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## AmeriLux News

**AmeriLux International** is a distributor and fabricator of multiwall and corrugated polycarbonate sheet products, PVC sheet and liner panels, and steel coil.

### Featured Project:

#### **LEXAN™ Greca | Multi-Use Residential Greenhouse**

Residential greenhouses can be used for more than just growing plants. They can be great multi-use structures for many enjoyable family activities, providing protection from the elements. John Jerome's hobby greenhouse was once a dome covering the family's swimming pool. The pool has since been filled with dirt and in its place will soon be a fish pond and a hot tub. There is also an area along each side approximately three feet wide for growing flowers.



This is John's third greenhouse. Linden, Michigan sees its fair share of winter weather so unfortunately the first two collapsed due to heavy snows. When the "dome" was recently rebuilt, John decided to reglaze the structure with LEXAN™ Greca polycarbonate panels. The 24' long corrugated panels reach from the ground to over the peak. "I went with the corrugated polycarbonate mainly for the price and also for its flexibility," said John. "The panels were easy to install due to being so flexible and we were able to overlap the panels at the peak."

Another issue that John will no longer have to contend with is snow filling in at each of the purlins of his 55' long x 24' wide structure. "I used to have to go inside the dome and push the film or tarp up to move the snow," he replied. "Now I will not have to do that anymore!"

The structure is glazed with both clear and softlite corrugated panels. Clear panels were chosen for their optical clarity to see out. And even more importantly, any activity going on within can be seen from John's home. The softlite panels create areas of privacy and provide a bit more shade for sitting while still allowing enough light transmission to come through to grow plants.

"The dome is a nice place to go and relax," said John. "So far, I'm very happy. After we get through a winter, we will know for sure if it was the right investment."

## Meet the A-Team:

### Joseph Nick | Director of Operations



Seeking a company whose values aligned with his own, Joseph "Joe" Nick joined the AmeriLux A-Team in April as the new Director of Operations. After meeting with several of the team's members, he was both surprised and inspired from the things he observed. "Most importantly, I wanted to find a company that actually lived their values every day," said Joe. "It didn't take long for me to realize that a career at AmeriLux was a perfect fit. It also helped that my fiancée Hillary and I are both originally from the Green Bay area and enjoy being close to family and friends"

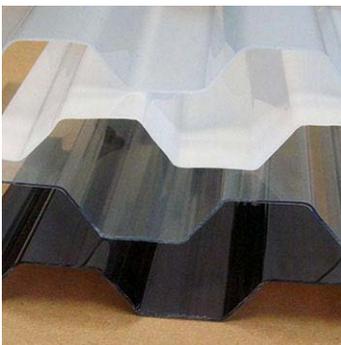
Joe's role as Director of Operations involves making sure AmeriLux has the people, systems, and equipment in place to meet safety, quality, production, cost, and delivery goals. "It is my job to ensure that we have our people developed, our systems in place, and the equipment ready to handle our customer's changing needs," he replied. "AmeriLux takes pride in being a supplier that is extremely easy to do business with. As the leader of the operations team, I'm committed to delivering on our promises and exceeding even our own very high expectations."

Having held prior positions in technical engineering, process engineering, operations management, and finance, Joe's background gives him a unique perspective on the many challenges that he has encountered thus far. Joe explained this further by saying, "Anytime a company is growing at the pace of AmeriLux, there are significant challenges to make sure we respond to the growth but we don't lose sight of the things that got us there in the first place. My strategic thinking is grounded in that philosophy. I am entering a company with a very strong foundation and I am excited to see how far we will go from here."

*"It's amazing what's possible when you don't know what's impossible." - Joseph Nick*

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#### Featured Product



#### Ask the Tech Expert



**Q:** Are multiwall polycarbonate panels strong?

#### DIY Tip of the Month



**"Install Sheets Vertically"**

For most applications, it is

### LEXAN™ Greca

LEXAN™ Greca polycarbonate corrugated sheets are ideal for greenhouses and other applications where excellent light transmission is needed in a lightweight sheet.

Extensive research and development ensures these sheets have a high resistance to the harmful effects of weather: both for the impact strength to resist hail damage and for UV protection.

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**A:** Multiwall polycarbonate is a strong and impact resistant plastic. The UV-protected surface helps maintain these mechanical properties, offering superior weatherability.

While multiwall polycarbonate sheets are very durable, the strength of these sheets also depends on the structure they are installed on. If the structure is not built properly or the sheets are not installed correctly, the durability of the sheet may be compromised.

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important that multiwall polycarbonate sheets are installed with the flutes (channels) oriented vertically or in the direction of the slope.

Condensation may build up in these flutes because of temperature changes and other outdoor factors. Installing the sheets vertically will allow for the moisture to drain (weep) out of the flute. This will also prevent algae growth, helping to keep the sheets in good condition.

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