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Attic Air Exchange is critically important

Now is the time to correct the air exchange in your attic.

With the constantly higher temperature in an attic you're a/c works harder which in turn adds demand on your energy bill. Just think of the stress on the entire system when it must work harder. Did you know 90% of the homes in America are not properly ventilated?

Heat in the attic is harmful to the A/C unit, insulation and even affects the paint on the outside of your home. Plus, when ventilation is incorrect, mold and mildew can grow in an attic as well. Insulation loses its effectiveness when the attic is not properly vented, allowing moisture to settle in the insulation. If the insulation is compacted due to moisture not being controlled, you can lose almost all the insulating value.

The answer is not to just add more vents.

What we see in most cases is the air exchange rate in the attic is not sufficient to keep the attic as cool as possible. Proper intake balanced with the right amount of exhaust can ensure that the heat is consistently removed along with unnecessary moisture.

Re-roofing is the absolute best time to correct the air exchange in your attic. You can retrofit an existing roof, in some cases, with corrected intake and exhaust but this does depend on the condition and age of your roof. Replacing shingles, if necessary, may not match due to the age and discoloration that occurs to shingles. Be sure your roofing contractor verifies the condition of your air exchange in the attic. All manufacturers' warranties are invalid if the ventilation is not to building code standards.

Roadrunner Roofing Supply will gladly help any contractor with the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure homes are properly exchanging air throughout the home's attic.

With the help of several manufacturers of roofing ventilation we are developing a training guideline to bring certification to the industry. Ask us how you can become a



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