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## Unique Steel Framing System Meets IBC Requirements

An association representing steel framing manufacturers is turning to ICC Evaluation Service® (ICC-ES®) for verification of the safety and code compliance of its members' products. The Supreme Steel Framing System Association (SSFSA) represents manufacturers of Supreme Framing Systems™ studs, joists and tracks. SSFSA requires its members to manufacture products under a third-party inspection program to ensure compliance with applicable specifications.

The Supreme Framing Systems studs, joists and tracks are used for framing of nonload-bearing interior walls, curtain walls, load-bearing walls, floors and ceilings; and for framing of nonload-bearing composite walls. The Supreme Framing Systems studs, joists and tracks have earned Evaluation Reports [ESR-2507](#) and [ESR-3054](#) from ICC-ES, providing evidence that the products meet the requirements of the 2003 and 2006 *International Building Code*® (IBC®).

“Using a 57 ksi yield strength steel, the Supreme Framing System is a new, advanced approach to interior and exterior framing,” says Nick Czapl, Marketing Manager for SCAFCO, a founding member of the SSFSA and a listee on the association's evaluation reports. “The framing system offers a larger flange, thinner steel and higher yield strength that make installation easier and create cost-saving opportunities.”

Through its evaluation, ICC-ES found the Supreme Framing System to comply with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Cold-formed Steel Framing





Members (AC46) and the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Cold-formed Steel Framing Members – Interior Nonload-bearing Wall Assemblies (AC86). The ICC-ES evaluation reports assure code officials, engineers, architects and building owners that Supreme Steel Framing meets the requirements of the IBC.

“Supreme Framing Systems use unique proprietary materials and designs,” says Woods McRoy, ICC-ES Senior Staff Engineer. “The ICC-ES Evaluation Reports give the building official documentation to rely on to ensure the right design parameters and properties are used in the manufacturing of the framing systems.”

The Supreme Framing Systems products reviewed by ICC-ES are verified to meet minimum IBC requirements for material, thickness and coating properties.

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SSFSA members will apply to ICC-ES to be added as listees to the Supreme Framing Systems evaluation reports, and submit quality control documentation for ICC-ES assessment and approval. Currently, there are six manufacturing member companies committed to the SSFSA throughout the United States. SSFSA’s goal is to bring standardization to the steel framing industry.

All ICC-ES Evaluation Reports can be accessed and downloaded free of charge at [www.icc-es.org/evaluation-reports](http://www.icc-es.org/evaluation-reports), and are readily searchable based on attributes such as product type, manufacturer or report number.

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