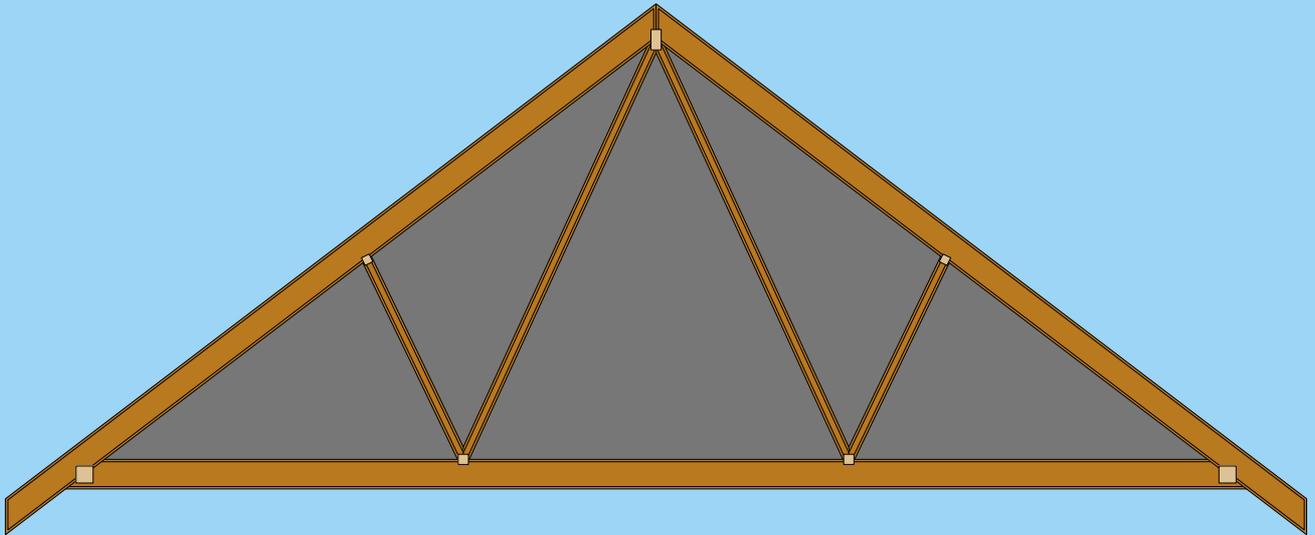


# CONVENTIONAL ROOF!



## OR BRIGHT, FLEXIBLE LIVING SPACE?



**IT'S YOUR CHOICE WHEN YOU SOURCE YOUR ROOFING COMPONENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE TRUSSED RAFTER ASSOCIATION**

However, consider the value and saleability to be gained from the outset by planning for Room in the Roof in any new build projects. This leaflet explains some of the benefits of using "Room in the Roof" trussed rafters.



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# PROVIDING ROOM IN THE ROOF CAN ADD PROFIT AND SALEABILITY TO ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT

The arguments for a move to "Room in the Roof" trussed rafters are compelling.

More and more house buyers are demanding greater flexibility from new homes.

Changes of lifestyle, with more people working from home, extended families, more recreational pursuits – all call for extra space.

Providing extra living space from the outset has huge benefits all round, for the buyer and builder alike.

- The extra cost of third floor living space – which buyers are prepared to pay for – is an investment that greatly exceeds the cost of production.

- Increased living space without increasing the footprint achieves a "WIN – WIN" scenario.
- Reduced build cost per square metre.
- Flexibility of living space without having to resort to expensive build-on costs (with subsequent loss of land).

If you are thinking about "Room in the Roof" construction, Trussed Rafter Association Members will be pleased to help you with your trussed rafter needs – from planning, specialist trussed rafters, detailed calculations, roof layout drawings and delivery to suit your site schedule.

## THE ADVANTAGES OF USING "ROOM IN THE ROOF" TRUSSED RAFTERS

- Established technology – trussed rafters have been used by builders for nearly 40 years and erection techniques are well known.
- Trussed rafters are factory prefabricated using latest computer controlled techniques and quality control.
- There are no restrictions on lower floor or roof layouts since "Room in the Roof" trussed rafters may be designed to clear span onto external loadbearing walls.



**86% WOULD LIKE THE LOFT TO BE A USABLE ROOM\***



**70% SAID OFFICE SPACE IN THE HOME IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR\***

Source: Alfred McAlpine Homes East Ltd. Evening Standard's New Home Buyer Show 1999.



*Above left: An example of ground level erection of “RiR” trussed rafters.*

*Above right: A typical “Room in the Roof” installation.*



**THE ADVANTAGES OF BUYING  
“ROOM IN THE ROOF” TRUSSED RAFTERS  
FROM TRA MEMBERS**

- Complex, labour intensive site work is eliminated.
- Lowermost members of trussed rafters automatically give floor platform.
- Once trussed rafters are erected the roof is complete, ready to receive roof finishes, plasterboard and floor boarding.
- Tried and tested methods of ground level assembly of the complete roof are available from some TRA members.
- Builders have the option to develop the “Room in the Roof” accommodation or they may simply install “Room in the Roof” trussed rafters in preparation for later development by the home buyer.

- ◆ All Members of TRA operate a third-party Quality Assurance scheme to ISO 9002.
- ◆ All TRA truss designers and manufacturers are insured against Professional Indemnity risks.
- ◆ Advice available on layout, such as positioning of roof windows and staircases.
- ◆ Erection service available from some Members.
- ◆ TRA publishes a free Product Data Sheet, “Room in the Roof Trussed Rafters”, which gives technical information on available space within roof, supports, accommodating stairs and roof openings, thermal insulation and fire resistance considerations.



**UP TO 30% ADDITIONAL FLOOR SPACE  
WITH NO INCREASE IN FOOTPRINT**



**FLEXIBLE SPACE ADDS VALUE  
TO MODERN LIVING**



# MOVING UP WITH THE TRA

The Trussed Rafter Association (TRA) is the voice of the timber trussed rafter industry. Externally it forges links with public and private sectors to promote the industry's interests and liaises with research and regulatory bodies concerning product specifications and health and safety and environmental issues. Within the industry, the TRA pools resources, develops professionalism and ensures that its Members are at the forefront of future opportunity and innovation.



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