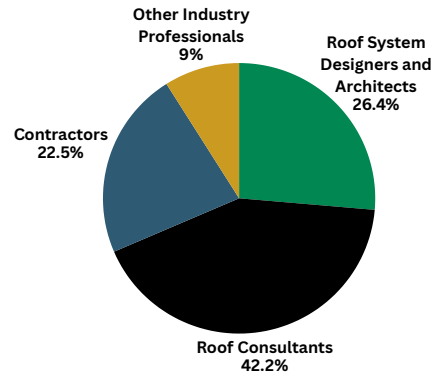


EPDM Roofing Membrane Service Life: Summary of Survey Results

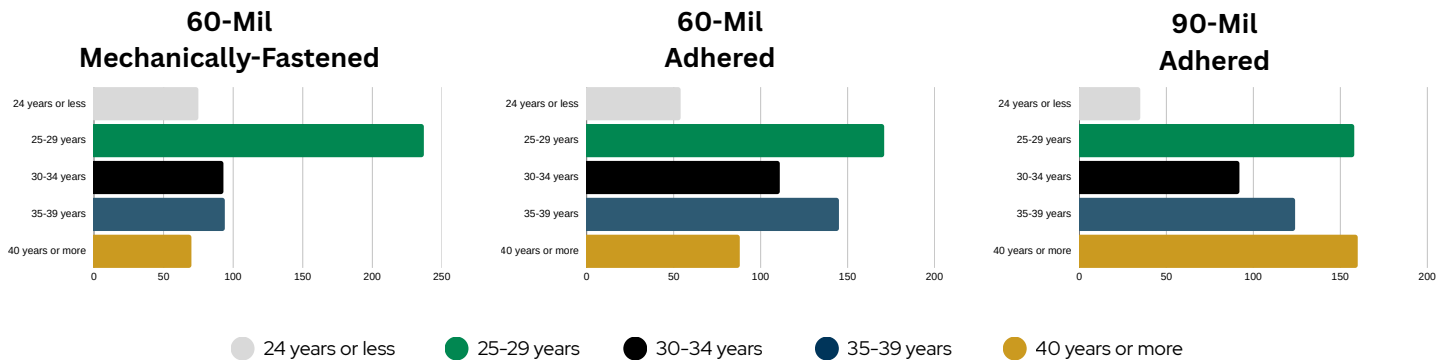
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In 2025, the [EPDM Roofing Association](#) surveyed nearly 600 roofing professionals across North America to assess real-world EPDM membrane service life expectations and field performance. The findings demonstrate strong professional consensus: properly installed and maintained EPDM roof systems routinely deliver **25 to 40+ years of service life**— with many exceeding four decades.



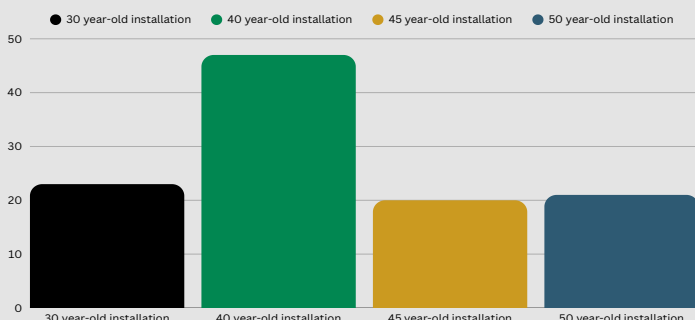
EPDM Roofing Membranes Predicted Service Life

Professionals demonstrated consistent expectations tied to membrane thickness and attachment method; thicker membranes, particularly adhered systems, are widely expected to deliver longer service life.



Age of the Oldest EPDM Roof Membrane Personally Seen

These field observations suggest EPDM membranes can exceed four decades of performance in diverse climates and building types. Survey feedback consistently emphasized characteristics like membrane durability and UV stability, membrane thickness, proper seam and flashing execution, installation quality (dominant factor), and ongoing maintenance.



Oldest EPDM Roof Membrane Thickness:

- 22% - 45-mil membranes
- 40% - 60-mil membranes
- 22% - 90-mil membranes

Oldest EPDM Roof Membrane Installation:

- 34% - Adhered
- 32% - Mechanically Fastened
- 27% - Ballasted