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## **SPRI Approves Test Method for Strength of Modified Bitumen Cold Adhesive Laps in Peel and Shear**

**Waltham, MA, August 2005** —SPRI's (Single Ply Roofing Industry) Technical Committee and Board of Directors have recently released a new test method to evaluate the lap strength of adhesives used with APP and SBS polymer-modified bituminous sheet materials. This test method will now be submitted for review and approval as an ASTM Test method.

The development of the test method began in 2002 when a blind study was initiated with six SPRI Member Companies submitting membrane/adhesive combinations to PRI Asphalt Technologies in Tampa, FL. PRI staff prepared samples and shipped them back to SPRI Member Company test labs. These product combinations were used in a round robin study of the test methods.

The test method is potentially the cornerstone of development for a Modified Bitumen adhesive performance standard. Early SPRI data has shown a correlation between the Modified Bitumen adhesives studied in the round robin and Factory Mutual wind uplift performance.

Sophisticated Modified Bitumen cold adhesive formulations now offer FM wind uplift performance, which rivals hot asphalt attachment. Featuring a fume-free, thermal hazard-free installation, Cold Adhesive Modified Bitumen systems have become an attractive option.

SPRI's "Test Method for Strength of Modified Bitumen Cold Adhesive Laps in Peel and Shear" costs only \$10. To purchase your copy, please visit the association's web site at [www.spri.org](http://www.spri.org) or call SPRI headquarters at (781) 647-7026.

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