

Canopy flashings

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Question

Should flashings be provided to canopy roofs?

Considerations

- NHBC Standards clause 7.2.20 says, 'where a roof abuts a vertical surface, cover flashings, stepped flashings, soakers and back or parapet gutters should be provided as necessary'.
- NHBC Standards clause 7.2.20 says, 'where a roof is over an enclosed area, the wall construction should include cavity trays linked to the flashings'.
- Seepage of rainwater between the canopy and wall may cause damage to the canopy structure.

Answer

Canopy roofs constructed on site should be provided with flashings at the abutment with the wall, regardless of whether there is an enclosed or an open space below. Where there is an enclosed space below, the flashing should be linked to a cavity tray.

Prefabricated (GRP) canopies located over an open space can be installed without flashings but should be sealed back to the wall with a suitable sealant such as silicone, to minimise rainwater ingress. Prefabricated canopies located over an enclosed space should be provided with flashings linked to cavity trays.