



Spazzer® 5400 Spacing & Bridging Bar - 16GA (SPZS-54) - Connection Strength and Stiffness						
Product Code	Stud Depth (in)	Allowable Capacities	Stud Thickness, mils (ga.)			
			33 (20)	43 (18)	54 (16)	68 (14)
SPZS-54	3-5/8	Brace Stiffness (lbs/in)	1320	1984	2792	3120
		Brace Strength (lbs)	310	420	570	570
		Torsional Moment (in-lbs)	325	400	535	630
	6	Brace Stiffness (lbs/in)	920	1680	2240	2400
		Brace Strength (lbs)	300	400	555	555
		Torsional Moment (in-lbs)	265	365	610	705
	8	Brace Stiffness (lbs/in)	-	1080	1440	2176
		Brace Strength (lbs)	-	395	525	525
		Torsional Moment (in-lbs)	-	405	560	680

Spazzer Bar Allowable Table Notes:

- Allowable loads are based on the use of cold-formed steel studs with a minimum yield strength, Fy=33 ksi and tensile strength, Fu=45 ksi for 43-mil (18-ga) or thinner and a minimum yield strength, Fy=50 ksi and tensile strength, Fu=65 ksi for 54 mil (16-ga) or thicker.
- Allowable loads are based on 54-mil (16-ga) 5400 Spazzer Bar with a minimum yield strength, Fy=50 ksi and tensile strength, Fu=65 ksi.
- Allowable loads are for the bridging connection only. The strength and serviceability of the framing members is the responsibility of the designer.
- Allowable loads may not be increased for wind or seismic load.
- Allowable loads are for use when using ASD design methodology. For LRFD loads, multiply ASD allowable loads by 1.6.
- Allowable brace loads are based on ultimate test loads divided by a safety factor. Serviceability limits are not considered. Brace stiffness requirements are detailed in AISI S100 Section D3.3.
- Axial brace stiffness values apply to both ASD and LRFD designs.
- Listed Spazzer Bar capacities are based on Spazzer Bar fully seated in the bottom of the stud knockout as shown in Figure-1.



Figure-1

Spazzer® 5400 Spacing & Bridging Bar - 16GA (SPZS-54) - Gross Properties															
Product Code	Design Thickness (in)	F _y (ksi)	Area (in ²)	I _x (in ⁴)	S _x (in ³)	R _x (in)	I _y (in ⁴)	S _y (in ³)	R _y (in)	Torsional Properties					
										Jx1000 (in ⁴)	C _w (in ⁶)	Y _o (in)	m (in)	R _o (in)	β
SPZS-54	0.0566	50	0.140	0.0032	0.0111	0.1511	0.0586	0.0518	0.6481	0.1491	4.70E-09	0.2616	-0.014	0.715	0.866

Spazzer® 5400 Spacing & Bridging Bar - 16GA (SPZS-54) - Net Properties															
Product Code	Design Thickness (in)	F _y (ksi)	Area (in ²)	I _x (in ⁴)	S _x (in ³)	R _x (in)	I _y (in ⁴)	S _y (in ³)	R _y (in)	Torsional Properties					
										Jx1000 (in ⁴)	C _w (in ⁶)	Y _o (in)	m (in)	R _o (in)	β
SPZS-54	0.0566	50	0.090	0.0009	0.0045	0.0981	0.0158	0.0215	0.4192	0.09621	2.88E-09	0.16889	0.093	0.462	0.867

Spazzer® 5400 (SPZS-54) - Allowable Member Strengths							
Product Code	M _a (F _y) (in-lbs)	M _a (12"o.c.) (in-lbs)	M _a (16"o.c.) (in-lbs)	M _a (24"o.c.) (in-lbs)	P _a (12"o.c.) (lbs)	P _a (16"o.c.) (lbs)	P _a (24"o.c.) (lbs)
SPZS-54	334	334	334	334	1362	1244	785

- Net section properties are based on section that excludes material from slot/notch.
- Member strengths analysis are based on AISI S100-12.



Spazzer® 5400 Spacing & Bridging Bar - 16GA (SPZS-54) - Maximum Bridging Distance (ft.)

Stud Spacing, in	Stud Section	Stud thickness, mils (ga.)	Lateral Stud Pressure (psf)									
			5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
12	362S162	33 (20)	8	8	8	8	7	5	5	4	4	---
		43 (18)	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	5	5	4
		54 (16)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	6
		68 (14)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7
	362S200	33 (20)	8	8	8	6	5	4	4	---	---	---
		43 (18)	8	8	8	8	6	5	4	4	---	---
		54 (16)	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	5	5	4
		68 (14)	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	6	5
	600S162	33 (20)	8	8	8	8	6	5	4	4	---	---
		43 (18)	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	5	5	4
		54 (16)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7
		68 (14)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
	600S200	33 (20)	8	8	8	6	5	4	---	---	---	---
		43 (18)	8	8	8	8	7	5	5	4	4	---
		54 (16)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	6
		68 (14)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	6
	800S162	43 (18)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	5
		54 (16)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
		68 (14)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
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Notes:

- Tabulated maximum bridging distances are for ASD lateral pressures.
- Tabulated maximum bridging distances are based on the tested connection strength.
- Studs must be checked for unbraced length separately.
- Lateral pressures shall be determined based on the load combinations of the applicable building code.
- For designs using 2009 IBC and earlier, wind pressures are at the working stress level and may be used directly.
- For designs using 2012 IBC and 2015 IBC, wind pressures are at the strength level and must be multiplied by 0.6 for ASD load combinations.

**Spazzer® 5400 Spacing & Bridging Bar - 16GA (SPZS-54) - Design Example****Example-1: Exterior Bearing-Wall Stud****Input**

- 2012 IBC (ASCE 7-10 & AISI S100-2012)
- 600S162-43 (33-ksi) studs at 16" o.c., 10 ft. tall
- Bracing at 5-ft o.c. (Mid-point bracing)
- Nominal axial stud strength, $P_n=5400$ lbs (2013 AISI Manual, Table III-8)
- Distance from shear center to mid-plane of web, $m=0.670$ -in (2013 AISI Manual, Table I-2)
- Wind Design Pressure = 20psf

Laterally-Loaded Stud Design

Design Load tributary to brace:

$$W=(0.6)(20\text{psf})(16"/12")(5\text{ft})=80\text{ lbs}$$

Note - IBC 2015 load combinations for ASD include a factor of 0.6 for wind loads.

Required flange force (AISI S100 Eq. D3.2.1-3)

$$P=1.5(m/d)W=1.5(0.67/6)80=10.05\text{ lbs}$$

Torsional Moment

$$M_z=P(d)=10.05(6)=60.3\text{ in-lbs}$$

Moment applied to bridging member

$$M_m=0.64(M_z)=0.64*60.3=38.6\text{ in-lbs}$$

(Note: For 0.64 factor, refer AISI Design Guide D110-07 for analysis of a five-span continuous beam that is loaded with equal support moments)

From Allowable Loads Table for 6-in deep 43-mil stud,

$$\text{Allowable Torsional Moment} = 365\text{ in-lbs} > 60.3\text{ in-lbs OK}$$

Check member strength from allowable strengths table for 16" o.c.

$$\text{Allowable moment} = 334\text{ in-lbs} > 38.6\text{ in-lbs OK}$$

Axially-Loaded Stud Design

Required brace strength (AISI S100 Eq. D3.3-1)

$$P=0.01(P_n)=0.01(5400)=54\text{ lbs.}$$

For ASD, divide by 1.5 (2012 AISI Cold-Formed Steel Design Manual, Pg. III-54)

$$(54)/(1.5)=36.0\text{ lbs.}$$

Required brace stiffness (AISI S100 Eq. D3.3-2)

$$\beta=2[4-(2/n)](P_n)/(L)=2[4-(2/1)](5400)/(60)=360\text{ lbs/in}$$

From Allowable Loads Table for 6-in deep 43-mil stud,

$$\text{Allowable brace strength} = 400\text{ lbs} > 54\text{ lbs. OK}$$

$$\text{Brace stiffness} = 2100\text{ lbs/in} > 360\text{ lbs/in. OK}$$

Combined-Loading Checks**Connection**

$$P_{br}/P_n + M_z/M_a \leq 1.0$$

$$=54/400 + 60.3/365 = 0.30 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$$

Bridging Member

$$\Omega_c P/P_n + \Omega_b M/M_n \leq 1.0$$

$$1.8*54/1413 + 1.67*38.6/558 = 0.184 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$$