

BACKGROUNDER

Tile Roofing Institute

Imagine the possibilities. Realize the benefits. As the leading resource and proponent of concrete and clay tile roof systems, the Tile Roofing Institute (TRI) supports the growth and development of the concrete and clay tile roofing industry. TRI is committed to increasing product awareness and market demand by educating consumers, builders, architects, installers and code officials about the benefits associated with tile roofs.

As a non-profit trade association, TRI devotes its time to the technological, environmental and market advancement of the tile roof industry. TRI provides manufacturer members, government entities and building professionals with research, testing, education, training and technical expertise. Through ongoing collaborations with local and federal code bodies, TRI has established standards and guidelines to enhance the quality and installation of tile roof systems.

Membership

TRI members are involved in the production, distribution and installation of concrete and clay tile roof systems. Tile roofing producer members supply nearly all of the standard and lightweight concrete and clay tile manufactured in North America. Associate memberships include importers, suppliers, distributors, contractors and those with a general interest in tile roofing.

As the leading industry resource in tile roofing, TRI provides roofing professionals with the most current information about technical advancements, industry research, safety and environmental issues and market trends. By partnering with various state and local bodies, TRI assists members in the development of better tile roof systems that reduce the impact of fire, wind, hail, earthquakes and other natural disasters.

Major Accomplishments

- Developed the first industry-based series of installation guides for all climatic regions
- Created legislation to ban combustibile roofing materials in California (in partnership with the *Committee for Firesafe Dwellings*)
- Guided the tile roofing industry's successful efforts to revise codes for high-speed winds and worked with local building officials to upgrade installation standards following the devastation of Hurricane Andrew
- Worked with the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) to develop standardized testing methods for roof tile

History

Founded in 1971, TRI was originally named the National Tile Roofing Manufacturers Association (NTRMA), which was later followed by the Roof Tile Institute (RTI). In 2004, the association updated its name and brand to the Tile Roofing Institute to reflect its current mission and industry objectives.