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Mr. Carl McGinnis  
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Our Reference: File R14546, Project 06NK06799

Subject: Engineering Study for the Inclusion of the Snip 'N Slide Tool in Various Joint System

Dear Mr. McGinnis:

This is to advise you that we have reviewed your request to include the Snip 'N Slide tool in the Joint System Nos. HW-D-0058, H-WD-0059, H-WD-0129, H-WD-0130, H-WD-0187, H-WD-0188, H-WD-0197, H-WD-0198, H-WD-0297 and H-WD-0298. We have determined that your request is acceptable and each system is being revised to include a description for the use of the tool within the details of the steel studs as shown below:

**B. Studs** — Steel studs to be min 3-1/2 in. wide. Studs cut 1-1/2 in. less in length than assembly height. When deflection channel is used, studs shall be installed with bottom nesting in and resting on floor runner and with top nesting in ceiling runner. Studs secured to floor and ceiling runner with sheet metal screw. As an alternate to securing the studs to the ceiling runner, the ceiling runner may be notched with the Snip N' Slide™ tool used to provide positive securement of the studs within the ceiling runner without the screws. When deflection channel is not used, studs shall not be secured to ceiling runner, however, the ceiling runner may be notched with the Snip N' Slide™ tool. When slotted ceiling runner (Item 2A1) is used, steel studs secured to slotted ceiling runner with No. 8 x 1/2 in. long wafer head steel screws at mid-height of slot on each side of wall. Stud spacing not to exceed 24 in. OC.

The system revisions are currently being processed and will be forwarded to your attention in the near future. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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