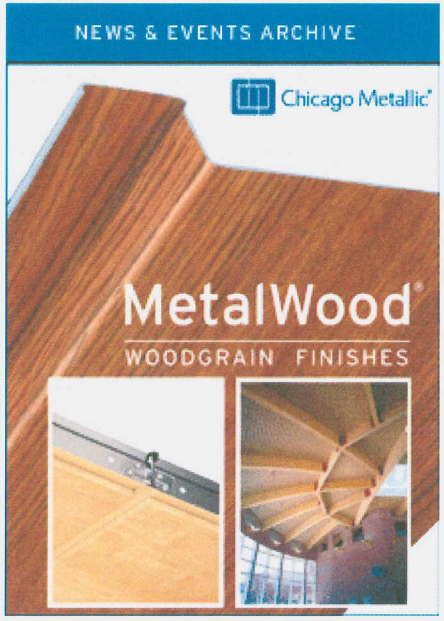

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CHICAGO -- April 21, 2008 -- SpanFast™ drywall grid system, offering faster installation and reduced need for wire hangers, is now available from Chicago Metallic Corporation.

A heavy-duty drywall grid designed specifically for corridor applications, SpanFast features wall tracks with Chicago Metallic's lock-in tabs that quickly and firmly engage runners, both at top and bottom. The Wall Track lock-in tabs along with Variable Placement Clips for cross runners speed installation and contribute to the system's robust construction. When compared to standard drywall grid, SpanFast also reduces the number of hanger wires needed at spans greater than 7'.

The SpanFast drywall grid system was developed for use in hotels, villas, suites, dorms, condominiums, apartments, restrooms, town homes, and multi-unit housing.

Faster Installation, Reduced Cost

SpanFast drywall grid can decrease the time required to install drywall in narrow areas. Wall tracks feature pre-indexed 8" O.C. modules that eliminate most measuring and allow contractors to "pull tape" just once for quick installation. Field-cut cross runners attach firmly to the corridor-spanning runners with a variable

placement clip to give installers the flexibility to adapt to various ceiling configurations to include items like light fixtures or air diffusers. Finally, the heavy duty construction of the entire system resists roll-over during installation.

Brian Valdez, product manager, explains, "SpanFast was designed specifically with installers and builders in mind. The runners are manufactured of commercial-quality, hot-dipped galvanized steel, so the system is strong and durable. Builders and building owners will also prefer SpanFast because it reduces--and sometimes even eliminates--hanger wires."

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ICC Issues Evaluation Report on CMC Seismic Perimeter Clip

CHICAGO – May 22, 2008 – ICC Evaluation Services (ICC-ES) has recently issued an evaluation report (ESR-2282) on the 1496 Seismic Perimeter Clip from Chicago Metallic Corporation. The seismic perimeter clip, which is used in suspended ceilings to stabilize main and cross tees at the perimeter has been evaluated and found to meet the applicable section of the IBC 2006 for use in seismic design categories A, B, C, D, E and F. The clip can be used in lieu of stabilizer bars that are designed to prevent the tees from spreading apart during seismic activity, and allows for the use of 15/16" wall angle instead of the standard 2" angle in design categories D, E and F.

Secure, Faster Installation

Brian Valdez, product manager, explains, "Perimeter clips attach to a wall molding and the main or cross tees that support ceiling tiles. Architects and builders prefer Chicago Metallic's seismic perimeter clip because it produces a sleeker looking ceiling. Here is why: In Category D, E, and F seismic installations, the International Building Code (IBC) requires stabilizer bars and a 2-inch wide perimeter wall molding to prevent the ceiling grid from spreading along the molding. The seismic perimeter clip allows installers to use a 15/16-inch molding and no stabilizer bars. It's a cleaner look that most designers prefer."
Installers prefer the seismic perimeter clip because it speeds installation. They do not have to risk using unapproved construction techniques to meet seismic codes. And, where local building code permits, the clip eliminates the need for any additional hanger wires.
The ICC evaluation report also brings a new comfort level to local building inspectors because the 1496 Seismic Perimeter Clip, as an alternative, has been evaluated against the applicable sections of IBC 2006. Finally, the brass-color, commercial quality steel clip is easy to see so inspectors can quickly confirm that the clip has been installed at the required intervals.
Chicago Metallic's 1496 Seismic Perimeter Clip is compatible with the following Chicago Metallic grid systems: 200 Snap-Grid™, 250 Fire-Front®, 1200 Seismic, 1250 Fire-Front® Seismic, 280 Aluminum Cap and 4000 Tempra™. For a complete list of compatible products, please see ICC-ES ESR #2282 at ICCES.org.

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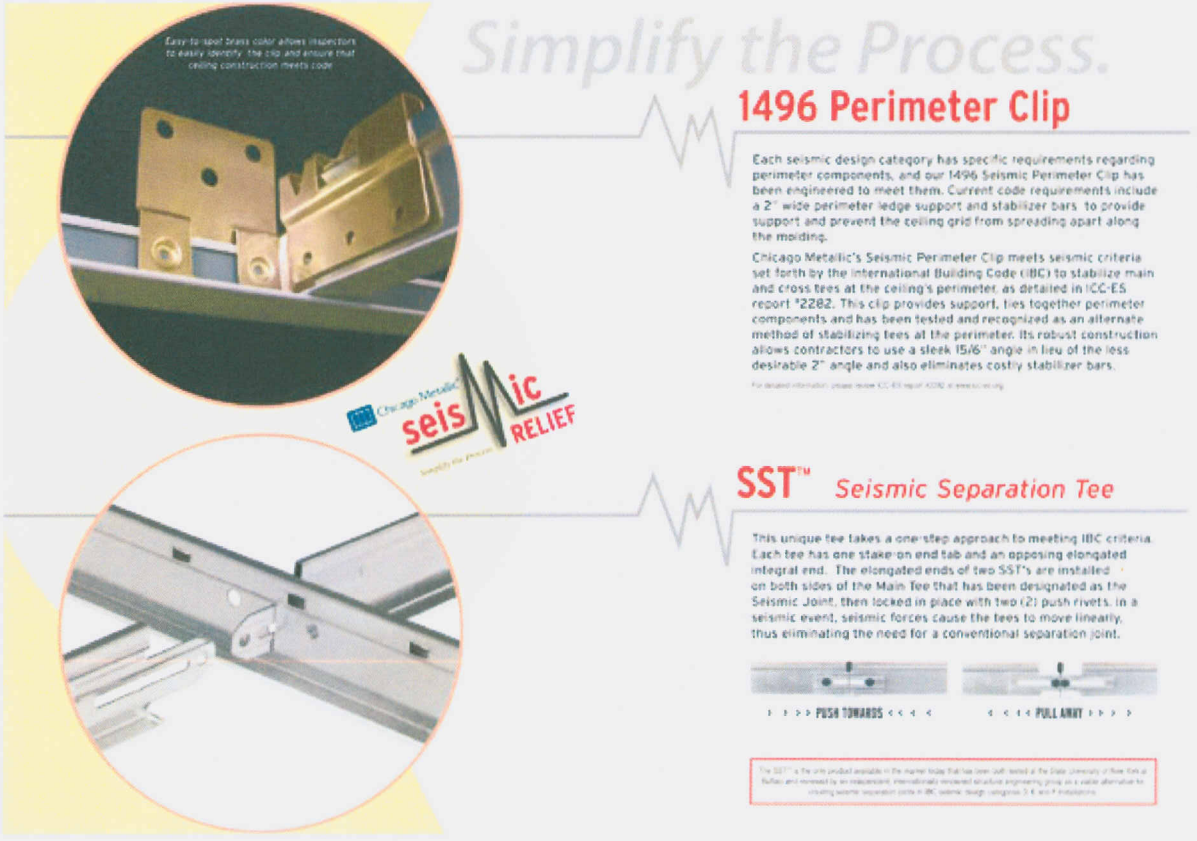
New Seismic Products Simplify The Process



Though suspended ceilings are considered non-structural, recommendations for seismic stabilization do exist. However, traditional seismic ceiling construction is costly. Additional joint clips, wires, stabilizer bars, and seismic separation joints increase the cost of materials, while attaching separator clips and field cutting cross tees significantly impact labor costs. In addition to its Seismic 1200 Intermediate and Heavy Duty grid, Chicago Metallic now introduces the Seismic Separation Cross Tee (SST™) and Perimeter Clip, both of which can save up to 75% in material and labor costs compared to traditional installation methods.

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