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Steel Stud Manufacturers Association Releases 2009 International Building Code (IBC) Version of Product Technical Information Catalog

CHICAGO, IL – (November 1, 2011) – The Steel Stud Manufacturers Association (SSMA) has released their 2009 International Building Code (IBC) version of their Product Technical Information Catalog (PTIC). This new SSMA publication includes updated span and load tables for both structural and nonstructural cold-formed steel (CFS) framing wall, floor and ceiling systems. It also contains updated data based on the requirements of American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members (AISI S100-07).

“This latest version includes some of the new bracing requirements for distortional buckling,” said SSMA Technical Director Don Allen. “Engineers trying to develop spans were having to estimate the restraint that either wall or floor/ceiling sheathing was providing. This catalog makes some conservative but accurate estimates, which allows designers to comply with the new distortional buckling checks required by the latest code.”

According to Allen, SSMA is currently working on their 2012 version of the catalog, which will include composite tables and is planned for an early 2012 release. The current 2009 IBC version of the SSMA Product Technical Information Catalog is now available in pdf form on the SSMA website at www.SSMA.com.

About SSMA

The Steel Stud Manufacturers Association is the Chicago-based national trade association representing leading manufacturers of steel studs, track and joists. Its roll forming member companies support the development and maintenance of quality product standards and specifications for the cold formed steel manufacturing industry. The organization creates market growth opportunities for cold-formed steel through research, marketing and education. For more information on SSMA, please visit www.ssma.com.