

Class 3 & Class 4 Impact-Resistant Shingles

The Real Value — and the Fine Print on Premium Rebates

✓ THE VALUE: A Genuinely Better Roof

Class 3 and Class 4 shingles are tested to withstand serious hail impact (Class 4 survives a 2" steel ball drop). For your home, that means **fewer roof replacements, better hail protection, longer service life**, and stronger resale value. We recommend them with confidence — the product is worth it.

⚠ THE CATCH: The Cosmetic Exclusion

The ~15% premium rebate usually comes with a **Cosmetic Exclusion Clause**: hail damage deemed "cosmetic" is no longer covered. That strips coverage from **gutters, roof soft metals, window wraps, aluminum trim, metal siding — even Class 3/4 metal shingles themselves**.

One Hail Storm, Two Policies — A Central Iowa Example

30-square roof @ \$587.50/sq = \$17,625 + gutters \$3,000 + roof soft metals \$1,200 = \$21,825 total exterior value

FINANCIAL METRIC	OPTION A Standard — full coverage	OPTION B Rebate + cosmetic exclusion
Annual premium discount	0%	15% (~\$337/yr)
5-year premium savings	\$0	\$1,685
Claim value approved	\$21,825 (full)	\$17,625 (\$4,200 excluded)
Deductible	\$2,412	\$2,412
Uncovered repairs (gutters, soft metals, trim, siding)	\$0	\$4,200 – \$8,000+
Total out-of-pocket at claim time	\$2,412	\$6,612 – \$10,412+
Net 5-year out-of-pocket cost	\$2,412	\$4,927 – \$8,727+
Net insurance claim payout	\$19,413	\$15,213 or lower

How Long Until the Rebate Breaks Even?

Consecutive storm-free years needed for ~\$337/yr savings to cover ONE excluded cosmetic loss

Gutters & roof soft metals only (\$4,200)	12.5 yrs
+ Metal siding, window wraps, trim (\$8,000+)	23.7+ yrs
Class 3/4 metal shingles excluded (\$17,625)	52+ yrs

...and that assumes zero inflation or material cost increases over those decades.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Take the shingle. Question the rebate. Upgrade to Class 3 or Class 4 — the protection is real. But unless your home stays storm-free for decades, the premium rebate is likely to cost far more than it saves. Before electing it, ask your agent and your contractor to confirm you keep **full cosmetic coverage** on all exterior components — and get it in writing.

Questions about your roof, your policy, or the fine print?

Superstorm Roofing & Siding — we'll walk through it with you before you sign anything.