CRICKET DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR TAPERED H-SHIELD PRODUCTS

- Crickets (aka Saddles or Hogbacks) are a secondary application of insulation - whether over a sloped deck with flat insulation, or over a tapered insulation system. The primary purpose of a cricket is to divert water from a valley.

- The wider the cricket, the more efficiently the cricket will work. The general rule is for the cricket width of a full diamond cricket to be between 1/3 and 1/4 of its total length (see PIMA Technical Bulletin #108). If the cricket is less than the primary slope, drainage will be less efficient.

- Typically, the cricket slope is double the primary slope whether a sloped deck or a tapered system. This means that a sloped deck at 1/4" foot will have 1/2" foot sloped crickets. This has been the industry norm and is considered good roofing practice.

- Where the crickets are not in a valley, but may be up the slope (example: drains are 8' off a parapet wall, and the deck slopes past the drains to the parapet), the crickets need to be double the deck slope to provide positive slope back to the drains. If not, you will essentially flatten the deck slope out creating an 8' wide area that will pond water.

- We understand that many specifications are written requiring different cricket design criteria. It is not our position to contradict any specification detailing cricket design, but rather to provide a recommendation when no direction is provided.

CRICKET DEFINITION

- **CRICKET PANEL SLOPE**
  The slope of the cricket panel.

- **CRICKET VALLEY SLOPE**
  (Points D to A) The net slope created along the edge of the cricket.

- **CRICKET LENGTH**
  (Points A to B) Generally the longer of the 2 cross sections.

- **CRICKET WIDTH**
  (Points D to E) Generally the shorter of the 2 cross sections.

- **CRICKET ANGLE – (X)**
  The angle between corresponding lines AB (Cricket Length) and AD (Cricket Valley).

- **ROOF SURFACE SLOPE**
  The slope that is created by the structure, tapered insulation or a combination of the two.

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1. Generally, the cricket panel slope should be greater than that of the roof surface slope.
2. As angle x increases the cricket valley slope increases, making the overall cricket more effective.