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## AmeriLux News

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

### Featured Project:

#### **Residential Gazebo Receives Facelift**

*"Not all polycarbonate is created equal"*

Shading the patio in the back of Jason Wright's home in Howard, WI was essential given its western exposure. Harsh afternoon and evening sun made enjoying the space impossible. To remedy the situation, Jason bought a gazebo. The canvas lasted about five years. Frustrated that replacement canvas wasn't available, Jason gave the metal frame to a friend to grow grapes on. He bought a second gazebo with the knowledge that replacement canvas could be purchased. Unfortunately, the first storm of the season twisted that gazebo's metal frame and rust ensued within a few months.



Jason bought his current gazebo approximately three years ago from a big box store. He chose a structure built with twinwall polycarbonate and a very rigid frame to withstand the elements. Last year, hail pitted the top of the polycarbonate panels. Because of the hail damage, unsightly dirt and pollen began to accumulate in the panel's channels, clouding them horribly.

Unhappy with the durability of the panels supplied with the gazebo, Jason decided to purchase high-performance polycarbonate panels from AmeriLux. These impact-resistant, bronze panels were an ideal choice for Jason's gazebo, providing 30% light transmission while still blocking the sun's bright rays. "After seeing the strength of AmeriLux's panels combined with a great warranty, the choice was evident," Jason said.



"This was truly a DIY project," said Jason. "A couple of small clamps to hold the old pieces as

templates on top of the new polycarbonate, a steady couple of passes with the utility knife, and I had perfect replacement panels to install. I now have a gazebo that looks factory fresh and the peace of mind that I won't need to take the roof apart anytime soon."

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## Meet the A-Team:

### *"Promoting from Within - A Culture of Advancement"*

#### **Laura Leiterman | Inventory Control Specialist**

This past August, Laura celebrated her seven-year anniversary with AmeriLux. She started working for AmeriLux while attending college, doing landscape maintenance. After college, she put her carpentry skills to use in the crating department. Her hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed. In January of 2011, Laura was promoted to overseeing AmeriLux's shipping and receiving activities, including inventory control.



A couple of months ago, Laura had the opportunity to change her role again. Passing her shipping and receiving responsibilities to a fellow A-team member, Laura has become more involved in the inventory control process, building assemblies, taking material out, and invoicing. She has also taken on the purchasing of office and distribution center supplies as well as other administrative duties.

**Fun Fact:** *Laura is a self-taught woodworker and she owns more power/air tools than most men!*

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#### **Josh Chamberlain | Corrugated Team Leader/Shipping & Receiving**

Like Laura, Josh began working for AmeriLux part-time while going to college. Since graduating a couple of years ago, Josh has become a valuable full-time member of the DC Team. As the Corrugated Team Leader, Josh oversees the Hendricks horizontal panel saw - responsible for quality "cut-to-size" Corrugated, Agrilite™, TRUSSCORE™, and THERMOCLICK™ panels.



In addition to his team leader role, Josh has taken on the shipping and receiving responsibilities from Laura. From scheduling material pick-ups to creating bills of lading to receiving incoming containers, Josh oversees all aspects of inbound and outbound shipments. Excited to expand his current role, Josh looks forward to gaining more exposure to other areas of the company that will challenge and help grow his skills.

**Fun Fact:** *Josh is a passionate follower of adult amateur athletics.*

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## In the News:

#### **Senator Ron Johnson visits AmeriLux International**

Earlier this month, AmeriLux International hosted a visit from Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson. He met with company's leadership team before taking a tour of the facility. Kurt Voss, AmeriLux CEO, shared with the senator the company's distinct set of core values and its commitment to

building a great culture.

During the facility tour, Senator Ron Johnson witnessed a variety of fabrication capabilities, assembly operations, and turn-key manufacturing solutions provided by AmeriLux's Distribution Center. The senator concluded his visit by addressing company employees and invited guests. His brief speech focused on the importance of manufacturing to the state's economy, followed by a candid Q&A session.



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## Links of Interest:

Committed to Industry Education: Sharing articles of interest related to the use of AmeriLux products and/or the diverse markets we serve.

- **Renovated Textile Factory features Polycarbonate Modules:** [Polycarbonate sheets used to create separate offices and workspaces for the chef and staff.](#)
- **Hydroponically Grown Plants:** [Maintaining light and temperature is important when growing leafy greens year-round in a controlled environment greenhouse.](#)

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### Featured Product



#### **Multiwall Polycarbonate**

Multiwall polycarbonate offers an outstanding balance of high impact strength, durability, and long-term light transmission in a lightweight panel. In addition, the cellular structure of multiwall polycarbonate traps stagnant air between the layers, providing outstanding thermal insulation performance.

Available in a wide range of colors and profiles, multiwall

### Ask the Tech Expert



**Q:** Should I buy a greenhouse kit or build my own greenhouse structure?

**A:** Greenhouse kits are available in many sizes and styles from greenhouse suppliers. These companies can help answer questions on the various types of frames and coverings available. Basic kits can be purchased at a reasonable price, offering a nice compromise between time, convenience, cost, and

### DIY Tip of the Month



#### **"Protective Masking Film"**

Polycarbonate panels are manufactured with a protective masking film to ensure they stay scratch-free during product handling and installation. This film also indicates the UV protected side. It is important to remove this masking immediately after installing the panels.

If this protective film is not removed, heat or exposure to the sun will "bake" it to the

polycarbonate is an ideal alternative for a variety of commercial glazing applications as well as a multitude of DIY projects. [Click here for more product information.](#)

ease-of-assembly.

If you are handy, building your own greenhouse offers greater flexibility in size, shape, and materials used, and can be a great DIY project. This option usually costs less, especially if you have some of the materials on-hand to build the structure. If not, most of the building materials can be found at your local home improvement center.

surface of the panel, causing extreme difficulties in removal and possibly voiding the product warranty.

[Click HERE for a list of our most frequently asked questions.](#)

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