

Questions about Residential Metal Roofing



Why Metal?

- Wide variety of colors and profiles available
- Long lasting colors with no-nonsense warranties
- Over 20 years of exceptional durability
- Metal is noncombustible
- Metal will not absorb or be damaged by water
- Metal will shed ice and water in the winter
- Most steel products are made with recycled steel and contain at least 25 percent recycled material

Can Metal be installed over my old roof?

- Yes! Metal roofing weighs less than 1.6 pounds per square foot. It will not normally overload existing roofs
- Metal roofing can usually be installed right over asphalt or fiberglass roofing

Will metal improve the looks of my home?

Metal roofing offers a wide variety of panel profiles to choose from. Nearly any design appearance can be achieved when using metal. If you desire a bold looking roof, a high slim rib panel which creates interesting shadow lines, or a low profile design, metal affords you a wide choice.

What about noise?

Usually, metal roofing is installed over plywood and felt or an existing roof. Therefore, the sound generated by rain or hail would be similar to other roofing materials. The myth of a noisy steel roof comes from barns that were built with steel roofing installed on open framing and with no insulation.

Does it cost more than conventional roofing?

Every type of roofing material offers many levels of quality. Initially, metal roofing may cost more than some levels of other roofing types. However, the life-cycle costs of metal roofing are substantially lower than other forms of roofing.

The decision to use metal is usually based upon the fact that the homeowner doesn't want to or can't afford to replace their conventional roof every 8 to 12 years. ABC metal roofing will provide many years of low maintenance service.

Which metal roof system should I use?

There are two types of metal roofing systems for residential use - concealed fastener systems and exposed fastener systems. ABC offers two concealed fastener systems, Royal Lock® and SL-16®. ABC also offers five exposed fastener systems, Imperial Rib®, Perma Clad®, 5V-Crimp, "PBR" Panel, and "PBU" Panel.

Generally, exposed fastener systems cost less than concealed fastener systems. Depending on the aesthetic look you are trying to achieve, your trained professional contractor, building materials supplier or ABC can help you choose the system right for you and your roof design.

