

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Are Haus homes really safer than wood frame homes?** – Absolutely. Even though certain exterior and interior materials may be combustible, the steel frame is fire resistant...most serious damage in homes caused by fire is frame damage. Other Material damage is much easier and cheaper to replace. And if that not enough, steel frame structures have proven to be much stronger in resistance to high winds, earthquakes, pests and lightning. Haus homes are where you want to have your family.

**How much more am I paying for all the advantages of steel frame homes?** – In most cases you will actually save money and time by going with a Haus home. Why is this? Due to the many economic disasters in our national forest, steel (at the framing level) is at or below wood. Additionally, at least half of the erection in Haus homes is performed in the factory, via the pre-assembly of the wall panels and trusses. Not only does this save labor time in the field, it is figured into the total cost of the steel frame package...thus the buyer really gets half of the erection cost free! Ok, we still not through with the cost savings. Steel frames simply last a lot longer than wood. When wood frames and trusses have to be replaced over time, steel stays there...and stays there with no sagging, rotting, bending or distorting.

**I don't have much construction experience. Can I still erect this frame?** – Many Haus steel buyers elect to erect most if not all the stages of their homes themselves. Anyone with average mechanical skills (it is proven) can erect these frames. It is all pre-engineered and mostly pre-assembled. The builder just follows the detailed instructions supplied with the home. There's no welding, or specialized equipment necessary unless you consider replacing a hammer with an electric drill a specialized equipment change. You do not need to know anything at all about load requirements, framing rules and regulations, or anything else concerning the engineering aspect of frame erection. Most frames and trusses can be easily lifted and positioned without the need for forklifts or other lifting equipment. Most do-it-yourselfers contract out the concrete work and may elect to sub out other stages such as electrical and plumbing.

**How about changing floor plans or adding to a home?** – Many standard models are available with clear span technology. This means that there is no need for interior load bearing walls. Therefore walls can be moved, resized or taken out altogether.

Haus Steel can customize any floor plan to meet the buyer's needs. If you are adding on to your current home Haus Steel can assist in design and customization of your plan. All Haus Steel homes are designed and engineered to meet or exceed International Building Code.

**I've seen other steel frame homes advertised. Are Haus Steel homes the same?** – The answer is no! This type of pre-assembled panel and truss construction for home is new and innovative in the marketplace. The process from design, to making the studs, to assembly of the wall panels and trusses is controlled by innovative software and new technology driven machinery.