



BIG TOP TOPICS



Newsletter from Big Top Manufacturing

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Dear Big Top Friends,

US Airways flight 1549 was hit hard by a flock of Canada geese just a few minutes after it took off. Losing power in both engines, flight 1549 made an emergency landing in the Hudson River near New York City. All 155 passengers and the crew on board survived. All the media called this event "Miracle on the Hudson".

Was it "miracle"? Miracle, by definition, is the event inexplicable by the law of nature. This seemingly miraculous event could have happened with a thoroughly-prepared-for-the-worst-scenario leader like Captain Sullenberger. In addition, he has a life-long, solid experience in his industry, and a little luck.

Given the macro-economy in the U.S. as well as worldwide, how prepared are you? Big Top has prepared to help the customers like you find a better solution to your needs. We have accumulated our experience in helping various industries for 30 years.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter! See you next issue...

Sincerely,

Big Top team

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Customer Testimonial:

"It has held up very well. I received an email about [your] shelter in Louisiana that survived Hurricane Gustav, which is good but **the one here survived a direct hit from Hurricane Ike.**"

Jerry Tobias, TX

1. Featured Article: Why Big Top Fabric Buildings are even better in Recession Economy?

Benefits of Fabric Buildings over conventional buildings in economically challenging time.



Portable Fabric Buildings



Humidity controlled Fabric Buildings

Big Top Fabric Buildings are chosen more in this value-sensitive economy because they are:

- **Economical:** Compared to other conventional building systems, Big Top tension fabric buildings provide excellent value to the owner of the building at **a fraction of conventional building cost**.
- **Versatile:** Do you need **temporary buildings**? **Permanently fixed structures**? Or simple fabric shelter structures without end panels? For each unique building need, we can customize your fabric buildings & shelters for the maximization of building use. In addition, our fabric building system is **easily expandable**. Therefore, if you need to expand your fabric buildings later, you can order more and easily attach it to the existing fabric buildings.
- **Portable:** Unlike fixed conventional buildings, **Big Top portable fabric building system** is literally **relocatable** via optional wheels for frequent relocation or via cranes. Furthermore, Big Top fabric building system can be **retractable** when you choose optional wheels.



Telescoping Fabric Structure



Retracted Fabric Structure

- **Easy-to-install:** No big hassle to install; Many times, depending on local regulations, **no construction permits** are required to install fabric buildings. Shelters can be anchored virtually on any surface. Asphalt, ballast blocks, concrete, dirt, shipping containers, wood pilings.
- **Economical again: Can save money for energy cost with translucent fabric covers** because you can see light through the covers. You can resell the shelter system. In addition, depending on local regulations, **you do not have to pay property tax** for your new fabric buildings because fabric buildings are classified as temporary buildings/structures. For more information, please contact [Big Top sales team](#) today.

2. Frequently Asked Questions: Fabric, Steel Frame, & more

Q: How long do fabric covers last?

A: It depends on fabric type you choose. For example, if you choose 28oz. PVC vinyl covers, the expected life of the fabric is around 20 years, depending on the environment surrounding the fabric buildings. For more info, please check [fabric option](#) page today.



Computerized RF Fabric Welding Machine



Galvanized Steel Frame

Q: We have lots of wind here. Could you tell me wind loads of your building?

A: Big Top structures are designed for wind loads up to 120 mph.

Q: How long does steel frame of your shelter last?

A: We use galvanized steel tubing for the frame. The galvanized steel frame has a useful life between 20 to 40 years depending on the environment. It is hot dipped inside and outside with Zinc-04 finish to prevent corrosion and provide long term durability.

Q: Is your fabric cover flame-resistant?

A: Yes, Big Top fabric covers have passed NFPA-701 Large/Small scale test and is certified as Flame Resistant. For more info, call toll free 1-800-277-8677 today.

Q: Do you have standardized price list of your fabric buildings?

A: No, to fully meet the customers' unique needs, we customize each order. That is why we do not have mass-produced building price list. Big Top Manufacturing has a proud tradition of serving each client's needs to the maximum level by assigning a single account manager to each client.

Q: What is the dimension of your shelter structures?

A: We can make the shelter width up to 166 feet. For the length of your building system, it is virtually unlimited. For more info, check [fabric building & shelter size](#) page.

3. Big Top in Hollywood



Big Top in the motion picture Eagle Eye: Big Top [deployable military shelters](#) have been used by military worldwide. A recent Hollywood blockbuster movie demonstrated the worldwide use of Big Top aircraft hangars on military bases.

Directed by D.J. Caruso, the action/thriller movie "[Eagle Eye](#)", based on the idea of Steven Spielberg inspired by Isaac Asimov's short story, deals with two strangers (Shia LaBeouf & Michelle Monaghan) pushed into non-stop chases. In the Orwellian movie full of tracking technology known & unknown, [deployable hangar buildings](#) by Big Top Manufacturing are shown when a MQ-9 Reaper, a high-tech Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), is called to action.

4. News around Big Top & Announcements

News-Lose Weight, Gain Cash at Big Top: At the end of 2008, several losers were congratulated at Big Top Manufacturing. To promote employee's healthy life style and team spirit, Big Top Manufacturing sponsored the weight loss contest. All the employees as groups weighed and recorded their weights at the beginning of the contest in October and weighed again at the last day of 2008. Top three groups that achieved the greatest percentage of weight loss were chosen and Big Top awarded cash prizes. The following is the list of winning groups at Big Top:

- 1st Place Darin Anderson, Brad Flores & Don Sheffield lost total 26lbs (0.039%).
- 2nd Place Brian Preman, Ron Coker, Tim Aldous & Allen Manville lost 31lbs (0.029%).
- 3rd Place Baker Jarvis, Allen Russell, Alisha Simpson & John Hong lost 22lbs (0.027%).

Announcements about Reskin Services: Reskin services of existing fabric structures are available for the owners of fabric buildings that need only replacement covers. Big Top can help the clients whether they have tension fabric buildings from us, from other manufacturers, or even from some manufacturers such as PortaMod or poly-shelters that are no longer in business. Big Top professional installation teams can help you have old fabric buildings transformed to new quality building solutions at the fraction of construction cost. For more info, check [fabric building reskin service webpage](#) today.

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