

R-Mer® Lite II Steel Roofing Comes to the Rescue

Holt Cat® Heavy Equipment Dealership | Waco, TX

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CHALLENGE

Any Texan who operates the “really big stuff,” knows Holt Cat. Headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, Holt Cat is America’s largest authorized Caterpillar® heavy equipment and engine dealer. With locations in 18 cities, the company serves South, Central, and North Texas. At the company’s Waco site, two facilities — one used as a parts warehouse, the other for servicing equipment — recently presented a host of concerns that demanded the eventual re-engineering and replacement of their roofing systems, according to Tony Koehler, project manager for Holt Cat. “The service department was like an oven,” reports Ken Meyers, a representative of The Garland Company, Inc., a Cleveland, Ohio based manufacturer and distributor of high-performance roofing solutions. Meyers explains that since there was no insulation under the existing roof, the buildings’ doors often needed to be open. Therefore the structures had never been air conditioned. When the Holt Cat team approached Meyers, they were looking not only for some defense against the steamy summer heat, but also for protection against winter’s unique challenges. As Koehler explains, “In the winter, we operate gas heaters, and because of the lack of insulation, condensation would form on the ceilings, creating actual rain inside the buildings.” The situation was not only uncomfortable, it was burdened with the potential for costly damage to the equipment housed under the roofs.

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SOLUTION

The Holt Cat team chose Garland’s R-Mer Lite® II insulated steel roofing system to resolve their problems. The product’s ENERGY STAR® qualified high-gloss white finish significantly lowers roof-surface temperatures, making for cooler interiors. Other environmentally responsible benefits include its composition. R-Mer Lite II is made of 66 percent recycled steel, is 100 percent recyclable after its useful life, and requires no torches, kettles, or volatile solvents during installation. Ease of installation was particularly important to Koehler. He explains, “The system makes for such a clean job...It saved us time and money, because we didn’t have to stop production while the roof and insulation were being installed.” Koehler concludes, “The buildings are cooler, and now my guys don’t have to put trash cans out each time it rains. Based on our experience, this is one of best, most cost-effective ways to insulate and re-roof buildings of this type.”

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