

CAROLINAS

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# Roofing

YOUR GUIDE TO ROOFING IN THE CAROLINAS

high-performance roofing:

**INSULATION  
OPPORTUNITIES**

technical point:

**MASTERING  
MOD BIT**

business sense:

**SURVIVING THE  
CONSTRUCTION  
BATTLEFIELD**

**Making  
History:**

Preserving the  
Region's Architectural  
Masterpieces

## TOOL REVIEW

### REVIEWER ▾

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### TOOL NAME ▾

**ACCUTRAC**

### MANUFACTURER ▾

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**What is the tool's size? Weight?** The tool is 42-inches tall and weighs 35 pounds.

**How long has the tool been on the market?** It was originally introduced in the 1990s. In the past several years, OMG Roofing Products has refined and enhanced the tool.

**What is the cost of the tool?** The tool is in the \$1,500 range. OMG Roofing Products frequently offers a buy-one, get-one sale.

**What is the tool used for?** AccuTrac is for installing insulation on steel or wood decks. It works with all types of insulation, including hard boards. We primarily use it in new-construction applications where the installer easily can find the high ribs on the steel. It also can be used in retrofit applications. The tool accommodates #12 standard, #14 heavy-duty or #15 extra-heavy-duty fasteners in lengths up to 6 inches. We recently completed a large warehouse job of more than 500,000 square feet using four AccuTrac tools.

**Is the tool easy to set up and use?** Yes. The only necessary adjustment is setting the proper fastener depth, so you don't over- or under-drive the fasteners. Once the depth is set, the only other thing to do is to fill the boot with AccuTrac plates, which come in sleeves of 125. It is very easy to handle and use. On the second day our crew used the AccuTrac, we installed 200 squares in just more than two hours. That's pretty good productivity.

**Is this tool versatile?** Yes. It's easy to maneuver on the roof, so you can install fasteners in virtually any pattern required. Also, instead of having one guy dropping plates or ASAPs and another guy fastening them in place, we're using one guy to do both jobs. That allows me to redirect some labor



to other tasks, like detail work or rolling out membrane.

**If someone is picking up this tool for the first time, what should he/she know about it?**

First, he or she should not be intimidated. It looks complicated but it really is not hard to use. Second, many think that it is faster installing loose screws and plates or ASAPs because that's what he or she knows. When you consider the potential labor savings, there's nothing on the market that comes close to the productivity that AccuTrac offers.

The key we discovered was to go steady and develop a rhythm and let the tool do a lot of the work. We also had a technical representative from OMG Roofing Products on our jobsite to help train our team as long as we needed.

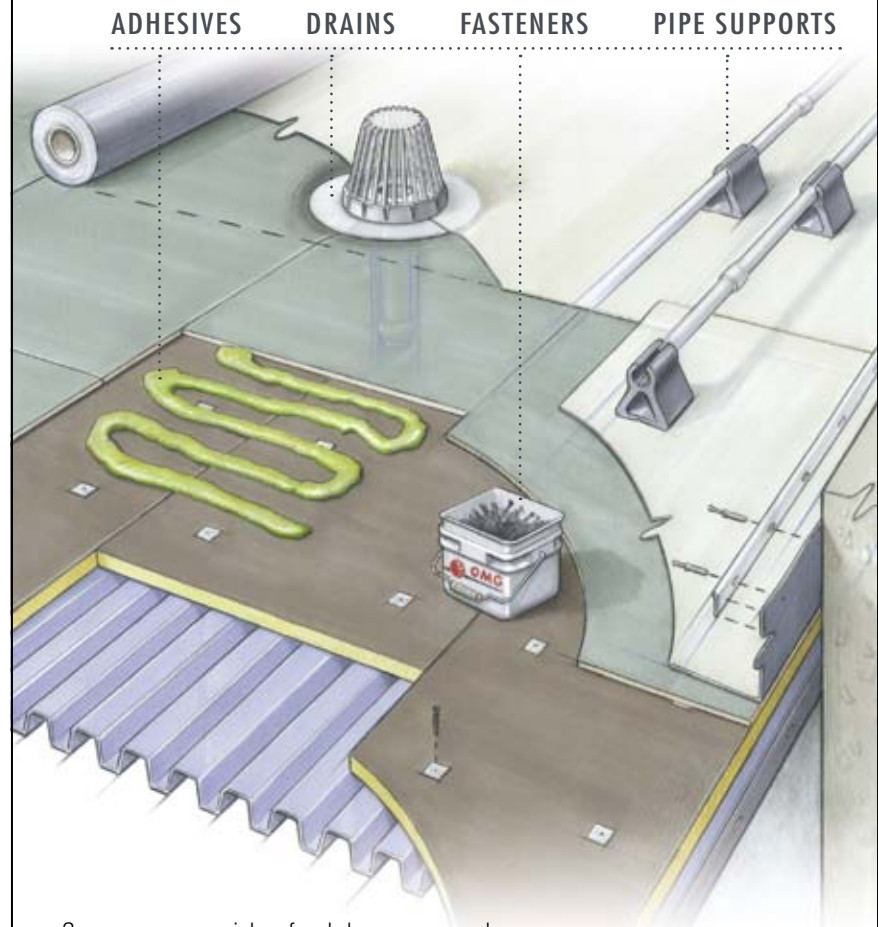
**How long will the tool last?**

The most common wearable part is the bit, which we change once a day whether it's needed or not. We also lubricate key areas of the tool daily and give it a full cleaning once each week. We have never had any problems with the tool. OMG Roofing Products supports this tool like they do other products I use from them.

**Why do you recommend this tool?** Two reasons: productivity and ergonomics. Using the AccuTrac system is like giving our crews extra labor that we can redirect to other duties on the job. We are getting more squares done per day, which means we are getting jobs done faster and doing more work.

The ergonomic benefits are important, as well. Our crews no longer need to bend, so they have more energy to work longer in the day with less back pain. Our absenteeism is reduced and we hope to see a drop in our experience-modification rate and workers' comp claims. △

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