



## Report of Materials and Equipment Acceptance Division

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Pursuant to Administrative Code Section 27-131, the following equipment or material has been found acceptable for use subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

### MEA 56-08-M

**Manufacturer:** Marino/WARE  
400 Metuchen Road  
South Plainfield, N.J. 07080

**Trade Name(s):** ViperStud Metal Studs and Track

**Product:** One- and two-hour fire-rated wall assemblies

**Pertinent Code Section(s):** 27-331, 27-332, 27-339, 27-240

**Prescribed Test(s):** RS 5-2 (ASTM E119), UL 263

**Laboratory:** Intertek Testing Services

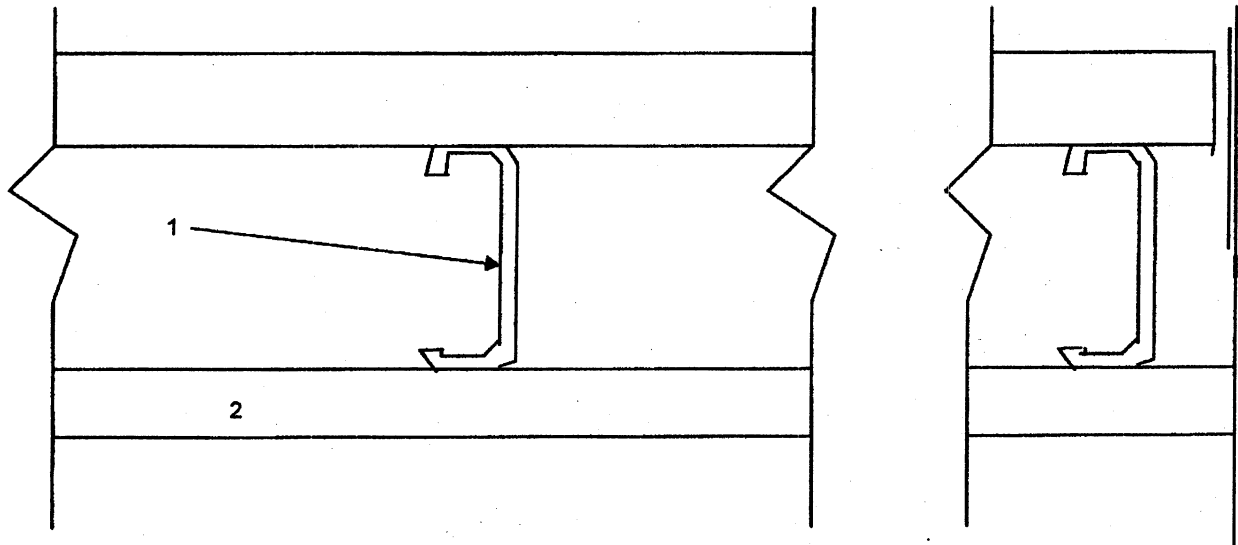
**Test Report(s):** Intertek Nos. 3133371 and 3137105

**Description:** The ViperStud system is composed of viper studs in two metal thicknesses (0.0155 inches & 0.0245 inches design thickness) with one thickness ViperTrack (0.0155 inches design thickness) compatible with either stud thickness. The ViperStud System wall sections were fire tested and achieved 1- and 2-hour ratings. The Viper products are also compatible with conventional related products. The unique features of the ViperStud System include ribbed flange and web, 100% hemmed ViperTrack, improved screw retention, 100% flat steel, and one thickness track system. The ViperStud System has been tested per ASTM E119, C645, C754 and E72. The assemblies should be constructed with manufacturer instructions and following the Intertek Design, No. **MW/WA 60-04** and **MW/WA 120-04**.

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**MARINOWARE**  
**Design No. MW/WA 60-04**  
**ASSEMBLY RATING: 1 HOUR WALL ASSEMBLY**  
**NON-LOAD BEARING**

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**CERTIFIED MANUFACTURER:**  
**MARINOWARE**

**CERTIFIED PRODUCT:** VIPERSTUD Steel Stud Non Load Bearing Wall Assembly

**MODEL:**

1. Non-load bearing wall assembly with minimum VIPERSTUD25™ 3 5/8", 4", or 6" width (0.0155" design thickness) ASTM A653 SS Grade 50 located at 24" O.C. Studs are friction fit into 0.0155" design thickness ASTM A653 SS Grade 50 VIPERTRACK™ steel starter channel.

2. One layer of regular 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard\* on exterior and interior faces (\*See

below for details on wallboard). The wallboard is oriented vertically, and is mechanically fastened with No. 6 x 1-1/4" Type "S" Drywall screws at 8" OC around perimeter of wall board to VIPERSTUD and VIPERTRACK, and at 12" OC along studs located across interior of wall board. No screws penetrated VIPERTRACK to VIPERSTUD as this is an expansion system.

3 (Not Shown). Wallboard joints and screw heads finished with Industry Standard Compound, approximately 1/4" bead.

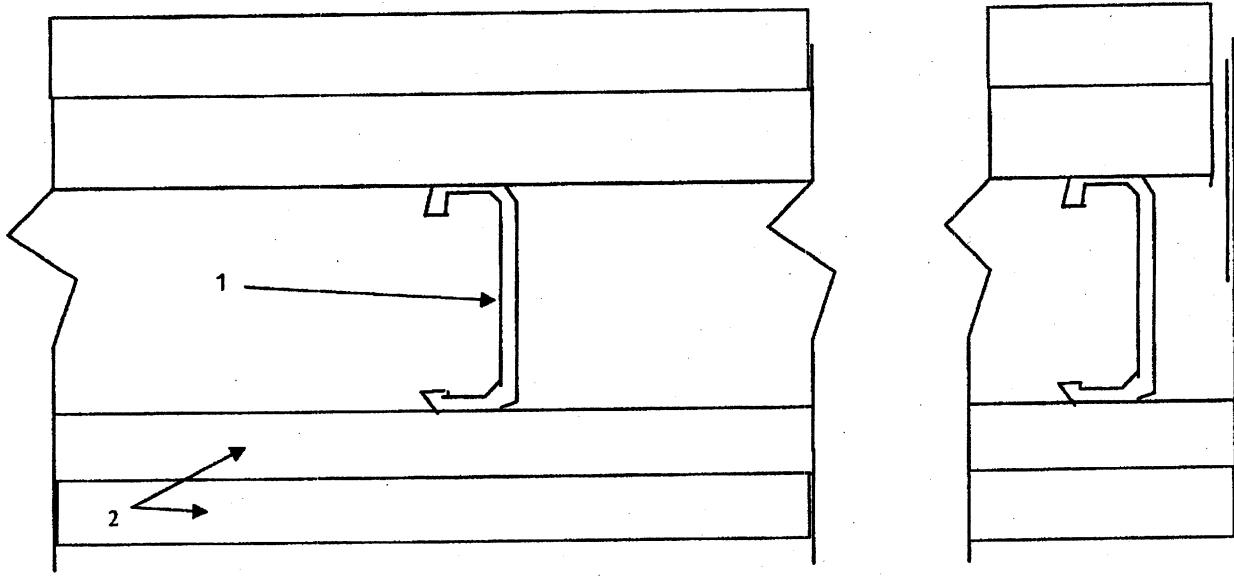
4 (Not Shown). Joints taped with industry standard 1/16" Joint Tape.

\* Regular 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard denotes any manufacturer that produces gypsum wallboard in accordance with ASTM C36 / C1396. These manufacturers are currently defined as, but not limited to: American Gypsum, CertainTeed Gypsum, CGC Inc., Federal Gypsum Company, GP Gypsum, Lafarge North America, National Gypsum Co., PABCO Gypsum, Temple-Inland and United States Gypsum and listed as active members of the Gypsum Association.

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**MARINOWARE**  
**Design No. MW/WA 120-04**  
**ASSEMBLY RATING: 2 HOUR WALL ASSEMBLY**  
**NON-LOAD BEARING**

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**CERTIFIED MANUFACTURER:**  
**MARINOWARE**

**CERTIFIED PRODUCT:** VIPERSTUD Steel  
Stud Non Load Bearing Wall Assembly

**MODEL:**

1. Non-load bearing wall assembly using minimum VIPERSTUD25™ 1 5/8", 2 1/2", 3 5/8", 4", or 6" depth (0.0155" design thickness) ASTM A653 SS Grade 50 steel studs located at 24" O.C. Studs are friction fit into 0.0155" design thickness ASTM A653 SS Grade 50 VIPERTRACK™ steel starter channel.

2. Two layers of regular 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard are placed on the exterior and

interior side (\*See below for details on wallboard). The wallboard is oriented vertically, with staggered seams. The base layer is mechanically fastened with No. 6 x 1" Type "S" Drywall screws at 8" OC around perimeter of wall board to studs, and at 12" OC along studs located across interior of wall board. The face layer is fastened with No. 6 x 1-5/8" Type S Drywall Screws following the same fastening pattern. No screws penetrated VIPERTRACK to VIPERSTUD as this is an expansion system.

3 (Not Shown). Wallboard joints and screw heads finished with industry standard compound, approximately 1/4" bead.

4 (Not Shown). Joints taped with industry standard 1/16" Joint Tape.

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**Terms and Conditions:** The above-described fire-rated wall assembled designs are accepted as having the fire-resistance ratings as indicated, when used where combustible or non-combustible construction is required in accordance with the New York City Building code under the following conditions:

1. This acceptance does not include structural adequacy or wall design which must be checked by a professional engineer or registered architect for particular structure for compliance with New York City Building Code.
2. Installation shall comply with New York City Building Code and Intertek Testing Services fire-resistance rating as specified above.
3. All shipments and deliveries of such material shall be provided with a certificate or label certifying that the material shipped or delivered are equivalent to that tested and accepted for use as provided for in Section 27-131 of the New York City Building Code.

NOTE: In accordance with Section 27-131(d), all materials tested and accepted for use shall be subject to periodic retesting as determined by the Commissioner; and any material which upon retesting is found not to comply with Code requirements or the requirements set forth in the approval of the Commissioner shall cease to be acceptable for the use intended. During the period for such retesting, the Commissioner may require the use of such material to be restricted or discontinued if necessary to secure safety.

Final Acceptance March 31, 2008

Examined By Susan Derkudam