

STRUXURE SOUTH FLORIDA

The South Florida Pergola Buyer's Guide

How to choose a pergola or louvered roof that survives the climate, fits your home, and only gets paid for once.

5 checks · 3 mistakes to avoid · questions to ask every company



Start here: once it goes up, it's up

There's no used pergola market. You can't return it and you can't resell it.

A couch you can swap. Paint you can paint over. If an outdoor structure is wrong, you **live with it** or **tear it down and pay again**.

Do this research before you call anyone or collect a single quote.



What your structure has to survive



UV

Intense sun breaks down inferior materials and finishes within a few years.

Salt air

Corrodes anything not finished for coastal exposure. Near the water, it's constant.

Humidity

Warps, rusts and rots structures not engineered for it. Real wood suffers most.

Wind

A named storm can become a Category 5 faster than you can evacuate.

The 3 mistakes that make people pay twice

1

Shopping on price first

The lowest number gets something that functions but looks wrong on the house.

2

Ignoring the climate

A kit built for mild weather fails a few years in, or after one bad storm.

3

Settling for a generic box

A company with no real architectural options sells the same rectangle in a few colors.

CHECK 1 • ENGINEERING

Ask for proof it was tested, not promised

The **ICC (International Code Council)** certification is the most rigorous independent building-product certification in the country. A manufacturer has to pass third-party:

- Wind load testing
- Water infiltration testing
- Structural integrity analysis
- Full engineering documentation review

It takes years and real investment, so most manufacturers never pursue it.

Why you care

It affects your **permit**, your **insurance**, and tells you how much engineering went into what you're buying.

Ask: "Is this product ICC certified, and can I see the report?"

CHECK 2 • STORM & MATERIALS

Make sure it's built for where you live



Wind rating

Look for a stated, engineered hurricane rating. StruXure carries Category 5. **Ask: "Do I have to take it apart before a storm?"**

Finish

Marine-grade powder coating protects against salt air. Near the water, it's essential. **Ask: "What's the finish rated for?"**

Wood look, no wood

Wood-grain louvers give the warmth without rot or upkeep. **Ask: "What's the maintenance in 10 years?"**

CHECK 3 • DESIGN BEFORE PRICE

"Design lives long after price."

Calvin Gray, CEO, StruXure

You'll forget what you paid. You'll see the structure every morning with your coffee. Match proportions, style and finish to your home's architecture so it reads as part of the house.



CHECK 4 • CONFIGURATION

Know your options before someone sells you a box

Wall-attached

Ties into roofline, fascia and exterior finish.

Freestanding

A pavilion or entertaining destination in the yard.

Cantilever & angled

Shaped to the lot and property line.

Louvered roof

Open for breeze, closed for shade and rain. Wood-grain finish available.

Screens & walls

Louvered walls or screens for privacy and wind.

Outdoor kitchen

Kitchen, bar, TV wall or fireplace planned in from day one.

Integrated lighting

Dimmable, color-changing LEDs built in, run from your phone.

Not sure yet?

That's what a design consult is for. Bring photos and a rough budget.

What those options look like built



Wall-attached · second-story terrace



Freestanding · poolside lounge



TV wall & fireplace · designed in



In-pool cabana · under a screen cage



Integrated lighting · built into the frame



Commercial · restaurant patio

CHECK 5 · ACCOUNTABILITY

Find out who owns the outcome

Many dealers sell a product made by one company and installed by a subcontractor. When something's wrong, everyone points at someone else.

A **vertically integrated** company handles manufacturing through installation, with one point of contact and quality control at every stage.

Ask every company

1. Who manufactures it?
2. Who installs it: your crew or a sub?
3. Who do I call if something fails?
4. Who pulls the permit?

Your quote checklist

Ask	Good answer	Red flag
Is it ICC certified?	Yes, here's the report	"It meets code" with no paperwork
What wind rating does it carry?	A specific, engineered rating	Take it down before storms
What's the finish?	Marine-grade powder coat	Paint, raw wood, or "standard"
Can I see a design first?	Renderings of your actual home	A catalog photo and a price
Is it custom to my space?	Built to your dimensions	Fixed kit sizes
Who installs and services it?	The same company, one contact	"Our installer partner handles that"

Get a real design before a real price

A proper site evaluation catches problems before you sign. It should cover:

- Property boundaries
- Setbacks
- Lot coverage limits
- How the structure meets your house

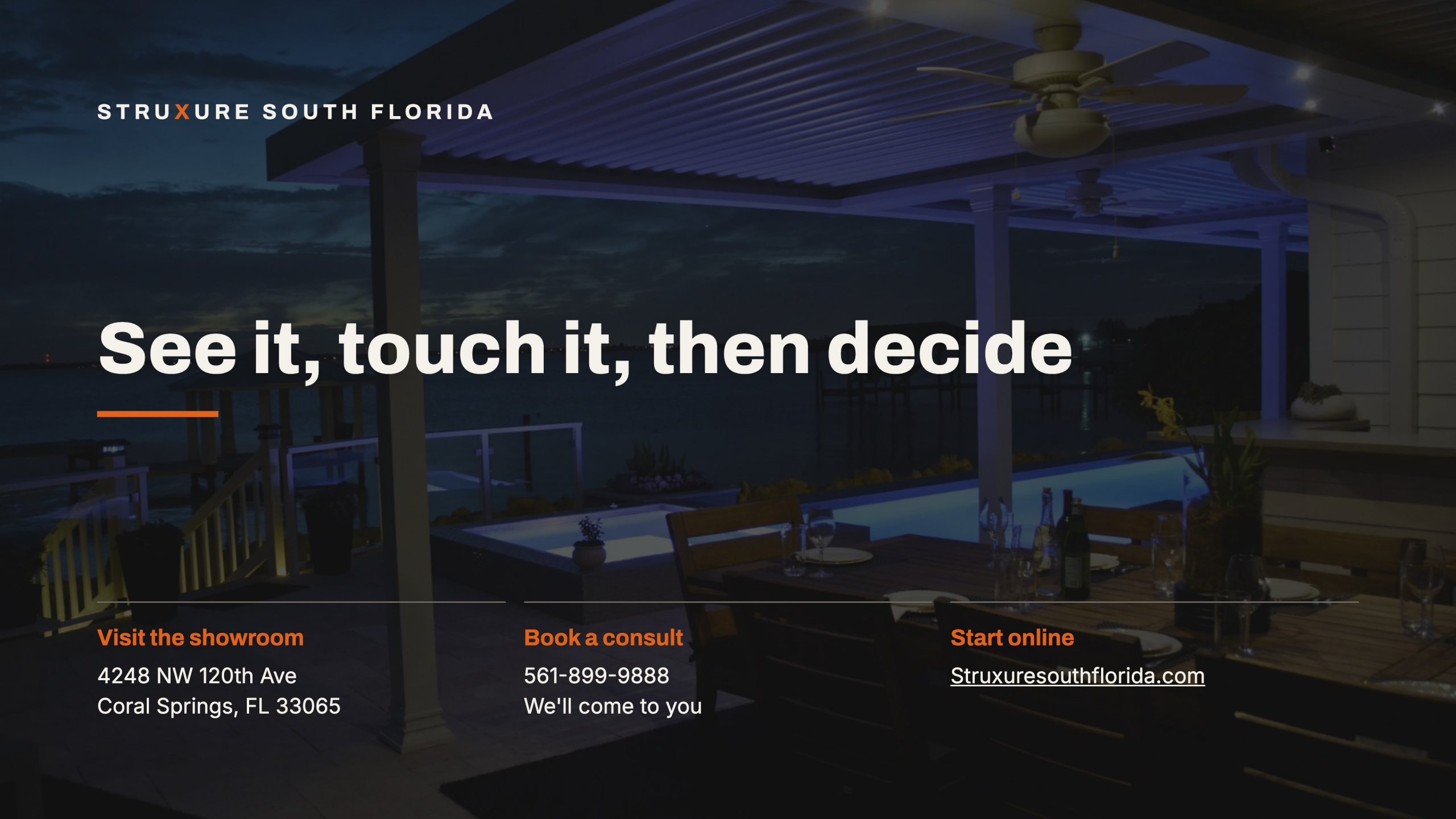
Then renderings of your actual home, so you see it before it's built.

STRUXURE DESIGN PACKAGE

\$199

- Full renderings of your space
- Site-specific evaluation
- Complete design concept

Yours to keep, whatever you decide.



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