

MASONS VENTILATED BATTENS

DESIGN AND INSTALLATION GUIDE



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General and product information

DESCRIPTION - MASONS VENTILATED PLASTIC ROOF BATTENS

Available in two sizes, Masons Ventilated Battens are made of tough non-absorbent polypropylene and have a self-adhesive strip for convenient placement prior to nailing. Ventilated battens are used to form a cavity allowing the free flow of air and moisture, assisting with effective ventilation of a roof cavity. The cellular construction is non-conductive, capillary action resistant and dimensionally stable, and assists with reducing thermal bridging. They are robust with a high compressive strength so are effective packers. They are not suitable to be used as structural battens.

Masons Ventilated Battens for roof applications should be covered within 21 days. This is to match the maximum UV exposure time of Masons VHP Roof Underlay. Check the UV exposure of the roof underlay used and conform to that. Masons recommends same day cover for Masons roof underlay and roof ventilation battens.

TEMPERATURE RANGE

-5°C to 80°C

Using Masons Ventilated Battens as part of a passive ventilated roof design will assist in moderating the heat build up under the roof cladding.

MASONS ROOF BATTENS

Product code	BATNVENT 45x18x1800	Sold as a Box of 25 battens
Product code	BATNVENT 45X11X1800	Sold as a box of 50 battens

- Where used, adjust nail guns to seat nails flush, or just proud, avoid over driving and rupturing the top layer.
- Masons Ventilated Battens may be used with all Masons roof underlay products. They are likely to be suitable for use with many other underlays except where specified otherwise by the underlay or cladding suppliers.



ROOFS

Ventilated roof battens – part of a vented roof cavity design.

WHY USE VENTILATED ROOF BATTENS?

There is a growing understanding that unventilated cold roof spaces can result in excessive condensation with resulting wet insulation and framing timbers. This is well understood in many countries where ventilation in the roof space is seen as essential for dry framing, insulation performance and to reduce the corrosion risk to metal claddings or components.

Cold roof design is very common in New Zealand, the insulation is installed over the ceiling lining, and the roof cladding. Underlay and support mesh rise and fall in temperature with sunshine hours and ambient external temperature. Very few residential or light commercial ceilings have a vapour blocker layer under the insulation to stop moisture diffusion into the roof attic space from the normal activities of occupants. As the air in the attic space cools overnight or on cold days moisture in the air condenses at the dew point and forms on the underside of the (cold, uninsulated) roof cladding. The roof underlay absorbs the condensation and releases it again back into the air in the attic roof space when the sun warms the roof cladding and attic space. However, if moisture rich air in the attic roof space cannot escape, excessive condensation can form, overwhelming the underlay and raining condensation onto the insulation and roof framing.

DESIGN

Masons Ventilated Cavity Battens in 11mm or 18mm thickness may be used as part of a passive ventilated roof space design. Passive roof space ventilation uses the stack effect and wind movement to create air movement through the roof space carrying out moisture laden air.

The design should provide for air to flow, enter the roof space at the eaves, across any bulk insulation pressing against the underlay and roof cladding near the eaves, along the line of the underlay to exit at the ridge. Eaves vents may be sized slightly larger than the ridge vents and must always be used in conjunction.

Care should be taken when designing passive type roof ventilation in corrosion zones such as geothermal or salt spray. In these zones Passive-Stack Ventilation may need to be avoided. Attention should be given to blocking vapour entering the roof space, and or increased ventilation for the occupied space among other design choices.



EXAMPLES

Masons 11mm Ventilated Batten has a net free open area of 6,800mm² per Lm

Masons 18mm Ventilated Batten has a net free open area of 12,300mm² per Lm

Use of a Masons Redway Cavity Closer as a baffle will regulate net free open area to 1,000mm² per Lm

When calculating the net free open area required for adequate passive ventilation the following ratios are suggested:

- For Duo pitched roofs with a roof slope of less than 10°, and all skillion, or mono pitched roofs – 1/150 ratio – more ventilation.
- For Duo pitched roofs 10° roof slope and greater – 1/300 ratio – less ventilation.
- For Duo pitched roofs Ridge and Eaves Lm are added together and doubled.
- For Mono pitch and skillion roofs Ridge and Eaves Lm are added together (not doubled).

The formula for calculating the open area and selection of the Masons Ventilated Batten for a duo pitched roof with a roof slope greater than 10 ° is as follows:

- Measure the length of Eaves and Ridges in Lm x 2 (do not double for Skillion roofs).
- Calculate the m² of Ceiling including soffits in m².
- Divide the ceiling area in m²/300 for a 1/300 passive ventilation ratio (if using a 1/300 ratio) to achieve m² of ventilation open area required.
- Multiply by 1000,000 to convert to mm² of net free open area.
- Divide this figure by the Net free open area of the Masons Ventilated Batten to determine the Masons Batten thickness that is required to provide ventilation at the eaves and ridge.

EXAMPLE

The building has an Eaves and Ridge Length x 2 of 72 Lm of 48 with an ceiling and soffit area of 180m².

$180/300 = .6 \times 1000,000 = 600,000\text{mm}^2$.

600,000/72Lm means a net free open area per Lm of 833.33 is required at ridge and eaves.

Masons 11mm Ventilated Batten is more than sufficient to meet this net free open area demand. This is the batten thickness to select.



The roof pitch and the wind at the buildings site should be considered when selecting passive roof space ventilation. Mono pitch roofs and roof pitches below 10° pitch benefit less from the 'stack effect' and require more passive ventilation free open area – consider Masons 18mm ventilated battens, or 11mm battens double-stacked.

The amount of wind the roof is exposed to substantially affects roof passive ventilation effectiveness. For windy sites with duo pitched roofs steeper than 10° slope a passive ventilation ratio of 1:600 may be adequate.

Masons Redway Cavity Closers may be used to provide additional wind baffling on lower double pitched roofs or for roofs in wind zones High and above.

Masons recommends designers read the MRM COP Ventilation of attic spaces
<https://www.metalroofing.org.nz/technical/ventilation-attic-spaces>

BRANZ have several guides or articles about cold roof ventilation and design. Google search 'BRANZ roof ventilation'.

The details and advice offered by Masons are of a general nature based on industry knowledge and practice. The building designer must always satisfy themselves that their design meets all requirements and are responsible for the final design.

VENTILATED BATTEN OPEN AREA:

Masons Ventilated Roof Batten 18 x 45mm x 1.8M

Nominal ventilation open area = 12,300mm² per Lm or 22140mm² per 1.8 m length

Masons Ventilated Batten Roof 11 x 45mm x 1.8M

Nominal ventilation open area = 6800mm² per Lm or 12240mm² per 1.8 m length

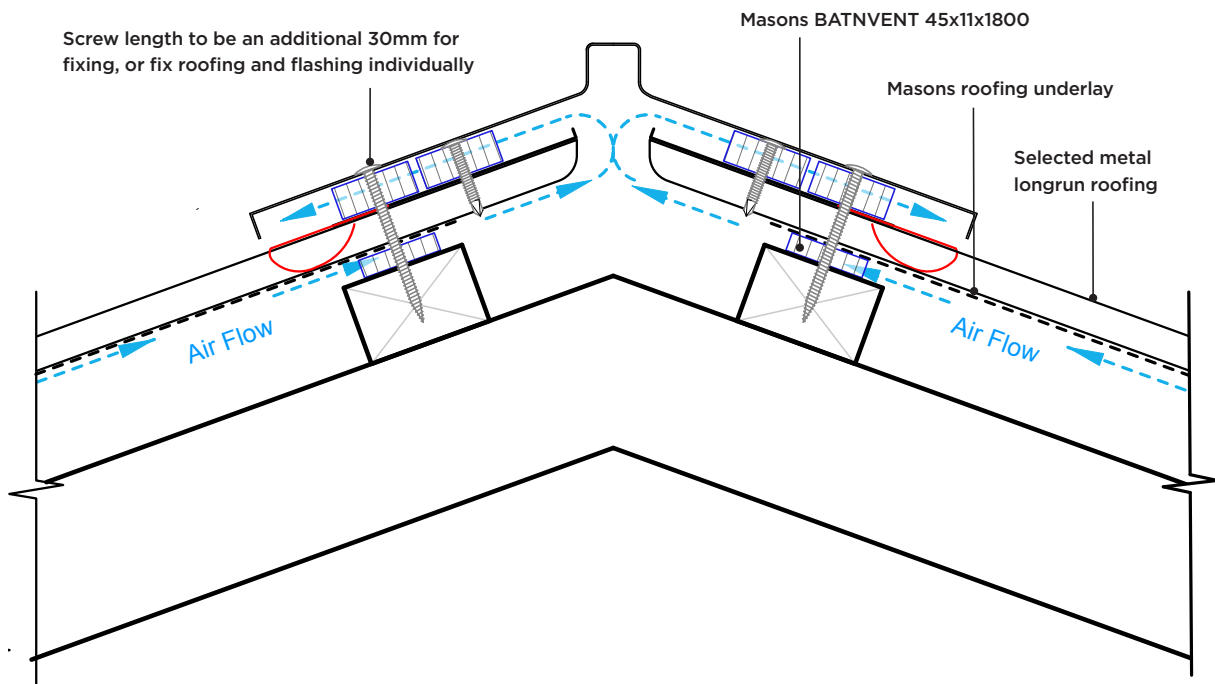
INSTALLATION

Roof:

- Install Masons Ventilated Cavity Battens over the timber purlins before laying Masons or other underlays as specified, using the self-adhesive strip to temporarily fix the battens before overlaying with underlay, roof cladding and fixing off. Do not walk on or traffic battens held only by self-adhesive tape.
- If the battens are to be trafficked, use flat Gav or SS head nails or screws fitted flush (avoid breaking the top surface of the batten) of sufficient length to penetrate the batten width, plus at least 35mm with sufficient gauge to fix battens firmly for light foot traffic whilst the underlay is being laid. Ensure battens are mechanically fixed to purlins before any foot traffic. Fixings should be spaced to provide a firm, stable walking surface; a maximum fixing spacing of 400 mm is recommended. The installer may adjust spacing as required, but battens must be secure and stable underfoot wherever they are trafficked.

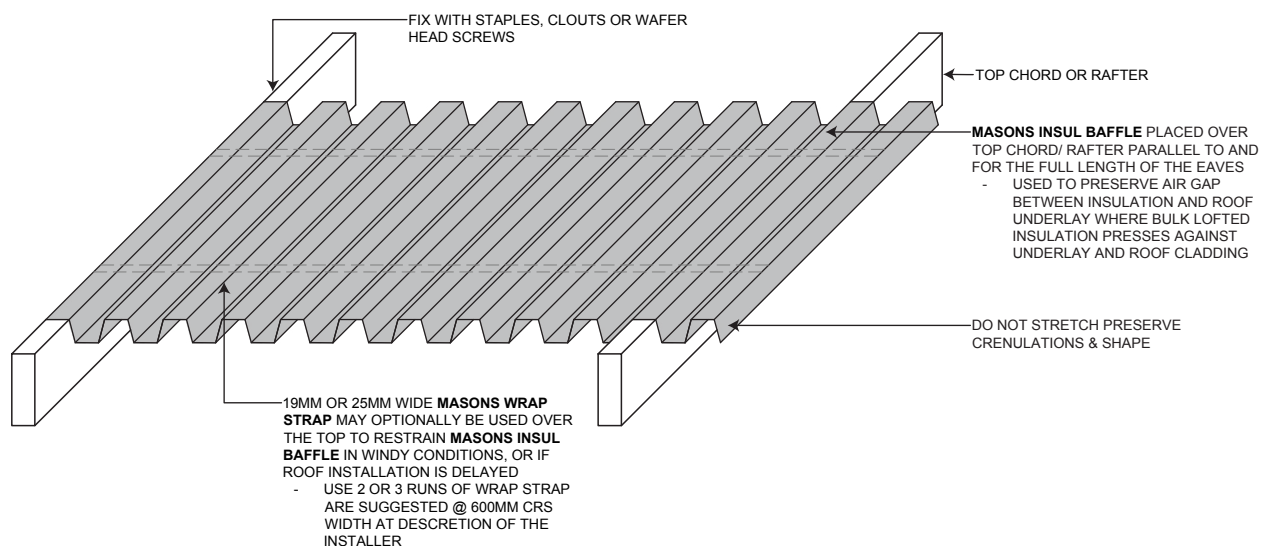


Roof Ventilation



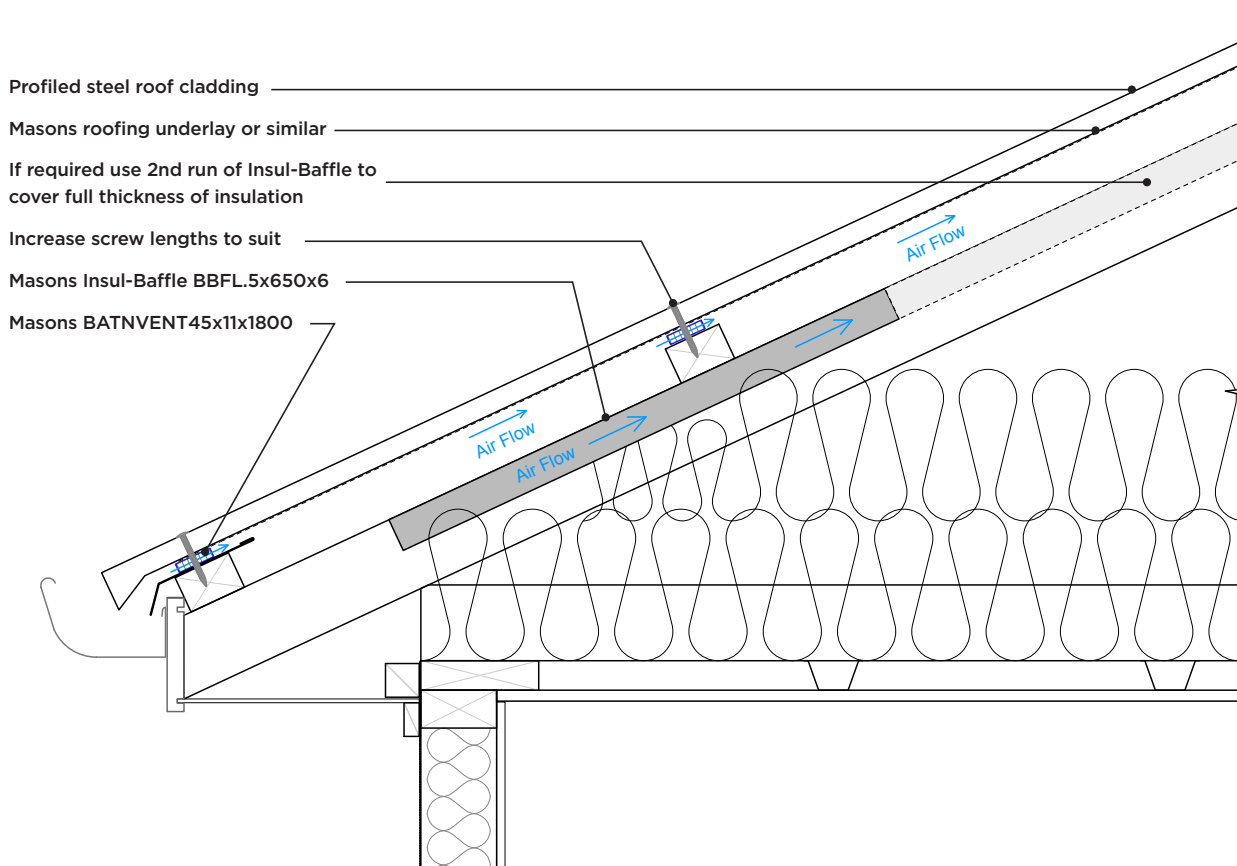
Use in conjunction with Masons Insul-Baffle, insulation/underlay separator to ensure good air circulation near the eaves where insulation may press against the underlay. For more information see our product page. <https://mpb.co.nz/product/insul-baffle>

Masons Insul-Baffle 50mm H x 650mm W x 6Lm





Typical Placement



EAVES AND RIDGE:

Masons roof, or roof and wall battens may be used to provide air inflow and out flow of the roof space in conjunction with flashings and Redway cavity closers. Masons Ventilated Battens should be doubled spaced on the ridge vent under flashing, and aligned over the purlin and under the ridge cap to provide sufficient support to prevent indentation or buckling of the ridge cap when fixed off.

Use an eaves or anti flutter flashing where required by E2 AS1 8.4.11, 8.4.12c Fig 45, or where the roofer wishes to proactively reduce the possible occurrence of underlay flutter. Masons support and suggests the incorporation of an anti-flutter flashing as good practice as the occurrence of underlay flutter is unpredictable and difficult to remedy later.

The air cells in Masons 18mm Ventilated Batten are small enough to exclude vermin. A Masons Redway Cavity Closer RDCC 19 or 21 may be considered when an additional weather deflector is required or for air flow regulation.

Masons Ventilated 11mm Batten also excludes vermin. Masons RDCC15 Cavity Closer may be considered when an additional weather deflector is required or for air flow regulation.

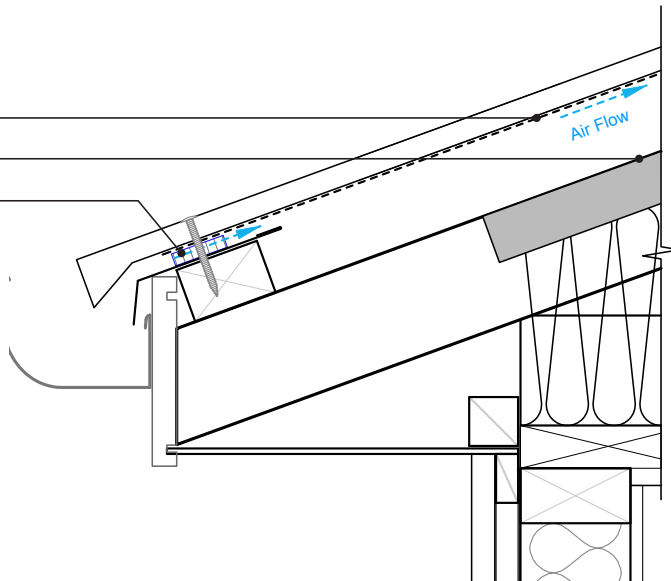


Roof Eave Detail

Masons roofing underlay

Masons Insul-Baffle BBFL.5x650x6

Masons BATNVENT45x11x1800



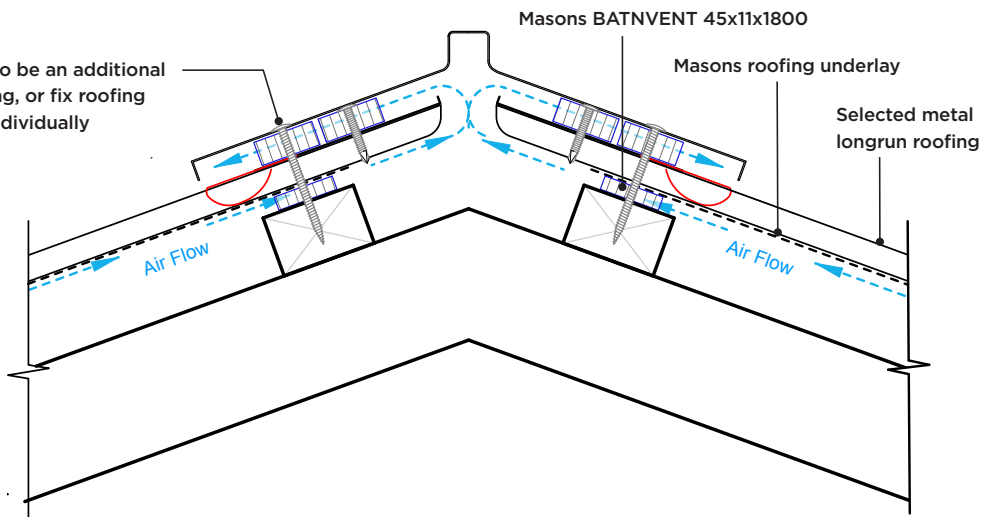
Pitched Roof Ridge Detail

Screw length to be an additional 30mm for fixing, or fix roofing and flashing individually

Masons BATNVENT 45x11x1800

Masons roofing underlay

Selected metal longrun roofing

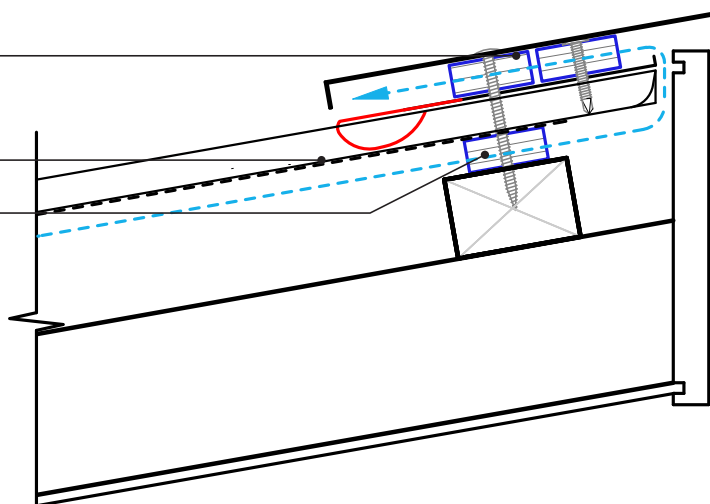


Mono Pitched Roof Eave Detail

2 Masons Ventilated Battens at ridge BATNVENT 45x18x1800 spaced 5mm apart

Masons roofing underlay

Masons BATNVENT 45x11x1800





Masons Ventilated batten used in a Passive Roof Ventilation System. Options 1- 3

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Option 1 - 6800mm2 / 1m Cross Ventilation

Masons Roof Ventilation

Trussed Roof- Steel Longrun



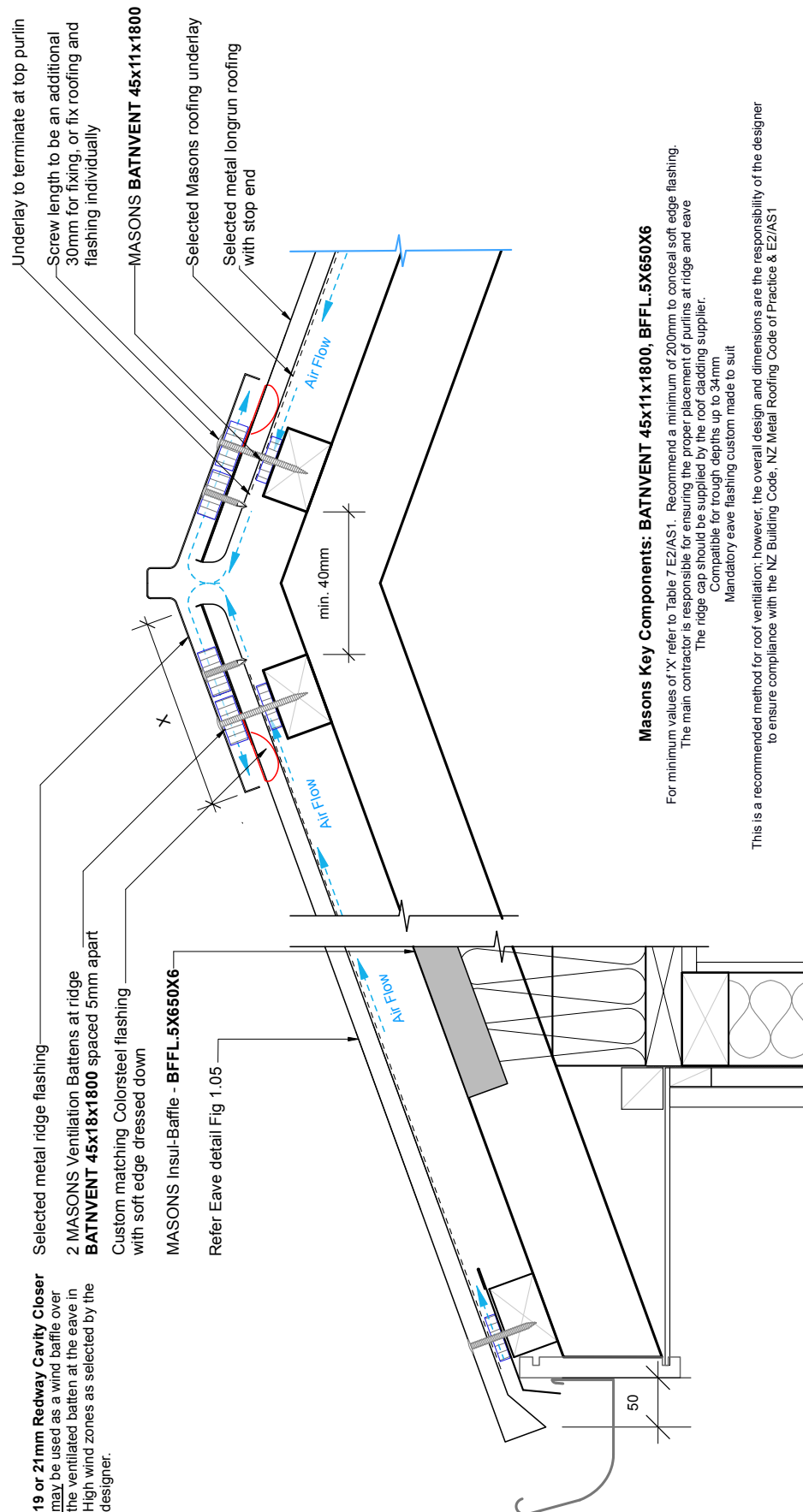
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Fig.1.03



Masons Key Components: BATNVENT 45x11x1800, BFFL-5X650X6

For minimum values of 'X' refer to Table 7 E2/AS1. Recommend a minimum of 200mm to conceal soft edge flashing.
The main contractor is responsible for ensuring the proper placement of purlins at ridge and eave
The ridge cap should be supplied by the roof cladding supplier.
Compatible for trough depths up to 34mm
Mandatory eave flashing custom made to suit

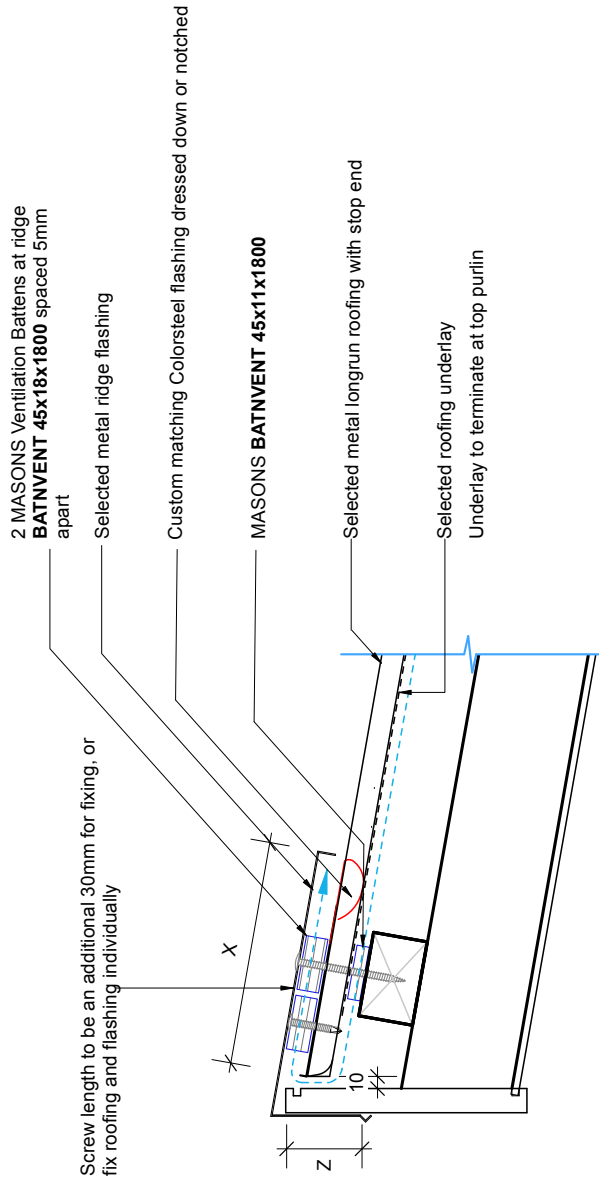
This is a recommended method for roof ventilation; however, the overall design and dimensions are the responsibility of the designer to ensure compliance with the NZ Building Code, NZ Metal Roofing Code of Practice & E2/AS1



Option 1 - 6800mm2 / 1m Cross Ventilation
Masons Mono Ridge/Barge Ventilation
Trussed Roof - Steel Longrun



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Masons Key Components: BATNVENT 45x11x1800

For minimum values of 'X' & 'Z' refer to Table 7 E2/AS1. Recommend a minimum of 200mm for 'X' to conceal soft edge flashing
The main contractor is responsible for ensuring the proper placement of purlins for fixing of the ridge vent.
The ridge cap should be supplied by the roof cladding supplier.
This is a recommended method for roof ventilation; however, the overall design and dimensions are the responsibility of the designer to ensure compliance with the NZ Building Code, NZ Metal Roofing Code of Practice & E2/AS1



Option 1 - 6800mm² / 1m Cross Ventilation

Masons Eave Ventilation

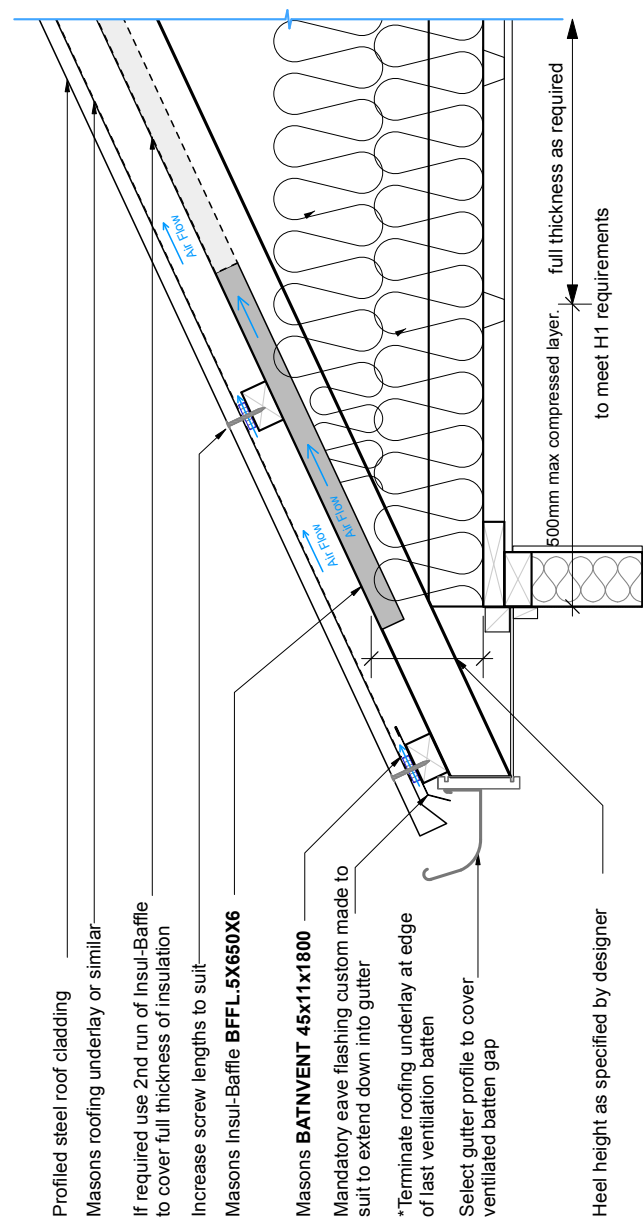
Trussed Roof - Steel Longrun

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Masons Key Components: BFFL.5X650X6, BATNVENT 45x11x1800





Option 2 - 12300mm² / 1m

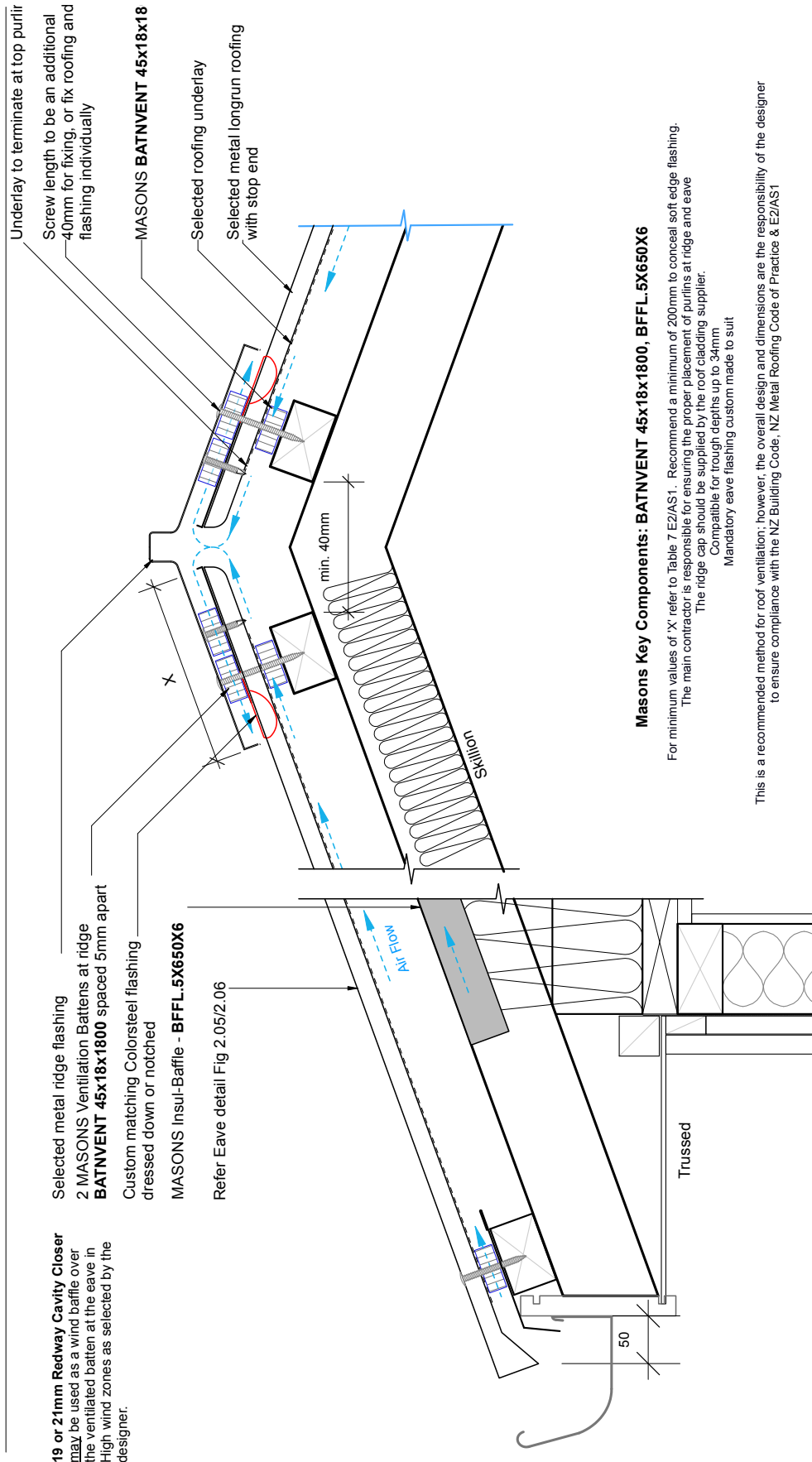
Masons Roof Ventilation

Trussed / Skillion Roof - Steel Longrun

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Fig.2.03



Masons Key Components: BATNVENT 45x18x1800, BFFL-5X650X6

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The main contractor is responsible for ensuring the proper placement of purlins at ridge and eave.
The ridge cap should be supplied by the roof cladding supplier.
Compatible for trough depths up to 34mm.
Mandatory eave flashing custom made to suit

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Option 2 - 12300mm2 / 1m

Masons Ridge/Barge Ventilation

Trussed / Skillion Roof - Steel Longrun

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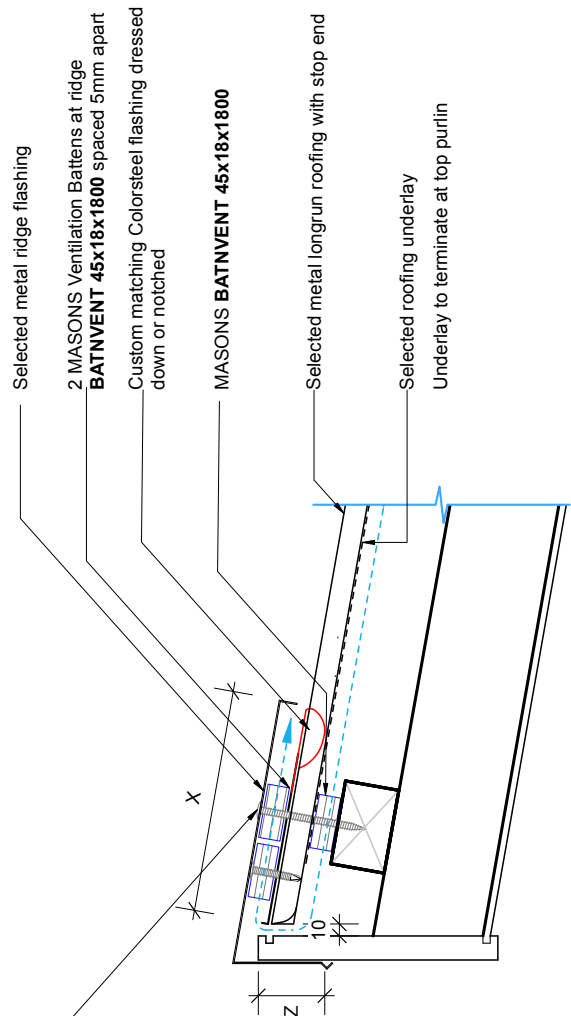
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Screw length to be an additional 40mm for fixing, or fix roofing and flashing individually



Masons Key Components: BATNVENT 45x18x1800

For minimum values of 'X' & 'Z' refer to Table 7 E2/AS1. Recommend a minimum of 200mm for 'X' to conceal soft edge flashing
The main contractor is responsible for ensuring the proper placement of purlins for fixing of the ridge vent.
The ridge cap should be supplied by the roof cladding supplier.
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Option 2 - 12300mm2 / Im Cross Ventilation

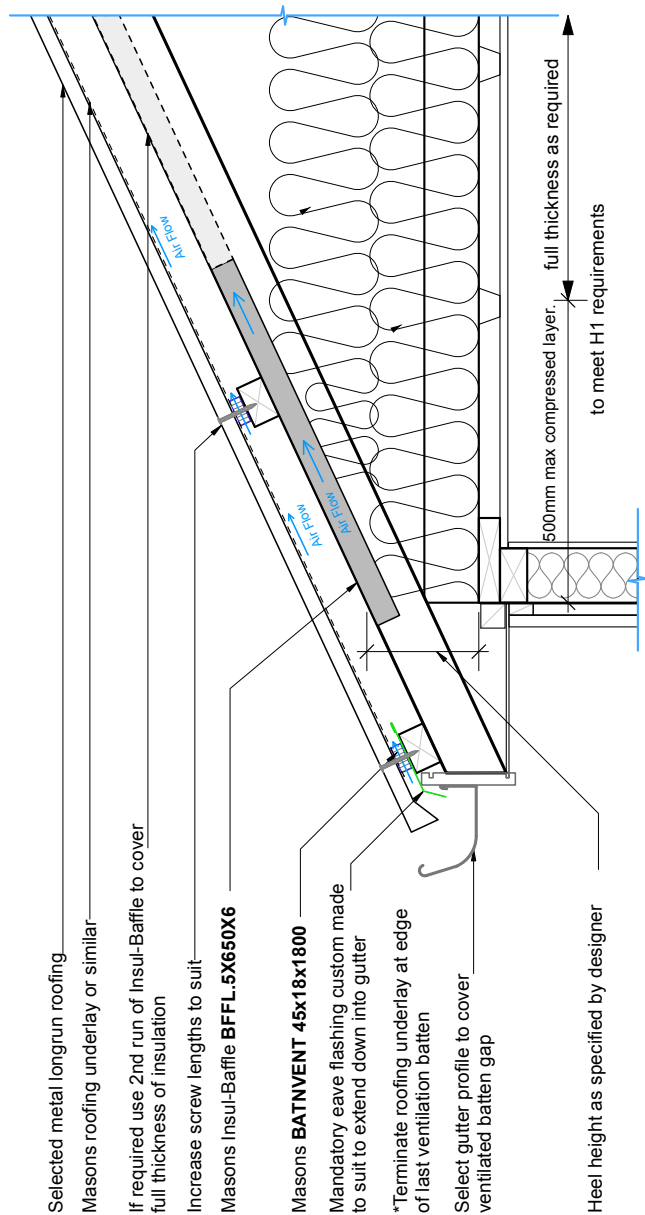
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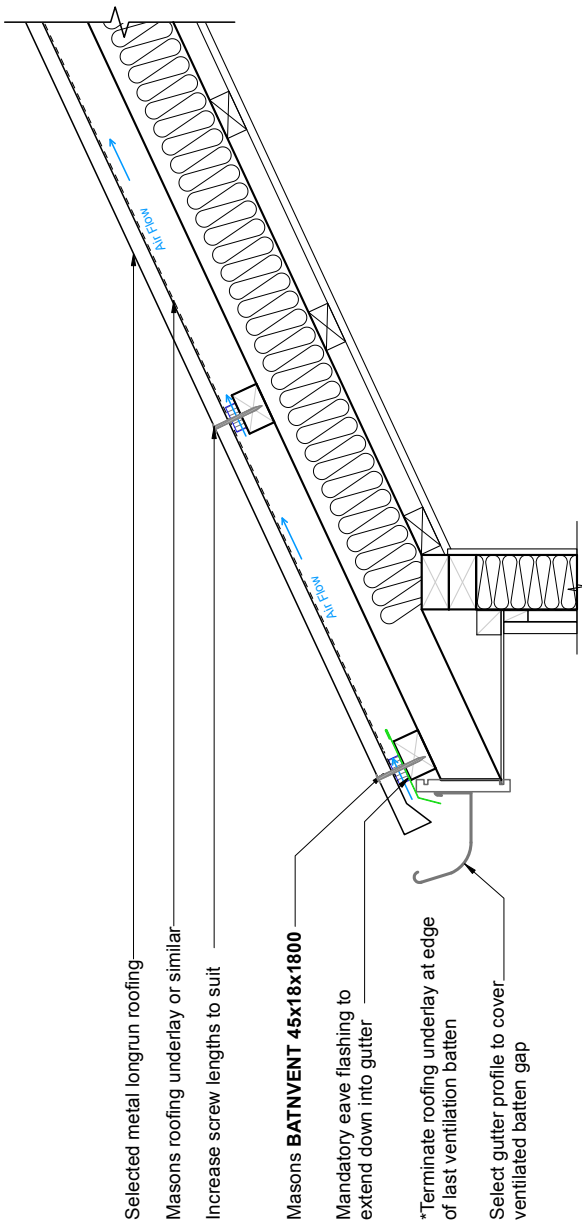
Masons Key Components: BFFL.5X650X6, BATNVENT 45x18x1800



Option 2 - 12300mm² / 1m Cross Ventilation

Masons Eave Ventilation
Skillion Roof - Steel Longrun

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Masons Key Components: BATNVENT 45x18x1800



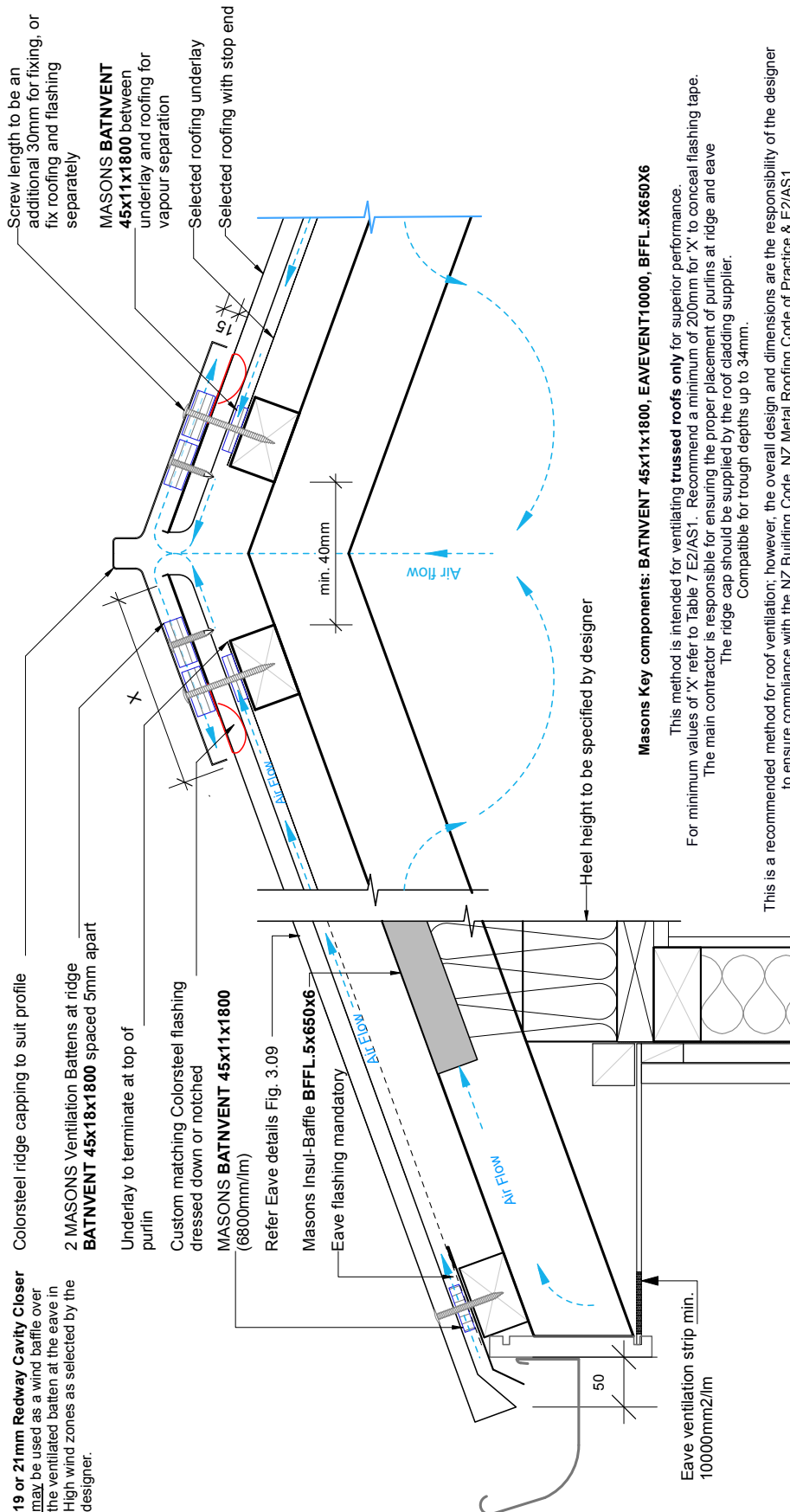
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Option 3 - 10000mm2 / 1m Cross Ventilation to Attic Space + vapour separation between roof and underlay - Trussed Roof
Masons Roof Ventilation

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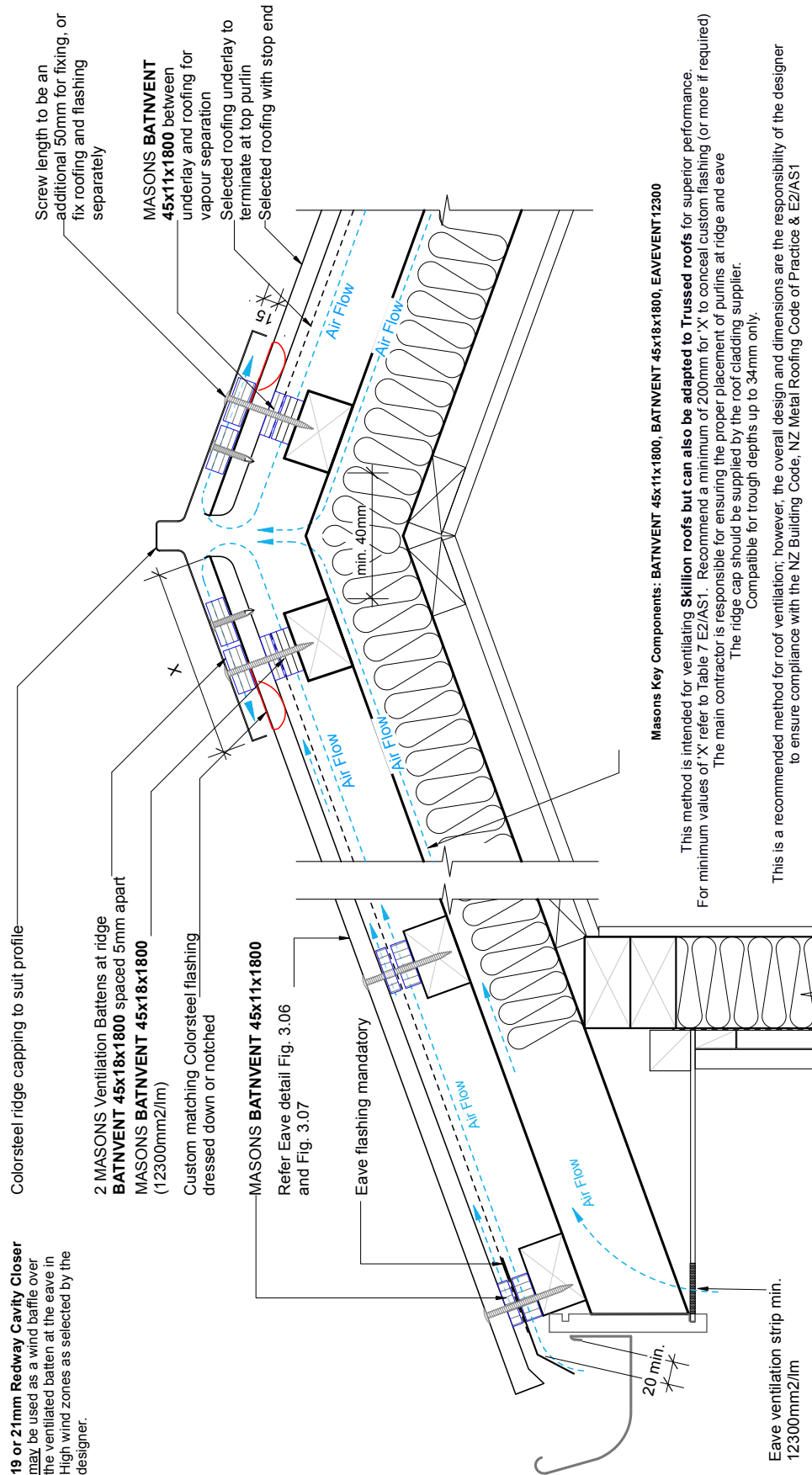
Option 3 - 24600mm² / 1m Cross Ventilation + vapour separation between roof and underlay

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Masons Roof Ventilation

Trussed roof <15° or Skillion Roof all pitches - Steel Longrun



Masons Key Components: BATNVENT 45x11x1800, BATNVENT 45x18x1800, EAVEVENT12300

This method is intended for ventilating Skillion roofs but can also be adapted to Trussed roofs for superior performance. For minimum values of 'X' refer to Table 7 E2/AS1. Recommend a minimum of 200mm for 'X' to conceal custom flashing (or more if required). The main contractor is responsible for ensuring the proper placement of purlins at ridge and eave. The ridge cap should be supplied by the roof cladding supplier. Compatible for trough depths up to 34mm only.

This is a recommended method for roof ventilation; however, the overall design and dimensions are the responsibility of the designer to ensure compliance with the NZ Building Code, NZ Metal Roofing Code of Practice & E2/AS1



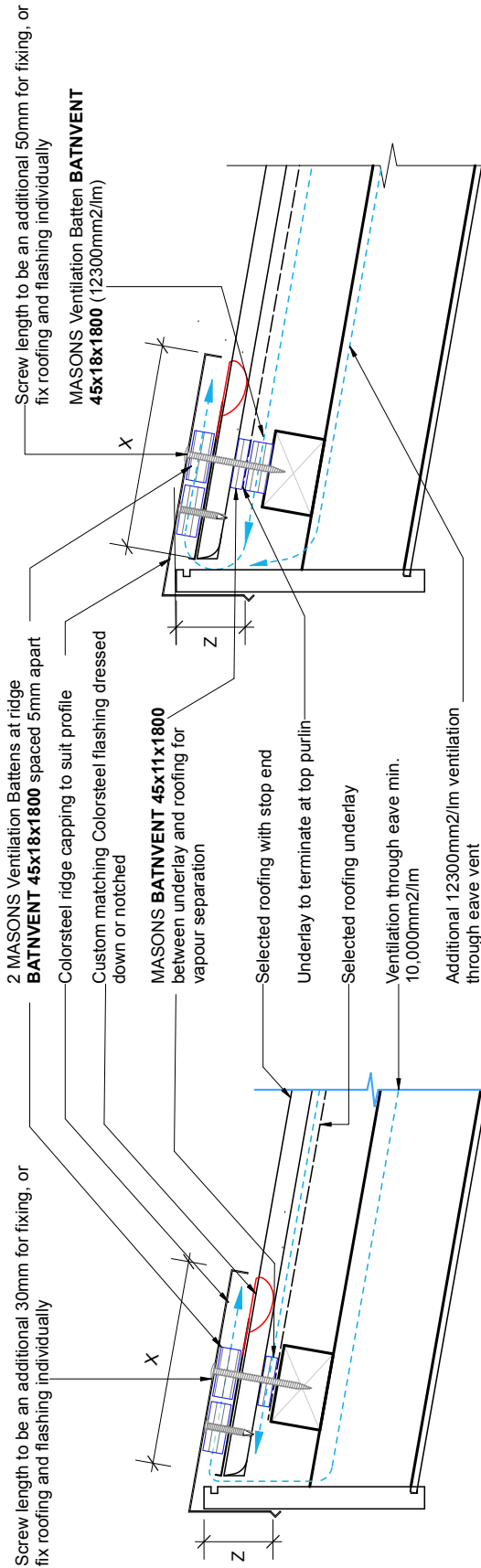
Option 3 - Cross ventilation as stated + vapour separation between roof and underlay

Masons Mono Ridge/Barge Ventilation

Trussed & Skillion Roof - Steel Longrun

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Trussed Roof

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10000mm2 / lm Cross Ventilation

Skillion Roof

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24600mm2 / lm Cross Ventilation

Masons Key Components: BATNVENT 45x11x1800, BATNVENT 45x11x1800, EAVEVENT10000 / EAVEVENT12300

For minimum values of 'X' & 'Z' refer to Table 7 E2/AS1. Recommend a minimum of 200mm for 'X' to conceal custom flashing (or more if required)

The main contractor is responsible for ensuring the proper placement of purlins for fixing of the ridge vent.

The ridge cap should be supplied by the roof cladding supplier.

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Option 3 - 24600mm2 / 1m Cross Ventilation

Masons - Eave Ventilation for Skillion Roofs & Trussed Roofs <15°

Skillion /Trussed Roof - Steel Longrun Roofing

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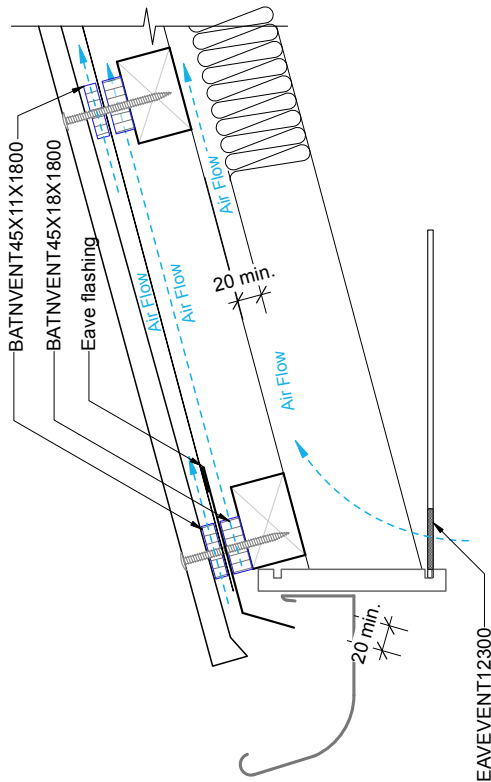
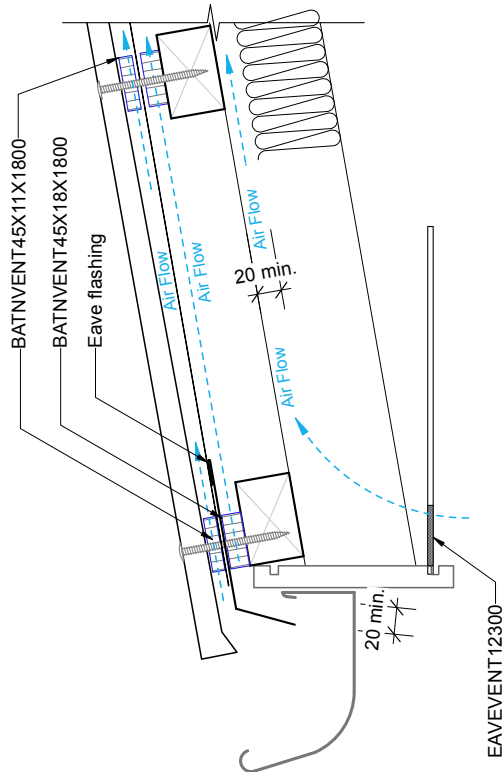


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KEY COMPONENTS

11mm Ventilation batten - BATNVENT 45X11X1800 (6800mm2/1m)
18mm Ventilation batten - BATNVENT 45X18X1800 (12300mm2/1m)
Eave Vent - EAVEVENT12300
Eave flashing - by others

19 or 21mm Redway Cavity Closer
may be used as a wind baffle over the ventilated batten at the eave in High wind zones as selected by the designer.



Masons Eave Ventilation - 10° Skillion Roof

Masons Eave Ventilation - 15° Skillion Roof or <15° Trussed Roof



Option 3 - 24600mm2 / 1m Cross Ventilation

Masons - Eave Ventilation for Skillion Roofs

Skillion Roof - Steel Longrun Roofing

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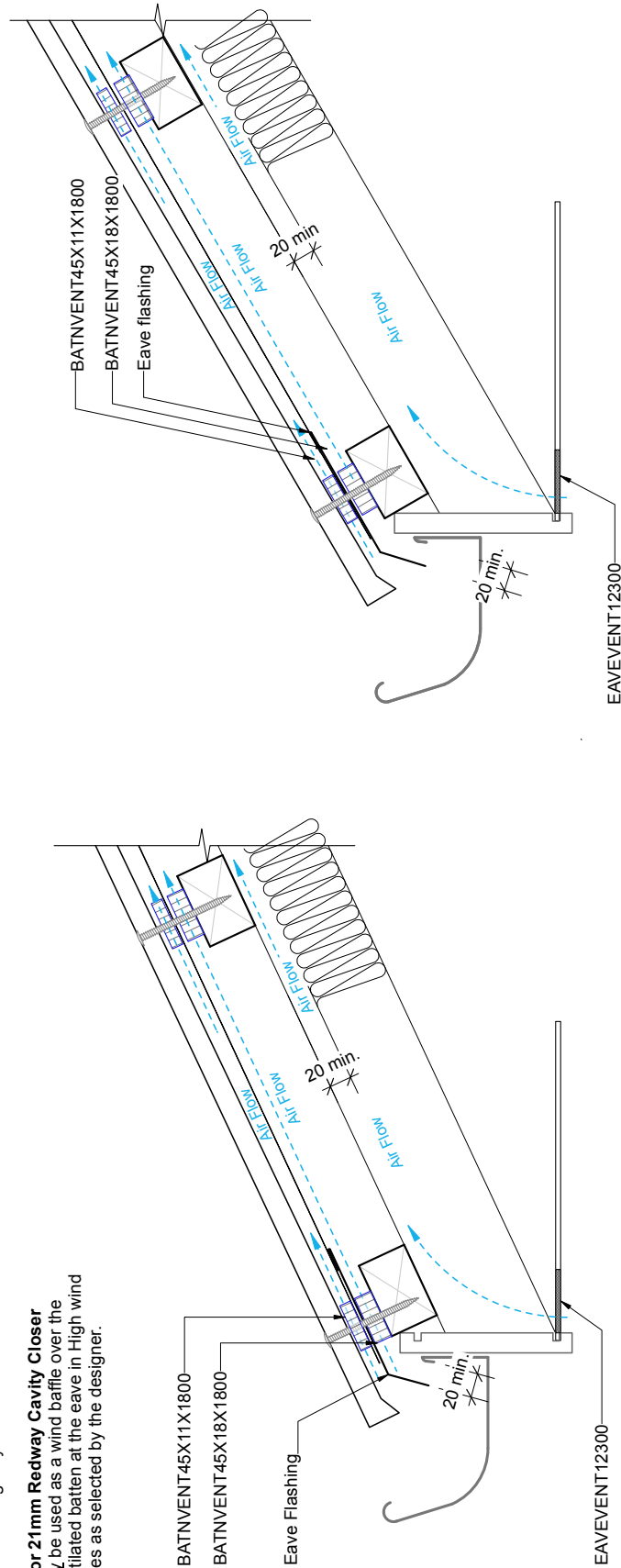


KEY COMPONENTS

- 11mm Ventilation batten - BATNVENT 45X11X1800 (6800mm2/1m)
- 18mm Ventilation batten - BATNVENT 45X18X1800 (12300mm2/1m)
- Eave Vent - EAVEVENT12300
- Eave Flashing - By others

19 or 21mm Redway Cavity Closer

may be used as a wind baffle over the ventilated batten at the eave in High wind zones as selected by the designer.



Masons Eave Ventilation - 20° Skillion Roof

Masons Eave Ventilation - 30° Skillion Roof





Option 3 - 24600mm2 / 1m Cross Ventilation

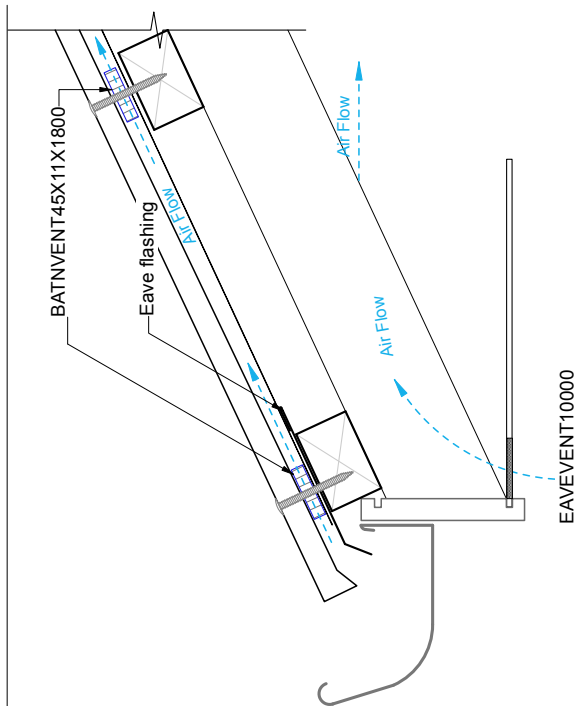
Masons - Eave Ventilation for Trussed Roof >15°
Trussed Roof - Steel Longrun Roofing



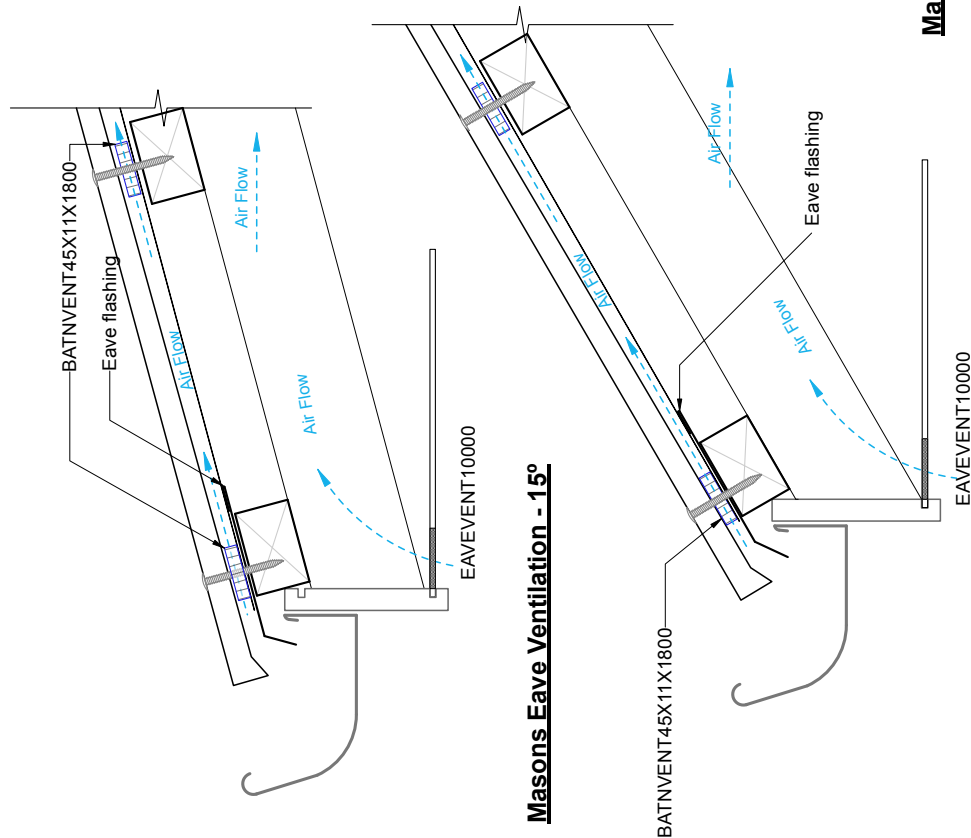
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Masons Eave Ventilation - 25°



Masons Eave Ventilation - 15°

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ventilated batten at the eave in High wind
zones as selected by the designer.

- KEY COMPONENTS**
- 11mm Ventilation Batten - BATNVENT45X11X1800
 - Eave Vent - EAVEVENT10000
 - Eave Flashing - By others

Masons Eave Ventilation - 30°