

# Flat Roofing Utah

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Deciding on a roof is an important aspect of building or remodeling any home. One of the most popular types of roofs out there is known as a [flat roof](#). As its name implies, **it's a roof that is flat in design, as opposed to a roof that is built at an angle or has a peak on it.** However, within the category of flat roofs there are actually four different types to choose from. So before you choose a roof from a company like [Vertex Roofing](#), know what is out there on the market.

## Types of Flat Roofs

### Rubber Membrane Flat Roof

A rubber membrane flat roof, covered in ethylene propylene diene monomer, or EPDM, is a surface that will remind you of a very smooth rubber tire. However, **it is specially designed to be unharmed from intense, direct sunlight.** There are a number of ways to attach EPDM to a roof: glue, various types of fasteners or stone ballasts.

### TPO Flat Roof

[Thermoplastic Polyolefin](#), or TPO, is a membrane which can be unrolled and heat welded together. By doing this, they provide a bond which is **four times stronger than EPDM roof.**

## Modified Bitumen

This rolled roof is single-ply and is *similar to what is known as an ice and water shield*. They used to have to be applied with an adhesive that had to be heated with a torch while the material was unfurled on the roof itself. **Newer types of modified bitumen are peel and stick, making them easier to apply**, and safer.

## Built-Up Roof

Also known as a BUR, *this is the traditional flat roof, constructed out of hot tar and gravel*. Three or more layers are often put together and once used tar paper but now use more durable fiberglass membranes when built new.

## Pros and Cons of Flat Roofs

Each of the aforementioned types of roofs have their own pros and cons. These are listed below, so you can make a more informed decision.

### Rubber Membrane Flat Roof

- **Pros:** Easy to install for the average homeowner and these roofs are easy to patch if and when a leak forms.
- **Cons:** The material itself is usually black, so while it is designed to be unharmed by sunlight, it still absorbs a ton of heat during days of direct sunlight and in the summer months. If you want it made from a lighter material, expect to add around thirty percent to the overall cost. This flat roof is also quite vulnerable to punctures.

### TPO Flat Roof

- **Pros:** The TPO is widely considered the strongest bonded roof out there on the market today, four times stronger than EPDM. This means you're far less likely to have a leak if it is installed correctly, and it is tough to puncture.
- **Cons:** TPO flat roofs cost more than other options.

## Modified Bitumen

- **Pros:** It's easy to install because most modified bitumen is peel and stick. It is reasonably priced and has a light colored surface which reflects light and saves you money on utility bills.
- **Cons:** The old fashioned installation method of torch down is incredibly dangerous to you and the house itself. It's also not as tough as the rubber membraned roofs out there.

## Built Up Roof

- **Pros:** Incredibly inexpensive, and the gravel helps to protect against fires. It also looks pretty good with most houses.
- **Cons:** It's heavy, tough to install and smells bad during installation. When leaks do occur, they can be incredibly difficult to find due to the design.

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