



TRUSS TAGGING

Good Morning,

Truss tagging is probably not the main topic of conversation around most lumberyards or jobsites. In fact, it may be a term that you are not familiar with at all. However, it is a practice that is very important to all truss manufacturers concerned in taking the extra steps necessary to ensure proper handling and installation of the trusses that they produce.

With the greater variety of truss designs now available, it becomes incumbent upon the truss manufacturer to take extra steps to inform the end-user of the proper use and installation of the trusses. The Wood Truss Council of America (WTCA) and the Truss Plate Institute (TPI) have responded to this growing need by jointly publishing bulletins that address storage, handling, and bracing issues in addition to other topics. Many truss manufactures have purchased these documents and include them in an "Instruction Kit" or "Jobsite Package" that is delivered to each jobsite with each truss order. In addition, many truss manufacturers (including Cascade Mfg Co) have placed various tags on each truss to call attention to special bracing or detail information.

The WTCA has recently come out with a **Jobsite Tag** that we have chosen to use in place of the various tags that we had been using. This change will be taking effect in the near future. The tag simply instructs the end-user to "...refer to the BCSI Summary Sheet(s) and materials provided in the component manufacturer's JOBSITE PACKAGE." It is our belief that the placement of this one tag, which delivers one simple message in a clear and concise manner, will benefit the end-user more than the placement of several separate tags, which are only attached when specific conditions warrant. The **Jobsite Tag** directs the end-user to read the information in the JOBSITE PACKAGE. Because the JOBSITE PACKAGE contains information relevant to that specific order we feel the end-user will be best served. A reprint of this tag is shown below for your review. As always, if you have any questions please contact your salesman or our Inside Sales department.

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<p>Before handling, storing or installing components refer to BCSI Summary Sheet(s) and materials provided in the component manufacturer's JOBSITE PACKAGE.</p>	<p>Antes de mover, guardar o instalar los componentes vea la Hoja Sumaria del BCSI y los materiales incluidos en el PAQUETE DE OBRA del fabricante de componentes.</p>	

Correction: In our last issue of the *Component Connection* it was incorrectly stated that Cascade Mfg Co is the only Iowa WTCA QCII certified truss plant. What should have been stated is that Cascade Mfg Co is the first certified user of the WTCA QC program in Iowa dating back to April 2001. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

