

Steel Connect Webinar - Dec 23

Expert Insights on Roofing Materials: A Comparative Study of uPVC vs. Coated Steel Roofing Performance Criteria

14 December 2023 10am – 11am

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FOCUS OF TODAY



- 1 The Basic Needs, Durability and Design Requirements
- 2 uPVC vs Coated Steel Roof In Achieving the Basic Needs
- 3 uPVC vs Coated Steel Roof In Achieving the Durability
- 4 Q&A

The Basic Needs, Durability and Design Requirements

BASIC NEEDS & DURABILITY VS DESIGN REQUIREMENTS





I want the roof and wall protect my people and asset from weather and risks

Durability Needs: I want the roof and wall can last long in extreme environment

Design Requirements: We need the roof and wall product that is capable in

product that is capable in withstand loads, no water leakage and hazard free

Design Requirements:

Then, we need it to be made by material that can withstand extreme environment with proven record





You will be having a durable product that is not serve for basic needs



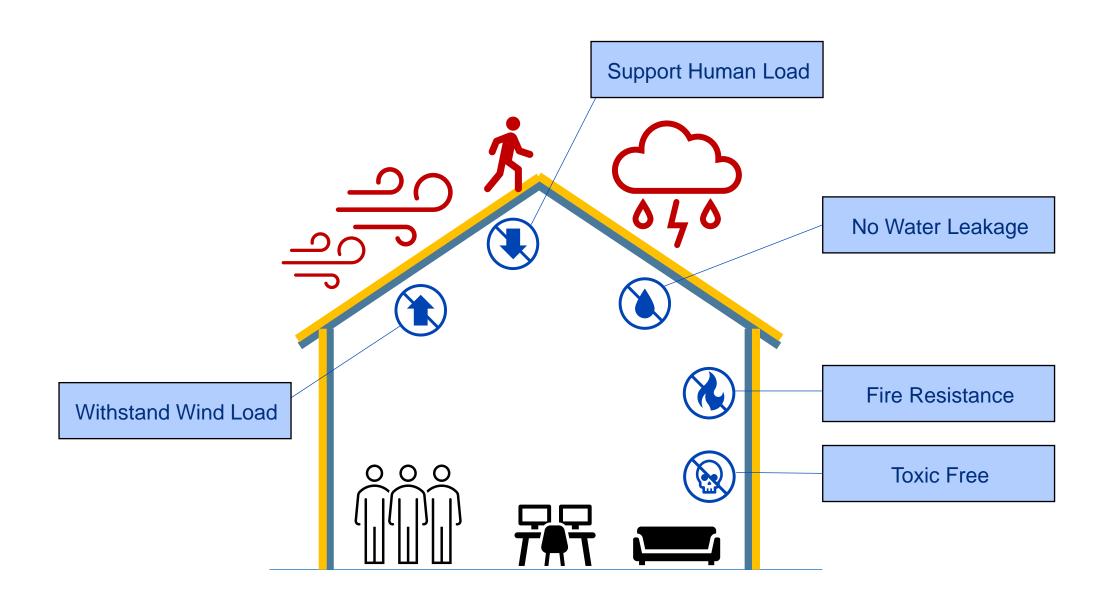
WHAT ARE THE BASIC NEEDS AND DURABILITY OF ROOF AND WALL DESIGN?





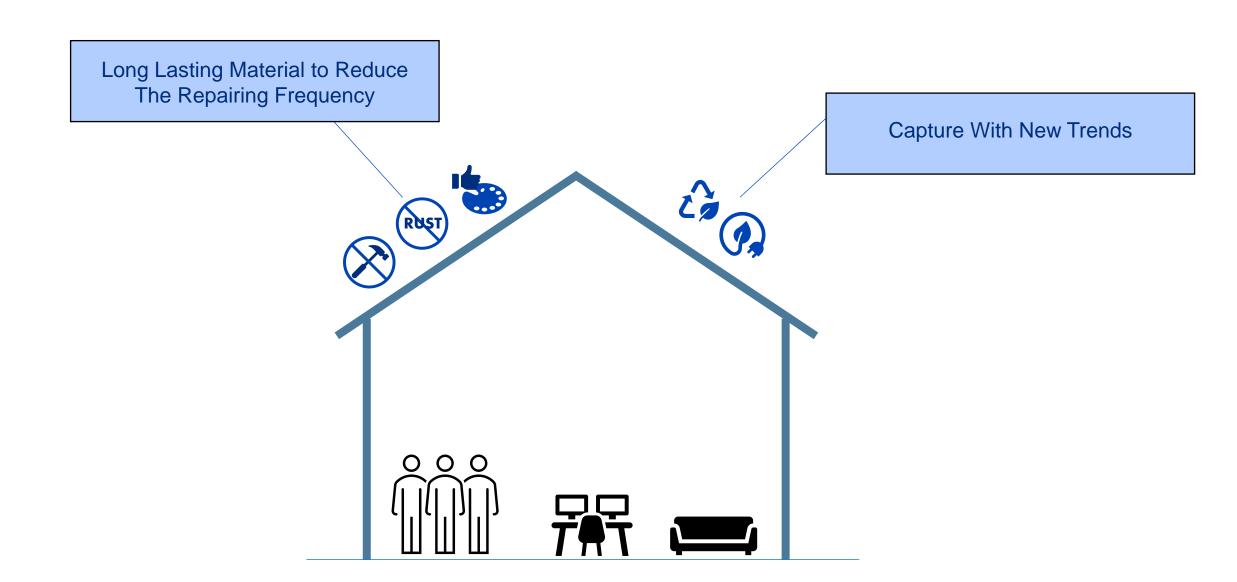
BASIC NEEDS OF ROOF & WALL ON A BUILDING





DURABILITY OF ROOF & WALL ON A BUILDING





uPVC vs Coated Steel Roof In Achieving the Basic Needs

1.0 Resist Wind Load & Support Human Load



BEFORE COATED STEEL ROOF WAS WIDELY USED





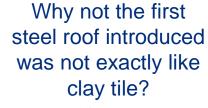
Low security - easily break in

Heavy enough to resist wind load

Strong enough to support human load

Close support is needed

High labour intensive





But it is in long length thin gauge steel and screw fixed?

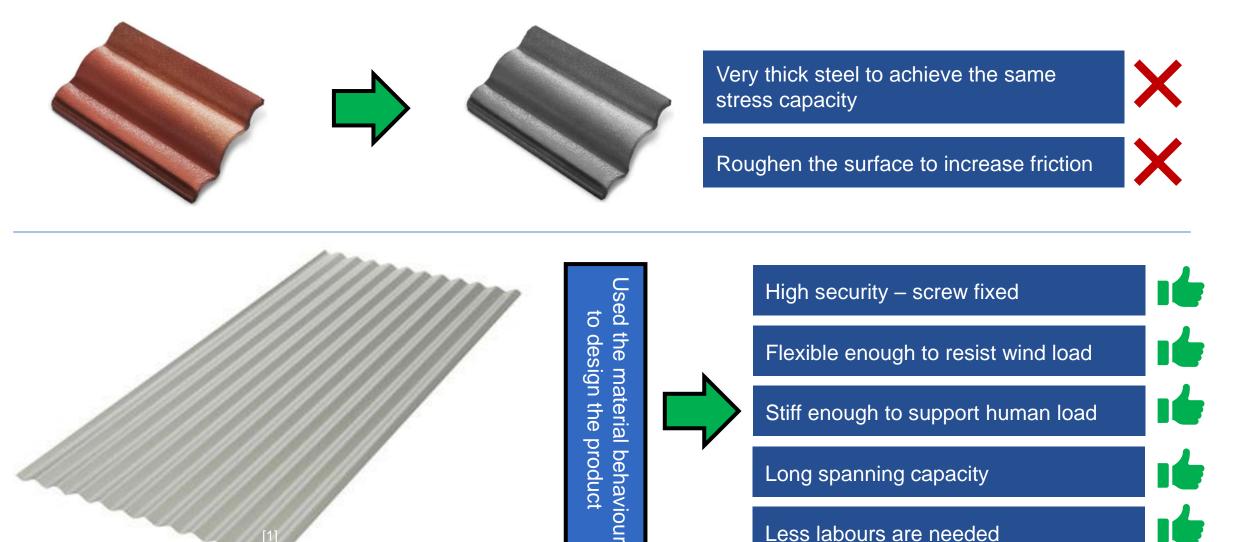




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DIFFERENT IN MATERIAL BEHAVIOUR



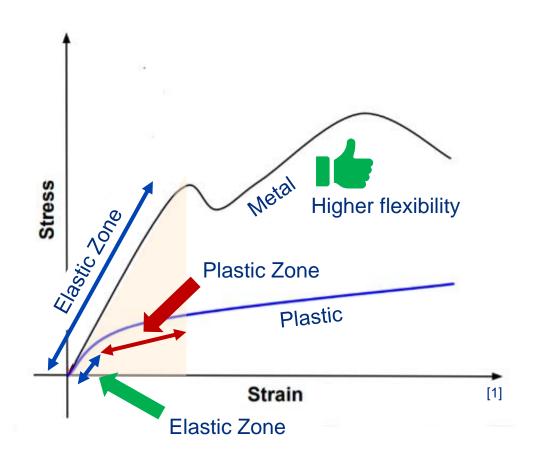


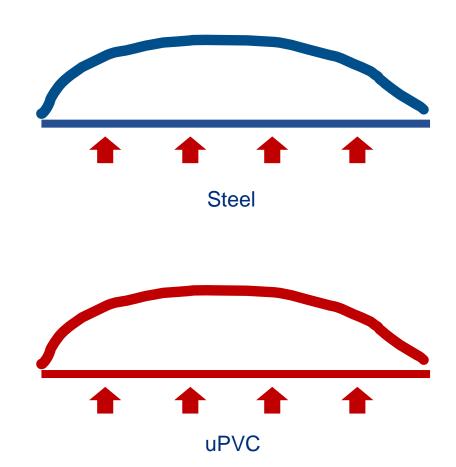
Long spanning capacity

Less labours are needed

MATERIAL BEHAVIOUR - COATED STEEL VS UPVC CONNECT

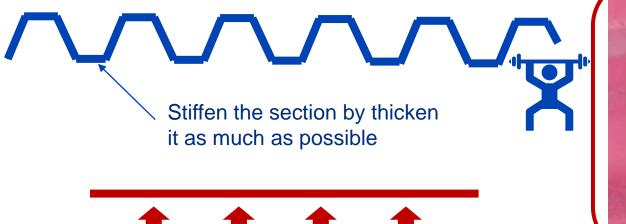


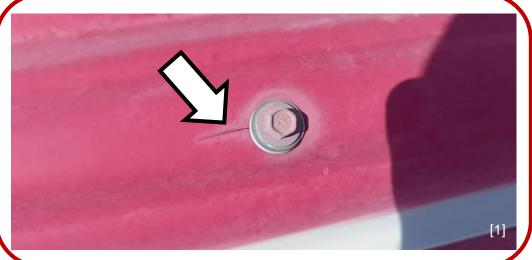




ENHANCE STRUCTURAL PERFORMANCE OF UPVC







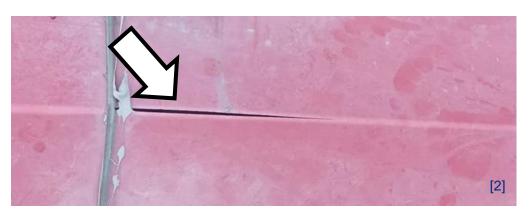
3.5 to 7 Times Thicker than Coated Steel!







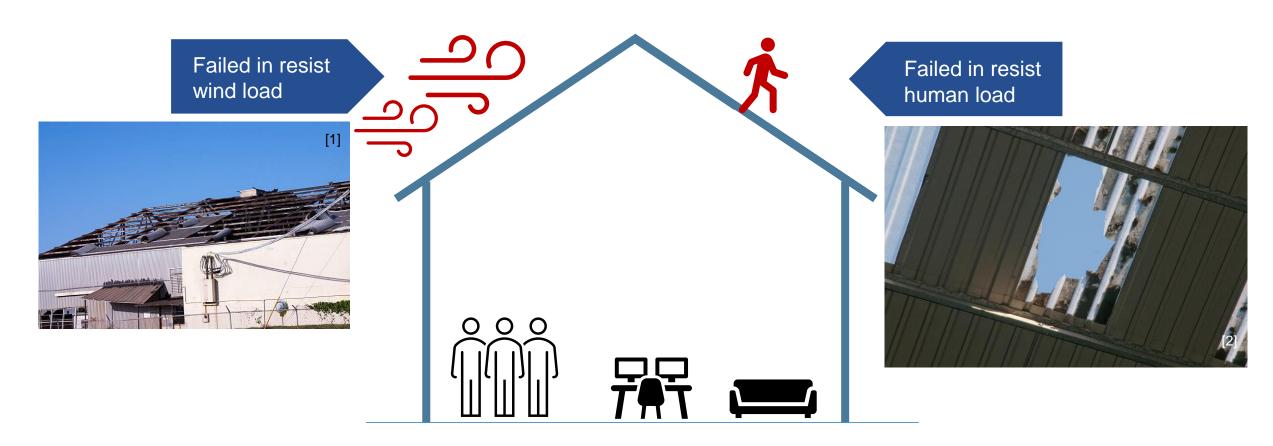
In addition, the absent of plasticiser make uPVC less flexible in resisting wind uplift load



Localise damages

CONSEQUENCE OF LOCALIZE DAMAGES OF UPVC ROOF



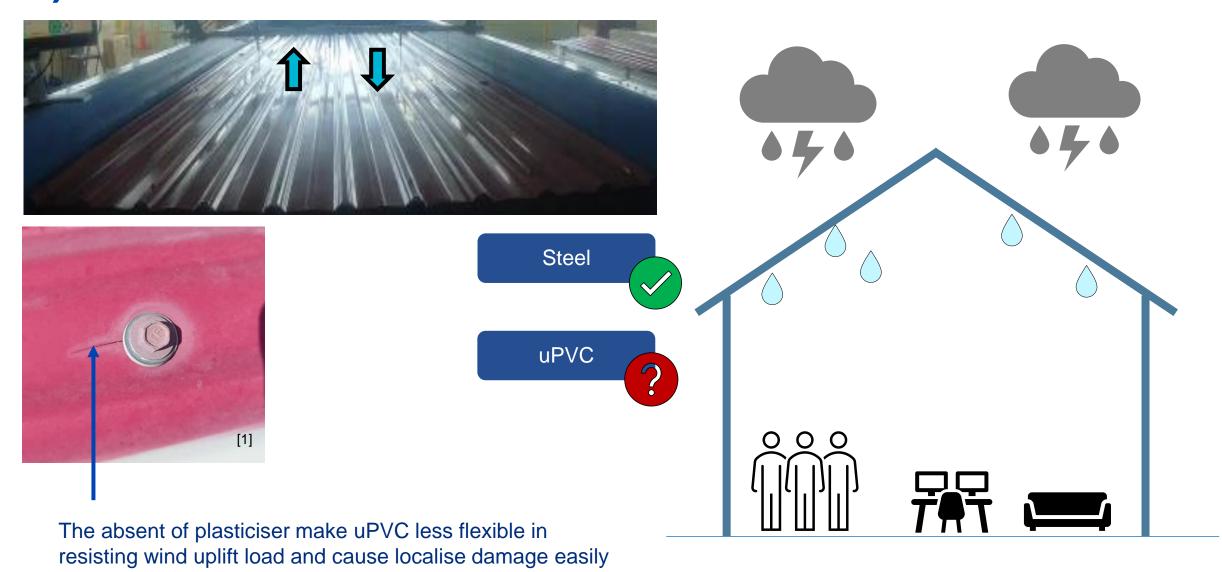


2.0 Water Leakage



A) FLEXIBILITY - COATED STEEL VS UPVC

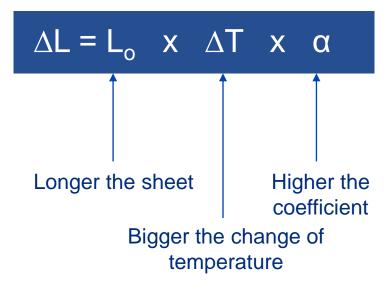




B) THERMAL MOVEMENT – COATED STEEL VS UPVC

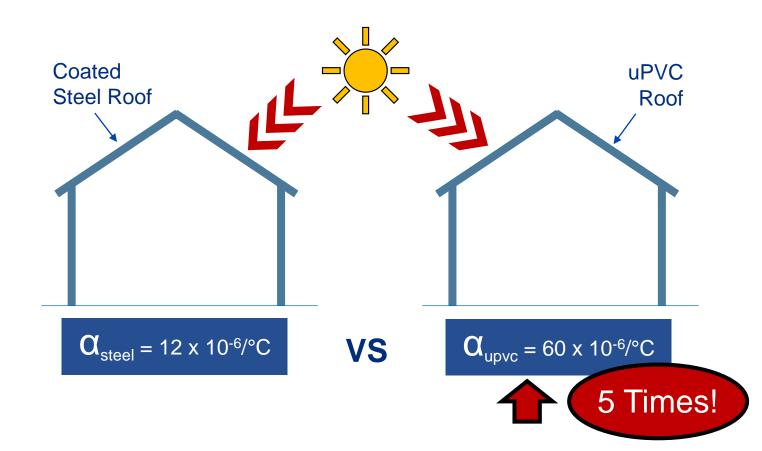


Thermal Expansion Formula:



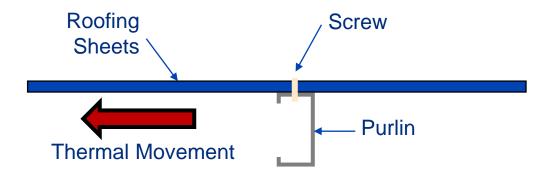
Thermal Movement

 ΔL = Change in Length (m) L_0 = Original Length of Sheet (m) ΔT = Change in Temperature (°C) α = Linear Expansion Coefficient of Material



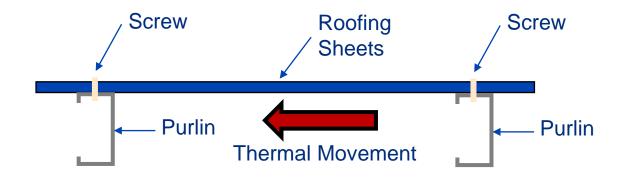
CONSEQUENCE OF BIG THERMAL MOVEMENT







Roofing sheets shall be failed in shear at screw area by thermal movement and cause water leakage



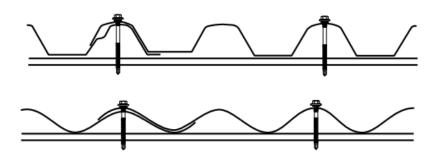


uPVC roofing sheets may be deformed under thermal and give way to water passage

C) FIXING METHOD - SCREW FIXED VS CONCEALED FIXED ROOF

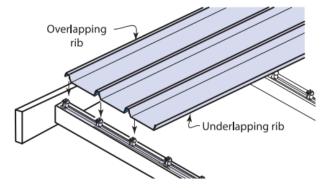


Screw Fixed Product





Concealed Fixed Product



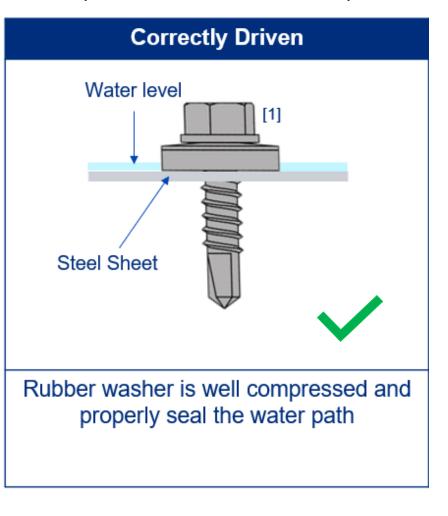


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DISADVANTAGE OF SCREW FIXED ROOF



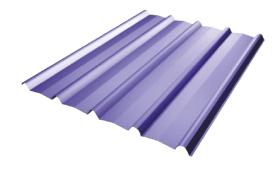
The possible risks if screw fixed product is used on roof.



PRODUCT OPTIONS FOR BETTER WATER TIGHTNESS - COATED STEEL VS UPVC

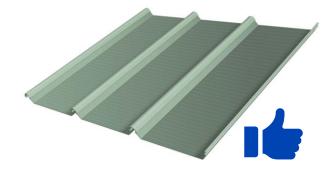


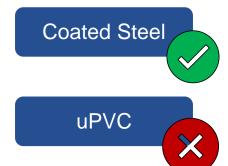
Screw Fixed Product





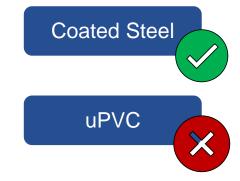
Concealed Fixed Product





Standing Seam Product





3.0 Fire Resistance



HOW FIRE START, SPREAD AND FLASHOVER





30 seconds to 3 minutes 100°C to 400°C



4 minutes to 5 minutes 600°C to 800°C



5 minutes to 60 minutes or more 1000°C to 1200°C

What is the ideal escape time?

Maximum 2 to 2.5 minutes!

MELTING AND SOFTENING POINT - COATED STEEL CONNECT **VS UPVC**



Material	Softening Point	Melting Point	
Coated Steel	500 - 540°C	1,200 - 1,400°C	
uPVC	50 - 60°C	150 - 220°C	10 Timool
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30 seconds to 3 minutes 100°C to 400°C

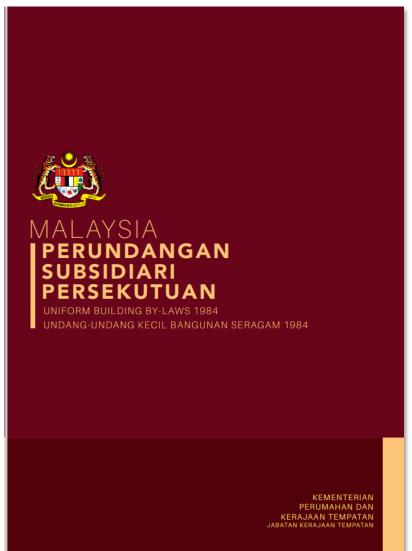
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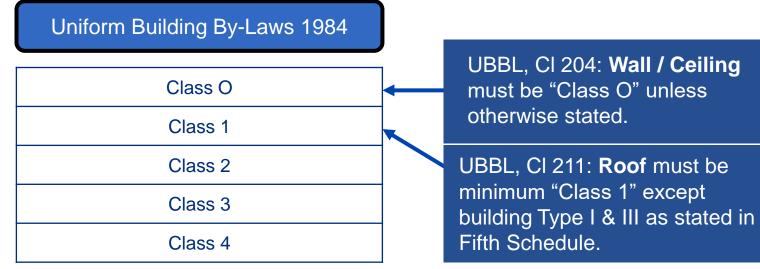




UBBL REQUIREMENT FOR WALL / CEILING / ROOF







Uniform Building By-Laws 1984 (2022 version)

A) SPREAD OF FLAME CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENT BY UBBL (WALL / CEILING)



Uniform Building By-Laws 1984 (2022 version), Clause 204:

Kelas O. Permukaan yang tiada kemerebakan api.

- (a) Apa-apa sebutan mengenai sesuatu permukaan daripada Kelas O hendaklah ditafsirkan sebagai suatu kehendak supaya-
 - (i) bahan yang daripadanya dinding atau siling itu dibina hendaklah tidak boleh terbakar seluruhnya; atau
 - (ii) bahan permukaan itu, atau jika permukaan itu diikat seluruhnya pada suatu substrat, bahan permukaan itu bersama substrat tersebut, apabila diuji mengikut PB 476: Bahagian 6 dan Bahagian 7, hendaklah mempunyai indeks pelaksanaan yang tidak melebihi 6.



Non-Combustible

Passed the test of BS476: Part 4

Performance Index, I < 6

According to BS476: Part 6



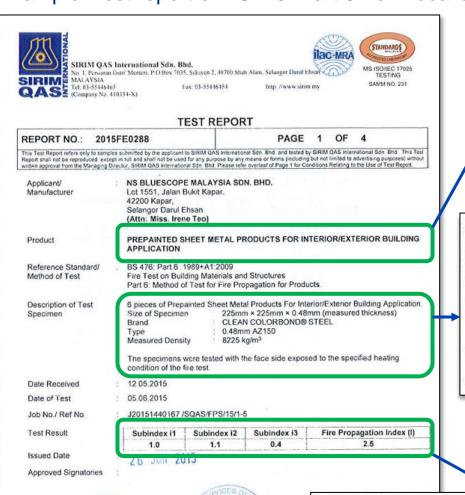
Tested according to BS476: Part 7



"CLASS O" MATERIAL - COATED STEEL (WALL / CEILING) COMPANY CONTROL OF COMPANY CONTROL OF CONTROL OF



Example: Test report of BS476: Part 6 from local accredited lab



Check #1 : Application

PREPAINTED SHEET METAL PRODUCTS FOR INTERIOR/EXTERIOR BUILDING APPLICATION

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Check #2: With / Without Substrate

6 pieces of Prepainted Sheet Metal Products For Interior/Exterior Building Application.

225mm × 225mm × 0.48mm (measured thickness) Size of Specimen

CLEAN COLORBOND® STEEL Brand

0.48mm AZ150 Single material without substrate Type

8225 kg/m³ Measured Density

The specimens were tested with the face side exposed to the specified heating condition of the fire test.

Check #3 : Performance Index, I < 6



Subindex i1 ROHA

Subindex i3 Subindex i2

Fire Propagation Index (I)

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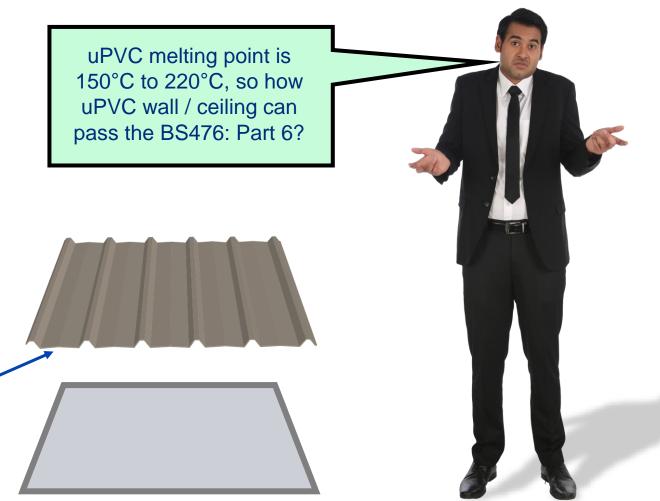


Table 1 – Allowable limits for calibration

Time from ignition of gas, t	Limits for rise above initial temperature
min	° C
3	27 to 39
5	85 to 110
10	175 to 205
20	230 to 260

Extracted from BS476: Part 6: 2009

Additional substrate to slow down the heat transfer such as cement board



If uPVC sheets were tested with substrate, the application must be used with substrate too. As such, uPVC sheets shall not be used by itself if it does not pass the Class O criteria.

"CLASS O" MATERIAL - UPVC (WALL / CEILING)





Then it means I still can use uPVC sheet as long as it combine with substrate?

Not really unless the Performance Index (Fire Propagation Index) lower than 6. Otherwise, it may be not complied to UBBL.

Test Result (Example):

Subindex i1	Subindex i2	Subindex i3	Fire Propagation Index (I)	
3.9	6.2	2.1	12.2	

Failed!

B) SPREAD OF FLAME CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENT BY UBBL (ROOF)



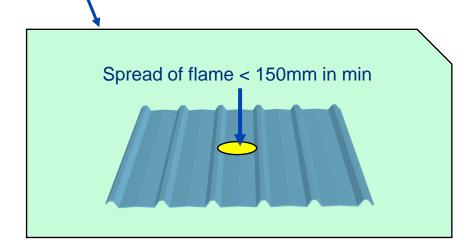
Uniform Building By-Laws 1984 (2022 version), Clause 211:

(1) Suatu permukaan atau bahan bagi penutup bumbung atau pembinaan bumbung hendaklah mempunyai kadar kemerebakan api permukaan tidak kurang daripada Kelas 1, kecuali dalam keadaan Kumpulan Maksud I atau III sebagaimana yang ditunjukkan dalam Jadual Kelima Undang-Undang Kecil ini, dan di dalam suatu bangunan yang dilindungi keseluruhannya dengan suatu sistem semburan automatik

Uniform Building By-Laws 1984 (2022 version), Clause 204:

Kelas 1 . Permukaan yang Amat Kurang Kemerebakan Api.

Permukaan-permukaan yang mana tidak lebih daripada 150 milimeter min kemerebakan api berlaku.



CLASSIFICATION OF SPREAD OF FLAME



Uniform Building By-Laws 1984

Class O
Class 1
Class 2
Class 3
Class 4

Spread of flame classification of building materials according to building laws



Class 1
Class 2
Class 3
Class 4

Spread of flame classification of building materials according to international testing standard

"CLASS 1" MATERIAL - COATED STEEL (ROOF)



Example: Test report of BS476: Part 7 from local accredited lab

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PREPAINTED SHEET METAL PRODUCTS FOR INTERIOR/EXTERIOR BUILDING APPLICATION



Check #2: With / Without Substrate

Check #1 : Application

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Type : 0.48mm AZ150 Single material without substrate

Measured Density : 8225 kg/m³

The specimens were tested with the face side exposed to the specified heating condition of the fire test.



"CLASS 1" MATERIAL - COATED STEEL (ROOF)



Class 1

Example: Test report of BS476: Part 7 from local accredited lab



The "Class 1" is not same as the "Class 1" as required by UBBL

Classification of Surface Spread of Flame Test



Class 1 : Spread of flame < 150mm

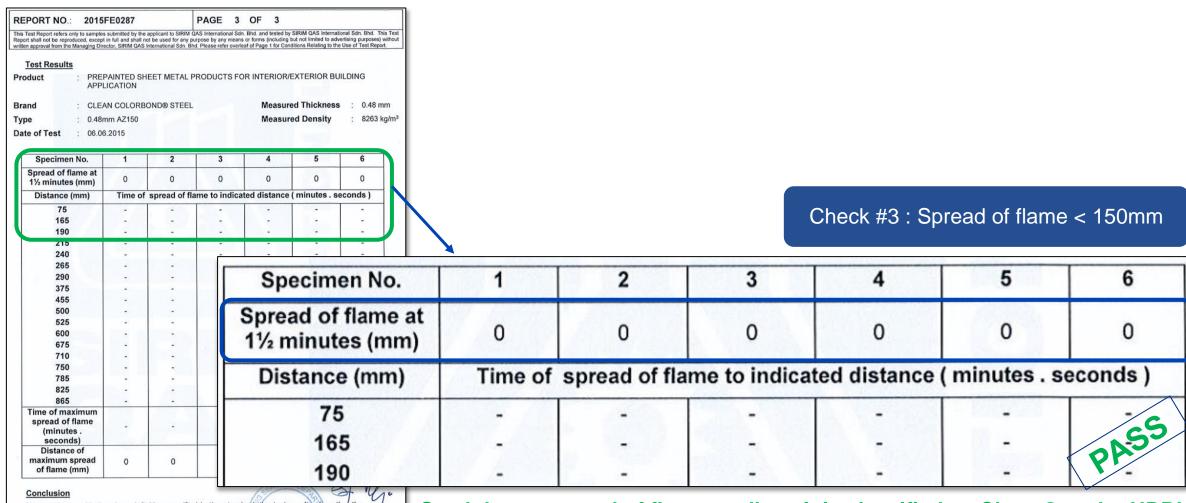
Table 2. Classification of spread of flame					
Classification	Spread of flame at 1.5 min		Final spread of flame		
	Limit	Limit for one specimen in sample	Limit	Limit for one specimen in sample	
	mm	mm	mm	mm	
Class 1	165	165 + 25	165	165 + 25	
Class 2	215	215 + 25	455	455 + 45	
Class 3	265	265 + 25	710	710 + 75	
Class 4	Exceeding the limits for class 3				

Extracted from BS476: Part 7: 1997

"CLASS 1" MATERIAL - COATED STEEL (ROOF)



Example: Test report of BS476: Part 7 from local accredited lab



In accordance with the class definition specified in the standard, the test results show that the sample tested has a Class One Surface Spread of Flame.

The test results relate only to the behavior of the test specimens of a product under the particular conditions of test; they are not intended to be sole criterion for assessing the potential fire hazard of the product in use.

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Steel do not spread of flame at all, so it is classified as Class O under UBBL which is higher than Class 1

"CLASS 1" MATERIAL - UPVC (ROOF)





Then it means I still can use uPVC sheet as long as it combine with substrate, and it is Class 1 as shown in testing report?

Not really unless the spread of flame should not be more than 150mm. Otherwise, it may be not complied to UBBL.

Failed!

Test Result (Example):

Specimen No.	1	2	3	4	5
Spread of flame at 1.5mins (mm)	160	162	165	159	160
Distance	Distance Time of spread of flame to indicated distance (minut				
75	0.50	0.52	0.55	0.48	0.53
165	1.48	1.45	1.49	1.50	1.43
190	-	-	-	-	-

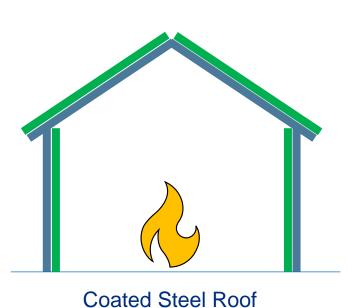
3.0 Toxic Free



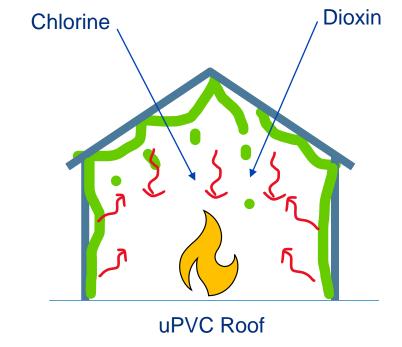
TOXICITY GAS RELEASE DURING BURNING -COATED STEEL VS UPVC

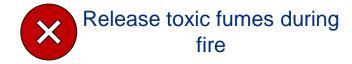
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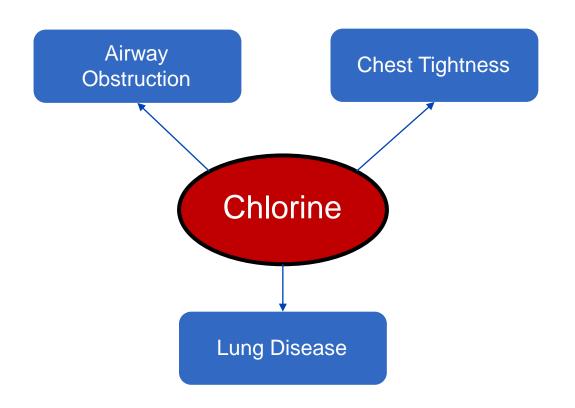


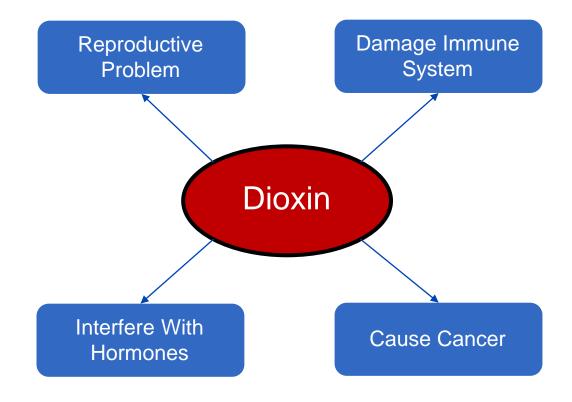




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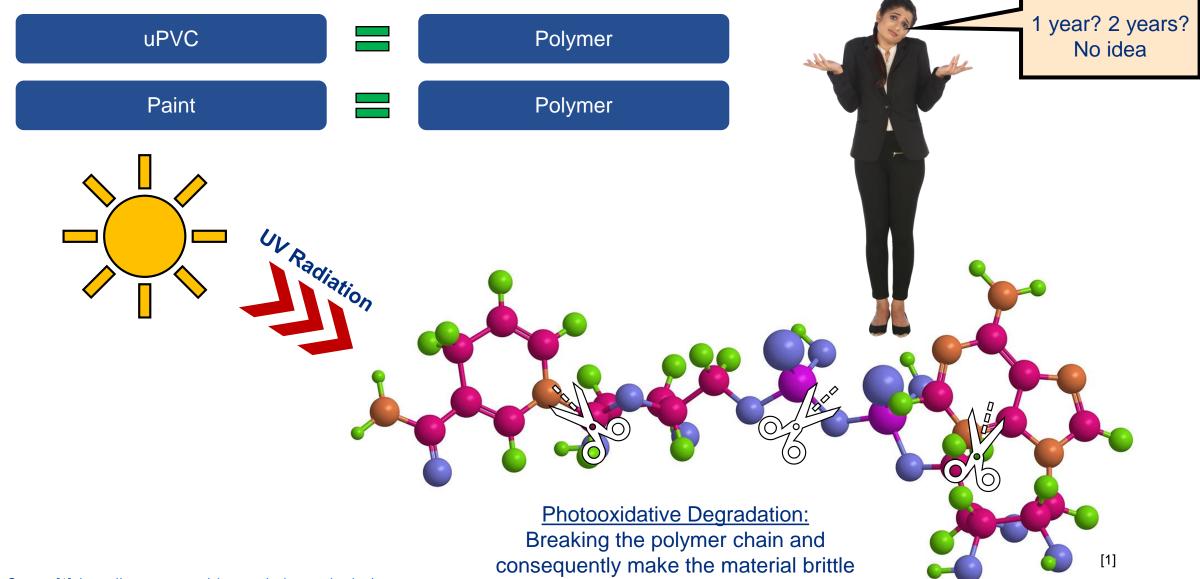
uPVC vs Coated Steel Roof In Achieving the Durability

1.0 Long Lasting Material to Reduce The Repairing Frequency



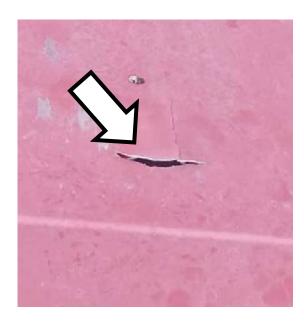
UPVC EXPOSE TO SUNLIGHT

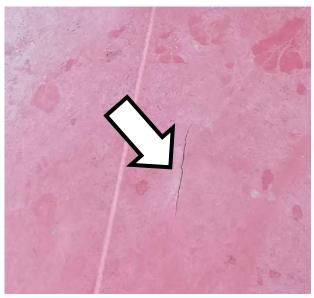




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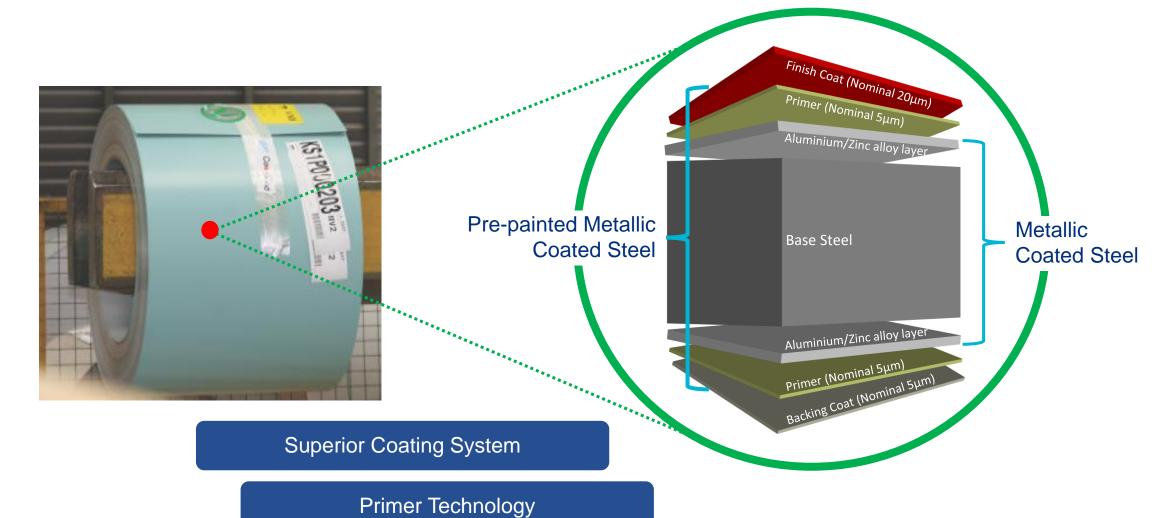


Low capacity in accommodate flexible movement and resist impact load

Discolouration and worst case it is happened unevenly on roof

PRE-PAINTED METALLIC COATED STEEL





Colour Retention Technology

SUPERIOR CORROSION RESISTANCE & EXCELLENT COLOUR RETENTION









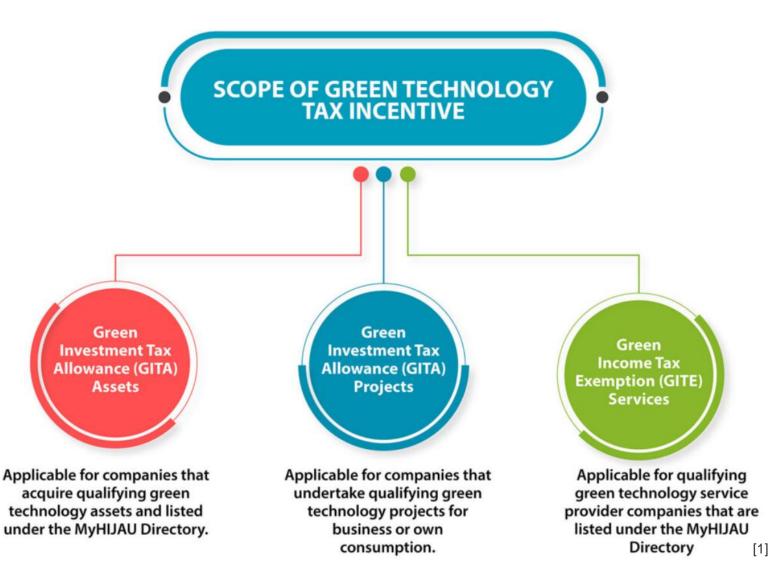


2.0 Capture With New Trends



TREND OF ADOPTING RENEWABLE ENERGY

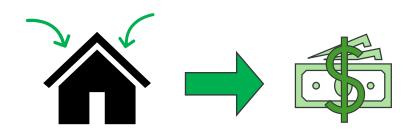




Introduced in 2014 by Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) and executed by Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Centre (MGTC)

According to Budget 2023, the incentive scheme has been extended to 21 Dec 2025 and the tax allowance and exemptions from three years to five years.

Objective: encourage business or private sectors focus on renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy conservation.



Qualified companies can get 70% income tax exemptions

SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION

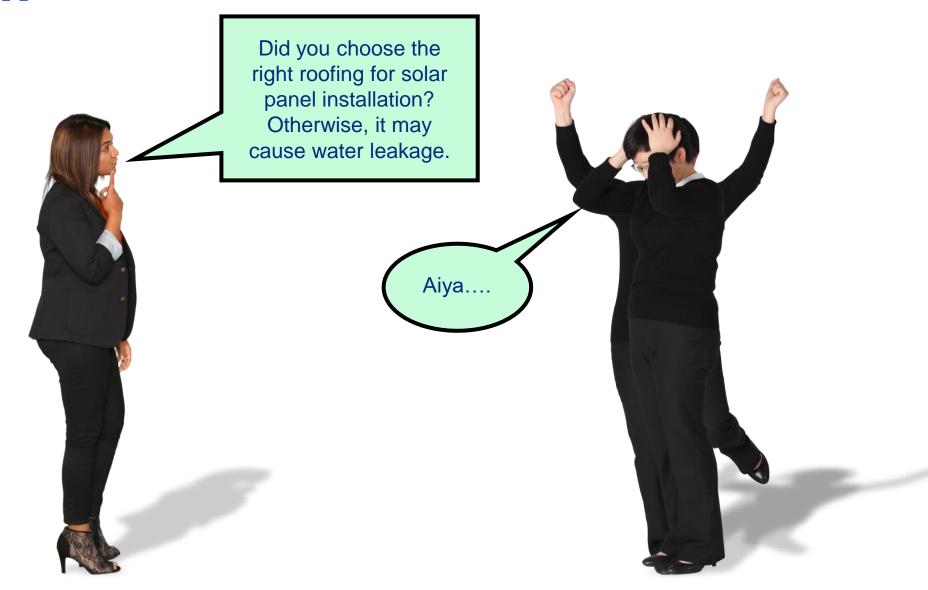






CHOICE OF ROOF FOR SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION

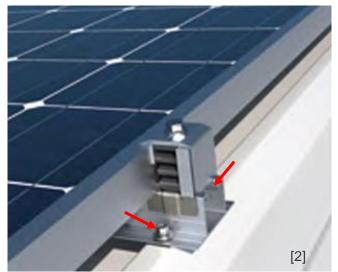




SCREW FIXED ROOF MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST CHOICE

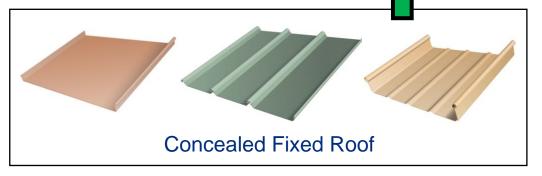














CHOOSE THE RIGHT ROOFING PRODUCT



Product is made by the right material that can perform rightly in resist loadings

Product is will not cause possible water leakage that can be avoided

Product can resist fire spread by itself and pass the UBBL

Product is made by the right material that is toxic free

Product is made by the material that is long lasting with proven record

Product that can help you to catch-up new trend





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