

Composite Roofing in Utah: Types, Benefits, and Costs

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Composite shingles last much longer than other roofing materials and are eco-friendly. They look like natural slate roof tiles, which are beautiful but excessively heavy, expensive, and brittle. Unlike natural slate, composite roofs are not at risk of easily cracking from weather impacts or just from being walked on during installation or maintenance. Vertex Roofing provides a very wide variety of high-quality composite slate roof shingles that give homes the beautiful look of a natural slate roof but with much greater strength and durability and at a much lower cost.

Benefits of Roofing with Composite Materials

A composition shingle roof delivers many exceptional benefits compared to natural slate, cedar shakes, metal, or asphalt roofs, including:

Durability: Composite roof shingles are made from a combination of recycled materials, such as rubber, plastic, fiberglass, asphalt, engineered polymers, and others. So, they're more flexible, which means they don't dent, crack, or warp like natural slate stone, wood shakes, or metal sheets. They're highly resistant to damage from hail, high wind, flying debris, UV rays, moss growth, etc. Composite roofs are also extremely fire resistant.

So, a composite roof lifespan predictably compares very well to other roofing types:

- Asphalt shingle roofs (3-tab) last 15 to 25 years
- Wood shake roofs last 25 to 30 years
- Composite shingle roofs last up to 50 years or longer
- Metal roofs last 40 to 70 years

- Real slate roof tiles last up to 100 years or longer
- **Beauty:** Composite shingles are designed to provide the same aesthetic as natural roofing materials. Homeowners get a stunning roof with the appearance and texture of natural slate, cedar, or other wood shakes without the huge price tag.
- **Variety:** Composite shingles are made in a virtually unlimited range of stone and wood textures, colors, shades, and styles to match any home siding, doors, and windows. You can get any unique roof you want to ideally enhance your home's architectural design and finishings.
- **Versatility:** Many homeowners want to add a unique element to their home's exterior to reflect their personal style. Composite shingles come in many more options of texture, shingle size, colors, tones, and configurations than any other roofing type.
- **Cost savings:** If you want the beautiful rustic look of a natural slate roof but don't like the enormous price tag, consider composite shingles as an alternative. The material is much more affordable and much easier to install. The composite version with installation costs about 1/3 to 1/2 the cost per square foot of natural slate.
- **No shedding:** Asphalt shingles shed gritty granules, which are washed or blown down into your guttering due to storms or deterioration. Eventually, the roof looks discolored in areas and dilapidated. Slate chips from cracked tiles also fall to the ground, and wood shakes are notorious for falling dust during brushing due to deterioration. Composite shingles don't shed any material over time.
- **Easy Maintenance:** Composite shingles are exceptionally easy to keep clean and maintain with just soapy water and rinsing with a water hose to wash off dirt and debris.
- **Eco-friendly:** Composite roofs are made from recycled materials, which means that typically much less energy and newly extracted natural material is used in manufacturing. That also reduces the waste going into landfills.
- **Warranty:** Because composite roofs are stronger and more durable than other roof types, up to a 50-year warranty is provided. The composition shingle roof life of the best roofs may be backed by a lifetime warranty. Most other roof types come with a warranty of only about 15 to 20 years.

Composite Roof Types

In both single- and multi-width varieties of composite slate shingles, Vertex offers a virtually unlimited range of colors on our pallet. We utilize proprietary technology for blending shades, which means we can match your unique style preferences.

Composite slate shingles are available in sizes 6, 9, and 12 inches. The slates are a half-inch thick, which gives them an authentic aesthetic.

We also install hip and ridge accessories for an enhanced natural slate aesthetic.

Our composite slate performance validations include:

- Transferable 50-year product guarantee
- Class A UL fire resistance rating (with acceptable underlayment)
- High-impact resistance scoring
- UL testing for high wind resistance
- ASTM D3161 wind resistance testing
- Superior UV technology for fade resistance

Composite Roof Cost

Your total composite roofing cost will depend on materials and installation costs, which are each based on multiple factors. The size and pitch of your roof, the type and grade of composite material, and the underlayment used.

Additionally, the manufacturer's markup, any retail markup depending on where you buy, and the incentives for eco-friendly home improvement offered by your local, state, and federal government at the time.

Whatever the circumstances, you can be sure that your composite roof will be stronger and much cheaper than a roof in your area made of natural slate, wood shakes, or clay or ceramic tiles.

Contact Vertex Roofing for the precise cost of buying and installing a composite roof for your home.

Contact Vertex in SLC, Utah, for a FREE Slate Roofing Bid

After two decades in the industry, our experience has brought us to recommend composite slate roofing. We recognize composite slate as an affordable, high-quality alternative for homeowners who want the gorgeous look of a natural slate roof but with greater strength and at a much lower cost. We meticulously install composite slate roofs to meet the standards of fine craftsmanship applied to natural slate roofing.

We provide our customers with a complete satisfaction guarantee and an outstanding warranty. We offer great financing options (with qualified credit).

If you want to upgrade your roof to increase your home's protection and property value, call Vertex Roofing at (801) 639-0477 for information or an appointment today!
