

The honest buyer's guide to fabric buildings.

Know the kit. Understand the site. Compare the complete project cost.



A practical checklist for buyers arranging a fabric building and its installation. Includes the current Max Contractors base installation table.

Pricing reviewed 18 September 2026. All prices are CAD before applicable tax. Equipment rentals, travel, and lodging are additional.

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1. Compare the exact kit.

A brand name and a footprint do not describe the whole building. Compare the model and the documents that come with it, rather than relying on a broad label such as heavy duty or commercial grade.

Frame and dimensions

- Confirm width, length, peak height, usable side clearance, and the actual door opening. Peak height is not door clearance.
- Ask for frame configuration, bay spacing, bracing details, and the current assembly instructions for the model you will receive.

Cover specification

- Confirm material, weight, coating, relevant test documentation, and how the cover attaches and tensions. Fabric weight alone does not establish durability or suitability.
- Compare the same units. One ounce per square yard is approximately 33.9 grams per square metre: 18 oz/yd² is about 610 g/m², not 750 g/m².

Engineering and intended use

- Ask whether documentation applies to the exact model, location, anchoring, and intended use. Do not substitute a marketing load claim for the design information your project requires.

Doors, hardware, and support

- Get the packing list and identify included doors, anchors, fasteners, and accessories. Confirm how shortages or damaged parts are reported and resolved.
- Find the supplier contact and replacement-part process before buying. For a used or auction kit, missing documentation is part of the purchasing decision.

2. Read the warranty before buying.

The manufacturer covers the kit under its written terms. Installation workmanship is a separate responsibility. Neither should be assumed from the other.

What is actually covered?

Read whether the promise applies to fabric, frame, coating, seams, components, or specified defects. Keep the warranty that applies to your exact model and purchase date.

For how long, and on what basis?

Distinguish a full replacement period from prorated coverage. Check exclusions, maintenance conditions, transferability, and any registration requirements.

Who pays the associated costs?

Ask who pays for shipping, access equipment, removal, replacement labour, and reinstallation. A replacement cover does not necessarily mean those expenses are covered.

What records will you need?

Keep the invoice, model identification, installation records, maintenance instructions, photographs, and written correspondence.

What changes the warranty?

Ask the supplier about DIY installation, third-party installation, modifications, anchoring choices, and operating conditions. Get model-specific answers in writing.

Do not rely on a generic brand comparison for a binding warranty interpretation. Use the actual certificate and clarify unclear terms with the supplier.

3. Plan the site and installation.

Start with the ground and intended use

The base and anchoring plan must suit the kit and site. Different projects use different methods; a concrete slab is not a universal requirement. Review the applicable manufacturer and local requirements before preparing the site.

Access and working room

Consider delivery access, turning space, overhead obstructions, ground support for machines, and room to handle components and the cover. Confirm the required equipment and who supplies it.

Kit readiness

Match the delivered components to the packing list. Photograph damage and identify shortages early. Tell the installer if assembly has started, parts have been substituted, or components are stored in different places.

Timing

Model, size, frame configuration, access, weather, and kit completeness affect installation time. Confirm a project-specific schedule rather than relying on one duration for every building of a similar size.

Responsibilities

Write down who provides the kit, preparation, foundation or anchoring base, approvals, required machines, and any work outside the agreed installation scope.

Before mobilization

Confirm the written scope and price, payment conditions, site readiness, equipment plan, travel arrangements, and schedule. An inquiry alone does not reserve a crew.

4. Base installation prices.

Crew frame assembly, cover installation and tensioning, and anchoring to the agreed prepared base. Equipment rentals, travel, and lodging are additional. The kit, preparation, foundations, permits, and applicable tax are separate.

FOOTPRINT (FT)	BASE INSTALLATION	CAD / SQ FT
30 × 40	Quoted by inquiry	-
30 × 60	\$13,000	\$7.22
30 × 80	\$16,000	\$6.67
40 × 60	\$16,000	\$6.67
40 × 80	\$18,000	\$5.63
40 × 100	\$20,000	\$5.00
50 × 80	\$20,000	\$5.00
50 × 100	\$22,000	\$4.40
50 × 150	\$30,000	\$4.00
50 × 200	\$37,000	\$3.70
60 × 100	\$25,000	\$4.17
60 × 120	\$28,000	\$3.89
60 × 150	\$33,000	\$3.67
60 × 200	\$41,000	\$3.42
70 × 100	\$28,000	\$4.00
70 × 120	\$32,000	\$3.81
70 × 150	\$37,000	\$3.52
70 × 200	\$45,000	\$3.21
80 × 104	\$41,000	\$4.93
80 × 120	\$46,000	\$4.79
80 × 152	\$56,000	\$4.61
80 × 200	\$71,000	\$4.44

Reviewed 18 September 2026. Unlisted sizes and incomplete or unusual installations need an individual assessment. The 80 ft Industrial footprints follow 8 ft bays. Confirm current prices at maxcontractors.ca/#pricing.

5. Compare the complete project cost.

The base installation price is one part of the project. Keep the separate components visible when comparing suppliers or deciding whether to self-assemble.

Building kit

Confirm the exact model, configuration, accessories, delivery scope, and applicable tax with the seller.

Base installation

Use the listed footprint as a starting point. Confirm that the kit and requested work match the agreed base installation scope.

Equipment rentals

Confirm the required machines, operating capacity and reach, duration, delivery, and associated charges.

Travel and lodging

The site location and installation schedule determine what is needed. These expenses are assessed after the project details are discussed.

Preparation and work by others

Groundworks, foundations, permits, and work outside the agreed installation scope are separate. Identify who is responsible for each item.

Example: 50 × 100 ft

The published base installation is \$22,000. It does not include the kit, equipment rentals, travel, lodging, preparation, foundations, permits, or tax. The written project quote identifies the applicable additional costs.

If you already have a quote from Max Contractors, provide its reference when contacting us. This guide does not replace an existing agreed commitment.

6. The checklist to keep.

- ☐ Exact model, dimensions, and door clearances confirmed
- ☐ Current packing list and assembly instructions obtained
- ☐ Site, anchoring, and approval requirements reviewed
- ☐ Written manufacturer warranty read and retained
- ☐ Delivered parts checked; damage and shortages documented
- ☐ Access and required equipment confirmed
- ☐ Base installation and separate expenses identified
- ☐ Customer and installer responsibilities written down
- ☐ Payment and scheduling conditions agreed
- ☐ Handover, maintenance, and workmanship responsibilities explained

Discuss the installation

Start with the brand, dimensions, nearest town, and preferred timing. Tell us whether the kit has arrived and whether work has already begun.

Call or text 587-855-4841

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