

FREE GUIDE FROM SEAMRIDGE

Metal Roofer Vetting Checklist

Every license, document, and question to clear before you sign with a metal roofing contractor.



Understand metal roofing with open eyes — then get matched, free, with licensed, insured metal roofers near you. You compare estimates and choose who to hire.

License, insurance, bonding

- Active contractor license for your state — and you verify the number yourself
- General liability insurance (ask for a certificate)
- Workers' compensation coverage for the crew
- Bonded, where your state requires it
- A real local address and phone, not just a magnetic truck sign

Metal-specific experience

- Years installing the exact metal system you want (standing seam is a specialty)
- Photos and addresses of recent metal jobs you can drive past
- The metal brand, gauge, and coating they plan to use
- Who does the work — their own crew or subcontractors



Red flags — walk away

- Storm-chasers who knock after a hailstorm and pressure you to sign today
- A large deposit demanded up front, or cash only
- No written contract, or vague scope and 'we'll figure it out'
- Promises to 'get your insurance to pay for everything' (no one can guarantee that)
- A price far below everyone else — it usually means corners get cut

Questions to ask

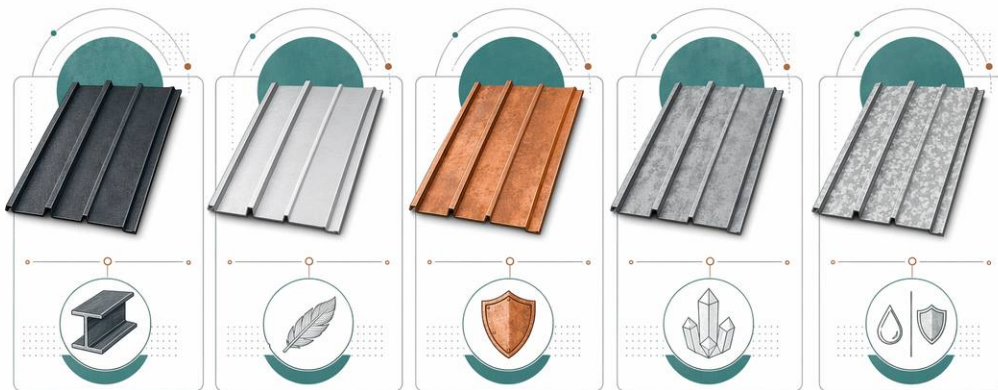
- 1 What metal, gauge, and coating will you use, and why?
- 2 What does the warranty cover — material, finish, and workmanship — and for how long?
- 3 Who pulls the permit, and what does the inspection cover?
- 4 What is the payment schedule, and what triggers each payment?
- 5 What happens if you find rotten decking once you tear off?



Before you sign

Get the metal type, gauge, coating, warranty, scope, timeline, and price in writing. Never pay the full amount before the work passes inspection. You compare estimates and you choose who to hire.





Important

SeamRidge is a free matching service, not a roofing company, contractor, or licensed professional. We do not install roofs or give construction, financial, or insurance advice, and we make no promise about any insurance claim outcome. Cost figures are typical ranges and estimates, not quotes or guarantees; your real price depends on roof size, pitch, the metal and coating you choose, tear-off, site conditions, and your area. A metal roof costs more up front than asphalt but typically lasts far longer. Always hire licensed, insured, bonded roofers, verify the license and insurance yourself, confirm price and scope in writing before any deposit, and follow your local permit and building code.