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October 7th, 2012.

Mo Madani, Manager, Tech unit, FBC mo.madani@dbpr.state.fl.us

Joe Bigelow, Building Structural TAC, Joe.bigelow@dbpr.state.fl.us

Re: Simpson Approval # FL 11473 (Attachment A)

Dear Mo and Joe,

You have been copied of all the Email correspondence initiated by me with Ted Berman on 3/5/12. It has been almost 6 months and still my complaint of improper use of Titan screws in FL 11473 has not been resolved. Ted advised me on 9/28/12 to file a formal complaint with your office so that it can be placed on POC agenda for resolution.

FBC 2010 section 1716 describes test standards for joist hangers and connectors. Section 1716.1.2.1, sub section 4 states "The sum of the allowable design loads for nails or other fasteners utilized to secure joist hanger to the wood members and allowable bearing loads that contribute to the capacity of the hanger."

It has been my understanding that **design load = ultimate load/3** from tests is compared with wood fastener capacity per NDS 2005 standard for the portion of the strap attached to wood and for the portion of the strap attached to concrete masonry, it is compared to Simpson published data for titan concrete screws. (See attachment B). The published data says that in order to use full shear capacity of 250 lbs, critical spacing has to be 3", meaning that if reduced spacing is used, shear capacity should be proportionately reduced. In FL 11473, 1" spacing was used and still full shear value of 250 lbs. was used instead of reducing it to 250/3= 83.33 lbs. With 4 ¹/₄" titan screws, connector capacity should have been 83.33X4=333 lbs. instead of assigned value of 875 lbs. or 755 lbs. for MTSM 16 and 20. Same argument applies to other connectors shown on table 1 of FL 11473.

Just as nail values for attachment to wood are required to be used per NDS which is based on multitude of tests for nails and other wood fasteners, similarly values for concrete fasteners should also be required to be used based on manufacturers published data based on multitude of tests. Simpson's argument that for concrete fasteners, they would ignore their own published data and use **loads as tested** for MTSM 16 and 20 based on three meager tests, should not be acceptable. This may not have been clearly addressed in FBC 2010, but nevertheless becomes necessary to be enforced.





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I consulted with Jaime Gascon, Miami-Dade Product Control Section Supervisor and he agrees with me. See his attached Email reply of 7/11/12. (Attachment C). For similar straps of my client NuVue Industries of Miami, FL., we were required by Miami-Dade to use ITW's Published data and product approval issued for Tapcon concrete screws requiring reduced values for reduced spacing. (Attachment D). Tapcons are very similar to Simpson's Titans. Miami-Dade has issued a product approval for Tapcons describing full and reduced values for reduced spacing and edge distance. (See attachment D). I am not sure if a Product approval has been issued for Titans.

I would like to address Simpson's argument to use **loads as tested** for Titans fastened to concrete masonry instead of of their own Published data. I agree with Jaime Gascon's response (**Attachment C**) in his second paragraph that loads as tested will be ok for straps embedded in concrete but not for straps attached to concrete masonry with Titan concrete screws.

I sincerely hope that POC will consider my request and take an appropriate action.

Sincerely Yours, No. 12847 Vipin N. Tolat, P.E. CC: Ted Berman, P.E. Jaime Gascon, P.E. Miami-Dade, Nu



Florida Building Code, Residential 2007 Edition

R101.2.1	Scope
R4407	HVHZ Masonry
R4408	HVHZ Steel
R4409	HVHZ Wood

11. ALLOWABLE LOADS:

The tables that follow reference the allowable loads for the aforementioned products.

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	Model		Longth	F	asteners	de se sé de 1 - se se se 16 de se se	Allowable U (16		17 1bs
	No.	Ga	Length (in.)	Truss/Rafter	CMU (Titen)	Concrete (Titen)	Southern Pine/Douglas Fir- Larch	Sprace-Pine-Fir	
>	MTSM16	16	16	7-10d	4-1/4×21/4	4-1/4×13/4	875	(755)	
>	MTSM20	16	20	7-10d	4-1/4×21/4	4-1/4×13/4	(875)	755	
	HTSM16	14	16	8-10d	4-1/4×21/4	4-1/4×13/4	1475	1010	
	HTSM20	14	20	10-10d	4-1/4×21/4	4-1/4×13/4	1175	1010	
	HM9 ²	18	-	4-SDS1/4X11/2	5-1/4×21/4	5-1/4×13/4	805	690	
	HGAM10 ^{3,6}	14	*	4-SDS1/4X11/2	4-1/4×21/4	4-1/4×21/4	850	850	

Notes: 1 Loads include a 60% load duration increase on the fastener capacity for wind loading where allowed by the Florida Building Code. Loads do not include a stress increase on the strength of the steel. No further increases are permitted. Reduce

loads where other loads govern. HM9 allowable F1 load shall be 635 lbs (DFL/SYP) & 545 lbs (SFP), and allowable F2 load shall be 200 lbs (DFL/SYP) & 2 170 lbs (SPF).

HGAM10 allowable F1 load shall be 1005 lbs (DFL/SYP) & 870 lbs (SFP), and allowable F2 load shall be 1105 lbs 3 (DFL/SYP) & 950 lbs (SPF)

Allowable loads for the HGAM10 are for one connector. A minimum rafter thickness of 2 ½" must be used when framing anchors are installed on each side of the joist or truss. 4.

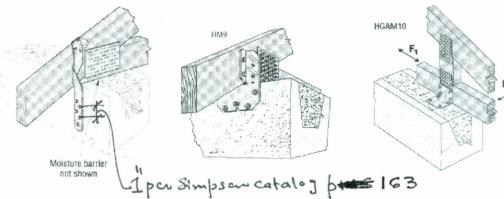


Figure 1 Typical MTSMM/HTSM Application

Figure 2 Typical HM9 Installation

Figure 3 Typical HGAM10 Installation

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Simpson Strong-Tie

Masonry Connectors

MTSM/HTSM Twist Straps

The MTSM and HTSM offer high strength truss to masonry connections.

MATERIAL: MTSM-16 gauge; HTSM-14 gauge FINISH: Galvanized. See Corrosion Information, page 18-19.

INSTALLATION:

- · Use all specified fasteners. See General Notes.
- · Installs with hex head Titen® screws.
- · Attach to either side of grouted concrete block
- with a minimum one #5 rebar horizontal.

CODES: See page 20 for Code Reference Key Chart.

Model .		Fastener	\$ ²	DF/SP Allowable Uplift Loads ¹		The second s	F/HF Uplift Loads¹	Allowabl Loads (DF/	Code					
No.	No.	L	L	L	Truss	СМИ	Concrete	10d (160)	10dx1½ (160)	10d (160)	10dx1½ (160)	F1 (160)	F2 (160)	Ref.
MTSM16	16	7-10d	4-1/4x21/4 Titen	4-1/4x13/4 Titen		860	750	750	(100)	(100)				
MTSM20	20	7-10d	4-1/4x21/4Titen	4-1/4x13/4 Titen	860	860	750	750	0058	0.08	507			
HTSM16	16	8-10d	4-1/4x21/4 Titen	4-1/4x13/4 Titen	1175	1175	1020	1020	2358 908	F27				
HTSM20	20	10-10d	4-1/4x21/4Titen	4-1/4x13/4Titen	1175	1175	1020	1020						

Loads have been increased for wind or earthquake loading with no further increase allowed. Reduce where other loads govern.
 Twist straps do not have to be wrapped over the truss to achieve the allowable load.

Minimum edge distance for Titen screw is 11/2". See page 155 for Titen screw information. 3

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Table allowable loads were determined using test ultimate/3 or fastener calculation values. Products shall be installed such that the Titen screws are not exposed to the weather. Minimum $f'_m = 1500 \text{ psi}$ and $f'_c = 2500 \text{ psi}$. 6.

- 8. Lateral loads apply when on the wall side Titen screws are installed into the first four hexagonal holes from the bend line and on
- the truss/rafter the first seven nail holes near the bend line are filled. Any other fasteners required can be installed in any open hole. **NAILS:** 10d = 0.148" dia. x 3" long, $10dx1\frac{1}{2} = 0.148$ " dia. x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " long. See page 24-25 for other nail sizes and information. 9

MGT/HGT Girder Tiedowns

The MGT and HGT series are girder tie downs for moderate to high load applications that are typically installed prior to roof sheathing. The MGT wraps over the heel and is anchored on one side of the truss. The HGT straddles the heel and anchors on both sides of the truss. The HGT is field adjustable, making it suitable for trusses with top chord slopes up to 8/12. The HGT is available in sizes for 2-, 3- and 4-ply widths.

MATERIAL: MGT-12 gauge; HGT-7 gauge

FINISH: MGT-Galvanized; HGT-Simpson Strong-Tie® gray paint INSTALLATION: • Use all specified fasteners. See General Notes.

- . When the HGT-3 is used with a 2-ply girder or beam, shimming is required and must be fastened to act as one unit.
- Attach to grouted concrete block with a minimum one #5 rebar
- horizontal in the top lintel block.

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· See page 178 for wood applications.

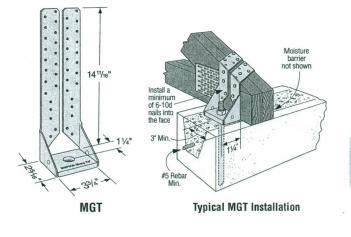
CODES: See page 20 for Code Reference Key Chart.

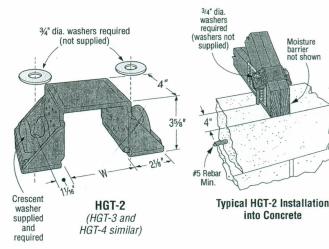
Model .		0.C. Dim	Fasten	ers	*DF/SP Allowable	SPF/HF Allowable	Code
No.	W	Between Anchors	Concrete/ CMU	Girder		Uplift Loads (160)	
MGT	3¾		1-5/8	22-10d	3965	3330	F26
HGT-2	35/16	5¾	2-3⁄4	16-10d	10980	6485	
HGT-3	415/16	73/8	2-3⁄4	16-10d	10530	9035	I20, F19
HGT-4	6%16	9	2-3/4	16-10d	9250	9250	115

1. Attached members must be designed to resist applied loads.

Minimum $f'_m = 1500$ psi and $f'_c = 2500$ psi.

- 3. To achieve the loads listed for the MGT and HGT, anchorage into a 8" wide concrete tie-beam or grouted and reinforced CMU tie-beam can be made using Simpson Strong-Tie® SET Epoxy-Tie® adhesive with a minimum embedment depth of 12". Vertical reinforcement may be required to transfer the loads per Designer
- 4. Allowable loads have been increased for wind or earthquake loading with no further increase allowed; reduce where other loads govern.
- 5. The MGT can be installed with straps vertical for full table load provided all specified nails are installed to either a solid header or minimum double 2x6 web
- 6. Table allowable loads were determined using tested lowest ultimate/3 or fastener calculation values
- 7. NAILS: 10d = 0.148" dia. x 3" long. See page 24-25 for other nail sizes and information.





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Masonry Connectors

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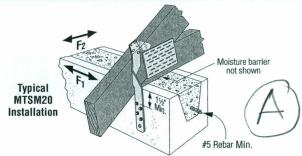
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Titen[®] Concrete and Masonry Screws

Titen® screws are 3/16" and 1/4" diameter hardened screws for attaching all types of components to concrete and masonry. Available in hex and phillips head designs in three colors. Use with appropriately sized Titen drill bits included with each box.

Warning: Industry studies show that hardened fasteners can experience performance problems in wet or corrosive environments. Accordingly, use these products in dry, interior and non-corrosive environments only.

MATERIAL: Heat-treated carbon steel

FINISH: Zinc plated with a baked on ceramic coating

CODES: Florida FL 2355.1

INSTALLATION:

Caution: Industry studies show that hardened fasteners can experience 1 performance problems in wet or corrosive environments. Steps must be taken to prevent inadvertent sustained loads above the listed allowable loads. Overtightening and bending moments can initiate cracks detrimental to the hardened screw's performance. Use the Simpson Strong-Tie installation tool kit as it has a bit that is designed to reduce the potential for overtightening the screw.

Caution: Oversized holes in the base material will reduce or eliminate the 1 mechanical interlock of the threads with the base material and will reduce the anchor's load capacity.

- · Drill a hole in the base material using the appropriate diameter carbide drill bit as specified in the table. Drill the hole to the specified embedment depth plus 1/2" to allow the thread tapping dust to settle and blow it clean using compressed air. Overhead installations need not be blown clean. Alternatively, drill the hole deep enough to accommodate embedment depth and dust from drilling and tapping.
- Position fixture, insert screw and tighten using drill and installation tool fitted with a hex socket or phillips bit.

Preservative-treated wood applications: Suitable for use in non-ammonia formulations of CCA, ACQ-C, ACQ-D, CA-B, SBX/DOT and zinc borate. Use in dry, interior environments only. Use caution not to damage ceramic barrier coating during installation. Recommendations are based on testing and experience at time of publication and may change. Simpson Strong-Tie cannot provide estimates on service life of screws. Contact Simpson Strong-Tie for additional information.

Titen® Tension and Shear Load Values in Normal-Weight Concrete

Titen Dia. in. (mm)	Drill Bit Dia. in.	Embed. Depth in. (mm)	Critical	Critical		Tensio	Shear Load			
			Spacing in.	Edge Dist.		000 psi a) Concrete	CALCERSON CONTRACT OF THE ME	000 psi a) Concrete	f ^r c ≥ 2000 psi (13.8 MPa) Concrete	
			(mm)	in. (mm)	Ultimate Ibs. (kN)	Allowable lbs. (kN)	Ultimate Ibs. (kN)	Allowable Ibs. (kN)	Ultimate lbs. (kN)	Allowable Ibs. (kN)
³ /16 (4.8)	5⁄32	1 (25.4)	2 ¹ ⁄ ₄ (57.2)	1 1/8 (28.6)	500 (2.2)	125 (0.6)	640 (2.8)	160 (0.7)	1,020 (4.5)	255 (1.1)
³ /16 (4.8)	5/32	1 ¹ / ₂ (38.1)	2 ¹ ⁄ ₄ (57.2)	11/8 (28.6)	1,220 (5.4)	305 (1.4)	1,850 (8.2)	460 (2.0)	1,670 (7.4)	400 (1.8)
1⁄4 (6.4)	3⁄16	1 (25.4)	3 (76.2)	1½ (38.1)	580 (2.6)	145 (0.6)	726 (3.2)	180 (0.8)	900 (4.0)	225 (1.0)
1⁄4 (6.4)	3⁄16	1½ (38.1)	3 (76.2)	1½ (38.1)	1,460 (6.5)	365 (1.6)	2,006 (8.9)	500 (2.2)	1,600 (7.1)	400 (1.8)

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1. Maximum anchor embedment is 1 1/2" (38.1 mm).

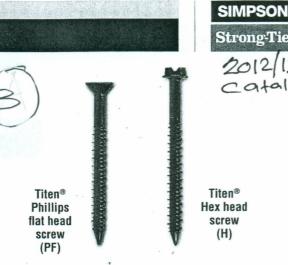
2. Concrete must be minimum 1.5 x embedment.

Titen® Tension and Shear Load Values in Face Shell of Hollow and Grout-Filled CMU

Titen Dia.	Drill Bit Dia.	Embed. Depth in.	Critical Spacing	BR. dt Mr. t. ht ht ht							
in.	in.		in.	Dist.	Tension Load Shear Load				icons		
(mm)		(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	Avg. Ult. Ibs. (kN)	Allow. Ibs. (kN)	Avg. Ult. Ibs. (kN)	Allow. Ibs. (kN)			
³ /16 (4.8)	5/32	1 (25.4)	2 ¹ ⁄ ₄ (57.2)	1 ½ (28.6)	542 (2.4)	110 (0.5)	1,016 (4.5)	205 (0.9)			
(6.4)	3/16	1 (25.4)	(76.2)	1 ½ (38.1)	740 (3.3)	150 (0.7)	1,242 (5.5)	(1.1)	~		

The tabulated allowable loads are based on a safety factor of 5.0 for installations under the IBC and IRC.

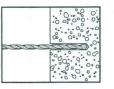
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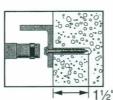


Titen® Hex head screw (H)

Installation Sequence



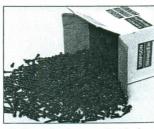




11/2" max



Titen[®] Phillips head screw available in white and standard blue.



Bulk packaging available for large-volume applications

Vipin Tolat

From: Sent: To: Subject: Gascon, Jaime (RER) <Gascon@miamidade.gov> Wednesday, July 11, 2012 11:51 AM Vipin Tolat RE: Vipin Complaint FL11473.20

Vipin,

Based on the published rating for the ¼" Titen Screws in CMU at 3" o.c., the overall capacity of 4 screws at 1"centers would be drastically overstressed; 333.3 lbs. allowable shear for four screws vs. approved allowable uplift load for strap of 755 lbs. Based on the approved table Note 1 indicates to "Reduce loads where other loads govern." Therefore, I would reduce accordingly, but I agree with you that the loads as stated are misleading.

Further, an argument to use "loads as tested" into a concrete substrate would be O.K. if the strap were embedded in the concrete. In this case it is not; it is fastened with Titen screws at a spacing less than that needed for full load rating of the screws' published literature. Screw capacity should have been checked; we do for our approvals and limit loads accordingly.

Regards,

Jaime D. Gascon, P.E.

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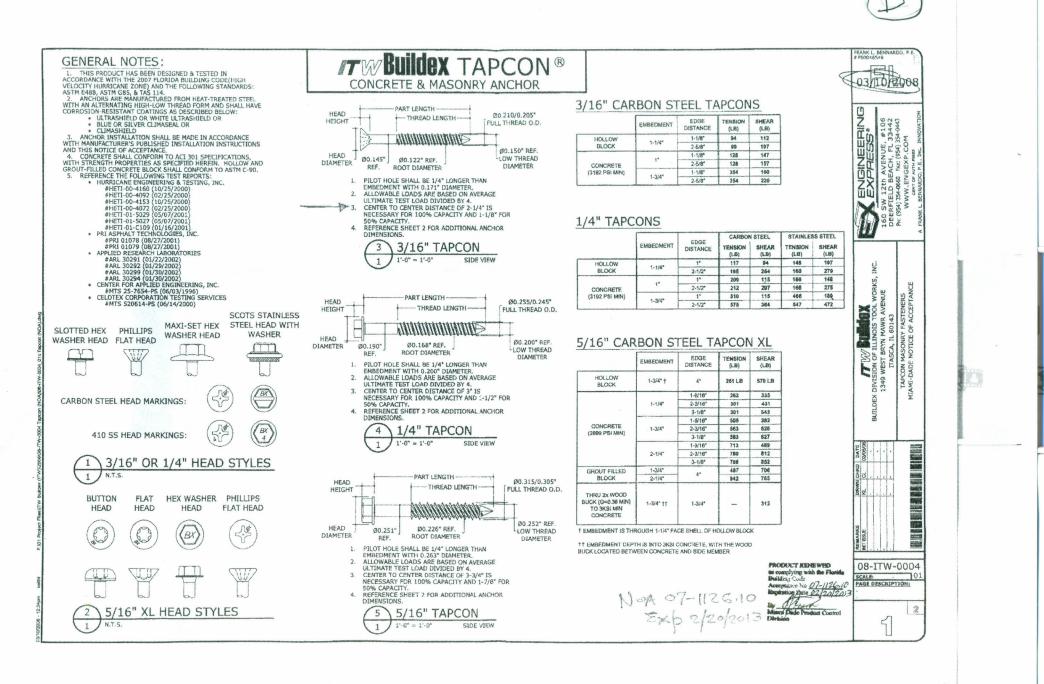
Jaime,

This is the response from Simpson with which I totally disagree. I need your comments. Thanks.

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From: Ted Berman, P.E. [mailto:ted@tedbermanllc.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 8:25 AM
To: Vipin Tolat
Cc: Mo Madani; Suzanne Davis; TBA
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