

New Product Request

Thank you for considering Simpson Strong-Tie for your product idea.

If you would like to submit an idea please complete and sign the submission letter and the new product request form (pages 2-6 of this document) and mail or fax them to the address below.

Any changes to the terms and conditions of the New Product Request Submission Form(s) will not be accepted. Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. will not consider nor evaluate any new product submissions where said forms have been altered.

Please include any photos, drawings or samples that may help us understand your invention.

Mail your completed requests and submission form to:

SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY INC.
Attn: Tawn Simons
5956 W. Las Positas Boulevard
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Or fax to: (925) 847-1603

NEW PRODUCT REQUEST



If you cannot answer a question, simply leave blank, otherwise do your best to answer all questions.

1. Product Name: _____

2. Is this a: NEW PRODUCT PRODUCT MODIFICATION BUY-OUT PACKAGING CHANGE
 LINE EXTENSION OTHER _____

3. Is this product currently patented? YES NO If "YES", Patent No.: _____

4. Is this product patent pending? YES NO If "YES", when filed? _____

5. Describe the product: *(If drawings are available include with this submission. Be as detailed as possible – including actual product drawings, and how used.)* _____

6. How should the product be used? _____

7. What loads should this product achieve? _____

8. What wood species will be used? If other than wood, please note. _____

9. Is Installed Cost an issue? YES NO *(If yes, please explain in what way the product should save on installation costs)*

10. Does anyone currently make this product? YES NO. If yes, who? _____

11. Why do we need this product and how is the problem being solved presently? _____

12. Will this product have potential nationwide? Regional? Please explain: _____

13. What code approvals are necessary? ICC DADE COLA
 OTHER _____

14. What does this product cost to make? _____ Buy? _____

15. What will the end user buy it for? _____

16. When is this product needed? _____

17. Sales Forecast (Units): Year 1: _____ Year 2: _____ Year 3: _____

Requestor's Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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**Please read and complete all forms. Forms include: 1. New Product Request Form, 2. Submission Policy and Disclosure Form, 3. Submission Policy and Disclosures. Submissions missing any or all of the forms will not be considered.*

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Please draw or attach a picture of the proposed product below.

Date: _____

New Product Submissions
Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc.
5956 W. Las Positas Boulevard
Pleasanton, CA 94588

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my desire to submit to Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc., hereinafter, SIMPSON,
my invention or ideas concerning

My invention or idea consists of:

- an idea only
- an invention
- and renderings (illustrations)
- a non-working prototype
- a working prototype

I acknowledge that this submission is made without any solicitation by SIMPSON. I have read, understand and accept the attached Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. policy on Non-Employee Submission of New Product Disclosures. I understand that many suggestions, inventions, and ideas are submitted to you by persons like myself ("Submitter"). I also understand and am in agreement with your policy of not accepting any submissions from persons not affiliated with SIMPSON for review and consideration unless the Submitter agrees to the following terms.

1. A submission to SIMPSON either orally or in writing, will not in any way establish a confidential relationship with SIMPSON, nor will it place SIMPSON in the position of receiving a disclosure in trust. SIMPSON will not be obligated and makes no commitment to treat or maintain suggestions which the Submitter submits as confidential.
2. SIMPSON will obtain no right in Submitter's United States patent, trademark or copyright rights covering a submission solely by reason of this disclosure. At the same time, acceptance of such material for review and consideration shall not constitute a waiver by SIMPSON of any rights it has or may have with respect to similar information.
3. No obligation is assumed or may be implied on the part of SIMPSON by receipt or examination of the submission to compensate Submitter or otherwise enter into an agreement with the Submitter, unless or until a formal written agreement has been entered into and then SIMPSON'S obligations will be only as expressed in that agreement.
4. In the absence of a formal written agreement between SIMPSON and the Submitter, all rights and remedies of the Submitter arising out of the disclosure of information to SIMPSON, or any of its representatives, shall be limited to any rights and remedies as may now or in the future be accorded to the Submitter under United States patent, trademark or copy right laws. SIMPSON will have no liability to the Submitter for receipt, review, use or disclosure of any part of the information disclosed to SIMPSON except as may arise under valid U.S. patents, copyrights or trademarks.
5. All disclosures submitted to SIMPSON must be made in writing and must be accompanied by this signed SUBMISSION LETTER. All documents and materials submitted to SIMPSON will become SIMPSON'S property, unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

I acknowledge and warrant that I am the sole owner of the information I am disclosing and that I have the authority to make this disclosure. I further agree that the foregoing terms and conditions correctly and completely describe the basis on which information will be submitted and disclosed by me to SIMPSON.

Very truly yours,

Name: _____

Submitter

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Enclosure: (check the appropriate boxes)

- A description of my invention
- A description of my idea
- A prototype
- Photographs
- Copies of patents or patent applications disclosing my invention, including file history and status of patent or application
- Copies of copyright certificates or applications
- Copies of patents and/or publications disclosing the closest prior art known to me

SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY INC.
POLICY ON NON-EMPLOYEE SUBMISSION OF NEW PRODUCT DISCLOSURES

REGARDING YOUR IDEA

Art. 1 A WORD ABOUT IDEAS

Each year many people contact us with suggestions for new products and accessories for existing products which they consider to be new, practical and valuable. The following information explains something about the problems we encounter in evaluating the ideas submitted to us by the public and also sets out our policy regarding consideration of such ideas. Please read this carefully.

Art. 2 OUR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

In our continuing effort to improve product quality, maintain our competitive market position and increase efficiency, our engineers and designers are constantly working to develop ideas for new products, additional features and better methods of manufacturing.

As a result of this extensive effort, most of the suggestions which come to us from the public duplicate, or are similar to, ideas which we have either already developed or have the right to use. Since your idea may duplicate those already available to us, we have a strict policy on consideration of ideas received from the public. This policy ensures that your interests as well as ours will be respected.

Art. 3 OUR POLICY ON SUBMISSION

We do not solicit suggestions for or submissions of inventions and ideas from persons not in the employ of the company. Thus, every submission made by a non-employee is made on that person's own initiative.

Any disclosure made to us must be in writing and must be accompanied by a signed copy of the SUBMISSION LETTER. All communications relating to the submission of ideas to us should be marked to the attention of the Outside Submissions Department at the address shown in the SUBMISSION LETTER.

In the United States, patent, trademark and copyright systems furnish the greatest measure of protection for both you, the submitter, and us because these laws convey specific rights. This greatly reduces the possibility for any misunderstanding between us and you. Therefore, we prefer to consider only those suggestions which are covered by patents, trademarks or copyrights, but in any submission we will be bound only by rights or remedies which may be available to you under the United States patent, trademark or copyright laws. No obligation will be created between you and us except under a separate formal written agreement.

Art. 4 A SUBMISSION TO US WILL NOT BE RECEIVED IN CONFIDENCE NOR WILL IT BE RECEIVED IN TRUST.

Art. 5 ONE FINAL WORD

While we appreciate the interest many outside submitters express in us, our experience has shown that we are not in a position to develop or use the majority of suggestions submitted for our consideration. To explain fully the reasons for our lack of interest would often require disclosure of confidential business information. For that reason, we can only undertake to notify the submitter that we are not in a position to further consider the suggestions offered to us.

If, after reviewing our policy, you are interested in submitting your idea to us for consideration on terms described herein, be sure to complete and sign the original of the SUBMISSION LETTER indicating your agreement with and acceptance of the terms or our policy for submitting information.