ClarkDietrich

ClarkDietrich Keeps Products, Services Stronger Than Steel

At ClarkDietrich our focus is to be stronger than steel. It's a core tenet that drives our company to develop new, useful products and services. It's also the way we hope to develop relationships. And it's one of the reasons we support the Wall And Ceiling Alliance (WACA).

Being a WACA member means a great deal to us at ClarkDietrich. The association represents the top-tier subcontractors in the steel framing and drywall industry that use the products we manufacture. Our connection to this elite group of subcontractors helps us stay in touch with the companies and individuals who help drive this industry forward in today's competitive market. We are proud to be a supporter of WACA and appreciate the contributions the organization makes to labor relations, technical assistance, educational forums and advocacy for the industry as a whole. Working with WACA members helps us stay connected to the issues that face contractors day in and day out. These issues, which range from installation challenges and technical submittals to building information modeling and continuing education, are the issues for which ClarkDietrich strives to provide solutions.

Focused Products

A key way we help address contractors' needs is through product innovation. As the leading manufacturer of cold-formed steel products for interior framing, interior finishing, exterior framing and floor framing, as well as clips, connectors, metal lath and accessories, we consider this area of expertise a core competency.

Take the TRAKLOC Drywall Framing System. Unlike traditional steel studs that must be cut to length for varying jobsite conditions, TRAKLOC allows contractors to order a one-length member and adjust the length accordingly for variances in the slab. The TRAKLOC Stud and TRAKLOC Track systems consist of a traditional-style framing member combined with an interlocking adjustable component. The adjustable portion allows for telescopic length adjustments and can accommodate variances in the slab, minor wall heights per floor and the like without having to cut studs with snips or noisy chop saws. These studs simply twist and lock into place, minimizing the need for mechanical fasteners. The result? Contractors are spending less time climbing scaffolds and ladders and bending over to put in fasteners. This in turn can lead to fewer work-related injuries and reduced workers' compensation costs.

This game-changing drywall framing system has been integrated into several Northern California construction projects that include the currently under-construction Merritt College in Oakland; the student activities center at the University of Nevada, Reno; the Northern Nevada HOPES Medical Office Building in Reno; and the new Marriott hotel in San Jose, to name a few.

In response to market demand, we have recently expanded this product suite to include a 24-mil 20-gauge TRAKLOC. This product is more affordable than conventional framing, so not only does the system help contractors save time and energy but reduces costs as well.

As an industry leader, ClarkDietrich's commitment to the industry goes beyond just product development, as we're continually working to extend sustainable building practices at every level of the company. We recycle 100 percent of steel waste at our manufacturing facilities and employ a technical team that includes numerous LEED accredited professionals, while product development consciously engages optimal use of material, as well as ease of construction. Most recently, we became the first steel framing manufacturer to receive third-party-verified ISO-compliant Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for our complete steel product portfolio, including the popular ProSTUD and ProSTUD with Diamond-Plus Steel Framing Systems.

Service-Minded Tools

We take exceptional pride in not only the quality of our products but also in our engineering services and responsive customer service. In fact, we routinely partner with teams of architects, engineers, building developers and owners, contractors and others on projects of all sizes, scope and complexity. We have seen particularly favorable response to our contractor-focused services like the interactive ClarkDietrich iTools website that provides contractors access to a broad range of data, including cost-saving calculators, design tools, ClipExpress Navigation, LEED request forms and product literature directly from mobile devices. Our SubmittalPro System is another time-saver for contractors because it makes the technical submittal process fast and easy. BIM, LEED services and continuing education courses are other ways we aim to support contractors and other professionals in the industry.

TRAKLOC Drywall Framing System is one of the latest labor-saving innovations added to the ClarkDietrich's product portfolio. The patented design allows for the stud and track to "interlock" without the need for screw attachment.

ClarkDietrich's ability to innovate and drive the industry forward is second to none. We do this through the development and support of quality products, and we do this through services that benefit professionals in our field. Our commitment to engineering, research, development, testing and industry code approvals sets us apart as the nationwide leading manufacturer of steel construction products in the United States.