Gusset plates and diagonal tension strapping components are used in combination to provide shear wall (racking restraint) for light-gauge, load-bearing framing under wind and seismic loads. Resisting uplift and shear forces, they are normally installed on both sides of the wall directly over the framing members.

**CAUTION:** Racking loads are first transferred to the roof or floor decking and then to the shear walls (X-bracing). The X-bracing then relies on a proper anchorage to the foundation to resist uplift and shear forces. In order for the system to function properly, the load path from the roof or floor deck to the shear walls to the foundation must be complete. This normally requires additional bracing, blocking, track and rim splices, drag struts, uplift anchors and heavy-duty foundations.

**STANDARD PRODUCT DIMENSIONS**

- 6” x 6”
- 6” x 12”
- 12” x 12”

Custom sizes, shapes, and gauges available.

**MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS**

- **Gauge:** 16 gauge (54mil)
- **Design Thickness:** 0.0566 inches
- **Gauge:** 14 gauge (68mil)
- **Design Thickness:** 0.0713 inches
- **Gauge:** 12 gauge (97mil)
- **Design Thickness:** 0.1017 inches

- **Coating:** G90
- **Yield Strength:** 50ksi
- **ASTM:** A653/A653M

**INSTALLATION**

Straps are positioned diagonally from the bottom track to the top track. In order to resist load in each direction, an X-configuration should be used. At a minimum, double studs are positioned at ends of the X-brace to serve as compression studs. Straps are either attached directly to the compression studs or are attached via gusset plates. Compression studs must be anchored to the foundation, normally with Simpson® uplift anchors. For multi-story construction, the uplift loads can be extremely high. It is recommended that the services of a qualified professional engineer be used to verify the applicability of the system selected.
GP-Series unpunched gusset plates are also used to facilitate connections between chord members for in-plane framing.

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G-Series™ Punched Gusset Plate

A multipurpose connector used for a variety of framing connections.

G-Series™ punched gusset plates come with multi-hole shapes for proper fastening to achieve desired performance. Used in a variety of framing connections—including roof framing, header framing and shear wall applications—the gusset plates eliminate angled cutting. Prepunched for easier, faster attachments, the gusset plates adapt to multiple configurations and varying construction tolerances.

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PRODUCT DIMENSIONS
6" x 8-1/2"

MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS
Gauge: 18 gauge (43mil)
Design Thickness: 0.0451 inches
Gauge: 16 gauge (54mil)
Design Thickness: 0.0566 inches
Gauge: 14 gauge (68mil)
Design Thickness: 0.0713 inches
Coating: G90
Yield Strength: 33ksi for 18 gauge
50ksi for 14 & 16 gauge
ASTM: A653/A653M

INSTALLATION
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Rigid Connections

G-Series™ PUNCHED GUSSET PLATES

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