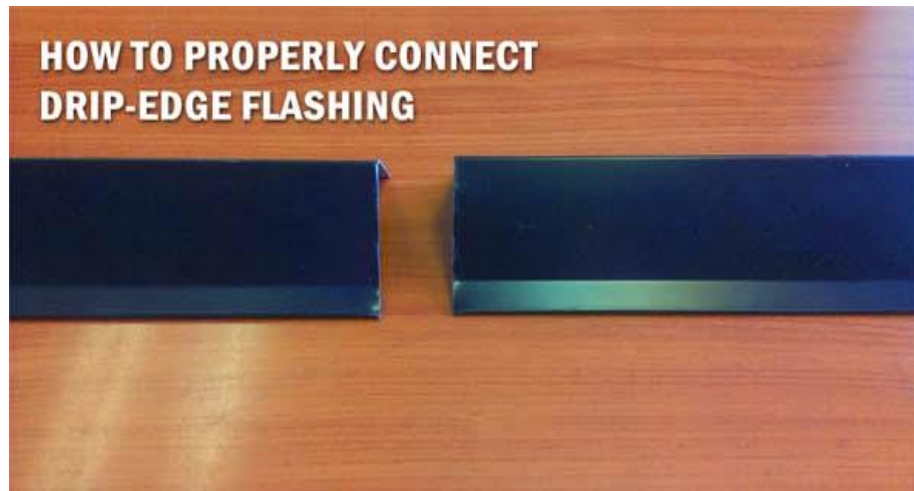


Preparing and installing drip-edge flashing for a Flexstone Application:

Before installing Flexstone on a deck, most situations call for the installation (or re-installation) of drip edge flashing. The most common size is a 2" x 2" and the drip-edge is a small kicker that diverts water from the fascia board beneath it. Flashing is most commonly sold in 10' lengths, meaning that on almost every job, you will be required to connect one piece to another. Standard gauge flashing (26 Gauge) is acceptable and offers the most custom colour options; thinner material (min 31 Gauge) is also acceptable. Thicker flashing can occasionally cause pooling around the perimeter and does not provide any additional protection.

There are several schools of thought on how to forge a proper connection between two pieces of flashing. Below is our recommended method.

Be sure to read on after the illustrations for more tips.



STEP 1

**CUT A SMALL
NOTCH OUT OF THE
BOTTOM CORNER**



**OF ONE OF THE
FLASHING EDGES
YOU WANT TO
CONNECT.**



Ensure that you nail your flashing in place using ring nails (important) approximately 2.5" apart to ensure that your flashing does not buckle and the nails do not pop in the future.

Now that your flashing has been properly installed and is flush with the deck surface, it is time to rough-up the surface. The top surface of the flashing must be aggressively scuffed so that the Flexstone base coat has a coarser surface to bond to – a rough surface ensures strong and permanent adhesion.

To rough-up the flashing, use an angle grinder for best results. Skim over the flashing until it feels coarse to the touch.