



Project: Hippocrates Health Institute

Location: West Palm Beach, Florida

Challenge(s): Lightweight, flexible, tile that emulated traditional clay tile, and met Miami-Dade requirements.

Solution: Lightweight, but durable, DECRA Villa Tile.

Profile: DECRA Villa Tile

Lightweight & Miami-Dade Approved

Hippocrates Health Institute

The Hippocrates Health Institute is a leader in the field of natural and complementary health care and education since 1956. Located in West Palm Beach, Florida, the 22-sided “circular” structure has a conical roof configuration. One of the requirements for this facility was the roofing product needed to meet Miami-Dade and Florida state approvals, and be flexible enough to meet the 22-sided roof design.

DECRA Roofing Systems’ Villa Tile in Venetian Gold met those requirements. Made from stone coated steel, the panel style performs well in high wind zones and offers outstanding aesthetics, a long life-cycle and low-maintenance advantages. Unlike traditional clay or cement tiles, Villa Tile is lightweight, flexible and the panels are interlocking. The interlocking feature of the panels makes the product easier to walk on, and more secure in high winds. Lightweight, the Villa Tile weighs only 160 lbs per square and does not require additional bolstering of the truss system to support the weight of the roof.

The architect for the project was Michael John Docsh, West Palm Beach, Florida. The contractor was Willistar Construction Services, Wellington, Florida.

“Villa Tile looks very beautiful and is more stable on the roof than clay tiles,” said William Mbwambo of Willistar Construction Services. “We also expect less maintenance problems than clay tiles or asphalt shingles. In addition, Villa Tile gives the appearance of traditional tiles, if that is what a customer is looking for. In fact, people who have seen the roof think it is clay tiles.”

