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PREFACE

The American Iron and Steel Institute Committee on Framing Standards has developed AISI S201, the *North American Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Framing – Product Data*, to standardize requirements for *cold-formed steel* framing products. This standard is intended to establish and encourage the production and use of standardized products in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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NORTH AMERICAN STANDARD FOR COLD-FORMED STEEL FRAMING – PRODUCT DATA

A. GENERAL

A1 Scope

This standard provides criteria, including material and product requirements for *structural members* and *non-structural members* utilized in *cold-formed steel* framing applications where the specified minimum *base steel thickness* is between 18 mils (0.0179 inches) (0.455mm) and 118 mils (0.1180 inches) (2.997mm).

The components covered in this standard include *C-shape studs, joists, track,* U-channels, furring channels and angles.

This standard shall not preclude the use of other products not meeting the criteria herein, when the other products demonstrate equivalent performance for the intended use to those specified in this standard. Where there is a conflict between this standard and other reference documents, the requirements contained within this standard shall govern.

This standard shall include Sections A through D inclusive.

A2 Definitions

Where the following terms appear in this standard in italics, such terms shall have the meaning herein indicated. Terms included in square brackets shall be specific to *LSD* terminology. Where a country is indicated in square brackets following the definition, the definition shall apply only in the country indicated. Terms not defined in Section A2 shall have ordinary accepted meaning for the context for which they are intended.

Base Steel Thickness. The thickness of bare steel exclusive of all coatings.

Cold-Formed Sheet Steel. Sheet steel or strip steel that is manufactured by (1) press braking blanks sheared from sheets or cut length of coils or plates, or by (2) continuous roll forming of cold- or hot-rolled coils of sheet steel; both forming operations are performed at ambient room temperature, that is, without any addition of heat such as would be required for hot forming.

Cold-Formed Steel. See Cold-Formed Sheet Steel.

C-Shape. A *cold-formed steel* shape used for *structural* and *non-structural members* consisting of a *web*, two (2) *flanges* and two (2) *lips* (*edge stiffeners*).

Design Load. Applied *load* determined in accordance with either LRFD load combinations or ASD load combinations, whichever is applicable. [USA and Mexico]

Design Thickness. The steel thickness used in design.

Designation Thickness. The minimum *base steel thickness* expressed in mils and rounded to a whole number.

Edge Stiffener. See Lip.

Factored Load. Product of a specified load and appropriate load factor. [Canada]

Flange. For a *C-shape*, U-shape or *track*, that portion of the framing member that is perpendicular to the *web*. For a furring channel, that portion of the framing member that connects the *webs*.

Grade. The designation of the minimum *yield strength*.

Joist. A structural member primarily used in floor and ceiling framing.

Lip. That part of a framing member that extends from the *flange* as a stiffening element.

Load. Force or other action that results from the weight of building materials, occupants and their possessions, environmental effects, differential movement, or restrained dimensional changes.

Mil. A unit of measurement equal to 1/1000 inch.

Non-Structural Member. A member in a steel framed system which is limited to a transverse (out-of-plane) load of not more than 10 lb/ft² (480 Pa), a superimposed axial load, exclusive of sheathing materials, of not more than 100 lb/ft (1460 N/m), or a superimposed axial load of not more than 200 lbs (890 N).

Punchout. A hole made during the manufacturing process in the *web* of a steel framing member.

Structural Member. A member that resists *design loads* [*factored loads*], as required by the *applicable building code*, except when defined as a *non-structural member*.

Stud. A vertical framing member in a wall system or assembly.

Track. A framing member consisting of only a *web* and two (2) *flanges.* Track *web* depth measurements are taken to the inside of the *flanges.*

Yield Strength. Stress at which a material exhibits a specified limiting deviation from the proportionality of stress to strain as defined by ASTM.

Web. That portion of a framing member that connects the *flanges*.

A3 Referenced Documents

The following documents or portions thereof are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.

- 1. ASTM A653/A653M-06, Standard Specification for Steel Sheet Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip Process, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA.
- 2. ASTM A792/A792M-06, Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, 55% Aluminum-Zinc Alloy-Coated by the Hot-Dip Process, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA.
- 3. ASTM A1003/A1003M-05, Standard Specification for Sheet Steel, Carbon, Metallic and Non-Metallic Coated for Cold-Formed Framing Members, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA.
- 4. ASTM C645–06, *Standard Specification for Nonstructural Steel Framing Members*, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA.
- 5. ASTM C955–06, Standard Specification for Load-Bearing (Transverse and Axial) Steel Studs, Runners (Tracks), and Bracing or Bridging for Screw Application of Gypsum Panel Products and Metal Plaster Bases, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA.

B. MATERIALS

B1 Material Specification

Structural members and non-structural members shall be cold-formed to shape from sheet steel in compliance with the requirements of ASTM A1003/A1003M, but limited to the following material types and grades:

- (a) Type H (high ductility): Structural Grade 33 [230] Type H (ST33H) [ST230H] or Structural Grade 50 [340] Type H (ST50H) [ST340H]
- (b) Type L (low ductility): Structural Grade 33 [230] Type L (ST33L) [ST230L] or Structural Grade 50 [340] Type L (ST50L) [ST340H]
- (c) Type NS (nonstructural): Nonstructural Grade 33 [230] (NS33) [NS230]

B2 Base Steel Thickness

Structural members and non-structural members shall be cold-formed to shape from sheet steel with a minimum base steel thickness listed in Table B2-1. Member thickness shall be referenced to the corresponding designation thickness.

Standard Thickness					
Designation Thickness	Minimum I Thick		Design Thickness		
THICKNESS	(inch)	(mm)	(inch)	(mm)	
18	0.0179	0.455	0.0188	0.478	
27	0.0269	0.683	0.0283	0.719	
30	0.0296	0.752	0.0312	0.792	
33	0.0329	0.836	0.0346	0.879	
43	0.0428	1.087	0.0451	1.146	
54	0.0538	1.367	0.0566	1.438	
68	0.0677	1.720	0.0713	1.811	
97	0.0966	2.454	0.1017	2.583	
118	0.1180	2.997	0.1242	3.155	

Table B2-1

B3 Corrosion Protection

Structural members and non-structural members shall comply with the minimum metallic coating weight [mass] requirements shown in Table B3-1. Alternative coatings shall be permitted to be used if proven to be equivalent.

	Table B3-1
(Coating Weight [Mass] Requirements (Metallic Coatings)

Material Designation	Coating Designation
Type H and Type L	G60 [Z180] ^A AZ50 [AZM150] ^B
Type NS	G40 [Z120] ^A AZ50 [AZM150] ^B

^A Zinc-coated steel sheet as described in ASTM Specification A653/A653M.

^B 55% aluminum-zinc alloy-coated steel sheet as described in ASTM Specification A792/A792M.

C. PRODUCTS

C1 Product Designator

References to *structural members* and *non-structural members* shall use a four-part product designator that identifies the size (both *web* depth and *flange* width), style, and thickness. The standard designator as described (i.e. based on U.S. Customary units) shall be used for either U.S. Customary or SI Metric units. The product designator shall consist of the following sequential codes:

A three or four-digit numeral indicating member *web* depth in 1/100 inch. A letter indicating:

S = *Stud* or joist framing member which have *lips*

T = *Track* section

U = channel or *stud* framing section which do not have *lips*

F = furring channels

L = angle or L*-header*

A three-digit numeral indicating *flange* width in 1/100 inch, followed by a dash. A two or three-digit numeral indicating *designation thickness*.

When specifying material for use in structural applications, the material *grade* used in design shall be identified on the contract documents and when ordering the material.

C2 Standard Shapes

The standard shapes for *structural members* and *non-structural members* shall be any combination of the basic dimensions listed in Tables C2-1 through C2-5 depending on the member type. The standard shapes are illustrated in Figure C2-1.

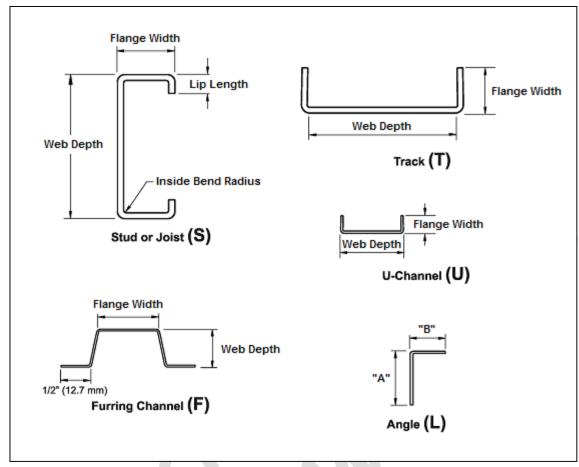


Figure C2-1 Cold Formed Steel Framing Member Types

	Table C2-1
Standard Dimensions	s for C-Shape Studs and Joists (S)

Web Depth			
Depth	Design Depth		
Designation	(inch)	(mm)	
162	1-5/8	41.3	
250	2-1/2	63.5	
350	3-1/2	88.9	
362	3-5/8	92.1	
400	4	102	
550	5-1/2	140	
600	6	152	
800	8	203	
1000	10	254	
1200	12	305	
1400	14	356	

Flange Width			
Width	Design Width		
Designation	(inch)	(mm)	
125	1-1/4	31.8	
137	1-3/8	34.9	
162	1-5/8	41.3	
200	2	50.8	
250	2-1/2	63.5	
300	3	76.2	
350	3-1/2	88.9	

Note: Not all shapes are available in every standard thickness.

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Web Depth			
Depth	Design Depth		
Designation	(inch)	(mm)	
162	1-5/8	41.3	
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350	3-1/2	88.9	
362	3-5/8	92.1	
400	4	102	
550	5-1/2	140	
600	6	152	
800	8	203	
1000	10	254	
1200	12	305	
1400	14	356	

Table C2-2		
Standard Dimensions for Track (T)		

Flange Width			
Width	Vidth Design Width		
Designation	(inch)	(mm)	
125	1-1/4	31.8	
200	2	50.8	
250	2-1/2	63.5	
300	3	76.2	

Note: Not all shapes are available in every standard thickness.

 Table C2-3

 Standard Dimensions for U-Channel (U)

Web Depth			
Depth Design Depth			
Designation	(inch)	(mm)	
75	3/4	19.1	
150	1-1/2	38.1	
200	2	50.8	
250	2-1/2	63.5	

	Flange Width				
Width Design Width			Width		
	Designation	(inch)	(mm)		
	50	1/2	12.7		
	75	3/4	19.1		

Note: Not all shapes are available in every standard thickness.

 Table C2-4

 Standard Dimensions for Furring Channel (F)

Web Depth			
Depth Design Depth			
Designation	(inch)	(mm)	
87	7/8	22.2	
150	1-1/2	38.1	

Flange Width			
Width	Design Width		
Designation	(inch)	(mm)	
125	1-1/4	31.8	

Note: Not all shapes are available in every standard thickness.

"A" Flange Width		
Depth	Design Depth (inch) (mm)	
Designation		
62	5/8	15.9
87	7/8	22.2
137	1-3/8	34.9
150	1-1/2	38.1
200	2	50.8
300	3	76.2

Table C2-5 Standard Dimensions for Angles (L)

"B" Flange Width			
Width	Width Design Width		
Designation	(inch)	(mm)	
62	5/8	15.9	
87	7/8	22.2	
137	1-3/8	34.9	
150	1-1/2	38.1	
200	2	50.8	
300	3	76.2	

Note: Not all shapes are available in every standard thickness.

C3 Inside Bend Radius

The size of the inside bend radius used for design shall comply with the requirements shown in Table C3-1.

Table C3-1 Design Inside Bend Radius				
Designation	Inside Bend Radius			
Thickness	(inch)	(mm)		
18	0.0843	2.141		
27	0.0796	2.022		
30	0.0781	1.984		
33	0.0764	1.941		
43	0.0712	1.808		
54	0.0849	2.156		
68	0.1069	2.715		
97	0.1525	3.874		
118	0.1863	4.732		

C4 Lip Length

The *lip* length on a *C-shape stud* or *joist structural member* or *non-structural member* shall be related to the *flange* width as listed in Table C4-1.

Design Lip Length for C-Shape Studs and Joists (S)				
Section	Flange Width		Design Lip Length	
Section	(inch)	(mm)	(inch)	(mm)
S125	1-1/4	31.8	3/16	4.8
S137	1-3/8	34.9	3/8	9.5
S162	1-5/8	41.3	1/2	12.7
S200	2	50.8	5/8	15.9
S250	2-1/2	63.5	5/8	15.9
S300	3	76.2	5/8	15.9
S350	3-1/2	88.9	1	25.4

 Table C4-1

 Design Lip Length for C-Shape Studs and Joists (S)

C5 Punchouts

Unless specified otherwise by the manufacturer, factory *punchouts* (perforations) shall comply with the following conditions:

- (1) *Punchouts* shall be spaced along the centerline of the *web* of the framing member;
- (2) *Punchouts* shall have a center-to-center spacing of not less than 24 inches (600 mm);
- (3) *Punchouts* shall have a width not greater than half the member depth or 2-1/2 inches (63.5 mm), whichever is less;
- (4) *Punchouts* shall have a length not exceeding 4-1/2 inches (114 mm); and
- (5) The distance from the center of the last *punchout* to the end of the member shall not be less than 12 inches (305 mm), unless otherwise specified.

Any configuration or combination of holes that fits within the *punchout* width and length limitations shall be permitted.

C6 Product Marking

C6.1 Structural Members

Structural members shall be marked legibly with the following minimum information:

- (1) manufacturer (name, logo or initials);
- (2) steel designation thickness;
- (3) minimum *yield strength* if other than Grade 33 [230]; and
- (4) minimum coating designation if other than G60 [Z180].

C6.2 Non-Structural Members

Non-structural members shall be marked legibly with the following minimum information:

- (1) manufacturer (name, logo or initials);
- (2) steel *designation thickness*;
- (3) minimum yield strength if other than Grade 33 [230].
- (4) minimum coating designation if other than G40 [Z120]; and

C6.3 Color-Coding

Where color-coding of members or bundles of like members is employed, the standard color-coding in Table C6-1 shall be used.

Table C6-1 Standard Color Coding		
Designation Thickness	Color	
18	None	
27	Black	
30	Pink	
33	White	
43	Yellow	
54	Green	
68	Orange	
97	Red	
118	Blue	

C7 Manufacturing Tolerances

Structural members shall comply with the manufacturing tolerances listed in ASTM C955. *Non-structural members* shall comply with the manufacturing tolerances listed in ASTM C645.

D. QUALITY ASSURANCE

Structural members and non-structural members shall be manufactured in accordance with a properly documented quality control program. Manufacturers shall establish filing methods that document the proper application of quality assurance procedures throughout the manufacturing process.



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This *Commentary* is intended to facilitate the use, and provide an understanding of the background, of AISI S201, the *North American Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Framing – Product Data*. The *Commentary* illustrates the substance and limitations of the various provisions of the standard.

In the *Commentary*, sections, equations, figures, and tables are identified by the same notation as used in the standard. Words that are italicized are defined in the standard. Terms included in square brackets are specific to LSD terminology.

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COMMENTARY ON THE NORTH AMERICAN STANDARD FOR COLD-FORMED STEEL FRAMING – PRODUCT DATA

A. GENERAL

AISI S201 (AISI, 2007c) is intended to establish and encourage the production and use of standardized products in the United States, Canada and Mexico. As such, the standard applies to *structural members* and *non-structural members* utilized in *cold-formed steel* framing applications within a practical and industry accepted range of *base steel thicknesses* and covers the most common and readily available shapes and dimensions.

The standard does not intend to stifle innovation. As such, it states, "This standard shall not preclude the use of other products not meeting the criteria herein, when the other products demonstrate equivalent performance for the intended use to those specified in this standard."

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B. MATERIALS

B2 Base Steel Thickness

Gauge thickness is an obsolete method of specifying sheet and strip thickness. Gauge numbers are only a very rough approximation of steel thickness and should not be used to order, design or specify any sheet or strip product. Listed in Table B2-2 are the common thicknesses equivalents for gauge numbers used with *cold-formed steel* framing. Note that these thickness equivalents do not conform to gauge systems used for other *cold-formed sheet steel* products (e.g. steel deck, ductwork and cladding).

Table B2-2 Reference Gauge Numbers		
DesignationGauge NumberThickness(for reference only)		
18	25	
27	22	
30	20 - Drywall ¹	
33	20 - Structural ¹	
43	18	
54	16	
68	14	
97	12	
118	10	

Historically, 20 gauge material has been furnished in two different thicknesses for structural and drywall (nonstructural) applications.

The values for metric (mm) steel thickness in Table B2-1 (minimum and design) are converted from the calculated U.S. Customary (inch) values rounded to 1/1000 inch. This means that the metric *base steel thickness* will not be exactly 95% of the metric *design thickness*.

B3 Corrosion Protection

The minimum coating designations listed in Table B3-1 assume normal exposure and construction practices. Other types of coatings that provide equal or better corrosion protection may also be acceptable. When more severe exposure conditions are probable, consideration should be given to specifying heavier coating weight [mass].

It is noted that ASTM A1004/A1004M (ASTM, 2004) covers procedures for establishing the acceptability of steel sheet for use as *cold-formed steel* framing members. This practice is to be used to assess the corrosion resistance of different coatings on steel sheet in a laboratory test. It is not intended to be used as an application performance standard for the *cold-formed steel* framing, but is to be used to evaluate coatings under consideration for addition to ASTM A1003/A1003M (ASTM, 2005).

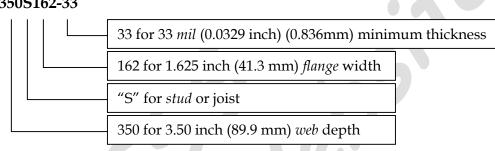
C. PRODUCTS

C1 Product Designators

The standard has adopted a standard designator system for identifying cold-formed steel framing members. The intent for using a standard designator system was to overcome the varied designators that were produced by each individual manufacturer. In addition, the designator is used to identify not only a specific cold-formed steel framing member, but also in identifying the section properties of that same member through the use of the manufacturer's product technical information documents.

The following presents an example of the standard designator for a *cold-formed steel stud*:

350S162-33 represents a member with the following:



350S162-33

C3 Inside Bend Radius

The U.S. Customary (inch) values for design inside bend radius in Table C3-1 are based on standard industry practice, which is the maximum of 3/32 - t/2 or 1.5t, truncated after the fourth decimal place (t = design thickness). The values for metric (mm) design inside bend radius in Table C3-1 are converted from the computed U.S. Customary (inch) values.

C5 Punchouts

Size and spacing requirements for factory punchouts (perforations) are included in this standard to encourage standardization and facilitate the development of load and span tables based on punched members. The manufacturer may deviate from these requirements, provided that the manufacturer specifies the *punchout* size and spacing and furnishes data to demonstrate compliance with AISI S200 (AISI, 2007b) and AISI S100 [CSA S136], (AISI, 2007a; CSA, 2007). These limitations are intended for the manufactured product, not for additional web holes provided by others in the field.

C7 Manufacturing Tolerances

The manufacturing tolerances listed in Tables C7-1 and C7-2 are reproduced, with permission, from ASTM C955-03 (ASTM, 2006a), Standard Specification for Load-Bearing (Transverse and Axial) Steel Studs, Runners (Tracks), and Bracing or Bridging for Screw Application of Gypsum Panel Products and Metal Plaster Bases and ASTM C645-03 (ASTM, 2006b), Standard Specification for Nonstructural Steel Framing Members, copyright ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428. A copy of the complete standards may be obtained from ASTM (www.astm.org).

Manufacturing Tolerances for Structural Members			
Dimension ¹	ltem Checked	Studs, in. (mm)	Tracks, in. (mm)
А	Length	+3/32 (2.38)	+ 1/2 (12.7)
~	Lengui	-3/32 (2.38)	-1/4 (6.35)
B ²	Wab Dapth	+1/32 (0.79)	+1/32 (0.79)
D	Web Depth	-1/32 (0.79)	+1/8 (3.18)
С	Flare	+1/16 (1.59)	+0 (0)
C	Overbend	-1/16 (1.59)	-3/32 (2.38)
D	Hole Center	+1/16 (1.59)	NA
D	Width	-1/16 (1.59)	NA
_ Hole Cent	Hole Center	+1/4 (6.35)	NA
E	E Length	-1/4 (6.35)	NA
F	Crown	+1/16 (1.59)	+1/16 (1.59)
Г	Crown	-1/16 (1.59)	-1/16 (1.59)
G	Combor	1/32 per ft (2.6 per m)	1/32 per ft (2.6 per m)
G Camber	Camber	1/2 max (12.7)	1/2 max (12.7)
Н	Bow	1/32 per ft (2.6 per m)	1/32 per ft (2.6 per m)
r1		1/2 max (12.7)	1/2 max (12.7)
1	Twict	1/32 per ft (2.6 per m)	1/32 per ft (2.6 per m)
I	Twist	1/2 max (12.7)	1/2 max (12.7)

 Table C7-1

 Manufacturing Tolerances for Structural Members

¹ All measurements shall be taken not less than 1 ft (305 mm) from the end.

² Outside dimension for *stud*; inside for *track*.

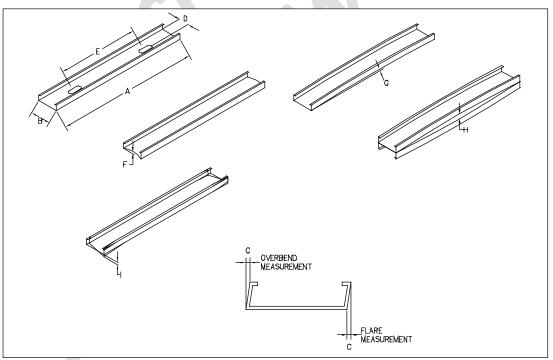


Figure C7-1 Manufacturing Tolerances for Structural Members

Dimension ¹	ltem Checked	Studs, in. (mm)	Tracks, in. (mm)
		+1/8 (3.18)	+ 1(25.40)
A	Length	-1/4 (6.35)	-1/4 (6.35)
B ²	Wab Danth	+1/32 (0.79)	+1/8 (3.18)
D ²	Web Depth	-1/32 (0.79)	-0 (0)
С	Flare	+1/16 (1.59)	+0 (0)
C	Overbend	-1/16 (1.59)	-3/16 (4.76)
D	Hole Center	+1/8 (3.18)	NA
D	Width	-1/8 (3.18)	NA
E	Hole Center	+1/4 (6.35)	NA
E	Length	-1/4 (6.35)	NA
F	Crown	+1/8 (3.18)	+ 1/8 (3.18)
Г	Crown	-1/8 (3.18)	- 1/8 (3.18)
G	Camber	1/32 per ft. (2.6 per m)	1/32 per ft (2.6 per m)
G		1/2 max (12.7)	1/2 max (12.7)
Н	David	1/32 per ft (2.6 per m)	1/32 per ft (2.6 per m)
п	Bow	1/2 max (12.7)	1/2 max (12.7)
1	Turiot	1/32 per ft (2.6 per m)	1/32 per ft (2.6 per m)
I	Twist	1/2 max (12.7)	1/2 max (12.7)

 Table C7-2

 Manufacturing Tolerances for Non-Structural Members

¹ All measurements shall be taken not less than 1 ft (305 mm) from the end.

² Outside dimension for stud; inside for track.

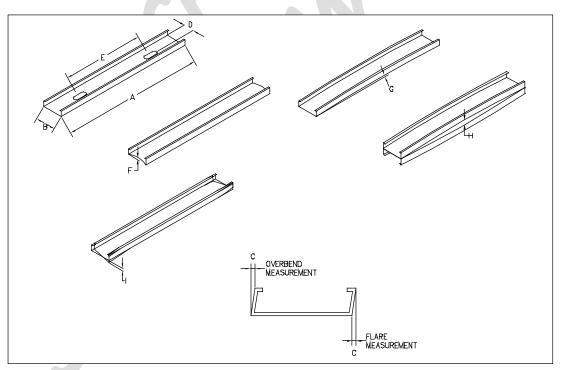


Figure C7-2 Manufacturing Tolerances for Non-Structural Members

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