Metal Framing Channels — Overview



Finishes

GoldGalv[®]

The standard GoldGalv[®] finish is made up of a multi-step electrogalvanizing and zinc dichromate process. The trivalent Chromium finish is applied over the zinc, producing a chemically bonded non-porous barrier for protection from moisture and air. The .5 mil electro-plated zinc and gold trivalent Chromium finish provide all of the features and protection of hexavalent Chromium without the use of the chemical.

Green or White Urethane Powder Coated (Suffix GR or WH)

Urethane powder resins are applied electrostatically to the steel after fabrication. Once the material is completely covered with the powder-form urethane, it proceeds through a 400° baking process for ten minutes, creating a chemical bond. This results in a minimum of 1.5 mil thickness of urethane coating, providing excellent resistance to chipping or peeling.

Pregalvanized (Suffix PG)

A zinc coating is applied by hot-dipping the steel coil at the mill prior to fabrication. Once the material is worked by roll-forming, cutting or punching, minimal protection is provided for raw edges. This weakness is typical with precoated material and affects the channel section around holes, extreme ends and the edges of the "U" shape lips. Superstrut pregalvanized material is in conformance with ASTM A-525/G-90 specification standards, representing 0.90 ounces of zinc per square foot of steel. This finish is often referred to as "hot-dipped mill galvanized" or "mill galvanized."

Hot-Dipped Galvanized (Suffix HDG)

The material is zinc coated after fabrication, providing total product protection on all surfaces. The fabricated channel or fitting is suspended and then dipped into tanks of hot zinc for a prolonged period, creating a coherent bond. The result is superior corrosion resistance as compared to pregalvanized material. Hot-dipped galvanizing is not recommended for threaded products, considering the zinc coating thickness will often disrupt the threads. Superstrut hot-dipped galvanized is in conformance with ASTM Specifications A-123 (formerly A-386) and A-153. Superstrut channels maintain a minimum 1.5 ounces of zinc per square foot of steel or 2.5 mils (ASTM A-123, Thickness Grade 65). This finish is also referred to as "hot-dipped galvanized after fabrication."

SilverGalv® (Suffix EG)

Often referred to as "zinc plated" or "electroplated zinc," the steel and .5 mils of zinc are bonded by an electrolysis process. This is the identical process used in the Kindorf Galv-Krom[®] finish without the numerous benefits of the gold colored trivalent chromium conversion coat (see Galv-Krom[®] finish for more information). Electrogalvanizing is most commonly applied to small fittings, hardware and threaded products.

PVC Coated (Suffix PVC)

A polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic coating is fused to the channel, fitting or accessory after fabrication by immersing the part in fluidized PVC tanks. The fused-melt mixed powder PVC coating thickness is 15 mils (.015") plus or minus five mils. PVC material is a thermoplastic and will soften in high temperature. An inherent weakness with PVC coatings occurs when field alterations are applied, such as cutting or drilling. These acts disrupt the sealed PVC product and warrant field touch-up. Thomas & Betts cannot be held responsible for field-altered PVC coated products.

Copper Plated ("T" inserted as the second digit of the part number; Example: CTL-710-2)

Plain steel proceeds through a series of rinse tanks to clean the material surface. Once cleaned, the fabricated part is etched by dipping into an acid pickle bath to prepare the surface for adhesion. Copper is electrically applied by submerging in a copper bath. To seal the finish, the product continues to a sealer tank and is then dried by forced hot air.

Black (Suffix B)

A black finish is raw steel with only a light oil finish as supplied by the steel manufacturer. There is no protection against red rust.

Stainless Steel (Suffix SS)

Superstrut

Superstrut channel is supplied in type 304 stainless steel when required. Type 316 stainless steel may be available upon request.

Aluminum (Suffix AL)

Superstrut channel and hardware are available in aluminum.

Warning: Load tables, charts and design criteria provided in this catalog are intended as guides only. Selection of proper product, installation intervals, erection and placement are the responsibility of the user.

Superstrut[®] products are intended to be used for the support and bracing of fixtures, cable, pipe and conduit. Improper use or installation may result in injury to persons or damage of property.

Material and finish specifications are subject to change without notice.



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Superstrut[®]

Threaded Products & Hardware

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Trapnut® Strut Fastener

Features and Benefits

The unique scissor action of the Trapnut[®] Strut Fastener closes at any desired position on the threaded rod. Once closed, precision threads trap the threaded rod for a sturdy hold that can be adjusted up or down for fine-tune positioning. While the versatile Trapnut has a locking pin that holds it in the desired position, it can also be removed and reused.



Standard method using nuts and washers.



New method using Trapnut® Strut Fastener.

Unlike a hex nut, there is no need to thread the Trapnut® from either end of the rod, saving valuable time on the job. While the Trapnut® Strut Fastener is a time-saver for new construction, it is invaluable for retro-fit applications. Rather than disassembling an existing trapeze to run additional conduit above it, the Trapnut® fastener can be clamped between the existing trapeze and the beam clamp for a speedy retro-fit solution. It's ideal for applications where the rod ends are not accessible.

The Trapnut[®] fastener has a sturdy steel construction that is load bearing, so you can be confident of a solid installation. And, the Trapnut[®] fastener functions as a hex nut, square washer and flat washer combined, so there are fewer parts to keep up with on the job.



H 122 3⁄8 Trapnut® Strut

Fastener Galv-Krom®

H 122 3/8 EG Trapnut® Strut Fastener SilverGalv®

CAT. NO.	DESCRIPTION	SIZE (IN.)	DESIGN Load LBS.	STD. CTN.
H 122 1/4	1/4" Galv-Krom®	1/4	150	50
H 122 3/8	%" Galv-Krom®	3/8	590	50
H 122 1/2	1/2" Galv-Krom®	1/2	1,080	50
H 122 1/4 EG	1/4" SilverGalv®	1/4	150	50
H 122 3/8 EG	%" SilverGalv®	3/8	590	50
H 122 1/2 EG	1/2" SilverGalv®	1/2	1,080	50
H 122 1/4 SS6	1/4" Type 316 Stainless Steel	1/4	150	50
H 122 3/8 SS6	%" Type 316 Stainless Steel	3/8	590	50
H 122 1/2 SS6	1/2" Type 316 Stainless Steel	1/2	1,080	50



Easy to Install









Hold in the open position.

- No need to thread the Trapnut® fastener from either end of the rod saving valuable time
- Perfect for retro-fit applications where the rod ends are not accessible

Insert the bottom plate on the rod and close the top plate.

- Precision threads trap the threaded rod for a sturdy hold that can be adjusted up or down for fine-tune positioning
- Functions as a hex nut, square washer and flat washer combined

Press the pin with pliers.

- Locking pin holds it in the desired position
- Can be removed and reused

Tighten to the desired position with pliers.

- Can be adjusted up or down for fine-tuned positioning
- Sturdy steel construction that is load bearing
- Sized to provide custom fit for either 1⁵/₈" or 1¹/₂" strut systems

Superstrut[®] Metal Framing, Pipe Hangers and Accessories

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