



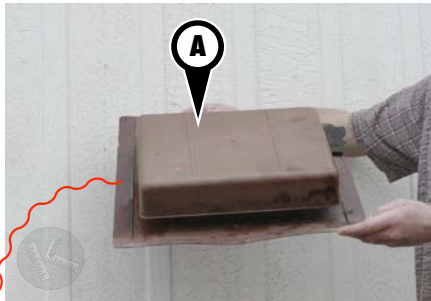
Animals in Minneapolis Roof Vents (Part 1)

How to Keep Birds, Bats, Mice and Squirrels Out of Your Home

The Problem

If you have lousy roof vents don't feel bad. About 60% of the roofs in Minneapolis that we inspect do. There are three common types of crappy roof vents in Minnesota:

- 1) Plastic turtle-style (A)
- 2) Plastic louvered (B)
- 3) Non-louvered metal vents (C)



From the outside this vent looks great.



Look inside to see things are not great.



We took a typical plastic roof vent to a band saw and sliced it in half. (Yes, we are geeks). Here are the fatal flaws that are exposed within:

Design allows animals to crawl under the hood and onto the screen where they either nest or enter the home.

Layer of screen is made of lightweight aluminum. Animals chew through it with ease (below).

The Solution



Up close look at the metal louvers



The solution to animals getting into an attic through cheesy roof vents is to replace them all with metal, louvered vents (above). Most homes have an average of 9-14 vents on the roof. Even if only one or two of your existing vents have critter problems you must replace every vent on the roof if you want to solve the problem.