# SCAFCO Steel Stud Company

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SCAFCO Steel Stud Company is a manufacturer and direct supplier of a complete line of light-gauge steel framing products and accessories for the wall and ceiling industry. SCAFCO's product line includes, but is not limited to, steel studs and track, furring channel, joists, shaft wall, deflection and secure clips, header and jamb studs.

We were established in Spokane, Washington, in 1954, starting out as Spokane Culvert and Fabrication Company. At the time, corrugated steel culverts were the main product. In 1961, the company expanded to include manufacturing grain storage systems. The original culvert product division was sold in 1986, and then the company extended again to include steel framing products in 1994. By then the company name had changed to SCAFCO.

SCAFCO sells directly to contractors and the public with 18 branch divisions throughout the Western United States and Canada. We service Northern California with local branches in San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Stockton and Fresno. We carry, deliver and stock drywall at each of the five local branches. The full-scale manufacturing operation in Stockton has state-of-the-art roll-forming equipment, computer numerical control and break press machinery. We're able to manufacture the full line of framing products right in Stockton. We also have the ability to manufacture custom break shapes at our other Northern California sites. Large inventories of standard products, along with steel framing products, are maintained at all five of these locations, so customers can find a comprehensive line of available products.

## Product Quality

SCAFCO's number one goal is to provide a quality product while simultaneously providing excellent service to our customers. We have a strict policy of using only prime steel with hot-dipped galvanized corrosion protection, meeting all relative American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) material specifications. Such a standard ensures that SCAFCO products are manufactured from the best material and protected with industry standard coatings to last the life of the project.

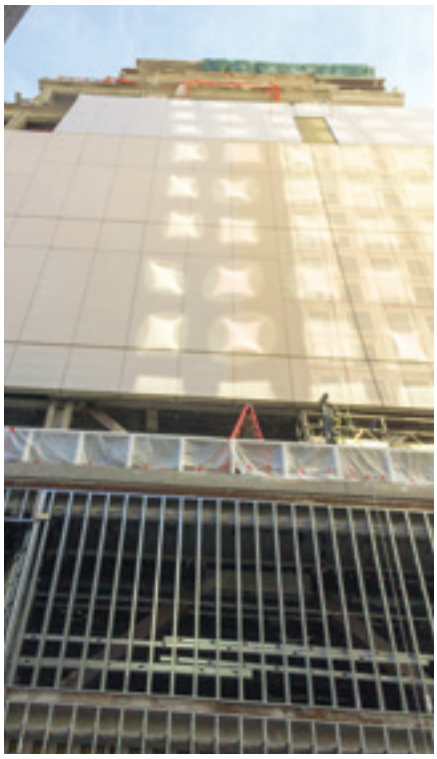
## Services

The service we provide to customers starts with our knowledgeable sales staff. Our industry-leading delivery and stocking crews make sure that all materials are delivered on a timely basis, with safety as their top priority. The SCAFCO engineering team assists customers with questions on steel framing, trouble shooting in the field and help with value engineering.

We're a manufacturer as well as a direct supplier. This dual approach means our customers have direct access to the source of their steel framing products, including outside sales, inside sales, delivery/stocking, manufacturing and the engineering department. SCAFCO is part of the steel framing process, from quoting and purchasing through delivery, stocking and technical support. Because we are in direct communication with the end user of the product, we're able to listen directly to what the customer needs. This process results in overall better customer service and product support.

## Projects

We're involved in a variety of distinct and unique projects. One project has been the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in downtown San Francisco. Due to the museum's high-profile setting, our delivery and stocking crew was able to showcase SCAFCO's top-of-the-line services. I'm pleased to report we exceeded expectations with respect to delivery timelines and requirements for stocking steel framing and drywall materials on this project. However, this job provided some design and construction challenges. Because of this, our engineering team was in close contact with the contractor on the project, assisting with troubleshooting issues with the framing plan.



All the challenges we surmount help us enhance our customer service in the long run.

Another interesting project we're just finishing is San Francisco General Hospital. Similar to the MOMA, San Francisco General had a number of challenges with delivery and stocking. Our engineering team worked with the contractor to establish framing methods and materials for over 10,000 lineal feet of radius walls and soffits. This project was not an easy feat, but once again SCAFCO's crew came together to surpass expectations.

## Advantages for Contractors

SCAFCO focuses on developing new products to help contractors save time and reduce construction cost. We currently manufacture the Priceless Header and Jamb System that can reduce labor by up to 80 percent. The Supreme Framing System is a code-certified product line that is designed to significantly reduce material cost. We've also created a perfect curve product for curved walls, arches and domes that saves the contractor an immense amount of labor over traditional methods. SCAFCO is committed to improving the steel framing experience through innovation and investment, and we're proud of what we're able to offer the wall and ceiling industry through our supplies and services. I look forward to growing and strengthening SCAFCO's relationships with contractors.

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