



Minimize truss uplift by having the trusses span the width (above left) of the structure rather than its length (above right)

WHEN IT IS TOO LATE FOR PREVENTION

If truss uplift has already occurred, the truss will probably continue to move up and down with the seasons. Therefore, just relaping the crack will not be a satisfactory solution. More positive action is needed.

If fasteners, nails or screws have been used on the ceiling closer than the recommended float distances, a floating corner can be created by driving these fasteners completely through the drywall into the truss chord. (Screws may be removed)>

Then attach a cove molding to the angle by fastening it through the ceiling into the truss. DO NOT attach this molding to the partition.

When the truss moves again, the cove molding will simply move along with it and the crack will not be noticeable.

If possible, attach the molding when the crack is at its widest, generally during the winter months.

If the ceiling is sprayed with textured finishing material, scrape around the ceiling perimeter with a flat blade knife, making a flat area extending out from the wall toward the center of the ceiling. This is usually 2" – 4" wide, depending on the size of the room and your own preferences. This way, if cracking occurs it will be easier to repair it without affecting the textured finish and with a minimum of mess and inconvenience.

