

Between its unpredictable weather and its mix of heritage and modern buildings, Melbourne is tough on roofs. Most of the problems local homeowners and businesses run into fall into a handful of familiar categories, and nearly all of them are easier and cheaper to fix when they're caught early. Here's a rundown of the issues First Class Roofing sees most often across Melbourne, and the proven repairs used to solve them.



The Usual Suspects

Leaks, failing flashing, moss build-up, storm damage and asbestos top the list of roofing concerns in Melbourne. Leaks in particular often get blamed on the tiles, but they usually start somewhere else, most commonly around chimneys, valleys and skylights. Moss and lichen hold moisture against the roof and speed up wear, storms can damage tiles, flashing and gutters in a single afternoon, and older roofs containing asbestos need to be handled by licensed professionals.

It All Starts with a Proper Inspection

Accurate repairs depend on an accurate diagnosis. A qualified roofer gets up on the roof to check the tiles, flashing and underlayment, photographing everything they find. You then receive an itemised quote that sets out the recommended work, with urgent issues prioritised and a clear plan to stop problems from coming back.

Leaks and Flashing Failures

Roof leaks are the most common and often the most expensive problem homeowners face. They're usually caused by water getting in over time as seals and bedding break down, and flashing is the most frequent culprit.

Chimneys, valleys and skylights are where seals tend to wear out first, so these areas get close attention. Typical repairs include:

- Replacing faulty flashing and resealing joints
- Rebedding and repointing ridge caps
- Replacing cracked or damaged tiles
- Making sure gutters are properly aligned

- Creating watertight transitions that protect the timber frame

Fixing leaks early is the best way to avoid timber rot and longer-term structural damage.

Moss, Lichen and Surface Deterioration

That green film on your roof isn't just cosmetic. Moss and lichen trap moisture against the surface and gradually break tiles down. Safe cleaning methods remove the growth without harming the tiles, and a protective coating suited to your tile or metal roof is then applied. Ongoing maintenance helps keep it from coming back and adds years to the life of the roof.

Storm Damage and Emergency Repairs

A severe storm can leave behind obvious hazards as well as weaknesses you can't see from the ground. The response starts with a fast assessment and making damaged areas safe, followed by replacing missing or broken components. From there, a longer-term restoration or replacement plan gets the roof back to full reliability.

Asbestos Roofs

Asbestos must be handled by licensed professionals under strict safety controls. First Class Roofing carries out asbestos removal or encapsulation in line with regulations, keeping disruption to occupants low and managing site safety from start to finish.

Gutters and Downpipes

When gutters are blocked or damaged, water can back up and leak into the eaves. Gutters and downpipes are inspected, then repaired or replaced as needed, with the timing coordinated alongside any roof work so drainage functions properly and future leaks are less likely.

Staying Ahead with Preventive Maintenance

The easiest roof problem to fix is the one you catch early. Regular inspections, cleaning, refreshed sealants and prompt repairs all help extend the life [First Class Roofing first class roofing](#) of your roof. First Class Roofing offers maintenance advice and preventive care recommendations suited to Melbourne's weather.

Why Melbourne Property Owners Call First Class Roofing

The team combines years of experience with a transparent process and solid local knowledge. Inspections are thorough, quotes are itemised, and all work is done by licensed trades with full compliance documentation. The aim is always to minimise downtime, extend the life of the roof and protect the value of your property.

Stop Living with Roof Problems

Persistent leaks, damage and wear don't have to be a fact of life. First Class Roofing provides a clear diagnosis, targeted repairs and long-lasting restoration or replacement solutions that tackle the root cause of common roof problems. Get in touch for a prompt inspection and a detailed plan to fix your roof.

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First Class Roofing is Melbourne's trusted roof restoration specialist. We provide professional roof restoration, repair, and replacement services for residential and commercial properties across Melbourne, delivering durable results with transparent pricing and meticulous workmanship. From Colorbond and tile roofs to emergency repairs, our team protects your property with reliable, long-lasting solutions.

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