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# See the light with Solatubes

As we all enjoy the bright, sunny days of summer, we wish we could keep that feeling of light all year long. Well, guess what? You can!

There are several types of tubular skylights available, and while each have their merits, Solatubes utilize proprietary tubing material that has the highest reflectivity on the market, as well as patented light capturing, light-bending, and light-reflective technology that can provide indoor daylight, more effectively and inexpensively than a traditional skylight.

A tubular skylight can solve the problem of a dark space in your home for relatively little expense and is extremely convenient to have installed. In a time when we are concerned about energy bills and indoor health, a Solatube, with its advanced technology, is an excellent Energy Star-rated investment for your home.

Recent studies have shown that health, happiness and natural light are closely linked. Sunlight gives your body vitamin D, lightens your spirits, and opens up spaces. Natural light stimulates the senses, lessens eyestrain and shows the true color of objects in our homes.

Solatubes are highly advanced tubular skylights that use patented technology to capture the maximum amount of light from a dome on your home's roof. This specialized tubular skylight multiplies the amount of light down a highly reflective shaft, and diffuses the light inside your home. Most people who see them for the first time are amazed at the quantity of light they produce. And although you will get all the benefits of indoor

daylight, the Solatube is 99.9 per cent effective in filtering UV, so your home furnishings will not fade.

An equally important advantage of tubular skylights is the energy savings you will enjoy. A 10-inch Solatube produces enough light for 150 square foot room, and is perfect for a hallway, closet or bathroom. A 14-inch Solatube can light up a 250 square foot room. The Solatube can replace traditional lights in a room and a light kit can be installed for evening use. This tubular skylight even catches and enhances light on darker days and from moonlight.

Solatubes have insignificant heat gain, so installation of a Solatube will not only save energy by replacing light fixture use during the day, but will not add to your energy bill by creating or losing heat. In fact, an electric light adds more heat, and a small closed window loses more heat.

Another great advantage of Solatubes is the minimally invasive way they are installed. The tubes fit between rafters with no structural changes, so installation is quick and can be done in a couple of hours, leaving behind lots of light, and no mess! No framing, drywalling, or painting is required. The Solatube has a one-piece round dome on the roof and is completely sealed, to prevent leaks and moisture.

It is easy to see how making choices that are healthy for our families, our budgets, and our environment are a great idea. A tubular skylight is a simple step along the way.

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