## Do you need to remove the shingles before installing the metal roof?

As a general rule, removing the existing shingles from your roof is unnecessary. **Installing a steel roof is a very green process**—there is almost no waste, and any leftover steel is recycled.

## Do you install the metal directly on top of the shingles?

**No.** We secure a grid pattern of one-inch by four-inch wood strapping to your roof to create an air gap. The gap allows your roof to breathe



better in the summer. Adding metal directly over shingles would corrode the metal and cause the paint to degrade.

### How long does the roof last?

The manufacturer's warranty for paint is for up to 40 years, and the metal will last for **your lifetime or 100 years.** 

### What happens to the paint over time?

Your paint finish may age a little under certain circumstances. Full sun may cause the paint to develop a matte finish over time, and a few colours may lose some vibrancy over time. **It should not peel or bubble.** 

### What colours can I get?

Our website has a colour sample page. **Our main supplier offers 16 colours.** If you want to use another supplier, our team can install the steel of your choice.



#### Will the screws leak?

**No.** The screws have rubber grommets that seal the screws to the roof and prevent any leaks. We know this because our crews have replaced 100-year steel roofs on old barns, and the screws have not leaked.

#### What if the screws come loose?

**They won't**, but if you are concerned about your roof after its installation, call us, and we will address any worries you may have. We know this because our crews have replaced 100-year steel roofs on old barns, and the screws were not loose.

## What is the square foot cost of your metal roofing?

Many factors are part of the consideration for pricing your new metal roof. Shingle cost is often calculated at a square foot price, but with steel, the metal made to fit your roof is priced by linear feet. Each sheet is three feet wide and is priced per linear foot (three feet wide by one foot long is one linear foot).

Your roof price must also include metal trim, strapping, boots for vents and bathroom pipes, foam closures, caulking and fasteners. We also need to see your building to consider any other factors to install the steel. Some common concerns are trees close to the roof, landscaping features around the house or a steep pitch to your roof. All these issues can affect the final price.

## Where do you put the vents in the roof?

Metal roofs don't have traditional vents. The vent for the air is cut at the top of the roof. The metal piece covering the top of the roof is called a ridge cap, which allows air to be vented from the attic. This simple system allows more air to flow out of the attic, which is much better for your house. One small vent at the top of your house will eliminate three traditional shingle vents. This system will scale to the size of your home.



## Do I have to do anything to my roof once it's installed?

No. Once your roof has been installed, you don't have to worry about it again. **Your only job is to prevent trees or bushes from growing over it.** They will scratch the paint, which may cause damage that allows rust to form or the paint to peel. Your warranty would not cover that.

## What about snow, will it harm my eavestrough? Will snow fall off the roof?

The short answer is no. **Our team will install snow guards** to prevent snow from falling into the eavestrough or to the ground. If your roof is very steep, an upgraded system called 'snow stops' can be installed. We will tell you what will be best for your roof.

#### What if my roof leaks?

**It won't.** But if you are concerned about it, call us, and we will come and check out any problems that may arise over time.

## Will water run off the roof past the eavestrough?

That can happen, but it depends on the slope of your roof and the width of your eavestrough. **We will install a trim piece** along the bottom of your metal to ensure the water will not shoot past the edge of your trough.

# Are the rubber boots you use to waterproof pipes that come up through the roof and go around chimneys heat resistant?

The black boots are meant for low-temperature pipes, like the ones for bathroom fan exhaust or toilets. For wood stoves or furnace chimneys, we have high-heat boots that are orange in colour.

The colour is to make it clear that these boots are rated to handle chimneys. This means you can tell if we got it right!



#### Other benefits of a steel roof:

- ✓ You have a range of steel in stylish colours and designs to make your house look better.
- ✓ A metal roof increases your home's value.
- ✓ A metal roof **protects your loved ones** from the harshest weather conditions.
- ✓ If you are away for a cruise or extended vacation, your house will be protected by your metal roof. You don't have to worry about anything going wrong.
- ✓ A metal roof adds value to your home and reduces long-term costs.
- Metal roofs are an investment in making your home more energy-efficient in winter and summer.
- Once a metal roof is installed, you can forget about it and enjoy your life.
- ✓ Your metal roof helps you maintain your independence by ensuring your home is easy to manage.

## More questions?

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