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Mobile Home Skylight Tips

Adding a skylight to mobile or manufactured homes is becoming more and more popular. It is a great way to fill your space with natural sunlight, while not losing privacy, which can happen with adding windows. In the past, manufactured home skylights were often notorious for leaking and causing other issues. But today, advances in window and sealing technology have made these skylights a great choice for lighting up homes.

Below are details on the basics of manufactured and mobile home skylights and tips for skylight installation, so you can decide whether adding one is right for your home!

The options for mobile home skylights

There are four general types of skylights, depending on how they are installed and whether they open or not. Fixed skylights cannot be opened, while operable skylights can be, either by hand or with an electronic mechanism. The next two categories of mobile home skylights are curb vs. deck mounted.

Curb skylights are installed above a framed spot on your home's roof and can be fixed or operable. The advantage to a curbed installation is that you can replace the window without removing the entire skylight. Deck mounted skylights are installed right into the roofing deck. The advantage of a deck mounted model is that they are typically less expensive. However, the chances of developing leaks are higher.

Skylight installation: choose the right location

Just as important as choosing which type of skylight you want is deciding where to put it. You should consider things like how much sunlight that spot gets (the more light, the more heat will be added to your home). You also should think about whether the location will cause a glare on your TV. If you live in a temperate or colder climate, it's a good idea to have the skylight face south, so it captures more light and heat in the winter. If you live in a climate that is warm and hot all year, having it face north is a better option.

Once you've chosen the location for your skylight, you need to determine whether there is anything that would be in the way, like electrical wires. If there is, it's easiest to choose a different spot. The opening should fit between two rafters to prevent structural damage to your roof.

How to install your skylight

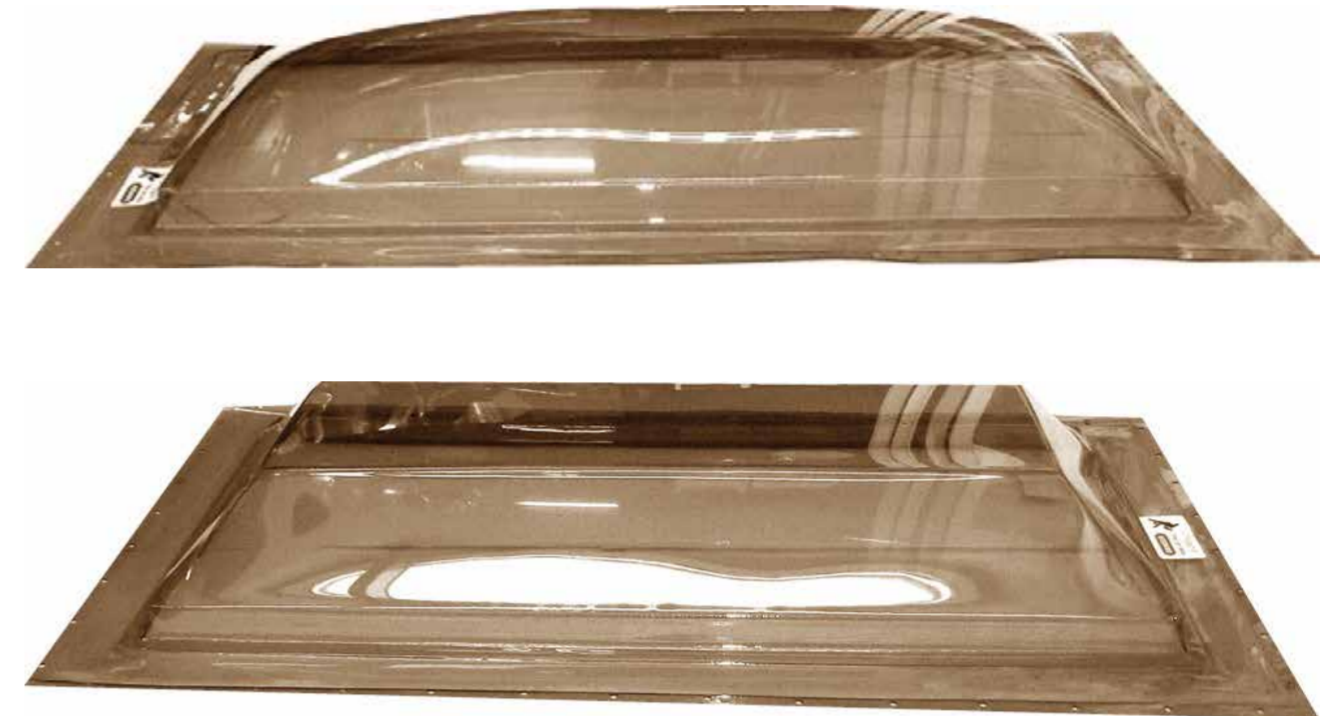
For most people, we recommend hiring a professional to install a new mobile or manufactured home skylight. Installation requires cutting through both your ceiling and your roof and ensuring everything is properly sealed. If you don't have roofing or building experience, then you are likely to make a mistake that could lead to leaks or worse damage down the road.

If you currently have a skylight that leaks or is otherwise damaged, you're better off replacing it with a new one than repairing it. Depending on your experience level, it might just be better to hire a professional, as you would with a new installation.

Conclusion

If you have your mobile home skylight installed the right way, then it makes a great addition to your house and shouldn't leak. Start bringing more natural light and warmth into your home today!

If you're looking for a new or replacement mobile home skylight, then reach out to our team!



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