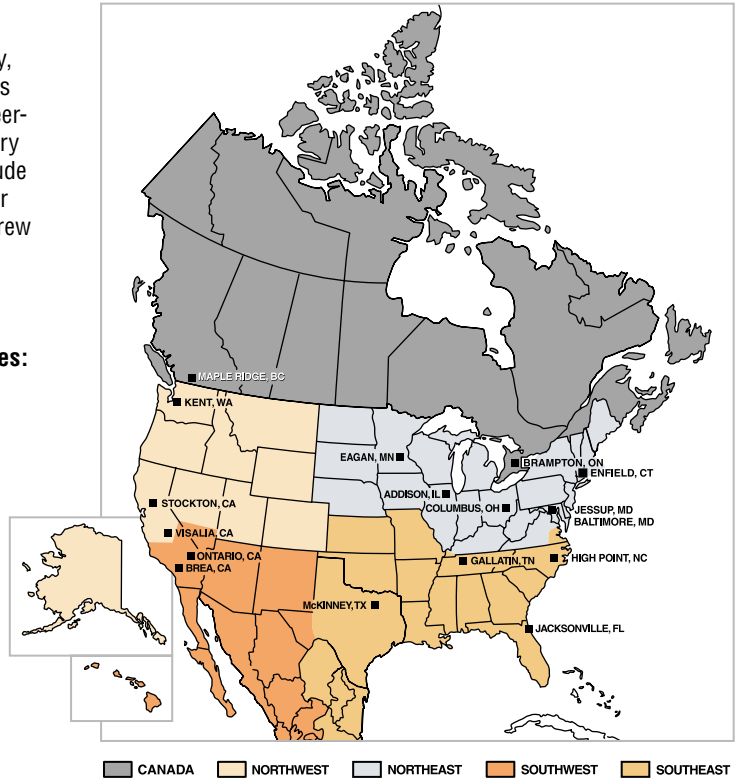


INTRODUCTION

For more than 50 years, Simpson Strong-Tie has focused on creating structural products that help people build safer and stronger homes and buildings. A leader in structural systems research and technology, Simpson is one of the largest suppliers of structural building products in the world. Simpson's commitment to product development, engineering, testing and training is evident in the consistent quality and delivery of its products and services. Simpson Strong-Tie® product lines include structural connectors, Strong-Wall® prefabricated shearwalls, Anchor Tiedown Systems for multi-story buildings, Quik Drive® auto-feed screw driving systems and Simpson Strong-Tie Anchor Systems® anchors and fasteners for concrete and masonry. For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.strongtie.com.

The Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. "NO EQUAL" pledge includes:

- Quality products value-engineered for the lowest installed cost at the highest rated performance levels.
- Most thoroughly tested and evaluated products in the industry.
- Strategically-located manufacturing and warehouse facilities.
- National Code Agency listings.
- Largest number of patented connectors in the industry.
- European locations with an international sales team.
- In-house R&D, and tool and die professionals.
- In-house product testing and quality control engineers.
- Member of AITC, ASTM, ASCE, AWP, ACI, AISC, CSI, ICFA, NBMDA, NLBMDA, SETMA, STAFDA, SREA, NFBA, WTCA and local engineering groups.



SIMPSON STRONG-TIE QUALITY POLICY

We help people build safer structures economically. We do this by designing, engineering and manufacturing "No Equal" structural connectors and other related products that meet or exceed our customers' needs and expectations. Everyone is responsible for product quality and is committed to ensuring the effectiveness of the Quality Management System.

Tom Fitzmyers
Chief Executive Officer

Terry Kuyfater
President

WE ARE ISO 9001-2000 REGISTERED



Simpson Strong-Tie is an ISO 9001-2000 registered company. ISO 9001-2000 is an internationally-recognized quality assurance system which lets our domestic and international customers know that they can count on the consistent quality of Simpson Strong-Tie® products and services.

GETTING FAST TECHNICAL SUPPORT

When you call for engineering technical support, we can help you quickly if you have the following information at hand. This will help us to serve you promptly and efficiently.

- Which Simpson Strong-Tie® catalog are you using?
(See the front cover for the catalog number)
- Which Simpson Strong-Tie product are you using?
- What is your design code and building jurisdiction?
- Is your structure residential or commercial?
- What is your load requirement?
- What is your application?

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