# What is a Standing Seam Hip Roof?

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Standing seam metal roofing is a long-lasting roofing solution that can be used to advantage on both hip and gable roofs.

### ****What are Hip Roofs and Gable Roofs?****

A hip, or hipped, roof is a style of roof where each side of the roof slopes downwards toward the walls. The hips of a hip roof are the external angles two adjacent sides create where they meet.

Hipped roofs tend to have fairly gentle slopes, and homes with a hip roof can also have gable portions or dormers.



This is an example of a hip roof

A gabled roof, on the other hand, features a roof with two sides that slope downward toward the walls. Walls enclose the ends of gabled roofs, and a gable is itself the portion of the wall between the two roof sides.



This is an example of a gable roof

Hip roofs, in general, are more complex than a gabled roof and requires rafters or trusses. However, a hip roof is self-bracing and is much better suited to hurricane-prone areas as a result. Gable roofs are less complex and less costly but tend to be plainer and more prone to wind damage.

However, unless a home or structure is very simple, most roofs tend to feature multiple details and can feature both hip and gable roofing.

### ****What is a Standing Seam Roof?****

Metal standing seam roofs feature panels, typically vertical panels, that run the length of the roof (from eave to ridge). The panels are either snapped-together or seamed together with a roof seaming machine that joins panels together and creates a watertight roofing surface.

[**Standing seam roofs**](https://www.mcelroymetal.com/standing-seam-systems) are recognizable by the raised vertical seams where adjoining panels connect.

Standing seam roofs can be installed on hip roofs, gable roofs, or roofs with multiple features.

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