

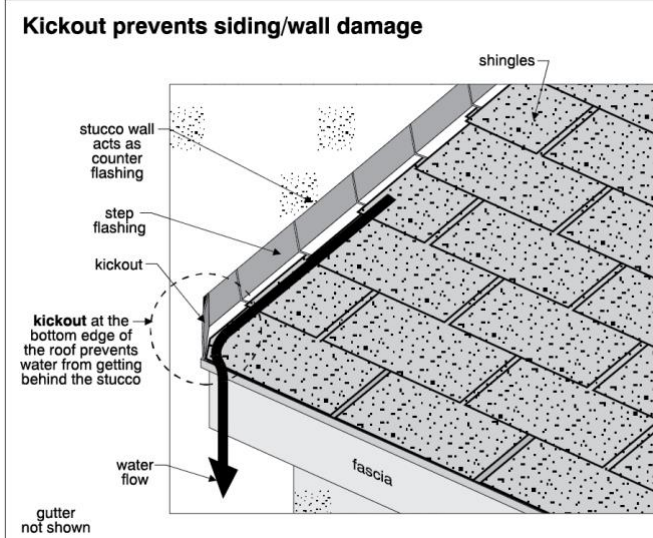
# Kicker Roof Flashing by Finn Home Inspectors

A roof flashing kicker diverts the water at the bottom edge of a roof away from an adjacent wall, see diagram below. Without the kicker water may run off the roof and down the adjacent wall siding causing fungus growth and deterioration of the wall.

When initially installing roof shingles the kicker is made in the last piece of step flashing at the lower edge of the roof as shown in the sketch below. In a retro fit often the kicker may be attached to the top of the roof shingles, see photo below.

As you can see in the photos below water running down the side of the house can cause much damage to the wall, and if a window or door is present can do much damage to them also.

Sketch below from Carson/Dunlop



Kicker that is integrated into the step flashing.

Kicker installed after damage was done to adjacent wall, note deterioration in siding. Kickers added after often are smaller than shown but just as effective.



No kicker on upper roof, water has run down siding has stained it and deteriorated the siding. We often see window frames damaged too.



With no kicker the water has rotted through the siding and likely has damaged the framing for the wall behind the siding.