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## Knowledge is Power



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"Supporting WTCA Members Through Educational Publications" by Kirk Grundahl

NOTE: More information about the documents discussed in the following article may be found in the Products Section of the [WTCA website](#).

One of the key roles of WTCA is to provide support for all our members by formulating policy that advances the interests of its member manufacturers, carrying out projects that deal with membership concerns and functioning as the information conduit for our membership by staying abreast of leading-edge issues and disseminating this information.

The publications produced and improved upon by WTCA have proven to be an effective way of accomplishing these objectives. The goal of each of these publications is to enhance the information that is in the marketplace to ensure that the products sold by the structural component industry are being properly and safely used.

### TEMPORARY BRACING & FALL PROTECTION

WTCA's Warning Poster, Warning Tag, Truss Technology for Builders: Brace the Temporary Bracing for Safety & Trusses are Not Designed to be Fall Protection Anchors - Each of these items were produced to aid specifically in getting out a strong message on the importance of temporary bracing. Truss manufacturers have found that one of the best ways to assure that the temporary bracing message gets into the hands of framers is to put their placement plans on one of four formats of the warning poster—11x17, "C size," "D size" and plotter rolls. We also developed the four-page temporary bracing brochure to show framers all the methods of undertaking proper temporary bracing that are typically used in the field. Our goal is to help framers create a safer working environment.

### PERMANENT BRACING

Commentary for Permanent Bracing of Metal Plate Connected Wood Trusses, Permanent Lateral Bracing Tag, & Truss Technology for Builders: Web Member Permanent Bracing - Brace for Stability - These documents are intended to inform and assist framers and building designers so that permanent bracing is more likely to be a construction consideration.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Truss Technology for Builders Series: Toe-Nailing, Partition Separation Prevention and Solutions, & Truss Configurations - These documents are intended to help framers and building designers.

## SCOPE OF WORK INFORMATION

The Standard Responsibilities in the Design Process Involving Metal Plate Connected Wood Trusses document was designed to be a guideline for the truss manufacturer's contracting process. It emphasizes the importance of both the building designer and contractor undertaking their appropriate responsibilities.

Your staff at WTCA has worked hard on each of these items and have many more to do over the next few years to build the information base that currently exists in the market. When one considers that it costs as little as \$6.29 to hand out all of these brochures with every job, it is a very reasonable price to pay to have improved product application and safety. At the same time, the sales generated provide your association with an engine to keep developing these types of tools.

If you have any questions or have a market place issue you feel deserves the attention of a brochure, please call your WTCA staff. We are here to serve these needs as quickly as we can.

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