

Systems Conformance

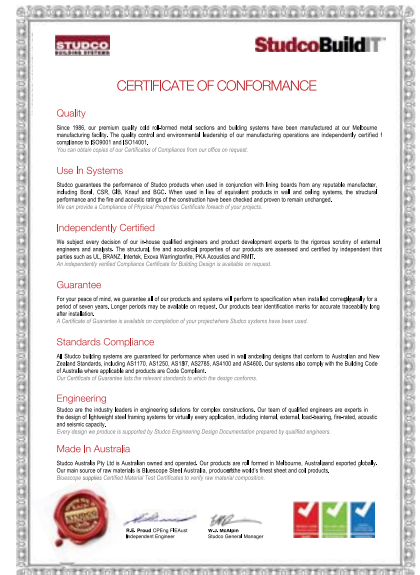
Since the 1980's Studco metal building systems have been the choice of some of Australia's largest builders, architects and plastering contractors. Studco's building products have been installed in thousands of buildings throughout Australia and New Zealand in wall systems and ceiling systems from all major lining board manufacturers including Knauf, CSR (Gyprock, Cemintel, Hebel, etc.), GIB, USG Boral, BGC and James Hardie.

Studco also works closely with a large number of alternative lining board suppliers to create certified building systems for a variety of applications.

Our insistence on quality and extensive product testing provide substantial evidence that our products are equal to and provide equivalent performance characteristics of alternative framing systems when used in common wall and ceiling systems, ensuring that the integrity of the plasterboard manufacturer's warranty is not compromised. Our products and systems have been tested by a variety of independent laboratories and organisations such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories) (structural), Exova Warringtonfire Australia (fire) and RMIT Australia (acoustic).

In the pursuit of ultimate quality and performance, Studco R&D team has adopted a rigorous program of continuous testing and certification through collaborative partnerships with some of Australia's peak research organisations and testing facilities.

Studco's wall and ceiling systems have been tested and/or checked for structural integrity, seismic capacity, fire rating and acoustical performance, and have consistently demonstrated less than 1% variation in all three areas when compared to similar metal framing systems. As a responsible manufacturer of quality products, we can provide a suite of certificates for our building systems, for your peace of mind:



- Certificate of Conformance
- ISO 9001 Certificate of Compliance
- Compliance of Physical Properties Certificate (project specific)
- Compliance Certificate for Building Design (Form 15, project specific)
- Certificate of Guarantee (project specific)
- Engineering Design Documentation (project specific)
- Certified Material Test Certificates
- Many of Australia's most respected builders demand Studco by choice because they know that no one knows steel like Studco.



ISO 9001 Quality Management System

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The quest for optimum quality never ends at Studco. The consistency of our quality is one of the cornerstones of Studco's reputation as a reliable supplier of metal building systems.

In order to achieve dependable quality in our products and service, Studco Building Systems is certified to ISO 9001 Quality Management System. This internationally recognised benchmark of quality is rigidly applied to all facets of Studco's operations, ensuring our valued client base of premium quality products and premium customer service at all times.

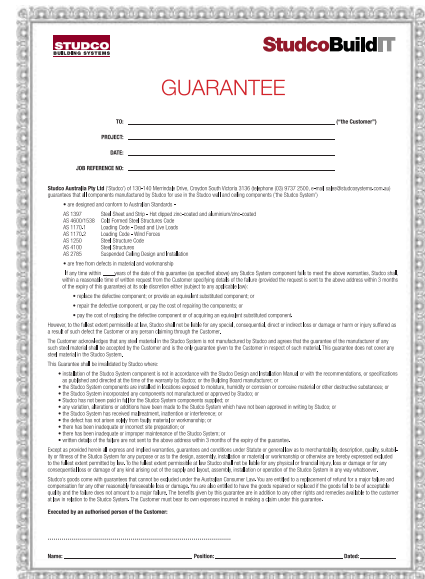
To ensure our customers that our products always offer industry-leading quality, our company is regularly subjected to ISO 9001 auditing by an independent body.

Customers can be certain of the quality of Studco's products because of the stringent controls we impose on our production processes. From the moment the raw materials arrive at our manufacturing facilities, we are tracking and recording each step of the product's journey, right through to the delivery. We can even track the quality of our products long after they have been installed with every product being marked with a distinctive tracking number.

Under our continuous improvement program, Studco is currently introducing measures that will greatly increase our quality in many areas, including...

- Introduction of advanced material track and trace systems
- Commissioning of new machinery with cutting-edge technology
- Review of raw material suppliers quality management systems
- Systematic testing of raw materials by independent NATA laboratory

Quality management under the ISO 9001 program provides peace of mind. It not only means quality products and quality service but also includes effective after sales care and support.



Product Guarantee

When it comes to quality, we stand behind our products long after they have been installed. Studco offers a written guarantee for every project using Studco products. We guarantee that our products are made from premium quality raw materials, we guarantee that our products comply with Australian Standards, we guarantee that our products are code compliant, we guarantee that our products are structurally sound when installed in accordance with our manuals and we guarantee that our products are manufactured within the strictest of tolerances.

To obtain a guarantee for your project using Studco products, please contact Studco on 1800 STUDCO.

When achieving International standards matter... Studco has you covered.

Studco's global operations are certified to ISO 9001 Quality Management System and ISO 14001 Environmental Management System.



Compliant Installation Examples and Performance Testing



External soffit ceiling comprising James Hardie fibre cement sheet and Studco ceiling system



Compliant wall system being installed using Boral plasterboard and Studco metal building system



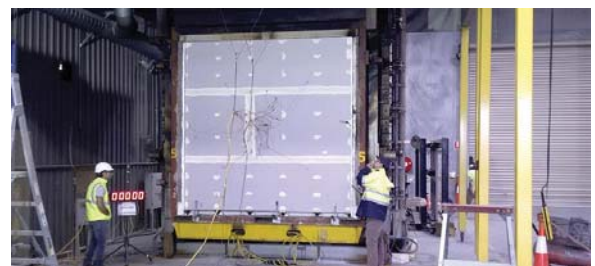
Acoustic testing of Studco wall system using CSR Gyprock plasterboard



BCA-compliant acoustic ceiling installation in a government building, built from Studco products



Fire-rated walls in Class 4 building, built using Studco HEDAjamb wall system and Knauf plasterboard



Fire testing of load-bearing Studco steel stud wall system lined with Boral plasterboard



Wall designed for extreme acoustic and impact performance, built from Studco steel stud systems and USG Fibrerock lining boards



External Studco Steel Stud System lined with CSR Cemintel fibre cement sheet

Studco Environmental Policy

Studco's Commitment To Environmental Responsibility

The management team at Studco have long held the view that caring for the environment is a corporate responsibility. In fact, responsibility of and caring for the environment in which we live is a Studco hallmark which is promoted at every level of our business.

Studco has developed a comprehensive Environmental Policy in accordance with ISO 14001 which includes a balanced and realistic view of the real issues and a commitment to pursuing a high standard of environmental management throughout our operations to minimise the impact of our activities on the environment.

ISO 14001 EMS Certification

Our commitment to sensible environmental responsibility and corporate accountability is evident in our ongoing certification to the internationally recognised benchmark standard ISO 14001:2004 environmental management system. You can read our EMS policy on www.studcosystems.com.au.

Some Facts On Studco's Raw Materials

Building with steel offers many environmental advantages over other building materials. Studco's supplier of choice for raw materials is BlueScope Steel, an Australian manufacturer with a global reputation for premium quality and environmental leadership.

The raw materials used in most Studco products contain a considerable amount of recycled steel. Steel is not only 100 per cent recyclable but can also be repeatedly recycled without a loss of key properties. Steel is the most recycled material in the world. By volume, more steel is recycled than all other major recyclable materials combined, including aluminium, glass and paper. Every steel product manufactured by Studco has a recycled content and is able to be recycled. Source: Bluescope Steel

Studco's Manufacturing Processes

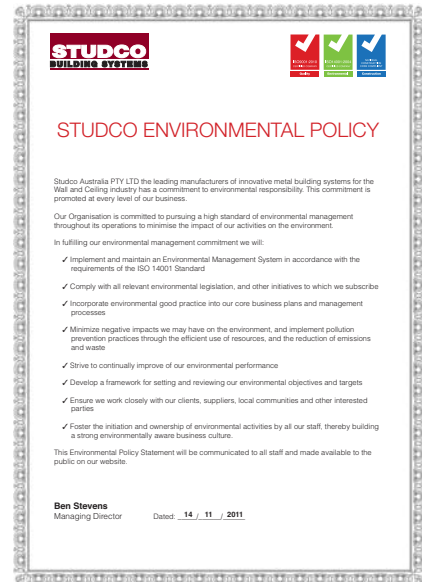
All of our products are manufactured under an ethical and stringent Environmental Policy that starts at management level and permeates through every department of our company, thereby building an 'environmentally aware' business culture.

Whilst our modern manufacturing facilities and production systems are designed to create minimum wastage, any wastage that does occur is recycled or diverted from landfill.

Studco regularly reviews the manufacturing practices employed in order to minimise any negative impacts we may have on the environment and we have implemented pollution prevention practices through the efficient use of resources and the reduction of emissions and waste.

You Can Build Green With Studco Products

Little or no waste occurs when installing Studco's products on-site, thanks to our large range of special length products and our



complete building system solution that is self-contained without relying on third party suppliers beyond our control. Most building sites now offer builders a scrap metal disposal point, allowing builders to recycle any wastage that may occur.

Our products do not require chemical treatment, pesticides or toxin additives to make them resistant to termites or vermin, and steel framing has been recognised as being good for indoor air quality.

By using Studco's range of lightweight steel building systems, you can achieve up to 50% in weight saving, allowing a lighter and smaller supporting structure.

You can also now earn green star points by using Studco products, under the Green Building Council of Australia's (GBCA) revised steel credit points rating scheme. Studco continuous improvement program regularly reviews our supply chain methodology to enable our customers to enjoy maximum benefit under the Green Star scheme.

What is Studco Greensmart?

Studco Greensmart is an industry-leading initiative based on two simple principles: (a) environmental product innovation and (b) practical sustainability leadership. Studco seeks to lead the way in environmentally responsible business practices and we believe in great investment for developing products that save energy and protect the environment.

Studco is also developing a range of products designed to fulfil the BCA Energy Efficiency provisions. These guidelines promote building practices that reduce the amount of energy used to heat, cool and operate a building.