

Project:  
**Shea Homes**

Building Type: Single-Family Homes

Founded in 1985, Shea Homes San Diego is a division of the J.F. Shea Company. Shea Homes – operating in San Diego, Orange County/Los Angeles, northern California, Arizona, Colorado and North Carolina – is the tenth largest homebuilder in the United States and the tenth largest privately owned building firm. Even before the recent energy crisis in California, Shea was committed to making energy efficiency a top priority, and Solatube® Daylighting Systems were a perfect product to help them meet their energy-efficient goals.

**Objective**

Offer homeowners a high-quality natural lighting product that is inexpensive, energy-efficient and adds to the beauty of the home.

**Products Used**

Brighten Up® Series -  
Solatube 160 DS (10 in/250 mm Daylighting System)

**Solution**

Solatube Daylighting Systems are offered as an option in new single-family homes and also offered as a standard in one home development in San Diego by Shea Homes. Shea decided to offer Solatube products as a standard feature in the upstairs, interior bathroom of one of its models before the energy crisis hit full swing in 2001. This just proves Shea's dedication to proactive energy-efficient procedures. Solatube Daylighting Systems are typically installed in bathrooms, laundry rooms, and interior hallways, although the versatility of the product allows it to be installed almost anywhere the homeowner desires extra light. Homeowners are not only impressed by the energy efficiency aspect of daylighting, but also by the aesthetic appeal of walking into a bright room flooded with natural light.

**Testimonial**

“We used Solatube in an interior bath where we were unable to place a window. This allowed us to provide the customer with a bright bathroom. Solatube offered us an excellent energy-efficient alternative. As we develop new house plans, we will investigate opportunities to use Solatube again, considering the product is both efficient and cost effective.”

**John Vance, Community Development Manager**  
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