

## Important: CA Title-24 Changes

Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, known as the California Building Standards Code or just "Title 24," contains the regulations that govern the construction of buildings in California. Title 24 is composed of 12 "parts." Part 6 is dedicated to the energy codes which include your building's roofing requirements.

### The following is a list of California Title 24 Part 6 updates:

- Supplements to CA's Energy Code become effective **January 1, 2010**
- The new code uses "aged" numbers when referring to reflectivity and emittance.
- The new code uses a new term, SRI (Solar Reflectance Index), which combines reflectivity and emittance.
- ENV-1-C or the Certificate of Compliance (found online) should be completed upon completion of each applicable project.
- "Barrel" roofs are considered steep slope.
- Skylights are now covered by Title-24 and must be labeled as meeting standards.
- Commercial exclusions are Historic buildings, Federal buildings, and Occupancy "I" buildings (institutional hospitals, prisons, etc...)
- Contractors and/or building owners will not be required to add mandated insulation requirements if installation of insulation will require "unreasonable" upgrades, i.e. cutting of stucco and installation of new z-bar to meet the 8" base flashing height requirements for waterproofing and/or warranties.
- **Any completed roof project cannot leave the building less energy efficient than it was prior to completion of the roof project.**
- California's building efficiency standards (along with those for energy efficient appliances) have saved more than \$56 billion in electricity and natural gas costs since 1978. It is estimated the standards will save an additional \$23 billion by 2013.

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