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P-Panel

The 26-gauge R-Panel is a strong, durable, economic, and attractive answer to the growing demand for metal roofing and siding needs. R-Panels provide a 36-inch net coverage with 1¼ inch ribs on twelve-inch centers that provide the strength you need for industrial, commercial, agricultural, and utility buildings, as well as homes and businesses.

Our panels and trim are fabricated using state-of-the-art computerized equipment to assure uniformity and consistency in product manufacture. Panels are roll-formed to the lengths specified by customers in 26-gauge high-tensile steel, in either Galvalume® or any of nine colors, ready for either customer pickup or on-site delivery. All of our R-Panels carry limited coil manufacturer’s finish warranties of at least 40 years on painted or 25 years on non-painted. Your representative is waiting to assist you in making the best choice for your particular roofing needs.

We also stock special low profile reflective foil insulation, roll-up doors, fasteners, sealants, closures, trims, and other accessories to meet every need of either the do-it-yourself home owner or the roofing contractor. Both in-stock and custom-made flashings and trims are available in all colors as well.

R-Panel is produced in a bare, AZ-55 hot dipped Galvalume® finish. The AZ-55 Galvalume® finish is not only durable and cost effective, but offers the reflectivity which is so valuable for energy efficiency. The paint system employed on our painted panels offers optimum exterior protection plus superior resistance to corrosion and ultraviolet radiation. All of Best Buy Metals' finishes are of the highest quality in the industry.
Installation of Panels

Roof Pitch

Our roofing panels require a certain degree of pitch to ensure proper water drainage. **R-Panel requires a minimum pitch of 2/12.** This means that the minimum roof slope required for all panels is 2 inches of rise per foot. As a general principle, the less steep the roof, the more necessary the use of ridge closures, and the more necessary also that butyl sealant be used at all side-laps to prevent water from siphoning over the ribs (see Figure 7 on page 6). Consult our representative for recommendations for your particular roof pitch, and about roofing options if you have less than a 2/12 pitch.

Roof Application

Panel installation should begin at the gable end of the roof opposite the prevailing rain-bearing wind (this will provide added assurance against wind-driven rain being forced under the laps). Measure one full panel width in (approx. 38") from the roof edge. At this point chalk a line from ridge to eave (avoid getting chalk on panels—it may discolor them!). Place the leading edge of the first panel along this line. It is extremely important that this panel be laid square to the eave and ridge so that the remaining panels will line up square on the roof frame. It is wise to have a person at the eave and at the ridge to ensure that the proper panel coverage is being maintained across the roof. Also be sure that the panels are properly side-lapped (see fig. 7 on page 6).

In applications where end-lapping is necessary, the upper panel on the slope should lap over the panel that is lower on the slope. Lower roof pitch requires a greater amount of panel overlap. All end-lap applications require two horizontal rows (across the panel) of butyl sealant tape and proper fastening to provide a maximum water seal.

An overhang of 2 to 3 inches is recommended to provide a drip edge, while only 1 inch overhang is necessary where gutters are used (see p. 15). The open panel ribs at the eave can be sealed with inside closures. For maximum weather-tightness, a row of butyl tape can be applied above and beneath inside closures.

Trimming and Cutting Steel Panels

The best device for cutting steel panels across the profile is either a portable or hand shear, or a nibbler. Nibblers, however, and especially Carborundum blades on electric saws, do have a tendency to either leave hot metal particles that can burn paint surfaces or leave rust marks on panels and trim. The same is true of any filings left on the roof caused by the application of screws. Care should be taken to brush all such particles from roof surfaces after application.

To cut panels lengthwise: Note carefully where the panel is to be cut, and, using a straight-edge, score deeply down the length of the panel with a sharp-pointed utility knife. Folding the panel along the score mark, and bending back again if necessary, should produce a clean break in the panel.

**CAUTION! clean all metal shavings and particles off of roof to avoid unsightly rust stains**

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R-Panel Metal Roofing & Siding Trims

Figure 4 Common trims associated with R- Panels

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Ordering and Applying Trim

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At the gable edge the use of gable trim adds to the appearance of the structure and protects the fly-rafter, and sidewall flashing is used where the side of a panel butts up against an adjacent wall. In either case, the installer should be careful to seal between the gable rake or sidewall and panel with butyl sealant tape, and to fasten the trim every 6" to 12" up the slope of the roof with the appropriate screws. If drip edge is used on the gable, the number of 90 degree drip edge for the gable should be specified separately from that used on the drip edge when ordering.

To prevent penetration of water, insects, and debris at the ridge, either solid or vented closure material may be inserted between the ridge cap and the top end of the panel (shown on p. 9). Screws are applied through the ridge cap, closure, and each rib of the panels. 2½" wood screws or self-drilling lap screws should be used for attaching ridge caps.

Ordering Roof Panels and Screws

Care should be taken to order panels of the correct length to avoid having to make corrective measures after purchase. Panel lengths should fall 2 to 3 inches short of the ridge when a vented ridge is desired, and should extend 2 to 3 inches past the eave to allow a sufficient drip edge (except as noted on pg. 3 concerning gutters). Our sales personnel are ready to assist customers with information specific to their particular roof.

Specially-washed screws applied through the flat of the metal is the most recommended method used to attach roofing panels. 1-inch screws can be used if penetration of only ¼ inch is either necessary or desired; otherwise, 1½ inch screws are usually recommended. 2½ inch screws are also available, and are often used by those who adhere to through-the-rib fastening, and for ridge-cap application. For attachment to metal purlins, a minimum of #12 x 1” hex head TEK screw or equivalent is recommended, and for stitching panels and trim to panels, we recommend #14 x 7/8” lap TEK self-drilling screws. See pages 6 and 7 for more information on screw spacing and ordering.

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Keep Materials Dry!

Paint and finishes of our panels and trim are designed to withstand severe rain and wet weather conditions. Neither paint, galvanized, or Galvalume finishes, however, are designed to be in continuous contact with water for long periods of time. Damage will result if uninstalled panels or trim are allowed to remain wet in storage. Be sure to store material that will not be installed immediately in a dry location. Wet material should be air-dried and re-stacked if installation is not planned right away.
How to Figure and Apply Screws

Best Buy Metals carries screws in 3 different lengths: 1 inch, 1½ inch, and 2½ inch. 1-inch screws will barely penetrate a 1x4, but the 1½ inch are the best all-purpose size. **2½-inch wood screws or self-drilling lap screws are necessary for attaching ridge caps.** The above table (Figure 6) can be used to figure approximate quantities of screws for various purlin spacings and sizes of roofs. For 2-foot spacing between rows of screws, multiply the total linear feet of metal times 1.9

**Example:** your order is 1250 feet of R-Panel roofing.  
1250 x 1.9 = 2375 screws

Please confirm all estimates with your representative when you place your order.

Codes allow re-roofing over shingles without the use of battens providing the roof has been checked by a licensed roofing contractor to insure levelness and pullout integrity.

R-Panel metal roofing can be separated from the moisture barrier by minimum, nominal 1"x3" yellow pine battens spaced on maximum 24" centers, or according to ASCE calculations where applicable. **Since direct contact between pressure treated lumber and metal roofing must be avoided in order to prevent potential corrosion, Best Buy Metals sells only untreated battens.**

**CAUTION:** Battens must be fastened to the roof deck with minimum #6 screws at 12" on-center, or two minimum 8d common or pneumatic nails spaced 8" on-center, or one every 4" on-center (or by applicable calculations according to ASCE 7-98). **Battens must be installed to support the entire width and length of ridge, eave, hip, valley, and gable-end trims.**

For solid decking, at least ½-inch structural plywood or OSB (5/8" for Metro-Dade new construction and for any high velocity wind zone of 120 and above) supported on rafters at a maximum of 24" on center is required. In residential applications, building codes require a plywood deck with the use of #30 felt to provide adequate thermal and moisture barrier protection.

If care is taken, metal roofing application can be aided by pre-drilling panels, allowing screws to go quickly and accurately into the desired spacing. Pre-drilling will work provided that pilot holes are placed accurately in the proper locations on panels. Purlin spacing must be uniform and carefully measured.
Note: Dimension \( a \) is defined as 10% of the minimum width of the building, or 40% of the mean height of the roof, whichever is smaller; however, \( a \) cannot be less than either 4% of the minimum width of the building, or 3 feet.
## Policies

**Delivery policy**  Delivery charges apply to all orders where delivery is requested. Please consult your Best Buy Metals sales department for details.

**Sales tax**  All orders picked up at Best Buy Metals, and all orders delivered within the state of Tennessee, are subject to state sales tax. Tax exemptions should be verified prior to delivery or customer pickup. Orders delivered out-of-state are tax exempt.

**Indemnity**  All prices and designs are subject to change without notice.

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### Summary of Common Stock Trims and Flashings

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<td>Ridge caps</td>
<td>Specify pitch if less than 3/12 or greater than 6/12.  Closures recommended (see p. 9).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Drip Edge</td>
<td>Installed on gutter end.</td>
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<td>Gable flashings</td>
<td>Use butyl sealant between rake and panel.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Valleys</td>
<td>Specify pitch if greater than 7/12.  Seal with universal foam closure material.</td>
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<td>Sidewall</td>
<td>Use butyl sealant between sidewall flashing and panel.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Endwall</td>
<td>Specify pitch if greater than 5/12.  Seal with outside closures.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transition flashing</td>
<td>Specify pitches of both roof slopes.  Seal lower slope using outside closures and, if desired, inside closures on upper slope.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capping Trims</td>
<td>Seal off the ends of siding panels.  Base drip seals the bottoms at floor level; J-channel caps panels on sides and below doors and windows, while drip caps seal the bottoms of panels above them.</td>
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Ridge Cap

The Ridge Cap is used to seal the upper point at which two slopes meet. This can be both along the ridge of the roof as well as the covering for a hip. Either woodgrip or self-drilling lap TEK screws are applied through the ribs of the metal.

Debris, insects, and blowing rain can find easy access under the ridge cap, so closures are often used to either completely or partially seal the opening. Closures under ridge caps come in 2 types: solid and vented.

Solid closures ("Outside Closures") are as long as the width of the panels. They lock together in a row placed directly under the screws that attach the ridge cap, and form a solid, water-tight, air-tight barrier. (see Figure 8 above).

Vented closure (Profile Vent®) comes in 25 foot rolls, is 3 inches wide, and forms a water-retardant, insect resistant barrier that allows hot air to escape from the attic. It is superior to many more elaborate and expensive venting systems.

Standard 12-inch Ridge Caps are strong, economical and adequate for most of your roofing needs.

Figure 8 Ridge cap with outside closures in place. R-Panel® requires either 7/8 inch lap tech or 2 1/2 inch Woodgrip screws for attaching the ridge cap.

Figure 9 Pipe Boots provide a water-tight seal around roof vents and come in a variety of sizes. They seal with caulk and conform to the shape of the panel ribs.
Figure 10  Drip Edge and fascia give a finished look along the drip eave of the building, as well as providing protection for the materials they cover. The drip edge should completely cover the top edge of the fascia. Inside closures, which seal off the open ribs of the panels, are optional.

Figure 11  Sidewall flashing is applied when the side of the roof butts up against an adjacent wall. The wall-side of the flashing can either be covered over with siding or sealed with caulk. Butyl tape should be applied where the “foot” of the flashing attaches to the roof, and, if used, along the top edge of the counterflashing.

If used as gable trim, be sure to mention the number of 90° drip edge for the gable. If fascia is to be used, be sure that the dimension you order will allow the top of the fascia to be hidden by the drip edge.
Figure 12  Gable flashing is used to trim the edge of the roofing panel at the gable end of the roof. It should match the eave drip that extends along the drip edge of the roof. If the panel is allowed to hang over the gable end, eave drip can be used instead. Butyl tape between the trim and panel eliminates leaks. Secured both to roof and rafter with screws.

End-wall Flashing

End-wall flashing is applied where the upward slope of a roof meets a wall. The wall side of the flashing can be covered with siding or counter-flashing, and outside closures are used to seal between the flashing and the panel. Roof slope should be mentioned if roof exceeds 5/12 pitch. Use when next to sidewall flashing.
TRANSITION FLASHING prevents leakage at the point where two different roof pitches meet. It is sealed on the lower side with outside closures, and can be sealed underneath the upper panels with inside closures. The less difference there is between the two pitches, the more necessary a larger lower dimension becomes.

Transition Flashing

Preformed Valley

Figure 14 Pre-formed valleys use a diverter to prevent water from rushing under panels on the opposite side while meanwhile channeling water off the roof. Expanding foam closures (as the one shown in place above) are used.

Figure 15 The transition flashing provides a continuous drainage where two slopes meet.
R-Panel Rake and Corner

Figure 16 Corner trim straddles the ribs of the panels where they meet at the corner of the building. The PBR outside corner also serves as a gable rake (see p.11). The inside corner
Figure 18  The drip cap is commonly used to trim out the bottoms of panels over doorways and windows, and occasionally takes the place of base drip; j-channel is used to cap raw panel edges where run-off is not a problem, and is most commonly used to trim around the bottom, sides, and occasionally the

Figure 19  Base drip seals off the bottoms of panels at the floor level, where it helps to prevent the entrance of rodents and insects, as well as a base for the setting of panels.
Gutters

Best Buy Metals produces 29-, and 26-gauge gutter. All gutters should be ordered specific to the pitch of the roof. Downspouts are also available. End caps should be ordered at the same time as the gutters to assure a custom fit. Special hangers fit over the panel rib and under the gutter lip. Panels should extend no more than 1" to 1½" inches beyond the eave on which gutters are planned. Special hangers fit over the panel rib and under the lip of gutter (apply at least one per panel) and are attached with lap screws. Gutter hangers fit over panel rib and under lip of gutter (apply at least one per panel) and are attached with lap screws.

For downspouts exceeding 10 feet (2-piece), specify length also of upper section.

Downspout

Figure 20 Exposed view of gutter showing gutter hanger placement, downspouts, and end caps. Caulk or butyl sealant under hangers will assure that the lap screws that attach to hangers are leak free. Hangers employ lap screws, and end caps are best attached with rivets. Inner and outer gutter sections (marked “I” and “O”) alternate along the eave to assure ease of application and gutter appearance.

Inner
Outer
Inner
Outer

Track Covers

Sliding door track covers fit over the door track and under the panels to hide the track, assure a neat appearance, and shed water over the door.

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<td>roll-up doors</td>
<td>Come in several sizes and are white in color.</td>
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<td>pipe boot</td>
<td>Fits over vent and heat pipes. Available also in heat-resistant boots.</td>
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<td>electrical boot</td>
<td>Fits around pipes with inaccessible tops (such as weatherheads).</td>
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<td>outside closures</td>
<td>Seals under ridge caps and transition and endwall flashings.</td>
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<td>inside closures</td>
<td>Seals under panels, particularly on the eave.</td>
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<td>Profile Vent®</td>
<td>Vented closure material surpassing many other venting systems.</td>
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<td>expanding foam</td>
<td>Compressed adhesive foam expands to seal between valleys and panels.</td>
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<td>TurboShear HD®</td>
<td>The best tool for cutting metal roofing panels. Great for angle cuts.</td>
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<td>touch-up paint</td>
<td>Hides scratches and mars encountered in installation.</td>
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<td>butyl tape</td>
<td>General purpose low-cost sealant, used on panel laps and under trim.</td>
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<td>Solar Seal®</td>
<td>A superior general purpose caulk for all joints. Matches panel colors.</td>
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<td>Greatly reduces radiant heat when installed under panels.</td>
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<td>Woodgrip® screws</td>
<td>Used in all applications attaching metal to wood. 1&quot;, 1½&quot;, 2½&quot; sizes.</td>
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<td>TEK screws</td>
<td>Self-drilling TEK screws for metal purlins. Lap TEK screws draw together joints and attach trim.</td>
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<td>“Lifetime” screws; 1½&quot;, 2½&quot;, threaded for wood; self-drilling available.</td>
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