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15 Specific Questions to Ask Your Post-Frame Contractor

1. How many bags of concrete are used per hole to create the footer? **Knepp Buildings uses 1-1/2 bags of concrete under the eave posts (50% more than our competition) to create a more solid footer.**
2. How far apart are your trusses? **Knepp Buildings spaces engineered trusses two feet apart for shingled roofs and four feet apart for steel roofs. This spacing creates a much stronger roof system. Our competition often space their trusses as much as ten feet apart.**
3. Are there finished overhangs on your buildings? **Knepp Buildings offers buildings with one-foot overhangs on all sides, on the eave only, and none at all. We prefer to build with an overhang on all sides because it yields more aesthetic building.**
4. Do the gable end posts extend to the roofline in your buildings? **Knepp Buildings always extends the gable end posts to the top of the truss. This dramatically increases the strength of the building. Others often stop posts at the ceiling height or bottom of the truss.**
5. What size truss carriers are used on your buildings? **Knepp Buildings uses the right size or heavier engineered Southern Yellow Pine or LVL truss carriers for your building. Some guess at what size truss carriers to use and use regular lumber instead of stronger Southern Yellow Pine.**
6. What size OSB board do you use on the roof and sidewalls of your buildings? **Knepp Buildings uses 5/8" OSB (with clips) on the roof deck and 7/16" OSB on the sidewalls. Others sometimes use 7/16" OSB on the roof deck.**
7. How often do you screw the steel roofing and siding on your buildings? **Knepp Buildings screws all of their steel roofing and siding material every two feet. Many only screw their steel every four feet – Half as often as Knepp Buildings.**
8. How long is the warranty on your steel roof/sides? **Knepp Buildings offers two different qualities of Everlast Steel (www.everlastroofing.com) with either a 35-year or Lifetime warranty. Others sometimes use "seconds" that have no warranty.**
9. How thick is the vinyl siding on your buildings? **Knepp Buildings uses .040/.042/.044 thick siding that best matches your home.**
10. How long is the warranty on my shingled roof? **Knepp Buildings use the shingles that best match your home. Warranties are usually 25 – 30 years depending on the shingle style and manufacturer.**

11. How far apart are the posts in your buildings? **Knepp Buildings sets posts no farther than eight feet apart. Others often place posts as much as ten feet apart.**
12. What size posts are used in your buildings? **Knepp Buildings uses 4x6, 6x6, or laminated columns in our buildings. Our posts are engineered to be structurally correct based on the building's size.**
13. What size splashboards are used on your buildings? **Knepp Buildings uses a 2x8 splashboard whereas others sometimes use 2x6 material.**
14. Where does your company buy their trusses/building materials and are they right for my building? **Knepp Buildings buys all of their engineered trusses locally with the proper snow loading for your building area. All of our building materials are also purchased locally to help support our economy. Some post-frame builders are required by their headquarters to purchase their trusses along with most other building materials from a lumber depot located hundreds of miles away.**
15. What workmanship warranty does your company offer? **Knepp Buildings offers a two-year workmanship warranty providing service after the sale if needed.**