

Self-Framer or Rigid Frame? — The 5-Minute Fit Check

Modular self-framing building vs. field-erected rigid frame

Check every box below. Check them all and Self-Framer (modular) is likely your fit — miss one, and Rigid Frame (field-erected) is the safer place to start.

1 SITE LOADS

- ☐ Snow ≤ 2 kPa (~42 psf) ☐ Wind (q_{50}) ≤ 0.45 kPa ☐ Seismic ($S_a 0.2$) ≤ 0.3

2 SIZE

- ☐ Clear span ≤ 20 ft gable / 14 ft shed ☐ Length $\leq 3 \times$ width

3 LOADING

- ☐ No roof/wall-mounted equipment or 50+ lb point loads ☐ No large hatches or multiple wall openings

4 CLASSIFICATION

- ☐ No blast rating, elevated site class, or collateral loads (crane, ducting, process equipment)

ALL BOXES CHECKED

Self-Framer (modular) is very likely viable — fast-track candidate.

ANY BOX MISSED

Rigid Frame (field-erected) is the safer starting point.

A directional screen, not a final engineering call — viability is confirmed in design review.

Note: both Self-Framer and Rigid Frame buildings can be delivered as modular (shop-built) or field-erected — the labels above reflect the typical fit, not a fixed rule. Final delivery method is confirmed with your project's specific requirements.

Not sure where you land? Send your numbers — free 15-minute call, and our team can confirm: Self-Framer or Rigid Frame.

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