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### Preface

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# Roofing Industry Committee on Weather Issues, Inc.

## The Roofing Industry Committee on Weather Issues, Inc.

#### Mission

RICOWI is committed to:

- Encourage and coordinate research to provide a more knowledgeable information base of roof issues including wind, hail, energy efficiency and durability effects;
- Accelerate the establishment of new or improved industry consensus standard practices for weather design and testing where they are recognized as needed;
- Improve the understanding of roof weather concepts and issues within the building community in general.

#### Background

The Roofing Industry Committee on Weather Issues, Inc. (RICOWI) was established in 1990 as a non-profit organization to identify and address important technical issues related to the cause of wind damage which include:

- Dynamic testing of roof systems;
- Importance of sample size for tests;
- Role of wind tunnels and air retarders;
- Need for acceptable procedures for ballasted systems;
- Field data and response team reports;
- General lack of communication within the roofing industry as to what the problems are, what is being done and should be done to alleviate them, and how effectively information is transferred within the roofing industry and to others in the building community.

In 1996, RICOWI was incorporated as a nonprofit corporation devoted to research and education on wind issues. After a review of the need for similar education and research in the areas of hail, energy efficiency and durability effects, the organization's objectives were broadened in 1999 to include other weather topics, and "Wind" in RICOWI's name was changed to "Weather" to reflect the expanded scope. RICOWI is assisted by Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the banner organization.

#### Meetings

RICOWI meetings are held twice a year, in the spring and fall. The spring meeting is usually in conjunction with the spring seminar, which is scheduled to coincide with the Roof Consultants Institute's Annual Convention. RICOWI meetings are attended by people that are concerned about roofing and weather issues.

The meetings include a technical forum and a business session where the direction and business of RICOWI is discussed. During the technical segment, the Sponsor and Affiliate Members have an opportunity to report on the latest developments in their organizations and technical subjects of common interest. Any concerned or interested individual can bring their knowledge or concern to another group of experts that can peer review their ideas, suggest tests or procedures, or confirm that they are headed in the right direction.

#### Seminars

RICOWI Seminars on the proper design, installation and testing procedures for specific roofing materials are held once or twice a year. Fall seminars are usually held at research testing or educational facilities and include a tour. They are of interest to roofing professionals, architects, contractors, engineers, facility managers and those in the insurance industry.

#### **Hurricane and Hail Investigation Programs**

RICOWI has implemented two strategic investigation programs:

- Wind Investigation Program (WIP)
- Hail Investigation Program (HIP)

The purpose of the programs is to investigate the field performance of roofing assemblies after major hurricane and hailstorm events and:

- To factually describe roof assembly performance and modes of damage;
- To formally report the results for substantiated hurricane/hail events.

The data collected will provide unbiased detailed information on the wind and hail resistance of low-slope and steep-slope roofing systems from credible investigative teams. We can expect a greater industry understanding of what causes roofs to perform or fail in severe wind and hail events, leading to overall improvements in roof system durability, the reduction of waste generation from re-roofing activities, and a reduction in insurance losses that will lead to lower overall costs for the public. The reports and multimedia presentation will document roofing systems that fail or survive major weather events and will provide educational materials for roofing professionals to design wind and hail resistant roofing systems. All data will be used to improve building codes, roof systems design, and educate the industry and the public.

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#### **ABSTRACT:**

The Roofing Industry Committee on Weather Issues, Inc. (RICOWI) has completed an inaugural Hailstorm Investigation Program (HIP). Four inspection teams examined over one hundred roofing systems during a four-day period to evaluate the effects of a significant hailstorm that passed through portions of Oklahoma City on April 21, 2004. The purpose of the project was to document the effects of hail impact on a variety of roofing products, and to describe roof assembly performance and modes of damage for substantiated hailstone sizes.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

A field investigation program has been completed by RICOWI regarding hail effects to roofing from a storm that occurred in the Oklahoma City area on April 21, 2004.

RICOWI was established in 1990 as a non-profit international organization comprised of major roofing associations, members of academia, educational and test facilities, the insurance industry, and others involved in the science of roofing.

The mission of the HIP is:

- To investigate the field performance of roofing assemblies after major hailstorm events;
- To factually describe roof assembly performance and modes of damage;
- To formally report the results for substantiated hail events.

The RICOWI HIP project was the first industrywide research program ever conducted to assess field damage from a major hailstorm in the United States. The storm was selected by the RICOWI criteria of having been declared an insurance catastrophe by Property Claim Service (an insurance services company) and having hailstones larger than 1.5 inches in diameter in a region of five square miles or greater in a previously defined area (the Dallas/Fort Worth or Oklahoma City metropolitan areas had been targeted).

#### 2. METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION

On April 21, 2004 a super cell thunderstorm containing large hail passed through portions of Oklahoma County, including the cities of Yukon, Oklahoma City, The Village, and Nichols Hills. Hail size reports from the media and storm spotters indicated hailstones of up to 3.0 inches in Yukon and northwest Oklahoma City. In addition to the large hail sizes in some of the storm track, the hailstorm was noteworthy in duration and quantity of hail produced. The hailstorm passed over the Wiley Post Airport in northwest Oklahoma City, and the hail lasted for twenty-two minutes (average hailstorm duration is five to ten minutes). Media reports stated the Broadway Extension (US 77) Freeway in northern Oklahoma City was shut down by the accumulation of



Figure 1. A) Buckled vent cap; B) Awning punctured by hailstones; C) Hail impact spatter marks; D) Large dent in vent hood.

several inches of hail on the roadway, and media photographs confirmed this. Several carports in northern Oklahoma City, along with one commercial building roof, were reported to have collapsed from the weight of hail and rain. The Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner, Carroll Fisher, estimated the insured loss at \$75 to \$100 million shortly after the storm<sup>1</sup>.

Refer to Appendix A for meteorological information from the National Climatic Data Center publication *Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena.* 

Prior to arriving for the field investigation, a HailTrax map from Weather Decision Technologies that estimated maximum hailstone diameters from the radar imagery was obtained. This was used to make a preliminary judgment on what areas to focus the inspections. The inspection sites were plotted onto the HailTrax map. It was possible to locate virtually all sites in the area where greater than 2.0 inch diameter hail was indicated (Figure 2).

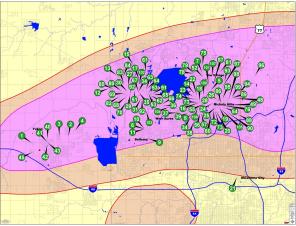


Figure 2. HailTrax map with inspection locations marked. Pink shaded areas had possibility of 2.0 inch diameter or larger hailstones. See Appendix B for full size.

#### 3. INVESTIGATION PROTOCOL

Most members of the inspection teams were trained in hail damage identification and HIP procedures during a one day training program (or were provided remote training by way of video courses). An inspection form was developed and provided for each inspection site to gather background information, details about the roof system and substrates, the type and severity of damage to the roof, and determining the quantity, direction, and size(s) of hailstones that fell during the storm. Hail information was gathered on the sites by examining a variety of materials and surfaces that would contain impact marks or dents from hail impact, in addition to any damage found to the roof materials<sup>2,3</sup>. Property owners also offered some eyewitness accounts of hailstone size and quantity, photographs, and frozen hailstones. (With the exception of photographs or frozen hailstones observed, it should be understood the hailstone sizes listed are best estimates from the information gathered on-site and data offered in the referenced articles by Crenshaw and Morrison.) The (estimated) maximum hailstone sizes for the inspection locations were plotted on a map (Figure 3) and listed in the summary tables (Appendix C). The site inspection and ground survey information provided more detailed hail size information than was possible with the HailTrax map<sup>4</sup>. While the HailTrax map provided a general path of the storm, the actual swath of very large hail (2.0 inch diameter or greater) was much narrower (one to two miles across, instead of five to seven miles across), and the hail size varied considerably in short distances. particularly perpendicular (north/south) to the storm movement.

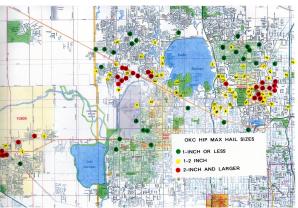


Figure 3. Plot of inspection and storm survey locations with maximum hailstone sizes. See Appendix D for full size.

Inspection teams were designed to consist of three members with a balance of manufacturer representatives, trade group representatives, engineers, roof consultants and insurance interests. One team member would record the site data on the form, one would photograph and log captions for the photographs, and one would inspect the property and mark items of interest. At times, the inspection teams contained only two members, and a few inspections were made by a single team member or the HIP site coordinator. The single member inspection forms and photographs were reviewed by other HIP team members and the coordinator for credibility, but are coded separately in the overall list. Some inspection teams were accompanied by roofing contractors or other interested parties who aided in arranging the inspection or in providing access.

The selection of inspection sites was targeted towards areas with moderate to large hail sizes and included a variety of roof system types. Sites primarily were obtained through contacts of HIP or RICOWI members, through local roofing contractors, or through appeals presented via print and television media for the public to volunteer their property for inspection. No money was offered or given for inspections, and the people offering their property were told in advance that roof replacement bids would not be given, nor would advice be given regarding their insurance claims.

The inspections were designed to get useful data about the following: hail size, frequency of hail hits, surface damage, significant product damage, and roof system response.

Typical inspections consisted of a complete visual survey of the roof surface. This was followed by randomly selecting sites where the hail hits were counted and the hail size was estimated. On each roof several random sites were selected for counting the hail hits. Other building or surrounding elements were also used to establish the size of the hail at the specific site being investigated. The results of the hail hits were observed, photographed and catalogued. Roofing material was removed and examined whenever the opportunity occurred, such as when re-roofing was in progress.

The inspections were largely non-destructive, but samples were taken from a few locations when circumstances allowed and property owners gave approval. Following the field investigation, the information from the inspection form was input into a central database, and digital photographs from each site were consolidated. Appendix C contains a summary table of the inspection locations with their roof type(s), maximum hailstone size, and hail effects observed.

#### 4. FIELD RESULTS

#### A. LOW SLOPE SYSTEMS

#### A.1. BUILT-UP ROOFING (BUR)

Teams inspected thirteen built-up roofs in the study; ten with asphalt and four with coal tar pitch (one location had sections of each). Ages ranged from a few years old to at least three that were known or appeared to be older than twenty years old. One roof had an aluminum roof coating while the rest had pea-graveled aggregate surfaces. The conditions varied, with some roofs in good condition and some in poor condition. Blisters or wrinkles were commonly observed on roofs in poor condition. Maximum hailstone sizes ranged from about 1.0 inch to 2.5 inches in diameter. Damage was found in the field (and flashings) of five roofs with damage to curb flashings only noted on one building.

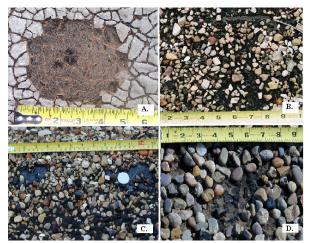


Figure 4. A) Location 33-Aluminum-coated BUR fractured in field; B) Location 76-Gravel aggregate surfaced BUR sustained 2.0 inch diameter hailstone impacts with no visible damage or reported leaks; C) Location 95-Wrinkle in coal tar BUR punctured in two locations; D) Location 94-Large hailstone displaced gravel, but BUR membrane did not appear to be damaged.

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Common damage modes were fracturing or puncturing of unsupported regions including blisters, wrinkles, and curb flashings. In one case of a wrinkled and brittle membrane, isolated damage was found to unsupported regions with hail as small as 1.0 inch in diameter. Damage to the flood coat was found in supported areas (nonblistered) in the field of the roof with hailstones 2.0 inches in diameter on a pea-gravel aggregate surfaced roof. Fracturing of the built-up membrane was observed. Hail size of about 2.5 inches in diameter caused hairline fracturing through all plies of an aluminum-coated built-up membrane and a gravel aggregate surfaced builtup membrane. This damage was visually determined by probing the impact site from the external surface; there were no test cuts. Some gravel aggregate surfaced roofs sustained hail impacts of 1.5 to 2.0 inches in diameter without apparent damage in the field of the roof. On the gravel aggregate surfaced roofs that sustained damage, the gravel was propelled out of the impact areas and the flood coat was fractured, with no instances observed of gravel being driven into the roof membrane. Roofs of advanced age suffered greater damage, although the difference often related to the amount of blistering rather than strictly age.

#### A.2. MODIFIED BITUMEN

A total of eleven modified bitumen membrane roofs were inspected in the study; six with SBS (styrene butadiene styrene) modifier and five with APP (atatic polypropylene) modifier. The modified bitumen membrane roofs where test cuts were taken were installed as single application installations. Some membranes had granule surfacing and some had smooth-surfacing or aluminum-coating. Ages ranged from about three years old to some that appeared to be about fifteen years old. The conditions varied, with some roofs in good condition and some in fair condition. Maximum hailstone sizes ranged from about 1.25 inches to 2.5 inches in diameter. Damage was found in the field portion of five roofs.

Common damage modes were fracturing or bruising of the membrane or displacement of



Figure 5. A) Location 34-Hail impact-caused bruise in APP membrane at seam overlap; B) Location 34-Fracture observed in underside of photo A after test cut; C) Location 88-Multiple circular fractures in surface of APP membrane in ponding region of roof; D) Location 74-Multiple concentric circular fractures in surface.

granules from granule-surfaced membranes that had been recently exposed. (Bruising / fracturing is indicated by circles where granule loss was visible, and an indentation that is either visible or can be felt with finger pressure.) Fracturing of the membrane was observed on all roofs where the hail size was 2.0 inches or larger in diameter and was not found when the hail size was less than 1.5 inches in diameter. However, the undersides of the membranes were not examined on all roofs, so it is not known which of these were surface



Figure 6. A) Location 26-Impact-caused bruise observed on surface of SBS membrane; B) Location 26-Fracture in underside of membrane at Photo A; C) Location 76-Impact-caused bruise with recent granule loss on surface of SBS membrane; D) Location 95-Impact-caused fracture observed on surface in blistered location.

fractures and which resulted in immediate leaks. On roofs with maximum hail sizes in the range of 1.5 to 2.0 inches in diameter, the extent of damage varied from no damage observed to significant damage. Bruising or fracturing of the membrane often occurred in this size range when the underlying substrate was a compressible substrate, such as polyisocyanurate board insulations or wood fiberboard.

There were two levels of damage identified on the membranes from hail impact; loss of granule surfacing or fracturing / bruising. Granule loss was not found to cause water infiltration. The bruising that was found was related to the fracturing of the membrane and could allow water infiltration. Destructive analysis of two single application modified bitumen roofs confirmed that impact areas that had some visible granule loss and also felt "bruised," or soft under finger pressure, had been fractured on the underside of the membrane, although the fractures were not visible on the surface.

# A.3. SPRAYED POLYURETHANE FOAM (SPF)

Five roofs were inspected with SPF roofing, with hail-caused damage found on three roofs. All the roofing systems involved polyurethane foam with an elastomeric coating. It appeared that all of the

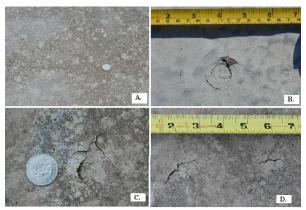


Figure 7. A) Location 100-Hailstone impacts had removed surface grime, but not fractured SPF coating; B) Location 94-Impact-caused concentric circular fractures; C) Location 97-Hail impact spatter mark at starburst fracture on indentation in SPF; D) Location 97-Two adjacent hail-caused fractures in SPF coating.

roofs had been applied over built-up roofing, and four of the roofs were considered in poor condition. Maximum hailstone sizes impacting the roofs ranged from 0.5 to 1.75 inches in diameter. Three roofs had hail-caused indentations with fractures in the coating, and these roofs had been struck with hailstone sizes of 1.0 inch or larger. The fractures were either concentric circular or radiating fractures, with fractures as small as 0.5 inch diameter. The foam was a bright color where it had been recently exposed.

Immediate leaks into the buildings would not be expected from the hail-caused fractures in the coating as the foam is closed-cell and would not allow liquid water to pass through. In addition, the underlying built-up membranes may have offered additional protection from leaks. The two roofs without hail-caused fractures in the coating had been struck with hailstone sizes of 0.5 to 1.0 inch in diameter. Although moderate to severe (foam) blistering was found on some roofs, the blistering did not appear to have a material affect on the amount of hail-caused fracturing of the surface coating.

#### A.4. METAL

Six low sloped metal roofs were inspected, involving painted or alloy-plated metal panels. Maximum hailstone sizes impacting the roofs ranged from 1.0 to 2.5 inches in diameter. Surface spatter marks were visible where hailstones had removed some of the surface grime or oxidation. Dents occurred from hail impact on the roofs that had been struck with 1.5 inch or larger diameter hail. On these roofs, the hailcaused dents were found to be a cosmetic issue, with no functional damage to the paint or the metal plating. On exposed fastener systems, there were no instances found of fasteners loosened by hailstone impact.

Four steep slope metal roofs were inspected: three metal shingle panels and one standing seam copper roof. Maximum hailstone sizes impacting the roofs ranged from 0.75 to 1.75 inches in diameter. Surface spatter marks were visible where hailstones had removed some of the surface patina of the metal or surface grime and oxidation

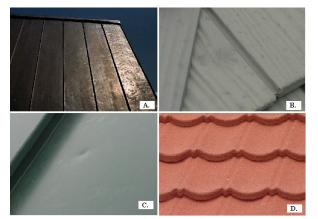


Figure 8. A) Multiple dents in copper standing seam from survey; B) Location 17-Hail-caused spatter mark at dent in aluminum shake panel; C) Location 59-Hail-caused spatter mark with dent in painted standing-seam metal; D) Location 66-No impact-caused dents visible in stone-coated steel panels.

from the painted surfaces. Dents occurred from hail impact on three of the four roofs, with one metal shingle panel having no dents with 1.25 inch diameter hail. On the other roofs, the hailcaused dents were found to be a cosmetic issue, with no functional damage. Panel joints had not been distorted sufficiently to affect the water shedding ability of the panels.

#### A.5. SINGLE-PLY SHEET MEMBRANES

Six single-ply roofs were inspected during the investigation: three EPDM, two PVC, and one TPO. One of the stone ballasted EPDM roofs with typical ASTM D 448 ballast of more than ten pounds per square foot was located in the area of high intensity large hail, sustaining hundreds of impacts by 2.0 inch diameter and larger hail with no observed or reported damage. A fully-adhered EPDM membrane in the same area also had no visible or reported damage to the membrane; however, the underlying insulation was dented at large impact sites. The area of dented insulation board was small enough that any change in uplift resistance would be negligible. While performance was generally good on examined roofs with single-ply sheet membranes, there were not sufficient sample sizes to identify conclusions regarding hail impact resistance.



Figure 9. A) Location 35-Large hail impact on PVC-covered parapet with no apparent damage; B) Location 88-Hail impact marks visible on TPO membrane surface, but no fractures visible; C) Location 27-Insulation dented, but no fracture in EPDM membrane at 2.0 inch diameter impact; D) Location 31-No fracture visible in EPDM membrane where stone ballast had been displaced by large hailstone impact.

#### **B. STEEP SLOPE SYSTEMS**

#### **B.1. ASPHALT SHINGLES**

A total of forty-five asphalt shingle roofs were inspected during the survey, with thirty-six showing some form of damage. (Nine had damage to the edges and unsupported area and twenty-four had damage to the edges, unsupported areas and the field of the shingle.) Maximum hail sizes on the asphalt shingle roofs inspected ranged from about 0.5 inch to over 2.0 inches in diameter. Most of the asphalt shingles inspected were of standard, fiberglass mat three-tab or laminated asphalt shingles, with the exception of five roofs with organic mat asphalt shingles and two roofs with laminated asphalt UL2218 Class 4 impactresistant modified bitumen shingles. Substrates included solid decking, as well as overlays on wood and asphalt shingles.

Damage modes were primarily fracturing or rupturing of the shingle mats or broken shingle edges. Areas with fractured mats generally displayed loss of granules sufficient to expose asphalt, and the recently exposed asphalt was dark in color with limited oxidation. The nine shingle roofs without damage had been struck with hail sizes from 0.5 to 1.25 inches in diameter, while



Figure 10. A) Location 21-Hail impact puncture in laminated shingle that overlaid wood shingles; B) Location 25-Multiple hail impact-caused bruises in hip shingles; C) Location 72-Hail-caused bruise in unsupported valley shingle; D) Location 82-Hail-caused puncture of unsupported region of high-profile ridge shingle.

the remaining roofs had been struck with 1.0 to 2.0+ inch diameter hail. Shingles on solid decking generally had damage when the hail sizes were greater than 1.5 inches in diameter, while asphalt shingle overlays on wooden or asphalt shingles generally had damage with hailstones approximately 1.0 inch or greater. Damage in the form of fractures or punctures commonly occurred to asphalt shingles that overlaid either wooden or asphalt shingles due to the top layer of shingles being less supported. In general, hip and ridge shingles sustained greater damage than field



Figure 11. A) Location 76-Multiple fractures in old organic shingles; B) Location 16-Hail impact puncture in shingle that overlaid wood shingles; C) Location 5-No hail impact damage to modified bitumen shingle; D) Location 81-No hail impact damage to shingle in area with a large quantity of small hailstones.

shingles, especially in the case of high-profile ridge shingles. These shingles had more extensive and severe damage than field shingles due to the unsupported areas of the ridge shingle profile. Hail impact damage was most concentrated on the windward roof slopes having the most direct hail impacts. In areas where hail sizes were less than 1.0 inch in diameter, there were no identifiable areas of spalled granules from impact or significant or severe general granule loss, even in areas with thirty to one hundred hail impacts per square foot.

Known or estimated ages of the roofs ranged from less than one year to approximately twenty years. Asphalt shingles that appeared (or were known to be) older than ten years and showed signs of embrittlement or deterioration were somewhat more susceptible to damage, and often the damage was more severe. The two modified bitumen shingles examined had no hail-caused damage and were in very good condition, with both roofs less than two years old. The maximum hail size at one site was about 1.25 inches in diameter, and less than 1.0 inch in diameter at the other site. Because of the limited data, the age of these roofs and the size of the hail, no conclusions could be reached concerning the performance of modified shingles.

#### B.2. TILE

A total of four clay and four concrete tile roofs were inspected during the survey, with five having some tile fractures from hail impact. Maximum hail sizes on the tile roofs inspected ranged from about 1.25 inches to nearly 3.0 inches in diameter. The profiles included flat, mission, and roll style. Substrates were solid decking with battens or lath boards.

Damage mode was fracturing of the tile field or edge when struck with relatively large hailstones. Fracture surfaces from the recent hail displayed unweathered (clean) surfaces, while older fractures (from foot traffic or other previous damage) observed on the roofs often had grime or mildew darkening the surface. A common preexisting crack pattern was a single fracture near the lower right corner of interlocking tiles. In contrast, hail-caused cracking typically resulted in

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multiple fractures. Tiles generally had damage when the hail sizes were greater than 1.75 inches in diameter, and even in these cases, only a small percentage of tiles had been fractured. Hail impacts that did not cause damage could be observed where surface oxidation or grime had been removed by impact, but the tile had not fractured. Hail-caused damage was most

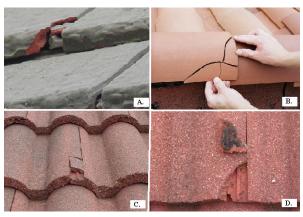


Figure 12. A) Location 58-Multiple fracture at corner of clay tile; B) Location 76-Starburst fracture in barrel ridge tile (clay); C) Location 62-Multiple fracture in right overlap of concrete tile from hail impact; D) Location 19-Right corner fracture in concrete tile that had been repaired previously (prior to hailstorm).

concentrated on the windward roof slopes having the most direct hail impacts. One roof that did not have damage had a 15:12 pitch, resulting in less direct impacts. Thicker tiles were somewhat more resistant to damage. Tile ages ranged from less than ten years old to more than twenty years old; age of tiles did not appear to have an appreciable effect on hail impact resistance. Large amounts of small hail had no adverse effect on the tiles.

#### **B.3. CEDAR SHAKES & SHINGLES**

A total of nine cedar shake roofs were inspected during the survey, with eight showing some form of damage. All roofs had surface marks from impacting hailstones, but impact-caused splits or punctures were considered as functional damage, while surface marks would be a temporary cosmetic condition. Maximum hail sizes on the cedar roofs inspected ranged from about 0.75 inch to about 2.0 inches in diameter. The majority of roofs were medium-thickness (nominal 0.5 inch measurement at the butt) 24 inch cedar shakes. Substrates included solid decking and spaced lath boards.

Damage modes were primarily fracturing (splitting) or puncturing of the wood when struck with relatively large hail. The hail-caused splits were coincident with, or closely associated with, bright-colored indentations in the wood from hail impact, and the wood fracture surfaces were bright-colored. Bright hail-caused splits could be contrasted with gray-colored interior surfaces of splits due to natural weathering. Often, surface marks from hail impact and indentations in the wood did not result in splitting of the wood. Punctures occurred in areas of the wood that were eroded or thinner than average, and fresh color in the underlying wood and broken wood pieces confirmed the impact damage. Hail-caused splitting or puncturing of the wood generally was found when hailstones exceeded 1.0 inch diameter on thinner wood and 1.5 inches in diameter on standard dimension wood (0.5 inch or thicker).



Figure 13. A) Location 105-Gray split from weathering (left) and fresh split from hail impact (right); B) Location 86-Shake pieces broken off by hail impact; C) Location 105-Large hail impact without a split; D) Location 15-Small impact marks on shake surface (no hail impact damage).

Known or estimated ages of the wood roofs were from five to greater than fifteen years. Roofs older than ten years with surface erosion from weathering displayed reduced hail resistance. Large quantities of smaller hail (0.75 inch diameter or less) had no affect other than surface marks that will fade with further weathering<sup>5</sup>.

#### 5. RESULTS

The RICOWI hail investigations obtained a considerable amount of beneficial data for all parties interested in the effects of hail impact on roofing products. It was the first large-scale hailstorm investigation by balanced teams representing roof manufacturers, roofing industry trade groups, roof consultants, researchers and engineers, and the insurance industry. The HIP investigations provided field data related to scientifically estimated hailstone sizes that supported previous laboratory testing and field experience reported in several referenced documents. The joint inspections by the balanced teams resulted in consensus data gathered from the inspection sites.

The inspection teams were able to investigate a number of roofs that had been impacted by a recent significant hailstorm, factually describe roof performance and modes of damage, and correlate the damage with hailstone size(s) and quantities. Data was gathered that can be used in improving evaluation of hail-impacted roofing and improving design of roofing systems to resist hail impact damage. In reviewing the overall results, the following findings emerged:

- Hail-caused damage, if it occurred, was readily apparent to the trained eye in most cases. Circumstances where further sampling could be appropriate included low slope roofing material that incorporated laminated plies of materials, such as modified bitumen membranes, built-up roofing, and some thermoplastic membranes.
- effects of impact The hail were distinguishable from normal weathering. Impact-caused fractures in materials had appearances that were distinct from cracking or other indications of long-term weathering. Impact generally resulted in circular and starburst-shaped fractures, and the fracture surfaces had limited oxidation, shrinkage, or grime accumulation, and there was often direct surface evidence of the hail impact. Examples included asphaltic materials that appeared dark black-colored with coincident indentation or fracturing, fresh splits in cedar appeared bright orange-colored with associated impact dent, recently exposed SPF

was bright-colored with a coincident fracture in the coating, clean fracture surfaces with multiple fractures on concrete and clay tiles, and concentric circular fractures in the flood coat of built-up roofing.

- Hailstone size (and resultant impact energy) was more critical than hailstone quantity in determining if the roofing was damaged. Areas with the large quantities of hail did not sustain roofing damage if the maximum hailstone size at that site did not exceed that necessary threshold of damage for that material. Almost no damage was found in areas where the maximum hailstone size was less than 1.0 inch in diameter, with the badly deteriorated exception of and unsupported material. When maximum hailstone size was between 1.0 and 2.0 inches in diameter, the level of damage ranged from none to considerable depending on material, age/condition, roof slope, and support conditions. When maximum hailstone size was greater than 2.0 inches in diameter, most roofing material sustained damage. Exceptions were EPDM membranes, a fairly new thermoplastic, some concrete tiles, and an aggregate surfaced BUR without blisters, however, there were only one or two of each of these types of roofs inspected and therefore the conclusions only relate to the specific roofs inspected.
- The teams observed that the threshold for roof damage from hailstone impact to most materials was between 1.25 and 2.0 inches, which correlates with the size ranges used in most standard impact resistance tests used to simulate the effects of hail impact, including UL 2218, FM 4473, and FM 4470. This field investigation suggests this is an appropriate range as roofing material performance varied with hailstone impacts of this size range. No attempts were made to compare various test methods or to correlate test method results to field-observed hail effects.
- Materials that were unsupported or over easily compressible substrates had greater damage than those over more solid substrate. This was demonstrated in asphalt shingles that overlaid uneven substrates (previous asphalt or wood shingle roofs), certain high profile asphalt shingle ridge units that had

unsupported regions, blisters in built-up roofing, curb or parapet flashings of low slope roofing that had unsupported regions, areas adjacent to seams in modified bitumen or single-ply membranes, and low slope roofing that was installed over compressible insulation boards.

- Some materials displayed reduced hail impact resistance with respect to age and deterioration. Categories included asphaltic products (including modified bitumens), elastomeric coatings, and cedar shakes.
- Hail effects on metal roof systems were seen as cosmetic, rather than functional. Indentations occurred with larger hailstones, but painted coatings or stone-coatings had not been compromised by the denting. It should be noted, however, that all of the steep metal roofs inspected were impacted by hailstones of 1.75 inch diameter or less (one low-sloped system was impacted by up to 2.5 inch diameter hailstones.)
- A qualitative finding, which could be studied better in future investigations, was that the reported scope of insurance claim repairs often exceeded what was deemed necessary by our investigation teams. In several cases, the inspected roofing systems that had been slated for replacement by the insurance claim, were found to have little to no functional damage. However, due to stated policy of not requesting insurance claim information, the data was not quantifiable.

#### 6. FUTURE RESEARCH

Although many hail-impacted roofs were inspected and significant data was gathered, there remains need for additional HIP investigations. Other useful information or different methodologies could include:

- Quicker mobilization would allow for inspection of some of the most severely damaged roofs.
- Greater collection of samples would allow additional verification of failure modes. Taking undamaged samples from damaged roofs would permit laboratory testing using standard impact tests to attempt to duplicate observed field damage. This could allow

correlation of laboratory results to field performance.

- Investigating a greater variety and number of roofs would provide additional verification of performance.
- Cooperation with the insurance industry would permit an analysis of claim payments vs. observed damage, and provide a basis for recommendations to reduce insurance losses.
- A procedure of monitoring service life and future repairs by owners of inspected roofs would provide data on the long-term effects of hail impact on roofing. Inspected roofs that were not replaced could be revisited after a period of time to evaluate any additional damage or degradation related to hail impact.
- The size and scope of future HIP investigations will be related to additional funding sources or research grants. The Oklahoma City HIP was funded largely by RICOWI and its sponsor and member organizations, with a supplementary research grant provided by the Roof Consultants Institute and its Foundation.

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OKLAHOMA, Wes	stern, C	entral and S	<u>Southeast</u>						
Canadian County Yukon	21	1504CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Tukon		vas reported cov	vering the gro	ound.	U	U		fian (1.75)	
Canadian County		F							
Yukon	21	1509CST			0	0		Hail (3.00)	
	Hail w	vas observed at	the intersecti	on of 7th and	Oak Streets				
Oklahoma County	21	1509CST			0	0		II (0.00)	
Bethany		vas observed at	30th Street a	nd Council R		0		Hail (0.88)	
Oklahoma County	Hall W	vas observed at	59ul Succi a		.uau.				
Bethany	21	1514CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
	Hail w	vas observed at	the intersecti	on of 39th St	reet and Cou	ncil Road	d.		
Grady County									
9 E Chickasha	21	1519CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Grady County	21	1524065			0	0			
1 W Tabler	21	1524CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Oklahoma County Bethany	21	1524CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Dethany		vas observed at	the Wiley Po	st Airport (K	-	U		11an (0.00)	
Oklahoma County	i iun v		the whey i o	ber inport (it					
Oklahoma City	21	1526CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
	Hail w	vas reported at t	he intersection	on of Hefner a	and Council I	Roads.			
Grady County		1.000000							
9 E Chickasha	21	1528CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Oklahoma County Oklahoma City	21	1530CST			0	0		Hail (3.00)	
Okianoma City		vas observed at	the intersecti	on of Wilshir	e Boulevard	-	ncil Road	11all (5.00)	
<b>Oklahoma</b> County					e Boulevalu	und cou	inen reoud.		
Nichols Hills to	21	1541CST			0	0	3M	Hail (1.00)	
2 NE Nichols Hills		1551CST							
	Britto	n Road hail up	to the size of	quarters wer	re observed v	vith hail	on the ground rar	ad. As the storm continued aging from 3 inches to as m nsion. Hail damaged numer	uch as 2 feet deep
	vehicl	es. The weight	of the hail ca	used a carpor	rt to fall on or	ne vehicl	e.		
Mcclain County 9 S Blanchard	21	1546CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Oklahoma County	21	1340031			U	U		<b>Hall (1.00)</b>	
2 W The Vlg	21	1550CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
		vas covering the	e ground up to	o two inches	deep.				
<b>Oklahoma</b> County		U	0 1						
Oklahoma City	21	1555CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
	Hail w	vas reported at l	Britton Road	and Kelley A	venue.				
Payne County Stillwater	21	1555CST			0	0		H-3 (1 00)	
	21	1555051			U	0		Hail (1.00)	
Payne County 7 E Stillwater	21	1555CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
		vas observed co	vering the gr	ound three in	•	U		1141 (1100)	
<b>Cleveland</b> County					F-				
3 NW Moore	21	1610CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
	Hail w	vas observed at	119th Street	and Western	Avenue.				
Garvin County		1(10000			0	0		<b>T</b> 1 (1 00)	
5 E Elmore City	21	1610CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Cleveland County Moore	21	1611CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	~
1410010		vas reported at	19th Street or	d Interstate 3		U		11all (0.73)	
	nan v	as reported at	i sui bucci al	a merstate 2					
<b>Cleveland</b> County									
Cleveland County Moore	21	1615CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	

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OKLAHOMA, West	ern, C	entral and S	outheast						
Oklahoma County 2 SE Arcadia	21 Hail v	1616CST vas observed at I	Highway 66	and Post Ro	0 ad	0		Hail (0.88)	
Cleveland County 3 S Slaughterville	21	1620CST			0	0		Hail (1.25)	
Mcclain County 2 NW Purcell	21	1620CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Mcclain County 2 NW Purcell Oklahoma County	21	1626CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
2 W Harrah	<b>21</b> Hail v	1628CST vas observed at t	he intersecti	on of 23rd S	0 treet and Luthe	0 r Road		Hail (1.00)	
Mcclain County 5 SW Purcell	21	1630CST			0	0		Hail (2.00)	
Oklahoma County Choctaw	21	1630CST			0	0		Hail (1.25)	
Garvin County Elmore City Oklahoma County	21	1632CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Harrah Mcclain County	21	1632CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Purcell Garvin County	21	1635CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
5 N Hennepin Garvin County	21	1646CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
5 E Elmore City Pottawatomie County 2 E Pink	21 21	1649CST 1657CST			0 0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Payne County Yale	21	1658CST			0	0		Hail (1.00) Hail (0.88)	
Cleveland County 2 S Noble	21	1700CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Pottawatomie County 2 N Wanette	21	1705CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Harper County 6 S Buffalo	21	1707CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Harper County 6 S Buffalo	21	1710CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Lincoln County 2 N Chandler Harper County	21	1710CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
5 S Buffalo Garvin County	21	1719CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
2 E Stratford	<b>21</b> Hail v	1720CST vas reported on I	Highway 19		0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Pottawatomie County Shawnee	21	1720CST			0 tersection of Ha	0 urrison	and Highland Streets.	Hail (0.75)	
Pontotoc County 3 NW Vanoss	21	1722CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Carter County 3 W Lone Grove	21	1730CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Garvin County Stratford Murray County	21	1745CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
5 W Dougherty	21	1748CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	

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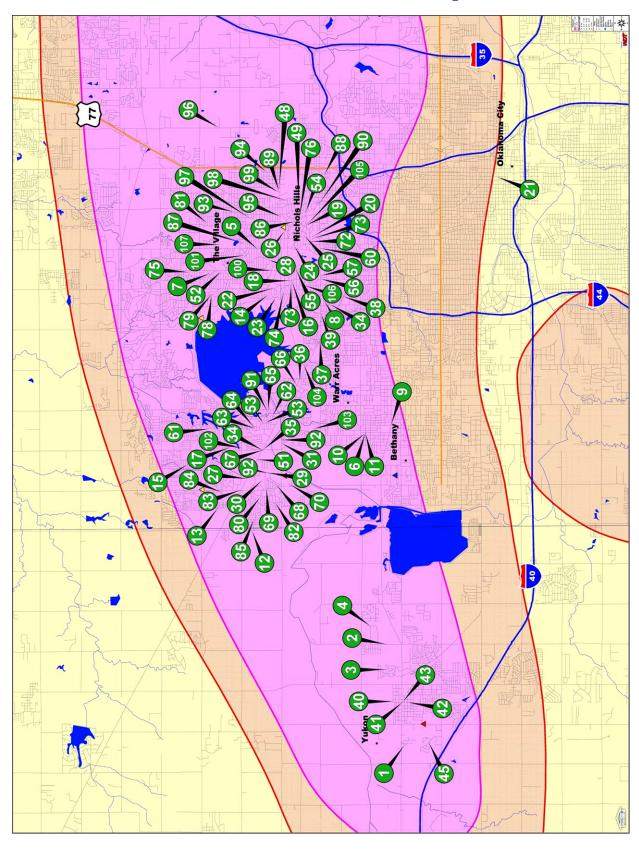
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KLAHOMA, Weste	ern, C	entral and S	<u>outheast</u>						
Carter County Ardmore	21	1749CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Pottawatomie County Pink	21	1749CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Carter County 3 N Springer	21	1758CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Carter County Ardmore	21	1800CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Ellis County 8 N Shattuck	21	1800CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Harper County 15 SE Buffalo	21	1800CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Oklahoma County 2 N Choctaw	21	1803CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
		as observed at 5	9th Street a	nd Choctaw I		7			
Oklahoma County 4 E Spencer	21	1806CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
	Hail w	vas observed at t	ne intersecti	on of 54th St	reet and Hiv	vassee Road	d.		
Harper County 2 E May	21	1809CST			0	0		Thunderstorm Wind	(G52)
Love County Overbrook	21	1810CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Ellis County 20 N Gage	21	1811CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Carter County 6 S Ardmore	21	1815CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
	Hail w	as observed at I	ake Murray.	Village.					
Love County 6 NE Marietta	21	1820CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Love County 5 NE Marietta	21	1825CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Love County 5 N Marietta	21	1825CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Ellis County 7 NNW Shattuck	21	1826CST	0.3	30	0	0		Tornado (F0)	
	A stor	1828CST m chaser and set	veral fire de	nartment ner	onnel obser	ved this nar	rrow tornado in oper	Country	
Ellis County	11 5001	in chuser and se	i ci ui ini ci uc	pur unione por		veu uno nu		country.	
7.5 NNW Shattuck to 7 N Shattuck	21	1828CST 1831CST	1	200	0	0		Tornado (F0)	
	This la	arge multi-vorte:	k tornado wa	as videotaped	by a storm	chaser. No	damage was reporte	d.	
Johnston County Mill Creek	21	1830CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Marshall County 6 NNW Lebanon	21	1830CST			0	0		Hail (2.75)	
Alfalfa County 3 N Cherokee	21	1833CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Pottawatomie County 5 NW Shawnee	21	1839CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Dettematen :- C	Hail w	as observed at I	nterstate 40	and Highway	/ 177.				
Pottawatomie County 5 NW Shawnee	21	1841CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Pottawatomie County Shawnee	21	1845CST			0	0		Hail (1.50)	

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ocation	Date	Standard	(Miles)	(Yards)	Killed	Injured	Property Crops	Character of Storm	
OKLAHOMA, Weste	ern, C	entral and s	Southeast						
Pottawatomie County	•	10.15.000							
Shawnee	21	1847CST	interception	of Vielenaa	0 and Ecderal 9	0 Streat		Hail (1.25)	
Pottawatomie County	пан у	vas observed at	intersection	of Kickapoo a	and rederal a	street.			
Shawnee	21	1853CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Woodward County									
Ft Supply	21	1859CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Marshall County		1000 000							
Oakland	21	1900CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Pontotoc County 4 E Ada	21	1900CST			0	0		II - :1 (0.00)	
	21	1900C31			U	U		Hail (0.88)	
Woods County 4 NNE Waynoka	21	1900CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Pottawatomie County					, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	Ŭ		<b>Hun</b> (1.75)	
5 NW Shawnee	21	1904CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
	Hail v	vas reported at I	nterstate 40 a	and Highway	177.				
Pottawatomie County									
4 N Shawnee	21	1905CST			0	0		Hail (1.50)	
Johnston County									
Pontotoc	21	1910CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Woodward County	21	1911CST			0	0		Thur denstern Win	1 (0.57)
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Marshall County	wind	was measured t	by the Awo.		iwalu Alipoi		к).		
5 E Kingston	21	1915CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Marshall County									
4 S Madill	21	1915CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
	Hail v	vas reported cov	vering the gro	ound.					
Marshall County						_			
3 ENE Kingston	21	1920CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Woodward County	••	1002005			0	0			
Mooreland	21	1923CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Bryan County 9 W Durant	21	1930CST			0	0		Hail (2 50)	
	21	1950C51			U	U		Hail (2.50)	
Hughes County 1 SW Atwood	21	1930CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Woodward County	21	1990691			Ū	Ū		Han (0.00)	
4 E Curtis	21	1930CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Woodward County									
7 E Mooreland	21	1930CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Woodward County									
1 E Mooreland	21	1936CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Woodward County									
Mooreland	21	1936CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Woods County		1946CST							
13 E Waynoka	21	1940CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Seminole County		17100051			Ū	U		<b>Hun</b> (1.00)	
5 WNW Little	21	1946CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
	Hail v	was observed at	mile marker	194 of Interst	tate 40.				
Dewey County									
1 E Vici	21	1948CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Dewey County									
Vici	21	1948CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Grant County					_	c			
Wakita	21	2000CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	

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Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Numb Pers Killed		Estimated Damage Property Crops	April 2004 Character of Storm
OKLAHOMA, W	estern, C	entral and S	Southeast					
Woodward County 6 SSE Quinlan	y 21	2000CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)
Grant County Wakita	21	2015CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)
Major County 19 N Chester	21	2015CST			0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
Seminole County Cromwell	21	2015CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)
Seminole County Cromwell	21	2015CST			0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
Woods County Dacoma	21	2015CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)
Bryan County Armstrong	21	2020CST			0	0		Hail (2.75)
Seminole County 4 W Cromwell	21	2021CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)
Alfalfa County 3 NE Carmen	21	2025CST			0	0		Hail (2.00)
Major County 19 N Chester	21	2030CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)
Alfalfa County Lambert	21	2100CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)

Seminole County			_			
Cromwell	21	2015CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
Woods County			_	_		
Dacoma	21	2015CST	0	0		Hail (1.75)
Bryan County						
Armstrong	21	2020CST	0	0		Hail (2.75)
Seminole County						
4 W Cromwell	21	2021CST	0	0		Hail (1.00)
Alfalfa County						
<b>3 NE Carmen</b>	21	2025CST	0	0		Hail (2.00)
Major County						
19 N Chester	21	2030CST	0	0		Hail (1.00)
Alfalfa County						
Lambert	21	2100CST	0	0		Hail (1.75)
Blaine County						
Canton	21	2108CST	0	0		Hail (0.88)
Grant County						
3 SW Renfrow	21	2115CST	0	0		Hail (0.88)
Grant County			•	-		(0.00)
3 SW Renfrow	21	2115CST	0	0	0.10K	Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
55W Keinow		I two to three inch diameter tree limbs were do		U	0.101	Thunderstorm wind (032)
<b>Blaine County</b>	Severa	i two to three men diameter tree milos were do	Jwneu.			
Okeene	21	2130CST	0	0		Hail (0.75)
Major County	21	2130031	U	U		Hall (0.75)
Ringwood	21	2135CST	0	0		Hail (0.75)
	21	2135051	U	U		Hail (0.75)
Garfield County	••	21 45-057	•	0		
Drummond	21	2145CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G61)
Garfield County	••		•	•		
Lahoma	21	2145CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G61)
Garfield County						
Enid	21	2154CST	0	0		Hail (0.88)
Garfield County						
Enid	21	2154CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G61)
Garfield County						
Waukomis	21	2157CST	0	0		Hail (1.00)
Garfield County						
Enid	21	2159CST	0	0		Hail (0.75)
Garfield County						
Enid	21	2159CST	0	0		Hail (0.75)
<b>Garfield</b> County						
Enid	21	2159CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G56)
<b>Garfield</b> County						
Vance Afb	21	2159CST	0	0		Hail (1.00)
Garfield County			-	-		
Vance Afb	21	2159CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G58)
			-			

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ocation	Date	Standard	(Miles)	(Yards)	Killed	Injured	Property Crops	Character of Storm	
OKLAHOMA, Wes	tern, C	Central and S	Southeast						
Garfield County									
Enid	21	2200CST			0	0	20K	Thunderstorm Win	
	Stron	g straight-line w	f was damaged	a mile wide	swath of dam	age in th	e western business dis	strict of Enid along Hig Dealership. Large metal	hway 412, wes
		lowned.	i was uailiag	eu at the Hu	illelallu gioci	store	and at Stevens Ford I	Jealership. Large metai	power pores v
Kingfisher County									
Hennessey	21	2214CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Noble County									
6 S Billings	21	2230CST			0	0		Thunderstorm Win	d (G52)
Logan County	•				0				
Marshall	21	2245CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Noble County 7 SE Marland	21	2300CST			0	0		H-11 (0.75)	
	21	23000.51			U	U		Hail (0.75)	
Noble County 8 ESE Marland	21	2300CST			0	0	0.20K	Thunderstorm Wind	d (C61)
		o foot diameter ti	ree was dow	ned	0	Ū	0.201	I nunucistorini vvino	u (G01)
Kay County	11 000			neu.					
Ponca City	21	2310CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Payne County									
Glencoe	21	2321CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
	Hail v	was reported on 1	the west side	of town. Per	nny, nickle, a	nd quarte	er size hail was also ob	served to be covering th	ne ground.
Payne County									
Ripley	21	2330CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Lincoln County	21	2224CET			0	0		II	
4 NW Tryon	21	2334CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Lincoln County 2 N Agra	21	2345CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
21174614			noved throug	h the Oklaho	•	-	s day primarily affect	ing the western and not	rthern sides of
	2 feet the h	deep. The hail of ail on streets ad	damaged nur cross the cit	nerous struct y. Damage	tures and veh estimates acr	icles with oss the	n several people also r	the ground ranging from the ding their vehicles to be were 100 million do ported.	wed or dug ou
Seminole County	22	1708CST			0	0		Hall (1.00)	
5 SW Seminole		was observed on	Highway 50	three miles	U west of Uirb	-		Hail (1.00)	
Garvin County	mail	was observed on	ringiiway 59	, ance miles	west of righ	way 99.			
5 N Hennepin	22	1715CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
Seminole County								( )	
Seminole	22	1715CST			0	0		Hail (0.88)	
	Hail v	was reported cov	vering the gro	ound.					
Seminole County									
3 NE Bowlegs	22	1721CST	0.1	20	0	0		Tornado (F0)	
	This	very brief tornad	lo lasted for l	ess than 30 s	seconds and v	vas obser	ved by a storm chaser	There is no known dan	nage.
Seminole County 1 S Seminole	22	1722CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
1 S Seminole		was observed at 1	Uighway 00		U	U		Hall (1.75)	
Seminole County	itali	was observed at	ingnway 99.						
Wewoka	22	1800CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Lincoln County								. /	
5 W Prague	22	1919CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Lincoln County									
5 N Prague	22	1919CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Lincoln County									
		10000000			0	•		TT-21 (1 00)	
10 NW Prague	22	1920CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
10 NW Prague Seminole County 1 S Seminole	22	1920CS1 2140CST			0	0		Hail (1.00) Hail (1.00)	



# **APPENDIX B: HailTrax Map**

Inves. No.	Team No.	Building Type	Roof Type	Condition	Felt Type	Detail	Maximum Hail Size Inches	Hail Effects See Notes
1	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Excellent	None	Laminated	1.5	2,3
47	S	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Good	Fiberglass	Laminated	3.0	2,3
44	S	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Excellent	Fiberglass	Laminated	2.5	2,3
73	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated	2.5	1,2,3
72	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Good	Fiberglass	Laminated	2.25	2,3
72(a)	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Excellent	Fiberglass	Laminated	2.25	2,3
2	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated	2.0	2,3
3	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Good	Fiberglass	Laminated	2.0	2,3
21	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated	2.0	2,3
45	S	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Excellent	Fiberglass	Laminated	2.0	2,3
46	S	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated, Overlay	2.0	2,3
53	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Organic	3-Tab Overlay	2.0	2,3
68	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Organic	3-Tab	2.0	2,3
69	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Good	Organic	3-Tab Overlay	2.0	4
14	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated, Overlay	1.75	2,3
25	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Good	Fiberglass	Laminated	1.75	2,3
1	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Excellent	Fiberglass	Laminated	1.5	2,3
4	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Good	Fiberglass	Laminated	1.5	0
8	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Poor	Fiberglass	Laminated, Overlay	1.5	2
16	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Good	Fiberglass	Laminated	1.5	2,3
65	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	3-Tab	1.5	2,3
82	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Good	Fiberglass	Laminated	1.5	0
90	4	Government	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated	1.5	2,3
5	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Excellent	Fiberglass	Modified Bitumen	1.25	0
7	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Poor	Fiberglass	3-Tab	1.25	2,3
12	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Good	Fiberglass	3-Tab	1.25	2,3
28	3	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated	1.25	2
56	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	3-Tab Overlay	1.25	2,3
57	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Poor	Organic	3-Tab Overlay	1.25	2,0
63	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	3-Tab Overlay	1.25	2,3
75	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated	1.25	2,0
104	S	Commercial	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated, Overlay	1.25	2
6	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Excellent	Fiberglass	Laminated	1.0	2
80	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Excellent	Fiberglass	3-Tab	1.0	0
107	S	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	3-Tab Overlay	1.0	2
107	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated	0.75	2
11	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Good	Fiberglass	Laminated	0.75	2
13	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Excellent	Fiberglass	Modified Bitumen	0.75	0
61	2	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated, Overlay	0.75	0
78	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated	0.75	0
78	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Fair	Fiberglass	Laminated	0.75	0
79 84	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Excellent	Fiberglass	Laminated	0.75	0
85	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Excellent	Fiberglass	3-Tab Overlay	0.75	1,2,3
85 87	S	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Poor	Fiberglass	3-Tab Overlay 3-Tab	0.75	0
81	1	Residence	Asphalt Shingle	Poor	Organic	3-Tab	0.75	2,3
50	3	School	Built-up Roofing	Excellent	Fiberglass	Granule Surfaced Cap Sheet	1.25	0
48	4	Commercial	Built-up Roofing	Fair	Fiberglass	Gravel Surfaced	2.0+	1,2,3
89	4	Commercial	Built-up Roofing	Good/Fair	Fiberglass	Lava Rock Surfaced	2.0+	2,3
32	3	Commercial	Built-up Roofing	Poor	Fiberglass	Aluminum-Coated	2.5	1,2,3
33	3	Commercial	Built-up Roofing	Fair	Organic	Gravel Surfaced	1.0	1,2,3

# **APPENDIX C:** Inspection Summary Table by Roof Type

#### Notes:

Hail Effects: (1) Surface marks (no fractures)

(2) Fractures in edges (unsupported regions)

(3) Fractures in field areas

(4) Denting

(5) Coating fractures

Inves. No.	Team No.	Building Type	Roof Type	Condition	Felt Type	Detail	Maximum Hail Size Inches	Hail Effects See Notes
98	4	Government	Built-up Roofing	Fair	Organic	Coal Tar Pitch, Ballasted	2.5	1,2,3
95	4	School	Built-up Roofing	Fair	Organic	Coal Tar Pitch	2.3	1,2,3
43	S	Commercial	Built-up Roofing	Poor	Organic	Asphalt	2.0	2,3
18a	2	Commercial	Built-up Roofing	Good	Fiberglass	Smooth Surface	1.8	0
94	4	School	Built-up Roofing	Good	Fiberglass	Gravel Surfaced	1.8	1
97(a)	4	School	Built-up Roofing	Fair	Organic	Gravel Surfaced	1.8	1
90(b)	4	Government	Built-up Roofing	Fair	Fiberglass	Gravel Surfaced	1.5	0
36	3	Commercial	Built-up Roofing	Good	Fiberglass	Gravel Surfaced	1.3	0
104(a)	S	Commercial	Built-up Roofing	Poor	Organic	Coal Tar Pitch, Ballasted	1.3	1,2,3
52	3	School	Built-up Roofing	Excellent	Organic	Coal Tar Pitch	1.0	2,3
100	4	School	Built-up Roofing	Good	Organic	Coal Tar Pitch, Gravel Surfaced	1.0	0
99	4	Church	Cedar Shake	Fair	NA	24-inch Medium	2.3	1,2,3
26	2	Residence	Cedar Shake	Fair	NA	24-inch Medium	2.0	1,2,3
86	S	Residence	Cedar Shake	Excellent	NA	24-inch Medium	2.0	2
105	S	Government	Cedar Shake	Good	NA	24-inch Medium	2.0	1,2
24	2	Residence	Cedar Shake	Good	NA	24-inch Medium	1.8	1,2,3
23	2	Residence	Cedar Shake	Poor	NA	24-inch Medium	1.5	1,2,3
55	2	Residence	Cedar Shake	Fair	NA	24-inch Medium	1.5	2,3
77	1	Residence	Cedar Shake	Poor	NA	24-inch Medium	1.0	0
15	2	Residence	Cedar Shake	Poor	NA	24-inch x 3/8-inch	0.8	1,2
54	2	Church	Clay Tile	Good	NA	Clay Tile	1.8	1,2,3
58	2	Church	Clay Tile	Excellent	NA	Clay Tile	1.5	2
41a	S	Government	Concrete	Good	NA	Elastomeric Coating	2.0	0
62	2	Residence	Concrete Tile	Good	NA	Concrete Tile	1.5	2,3
27	3	Commercial	EPDM		NA	Fully-Adhered	2.0+	1
31	3	Commercial	EPDM	Excellent	NA	60 mil, Gravel Ballast	2.5	2,3
38	3	Commercial	EPDM	Excellent	NA	Gravel Ballast	1.3	0
67	2	Commercial	Fiber Cement	Poor	NA	Fiber Cement	2.0+	2,3
18	2	Commercial	Fiber Cement	Good	Organic	Fiber Cement	1.8	1
51	S	Commercial	Fiber Cement Tile	Fair	NA	Simulated Shake	2.0+	0
60	2	Residence	Metal	Good	NA	Galvalume/Galvanized	0.5	4
98(a)	4	Government	Metal	Good	NA	Painted Standing Seam	2.5	4
40a	S	Government	Metal	Excellent	NA	Galvalume	1.5	1
70	2	Church	Metal	Good	NA	Galvanized Steel	1.5	0
71	1	Commercial	Metal	Good	NA	Galvalume	1.3	2,3
83	1	Commercial	Metal	Good	NA	Galvalume	1.0	2
40	S	Government	Metal	Excellent	NA	Galvalume	1.5	4
59	2	Church	Metal	Good	NA	Standing Seam	1.5	4
17	2	Residence	Metal Shingle	Good	NA	Aluminum Shake	1.8	4
22	2	Residence	Metal Shingle	Good	NA	Aluminum Shake	1.8	4
66	2	Commercial	Metal Shingle	Good	NA	Stone Coated	1.3	0
34	3	Commercial	Mod. Bit/Tile	Poor	Fiberglass	APP/Clay Tile	3.0	1
30	3	Commercial	Modified Bitumen	Excellent	Fiberglass	SBS	2.5	0
74	1	Residence	Modified Bitumen	Excellent	Fiberglass	SBS/APP	2.5	1,2
92	4	Commercial	Modified Bitumen	Good	Fiberglass	SBS	2.5	1,2,3
102	4	School	Modified Bitumen	Good	Fiberglass	SBS	2.5	1,2,3
91	4	School	Modified Bitumen	Good	Fiberglass	SBS	2.3	1,2,3
95(a)	4	School	Modified Bitumen	Fair	Fiberglass	SBS	2.3	2
26a	2	Residence	Modified Bitumen	Fair	Fiberglass	SBS	2.0	1,3
41	S	Government	Modified Bitumen	Good	Fiberglass	APP	2.0	1

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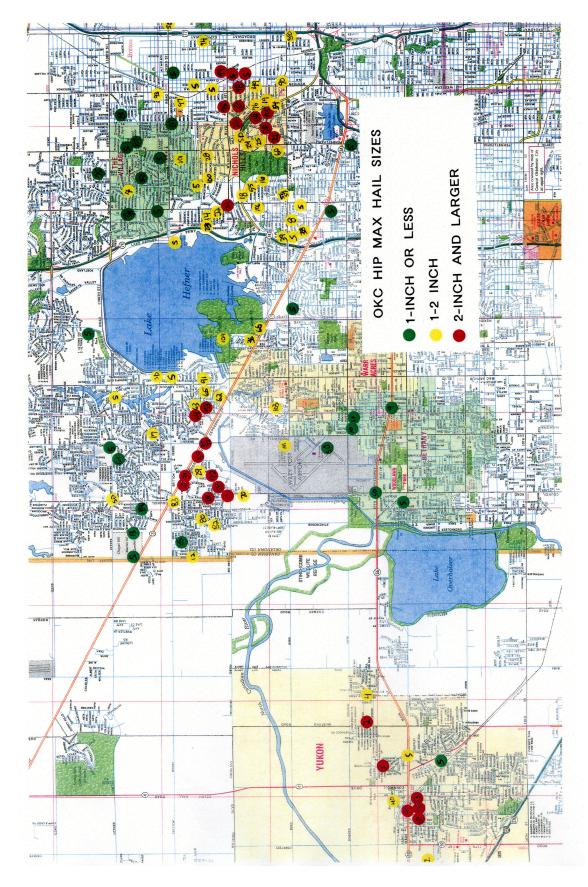
Inves. No.	Team No.	Building Type	Roof Type	Condition	Felt Type	Detail	Maximum Hail Size Inches	Hail Effects See Notes
42	S	Commercial	Modified Bitumen	Fair	Fiberglass	Granule Surfaced	2.0	2
76(a)	1	Residence	Modified Bitumen	Good	Fiberglass	SBS	1.8	1,2
103	4	School	Modified Bitumen	Good	Fiberglass	SBS	1.8	2,3
106	S	Commercial	Modified Bitumen	Good	Fiberglass	APP	1.8	2
39	3	Commercial	Modified Bitumen	Good	Fiberglass	APP	1.5	4
88(a)	4	Commercial	Modified Bitumen	Fair	Fiberglass	APP, Aluminum-Coated	1.5	1,2,3
90(a)	4	Government	Modified Bitumen	Fair	Fiberglass	SBS	1.5	1,2
7a	1	Residence	Modified Bitumen	Fair	Fiberglass	SBS	1.3	0
50a	3	School	Modified Bitumen	Excellent	Fiberglass	SBS	1.3	3
35	3	Commercial	PVC	Good	NA	Reinforced	2.5	0
29	3	Commercial	PVC	Fair	NA	Reinforced	1.8	2,3
37	3	Commercial	Replaced After Storm	NA	NA	NA	1.3	NA
90(c)	4	Government	Slate Shingles	Good	NA	Natural	1.5	0
93	4	School	SPF	Good	NA	Elastomeric Coated	1.8	1,5
94(a)	4	School	SPF	Fair	NA	Elastomeric Coated	1.8	1,5
97(b)	4	School	SPF	Poor	NA	Elastomeric Coating	1.8	1,5
49	S	Commercial	SPF	Fair	NA	Elastomeric Coating	1.5	0
96	4	School	SPF	Poor	NA	Elastomeric Coating	1.3	5
100(a)	4	School	SPF	Good	NA	Elastomeric Coating	1.0	1
9	1	Commercial	Standing Seam Metal	Good	NA	Copper	0.75	4
20	2	Residence	Tile	Fair	NA	Clay	2.0	2,3
64	2	Residence	Tile	Excellent	NA	Tile	2.0	2
19	2	Residence	Tile	Excellent	NA	Concrete	1.75	0
76	1	Residence	Tile	Good	NA	Clay	1.75	2
88(b)	4	Commercial	TPO	Good	NA	Reinforced	1.5	1

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# **APPENDIX D: Oklahoma City Hail Sizes Map**



## **APPENDIX E: RICOWI Hail Investigation Team Members**

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