Wind Vented Roof System Profile





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4871 Cox Rd, Glen Allen, VA

Install Year: 1996

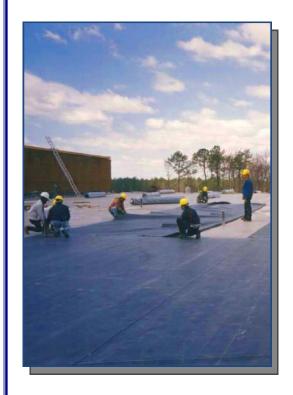
Roof Area: 201,500 s/f

Membrane: 90 MIL EPDM (20' x 50' rolls)

Existing Deck: Twin-T concrete deck with lightweight insulating con-

crete

Notes: This property was acquired by **Capital One Financial Corp.** The company planned to extensively renovate the building and grounds in order to operate the facility as their **Data & Operations Center**. The building was to house equipment valued over \$300 million and the facility's continuous, uninterrupted operation was essential. The architectural and construction consultants were to spare no expense to ensure the highest quality materials and construction practices were used. Roof membrane failures caused by high winds or heavy precipitation experienced by conventional roofing systems would not be tolerated. Therefore, the **2001 WVRS** was chosen.







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Workers pump lightweight insulating concrete to roof deck.



EPDM rolls placed upon deck surface saturated by heavy rains.

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2001 WVRS Dries A Saturated Roof

Continued: An aggressive construction schedule was set and the roof installation began in February of 1996. First, a layer of lightweight insulating concrete was applied over top of the sealed, concrete 'Twin-T' precast deck. Unfortunately, continuous rain storms plagued the project throughout February and March. The lightweight concrete could not set and was becoming saturated. In some areas, it was floating upon the sealed deck. In order to keep the rain from halting the interior construction schedule, the certified *2001 WVRS* installers had to loose-lay the *2001 WVRS* 90 MIL EPDM sheets regardless of the insulating lightweight concrete's condition.



nspector notes water-saturation under loose-laid

Rolls of 90 MIL EPDM in position to be loose-laid upon lightweight insulating concrete.



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When wind hits the side of a building, it creates an updraft. When it meets the horizontal air stream, the updraft violently tumbles, creating a horizontal vortex like a tornado at the perimeter of the windward side of the building. This wind vortex creates a negative pressure "vacuum" that can tear off the roof assemblies.

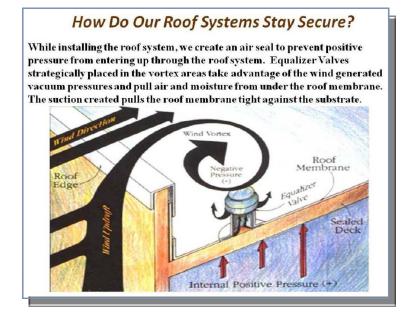
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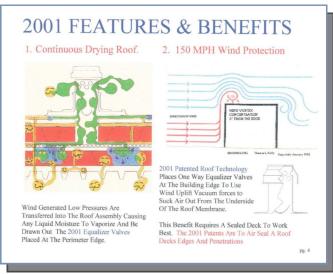


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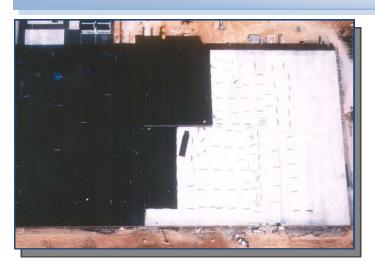
Internal Positive Pressure

Continued: Fortunately, the **2001 WVRS** is the only roofing system able to overcome such a potentially catastrophic circumstance. The **2001 WVRS** uses the power of the wind to create a vacuum between the roof deck and the **2001 WVRS** covering membrane. As wind blows over a building's edge, wind uplift low pressure is created. Equalizer valves transfer the wind uplift low pressure into the roof assembly. Any moisture between those two layers is turned into water vapor and exhausted out through the system's patented equalizer valves. The **2001 WVRS** has been scientifically proven to dry wet roofs. (French, Warren R. "Further Evaluation of a Pressure-Equalized Single-Ply Roofing System to Determine Drying Effects on a Moist Cementitious Roof Deck." RCI Interface September 2003: 5-12).





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Continued: The **2001 Company** was confident the drying capabilities of their advanced roofing system would quickly dry the saturated substrate. **RAMCORP** roofing consultants would conduct independent, periodic assessments of the roof utilizing aerial thermography and core cut gravimetric analysis.

In less than one year, the **2001** Co Wind Vented Roof System dried the entire substrate. **RAMCORP** conducted further research to determine if the moisture trapped between the roof and the deck had been transferred to the interior. Amazingly, **RAMCORP** discovered plant engineers had to install humidifiers due to the extremely low levels of interior moisture.



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