



### Dear Big Top Friends,

How are you doing? We hope you are doing well. This spring issue features some useful articles for you. The first article introduces information about maintaining fabric buildings and shelters. The second article helps would-be fabric building owners to find the best building or shelter solutions to meet their needs. In addition, we would like to share news about some of our projects by Big Top Manufacturing. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter! See you next issue...

Sincerely,

Big Top team

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### 1. Feature Article: Useful Maintenance Tips for your Fabric Buildings

If you have already bought fabric buildings or shelters from Big Top, you must be enjoying the benefits of our unique building solution. To extend the life of your investment further, you may want to put into practice some of our useful maintenance tips listed below:

#### Useful Preventative Maintenance Tips for Fabric Buildings and Fabric Shelters.

Every three months, we suggest you:

- **Check and tighten any loose cables.**
- **Check all bolts and nuts for proper torque.**
- **Check all fabric for holes, tears, scuffs or scrapes and repair where needed.**
- **Check equipment door operation and grease any “catch points” along the track.**

And, every six months, we suggest you:

- **Clean any excessive dirt or grime from the fabric surface.** You can make inexpensive cleansing mixture (6 parts of water and 1 part of bleach) if you want to save some money. Make sure not to use jet spray valve when you clean your structure because you might hurt the fabric of your structure in some cases.
- **Tighten threaded rods or buckle straps to tension main fabric, if necessary.**
- **Check and tighten any lacing that may have come loose.**
- **Check frame for any corrosion and treat with a corrosion inhibitor.**

## 2. Why buy Tension Fabric Buildings?: Benefits of Fabric Building Structures

The decision to buy a building is not an easy task mainly because its effects can be long-lasting unlike buying a pack of gum and thanks to popularity of Internet, there is an overwhelming load of information to digest. So, this article was written to help the persons who need buildings or shelter structures in the near future but don't know what to do next.

Ask the following questions to yourself in order to save your time and money:

- **Do you want to expand your buildings or shelters in the future without any hassles?**
- **Do you want to move your buildings in the future or after a certain time?**
- **Do you want to let natural lights in the building during the day to save money?**
- **Do you want to save time and money for your building construction?**
- **Do you want to save money on property taxes for your buildings?**
- **Do you want the buildings or shelters tailored to your personal or organizational needs?**

If you answered “yes” to at least one question, you need to seriously consider tension fabric buildings or fabric shelters as your building solution.

- **Expandable:** Unlike conventional or steel buildings, **fabric buildings are easily expandable** even after the buildings are installed. So, the owners of tension fabric buildings enjoy the flexibility of the buildings without another burden of searching for the solutions.
- **Portable:** By design, our **tension fabric building system is portable by wheels, by a forklift or with a crane**. So, fabric building structures are sometimes called “relocatable or movable buildings”. For other type of conventional buildings, moving the building is a mission impossible unless asking Tom Cruise!
- **Translucent:** As an option, you can choose a translucent fabric for the cover if you need a working **environment that lets natural sunlight in saving money on your energy bill**. Even though sunlight comes in the fabric buildings, they are much **cooler** than steel buildings. In addition, fabric buildings provide **less noisy** environment than steel buildings when hard rains or hail storms hit your buildings.
- **Quick Installation:** Compared to conventional buildings, you can **reduce considerable time and save money for your building construction** by choosing fabric buildings. In addition, a tension fabric building system does not require an expensive concrete foundation.
- **No Property Tax:** Depending on specific local regulations, you can **save several thousands of dollars every year** by choosing fabric buildings or fabric shelters because tension fabric structures are considered “temporary buildings” by local agencies. Thus, you don't have to pay property tax on your fabric buildings. How nice it is!
- **Custom-made:** Manytimes, steel buildings or lower-end fabric shelters are mass-manufactured. So, limited options of such building systems frustrate customers who have unique building or shelter needs. In this case, higher-end fabric buildings such as Big Top fabric building systems would make a good choice for you. For more information about options, you can visit our website ([www.bigtopshelters.com](http://www.bigtopshelters.com)) where you can chat with us online during our business hours (M-F, 7:30 am to 5 pm EST). You can [request a brochure or online quote for](#)

[your tension fabric buildings](#) via our website 24 hours a day, 7days a week.

### 3. Recent Big Top projects



**Equipment Storage Shelters:** Two storage shelters (36W x 60L x 34H and 31W x 60L x 31H) have been installed for a company in Texas. This company specializes in reconditioning pre-owned industrial winches and needed semi-permanent storage and repair space solutions for their specialized products. Bobby Edwards was the account manager of this project, which was completed this last February.



**Fabric Building Covers:** Recently, Big Top Manufacturing helped the US Air Force to customize quality [replacement covers for military fabric buildings](#). Because Big Top team provided customized, precise CAD (computer-aided design) for replacement covers, the project was seamlessly finished. David Roberts at Big

Top was the account manager of this project.

### 4. Big Top in News



Recently, Big Top's UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) shelter image was featured in one of major newspapers such as [USA Today](#). The UAV hangar shown in USA Today is located at a US Air Force base overseas. This is a good example of fabric shelter structures in military application. As shown in the photo, beige color of shelter structure was chosen to integrate this military structure into adjacent

landscape. The account manager of this project was G.W. Pridgeon at Big Top Manufacturing.

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