

A ROOFING CONTRACTOR'S GUIDE TO

PORTABLE ROLLFORMING

VS

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TRANSPORTABILITY & EASE OF ACCESS	✓		Portable rollforming machines can be easily transported to any job site, which is one of the most notable advantages. This ability allows contractors to manufacture the roof and wall panels according to their specific installation schedule.
QUALITY PANELS	✓	✓	Factory panel suppliers typically use larger and quicker machines that produce quality finished panels. These in-factory rollformers have more space for forming stations and, therefore, a more gradual forming process. However, many portable rollformers produce quality panels as well because innovations in rollforming efficiency have allowed for more forming stations in a smaller space.
PRODUCT VERSATILITY	✓		Most portable rollformers offer the option to purchase many different profiles (roller sets). Plus, tooling changes on portable machines require significantly less time. These options offer more versatility for your customers and potential projects, as you can easily change over profiles when needed.
LITTLE TO NO REQUIRED INVESTMENT		✓	If you don't own or lease a portable rollformer, you're not paying for it. Cash flow is vital for businesses and might prevent the purchase of a rollformer. Additionally, if you choose to purchase panels from a supplier, you don't have to worry about dedicating an employee as a machine operator.
AVOIDANCE OF SHIPPING ISSUES	✓		Freight companies are notorious for damaging products before they reach their destination, especially panels because they are easy to scratch, scuff, dent, or bend during transport. There's also the added cost of shipping, possibility of incorrect panels getting delivered, and length restrictions.
LITTLE TO NO WAIT TIMES	✓		With a portable rollformer, you don't have to wait for panels to be delivered, which means no more delays that are outside of your control. This also allows you to work on a more continuous schedule rather than adhering to a supplier's timeline.
NO MAINTENANCE REQUIRED		✓	If you don't own or lease any rollforming equipment, performing the critically important maintenance and machine adjustments are not your responsibility, as the supplier handles these tasks.
MORE SUSTAINABLE & LESS WASTE	✓		Shipping trucks emit large amounts of carbon pollutants into the atmosphere, making shipping supplier panels unideal if you're looking to reduce your carbon footprint. Also, factory supplied panels are often cut up at the job site, which produces wasted metal. Portable rollforming allows you to make the correct panels with little material waste.