

## INSTALLING METAL FLASHINGS FOR A FLEXSTONE SYSTEM:

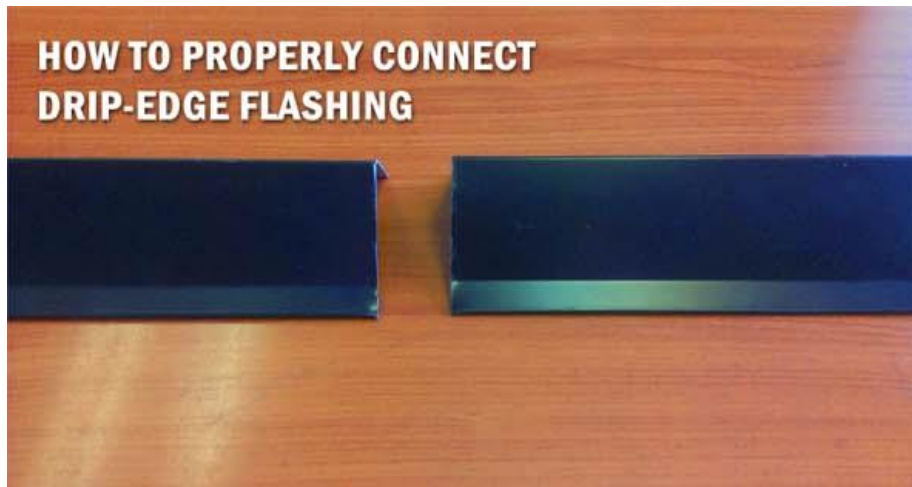
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Metal flashings for walls and other transition areas are typically not required with the Flexstone System. In place of flashings, reinforcing seam tape and base coat are used to create a 100% seal on vertical areas or transitions.

Drip flashings are used on the outside perimeter of most sundecks, including Flexstone. 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. Coloured drip-flashings are sold in most lumber yards and are sold in 10' lengths. Standard thickness (approximately 30 Gauge) is acceptable. Where custom colours are required, they are often only available in a thicker gauge.

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.**



**STEP 2**

**PRY OPEN THE INSIDE LIP OF THE UN-CUT SIDE OF FLASHING. THE NOTCHED PIECE WILL SLIDE INTO THE OPEN LIP.**



**STEP 3**

**SLIDE THE NOTCHED PIECE INTO THE PIECE WITH THE OPEN LIP BY 1" - 2" TO CREATE A SLIGHT OVERLAP.**



**STEP 4**

**NAIL THE FLASHING INTO PLACE USING SMALL RING-NAILS. YOU CAN CAULK THE SEAM IF YOU WANT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION.**

Ensure that you nail your flashing in place using ring nails (or drywall nails) approximately 4-5" 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. Alternatively, installing Flexstone Primer #3 over flashing and allowing it to tack-up will also provide a permanent bond between the Flexstone system and flashings.