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Justin Henricksen of Desert Truss in Las Vegas designed the trusses above for a 18,000+ sq. ft. custom home.

Henricksen said he initially designed the barrel bowstring chords with 2x6 #2 SPF, but made adjustments in the shop to deliver a perfect radius top chord to the jobsite. "I changed the chords to 2x8 DF #2, which allowed us to trim the chords to their needed diameters in the shop."



The architect then supplied Henricksen with all the exact radius dimensions for all seven—yes, seven!—truss shapes from CAD drawings, from which shop workers set up a template in the yard. They cut each radius (using the template as a guide) with a skill saw fitted with a special blade that allows making curves without bending the blade. About 1.5" was cut from each of the top chords. "We were able to ship them out already curved, which the framer LOVED us for," he added. **SBC**

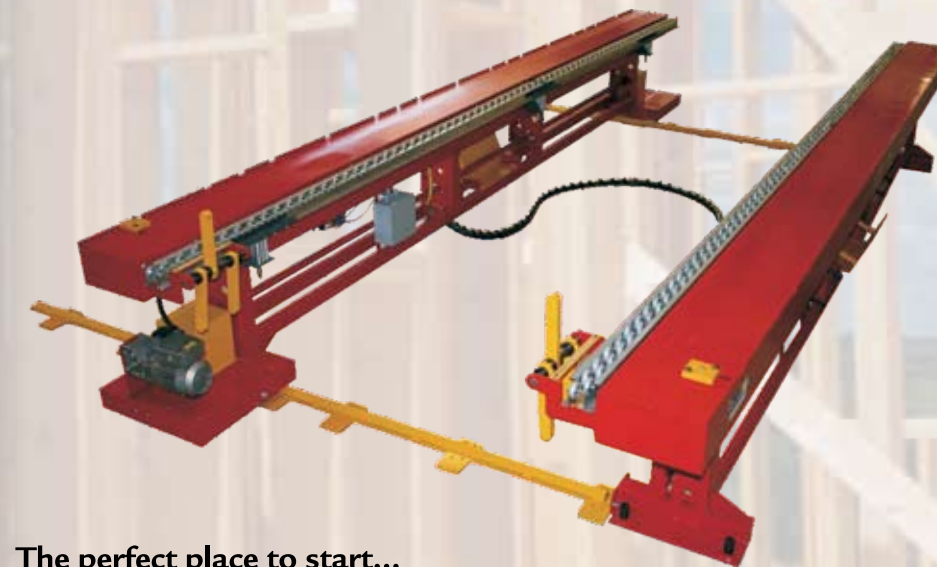


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