

Technical Data

Materials

Carbon Steel

Channels made from high-quality carbon steel are continuously roll formed to precise dimensions. By cold working the steel mechanical properties are increased, allowing lightweight structures to carry the required load. Corrosion resistance of carbon steel varies widely with coating and alloy. See "Finishes" for more detailed information.

Stainless Steel

Stainless steel channel is available in AISI Type 304 or 316 material. Both are non-magnetic and belong to the austenitic stainless steels group, based on alloy content and crystallographic structure. Like carbon steel, stainless steel exhibits increased strength when cold worked by roll-forming.

Several conditions make the use of stainless steel ideal. These include reducing long term maintenance costs, high ambient temperatures, appearance, and stable structural properties such as yield strength, and high creep strength.

Type 304 resists most organic chemicals, dyestuffs and a wide variety of inorganic chemicals at elevated or cryogenic temperatures. Type 316 contains slightly more nickel and adds molybdenum to give it better corrosion resistance in chloride and sulfuric acid environments. For more information concerning the differences between types 304 and 316, visit www.bline.com.

Aluminum

Standard aluminum channel is extruded from aluminum alloy 6063-T6. Strut fittings are made from aluminum alloy 5052-H32.

The high strength to weight ratio of channel made of aluminum helps greatly reduce the overall cost of installation through ease of handling and field cutting.

Aluminum owes its excellent corrosion resistance to its ability to form an aluminum oxide film that immediately reforms when scratched or cut. In most outdoor applications, aluminum has excellent resistance to "weathering". The resistance to chemicals, indoor or outdoor, can best be determined by tests conducted by the user with exposure to the specific conditions for which it is intended. The corrosion resistance of aluminum to some commonly known chemicals is shown in the Corrosion Chart on page 10. For further information, contact us or the Aluminum Association.

Fiberglass

We offer two fire retardant (FR) resins for strut systems, polyester and vinyl ester. Both resins are ideal for corrosive environments or nonconductive applications with moderate strength requirements. Some common types of environments where Vinyl Ester Resins are recommended, that Poly Esters are not, are paper mills, most any metal plating operation and any condition with

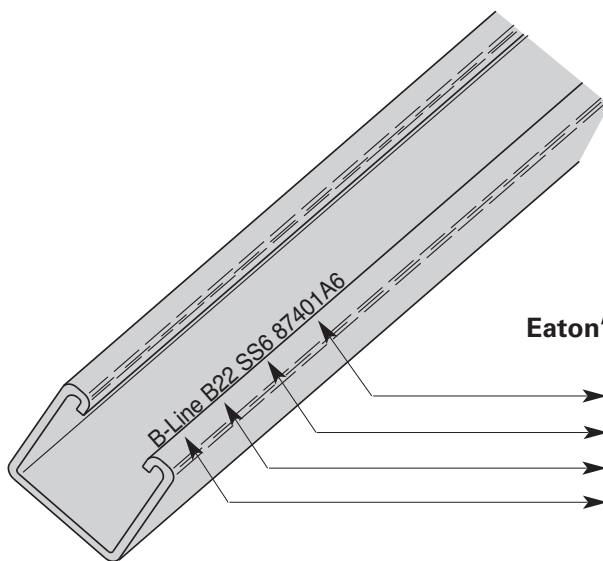
concentrated levels of Chlorine, [Cl⁻]. Please consult our fiberglass corrosion resistance charts on page 184 for specific chemical recommendation data.

Unlike other base materials depicted in this catalog, fiberglass exhibits unique physical property changes when operating in elevated temperature conditions that are a fraction of increase compared to steel or aluminum. Thus, it is advised against using fiberglass in temperatures greater than 200° F.

Please refer to the "Corrosion Resistance Guide" on page 184 for specific applications.

The fiberglass strut systems are manufactured from glass fiber-reinforced plastic shapes that meet ASTM E-84, Class 1 Flame Rating and self-extinguishing requirements of ASTM D-635. A surface veil is applied during pultrusion to insure a resin-rich surface and ultraviolet resistance.

While polyester is sufficient for most uses, vinyl ester is suitable for a broader range of environments.



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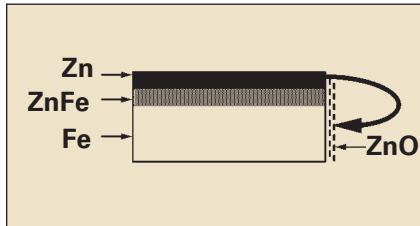
- Traceable to the steel's origin
- Material/Finish
- Part number designation
- Company Name

Finishes

Zinc Coatings

Zinc protects steel in two ways. First it protects the steel as a coating, and second as a sacrificial anode to repair bare areas such as cut edges, scratches, and gouges. The corrosion protection of zinc is directly related to its thickness and the environment. This means a .2 mil coating will last twice as long as a .1 mil coating in the same environment.

Galvanizing also protects cut and drilled edges.



Electrogalvanized Zinc

Electrogalvanized Zinc (also known as zinc plated or electroplated) is the process by which a coating of zinc is deposited on the steel by electrolysis from a bath of zinc salts.

A rating of SC3, our standard, provides a minimum zinc coating thickness of .5 mils (excluding hardware, which is SC1 = .2 mils).

When exposed to air and moisture, zinc forms a tough, adherent, protective film consisting of a mixture of zinc oxides, hydroxides, and carbonates. This film is in itself a barrier coating which slows subsequent corrosive attack on the zinc. This coating is usually recommended for indoor use in relatively dry areas, as it provides ninety-six hours protection in salt spray testing per ASTM B117.

Chromium / Zinc

Chromium / Zinc is a corrosion resistant composition, which was developed to protect fasteners and small bulk items for automotive use. The coating applications have since been extended to larger parts and other markets.

Chromium/Zinc composition is an aqueous coating dispersion containing chromium, proprietary organics, and zinc flake.

This finish provides 500 hours protection in salt spray testing per ASTM B117.

Pre-Galvanized Zinc

(Mill galvanized, hot dip mill galvanized or continuous hot dip galvanized) Pre-galvanized steel is produced by coating coils of sheet steel with zinc by continuously rolling the material through molten zinc at the mills. This is also known as mill galvanized or hot dip mill galvanized. These coils are then slit to size and fabricated by roll forming, shearing, punching, or forming to produce our pre-galvanized strut products.

The G90 specification calls for a coating of .90 ounces of zinc per square foot of steel. This results in a coating of .45 ounces per square foot on each side of the sheet. This is important when comparing this finish to hot dip galvanized after fabrication.

During fabrication, cut edges and welded areas are not normally zinc coated; however, the zinc near the uncoated metal becomes a sacrificial anode to protect the bare areas after a short period of time.

Hot Dip Galvanized After Fabrication (Hot dip galvanized or batch hot dip galvanized)

Hot dip galvanized strut products are fabricated from steel and then completely immersed in a bath of molten zinc. A metallic bond occurs resulting in a zinc coating that completely coats all surfaces, including edges and welds.

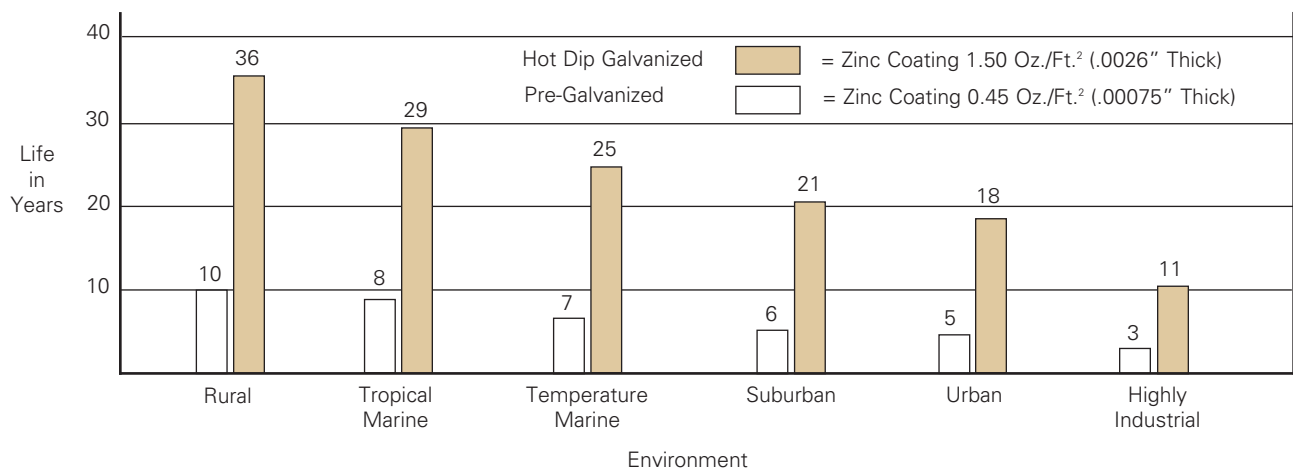
Another advantage of this method is coating thickness. Strut products that are hot dip galvanized after fabrication have a minimum thickness of 1.50 ounces per square foot on each side, or a total 3.0 ounces per square foot of steel, according to ASTM A123.

The zinc thickness is controlled by the amount of time each part is immersed in the molten zinc bath as well as the speed at which it is removed. The term "double dipping" refers to parts too large to fit into the galvanizing kettle and must be dipped one end at a time. It does not refer to extra coating thickness.

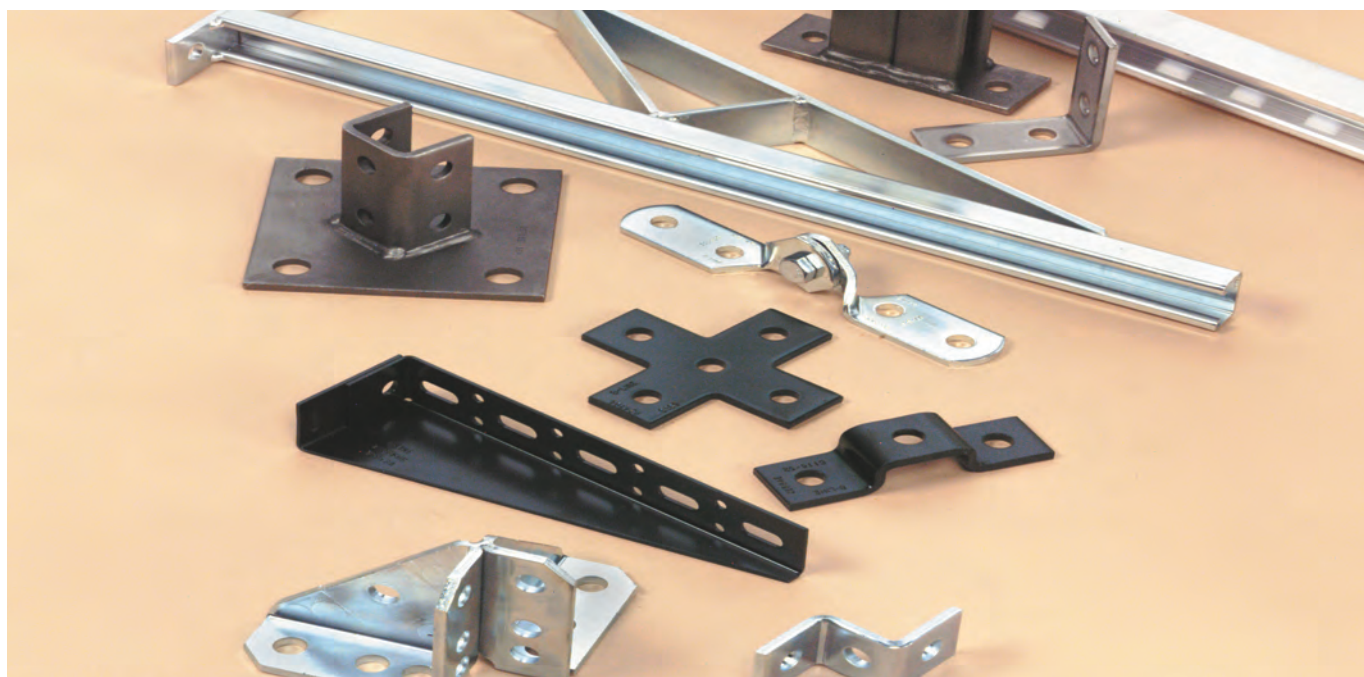
The layer of zinc which bonds to steel provides a dual protection against corrosion. It protects first as an overall barrier coating. If this coating happens to be scratched or gouged, zinc's secondary defense is called upon to protect the steel by galvanic action.

Hot-Dip Galvanized After Fabrication is recommended for prolonged outdoor exposure and will usually protect steel for 20 years or more in most atmospheric environments and in many industrial environments. For best results, a zinc rich paint (available from Eaton's B-Line Business) should be applied to field cuts. The zinc rich paint will provide immediate protection for these areas and eliminate the short time period for galvanic action to "heal" the damaged coating.

Anticipated Life of Zinc Coatings In Various Atmospheric Environments



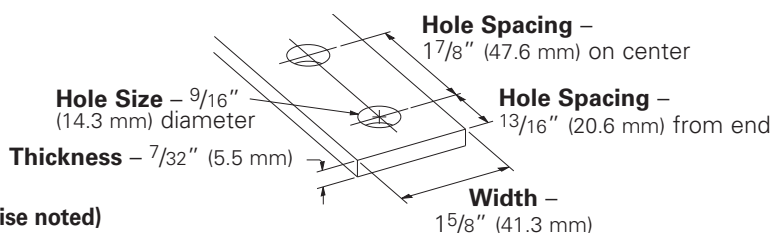
Fittings



This section offers a full selection of fittings and accessories to complete our strut system. Fittings are made from hot rolled, pickled and oiled plate or strip steel in accordance with ASTM A1018 33,000 PSI min. yield, unless noted.

Dimensions

The following dimensions apply to all fittings except as noted:



Materials & Finishes (Unless otherwise noted)

Finish Code	Finish	Specification
PLN	Plain	ASTM A1018 33,000 PSI min. yield
ZN	Electro-Plated Zinc	ASTM B633 SC3 Type III or ASTM A653
GRN	DURA GREEN™	
HDG	Hot-Dipped Galvanized	ASTM A123
SS4	Stainless Steel Type 304	ASTM A240
SS6	Stainless Steel Type 316	ASTM A240
AL	Aluminum	ASTM B209

Note: A minimum order may apply on special material and finishes.

Hardware

Nuts and bolts are not included with the fittings and must be ordered separately, unless noted.

Pre-Assembled Fittings

Some fittings are available with hex head cap screws and channel nuts pre-assembled. These fittings and finishes will be flagged using the following symbol.



PA ^{ZN}
GRN

Metric

Metric dimensions are shown in parentheses. Unless noted, all metric dimensions are in millimeters.

Load Data

The load data published includes safety factor of 2.5 when used with 12 ga. (2.6) channel (safety factor = ratio of ultimate load to the design load). Use 1/2"-13 x 7/8" hex head cap screws and 1/2"-13 (N225 or TN225) channel nuts for the rated results.

Recommended Bolt Torque

Bolt Size	1/4"-20	5/16"-18	3/8"-16	1/2"-13
Foot/Lbs.	6	11	19	50
Nm	8	15	26	68

See chart on page 113 for setscrew torque.

4Dimension™ Strut System Compatible

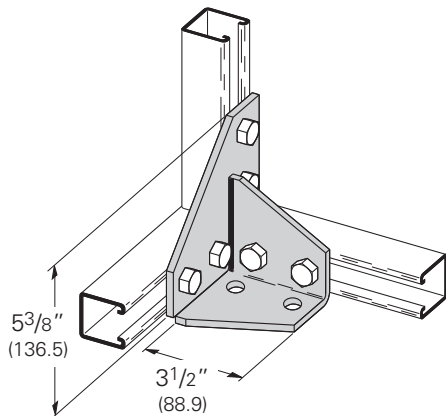
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Wing Fittings & Post Bases

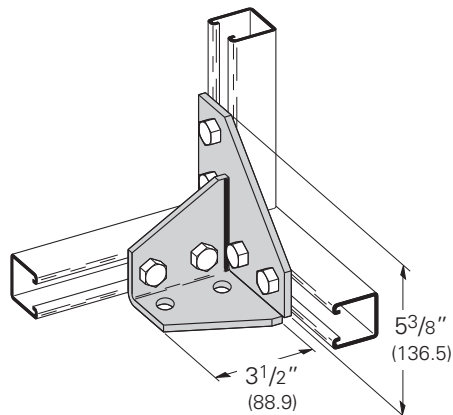
B346L Eight Hole Double Corner Gussetted Connection (Left Hand)

- Standard finishes: ZN, GRN
- Wt./C 242 Lbs. (109.8 kg)



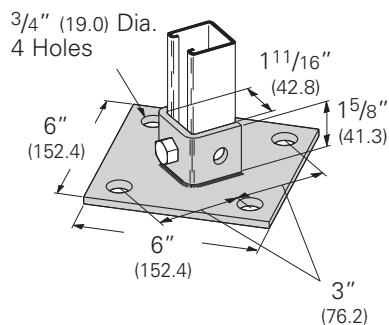
B346R Eight Hole Double Corner Gussetted Connection (Right Hand)

- Standard finishes: ZN, GRN
- Wt./C 242 Lbs. (109.8 kg)



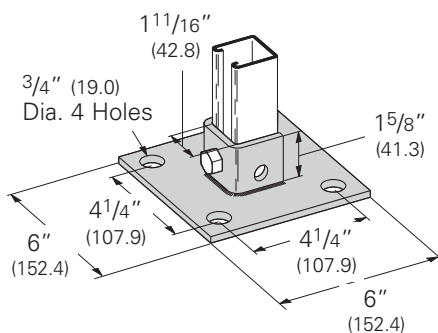
B279 Post Base for B22

- Standard finishes: ZN, GRN
- Wt./C 314 Lbs. (142.4 kg)



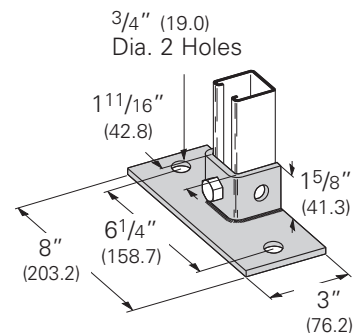
B279SQ Post Base for B22

- Standard finishes: ZN, GRN
- Wt./C 314 Lbs. (142.4 kg)



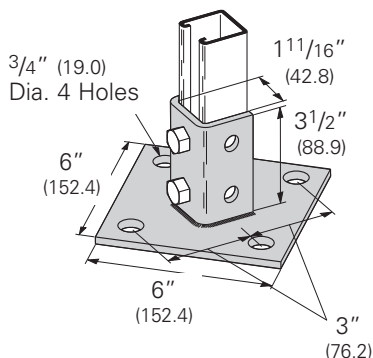
B279FL Post Base for B22

- Standard finishes: ZN, GRN
- Wt./C 230 Lbs. (104.3 kg)



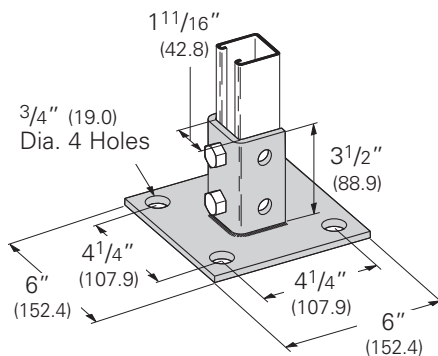
B280 Post Base for B22

- Standard finishes: ZN, GRN, HDG, SS4, AL
- Wt./C 392 Lbs. (177.8 kg)



B280SQ Post Base for B22

- Standard finishes: ZN, GRN, HDG, SS4, AL
- Wt./C 392 Lbs. (177.8 kg)



B280FL Post Base for B22

- Standard finishes: ZN, GRN, HDG, SS4
- Wt./C 312 Lbs. (141.5 kg)

