

# **USP CONNECTORS RETROFIT GUIDE**



Use this Retrofit Guide to assist in the selection of USP connectors that work best to strengthen and reinforce existing structures. The purpose of this structural strengthening is to help reduce damage to the structure and provide additional safety to the building occupants during typical seismic events.

Some key things to remember when retrofitting your structure:

- Earthquake forces act in all directions including up and down.
- Some connection is better than no connection.
- Best connections are designed to put fasteners in shear rather than withdrawal.
- Ductility of the connection is as important as the strength and stiffness. Connections should retain strength after movement or shifting has occurred. (No "all or nothing" connections)
- Take a visual survey of your project to determine how much access you will have for installation of the connector. Each building and foundation type will have unique challenges and make one connector the solution for one project, but a difficult install on another project.
- Determine how much room you will have to use the tools that you have. For example some spaces will make swinging a hammer nearly impossible, so a pneumatic palm nailer will need to be used instead.
- Property owners of detached, single family wood frame dwellings, please refer to FEMA P-50 and P-50-1 for more information.

1 Sill Plate to Foundation

a. **SRC** — Sill Retrofit Connector for conditions when the distance from the sill plate edge to the inside surface of the foundation wall is between 1/2-in and 2-1/2-in.

b. **SRCP** — Sill Retrofit Connector Plate for conditions when the distance from the sill plate edge to the inside surface of the foundation wall is between 0-in and 1/2-in. Also allows sill plate to over hang foundation wall up to 1/2-in.

2 Sill Plate to Foundation

a. **Threaded Anchor Rod** — Installed with USP's CIA-GEL 7000-C. See local requirements for embedment depth.

3 Wall Studs to Top Plate

a. **SPT / RSPT** — Stud Plate Ties for connecting wall studs to top plates.

4 Rim Board to Top Plate / Sill Plate / Floor Joist

 a. MPA1 — Multi-Purpose Framing Angle to connect rim board directly to the top plate. Provides lateral resistance in all directions and uplift resistance.

5 Post Beam Connection

a. **PB / PBS** — Post Caps with 2-piece design for easy retrofit applications.

b. **PBES** — Post Cap with 2-piece design for easy retrofit applications. Design to be used at the end of the beam

6 Post to Foundation

a. **TDL5** — Concrete Angle to secure wood post to foundation. Use 1/2-in wedge bolt to connect TDL5 to concrete.

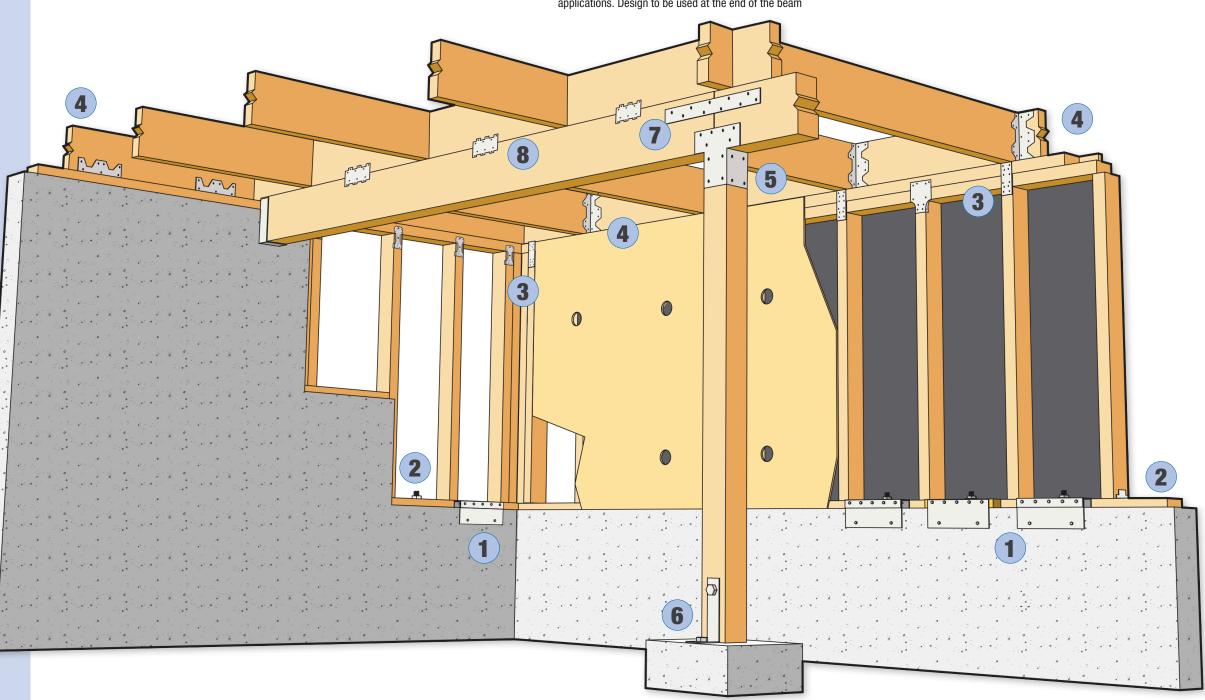
7 Continuity Tension Straps

a. **MSTC** — 3-in Wide strapping comes in a variety of lengths and installs with nails.

b. **CMST14** — 3-in Wide coiled strapping can be cut to a variety of lengths and installs with nails.

8 Member to Member in-Plane Shear

 a. MP4F — Multi-Lateral Plate to transfer lateral force from one resisting element to another.









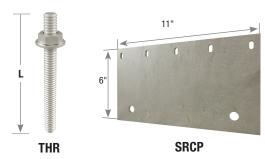
#### **SRC / SRCP Sill Retrofit Connectors**

				_	nsions n)	Maximum Spacing to		Sch	tener edule			DF/SP Allowable Load (Lbs.) <sup>1</sup>		
						Replace		Concrete <sup>3,4</sup>		Plate <sup>2</sup>				
USP			Steel			1/2" or 5/8"				WS	Installation	F1	F2	F3
Stock No.	Ref. No.	Components	Gauge	W	Н	<b>Anchor Bolt</b>	Qty	Dia.	Qty	Screw	Туре	160%	160%	160%
											Figure 1	1570	360	
SRCP	FAP		10	11	6	6-ft	2	1/2	5	WS3	Figure 2	1570		360
											Figure 3 <sup>5</sup>	1570	360	360
SDC	HED10 CDC2	Channel	12	11	1-1/4	6-ft	2	1/2	5	WS6		1450		
ono	SRC UFP10-SDS3	Plate	10	11	6	0-11		1/2	J	WSO		1450		

- 1) Allowable loads have been increased 60% for wind or seismic loads; no further increase shall be permitted.
- 2) WS3 wood screws are 1/4" x 3" and are included with each SRCP connector, WS6 wood screws are 1/4" x 6" and are included with each SRC connector.
- 3) Use 1/2" diameter Powers Power-Stud® anchors with minimum 3" embedment or equivalent.
- 4) Minimum concrete strength f'c = 2500 psi.
- 5) The shim must be fastened to the sill by means other than the WS3 wood screws.

### **THR Threaded Anchor Rod**

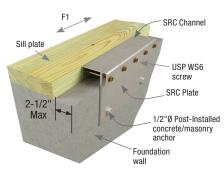
	USP Stock No.	Ref. No.	Bolt Dia.	L (in)
ı	THR5812-HDG	RFB#5X12HDG	5/8	12



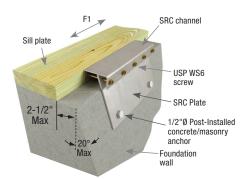




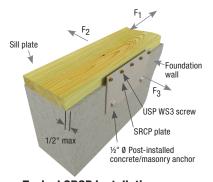
**Typical THR installation** 



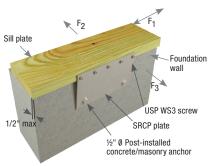
**Typical SRC installation** on rectangular foundation



**Typical SRC installation** on trapezoidal foundation

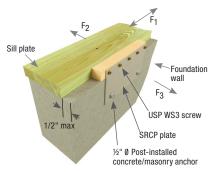


**Typical SRCP installation** without shim, 1/2" max setback Figure 1



**Typical SRCP installation** without shim, 1/2" max overhang





**Typical SRCP installation** with shim, 1-1/2" max setback

Figure 3



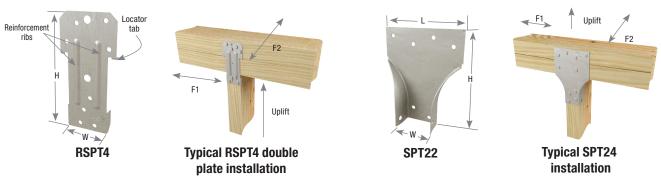
# Wall Studs to Top Plate



#### **RSPT / SPT Stud Plate Ties**

				Dim	oncione (	(in)		Fastener	Sche	dule <sup>3</sup>	DF/SP			
				Diiii	Dimensions (in)			Stud		Plate	Allowable Loads (Lbs.)			
Stud	USP		Steel								Uplift <sup>1</sup>	F1	F2	
Size	Stock No. <sup>2</sup>	Ref. No.	Gauge	W	Н	L	Qty	Туре	Qty	Туре	160%	160%	160%	
	RSPT4	RSP4	20	1-1/2	4-1/8		4	8d x 1-1/2	4	8d x 1-1/2	470	230	300	
2x	RSPT6	SSP	18	1-1/2	5-7/16		4	10d x 1-1/2	4	10d x 1-1/2	700			
21	SPT22	SP1	20	1-9/16	4-3/8	3-1/2	4	10d	4	10d	685	560	260	
	SPT24	SP2	20	1-9/16	5-5/8	3-1/2	6	10d	6	10d	1030	560	260	
(2) 2x	RSPT6-2	DSP	18	2-3/4	5-7/16		8	10d x 1-1/2	6	10d x 1-1/2	955			
4x	SPT44		20	3-9/16	6-3/4	6-1/2	6	16d	6	16d	1305	680	255	

- 1) Uplift loads have been increased 60% for wind or seismic loads; no further increase shall be permitted.
- 2) SPT22, SPT24, and SPT44: the two nails fastened to the wide face of the stud must be driven 30° from the perpendicular on the horizontal plane.
- 3) NAILS: 8d x 1-1/2" nails are 0.131" dia. x 1-1/2" long, 10d x 1-1/2" nails are 0.148" dia. x 1-1/2" long, 10d nails are 0.148" dia. x 3" long, 16d nails are 0.162" dia. x 3-1/2" long.





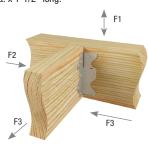
# **Rim Board to Top Plate / Sill Plate / Floor Joist**

### **MPA1 Multi-Purpose Framing Angle**

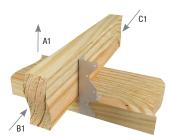
					Fastener	Sche	dule <sup>4</sup>			DF	/SP		
USP		Steel	Installation	Hea	Header or Stud		st or Plate	Direction	Allowable Loads (Lbs.) <sup>1,3</sup>				
Stock No.	Ref. No.	Gauge	Type <sup>2</sup>	Qty	Туре	Qty	Туре	of Load <sup>2</sup>	100%	115%	125%	160%	
				6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	F1	570	655	680	680	
			Figure 1	6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	F2	570	655	715	795	
				6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	F3	280	320	350	445	
				6	8d x 1-1/2	3	8d x 1-1/2	A1	285	330	355	415	
MPA1	A35	18	Figure 2	6	8d x 1-1/2	3	8d x 1-1/2	B1	285	330	350	350	
				6	8d x 1-1/2	3	8d x 1-1/2	C1	285	330	355	355	
				6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	A2	505	505	505	505	
			Figure 3	6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	B2	280	280	280	280	
				6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	C2	375	375	375	375	

- 1) Allowable loads have been increased 60% for wind or seismic loads; no further increase shall be permitted.
- 2) Refer to drawings for installation type and definition of the various load directions.
- 3) Loads are shown per angle. When using a single anchor, joist must be constrained from rotation.
- 4) NAILS: 8d x 1-1/2" nails are 0.131" dia. x 1-1/2" long.





**Typical MPA1** joist / header installation Figure 1



**Typical MPA1** rafter / plate installation Figure 2



**Typical MPA1** stud / plate installation

Figure 3

# **5** Post Beam Connection



## PB / PBES / PBS Post Caps

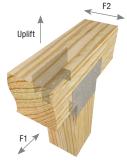
					Din	nensions (	in)			Fastener S	Sche	dule <sup>2,3</sup> Beam	DF/SP Allowable Loads (Lbs.) <sup>1,2</sup>			
	USP		Steel										Uplift	F1	F2	
Post Size	Stock No.	Ref. No.	Gauge	W	H1	Н2	L1	L2	Qty	Туре	Qty	Туре	160%	160%	160%	
	PB44-6TZ	LPC4Z	18	1-1/2	2-1/8	1-1/2		3-5/8	8	16d HDG	8	16d HDG	640	1000	400	
4 x 4	PBES44	ACE4, LCE4	18	1-1/2	2-3/8	2-3/4	3-1/4	4-3/4	8	16d	8	16d	1755	1015	630	
	PBS44	AC4	18	1-7/16	2-5/16	2-13/16	3-9/16	6-1/2	12	16d	12	16d	2630	1730	1195	
4 x 4 Rough	PBS44R	AC4R	18	1-1/2	2-5/16	2-3/16	4	7	8	16d	8	16d	1755	1015	630	
	PB66-6TZ	LPC6Z	18	1-1/2	2-1/2	3		5-9/16	8	16d HDG	8	16d HDG	640	1000	400	
6 x 6	PBES66	ACE6	18	1-1/2	2-3/8	2-1/8	5-1/2	7	8	16d	8	16d	1755	1275	1010	
	PBS66	AC6	18	1-1/4	2-5/16	2-7/8	5-1/2	8	14	16d	12	16d	2280	1850	1310	
6 x 6 Rough	PBS66R	AC6R	18	1-1/4	2-5/16	2-3/16	6	8-1/2	10	16d	10	16d	1845	1275	1010	

- 1) Allowable loads have been increased 60% for wind or seismic loads; no further increase shall be permitted.
- 2) Load and nail schedules for two-piece models are per pair of post caps.
- 3) NAILS: 16d nails are 0.162" dia. x 3-1/2" long.









**PB44-6TZ** 

Typical PBS installation

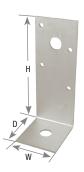


# **Post to Foundation**

## **TDL5 Concrete Angles**

			Dii	mension	s (in)		Fast	ener S	Schedu	ıle <sup>4,5</sup>		DF/SP		
						Ancho	or Bolts	Strap				Allowable Loads (Lbs.) <sup>1,2,3</sup>		
USP		Steel					Dia.	Na	Nails Bolts		Bolts	Uplift 160%		
Stock No.	Ref. No.	Gauge	W	Н	D	Qty			Туре	Qty	Dia. (in)	Nails	Bolts	
TDL5	A24	12	2	5-3/16	2-1/4	1	1/2	4	16d	1	1/2	955	1105	

- 1) Allowable loads are based on the use of either nails or bolts; nail and bolt values cannot be combined.
- 2) The bolt values are based on single shear with a minimum member thickness of 3-1/2".
- 3) Allowable loads have been increased in accordance with the code; no further increase shall be permitted.
- 4) Designer must specify anchor bolt type, length, and embedment.
- 5) NAILS: 16d nails are 0.162" dia. x 3-1/2" long.



TDL5



Typical TDL5 embedded interior installation



# **7** Continuity Tension Straps

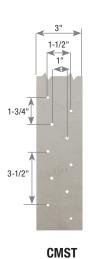


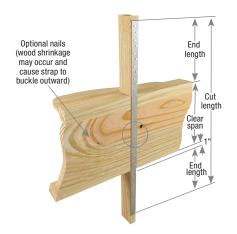
## **MSTC / CMSTC Strap Ties**

			Dimen	sions (in)	Rim Joist		Faste	ener So	hedule <sup>4,5</sup>		DF/SP
					Installation	1				Nail	Allowable Tension
USP		Steel				End	Total	Min		Spacing	Loads (Lbs.) <sup>1</sup>
Stock No.	Ref. No.	Gauge	W	L	Cut Length	Length	Qty <sup>2</sup>	Qty <sup>3</sup>	Туре	0.C.	160%
MSTC28	MSTC28	16	3	28-1/4			36	36	10d		3455
WIS1020	IVIOTOZO	10	J	20-1/4			36	34	16d		3860
MSTC40	MSTC40	16	3	40-1/4			52	52	10d		4715
WIS1040	W31040	10	3	40-1/4			52	46	16d		4715
MSTC52	MSTC52	16	3	52-1/4			70	60	10d		4715
WISTUSE	IVISTUSE	10	3	JZ-1/4			70	52	16d		4715
MSTC66	MSTC66	14	3	65-3/4			88	72	10d		6015
WISTOO	IVISTOOO	14	3	00-0/4			88	62	16d		6015
MSTC78	MSTC78	14	3	77-3/4			104	76	10d		6015
WISTOTO	IVISTOTO	14	3	11-3/4			104	66	16d		6015
					Clear Span + 58"	29"		64	16d	1-3/4"	
CMST14	CMST14	14	3	52-1/2	Clear Span + 130"	65"		74	10d	3-1/2"	6630
					Clear Span + 256"	128"		74	10d	7"	

- 1) Allowable loads have been increased 60% for wind or seismic loads; no further increase shall be permitted.
- 2) Total number of nail and/or bolt holes provided in the strap.
- 3) Minimum quantity of fasteners to be installed with equal fasteners at each end of the connection. Product may have additional nail holes not needed to meet published allowable load of product.

  4) 16d sinker nails may be substituted for 10d nails with no load reduction.
- 5) **NAILS:** 10d nails are 0.148" dia. x 3" long, 16d nails are 0.162" dia. x 3-1/2" long.





**MSTC** 

**Typical** rim joist installation

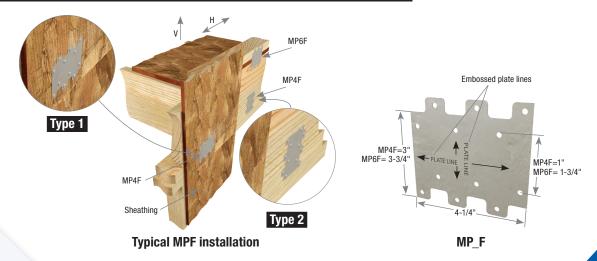


## Member to Member In-Plane Shear

### **MPF Multi-Lateral Plates**

					Fastener	Sche	dule <sup>5</sup>				/SP	
USP		Steel	Installation	Hea	der or Stud	Joi	st or Plate	Direction	Allow	able Lo	ads (Lb	s.) <sup>1,3,4</sup>
Stock No.	Ref. No.	Gauge	Type <sup>2,4</sup>	Qty	Туре	Qty	Туре	of Load <sup>2</sup>	100%	115%	125%	160%
			Type 1	6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	V	565	650	705	845
			турет	6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	Н	565	650	705	845
			Type 2	6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	V	565	650	705	845
MP4F	LTP4	20	Type 2	6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	Н	565	650	660	660
IVII 41	L114	20	Type 1	6	8d	6	8d	V	565	650	705	845
				6	8d	6	8d	Н	565	650	705	845
				6	8d	6	8d	V	565	650	705	845
			1 9 0 0 2	6	8d	6	8d	Н	565	650	660	660
			Type 1	6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	V	565	605	605	605
			турет	6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	Н	565	605	605	605
			Type 2	6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	V	565	605	605	605
MP6F	LTP5	20	1 ype 2	6	8d x 1-1/2	6	8d x 1-1/2	Н	565	605	605	605
IVII OI	LIP5 20	20	Type 1	6	8d	6	8d	V	565	605	605	605
			турет	6	8d	6	8d	Н	565	605	605	605
			Type 2	6	8d	6	8d	V	565	605	605	605
			1 ype 2	6	8d	6	8d	Н	565	605	605	605

- 1) Allowable loads have been increased 60% for wind or seismic loads; no further increase shall be permitted.
- 2) Refer to drawings for installation type and definition of the various load directions.
- 3) If installing MP4F or MP6F over plywood, use 8d common nails for 100% of table load.
- 4) Loads are shown per angle. When using a single anchor, joist must be constrained from rotation.
- 5) NAILS: 8d x 1-1/2" nails are 0.131" dia. x 1-1/2" long, 8d nails are 0.131" dia. x 2-1/2" long





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