



AmeriLux News

December 2021

Season's Greetings from Green Bay, Wisconsin!

Hi everyone!

Christmas is a time of gifts; the best ones cannot be wrapped — they are memories, experiences, and relationships. For us at AmeriLux, we continue to be blessed with an abundance of those gifts.

As we look back on 2021, we are thankful for the continued growth of the AmeriLux Family of Companies, where every one of our operating businesses grew significantly over 2020.

Our employees, customers, and vendors continue to amaze me, finding new ways to expand on our core belief that $1+1=3$.

I am happy to report that the team, with the help of many of you, had another 'winning' year. Our enterprise continues to grow by many measures and the year had several highlights:

- Our AmeriLux Transportation and Logistics Divisions continue to add capabilities and service offerings, nearly doubling in size again. With our continued growth of team members, trucks, trailers, and an LTL Platform, we service an ever-growing number of stakeholder's transportation needs.
- We continue to make investments in our infrastructure and campus to accommodate future growth.
- We continue to be a "talent magnet" as our employee base grew considerably to over 180 team members, with people that positively added to our established culture.
- In 2021, the team continued to amaze me as they persevered through the significant challenges of supply chain, freight, inflation, and the on-going pandemic while always learning and growing in the service of our strategic partners.

I am proud to work with our "A" Team and continue to look to the future with optimism.

Thank you for the part you play in our continued mutual success. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Kurt



Featured Product

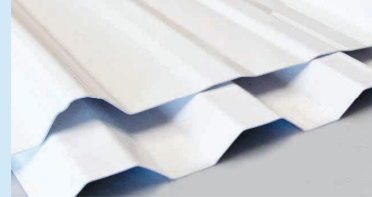
Agrilite™ Corrugated PVC Liner Panel

Owners of agricultural and light industrial buildings

regularly choose the virtually indestructible Agrilite™ PVC liner panel for its remarkable durability, ease of installation, and outstanding versatility.

- Stocked Color: Bright White
- Sheet Width: 38" (Net Coverage 36")
- Sheet Length: 12'4", 16'4", 20'4"
- UV Resistant: Yes
- Warranty: 10-Year Limited Warranty

These lightweight corrugated panels are easy to handle, simple to maintain, and require no special tools to install. Ideal for the most demanding agricultural, industrial, and commercial applications, Agrilite™ PVC liner panels are a great economical alternative to metal.



Available in two profiles, Agrilite™ Corrugated PVC Liner Panels are strong, rust-proof panels that naturally resist chemicals. Ideal for demanding applications!

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DIY Tip of the Month

Keep Your Firewood Dry



Not all home improvement projects require hiring a professional contractor. If you have the tools and some basic construction skills, building your own firewood shed is a cost-effective option to

purchasing a pre-built storage building.

Durable yet light in weight, multiwall polycarbonate panels can be used to build both the walls and roof of a woodshed.



An outdoor shed built with polycarbonate will last for years, keeping your firewood stacked, dry, and ready to burn whenever you want to use your fireplace or wood stove. Plus, you will recover extra storage space in your garage!

Multiwall polycarbonate panels are easy to handle, fabricate, and install with common household tools. Contact us today for more product information and let's get this project started!

Self-Drilling vs. Self-Tapping Screws

Q: Is there a difference between a self-drilling screw and a self-tapping screw?

A: Yes, they are different, and they are not interchangeable!

Ideal for fastening thin pieces of metal together, self-drilling screws have a tip that is shaped with a point and flute like a drill bit. These screws 'drill and tap' their own hole, working as both a fastener and a drilling bit. Self-drilling screws can form a thread without a pilot hole. They can drill, tap, and fasten in one step.

In contrast, self-tapping screws can have either a sharp, flat, or blunt tip. They 'form or tap' their own thread. As the tapping screw is driven into a soft material like wood or plastic, the threads will dig into the material keeping it secure. Self-tapping screws typically require a pilot hole before fastening.

Note: The winged self-tapper features 'wings' slightly wider than the thread formed and will cut a narrow clearance hole. Pre-drilling is still highly recommended. This will ensure your polycarbonate sheets have enough room to properly expand and contract with seasonal temperature fluctuations.

[More FAQs](#)

Polycarbonate Roofing: Snow Load Capabilities



Before building a polycarbonate roof, it is important to understand the typical snow loads in your area. Calculating and accounting for snow load ensures the framing members and glazing panels used to build your structure will be able to withstand the snow's weight.

Although polycarbonate panels are extremely durable, wet snow can be very heavy. Snow will accumulate more on flat or low-sloped roofs. Do not let the snow pile up! Without being removed the weight of the snow may cause damage to your structure.

Always check first with local building code authority before starting any project.



Tips for Removing Snow

- Use a wide, long-handled, soft-bristled push broom
- Start at the bottom of the roof & work towards the top
- Don't try to pull too much snow off at one time
- Clearing snow off overhangs to prevent ice-dams

Links of Interest

- [An old pump house in Shanghai has been transformed into a dreamy pavilion. The semi-translucent structure was created with thirteen polycarbonate panels punctured by curves, creating a cloud-like appearance.](#)
- [Located in Slagelse, Denmark, the zig-zagging roof of the senior living facility's communal courtyard is covered with corrugated polycarbonate, drawing an abundance of natural light into the atrium garden.](#)
- [This cleverly designed studio in Sydney's inner-western suburb of Giebe features a north-facing wall clad with translucent polycarbonate, providing diffused daylight yet privacy for the occupants.](#)

News from Shape Products

Coming Soon: SLATEWELL Egress Window Well

We're excited to announce our new egress window well that will be launching in early 2022. This window well is made of a durable composite material, with an authentic slate rock look.

Designed with safety in mind, the SlateWell meets all applicable egress requirements and is quick and simple to install. For more information about this new egress window well, please contact us at info@shapeproducts.com.



Company Highlights

The A-Team Christmas Party

AmeriLux held its annual Christmas party last Friday at the Willow Creek Lanes in Green Bay, WI. A-Team members enjoyed some friendly bowling competition and dined on hand-crafted pizza. It was an afternoon full of smiles, fun, and laughter.



Congratulations to Danny Stewart for winning the ugly sweater contest. He was sporting a colorful, boldly patterned Christmas sweater featuring a Sumo wrestling Santa. Wow... now that's so wrong, but oh so funny!

From the AmeriLux Family of Companies to yours, sending wishes of warmth, joy, and peace this festive season and much prosperity in the new year.



"Consider It Done"

We cultivate a solution-oriented, "can do" attitude. We are consistent and reliable in following through with commitments. We hire, give recognition to, and promote those who operate with a "YES" mentality. Our default question is "How can we do it?" rather than focusing on why an idea won't work or how difficult it may be. We favor pragmatism over philosophizing. "Let's boil the abstract down to the concrete."

This Month's Brand Ambassadors:

*"The Fabrication Team"
AmeriLux International*

How We Succeed at AmeriLux



NFBA Frame Building Expo '22

The annual Frame Building Expo is a great event for post-frame professionals to attend and discover new products, learn best practices, and network with industry leaders.

- **When:** Tuesday, January 18th - Thursday, January 20th
- **Where:** Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee
- **Show Details:** [Click here for more information](#)
- **Free Builder Pass:** [Access Pass to NFBA Expo](#)



Come out and visit us at Booth# 351. Meet the A-Team and learn more about AmeriLux's metal building product offerings. Whether you are looking to put up a new building with daylighting or planning to renovate interior walls and ceilings, we would like to discuss your next project with you.

