

Architectural Shingles vs 3 tab Shingles

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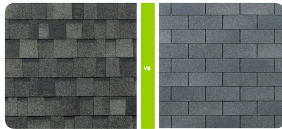
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Types of Asphalt Shingle Comparison List



This is a really simple page that gets down to the comparison between *architectural shingles vs 3 tab shingles*. We hope you find this comparison useful and accurate. The list is split up into two sides.

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Architectural Shingles



1. Architectural Shingles or a.k.a dimensional or laminate shingles differ from the traditional 3-tab asphalt shingle look. They differ because the actual shingle tabs have

3 Tab Shingles



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1. 3-tab shingles have only 1 shingle tab size and shape.

various sizes and shapes. These various sizes and shapes give them a more “dimensional” look to them and can actually make a [shingle roof](#) look more like shake.

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2. Architectural shingles weigh more than 3-tab shingles. In fact, they weigh around 50 percent more than the asphalt 3-tab shingles.

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2. Architectural shingles are composed of one flat layer and do not have a dimensional look to them. Because they are more simple and are made up of less material they weigh less than architectural shingles.

3. Because architectural shingles are thicker than 3-tab shingles they have a longer warranty than most 3-tab shingles. Architectural shingles almost across the board have a minimum 30 year guarantee and are rated to resist higher speeds of wind.

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3. 3-tab shingles are less thick than architectural shingles and almost always have a shorter year guarantee. Because of this 3-tab [shingle roofs need to be replaced sooner](#) than architectural shingle roofs.

4. Architectural shingles cost more than 3-tab shingles.

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4. 3-tab shingles cost less than architectural shingles.

5. Architectural shingles help maintain or raise the value of the home as long as they are properly installed. They are a preferred shingle for homeowners because they help the homes value.

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5. 3-tab shingles are still preferred among residential rental properties and lower value homes where the initial higher cost can not be met for architectural shingles.

6. Architectural shingles are constantly

6. 3-tab shingles are on the decline in

becoming more and more popular in the roofing market. vs popularity.

Differences Between Shingles

We hope that this simple comparison helped answer your questions regarding the differences between architectural and 3-tab shingles. Overall architectural shingles are a better product that performs better and is more aesthetically appealing.

The main reasons why 3-tab shingles are still available for purchase are because they cost less and are a great option for those with smaller budgets, they are needed as the starter row when roofing a roof, and there are many roofs that already have 3 tab shingles on them and they require repairs with the same type of shingle.

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