



GacoFlex Decking Qualified Applicator Program

Gaco Western offers labor and materials waterproof warranties on our GacoFlex auto and pedestrian decking projects along with shower pan applications that are performed to our specifications and installed by our qualified applicators. To provide this warranty Gaco Western produces exceptional products that are installed by contractors who perform to the highest standards of quality and workmanship.

The following describes how a contractor can become a GacoFlex Decking Qualified Applicator.

Step 1 – Application

Gaco Western is looking to work with contractors that have a track record of success. The following information is required to gain a complete business understanding of applicant:

1. **Qualified Applicator Application Form.** This application includes experience of the contractor and employees as well as type and quantity of equipment the contractor owns.
2. **Gaco Western Credit Application.** All Gaco Western warranty charges are billed directly to the contractor and credit must be established with Gaco Western.
3. **List of completed projects and references that used Gaco Western or other competitive products in similar applications.**
4. **Copy of your Certificate of Insurance** with a minimum of \$1,000,000 in general liability.
5. **Certificate of License** from the state in which the contractor will be doing business.

Step 2 – Training/Experience

Fundamental Program is intended to provide contractors the general understanding of products and applications for decking systems. It will provide sufficient information for an experienced contractor to become familiar with the GacoFlex pedestrian and auto systems and all the products used in those systems.

This program includes:

- 2.5 hour classroom program and written examination
- 4.5 hours of hands-on training

Other more advanced program options may be produced if there is demand in the future.





Step 3 – Inspection

To reinforce the training and understanding of Gaco Western products and installation requirements we will conduct the in process reviews/inspections. Every contractor must have inspections on a minimum of 10,000 square feet cumulative or 3 separate projects.

New contractors will follow the process below while contractors who have over 5 years of related experience may be qualified to follow an expedited process.

This will include the following inspections:

1. Substrate (proper surface profile, cleaning, etc.)
2. Sealer/Primer (U5677, E5990, E5320)
3. Base Coat
 - Substrate Taped
 - Tape is ground/sanded
 - Basecoat to be appliedInspection includes the mix process and checking the Wet Film Thickness (WFT)
4. After Intermediate (granule) for proper distribution
5. Final

If inspections are failed during this process, Gaco Western may require additional inspections to be successfully completed before a contractor obtains Qualified Applicator status.

Contractors who have 5 or more years of related experience may be qualified with fewer inspections.

Gaco Western reserves the right to refuse Qualified Applicator status based on a review of job site skills and/or the information the contractor has submitted.

Gaco Western reserves the right to require contractors to complete additional Qualified Applicator training sessions to maintain their Qualified Applicator status.

Annual Renewals:

Qualified Applicator status will be reviewed annually. To be eligible for renewal, during the previous year a Qualified Applicator must have submitted a minimum of 3 inspected jobs and provide a current certificate of insurance.

For more information, please contact your local GacoFlex Area Manager or visit gaco.com to find a GacoFlex sales representative near you.

