



# Roof/Top/Topics

## In This Issue...Why Roofs Leak

### Why Do Roofs Leak?

#### Lets Point the Finger Where It Belongs!

We don't want to create a lot of suspense. Overwhelmingly, the main reason roofs leak is because of poor workmanship by the contractor who did the work. The chart below, based on CRC data spells it out pretty clearly. (CRC is the Canadian Research Center.) Other compilations show similar results.

### What Does All This Mean?

It means that your primary concern when installing a new roof should be insuring that the contractors you select are properly qualified to do the work. Unless outright fraud is occurring, all contractors

are authorized to install the products they offer. **Authorized and well qualified are not the same thing!** Certainly most of the 47.6% workmanship related failures was performed by "authorized" contractors!

### Why and What To Do About It

We kept this issue very short because we don't want to distract from the importance of this issue with a lot of words.

In the next article we will provide a clear understanding of why workmanship is such an issue and in the issue following that we will talk about what you can do to help minimize your risk when selecting a contractor.

## Causes of Roofing System Failures

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