R-Panel
Installation Manual

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Introduction

The R-Panel metal roofing panel is an industry leader in strength and durability. This popular and versatile panel features classic looks and is used primarily in commercial, post-frame, and steel building applications. R-Panel was designed with extra strong ribs to increase strength and ease handling and installation.

R-Panel is available in many different paint colors in 26 gauge steel. It is also available in unpainted Galvalume® or in some cases unpainted galvanized. Our paint system and Galvalume® substrate are individually covered by a limited warranty. Please see our color chart for details on our paint system.

The R-Panel panel is available in 36” coverage. The panel has four major support ribs at 1-1/4” high that add rigidity and strength to the panel.

R-Panel is Metal Construction Association certified. Below is a list of all of the R-Panel panels approvals and certifications.

### PBR Panel Certification
- Florida Building Code Approval #FL4585.1, #FL6914.1
- Texas Department of Insurance Approval #117
- UL 790 Fire Resistance Class A
- UL 2218 Impact Resistance Class 4

### R Panel and PBR Panel Certification
- UL 580 Uplift UL Class 90 CONSTRUCTION #30, 79, 161,167 & 638

#### Allowable Uniform Loads Per Square Foot

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2. Theoretical allowable loads are based on three or more uniform spans.
3. For roof panels, deduct self weight for actual ‘live load’ capacity of the panel.
4. These loads are for panel strength. Frames, purlins, decks and fasteners must be designed to resist all loads imposed on the panel.
5. Check local building codes if panel testing is required.
Storage
If metal is not to be used immediately, store inside in a well ventilated, dry location. Condensation or other moisture can form between the sheets during storage causing water stains or white rust which detract from the appearance of the product and may affect the product's useful life. **Trapped moisture between sheets of painted metal can cause white rust to form underneath the paint. This can cause the paint to flake off the panel immediately or several years later.** To prevent white rust and staining, break the shipping bands on the material. Store the material on end or on an incline of at least 8” with a supporting board underneath to prevent sagging. Fan the sheets slightly at the bottom to allow for air circulation. Keep the sheets off of the ground with an insulator such as wood. **Any outdoor storage is at the customer’s own risk.** If outdoor storage cannot be avoided, protect the metal using a canvas cover or waterproof paper. **Never cover the metal with plastic as this will cause condensation to form.**

Some Safety Precautions
Always wear protective gloves when working with steel panels to avoid cuts from sharp edges. When cutting or drilling steel panels, always wear safety glasses and sweep off any metal shavings immediately to prevent eye injury from flying metal fragments. If you must walk on a metal roof, take great care. Metal panels can become slippery, so always wear shoes with non-slip soles. Avoid working on metal roofs during wet conditions when the panels can become extremely slippery.

General Installation Information
Ensure that the structure is square and true before beginning panel installation. If the structure is not square, the panels will not properly seal at the sidelaps. Start the first panel square to eave by using the 3, 4, 5 Triangle Method. Green or damp lumber is not recommended. Moisture released from the damp lumber may damage the metal panels. Nails installed in green or damp lumber may back out. Remove any loose metal shavings left on the roof surface immediately to prevent corrosion. After installing roof, remove any debris such as leaves or dirt to prevent moisture from getting trapped on panels.

Fastening
If you wish to predrill fastener holes, use a cover sheet to prevent hot shavings from sticking to panels. Screws - For best results, use a 1-1/2” washered wood screw in the flat of the panel as shown in the illustration below. Drive the fastener so that the washer is compressed securely against the metal. Do not over drive the fastener as this will form a dimple that can collect water and cause leakage. Do not leave any loose fasteners that have missed the purlin. Use a #14 stitch screw or caulk to fill the hole.
Roofing
Slopes of less than 1" on 12" are not recommended. End lap panels at least 6". Side laps should face away from the prevailing wind if possible. Lay the first sheet along the eave at the down-wind side of the roof, farthest away from the direction of the prevailing winds (See Figure #4). Install sheets in the sequence shown in Figure #4.

Allow an overhang a minimum of 1" at the eave to provide for a drip edge. Use inside closure at eave to prevent water infiltration, insect or bird infestation at openings. To protect against uplifting winds and to provide a finished appearance, apply gable trim. Apply fasteners every 6"-10". Optionally apply butyl tape as shown in Figure #6 along the top of lap ribs. On roofs it is also recommended to apply a 3/4" or 7/8" lap stitch screw into the crown of the rib to secure the side lap. This is especially a good idea on roofs with a slope less than 4:12.

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5. Check local building codes if panel testing is required.
2. Using two tape measures, locate point C by hooking one tap to a nail at point A and the second tape to a nail at point B. Extend the tapes until they cross and meet at 4' on the first tape and 5' on the second tape and place a temporary nail where 4' and 5' meet.

...the 4' and 5' measurements are the 4 and 5 sides of the 3...4...5... triangle.

Note:
For larger 3...4...5...Triangles multiple each side of the triangle by the desired increase in size. For example, if the roof panels are 25' from eave to ridge, multiply each side by a factor of 6 for an 18'...24'...30'...Triangle. Obviously, the closer the triangle vertical leg length is to matching the panel...

3. Hook a chalk line to point A and pull it in line with point C and mark a chalk line on the roof deck.

This will be the square reference line for the R-Panel panel installation.
3...4...5...Triangle Method

4
Mark chalk lines parallel with the square reference line out ahead of panel installation so that panel square can be checked as the panels are installed. Suggested line spacing is one foot beyond 3 panels wide or about 10 feet.

5
Check for square by measuring the distance from the installed panel edge to the chalk line at both the eave and ridge. If the measurements match, then the installed panels are square; if not, adjustments must be made to bring the panels back into square.
Installation Sequence

The following is an example of a typical sequence for the installation of R-Panel panels and trims and is specific to the roof plan and conditions illustrated. The actual sequence may vary based on the specific roof plan and applicable conditions.

1. **Moisture Barrier**
   Install the Moisture Barrier per the manufacturer’s instructions.

2. **Fascia Trim (optional)**
   Install the Fascia Trim along all eaves and rakes.

3. **Eave Trim**
   Install the Eave Trim along all eaves lapping over the Fascia Trim.

4. **Valley Trim**
   Install the Valley Trim over the Eave Trim working from the eave to the valley peak.

5. **R-Panel**
   Install the panels over the Eave and Valley Trims. Do not install panels where the Ridge Trim laps under the panels.

6. **Hip Trim**
   Install the Hip Trim over the panels.
7. Ridge Trim
Install the Ridge Trim over the Hip Trim intersection and valley peak.

8. Transition Trim
Install the Transition Trim over the low slope panels and moisture barrier.

9. R-Panel
Complete the panel installation installing the high slope panels over the Trim Transition and the other remaining exposed locations.

10. Gable / Rake Trim
Install the Rake Trim over the panels along all rake (gable) edges.

11. High Side Peak Trim
Install the High Side Peak Trim over the panels.

12. Ridge Trim
Install the Ridge Trim over the panels.

13. Side Wall Trim
Install the Side Wall Trim over the panels.

14. Side Wall Trim (Rear View)
Install the Side Wall Trim over the panels.

15. End Wall Trim
Install the End Wall Trim over the panels.
Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.

Install moisture barrier according to the manufacturer’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.

Install the Fascia trim and butt ends.

Fasten trim with Pancake Screws 2’ apart along the length of the trim.

Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 2’ apart along the length of the trim.
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Install the Mini Style Eave and butt ends.

Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

Install the panel and overhang the panel a minimum of 1” beyond the Mini Eave trim edge. See panel squaring method in this manual.

Place the Inside Closure over the top of the Mini Eave or underlayment.

Install moisture barrier according to the manufacture’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.

Fasten trim with Pancake Screws spaced 2’ apart along the length of the trim.

Install the Mini Style Eave and butt ends.

Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.

Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.
Install moisture barrier according to the manufacturer’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.

Fasten trim with Pancake Screws spaced 2’ apart along the length of the trim.

Install the Eave Trim and butt ends.

Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.

Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

Install the panel and overhang the panel a minimum of 1” beyond the Eave Trim edge. See panel squaring method in this manual.

Place the Inside Closure down over the eave or underlayment.
Apply Butyl Tape along the length of the panel.

Install the panel and overhang the panel a minimum of 1” beyond the Eave trim edge. See panel squaring method in this manual.

Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

Install moisture barrier according to the manufacture’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.

Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.

Install the Rake trim and overlap the ends 4”. See lapping diagram in this manual.

Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 2’ apart along the length of the trim.

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Install moisture barrier according to the manufacture’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.

Fasten trim with Pancake Screws spaced 2' apart along the length of the trim. See lapping diagram fastener pattern in this manual.

Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.

Install the Valley trim and overlap the ends 4". See lapping diagram in this manual.

Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

Place Expanding Closure parallel to each side of the Valley center water diverter. Closure should be up from the panel end about 1". See panel minimum set back above.

Notes:
1. See Valley Lapping - Page 25
2. See Valley Cutting - Page 26
Place the Outside Closure over panels.
Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

R-Panel Panel
Install the panel up 1” the transition bend. See panel squaring method in this manual.

Inside Closure
Place the Inside Closure over the top of the Transition. The closure should be about 1” up from the panel end.

Transition Trim
Place the Transition Flashing Trim over the Outside Closure.

Trim Wood Screw
Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 12” apart along the length of the trim, through the rib. See lapping diagram.

Outside Closure
Place the Outside Closure over panels.

Panel Wood Screw
Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

R-Panel Panel
Install the panel and overhang the panel a minimum of 1” beyond the eave edge. See panel squaring method in this manual.

Moisture Barrier
Install moisture barrier according to the manufacturer’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.

Roof Substrate
Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.
R-Panel: Install the panel up 1" the transition bend. See panel squaring method in this manual.

Panel Wood Screw: Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

Outside Closure: Place the Outside Closure over the top of the panels.

Inside Closure: Place the Inside Closure over the top of the Gambrel up about 1" from the panel end.

Gambrel Trim: Place the Gambrel Flashing Trim over the Outside Closure.

Roof Substrate: Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.

Trim Wood Screw: Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 12" apart along the length of the trim, through the rib.

R-Panel: Install the panel and overhang the panel a minimum of 1" beyond the eave edge.

Moisture Barrier: Install moisture barrier according to the manufacturer’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.
Panel Wood Screw
Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 12" apart along the length of the trim, through the rib. See lapping diagram fastener pattern in this manual.

Hip Trim
Place the Hip Trim over the Expanding Closure

Expanding Closure
Place Expanding closure parallel to each side of the hip center line so that hip fastener penetrates the center of the closure. Closure should be up from the panel end about 1".

Panel Wood Screw
Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

R-Panel
Install the panel and overhang the panel a minimum of 1" beyond the eave edge. See panel squaring method in this manual.

Moisture Barrier
Install moisture barrier according to the manufacturer’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.

Roof Substrate
Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.
Ridge

Numbers indicate suggested trim assembly sequence.

Trim Wood Screw
Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 12” apart along the length of the trim, through the rib. See lapping diagram.

Ridge Trim
Place the Ridge Trim over the Outside Closure.

Outside Closure
Place the Outside Closure over the top of the panel.

Panel Wood Screw
Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

R-Panel
Install the panel and overhang the panel a minimum of 1” beyond the eave edge. See panel squaring method in this manual.

Moisture Barrier
Install moisture barrier according to the manufacture’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.

Roof Substrate
Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.
Vented Ridge

Numbers indicate suggested trim assembly sequence.

Trim Wood Screw
Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 12” apart along the length of the trim, through the rib. See lapping diagram fastener pattern in this manual.

Ridge Trim
Place the Ridge Trim over the Profile Vent.

Vent Material
Apply the Profile Vent ridge venting material over the panels on each side.

Panel Wood Screw
Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

R-Panel
Install the panel and overhang the panel a minimum of 1” beyond the eave edge. See panel squaring method in this manual.

Moisture Barrier
Install moisture barrier according to the manufacture’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.

Roof Substrate
Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.
High Side Peak

Numbers indicate suggested trim assembly sequence.

Trim Wood Screw
Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 2’ apart along the length of the trim. See lapping diagram.

High Side Peak Trim
Place the High Side Peak Trim over the Outside Closure.

Trim Wood Screw
Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 12” apart along the length of the trim, through the rib. See lapping diagram.

Outside Closure
Place the Outside Closure over the panels.

Panel Wood Screw
Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

R-Panel
Install the panel and overhang the panel a minimum of 1” beyond the eave edge. See panel squaring method in this manual.

Moisture Barrier
Install moisture barrier according to the manufacturer’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.

Roof Substrate
Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.
Counter Flashing (optional)
Position the Counter Flashing above the Side Wall Trim as shown. Some applications may not need counter flashing.

Side Wall Trim
Place the Side Wall Trim over the Butyl tape and overlap the ends 4”. See lapping diagram in this manual.

Tube Sealant
Apply Tube Sealant continuously along the Counter Flashing and generously filling the space between the flashing and the wall. Round or slope the Sealant top so that water will run off.

Trim Wood Screw
Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 2’ apart along the length of the trim. If wall material is not wood, fasteners will be

Tape Sealant
Apply Butyl Tape along the length of the panel.

Panel Wood Screw
Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

R-Panel
Install the panel and overhang the panel a minimum of 1” beyond the eave edge. See panel squaring method in this manual.

Moisture Barrier
Install moisture barrier according to the manufacturer’s recommended procedure and in compliance with local building code requirements.

Roof Substrate
Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.

Numbers indicate suggested trim assembly sequence.
End Wall

Numbers indicate suggested trim assembly sequence.

R-Panel

1. **Panel Wood Screw**
   Install the panel and overhang the panel a minimum of 1” beyond the eave edge. See panel squaring method in this manual.

2. **Moisture Barrier**
   Install moisture barrier according to the manufacturer’s recommended procedure.

3. **R-Panel**
   Install the roof substrate according to local building code requirements.

4. **Panel Wood Screw**
   Fasten panels to the roof substrate using Wood Screws spaced according to the recommended fastening pattern and frequency, and in compliance with local building codes.

5. **Outside Closure**
   Place the Outside Closure over the top of the panel.

6. **Trim Wood Screw**
   Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 12” apart along the length of the trim, through the rib. See lapping diagram.

7. **Trim Wood Screw**
   Fasten trim with Wood Screws spaced 2’ apart along the length of the trim. If wall material is not wood, fasteners will be

8. **Counter Flashing**
   Position the Counter Flashing above the Side Wall Trim as shown. Some applications may not need counter flashing.

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10. **Tube Sealant**
    Apply Tube Sealant continuously along the Counter Flashing and generously filling the space between the flashing and the wall. Round or slope the Sealant top so that water will run off.
Trims
(Exact trims vary by plant, please call for exact dimensions)

- **Mini Eave**
- **Eave Trim**
- **Fascia Trim**
- **Rake / Gable / Outside Corner Trim**
- **Valley**
- **Transition Flashing**
Trims
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Gambrel Flashing

Ridge Cap / Hip Cap

High Side Peak

Side Wall Trim

End Wall Trim

Specify Pitch

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Accessories & Tools

Foam Closures
Fill In Upper And Lower Panel Ends

Expanding Closures
Expands To Fill Ends At Hips & Valleys

Profile Ridge Vent
Allows Hot Air To Vent From Ridges

Fasteners
Screws, Pop Rivets, Pancake Screws

Tube & Butyl Sealant
To Meet All Your Sealing Needs

Pipe Boots
Flashes Pipes Electric Boots Available

TurboShear HD
Shear Attachment for Power Drill

Long Nose Snips
Great for Cutting Panels

Rubber Coated Gloves
For Protection & Slip Resistance

Drivers & Drill Bits

Hemming, Bending, & Turn Up Tools

Pop Rivet Gun
Valley Lapping

After cutting notches and applying Tube Sealant, slide the up slope valley into the hem groove while lapping over the top of the low slope valley 4”.

Apply two rows of Tube Sealant spaced 2” apart.

Cross section of completed valley Lap.
Valley Cutting

Valley starter cutting diagram with water diverter tabs.

1. Cut along dashed lines
2. Bend Line, bend left tab down 90°
3. Bend Line, bend right tab down 90°

Before folding tabs

After folding tabs
Cut pipe flashing 15% smaller than actual pipe.

Slide pipe flashing down over the pipe.

Apply tube sealant to the underside of the pipe flashing.

Press the pipe flashing into contours of panel configuration and fasten to the R-Panel panel with wood screws or stitch screws. Apply additional sealant around base if desired.