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## **DECK PROTECTION AFTER ERECTION**

Steel roof and floor deck shall be protected to avoid any deterioration of the structural integrity of the deck. This protection shall include avoiding extended exposure to aggressive atmospheric conditions, protection from erection traffic and/or handling that might be abrasive to the deck finish, and protection against interior conditions that would cause excess moisture to form on the underside of the deck. Deck protection after erection and any cost associated shall be "by others" and is not the responsibility of the deck manufacturer.

Some steel decks are utilized as "finished ceiling" products and shall be protected from moisture and must never be subjected to corrosive substances such as salts, fertilizers or other chemicals or to prolonged contact with dissimilar materials. All steel decks must be protected from erection operations or during site storage that could distort the panels configuration.

Acoustical steel decks utilize fiberglass insulation batts for sound absorption, hence, protection from moisture, rain, snow, dirt, mud, etc. is necessary. Do not install (field applied) loose insulation batts in the flutes of decking until just before roof system installation. Likewise, cellular acoustical deck with shop-installed insulation batts requires proper site storage and special protection after deck erection before installation of the roofing system.