

FREE GUIDE FROM SEAMRIDGE

Roofing Estimate Comparison Guide

How to compare metal roofing estimates line by line — so you can tell a fair price from a padded one.



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.

Compare like for like

The cheapest number on the phone is rarely the real bill. Two estimates only compare if they cover the same metal, the same gauge, the same coating, and the same scope.

Line items to line up

Line item	Why it matters	Ask
Metal & gauge	Thicker lasts longer	What gauge? 24 vs 26?
Coating	Color & fade life	PVDF/Kynar or SMP?
Tear-off	Big cost swing	Removing old roof or going over?
Underlayment	Protects the deck	What type, and how many layers?

Warranty

Years of cover

Material, finish, and labor?



Hidden costs to check

- Decking repair if old wood is found under the old roof
- Flashing, ridge cap, and ventilation
- Permit and inspection fees
- Cleanup, disposal, and magnet sweep for nails

How to score each estimate

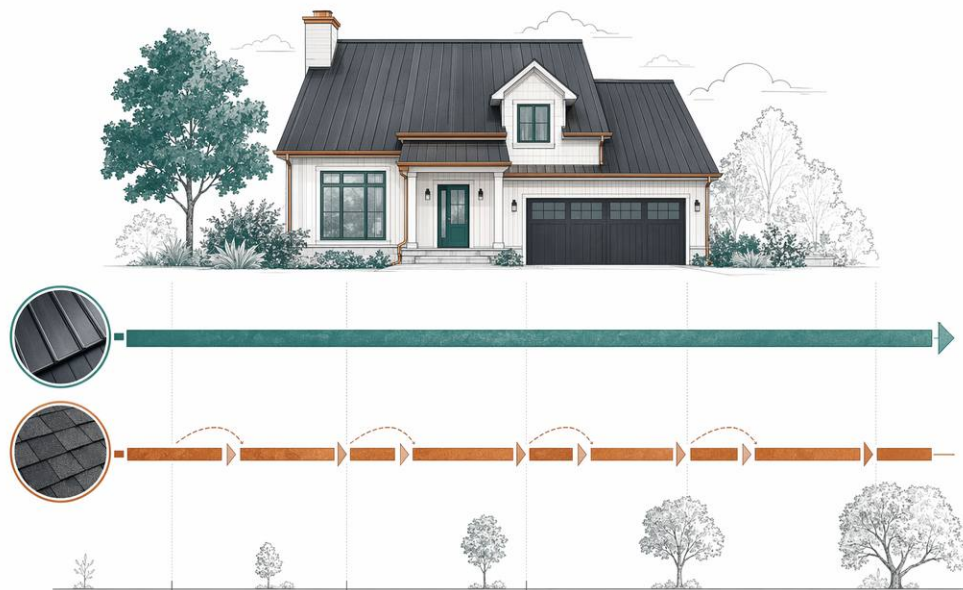
- 1 Put the estimates side by side in the same columns.
- 2 Flag anything missing — a missing line is a future surprise.
- 3 Confirm the metal, gauge, and coating match across all of them.
- 4 Compare the warranty, not just the price.
- 5 Choose the best value, not just the lowest number.



Remember

You are in control. Get everything in writing, confirm the price before any deposit, and pay the final amount only after the roof passes inspection.





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.