How to Measure for Cupolas

The basic dimension needed to order is the base size. We have set heights to ensure an appropriate proportion for this style of cupola.

In selecting the right size cupola for your home, barn or building, a good rule of thumb is 1.25" of cupola base size for every foot of 'unbroken' roof line. For example; if a roof section measures 20' the minimum cupola base size should be 25". Our experience tells us it provides for a more pleasing appearance.

To be certain about size, you can take a box with the same size base you want to order, cut out your roof pitch, and place it on your roofline. This will give you a true perspective of what your cupola will look like.

Calculating Roof Pitch

The pitch of your roof directly correlates to the height of your base. We need to know this measurement so we can give you enough base to accommodate your roof pitch.

How to Determine Roof Pitch

To determine your roof's pitch take a carpenters square and measure it against your roof as illustrated to the left.

1. Take down the run measurement and the rise measurement. That will give you your rise over run.
2. If you have a rise that is between two whole inch numbers, simply round up to the nearest whole inch.
3. Take your measurements and put them in as rise/run.