

Roof Upgrade Tool – Instructions and Training

Getting Started:

The purpose of this tool is to ensure that all Westeel Bins being ordered from the Price Pages, are being ordered and built with the proper roof upgrades, dependent on the location of the bin given by the customer. All the inputs and results for this tool are located on the Main tab. Be conscious of your inputs, ensuring that you are inputting the correct information, as wrong information will lead to incorrect results.

How to Use:

Step One: If a yellow bar with a button saying, “Enable Content” appears at the top of the Excel screen upon opening the tool, push the button to “Enable Content”. If you do not push this button, you will not be able to fill in any of the necessary fields. Once you have enabled the content, fill in the Customer Name, PO Number, and Westeel Sales Order Number, in the top right, if applicable. This information will be used to easily keep track of orders.

Step Two: Start designing your bin! The tool is easy to follow, simply start at the top section and work your way down filling in all the necessary sections. Each drop-down list is dependent on the one before it. Therefore, you must work from the top section down. If you try to fill in the drop-down lists out of order, they will appear blank until the ones above it are filled in. For sections with drop-down lists, simply click on the drop-down arrow and select the proper option. For sections needing manual inputs, ensure to double check that you typed your input in correctly.

Section Overviews:

Section One: Location Usage

Location Usage	
Location Type	<input type="button" value="▼"/>

This section is used to determine the usage of your bin. You will have two choices from the drop-down list; Farm (Price List) and Commercial. If you choose Farm (Price List), you can continue onto the next section. If you choose Commercial, you will not be able to update any drop-down lists or input cells, and a notification will appear in yellow, in the results section, asking you to “Please contact Westeel about seismic considerations.” We ask you to please contact Westeel as your bin may need seismic upgrades, which this tool is not capable of doing.

Section Two: Bin Requirements

Bin Requirements	
Bin Type	<input type="button" value="▼"/>
Diameter [ft.]	<input type="button" value="▼"/>
Tier	<input type="button" value="▼"/>
Peak Load [lbs.]	<input type="button" value="▼"/>

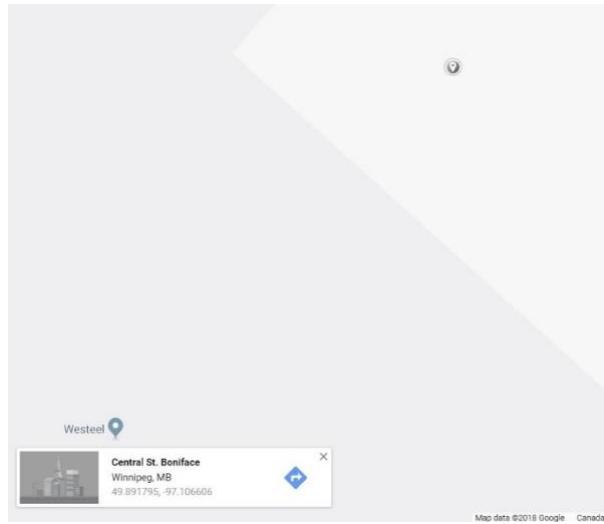
This section is used to determine the type, size, and peak load rating of your bin. In the Bin Type drop-down list, you will have six choices; Unstiffened Westeel Flat Bottom, Stiffened Westeel Flat Bottom, Unstiffened Westeel Hopper, Stiffened Westeel Hopper, Unstiffened Westeel SSK, or Stiffened Westeel SSK. The Diameter [ft.] drop-down list will have different choices, ranging from 15' to 60', depending on the Bin Type you chose. Just like the Diameter [ft.] drop-down list, the Tier drop-down list will have different choices, ranging from 3 to 16, depending on the combination of Bin Type and Diameter [ft.] you chose. Finally, in the Peak Load [lbs.] drop-down list you will have three options; Standard, Higher Rated, and Unknown. Most bins will only need the Standard peak load, but some roofs with applications like, catwalks, downspouts, etc., will need the Higher Rated peak load. If you are unsure which Peak Load rating your bin will need, you can choose Unknown and the tool will calculate based on the Higher Rated peak load. If you have chosen Unknown, but would like a more precise answer, please contact Westeel and we will help you determine which peak load rating is best for your bin.

Section Three: Bin Location

Bin Location	
Location Name	
Location Latitude [degrees]	
Location Longitude [degrees]	
Location Environmental Data is based on	

Google Maps

This section consists of all manual inputs. Make sure to double check all your inputs in this section, as errors in the latitude or longitude will change the end results. First you will put the name of the location where your bin is located. Next you will click on the button that says, "Google Maps", which will automatically open "Google Maps" in your default browser. Once open, put in the address where your bin will be located, and zoom into the exact location of your bin. Once there, hover over the general area with your mouse cursor, and left click. A pin will drop where you clicked, and a small pop-up at the bottom center of your screen will appear showing the latitude (number on the left) and longitude (number on the right) of your chosen location.



You will then take the numbers for the latitude and longitude and input them into the corresponding cells. (If when you left click on your bins location a pin or pop-up does not appear, you can use another method to get your coordinates. Instead, right click on the location of your bin and a menu will appear where you clicked. Select the "What's here?" option, then a pin will drop at that location and a pop-up box will appear with the coordinates for that location.)

Once you have input your bin's location name, latitude, and longitude, the final cell in this section will auto-populate with the town/city that will dictate the environmental data for your bins location. The environmental data for this tool is sourced from NBCC 2015 Volume 1 Division B Appendix C. The tool determines which environmental data to use by taking the coordinates you input and comparing them to the coordinates of all the various locations from the NBCC. It will then choose the nearest location, from its range of towns/cities. If the location that the tool auto-populates for dictating the environmental data is unfamiliar to you, or you believe there is a location closer, double check the latitude and longitude you input are correct. If you still believe the auto-populated location is incorrect, please contact Westeel.

Section Four: Guardian Monitoring System

Guardian Monitoring System	
Cable Type	<input type="button" value="▼"/>

In this section you will input whether your bin will have a Monitoring Cable System or not. If it will have a Monitoring Cable System, you will need to choose which type it will be. The Cable Type drop-down list will present you with three options: None, Guardian Temperature, and Guardian Moisture. If you choose None, you are saying your bin will not have any kind of monitoring system in it. Choosing Guardian Temperature, you are saying your bin will have Temperature cables in it. Choosing Guardian Moisture, you are saying your bin will have either Moisture cables, or a combination of Temperature and Moisture cables in it. Depending on the Bin Type, Diameter and number of Tiers you chose for your bin, the tool will determine the Guardian Monitoring Cable System that works with your bin from a set of standard criteria that Westeel has chosen. It is important to understand that these standard criteria are

based on Guardian Standard packages and cable lengths Westeel has determined. The criteria can be found below, and in the Roof Upgrade Tool.

Important Notes

- For Flat Bottom Bins: This tool assumes the Standard Guardian Monitoring Cable System for 4-13 tiers (4-12 tiers for 15' and 18' bins and 5-13 tiers for 39' and 54' bins), and assumes the cables end 3 ft up from the floor on bins 14 tiers and up (13 tiers and up for 15' and 18' bins).
- For Hopper Bottom Bins: This tool assumes the Standard Guardian Monitoring Cable System for 3-10 tiers (3-9 tiers for 27' bins and 5-6 tiers for 16' bins).
- For SSK Bins: This tool assumes the Standard Guardian Monitoring Cable System for 4-10 tiers (7-10 tiers for 24' and 6-9 tiers for 27').
- If your Monitoring Cable System does not fall under these parameters please contact Westeel Winnipeg Customer Service for a custom analysis.

It is important that these standard criteria are followed. If you have purchased a Monitoring Cable System from another company or are reusing an older Monitoring Cable System and are unsure if it follows the above criteria, or you know it does not follow these criteria, please contact Westeel.

Section Five: Results

Results		
Roof Requirements	Description	Part Number
Standard Roof	-	-
Roof Upgrade Required	-	-
Required Monitoring Cable	-	-
Hanger System	-	-

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This section will give you the results of all the data you have input into the tool. The Standard Roof output will show you the standard roof for the bin diameter you have chosen. It will give you a description of that roof and its corresponding part number. The Roof Upgrade Required output will show you if there are any mandatory roof upgrades required for your bin. Once again, it will give you a description of which roof upgrade you will need, and its corresponding part number, which will be highlighted in green (depending on the bin diameter you have chosen, the number of possible roof

upgrades will change). If no roof upgrade is required, the Roof Upgrade Required cells will remain as “-”. The Required Monitoring Cable Hanger System output will show you the required Hanger System your Monitoring Cable System will need to hang from a Westeel roof, based on Westeel assumptions and logic. If your Monitoring Cable System is a Guardian Standard Package, this output will remain as “-”, as these packages will already include everything you will need to set-up your Monitoring Cable System. If your Monitoring Cable Hanger System is different from the one this tool has stated, please contact Westeel for further information.

There are four output lines underneath the roof requirements. These lines will auto-populate under certain conditions. The first line will highlight in yellow and read, “Please contact Westeel Winnipeg Customer Service about seismic considerations.”, if Commercial has been chosen in the Bin Type drop-down list.

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The second line will highlight in yellow and read, “Please contact Westeel Winnipeg Customer Service for potential wind upgrades.”, if the Wind Speed, for the location the environmental data is based on, is larger than 94 mph.

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The third line will highlight in red and read, “ROOF IS OVERLOADED. Neither the standard roof nor any standard roof upgrades will accommodate the loads. Please contact Westeel Winnipeg Customer Service for potential further roof upgrades”. If this output appears, neither the standard roof nor any standard roof upgrades are sufficient to accommodate the loads, for the diameter and tier height of bin you have chosen. In this situation, you can contact Westeel Winnipeg Customer Service to see if there is a possibility for further non-standard roof upgrades that will accommodate the loads for your bin. Otherwise, if this output appears, the bin you have designed, in the location you have given, will not work, and cannot be purchased.

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The fourth can have a couple of differ outputs. One example is, the line will highlight in yellow and read, “Currently Westeel does not offer a 27’ hopper bottom. Please contact Westeel Winnipeg Customer Service to ensure the third party hopper you are using will work with Westeel products.” Currently Westeel does not have a welded hopper cone for 27’ Unstiffened Westeel Hopper bins, and does not have a welded hopper cone for 15’-27’ Stiffened Westeel Hopper bins. The output will read the bin diameter of whatever size you have chosen (15’-27’).

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The fifth line can have two possible outputs. If the roof requires an upgrade from a non-structural roof to a structural roof and falls outside the range of Guardian standard packages the line will read, "Structural roof replaces standard roof.".

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If any of these lines output "Please contact Westeel Winnipeg Customer Service ...", then you must contact Westeel Winnipeg Customer Service to have your situation looked at. If these lines do not say to contact Westeel, or do not say that the roof is overloaded, then you can move on to the last step.

Once you have input all the correct data, and reviewed the results, you must generate a PDF of your inputs and results by pressing the "Generate PDF" button. This will automatically save and open a PDF of the Roof Upgrade Tool with all your inputs and results. The PDF will save in the file location "C:\Roof Upgrade Tool Results", with a file name based off your inputs in the format of, "Bin Type, Diameter, and Tier – Location Name – Roof Upgrade Tool – Todays Date". (i.e. Unstiffened Westeel Flat Bottom 3606 – Westeel Storage Yard – Roof Upgrade Tool – 08-21-2018). Before you close the PDF, you may save it to your preferred file location, and add any other description to the file name, for your own records. We ask that you only add to the file name and do not remove anything from the standard naming format.

If you need to reset your input values for any reason, push the "Clear All" button at the bottom of the screen. This will reset all the drop-down lists and input cells to blank.