



**PACIFIC MODERN HOMES, INC.**  
**PREPARATION BEFORE YOUR PACKAGE ARRIVES**

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As in the construction of any home, a variety of tools are required. We recommend that you have the following before beginning your building project.

**1. Suggested minimum tools and equipment:**

- A. Handheld electric circular saw with a couple of new (sharp) carbide framing blades.
- B. Electric drill with drill bits.
- C. 6'–8' stepladder and 16'–18' extension ladder. (Note: If your jobsite is on a sloping lot, you may need longer ladders and/or scaffolding.)
- D. 5lb.–10lb. sledgehammer.
- E. Flat nail bar or pry bar (a.k.a. wrecking bar).
- F. Tape measures: 25' pocket tape and 50'–100' tape.
- G. 1/10 gallon caulking gun (we supply the caulk).
- H. Concrete nail driver and nails (for slab foundation).
- I. Framers' bubble level (3' or longer).
- J. Typical hand tools (hammer, handsaw, chalk line, string line, knife, tin snips, etc.).

If you will be using electric power tools, you will need electricity and extension cords. Most utility companies will hook up to a temporary power pole (you can rent them or build your own). Check with your local utility company for requirements and lead times. Portable generators are also a source, as is a close neighbor. If you "plug into" a neighbor, work out how you will pay them before you plug in...this will avoid possible problems later!

A portable outhouse is a convenience and may be required by your county. Again, a close neighbor may be used...but this makes more potential problems of consideration and convenience.

- 2. Crew:** We suggest a minimum four-man crew. The crew should consist of two "carpenters" and two laborers. If your crew as a whole has a good working knowledge of carpentry, you will save considerable time in erecting your Pacific Modern Home Package. Contact your local insurance carrier for adequate liability and workman's compensation coverage.

## Receiving Your Package

Ideally, you should have two people at the jobsite when your Pacific component package delivered. One person should check off the material as it is unloaded. The other person can help direct the driver as he operates the forklift and also help him by placing stickers under the material as it is set down on the ground and/or subfloor.

The driver will give you an envelope when he arrives at your site. The envelope will contain panel plans, truss layouts, "as built" truss calculations, two copies of the shipping list, and any specific details for your project. Whoever is going to inventory the load should take the shipping list stamped "Please Sign and Return" and check off the load. Each item on the lumber bundles is numbered to help with identification.

You must check off all items and note and damages or shortages per the "Conditions of Sale." **NOTE:** Caulk, nails, framing hardware, and locksets are shipped inside of a bundle of interior walls. You can easily locate this bundle, as it will be the only interior wall bundle with sheets of plywood roof sheathing attached to the top and bottom. Any other small items, like eave blocks, will also be inside this bundle.

The person helping the driver should take the panel plan. The panel plan shows you where each wall panel is to be located by number. The arrows indicate in which direction the panel is to run. As the wall panel bundles are unloaded, use the plan to direct the driver to a location to stack the panels close to where they will be used. **The forklift driver, however, will be the sole judge of jobsite accessibility and safety. If the foundation is not accessible, he will stack the material as near the jobsite as possible.**

The Wall Panel Plan is your guide to the proper erection of exterior and interior walls. Each wall panel has a number and a direction arrow, which correspond to a diagram on your panel plan. Study the plan carefully; follow the numbered sequence precisely and look for the arrows that indicate the direction in which the wall panels are to be set in place.

It is almost impossible to install an exterior panel backwards (although it's been done!) because the siding is usually on the outside. The arrows are very important on unsided interior walls as they are easy to get turned around. Ideally, you should start with Panel #1. This will almost always be an exterior corner. As you follow the numbers and arrows, you will proceed around the exterior of the plan.

If it is not convenient to start with Panel #1 due to site access (never "close off" your point of access until all panels are at least inside the house), you may start at any corner. Always work toward the higher number following the arrows. Then, once you arrive at Panel #1, continue on around until you reach the corner from which you started.

All of your copies of the shipping papers should be kept on the jobsite in a secure, dry location for reference during the framing of your home.