

Designation Levels

There are three designation levels—FORTIFIED Roof™, FORTIFIED Silver™, and FORTIFIED Gold™—that build on each other and address different systems of the home. FORTIFIED Roof is the first level. To attain FORTIFIED Silver (the second level), the FORTIFIED Roof designation requirements must first be met. To attain FORTIFIED Gold (the third level), both the FORTIFIED Roof and FORTIFIED Silver designation requirements must first be met. This document only addresses the FORTIFIED Roof level of the 2020 FORTIFIED Home Standard. Refer to the complete [2020 FORTIFIED Home Standard](#) for information on FORTIFIED Gold and FORTIFIED Silver designation requirements.

Weather Hazard

The location of the home will determine which standard must be followed (FORTIFIED Home™–Hurricane or FORTIFIED Home™–High Wind). The optional FORTIFIED Home™–Hail Supplement may be used in conjunction with either standard (if all requirements are met) and will result in a FORTIFIED Home™–Hurricane & Hail or FORTIFIED Home™–High Wind & Hail designation.

Roof Category

Whether the roof is new or existing will also determine which program requirements must be followed.

New Roof designations are only appropriate for new construction or re-roofing projects where all roof sheathing, sealed roof deck, and roof covering systems are newly installed (less than 5 years old) and installation in compliance with FORTIFIED Home requirements is verifiable at the time of designation.

Existing Roof designations are appropriate for existing homes that have a roof and roof covering with greater than 5 useful years of life remaining that do not show visible signs of damage or deterioration. FORTIFIED homes seeking re-designation without re-roofing are only eligible for an Existing Roof designation. Similarly, newly installed roofs where the roof sheathing, sealed roof deck, and/or roof cover installation or wind rating cannot be verified are only eligible for an Existing Roof designation.

If a home qualifies for a FORTIFIED Roof – Existing Roof designation, then any higher-level designation (FORTIFIED Silver or FORTIFIED Gold) will also be indicated as “Existing Roof.” If the home qualifies for a FORTIFIED Roof – New Roof designation, then any higher-level designation (FORTIFIED Silver or FORTIFIED Gold) will also be indicated as “New Roof.”