

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & GENERAL NOTES

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INSTALLER

These general instructions for the installer are provided to ensure proper selection and installation of Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. products and must be followed carefully. These general instructions are in addition to the specific installation instructions and notes provided for each particular product, all of which should be consulted prior to and during installation of Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. products.

- a. All specified fasteners must be installed according to the instructions in this catalog. Incorrect fastener quantity, size, placement, type, material, or finish may cause the connection to fail. Prior to using a particular fastener, please consult the Fastener Guide in this catalog.
 - 16d fasteners are common nails (0.162" dia. x 3 1/2" long) and cannot be replaced with 16d sinkers (0.148" dia. x 3 1/4" long) for full load value unless otherwise specified.
 - Unless otherwise noted screws may not be used to replace nails in connectors unless approved and recommended by the Designer/Engineer of Record. Unless stated otherwise, Simpson Strong-Tie cannot and does not make any representations regarding the suitability of use or load-carrying capacities of connectors with screws replacing nails.
 - When using stainless-steel connectors, use stainless-steel fasteners. When using ZMAX®/HDG galvanized connectors, use fasteners that meet the zinc coating specifications of ASTM A153 or other fasteners allowed in this catalog.
- b. Fill all fastener holes as specified in the installation instructions for that product. Refer to page 17 for the requirements of the various shapes of fastener hole.
- c. Do not overdrive nails. Overdriven nails reduce shear capacity.
- d. Use the materials specified in the installation instructions. Substitution of or failure to use specified materials may cause the connection to fail.
- e. Do not add fastener holes or otherwise modify Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. products. The performance of modified products may be substantially weakened. Simpson Strong-Tie will not warrant or guarantee the performance of such modified products.
- f. Install products in the position specified in the catalog.
- g. Do not alter installation procedures from those set forth in this catalog.
- h. The proper use of certain products requires that the product be bent. For those products, installers must not bend the product more than one time (*one full cycle*).
- i. Bolt holes shall be at least a minimum of 1/32" and no more than a maximum of 1/16" larger than the bolt diameter (*per the 2005 NDS, section 11.1.2, and AISI NASPEC, section E3a if applicable*).
- j. Install all specified fasteners before loading the connection.
- k. Some hardened fasteners may have premature failure if exposed to moisture. These fasteners are recommended to be used in dry interior applications.
- l. Use proper safety equipment.
- m. Welding galvanized steel may produce harmful fumes; follow proper welding procedures and safety precautions. Welding should be in accordance with A.W.S. (*American Welding Society*) standards. Unless otherwise noted Simpson Strong-Tie® connectors cannot be welded.
- n. Pneumatic or powder-actuated fasteners may deflect and injure the operator or others. Pneumatic nail tools may be used to install connectors, provided the correct quantity and type of nails (*length and diameter*) are properly installed in the nail holes. Tools with nail hole-locating mechanisms should be used. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and use the appropriate safety equipment. Overdriving nails may reduce allowable loads. Contact Simpson Strong-Tie. Powder-actuated fasteners should not be used to install connectors.
- o. Joist shall bear completely on the connector seat, and the gap between the joist end and the header shall not exceed 1/8" per ICC-ES AC261 and ASTM D7147 test standards (*unless specifically noted otherwise*).
- p. For holdowns, anchor bolt nuts should be finger-tight plus 1/3 to 1/2 turn with a hand wrench, with consideration given to possible future wood shrinkage. Care should be taken to not over-torque the nut. Impact wrenches should not be used as they may preload the holddown.
- q. Holdowns and Tension Ties may be raised off the sill as dictated by field conditions to accommodate an anchor mislocated no more than 1 1/2". The holdown shall be raised off the sill at least 3" for every 1/4" that the anchor is offset from the model's centerline (*as defined on pages 37 to 41 to maximum of 18"*). Anchor bolt slope shall be no greater than 1:12 (*or 5 degrees*). Contact the Designer if the holddown anchor is offset more than 1 1/2" or raised more than 6". Raised holddown height is measured from the top of concrete to the top of the holddown bearing plate.
- r. Fasteners are permitted to be installed through metal truss plates when approved by the Truss Designer in accordance with ANSI/TPI 1-2007, Section 8.9.2. Installation of Simpson Strong-Tie® Strong-Drive® screws (SDS) through metal connector plates requires the plates to be pre-drilled using a maximum of a 5/32" bit. Do not drive nails through the truss plate on the opposite side of single-ply trusses which could force the plate off the truss.
- s. For cold-formed steel applications, all screws shall be installed in accordance with the screw manufacturer's recommendations. All screws shall penetrate and protrude through the joined materials a minimum of 3 full exposed threads per AISI Standard for Cold Formed Steel Framing – General Provisions, section D1.3, if applicable.
- t. Nuts shall be installed such that the end of the threaded rod or bolt is at least flush with the top of the nut.
- u. When installing hurricane ties on the inside of the wall special considerations must be taken to prevent condensation on the inside of the completed structure in cold climates.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DESIGNER

These general instructions for the Designer are provided to ensure proper selection and installation of Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. products and must be followed carefully. These general instructions are in addition to the specific design and installation instructions and notes provided for each particular product, all of which should be consulted prior to and during the design process.

- a. The term "Designer" used throughout this catalog is intended to mean a licensed/certified building design professional, a licensed professional engineer, or a licensed architect.
- b. All connected members and related elements shall be designed by the Designer.
- c. All installations should be designed only in accordance with the allowable load values set forth in this catalog.
- d. Unless otherwise noted, connector allowable loads published in this catalog are limited to the lowest of: average recorded test load at 1/8" deflection, lowest ultimate recorded test load of 3 tests specimens divided by 3 (*or the average of 6 specimens divided by 3*), or the calculated value based on steel, wood bearing, and/or fastener capacity.
- e. Allowable simultaneous loads in more than one direction on a single connector must be evaluated as follows:
Design Uplift/Allowable Uplift + Design Lateral Parallel to Plate/Allowable Lateral Parallel to Plate + Design Lateral Perpendicular to Plate/Allowable Lateral Perpendicular to Plate < 1.0. The three terms in the unity equation are due to the three possible directions that exist to generate force on a connector. The number of terms that must be considered for simultaneous loading is at the sole discretion of the Designer and is dependent on their method of calculating wind forces and the utilization of the connector within the structural system.
- f. Loads are based on the 2005 National Design Specifications (NDS) and the 2001 AISI Standard - North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members (NASPEC) if applicable, unless otherwise specified. Other code agencies may use different allowable loads.
- g. Duration of load adjustments as specified by the code are as follows:
"FLOOR" and "DOWN" (100)—no increase for duration of load.
"SNOW" (115)—115% of design load for 2 month duration of load.
"ROOF LOAD" (125)—125% of design load for 7 day duration of load.
- "EARTHQUAKE/WIND" (160)—160% of design load for earthquake/wind loading.
- h. Unless otherwise noted, wood shear is not considered in the loads given; reduce allowable loads when wood shear is limiting.
- i. Simpson Strong-Tie strongly recommends the following addition to construction drawings and specifications: "Simpson Strong-Tie® connectors are specifically required to meet the structural calculations of plan. Before substituting another brand, confirm load capacity based on reliable published testing data or calculations. The Engineer/Designer of Record should evaluate and give written approval for substitution prior to installation."
- j. Verify that the dimensions of the supporting member are sufficient to receive the specified fasteners, and develop the top flange bearing length.
- k. Some catalog illustrations show connections that could cause cross-grain tension or bending of the wood during loading if not sufficiently reinforced. In this case, mechanical reinforcement should be considered.
- l. For holdowns, anchor bolt nuts should be finger-tight plus 1/3 to 1/2 turn with a hand wrench, with consideration given to possible future wood shrinkage. Care should be taken to not over-torque the nut. Impact wrenches should not be used as they may preload the holddown.
- m. Simpson Strong-Tie will provide upon request code testing data on all products that have been code tested.
- n. The allowable loads published in this catalog are for use when utilizing the traditional Allowable Stress Design methodology. A method for using Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) for wood has been published in AF&PA/ASCE 16. A method for using LRFD for cold-formed steel has also been published in the 2001 AISI NASPEC. When designing with LRFD, reference lateral resistances must be used. Contact Simpson Strong-Tie for reference lateral resistances of products listed in this catalog. For more information, refer to the American Forest and Paper Association "Guideline to Pre-engineered Metal Connectors" and ASCE 16. The "Guideline" contains a soft-conversion procedure that can be used to derive reference lateral resistances.

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- o. For joist hangers Simpson Strong-Tie recommends the hanger height shall be at least 60% of joist height for stability.
- p. For cold-formed steel applications, as a minimum all screws must comply with Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Standard J78, Steel Self-Drilling/Tapping Screws, and must have a Type II coating in accordance with ASTM B 633, Electrodeposited Coatings of Zinc on Iron and Steel. Screw strength shall be calculated in accordance with 2001 AISI NASPEC Section E4, if applicable, or shall be based on the manufacturer's design capacity determined from testing.
- q. Local and/or regional building codes may require meeting special conditions. Building codes often require special inspection of anchors installed in concrete and masonry. For compliance with these requirements, it is necessary to contact the local and/or regional building authority. Except where mandated by code, Simpson Strong-Tie products do not require special inspection.
- r. **Holdown and Tension Tie allowable loads are based on installations with an anchor rod length of 6" from the concrete to top of holdown seat, yet these products may be raised to any height with consideration of the increased deflection due to additional bolt elongation. For cases where the anchor bolt is offset, Simpson Strong-Tie offers recommendations, subject to the approval of the Designer, which permit holdowns to be raised up to 18" maximum with a corresponding horizontal anchor bolt offset of 1½". See "General Instructions for the Installer" (page 14 note q).**
- s. Throughout the catalog there are installation drawings showing the load transfer from one element in the structure to another. Additional connections may be required to safely transfer the loads through the structure. It is the Designer's responsibility to specify and detail all necessary connections to ensure that a continuous load path is provided as required by the building code.

LIMITED WARRANTY

Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. warrants catalog products to be free from defects in material or manufacturing. Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. products are further warranted for adequacy of design when used in accordance with design limits in this catalog and when properly specified, installed, and maintained. This warranty does not apply to uses not in compliance with specific applications and installations set forth in this catalog, or to non-catalog or modified products, or to deterioration due to environmental conditions.

Simpson Strong-Tie® connectors are designed to enable structures to resist the movement, stress, and loading that results from impact events such as earthquakes and high velocity winds. Other Simpson Strong-Tie products are designed to the load capacities and uses listed in this catalog. Properly-installed Simpson Strong-Tie products will perform in accordance with the specifications set forth in the applicable Simpson Strong-Tie catalog. Additional performance limitations for specific products may be listed on the applicable catalog pages.

Due to the particular characteristics of potential impact events, the specific design and location of the structure, the building materials used, the quality

of construction, and the condition of the soils involved, damage may nonetheless result to a structure and its contents even if the loads resulting from the impact event do not exceed Simpson Strong-Tie catalog specifications and Simpson Strong-Tie connectors are properly installed in accordance with applicable building codes.

All warranty obligations of Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. shall be limited, at the discretion of Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc., to repair or replacement of the defective part. These remedies shall constitute Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc.'s sole obligation and sole remedy of purchaser under this warranty. In no event will Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. be responsible for incidental, consequential, or special loss or damage, however caused.

This warranty is expressly in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, all such other warranties being hereby expressly excluded. This warranty may change periodically – consult our website www.strongtie.com for current information.

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE

PRODUCT USE

Products in this catalog are designed and manufactured for the specific purposes shown, and should not be used with other connectors not approved by a qualified Designer. Modifications to products or changes in installations should only be made by a qualified Designer. The performance of such modified products or altered installations is the sole responsibility of the Designer.

INDEMNITY

Customers or Designers modifying products or installations, or designing non-catalog products for fabrication by Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. shall, regardless of specific instructions to the user, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. for any and all claimed loss or damage occasioned in whole or in part by non-catalog or modified products.

NON-CATALOG AND MODIFIED PRODUCTS

Consult Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. for applications for which there is no catalog product, or for connectors for use in hostile environments, with excessive wood shrinkage, or with abnormal loading or erection requirements.

Non-catalog products must be designed by the customer and will be fabricated by Simpson Strong-Tie in accordance with customer specifications.

Simpson Strong-Tie cannot and does not make any representations regarding the suitability of use or load-carrying capacities of non-catalog products. Simpson Strong-Tie provides no warranty, express or implied, on non-catalog products. F.O.B. Shipping Point unless otherwise specified.

CONVERSION CHARTS

Metric Conversion

Imperial	Metric
1 in	25.40 mm
1 ft	0.3048 m
1 lb	4.448N
1 Kip	4.448 kN
1 psi	6895 Pa

Bolt Diameter

in	mm
¾	9.5
½	12.7
⅝	15.9
¾	19.1
⅞	22.2
1	25.4

If Common Rafter Roof Pitch is...

Rise/Run	Slope
1/12	5°
2/12	10°
3/12	14°
4/12	18°
5/12	23°
6/12	27°
7/12	30°
8/12	34°
9/12	37°
10/12	40°
11/12	42°
12/12	45°

Then Hip/Valley Rafter Roof Pitch becomes...

Rise/Run	Slope
1/17	3°
2/17	7°
3/17	10°
4/17	13°
5/17	16°
6/17	19°
7/17	22°
8/17	25°
9/17	28°
10/17	30°
11/17	33°
12/17	35°

US Standard Steel Gauge Equivalents in Nominal Dimensions

Ga	Min. Thick. (mils)	Approximate Dimensions		Decimals (in)		
		in	mm	Uncoated Steel	Galvanized Steel (G90)	ZMAX (G185)
3	229	¼	6.0	0.239	—	—
7	171	⅜	4.5	0.179	0.186	—
10	118	⅝	3.5	0.134	0.138	0.140
11	111	⅞	3.1	0.120	0.123	0.125
12	97	7/8	2.7	0.105	0.108	0.110
14	68	5/8	2.0	0.075	0.078	0.080
16	54	1/2	1.6	0.060	0.063	0.065
18	43	3/8	1.3	0.048	0.052	0.054
20	33	1/4	1.0	0.036	0.040	0.042
22	27	3/16	1.0	0.030	0.033	0.035

Use these Roof Pitch to Hip/Valley Rafter Roof Pitch conversion tables only for hip/valley rafters that are skewed 45° right or left. All other skews will cause the slope to change from that listed.

Steel thickness varies according to mill standards.