

CertainTeed

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Company Description

CertainTeed Corporation is a leading North American manufacturer of building materials including roofing, vinyl and fiber cement siding, trim, fence, railing, deck, foundations, insulation, gypsum, ceilings, and pipe products. Headquartered in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, CertainTeed has approximately 7,000 employees and 70 facilities throughout the United States and Canada. CertainTeed is a subsidiary of Saint-Gobain, one of the top 100 industrial companies in the world. Saint-Gobain employs approximately 22,000 people in North America and more than 206,000 people in 57 countries world-wide. Saint-Gobain's North American companies operate nearly 200 manufacturing facilities in industries as diverse as industrial ceramics and containers, reinforcements and flat glass, abrasives, and building materials. Their Portland facility currently employs approximately 60 people.

Transportation and Location Requirements

CertainTeed brings in raw materials by rail and truck, and ships its products via rail, truck, and container. The majority of products are shipped to the Pacific Northwest; however the company's territory extends into the South Pacific including South Korea, China, Australia, and India. Total shipping volumes are 10,000 trucks per year and 400 railcars per year.

Community Benefit

The manufacturing of asphalt roofing shingles in Portland is supported by capital improvement in excess of \$1 million per year. Much of this capital money is spent in the local economy supporting machine shops, HVAC contractors, parts suppliers, trucking companies and local raw material suppliers. These businesses include Gresham Transfer, Ashgrove Cement, Trumbull Asphalt, Motion Industries, RH Mechanical, Equipment Repair Services, Precision Repair, CTech Services, Portland Engineering, Versa-Tech and many others.

Sustainable Practices/Recent Investments

CertainTeed's Portland plant won the Diamond Award for Environmental, Health, and Safety Excellence. Their management practices focus on environmental awareness as well as earning perfect safety records for five years. Their Solaris brand of solar reflective shingle is the only Energy Star rated asphalt shingle in Portland. Its lifetime warranty also makes this a sustainable product. By reducing "heat island" effect, homes need less cooling during the summer, making for a less expensive and more environmentally friendly product.