

Steel Buildings for Commercial and Residential Purposes

I have a friend who is currently deployed to Iraq. He will be there for over a year. He sends me frequent e mail updates and digital photos, which helps me understand a little about what his daily life is like. I assumed he would be living in a tent city like in MASH. Quite the contrary. His unit is living in prefabricated steel buildings.

I was quite relieved to know he would be more protected in steel buildings than in a tent city, but I still did a little digging to find out more about these structures. I was distracted by the idea of those trucks on the highway carrying part of a house with a sign slapped to the back announcing "wide load."

I knew my friend would be living in something more substantial than that, but I needed to see for myself.

I hopped on the internet and easily found a few companies that offer steel buildings for both commercial and residential purposes. The Government Services Administration has approved a lot of steel buildings for government use, including use by all branches of the military. Steel buildings are used commercially for hangars, boat storage and warehouses. The structures can be ordered and procured very quickly. There is little unused space in steel buildings. With no gutters to clean or siding to maintain, the steel buildings require almost no upkeep.

Home owners can see the advantages of steel buildings over traditional structures too. Steel buildings are offered in various basic models. With just a few people, these steel buildings can be erected easily. The structures come with a manual and bolt together easily. People often purchase these buildings for garages. I remember my grandparents building a new steel garage on their farm when I was growing up. A construction crew built it from soup to nuts. Had these prefab steel buildings been available back then, I am sure they would have chosen that as an easier and do it yourself route.

They would have probably chosen one of the companies that advertises that their buildings are 100 percent American made from US steel.

I am sure most people who choose steel buildings do so because they are extremely easy to maintain, fit their budget and are easy to order and build.

Thinking of my deployed friend, I, however, am comforted by the fact that they are STEEL. See more [Metal storage sheds](#) .

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