

Wide-Span Wood Buildings

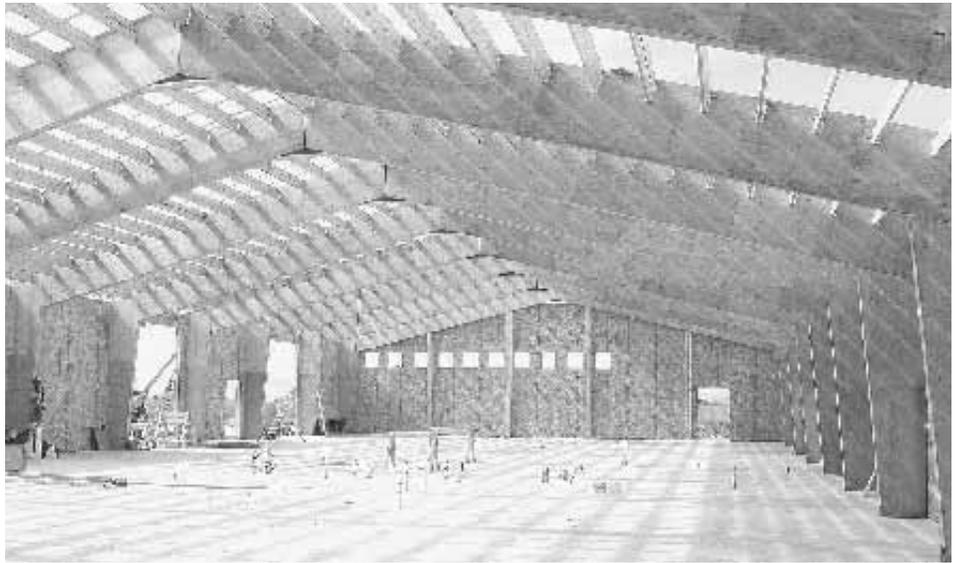
“We’ve been putting up beautiful wide-span buildings for 21 years,” says Bruce Meidinger, owner of Eagle Rigid Span, a North Dakota-based company known for its innovative wood-frame buildings with clear-spans up to 120 ft. wide.

In addition to being used as livestock barns, high-clearance machine sheds, and other farm buildings, Eagle Rigid Span structures also make an attractive, lower-cost way to put up churches, gymnasiums, schools, hockey rinks, airplane hangars, strip malls, and more.

“What makes these buildings unique is that we can have a clear, open span of up to 120 ft. with no obstructions whatsoever and yet they cost as much as 30 percent less than conventional construction,” says Meidinger. “They’re also highly energy efficient. Because our buildings are typically framed on 2-ft. centers for the wall and ceiling joists, you can roll insulation into the already framed cavities and you’re done - unlike many metal-framed buildings that are very difficult and expensive to insulate.”

Typical insulation is R-38 in the ceilings and R-19 in the walls. The energy savings are significant compared to more conventional buildings and, for people with environmental concerns, Meidinger points out that the buildings are built with wood, “the one building material that grows back”.

One other huge benefit of Eagle Rigid



There are no center posts or other obstructions in Eagle Rigid Span wood-framed buildings.

Span buildings is that they are generally bird-proof because there’s no place for birds to roost.

The wood framing also makes the buildings easier to finish off inside than most metal buildings. Almost any method can be used, which is why so many of them have been built as churches, schools and even office buildings in many communities across the country.

Key to success of Eagle Rigid Span buildings is the unique method the company

developed of making laminated trussed box beams. The raised center allows more usable space with lower sidewalls and no center poles to get in the way. The standard roof pitch is 3/12; however other pitches are also available.

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Steering Stabilizer For Dodge Pickups

Anyone with a late model Dodge pickup will love this “steering stabilizer” kit designed for Dodge 1500, 2500, and 3500 pickups made from 1994 to 2002, and 2500 and 3500 pickups made from 2003 to present.

The kit is designed to provide additional support of the steering sector shaft and eliminate sector shaft play in the steering box. It also helps keep the pickup frame from flexing at the steering box mounting point.

The stabilizer uses existing mounting holes. It adds an outboard support bearing to the sector shaft. This additional bearing is attached to the lower end of the sector shaft by way of a replacement nut which has an integral shaft extension. The bearing supplied is a regreasable high quality unit available at most ag outlets. Nearly all the sector shaft load is carried by this outboard bearing, thus relieving the steering box of much wear and tear.

Installation takes about a half hour and

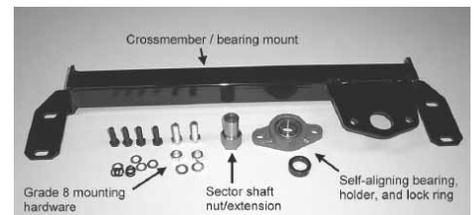
requires no drilling or welding.

It solves the problem of too much play in the steering sector shaft, and the kit has been popular with owners of both older and newer pickups. It can be used on pickups equipped with snow plows, front receiver hitches, or tow hooks.

The company also offers a retrofit kit for 1994 to 2002 Dodge pickups to allow use of the Solid Steel Ind. rubber bushed track bar. This eliminates one more problem that plagues these pickups.

The steering stabilizer sells for \$209 (U.S.) plus S&H. It comes with a money-back guarantee. (Toll-free order line: 866 211-1533).

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