

# Contractor's Guide to Saving Money with Manufactured Trusses & Panels



# Introduction

Manufactured wall panels and floor and ceiling trusses have many benefits for builders and contractors, the most important of these being monetary. Manufactured components can save you money, no matter the size and scale of your project. If you're not using manufactured panels and trusses on your jobsite, or you're skeptical about the value of using pre-assembled components, this guide will convince you of their benefits and help you save money with manufactured trusses and



#### **Guidebook Outline**

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- Ease of Installation& Inspection
- Created in a Controlled
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- Control Costs
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# **Save Time**

The old saying "Time is money" rings true in the construction industry. The less time it takes you to build a home, condominium, or apartment complex, the more of them you can build, and the more money you can make. Manufactured roof and floor trusses and wall panels can save you lots of time, as they're already fully assembled when they arrive on the job site. They can be installed in a fraction of the time it takes to fully construct walls and trusses on site.

Don't Forget: Saving time is also saving labor costs. When you're paying guys by the hour, cutting down the amount of time they are on the clock can reduce your payroll costs immensely. And when you're on a tight deadline, the time you save using manufactured components can keep you from running into overtime, another huge payroll savings.

#### **Manufactured Trusses & Panels**

Saving you more than just time...

- They arrive at the jobsite fully assembled.
- They save you labor/payroll costs.
- They can keep you from working overtime.

# Ease of Installation & Inspection

Building trusses requires skilled labor, especially when you have complicated ceilings. Installing already built trusses, however, takes much less skilled labor and virtually no specialized tools: once again, saving you money. The design of these trusses can also allow installation of wiring, ductwork, and plumbing. Plus, there is less waste at the jobsite when you use pre-fabricated components, which means less cleanup.

#### Zeeland's Trusses Design

The design of our trusses allow:

- Wiring, ductwork, and plumbing installation.
- Less jobsite waste means less cleanup.

**Remember**: Manufactured components ensure you stay code compliant allowing them to be easily inspected by building departments.

# Created in a Controlled Environment

Manufactured trusses and panels are created indoors, in a controlled environment, not on the job site, in the rain, snow, or other harsh weather conditions. This means that the trusses and panels take less damage, and will therefore last longer and hold up better than traditionally constructed panels or trusses.

This also means that manufactured components can be created on your timeline. You can't be on the jobsite working at 2 AM in most areas without getting noise complaints and causing huge problems, not to mention paying overtime for your guys. But if the truss manufacturer needs to make more trusses, he can add a second or third shift and build trusses late into the night.

#### **Accurate Creations**

Our components are created with computeraided design software, ensuring a level of accuracy and quality that can't be matched with trusses and panels created on site.

### **Control Costs**

In addition to the time and labor savings, using manufactured trusses and wall panels can help you control costs in other ways. Because the cost of these manufactured components are predetermined, you can more accurately estimate and control your budget for the project. You also reduce on-site losses from mis-cutting of materials, damage to materials, and theft of materials.

# Keep you Building all Year

You know that if you want to make money in this business, you can't stop building for anything, even harsh winters. Using manufactured wall panels and floor and roof trusses can help you do that. You can quickly finish framing on several units using these manufactured components in the fall, then spend the winter working inside on electric, drywall, and interior finishes.

# We Can Help

No matter what kind of building you do, you can make use of manufactured roof and floor trusses and wall panels, saving you time and money all around. If you have questions about manufactured components or lumber or building materials, contact Zeeland Lumber. We manufacture and sell our own floor trusses, roof trusses, and wall panels, and we have an extensive selection of other building products.

Interested in saving time & money with manufactured components, lumber, or building materials?

Visit one of our Zeeland Lumber locations, or call us at 888-772-2119 for a free quote.

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General Notes