

Energy Analysis of Cool Roofs for Residential Buildings in a Hot or Dry Climate



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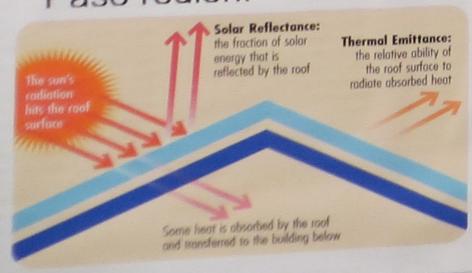
Introduction

Cool roofs reflect the sun's energy away to significantly reduce surface temperature which reduces energy cost:

- Reduces 15% annually of energy usage
- Reduces residential energy cost by 50%
- Improving occupant comfort.
- Works best in hot climates like El Paso area

Objectives

- Effectively analyze cool roof's impact on energy consumption using simulation tools
- Explain the benefits of having cool roofs in the El Paso region.



Research Question

How can cool roofs save money & reduce energy consumption in hot and dry climates?

Methods and Tools

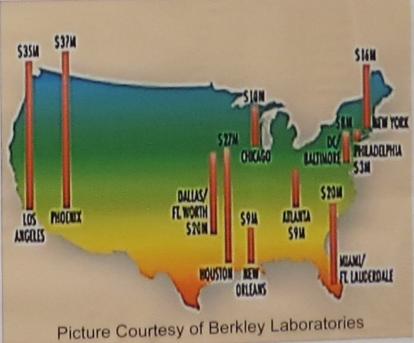
Collect seasonal energy usage of a home using cool roofs Modeling-SketchUp; simulation-DOE C-Roof; Energy Wise Analyze the data as a function of money;
Discussion and results

Pros

Cool Roofs Cons

- Saves money in the summer
- Lower emissions
- Positive impact on the environment
- Works best in Hot Climates like El Paso
- Expensive to convert normal roofs but pays for itself over time





Significance

- Reduce energy cost.
- Reduce emissions
- Positively impacting the community
- Successfully keeps homes cool in hot climate areas

Expected Results

The energy analysis software will provide computational data from analysis of the cool roofing system

References

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