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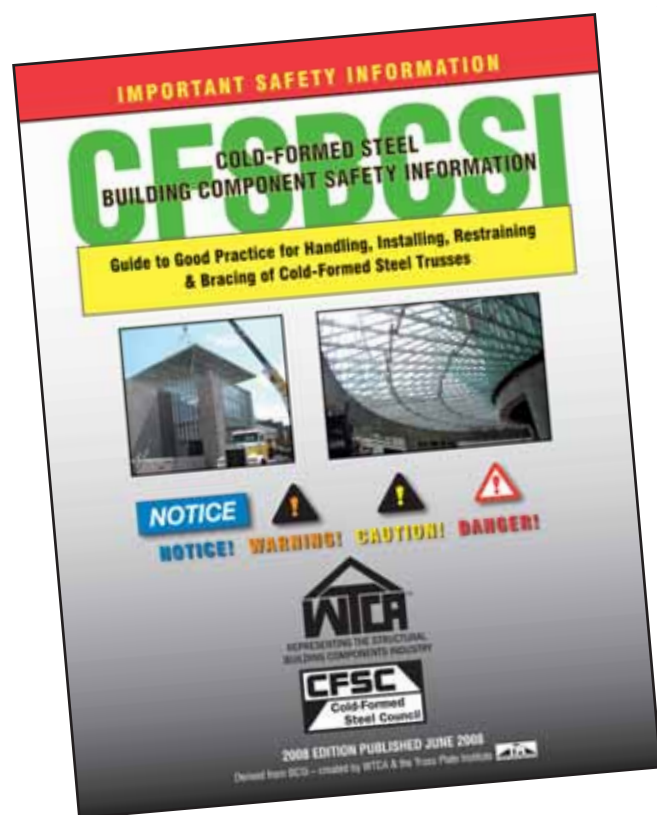
New Guide for Cold-Formed Steel Component Manufacturers

by WTCA Staff

Announcing the new cold-formed steel version of BCSI.

With residential housing moving at a snail's pace, the commercial and multi-family construction markets have become bright spots for many manufacturers in the industry to make up ground. It couldn't be better timing for a new guide aimed at the safe handling of cold-formed steel (CFS) components.

In July, WTCA's Cold-Formed Steel Council (CFSC) released the *Cold-Formed Steel Building Component Safety Information booklet (CFSBCSI)*, now available for purchase. Modeled after BCSI, it includes the most current information regarding the handling, installation, restraint and bracing of cold-formed steel trusses.



The booklet includes information on important safety items to be considered when handling and installing trusses, required information for building designers to include in the construction documents, crane use and proper truss handling, hip set assembly installation recommendations, long span truss installation, field assembly and other special conditions, permanent restraint and bracing concepts and guidelines, construction loads, truss damage, jobsite modifications and installation errors, and fall protection general guidelines.

A committee of CFSC members collaborated on the booklet over the last year. Mike Noonan of Cascade Mfg Co and CFSC co-chair served on the project committee. He said this type of safety guide has long been needed by CFS manufacturers to educate the people who handle their products. "The CFSBCSI is a great risk management tool for your business, which is why the industry has been asking for it. All truss fabricators who have been involved with steel are in need of this tool, and it hasn't been available before. Now that it is, we as an industry need to make use of it," said Noonan.

Joe Odgers, CFSC co-chair from Builders FirstSource, said that by embracing CFSBCSI, CFS manufacturers can ensure that a unified message about the product is sent to the marketplace. "Before this document existed, we lacked a common message. Now the process of educating building designers, contractors and framers will be a lot easier," he said.

CFSBCSI is available in an easy to read 8½" x 11", spiral bound booklet and includes many photographs and graphics that help clarify and support the handling and erecting practices discussed in the text. In addition, each of the six chapters of CFSBCSI are also available as individual Summary Sheets that are combined into an easy to use JOBSITE PACKAGE. This package condenses the information provided in each chapter into a few pages that emphasize the main concepts using a more graphical presentation for ease of use in the field. **SBC**

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Friday • October 3 • 5 pm

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5 pm: Meeting
6 pm: Cocktails and appetizers
7 pm: Dinner

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