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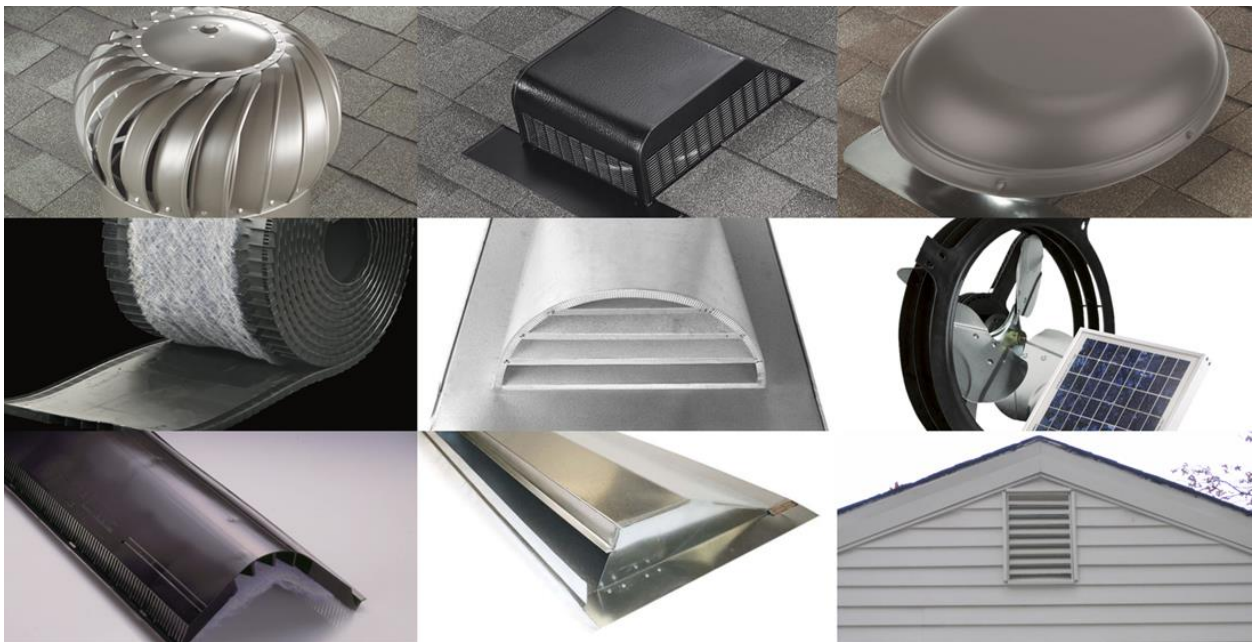
December Lesson Plan

Do Not Reuse Attic Exhaust Vents

Every time a roof is replaced the existing attic exhaust vents should also be replaced. Even if those vents appear to be in good condition and reusable, do not reuse the vents. Replace them.

It has been AirVent's longstanding position that reusing attic exhaust vents should not be done – no matter the condition they may appear to be in. Shingle manufacturers also say this. The Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association (ARMA) is the professional organization representing the various brands of shingles on the market. In its Technical Bulletin *Why Ventilation is Important*, ARMA says: "When reroofing, replace ventilation devices within the field of the roof (that is, static vents, ridge vents). It is possible to retain intake and exhaust vents not in the field of the roof (that is, soffit vents, gable vents) provided they remain functional when reroofing is complete."

Here are the reasons you should not reuse attic exhaust vents.



Damage During Removal. During the removal of the attic exhaust vents, it's very possible damage can occur to the vents. Damaged vents cannot be expected to perform as intended.

Exposed Holes and Fastening Concerns. The vents will have holes in them from the original fasteners used to install them the first time around. Can we be 100% sure that the existing fastening holes will be used again without leaving exposed, unprotected holes? Will the unprotected holes risk weather entry? Will the fastening holes used during the first installation be sufficiently secure to hold the vent in place the second time around?

Reduced Value. Simply from a “value of the purchase” perspective, consider this fact. Someone is paying thousands of dollars for a brand-new roof. Why cheapen the value of that investment with reused attic exhaust vents?

Listen to our podcast episode: [Do Not Reuse Attic Exhaust Vents](#)

To test your knowledge about what you learned in the December 2024 Lesson Plan please take our short 5-question Pop Quiz.

