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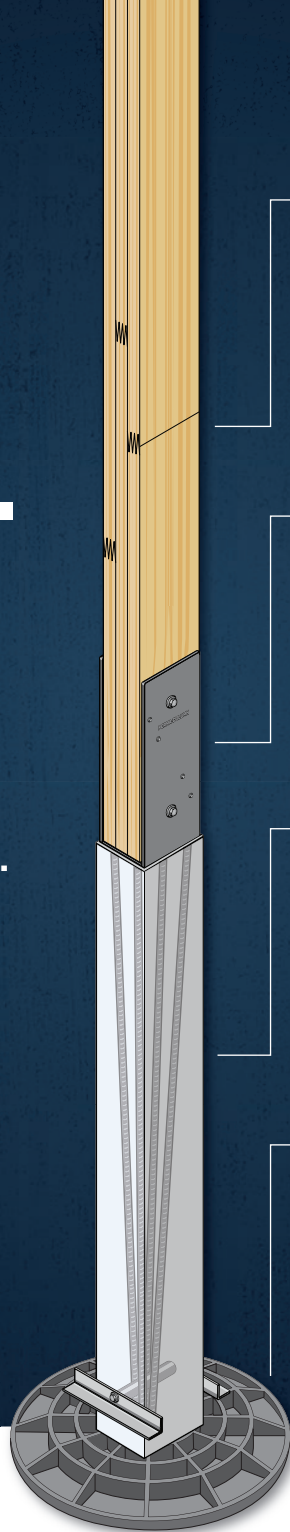
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BY GARY REICHERT

For a Better Future, Lead By Example

was going to have Karen write an editor's letter about the reception of the Max Builds books, so I would not have to. I have plenty of excuses being too busy and traveling, but the honest truth was I didn't feel I had anything to say that I had not said before. That changed.

I am on the road this week checking on venues for our 2027 shows. When I drive I listen to podcasts; one hit the mark and tied a bunch of things together for me. Then I received an email praising the Max Builds books and it wrapped everything up and put a bow on top.

The email stated the reception Max Builds is getting is wonderful and maybe that is a signal people are coming back into the trades.

The podcast was about fathers and sons and how important it is for good men to model behavior for their sons, boys and young men. Talking doesn't work, it needs to be imitation.

Part of the podcast was about why de Tocqueville thought the American Republic survived when previous attempts at self rule seemed to universally fail after roughly 20 years. His assertion was it was in the unique way that American men passed on their self-reliance and willingness to intelligently accept risk to their sons.

Strong "good" men are a requirement for our civilization to survive. And every industry depends on passing along what we've learned through experience. Skills, values, and work ethic don't simply appear

on their own—they're taught, demonstrated and reinforced over time.

There is a quote that says, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade, they know, they will never sit in." It's a reminder that the work we do today often benefits people we may never meet. Builders understand this idea better than most. The structures you put up today may still be standing long after you're gone.

I do not believe there is a resurgence in the construction trades, yet. Plant seeds. Build things for your great grandchildren. Everything that truly matters is long term. Max Builds is one seed, and yes I am old.

And pray for anyone living in a place without good men. **FBN**



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Galvanized and Galvalume

What's the difference, and what makes sense for you?

AUGUST 2006 FLASHBACK

Twenty years ago, this article tackled a debate that still exists in the post-frame industry today: galvanized or Galvalume?

For builders, the choice isn't just about what's in stock or what's priced right this week. It's about long-term performance, warranty exposure, regional corrosion risks, and ultimately, your reputation. The steel panels you use in a roof or wall system will either protect your customer's investment for decades — or create callbacks that could have been avoided with better information. Much has changed since this piece first ran. Post-frame buildings are no longer “just farm structures.” But no matter the purpose, owners expect durability and appearance to hold up. Yet the core questions remain the same: How do galvanized and Galvalume truly compare? We're republishing this article because the fundamentals still matter — and informed builders are better builders.

When it comes to the post-frame building market, two steel products dominate: galvanized and Galvalume. Aluminum makes an appearance in certain applications, and alternative materials are often chosen for roofs and walls, but builders turn to the two major types of sheet steel more than any other for post-frame structures.

Which is more popular, and which performs better? As might be expected, it depends on whom you ask, and where you ask it. Most major roll formers carry both products in their line to some extent and find buyers for each.

“Galvalume is the most popular for us, that's always been the case,” says Ken

Gieseke of McElroy Metal, which offers the Max-Rib, its most popular post-frame panel, in both galvanized and Galvalume. “But we sure don't sit there and badmouth galvanized. There are a lot of people who still think galvanized is better, and we're not in a position to say they're wrong.”

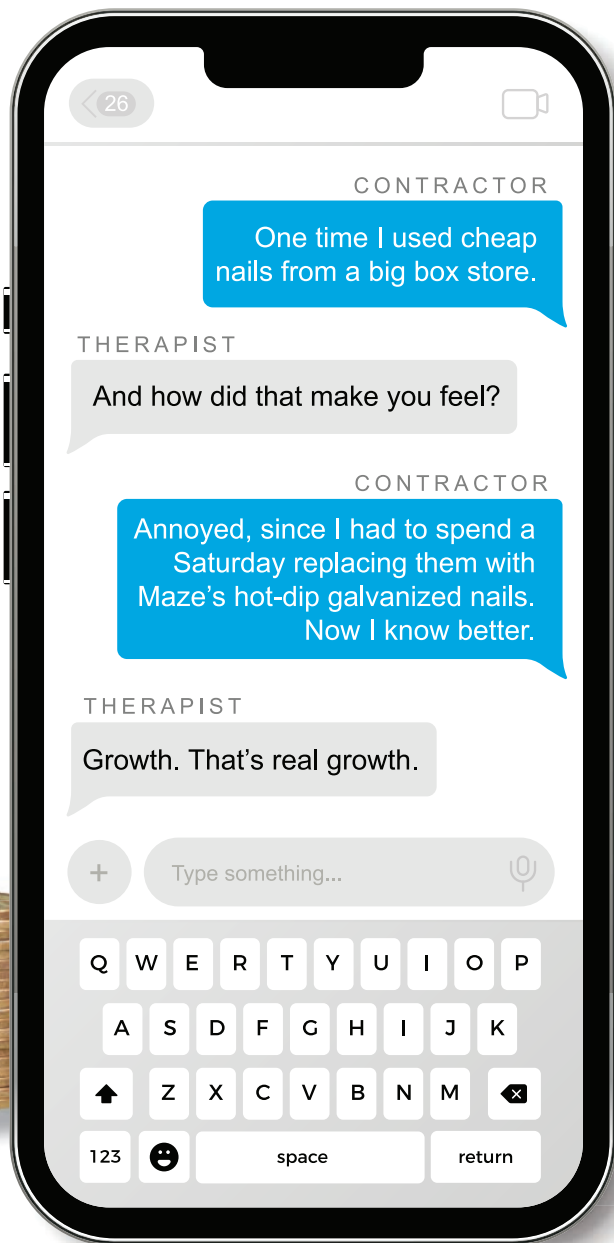
Still, in reading promotional materials and technical bulletins, it appears that Galvalume has staked a claim to being the more “premium” product of the two, touting exposure test results and warranties. “The big thing about Galvalume is it will last two or four



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times longer than galvanized,” says Bill Coleman of American Building Components, which sells primarily Galvalume products. “It has better corrosion resistance, and comes with a substrate warranty.”

Galvanized advocates say the difference in perception comes because zinc people haven’t been loud enough in their touting. One industry veteran believes strong marketing has been the driving force behind Galvalume’s rise to prominence, and that the premium prices being charged for products like Galvalume are not always justified when comparing their performance with galvanized.

Definitions

Hot-dip galvanized sheet steel is coated with zinc in a continuous hot-dip coating process, combining the formability and corrosion protection of zinc with the cost

effectiveness of steel. From its earliest uses, galvanized metal was usually painted, and was left bare only for non-residential applications or to cut costs. With its distinctive spangle and dark weathered appearance, the strong association of unpainted galvanized with industrial and utility applications has kept it from widespread architectural acceptance.

Galvanized steel used in roofing and siding ranges from G-30 to G-100. The G rating refers to the amount of zinc per square foot; G-90 has an average of 0.90 ounces of zinc total on both sides. Heavier coatings last longer, although heavier layers are more susceptible to cracking during forming.

Galvalume is a surface coating applied to steel coil that contains 55 percent aluminum, about 1.5 percent silicon, and the balance zinc (aluminum levels can vary slightly either way). The coating is

applied using a continuous hot-dip coating process and combines the galvanic corrosion protection of zinc with the passivating barrier protection of aluminum.

The material was developed in the 1960s at Bethlehem Steel and was introduced commercially in 1972. It is now produced to strict standards under license throughout the world, and is marketed under a variety of names, primarily Galvalume and Zinalume in North America.

Galvalume combines the anodic sacrificial protection offered by zinc with the barrier protection of aluminum. The result is more than the sum of its parts: the dendritic structure of Galvalume coating means that the products of corrosion fill the spaces between, resulting in a steadily decreasing rate of corrosion in most environments.

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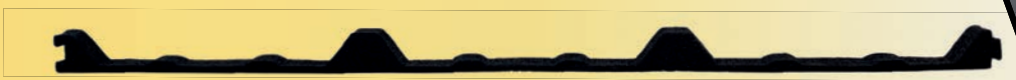




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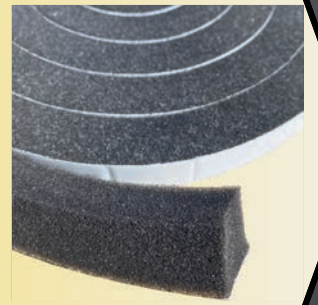
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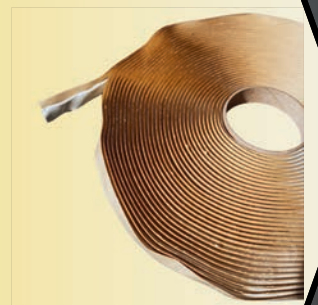


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indicate that while both coatings protect bare steel against corrosion, Galvalume is better. As indicated in figure 1 (page 12), bare G-90 hot-dip galvanized sheet steel takes 12 years to develop 5 percent red rust in rural environments, approximately 10-11 years in a marine environment, and about six years in an industrial environment. Bare Galvalume takes 30 years to develop 5 percent red rust in rural, industrial, and moderate marine environments, and 15 years in severe marine.

Mark Morelli, vice president of operations for Wheeling Corrugating, worked with mainly galvanized but also with Galvalume lines while setting up Wheeling-Nisshin operations in Japan. He says the aluminum-zinc combination is terrific in concept, but in actual application the mixture



Everlast Roofing sells both galvanized and Galvalume steel products into the post-frame markets.

leaves certain areas more vulnerable than others. "When you put zinc and aluminum together, you get the benefits of both, the higher corrosion resistance

of aluminum and the sacrificial qualities of zinc," he says. "But in the mixture, you get isolated pockets of aluminum and isolated pockets of zinc. If you don't have



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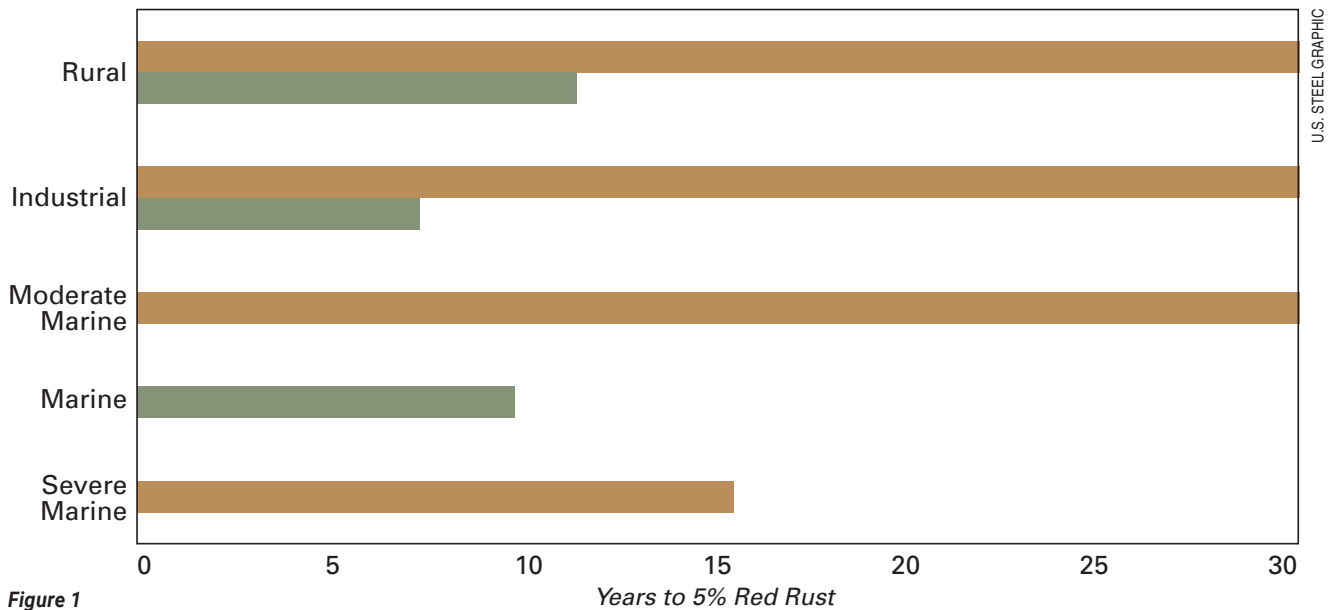


Figure 1

Years to 5% Red Rust

- Outdoor exposure results for bare GALVALUME® sheet steel
- Outdoor exposure results for bare G90 hot-dip galvanized steel

the most pure mixture, there is a minute opportunity to have a cut in a sheet trying to be protected by an aluminum segment of coating that is not going to sacrifice to oxygen. But you could move over another millimeter and there's zinc there, and that stops oxidation.

"In actual performance, I can't tell you that I have been impressed that Galvalume works much better than galvanized, or vice versa."

Craig Covell, whose Everlast Roofing sells both a G-100 galvanized line and an AZ 50 Galvalume line, says he trusts a strong level of zinc to protect the panels he sells. "I have a lot of confidence in a G-100 product because the zinc sacrifices itself, while if you have a G-60 you have less protection," he says. "I also recognize the strength of Galvalume. Based on accelerated testing in South Florida, there's no doubt Galvalume in a broad sense is going to outperform G-60 on a day-in, day-out basis."

Then there's the issue of edge corrosion. As illustrated in figure 2 (page 14), Galvalume sheet will corrode more quickly at cut edges than galvanized, but that corrosion stops increasing after

about two years. Galvanized sheet takes longer to develop cut edge corrosion, but that edge creep continues for the first few years, albeit at a slow rate.

Other issues

The combination of aluminum and zinc makes Galvalume a bit more finicky than galvanized, especially on a wet jobsite. It should be isolated from lead, copper, treated wood, unseasoned lumber, and wet cement. Isolation issues have been addressed, particularly with the influx of copper-based wood preservatives to the market — a barrier is recommended in applications where such wood meets steel sheet.

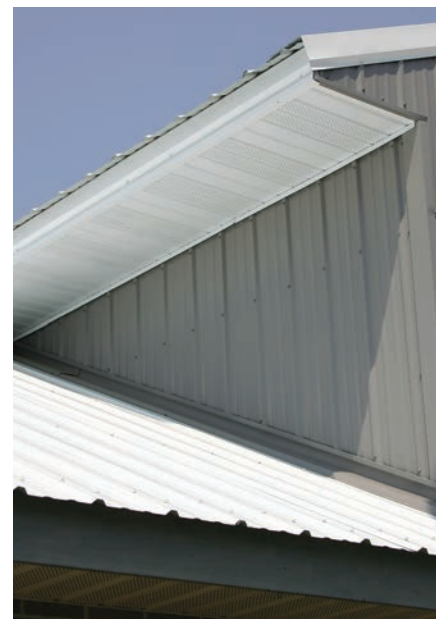
Galvalume's finicky nature was addressed several years ago with the introduction to the market of Acrylume, or Galvalume Plus. Acrylume is an acrylic-coated product that resists fingerprinting and smudging during handling and installation at the jobsite, and provides resistance to storage stain and transit corrosion.

"Acrylume is the biggest recent innovation for Galvalume," says Coleman. "It enhances the performance short-term,

and the overall appearance."

Warranties also pop up when comparing galvanized and Galvalume. Galvalume manufacturers issue warranties of 20 or 25 years, while galvanized sheets are typically not warranted. "The mills are willing to stand behind it," Coleman says of Galvalume.

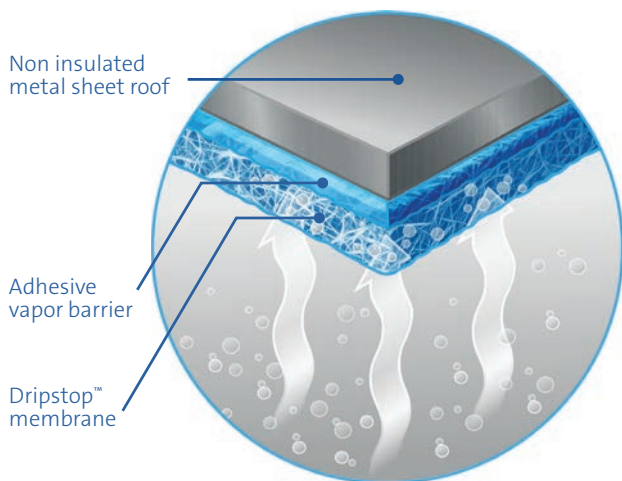
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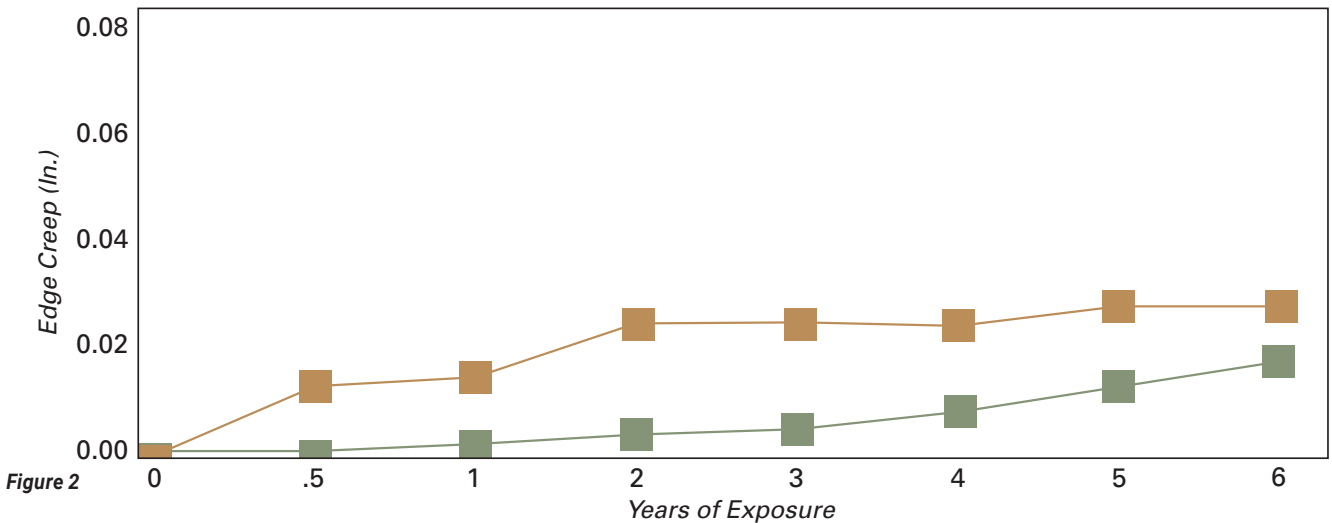


Figure 2

- Outdoor exposure results for prepainted GALVALUME® sheet steel
- Outdoor exposure results for prepainted hot-dip galvanized steel

should be examined closely. Galvalume warranties basically cover perforation or other structural failures, not red rust. They also come with exceptions, most notably animal confinement and marine applications.

Location, location, location

Most experts agree that animal confinement is the one clear rural building application where Galvalume should not be used.

“Years ago, galvanized was preferred in any ag confinement condition, and the industry followed that lead for the most

part,” says Gary Crainshaw of Central States Manufacturing, which sells mostly Galvalume. “We’re seeing more people use Galvalume on poultry buildings these days. Recently I saw a bulletin that stated for poultry confinement applications, G-90 galvanized and AZ-55 Galvalume were anticipated to provide similar service lives. But for hog confinement and other more aggressive confinement conditions, heavily galvanized panels are recommended. Proper insulation, ventilation, and waste removal systems play a key role in extending the service life of metal panels.”


Location is not just an important

consideration as it pertains to building type. Different parts of the country are more receptive to different coating combinations, according to Covell.


“I think it’s important for the installer or specifier that they recognize what kind of atmospheric condition the product will be installed in,” he says. “In all my testing and experience, heavy-coated galvanized with a zinc phosphate pretreatment is the most consistent product on the market.

“The two big things I look at are trying to prevent corrosion and chalk and fade, and how you do that depends on where you are in the country. If you have a plant in Texas, you could go with a G-60 substrate with a Kynar finish — there’s not as much corrosion, but the sun is brutal. But if you look at a PH map, you’ll see the most aggressive (corrosion) conditions are in the Atlantic Northeast, the Rust Belt, the Fertilizer Belt. It’s brutal. In the Southeast and further Midwest, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, you don’t have nearly the aggressiveness.”


Like Everlast’s, Wheeling’s product line reflects these atmospheric differences. Morelli says the majority of the company’s line is G-60 painted, and “we think that works very well,” he says. But some markets demand a G-90 or G-100 product, like the




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Northeast and parts of the Midwest, and Wheeling obliges. “I believe it starts with acid rain issues in the Northeast, they feel they need a little more protection,” Morelli says. “The market demanded it, and suppliers supply it.”

Know what you’ve got

But is the market always getting what it demands when it comes to galvanized products? G-40 products that make their way into the post-frame market have far less zinc to protect against corrosion than their G-60, G-90, or G-100 cousins. As Gieseke points out, there is a linear relationship between the amount of zinc on a panel and its long-term performance. “My guess is there is a lot of G-40 out there, people who are just buying ‘galva-

nized,’” he says. “You might think ‘Yeah, it’s just a farm building,’ but the farmer may have a nice house on that property, and he wants his barn to look nice, too. If he thinks he’s buying a long-term building, and he has a G-40 panel, he’s not finding out all the facts. The building’s going to fail quicker and he’s not going to be happy down the road.”

There is even more risk now that galvanizing lines have become more precise in their application processes. At one time, a G-60 panel may have been G-90 in actuality, or a G-90 as much as G-145 in spots. Now, tighter tolerances have brought zinc within 5-10 percent of their purported levels, leaving less corrosion-resisting “safety nets” throughout the surface area of a panel.

Cost-wise, galvanized and Galvalume products have been fairly comparable in recent years. The recent spike in zinc prices has changed that. One producer says Galvalume is currently cheaper than G-40 galvanized, and considerably less expensive than a more galvanized product.

In the end, can consumers tell the difference? Much like any other component that goes into a post-frame building, contractors need to educate themselves on the differences between galvanized and Galvalume panels before making a choice appropriate for their market and their customer.

“One of the big challenges we face is working through our distributors to educate the market,” says Crainshaw. “Many people are willing to pay the price for the right product, but they’re often not given the opportunity to make that choice. That concerns me about our market.”

Says Gieseke: “It’s a challenge. You put a G-40 panel next to a Galvalume panel and stand 10 feet away, when they’re brand new you can’t tell the difference. It’s not like the difference between a Montblanc pen and a Bic. When you’re looking at brand-new buildings a week old, you can’t see the difference, but down the road, you will.” **FBN**



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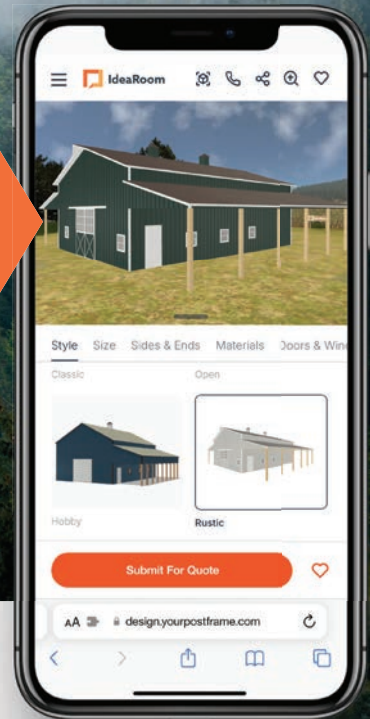


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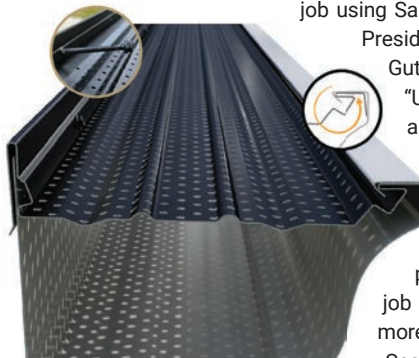
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Scenes from OKC

Frame Building Expo Draws Strong Turnout To Oklahoma City

The 2026 Frame Building Expo brought post-frame professionals from across the country to Oklahoma City Feb. 25–27 for several days of education, networking, and product exploration. Hosted by the National Frame Building Association, the annual event continues to serve as one of the industry's primary opportunities for builders, suppliers, and manufacturers to connect and share ideas.

Attendees spent time both in the classroom and on the trade show floor, where more than 150 exhibitors displayed tools, materials, and systems designed specifically for post-frame construction. Many participants said the ability to

speak directly with manufacturers and see products up close remains one of the expo's biggest advantages.

Education sessions also drew strong interest, covering topics such as business management, safety, sales strategies,

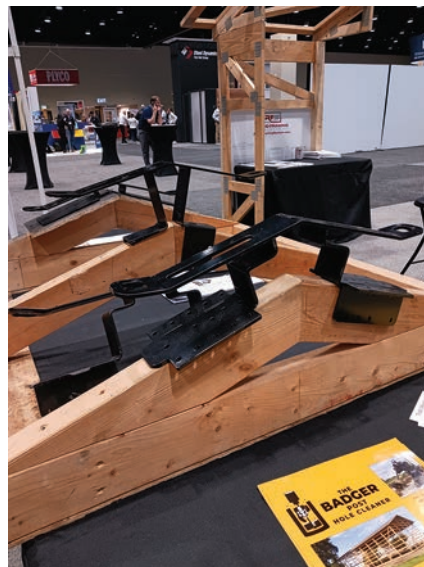
and technical construction practices. Builders often use the sessions to gather ideas they can apply immediately within their own operations, whether improving jobsite efficiency or refining marketing approaches.



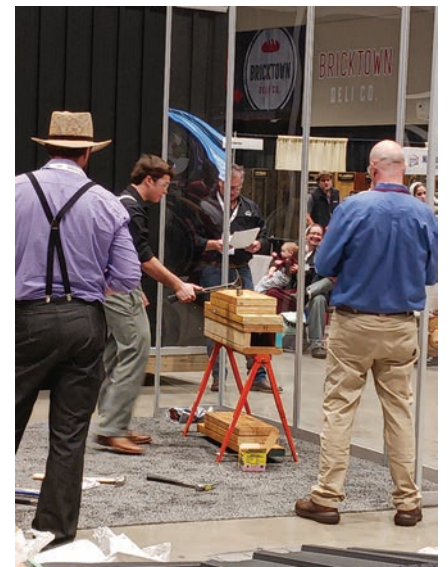
Podcast guru Jared Ledford, left, set up at Frame Building Expo. He will be hosting a series of podcasts about the Post-Frame Builder Show, which takes place in June.



Attendees could watch a small building put up in real time, right on the expo floor, by a crew unfamiliar with the Rapid Framing System. PHOTOS BY SHIELD WALL MEDIA



An up-close look at the Ridgeline Safety System, a permanent safety anchor.



The nail pounding competition, sponsored by Maze Nails, is a perennial favorite at Frame Building Expo.

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A highlight of the event was the live post-frame construction demonstration, where crews assembled a small building on the show floor. The hands-on project allowed attendees to observe installation techniques and product applications in real time, providing a practical complement to classroom learning.



Networking is an important benefit that comes out of attending a trade show.

Networking remained another key component of the expo. Conversations on the trade show floor, during receptions, and between sessions gave contractors, suppliers, and industry leaders time to exchange ideas and strengthen professional relationships.

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the Frame Building Expo continues to bring together professionals involved in post-frame construction, offering a combination of education, product discovery, and industry collaboration that many attendees consider essential to staying current in the field. **FBN**



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Making Informed Decisions

Why a Structure's Purpose Should Drive Sealant, Closure, and Moisture Barrier Choices

■ By Karen Knapstein

One of the defining advantages of post-frame construction is its adaptability. The same basic structural system can serve a wide range of functions, from a simple hay barn to a livestock facility, a cold storage building, a heated shop, or even a fully finished home. That flexibility is a major reason post-frame construction remains popular across agricultural, commercial, and residential markets. However, that same versatility can also lead to costly mistakes if building-envelope decisions are made without fully considering how the structure will actually be used.

Products designed to manage air, water, and moisture—such as sealants, closures, and moisture barriers—are often treated as minor details. In reality, they are performance-critical components. A building that stores equipment seasonally behaves very differently than one that houses animals every day or maintains consistent indoor temperatures year-round. When the building's purpose isn't clearly defined early in the design process, condensation problems, corrosion, mold growth, and premature material failure are more likely to follow.

"In post-frame construction, moisture management often comes down to the details that aren't always visible once the building is finished," says Chandra L. Dike, Director of Product Management at Novagard. "Sealants, closures, and moisture barriers work together to control air and water movement, and those decisions should always be tied to how the building will actually be used."

Successful post-frame buildings begin with a clear understanding of function. When builders and designers align

sealants, closures, and moisture barriers with how the structure will be used on a daily basis, long-term performance improves significantly.

Start With the Question That Matters Most: What Is the Building For?

Before selecting specific products or installation details, it is essential to answer one fundamental question: what will this building be doing most of the time? That answer shapes nearly every envelope decision that follows.

A few practical considerations help clarify the building's purpose. Will the structure be heated or unheated? Will people or animals occupy it daily, or will it sit empty for long periods? Will it be exposed to washdowns, animal-generated moisture, or elevated humidity levels? How will it be ventilated—naturally, mechanically, or not at all? Each of these factors influences how air and moisture move through the building.

For example, an unheated equipment shed that is opened occasionally to park machinery faces very different moisture challenges than a heated workshop where warm air is generated daily. Sealants, closures, and moisture barriers do not function independently; they work together as a system. When that system supports the building's actual use, problems are minimized. When it does not, even high-quality materials may fall short.

Sealants: Different Jobs Call for Different Levels of Performance

Sealants are often viewed as finishing touches, but in metal-clad post-frame buildings they play a central role in controlling water and air infiltration. They are used at panel laps, fastener lines, penetra-

tions, door and window openings, and transitions between materials. The level of performance required depends heavily on how demanding the interior environment will be.

"Sealants do far more than fill gaps," says Ms. Dike. "In metal-clad structures they play a critical role in controlling water intrusion, air leakage, and long-term durability. Choosing the right sealant chemistry for the building environment is just as important as proper installation."

In unheated storage buildings and basic agricultural structures, the primary concern is keeping bulk water out. Rain, snow, and wind-driven moisture are the dominant threats, and the interior environment is typically close to outdoor conditions. In these cases, flexible sealants designed for metal panel seams and overlaps are usually sufficient. They need to remain flexible as panels expand and contract, maintain adhesion over time, and resist ultraviolet exposure and seasonal temperature swings. For example, a machinery shed that protects tractors and implements may rely on sealants at roof panel laps and around large sliding doors to prevent leaks during storms, without needing a highly airtight envelope.

The demands increase significantly once a building is heated or cooled. Heated shops, offices, and finished post-frame structures generate warm, moisture-laden air. When that air escapes through gaps and contacts cold metal surfaces, condensation forms. This is often when builders encounter dripping ceilings, wet insulation, or corrosion on steel components. In these environments, sealants are no longer just about shedding water; they are part of the air-control strategy. Thorough sealing around electrical penetrations, overhead

doors, windows, and transitions between wall and roof systems becomes critical to limiting air leakage and moisture migration.

Animal housing and high-moisture environments introduce yet another set of challenges. Livestock buildings, wash bays, and agricultural facilities often experience constant humidity, repeated wetting, and exposure to corrosive substances. Sealants in these spaces must tolerate harsh conditions without breaking down or losing adhesion. For example, a dairy or livestock barn may require sealants that can withstand ongoing moisture and movement while continuing to protect vulnerable joints and penetrations over time.

Closures: Small Pieces With a Big Impact

Closures are easy to overlook, but they are essential in post-frame construction.

Wherever a metal panel ends—at ridges, eaves, or rakes—there is a potential pathway for water, wind, insects, and debris. Closures are shaped to match specific panel profiles, allowing them to block these openings effectively.

How tightly closures should seal a building depends on its purpose. Many agricultural and livestock structures rely on ventilation to manage heat and moisture. In these buildings, closures must strike a balance between blocking weather and allowing airflow. Vent-compatible closures at ridges or eaves help shed rain and snow while still permitting air movement. This approach is particularly important in livestock facilities, where moisture generated by animals needs a clear path out of the building to reduce condensation and odor buildup.

In contrast, climate-controlled and finished post-frame buildings place a higher priority on maintaining a tight

envelope. In a heated shop or office space, uncontrolled air leakage can undermine insulation performance and make it difficult to maintain consistent interior temperatures. Profile-matched closures that fully seal panel ends help reduce air infiltration, limit moisture movement into wall and roof assemblies, and support overall energy efficiency. Even small gaps at panel terminations can have an outsized effect in these environments, making proper closure selection and installation essential.

Moisture Barriers: Managing Water You Can't See

Not all moisture problems in post-frame buildings come from exterior weather. Condensation, ground moisture, and vapor movement often present greater risks, especially in buildings with interior humidity or concrete slabs. Moisture barriers are designed to manage these



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hidden sources of water before they cause damage.

At the foundation level, post-frame buildings rely on wood columns, many of which are embedded in or near the ground. Even pressure-treated wood benefits from additional protection in environments where moisture, oxygen, and decay organisms are present. Protective sleeves and barrier systems around posts help separate wood from direct soil contact, retain preservatives where they are most needed, and extend the service life of structural columns. These systems are particularly valuable in high-moisture soils, animal facilities, and long-life structures where durability is a primary goal.

Concrete slabs introduce another layer of moisture management. Ground moisture can migrate upward through concrete in the form of vapor, affecting flooring materials, insulation, and indoor

air quality. Under-slab vapor barriers are especially important in climate-controlled buildings and heated slabs, where moisture movement can contribute to elevated indoor humidity. By blocking vapor before it enters the building, these barriers play a key role in maintaining a stable interior environment.

Condensation control beneath roof and wall panels is also a major consideration. Metal panels cool rapidly, making them prime surfaces for condensation when warm, moist air is present. In heated workshops, livestock buildings, or even unheated structures with frequent temperature swings, condensation can drip onto equipment, stored materials, or insulation. Moisture-management layers beneath roof panels or integrated into insulation systems help capture condensation, allow it to dissipate safely, and protect interior components. Whether these

systems are necessary depends largely on how the building is used, reinforcing the importance of purpose-driven design.

Matching the System to the Structure

The most successful post-frame buildings rely on coordinated systems rather than single products to manage moisture and air movement. Sealants, closures, and moisture barriers work together to support the building's intended function. Unheated storage buildings tend to prioritize weather resistance and durability. Heated and occupied spaces focus on airtightness and vapor control. Animal and agricultural facilities emphasize ventilation, wash-down resistance, and long-term material performance. Structures expected to serve for decades benefit from added protection at posts and ground interfaces.

Applying the same envelope strategy to every post-frame building almost always leads to problems. What works well for a simple storage shed may fail in a heated shop, just as a tightly sealed envelope may be inappropriate for a naturally ventilated livestock building.

Purpose First, Products Second

Post-frame construction offers tremendous design freedom, but that freedom is most effective when material choices are intentional. Sealants, closures, and moisture barriers are not accessories; they are essential performance components. By starting with how the building will function day to day, builders and designers can select envelope solutions that reduce moisture-related issues, improve comfort and durability, and protect structural components over time.

"When builders start with the building's purpose, they can choose sealants, closures, and moisture management solutions that support long-term performance," says Ms. Dike. "That approach helps prevent costly moisture issues and helps extend the life of the structure."

In post-frame construction, purpose drives performance. When envelope decisions follow that principle, the building is far more likely to deliver reliable, long-term results—year after year. **FBN**

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Jobsite Safety

Housekeeping, Fall Protection, and Habits Matter Most

By Linda Schmid

Jobsite safety in post-frame construction is often discussed in terms of compliance, as in meeting OSHA requirements, using approved equipment, and checking the right boxes. But safety outcomes are shaped just as much by daily habits, organization, and personal decision-making as by written policies.

From cluttered ground conditions to walking upon purlins on a partially sheeted roof, risk shows up in predictable places. Understanding where those risks originate — and how experienced crews manage them — is key to improving both safety and productivity on post-frame jobsites.

Ground-Level Safety:

Where Organization Sets the Tone

Many jobsite injuries occur long before anyone climbs onto the roof. Trips, lacerations, strains, and repetitive handling injuries often stem from poor housekeeping and inefficient waste management. Justin Oberholtzer of Creekside Manufacturing, LLC, a producer of hoppers for the collection of construction waste, has provided us with some insights about jobsite safety.

On jobsites without clear places to put trash, debris accumulates quickly. Cut-offs with exposed nails, loose packaging, and scrap material create tripping hazards and increase the likelihood of injuries. In windy conditions, loose debris can become airborne, creating additional risk for workers and equipment.

Contractors note that messy jobsites are not usually the result of workers not caring. More often, they reflect a lack of convenient disposal options. When throwing something away requires extra steps, waste ends up on the ground “temporarily” — and stays there.



Set up the hopper close to work in progress.

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Heavy trash cans introduce their own hazards. As they fill, they require manual lifting and repeated handling. Workers may also attempt to climb onto roll-off containers to dump trash by hand, which can create fall hazards and OSHA violations if they are not tied off.

Efficient Waste Management as a Safety Tool

Providing multiple waste collection points close to where work is being performed significantly improves jobsite safety. When crews have a designated place to put debris, sites stay cleaner and more organized.

Mobile dump hoppers allow contractors to position waste containers exactly where trash is being generated — near saw stations, framing areas, or access points — and move them as the work progresses. Dumping waste from a hopper using a lift



takes seconds and can be done from the ground, eliminating the need to manually empty heavy containers or climb onto roll-offs.

Contractors also report that organized waste handling improves focus. When workers do not have to think about where trash goes, they can concentrate on the task at hand. Clean sites make tools easier to find, reduce frustration, and speed up end-of-the-day cleanup.

Over time, these small efficiencies add

up. Dumping a pallet of debris by hand may take several minutes, while dumping a hopper takes only seconds. Across dozens of dump cycles per job and hundreds per year, the time savings can be substantial — often enough to justify the equipment investment on productivity alone.

Equipment Design and Site Organization

Modern waste-handling equipment incorporates features designed to reduce risk and simplify operation. Standard dump hoppers typically require only a single lever to release and reset. Additional options include pull-rope releases for dumping into elevated containers and “bump-and-dump” mechanisms that allow operators to trigger the dump by gently contacting the hopper against a roll-off container.

These features reduce the need for workers to climb on equipment or handle debris manually. Simplicity plays an important role as well. If an operator knows how to run a lift, they can typically operate a hopper with minimal additional training.

This is especially valuable for newer workers, who are often assigned cleanup duties. Instead of improvising or climbing, they can use equipment designed specifically for the task, reducing risk while maintaining productivity.

Safety, Compliance, and Professional Reputation

Proper waste management supports compliance with OSHA requirements by eliminating common violation points, such as climbing roll-off containers without fall protection. It also improves how a jobsite is perceived by owners, inspectors, lenders, and neighbors.

Many contractors develop a reputation for clean, organized jobsites. That visibility matters. A tidy site signals professionalism, discipline, and pride in workmanship, and can influence future work opportunities.

Working at Elevation: The Persistent Fall Risk

Falls remain the leading cause of fatalities in construction according to OSHA, and post-frame construction presents unique challenges. Unlike many commercial buildings, post-frame structures often lack continuous roof decking. Crews may be walking on purlins spaced 2 feet apart, sometimes on relatively low-pitched roofs which can create a false sense of security. Todd Meinhold of Ridgeline Safety Systems has some insight about safety on the roof to share.

Early in the roofing process, risk is often highest. Workers may step back from newly placed sheets and suddenly find themselves without solid footing. Even after panels are installed, slick metal surfaces increase the likelihood of slips compared to asphalt roofing, which offers more inherent grip.

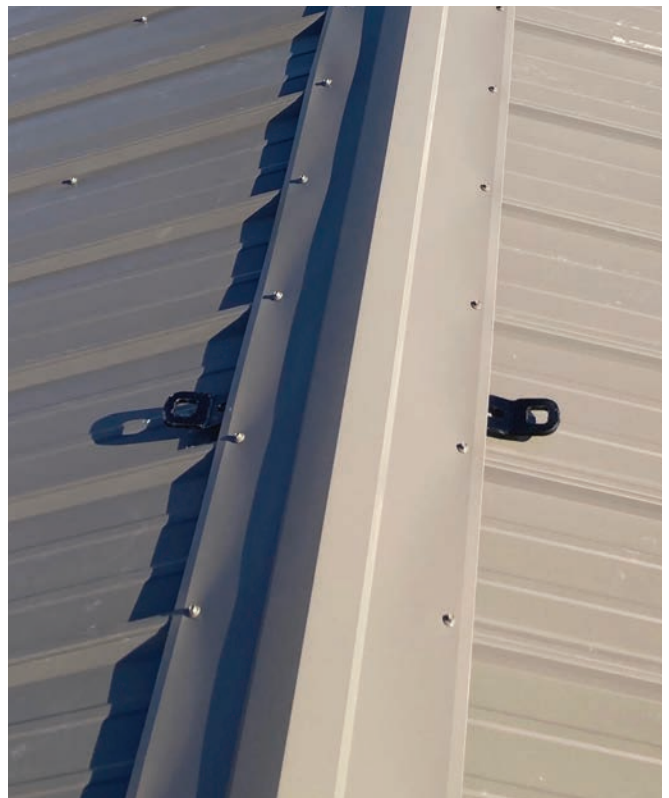
Despite these risks, fall protection is still inconsistently used. Some workers believe harnesses slow them down or create additional hazards. Others assume they will not be the one who gets hurt, a mindset often reinforced by youth and overconfidence.

The industry is beginning to change, particularly as metal roof-



Fall protection systems should be used at every stage of installation.

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A permanent fall protection system can be used by anyone from solar installers to maintenance crews.

ing becomes more common and scrutiny increases. Contractors recognize that preventing incidents is the best way to avoid OSHA involvement. A single fall can bring attention no one wants — and many falls leave no opportunity for recovery.

Temporary and Permanent Fall Protection Systems

Most fall protection systems used in post-frame construction are temporary. Anchors are installed, removed, and reinstalled

as crews move across the roof. This constant fastening and unfastening slows work and contributes to resistance among workers, leading some systems to be underused or improperly installed.

Permanent roof anchor systems offer a different approach. Once installed, they remain in place, providing long-term protection not only for construction crews but also for anyone who needs roof access later, including HVAC technicians, solar installers, chimney sweeps, or maintenance personnel. Installation typically takes only minutes, and training crews to use permanent systems is straightforward.

Permanent systems also reduce friction. When anchors are already in place, workers are more likely to tie off, especially if they encounter slick conditions unexpectedly.

Training, Rescue Planning, and Distraction

Fall protection equipment alone does not guarantee safety. Workers must understand how systems function and what to do if a fall occurs. Suspension trauma can begin within minutes, making rescue planning essential. Without a ladder, lift, or other means to retrieve a fallen worker quickly, even a properly worn harness can become dangerous.

Distraction is an increasing concern on jobsites. Mobile phones and constant notifications divide attention and increase the likelihood of missteps, both on the roof and on the ground. Some safety professionals recommend leaving phones on the ground entirely when working at elevation.

Even when tied off, inattentive workers can fall. Fall protection reduces the severity of an incident, but awareness and focus remain critical.

From Compliance to Adoption

Safety compliance can be mandated. Safety adoption cannot. Contractors can provide equipment, training, and policies, but individual workers ultimately choose whether to use them.

It is imperative that the crew foreman emphasizes the importance of looking beyond “checking the box.” Equipment that sits unused offers no protection. Clean sites, consistent tie-off practices, and thoughtful planning reflect a culture where safety is personal rather than procedural.

In post-frame construction, the most effective safety strategies are often the simplest: reduce clutter, eliminate unnecessary handling, plan for falls before they happen, and make the safest choice the easiest one to follow. **FBN**

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Promoting Your Business Through Social Media

Why wouldn't we? That's the question that keeps coming back to me every time I talk to post-frame builders about social media. We've got a mix in this industry. Some folks lean into it. Others dip a toe in and sprint back like they brushed against a live wire. A few still avoid it completely. We're a boots and toolbelt crowd. We trust a job well done, a straight line, and a firm handshake. We always have.

But here's the truth, plain and simple.

If we don't tell our story, someone else will tell their version, and a whole bunch of people won't hear anything at all.

And that one truth sits at the center of everything I'm about to say.

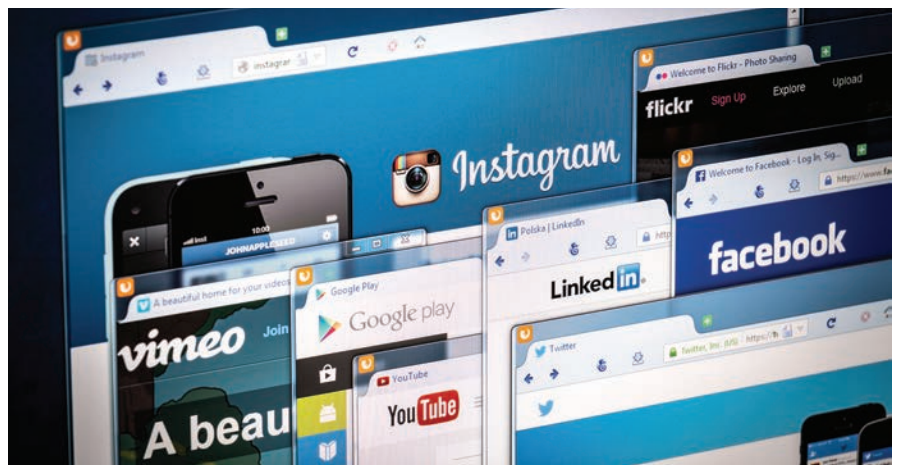
We grew up believing quality speaks for itself. Most days, it still does. A building stands straight. The doors hang true. The metal shines like it should. But the world changed. Today, the story doesn't travel by pickup alone. It moves through pockets, screens, family group chats, and the casual scroll over morning coffee.

We build structures meant to last longer than we do. But reputations don't outlast us unless we give them room to travel.

Word of mouth didn't die. It multiplied.

I wrote about this shift in *Asphalt and Algorithms* because I lived it. Back when my world was all miles, farm driveways, coffee counters, and county fairs, our reputations moved one handshake at a time. They still do. The only difference now is that the same handshake can be seen by a thousand more people if we choose to show it.

And I come back to my question.



Why wouldn't we?

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A builder who shows their work builds trust before the first phone call.

A builder who hides has to climb that hill from zero every time.

One takes hours. The other takes seconds. Seconds matter.

It's not posting. It's storytelling.

We like facts in this business. Tolerances. Spans. Snow loads. Screw counts. Social media feels messy compared to that. No right answer. No blueprint. That's why so many avoid it.

But posting isn't the skill.

Storytelling is.

A picture of a building is just metal and lumber.

A photo of the crew tightening the last screw at sunset with a caption like:

"We beat the weather. Doors go on tomorrow."

That's a story.

Buyers don't only buy structure. They buy pride. They buy workmanship. They buy the people who show up in the mud, the heat, and the wind, and get it done anyway.

Stories make that real.

Content ideas that build trust without selling

Most builders freeze because they think social media means selling.

It doesn't.

Selling happens after trust builds.

Here's the kind of content that builds trust in our world:

• **Day in the life moments**

Coffee at 5 AM. First load strapped down. Muddy boots in the cab. Real life. Real work.

People trust that.

• **Build progress updates**

Day one stakes and strings. Mid-week framing. Roof going on.

People love watching a space come alive.

• **Show the crew**

Names, personalities, jokes.

Customers hire the builder and the team, not just a completed building.

• **Lessons learned**

A gust of wind took your hat. Wrong trim color showed up.

Laugh at yourself and others laugh with you.

• **Customer moments**

A handshake in front of a new hay barn beats any ad ever printed.

• **Pride shots**

Straight lines. Tight laps. Clean jobsite.

Good work markets itself.

None of this screams "buy now."

But it makes people want to — and want to buy from you.

Where builders can win online right now

You don't need every platform.

Pick one. Own it. Add another when it feels natural.

Here's the landscape:

Facebook

Still the hometown crowd. Most customers are here.

Instagram

Progress photos and finished shots shine.

LinkedIn

Industry connections, suppliers, commercial work. Good place to stand tall.

YouTube + Shorts

Walkthroughs, build tips, roof installs, slab prep. People search here every day.

TikTok

Fast, raw, real. Screw lines, truss lifts, rain delays, crew humor. Authentic wins.

Choose one. Commit for 90 days. Don't disappear when likes are low.

Visibility grows like a barn frame. One post at a time.

A rhythm even the busiest builder can follow

Start simple.

- One build update a week
- One behind-the-scenes moment
- One simple value tip
- One finished project post per job

Keep it raw. Keep it honest. Don't overthink it.

You don't need perfect. You need present.

The bottom line stays the same

We build structures meant to last longer than we do. But reputations don't outlast us unless we give them room to travel.

If we stay quiet, we shrink.

If we speak, we grow.

And if we tell our own story, the right people hear it, the wrong people stop guessing, and the future opens wider than the shop doors on delivery day.

So I'll close where I started.

Why wouldn't we? **FBN**

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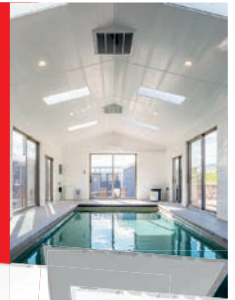
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Things to Do After Hours During the Post-Frame Builder Show

This June 10-11, York, Pennsylvania welcomes exhibitors and attendees to the Post Frame Builder Show. This business-to-business, family-friendly event brings industry professionals, builders, and suppliers together to learn, network, and celebrate innovation in construction. Whether you're traveling solo or bringing the whole family along, you'll find that York isn't just a convenient meeting place—it's a destination rich in history, creativity, and local charm. From hands-on museums and scenic parks to lively dining and nightlife, there's no shortage of things to enjoy while you're in town.

Family-Friendly Attractions

York is a city that makes learning and fun go hand in hand. The York County History Center offers interactive exhibits exploring everything from York's colonial roots to its industrial and agricultural heritage. Kids can get a taste of the past through hands-on displays and storytelling programs that bring history to life.

For a deeper look at how everyday life shaped the region, the Agricultural & Industrial Museum offers engaging exhibits featuring vintage farm machinery, factory tools, and hands-on science displays that appeal to all ages. Younger visitors will love the Children's Discovery Center, a play-based museum designed for exploration, building, and imagination—perfect for those moments when the grown-ups need some downtime after the show.

Outdoor enthusiasts can take advantage of York's green spaces. The John Rudy County Park offers playgrounds, sports fields, and walking paths ideal for a family picnic. If you're looking for a bit more adventure, Lake Redman at William H. Kain County Park provides boat rentals and fishing opportunities—a peaceful way to spend an afternoon on the water.

Evening and Nightlife Options

When the day's business winds down, York comes alive with local flavors and entertainment. Downtown's historic district, often compared to a "miniature Old Town," offers boutiques, restaurants, and stunning early American architecture. Grab dinner at one of the lively eateries in the area—ranging from cozy taverns serving Pennsylvania Dutch fare to contemporary American restaurants highlighting locally sourced ingredients.

If you extend your stay or come early for the show and you're in the mood for live music, comedy, or theater, the Appell Center for the Performing Arts and Strand Theatre feature performances

year-round—from concerts and film screenings to local plays.

Craft beer lovers won't want to miss York's growing brewery scene. Local favorites like Collusion Tap Works and Liquid Hero Brewery offer laid-back settings to unwind with a pint after a busy day. If you prefer something sweet, stop by Perrydell Farm and Dairy, a local family-owned farm where you can meet the cows and enjoy homemade ice cream—a hit for kids and adults alike.

Stay and Explore the Great Outdoors

York's landscape blends rolling farmland with scenic trails and open water. The Heritage Rail Trail County Park is a favorite for walking and cycling—it follows a historic railway line stretching from downtown York all the way to the Maryland border. For nature lovers, Rocky Ridge County Park and Richard M. Nixon County Park offer tranquil trails shaded by woodlands, along with playgrounds and picnic areas perfect for unwinding after a long week of work.

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Check the June edition of Frame Building News for additional hotel information, including group codes and telephone numbers. Or visit the show website (www.postframebuildershow.com) for details as they develop.

Whether you're connecting with peers at the convention center, exploring the city's local treasures, or enjoying a summer evening with family, York, Pennsylvania invites you to make the most of your visit. With its blend of history, hospitality, and adventure, this charming city truly proves that the Post-Frame Builder Show is more than an event—it's the start of a memorable getaway.

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To participate in this annual program, builders must be current NFBA members and submit projects that feature post-frame construction in at least 50% of the structure. For 2025, eligible buildings must have been completed between De-

cember 1, 2023 and November 30, 2025.

The NFBA has updated the submission process in a few key ways. The award categories remain broad, spanning agricultural storage, barndominiums, residential homes, horse barns, institutional buildings, and more, but entries are now divided into three builder divisions — Experts, Masters, and Premier — based on annual gross volume. This change helps ensure that companies compete against others of similar size and capacity. New rules, instructions, and scoring criteria, along with clearer directions on how to upload photos and documentation through the NFBA Member Portal, were also implemented.

Winning a Building of the Year award brings multiple benefits. Recipients were honored at the prestigious awards luncheon during the Annual Frame Building Expo, in addition to gaining exposure through NFBA publications and communications, and had their projects showcased on the Expo show floor before industry professionals. Winners also received (or will receive) a commemorative plaque that showcases their commitment to quality and excellence in post-frame construction.

For builders looking to elevate their business profile and highlight their finest work, the NFBA Building of the Year awards remain one of the most significant honors in the industry. **FBN**

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- Building Name:** JWVett Farms Robot Barn
- Location:** Trail, Minnesota
- Built By:** Faldet Construction
- Components:**
 - PANELS:** Oklee Lumber
 - DOORS:** Oklee Lumber
 - POSTS/FOUNDATION:** Gruenwald Laminates
 - TRUSSES:** Gruenwald Laminates
 - VENTILATION:** Leedstone
 - WINDOWS:** Oklee Lumber
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Building Name: Shouse

Location: Iowa

Built By: Tom Witt Contractor

Components: **PANELS:** Roof: Lester Buildings Uni-Rib 26ga. AZ50 PVDF; Walls: Lester Buildings Uni-Rib 28ga. AZ50 SMP; Interior: Lester Buildings Uni-Rib 30ga. G40 **DOORS:** AJ Manufacturing **POSTS:** Lester Buildings 2x6 laminated columns **TRUSSES:** Lester Buildings **VENTILATION:** MWI Components steel soffit **WINDOWS:** AJ Manufacturing **FASTENERS:** Leland Industries

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Built By: Eversole Builders

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PANELS: Hardie panels and battens

DOORS: Stallworks

WINDOWS: Stallworks

STALL FRONTS: Saratoga Stalls

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Building Name:

Schedel Arboretum & Gardens

Location: Elmore, Ohio

Built By: Dunipace Buildings

Components:

PANELS: Central States Manufacturing

Horizon-Loc **POSTS/FOUNDATION:**

Sturdi-Wall Plus **VENTILATION:** Plyco

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Building Name: Drayer Home

Location: Ohio

Built By:
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Components:

ROOF: Metal Sales 29 ga., OSB, felt paper, ice and water shield at eaves

DOORS: CHI Overhead Doors; Entry Doors: Masonite Sandstone, Storm Doors ProVia Sandstone

POSTS: ISOSET GluLams on Perma-Columns. Carport and porch poles are set on brackets

VENTILATION: Aluminum vented soffit

WINDOWS: Alliance Windgate

FASTENERS: Maze Nails

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Built By: Tailored Building Systems

Components:

PANELS: Tailored Building Systems

POST/FOUNDATION: Richland Glu-Lams

TRUSSES: Truss Technologies Inc. of Michigan

WINDOWS: Pella

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Building Name: Helbach Farms

Location: Amherst, Wisconsin

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Components:

PANELS: McElroy Metal

DOORS: AJ Manufacturing

POST/FOUNDATION: MPB Laminated Columns, Spiegelberg Concrete

TRUSSES: Select Trusses & Truss's Plus
VENTILATION: Nelson Vegetable Storage Systems - Agri ventilation system

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Location: Plain City, Ohio

Built By: Pebble Construction

Components:

WALLS: Hardie Plank Board & Batten Siding
ROOF: Asphalt shingles
DOORS: ProVia Walk Doors; Haas Garage Doors

POSTS/FOUNDATION: Richland Laminated Columns
TRUSSES: Parallel Chord Trusses

WINDOWS: Anderson 100 Series
FASTENERS: Maze Nails
OTHER: Keim Millwork interior beams and rafters



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Built By: Bradford Buildings

Components:

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TRUSSES AND LUMBER: Capital Truss & Lumber - Hindsville, Arkansas

FASTENERS: Timber Lock screws

INSULATION: Therma-Guard, with 6" spray foam

TIMBER FRAME PORCHES: Capital Truss, Hindsville, Arkansas

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Built By: Bradford Buildings

Components:

PANELS: 26 ga. Ag Panel

POSTS: 6x6 Treated Posts

TRUSSES AND LUMBER: Capital

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INSULATION: Therma-Guard **OTHER:**

Countertop overhead door with glass

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Built By: Texas Best Barndominiums

Designed By: Stacey Lynn,
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Components:

WALLS: Rapid Framing System;
Black Crinkle Finish

POSTS/FOUNDATION: Burrow's Nail
Lams, Sturdi-Wall Brackets

TRUSSES: Parallel Chord Trusses

OTHER: Ridgeline Safety Anchors,
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Building Name: Jon & Jen Wiltzius

Location: Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Built By: MPB Builders, Inc.

Components:

PANELS: McElroy Metal **DOORS:** AJ

Manufacturing & Modern Overhead Door

POSTS/FOUNDATION: MPB Laminated

Columns **TRUSSES:** Truss's Plus

VENTILATION: MWI Components Ridge

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Components:

PANELS: 29 ga Central States

DOORS: 92 Series Plyco **POSTS:**

RigidPly Rafters 2x8 Laminated Posts

TRUSSES: Western Building Supply

WINDOWS: Gerkin **FASTENERS:** U2

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VENTILATION: Greenheck

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Building Name: The Obsidian

Location: Michigan

Built By: Milmar Homes LLC

Components:

PANELS: Wagler Metal Sales & Quality Edge
DOORS: Therma-Tru Doors & Pella Windows and Doors
POSTS/ FOUNDATION: Borkholder Buildings & Supply Laminated Columns + Tri-State Perma-Columns
TRUSSES: Borkholder Buildings & Supply
VENTILATION: McElroy Metal
WINDOWS: Pella Windows & Doors
FASTENERS: Paslode & Big Timber

MPB BUILDERS, INC. • RETROFITTED / REMODELED BUILDINGS

<https://mpbuilders.com>



Building Name: Wade Pennau

Location: Wisconsin

Built By: MPB Builders, Inc.

Components:

PANELS: McElroy Metals Textured Black
DOORS: AJ Manufacturing
POST/FOUNDATION: MPB Laminated Columns
TRUSSES: Truss's Plus
VENTILATION: MWI Components Ridge Vents
WINDOWS: AJ Manufacturing & provided by owner
FASTENERS: Levi's Fasteners & Maze Nails

Division: PREMIER

PIONEER POLE BUILDINGS • AGRICULTURAL STORAGE & LIVESTOCK FACILITIES

<https://pioneerpolebuildings.com>



Building Name: Roba Farms

Location:
North Abington, Pennsylvania

Built By: Pioneer Pole Buildings

Components: **PANELS:** Everlast Roofing
DOORS: F and L Overhead Doors
(A Pioneer Company) **POSTS/**

FOUNDATION: RigidPly Rafters

TRUSSES: UFP Trusses **FASTENERS:**
Everlast Answer Screw/ Truss Carriage
Bolts Shirk Mfg. **OTHER:** Timber Truss
Material Beaver Mountain / Werner
Lumber; Penn Star Stone Veneer (A
Pioneer Company)

BORKHOLDER BUILDINGS & SUPPLY, LLC • BARNDOMINIUMS

<https://borkholderbuildings.com>



Building Name: Bradley Residence

Location: Michigan

Built By: Golden Rule Construction

Designed By: Borkholder Buildings

Components:

PANELS: 26ga. Textured Steel by Wagler
Metal Sales, Versetta Stone Accents

DOORS: Thermatru Fiberglass doors

POSTS/FOUNDATION: Borkholder
Laminated Columns in Post Protectors (In
Ground) **TRUSSES:** Borkholder

WINDOWS: Pella Impervia

Division: PREMIER

BLUNIER BUILDERS, INC. • COMMERCIAL BUSINESS / INDUSTRIAL

<https://blunierbuilders.com>



Building Name:
Goodfield State Bank

Location: Roanoke, Illinois

Built By: Blunier Builders, Inc.

Components: **PANELS:** McElroy Metal 238T roof panel - McElroy FW siding with smooth profile **DOORS:** Full glass aluminum storefront doors **POSTS/FOUNDATION:** 4' deep concrete piers with insulated energy wall. Stainless steel post brackets wet set in piers **TRUSSES:** Central Illinois Truss monoslope wood trusses, 2' o/c **WINDOWS:** Custom aluminum storefront windows **FASTENERS:** McElroy Metal 238T clips/clip fasteners, 238T Rivets, Woodgrip XG color matched screws

DIAMOND STATE POLE BUILDINGS • COMMERCIAL RETAIL

www.diamondstatepole.com



Building Name: PricePremier

Location:
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Built By:
Diamond State Pole Buildings

Components: **ROOF:** Elevate 60-mil EPDM membrane **WALLS:** Ridge & Valley Metals 29-ga. Galvalume Vesta Steel Siding, Gilden Grain finish **DOORS:** Full-view aluminum Hormann glass doors **POSTS/FOUNDATION:** Rigid Ply 4-ply 2x6 glulam posts **TRUSSES:** Two-part mono trusses spanning 96' and 69' **OTHER:** Imperial Marquee awnings; DryVit EIFS (Exterior Insulation and Finish System)

Division: PREMIER

CONESTOGA BUILDINGS • HOBBY SHOPS

www.conestogabuildings.com



Building Name: Pool Party Barn

Location: Maryland

Built By: Conestoga Buildings

Components: **PANELS:** 24ga Drexel DMC 150 Standing Seam **SIDING:** James Hardie Board and Batten, Cedar Mill
DOORS: Marvin Ultimate Series, Haas Model CA110 Full View Overheads
POSTS/FOUNDATION: RigidPly glu-lam posts, Perma-Column bases
TRUSSES: UFP Trusses
VENTILATION: Drexel Ridge Vent, Soffit
WINDOWS: Marvin Ultimate Series
FASTENERS: Stainless steel nails
OTHER: Royal Crowne Cupolas Cedar/PVC Cupolas, KD Douglas Fir Timbers, Trex Rain Escape, wood-plank stamped concrete flooring

WALTERS BUILDINGS • HORSE BARN

<https://waltersbuildings.com>



Building Name:

The Settlement Equestrian Center

Location: Paducah, Kentucky

Built By: Walters Buildings

Components:

PANELS: JWS Panels with Beckry Tech Paint **DOORS:** Plyco Walk Doors/ J&E Grill Sliding Doors and Stall Doors
POSTS/FOUNDATION: JWS STP Columns **TRUSSES:** JWS Trusses with Eagle Truss Plates **VENTILATION:** MWI Uni-Vent **WINDOWS:** Anderson Windows
FASTENERS: Maze Nails/Levi's Building Components Screws **OTHER:** MWI Components Cupolas, Soffit

Division: PREMIER

BLUNIER BUILDERS, INC. • INSTITUTIONAL / PUBLIC NON-PROFIT BUILDINGS

<https://blunierbuilders.com>

Building Name: Islamic Center of Mclean County

Location: Bloomington, Illinois

Built By: Blunier Builders, Inc.

Components: ROOF & WALLS: McElroy Metals Max Rib Ultra for the steel on some of the walls and some of the roof. EPDM rubber roofing on the low slope/flat



portion of the roof with the FG dome. The majority of the building exterior was brick **DOORS:** (2) 6'x7' store front doors and Plyco 92 series walk doors with (1) Ceco Storm Pro tornado door **POSTS/FOUNDATION:** 3 ply and 4 ply 2x8 nailed & glued laminated columns built by Blunier Builders. The foundation is a poured in place concrete pier with a wet set stainless steel bracket. We also had a 42" deep concrete energy wall with 2" foam board between the concrete piers. **TRUSSES:** Combination of mono sloped and gable wood trusses from Central Illinois Truss **WINDOWS:** Windgate double pane Low E Vinyl windows **INSULATION:** R25 FG batt (walls), open cell spray foam roof deck **FASTENERS:** Painted SFS Screws provided by McElroy Metal

STRUCTURAL BUILDINGS • RESIDENTIAL HOMES

<https://structuralbuildings.com>



Building Name:
The Moyer Barndominium

Location: Minnesota

Built By: Structural Buildings

Components: PANELS: 28 GA Dakota Steel Board and Batten **DOORS:** Haas 780 - American Door Works **POSTS/FOUNDATION:** Timber-Tech **TRUSSES:** Simonson Lumber **VENTILATION:** Expert Insulation **WINDOWS:** 100 Series Anderson Windows **FASTENERS:** Dakota Steel Strong Rib

Division: PREMIER

BLUNIER BUILDERS, INC. • RETROFITTED / REMODELED BUILDINGS

<https://blunierbuilders.com>



Building Name: Kilgus Farmstead

Location: Fairbury, Illinois

Built By: Blunier Builders, Inc.

Components: **PANELS:** McElroy Metal Max-Rib siding and roofing panels

DOORS: Plyco 92 series walk doors, automatic sliding main entry doors at storefront, insulated Raynor dock doors with dock equipment

POSTS/ FOUNDATION: 4' deep concrete piers with insulated energy wall. Stainless steel post brackets wet set in piers

TRUSSES: Central Illinois Truss wood trusses, 8' o/c

VENTILATION: Continuous vented ridge, 24" vented soffit on sidewalls

WINDOWS: AJ Manufacturing, Harmony vinyl frame windows with EZV trim

FASTENERS: Woodgrip XG color matched screws

WOOSTER BUILDINGS, LLC • JUDGES AWARD

<https://woosterbuildings.blogspot.com/>



Building Name: Oak Bridge

Location: Loudonville, Ohio

Built By: Wooster Buildings, LLC

Components: **PANELS:** Walls: Everlast Roofing; Roof: Country Co. heavy steel panel

DOORS: Plyco 20 walk doors; ProVia office doors

POSTS/ FOUNDATION: Perma-Column

TRUSSES: Hostetler Truss

VENTILATION: Vented eave soffits, vented rubber fillers at the peak

WINDOWS: ProVia double-hung vinyl with wood interior laminations (office) and vinyl casements (shop)

FASTENERS: Everlast TA; Big Timber CTX structural screws

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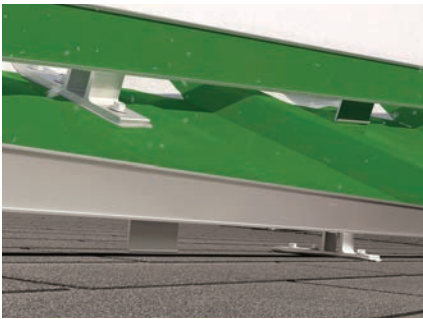
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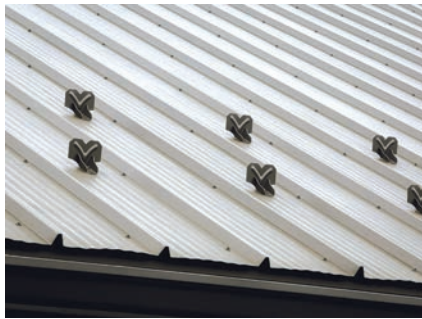
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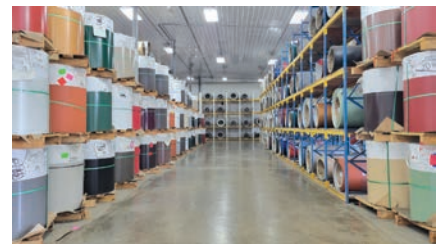
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PROJECT DETAILS

BUILDER: Extreme Pole Buildings

LOCATION: Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

SIZE: 40'x60', 16' height

FOUNDATION: Concrete pad and apron

TRUSSES: Engineered trusses 4' o/c

ROOF PANELS: Wagler Steel 28Ga Paradise Panel (Textured Black, roof & trims), galvanized, 40-year warranty

WALL PANELS: Wagler Steel 28Ga Board and Batten (Textured Bright White), galvanized, 40-year warranty

COATING: Sherwin-Williams Coil Coatings Weather XL

WINDOWS: MI Windows 3x4 single hung, MI 3500 series

ENTRY DOOR: AB Martin 3.0x6.8 9-lite Pre Hung window. Grizzly Series

SLIDER DOOR: Custom aluminum 16'x14' split slider door with glass, manufactured by a local Amish company: Sunset Valley Metalcrafts

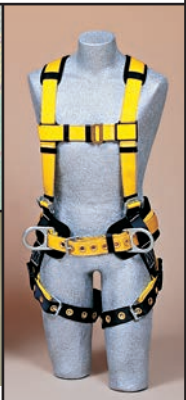
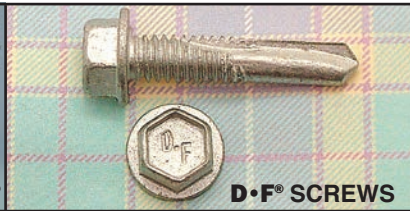
POSTS: AB Martin 3-Ply Glu Laminated 2x6 Columns, 8' o/c

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INSULATION: R-19 fiberglass insulation in the walls and R-30 fiberglass insulation in the ceiling

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