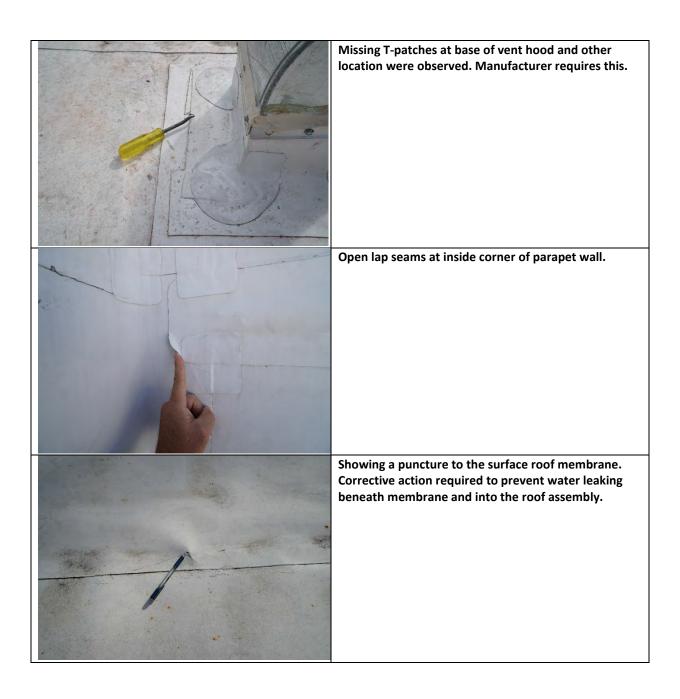




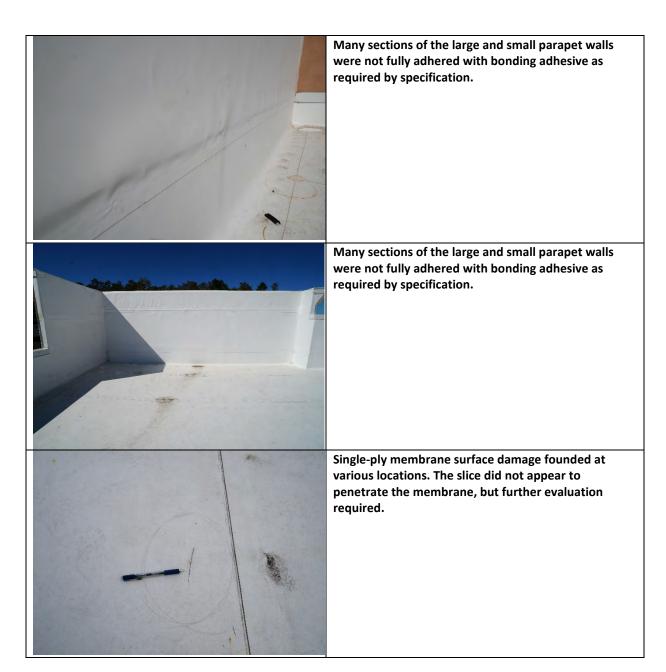








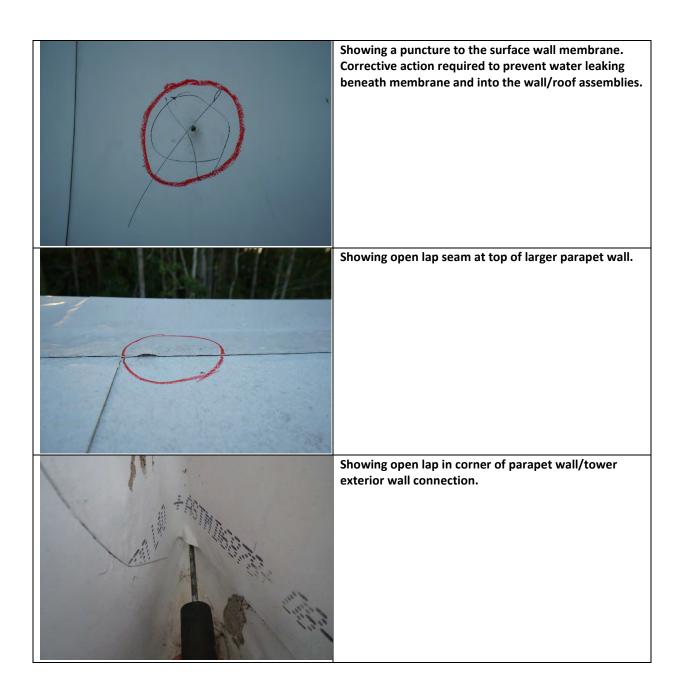














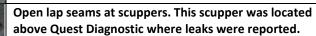


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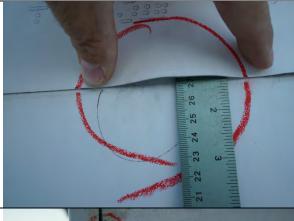
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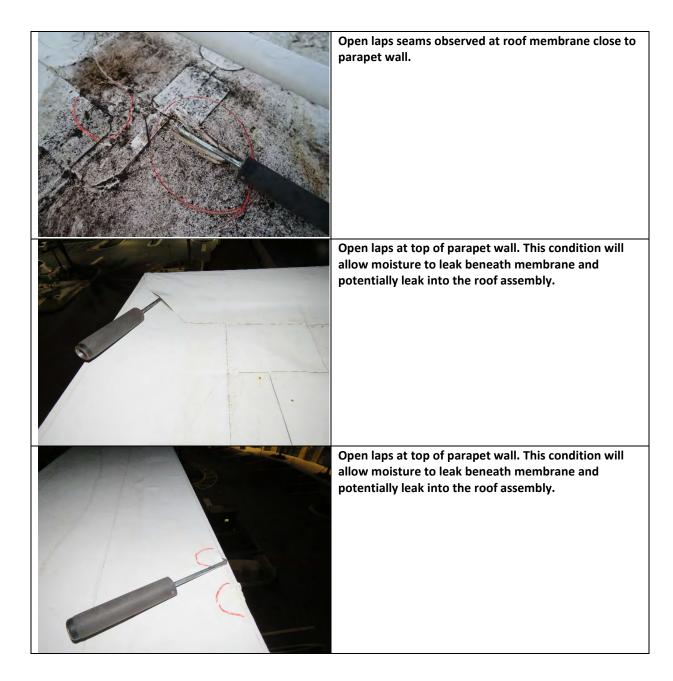
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Downspouts need additional brackets to be properly secured.



Missing bracket at the top section of the downspout. Recommend securing bracket to wall.



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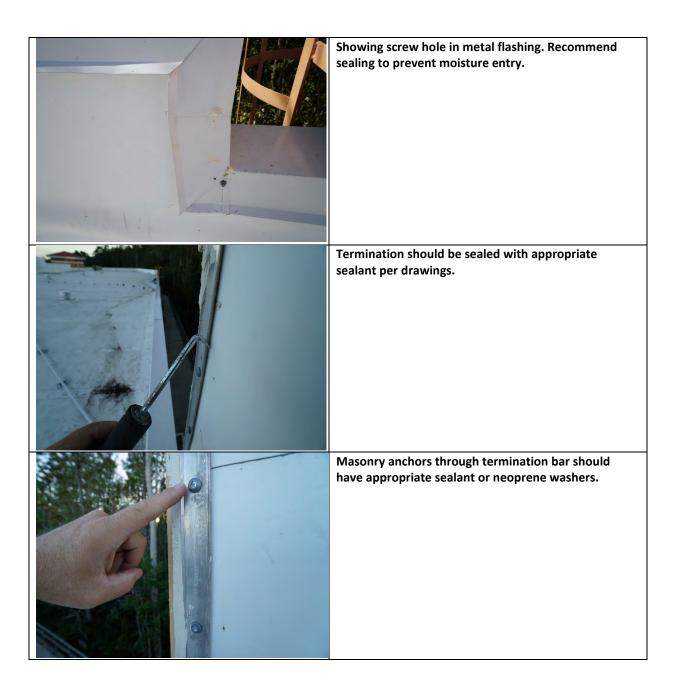


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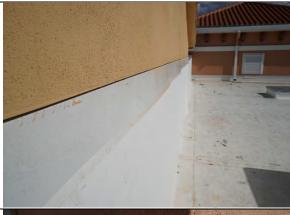








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Showing open seam at edge flashing at parapet wall



Showing paint brushes stuck to membrane at top of parapet wall.





Showing left over TPO membrane left of roof.

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Showing roof deflection at parapet wall/roof connection. This condition allows water to pond. Infrared thermography and capacitance moisture scanner showed elevated levels of moisture. This location is above Quest Diagnostics where active leaks were detected.



