

PRODUCTS

by Scott Gibson

Roof Lift

More headroom and better ventilation



Attached to wall framing and flashed with standard roof jacks, SkyLift Roof Risers keep a patio roof well above the adjoining roof of the house for better air circulation, more headroom, and more natural light.

Installing the steel brackets requires cutting a hole in the roof sheathing so they can be attached directly to the top plate of the exterior wall. A standard roof jack then seals the opening, just like flashing around a plumbing stack.

Unlike a patio or deck roof that's anchored to the house roof or exterior wall, an elevated roof can carry a generous pitch without reducing headroom at the far edge of the patio. The space between the house roof and patio roof also encourages air circulation and releases heat that would otherwise be trapped.

The brackets are available in lengths from 18 to 36 inches. Cost ranges from about \$140 to \$200.

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Columns are treated with copper naphthenate, which gives them ground-contact protection.

Beams are available in widths of 3 1/2 inches and 5 1/2 inches and in depths ranging from 9 1/2 inches to 18 inches. Columns come in widths of 3 3/8 inches, 5 1/4 inches, and 7 inches, and depths of 3 1/2 inches, 5 1/2 inches, and 7 inches.

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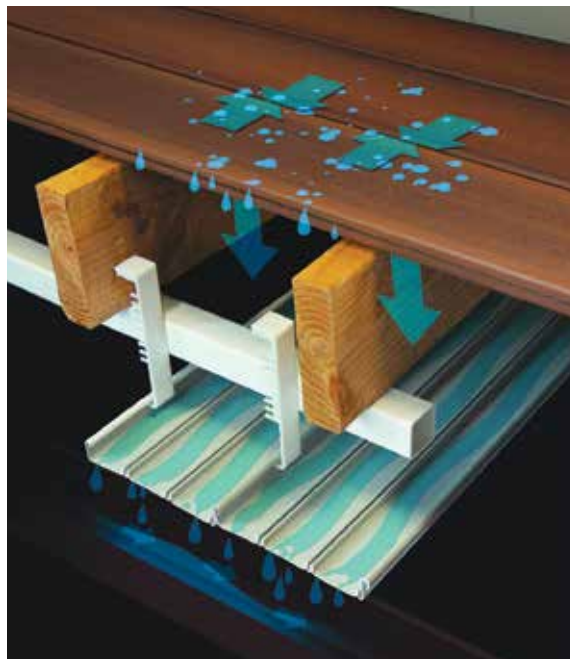
Under-deck drainage panels

CertainTeed's UnderShield water-diversion system is designed to keep below-deck spaces dry. Vinyl panels measuring 16 feet long by 6 inches wide attach to a concealed grid that's attached in turn to the deck framing. The panels, which divert water to the edge of the deck, are available in chamfer or beaded styles and in three colors: white, gray, and wicker.

Stainless steel hardware is included. Full installation instructions, as well as instructions for installing a light fixture or fan in a panel-covered ceiling, are available at CertainTeed's website.

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Accelerated weather testing done at Michigan State University found that the Gold Coat coating lasted two or three times as long as standard galvanized coatings, according to USP.

The coating is applied to a variety of fasteners and connectors, including angle clips, joist hangers, post anchors, rafter ties, wood screws, and nails. A complete list is available at the company's website.

■ **USP Structural Connectors**, 800.328.5934, uspconnectors.com. ♦

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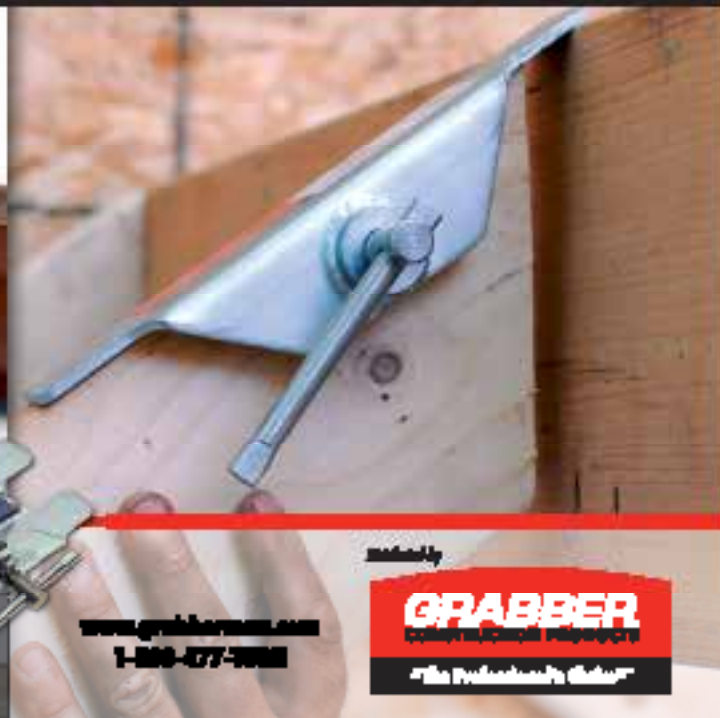
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