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## Comparing Asphalt Shingles

The recent hail storms that hit Texas caused catastrophic damage to vehicles, residential properties, and commercial properties. Specifically, the storm that hit San Antonio, has been deemed the costliest hail storm to hit the state. The insurance journal estimates that the total insured losses will be \$1.3 billion dollars, with \$800 million dollars in damage to homes and buildings. All over the area roofs are being replaced and below is a comparison between the two most common types of asphalt shingles, architectural and 3-tab.

**Architectural Shingles**



**3-Tab Shingles**



### Architectural Shingles

- Architectural shingles, also called dimensional or laminate shingles, have a different look than the traditional 3-tab shingle. The shingle tabs have various shapes and sizes giving them a more dimensional look and can make a shingle roof look more like a shake roof.
- Architectural shingles weigh about 50 percent more than 3 tab shingles.
- Architectural shingles are thicker than 3-tab shingles and typically have a longer warranty and are rated to resist higher wind speeds.
- Architectural shingles cost more than 3-tab shingles. Home Depot lists them for \$26.75 per bundle, which will cover 32.8 square feet per bundle.
- Architectural shingles can help maintain or raise the values of the home or building as long as they are installed properly. They are preferred because they can help the value of the property.
- Architectural shingles are becoming more and more popular in the roofing market.

### 3-Tab Shingles

- 3-tab shingles have only one shingle size and shape
- 3-tab shingles are composed of one flat layer and do not have a dimensional look. Since they are made simple they require less material and weigh less than architectural shingles.
- 3-tab shingles are not as thick and typically come with a shorter warranty. They also have to be replaced sooner than architectural shingle roofs.
- 3-tab shingles cost less than architectural shingles. Home depot lists them for \$22.00 a bundle which will cover 33.3 square feet per bundle.
- 3-tab shingles are typically preferred among residential rental property owners and lower value properties, due to the initial cost of the material.
- 3-tab shingles are on the decline in the roofing market.

Many people prefer architectural shingles because of their performance and they are more aesthetically appealing. The main reasons that 3-tab shingles are still on the market is because they are needed as a starter row when roofing a roof, they cost less, and there are many roofs that already have 3-tab shingles and those roofs require repairs with the same type of shingle. Hopefully this article helps answer any questions regarding architectural shingles and 3-tab shingles. Until next time my friends, be prepared and stay safe.

# August 2016

## Events

**August 2:** SAMA Luncheon  
**August 9:** CAI Luncheon  
**August 9:** SACA Luncheon  
**August 10:** AAFAME Luncheon  
**August 11:** IREM Luncheon  
**August 17:** AASMOCA Social  
**August 17:** SA BOMA Luncheon  
**August 17:** IASA Luncheon  
**August 18:** AUSTIN BOMA Luncheon  
**August 18:** CAMO Meeting  
**August 25:** IWSA Luncheon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 SAMA Luncheon	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 CAI Luncheon SACA Luncheon	10 AAFAME Luncheon	11 IREM Luncheon	12	13
14	15	16	17 SABOMA Luncheon AASMOCA Social IASA Luncheon	18 Austin Boma CAMO Luncheon	19	20
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