

U-Channel

U-Channel is used in many common bridging and bracing applications. U-channel is available in 54 mil (16ga.) steel with 1/2" legs. Standard widths are 3/4", 1-1/2", 2" and 2-1/2".

Designation

Industry standard nomenclature is used to identify MBA's products. The Steel Framing Industry Association has established standard designation codes for U-Channel. In each case, the identification starts with the measurement of the width of the member, followed by a letter (U = Channel Sections) followed by the flange dimension. A hyphen is used to separate all of this from the thickness of the metal.

Member Depth:

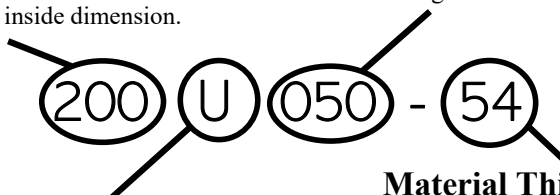
(Example: 2" = 200 x 1/100 inches)

All member depths are taken in 1/100 inches. For all "T" sections member depth is the inside to inside dimension.

Flange Width:

(Example: 1/2" = 0.50" = 050 x 1/100 inches)

All flange widths are taken in 1/100 inches.



Style:

(Example: Channel Section = U)

The alpha character utilized by the designation system is:

U = Channel Sections

Material Thickness:

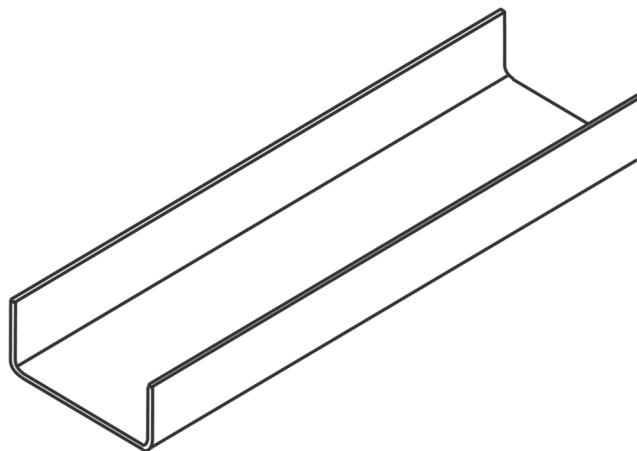
(Example: 0.054 in. = 54 mils; 1 mil = 1/1000 in.)

Material thickness is the minimum base metal thickness in mils.

Minimum base metal thickness represents 95% of the design thickness.

Steel Thickness

Mils	Gauge	Thickness (in)	
		Design	Minimum ¹
54	16	0.0566	0.0538



¹ Minimum Thickness represents 95% of the design thickness and is the minimum acceptable thickness delivered to the job site based on AISI S100-16/S2-20.

General Notes

1. Calculated properties are based on AISI S100-16/S2-20, "North American Specification for Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members."
2. Structural framing members have a protective coating conforming to ASTM C 955.
3. Reference ASTM specification A 1003/A 1003 M table 1 for the universe of allowable coatings for light gauge steel framing.
4. All delivered material must be kept dry, preferably by being stored inside a building under a roof. If it is necessary to store material outside, it must be stacked off the ground, properly supported on a level platform, and fully protected from the weather. Reference ASTM C 754 section 8 and ASTM C 1007 section 4.

LEED Green Building Credits

MR Credit 2: Construction Waste Management – MBA steel framing is 100% recyclable.

MR Credit 4: Recycled Content – MBA steel framing is formed from no less than 25.5% post-consumer and 6.8% pre-consumer recycled content.

MR Credit 5: Regional Materials – MBA has manufacturing facilities in multiple states.

Channel Properties

U-Channel Section Properties

Section	Design Thickness (in)	Gross Properties					Effective Properties ³ (33ksi)			
		Area (in ²)	I _x (in ⁴)	R _x (in)	I _y (in ⁴)	R _y (in)	I _x ² (in ⁴)	S _x (in ³)	Ma (in-k)	V _a (lb)
075U50-54	0.0566	0.087	0.007	0.288	0.002	0.155	0.007	0.019	0.45	315
150U50-54	0.0566	0.129	0.039	0.547	0.003	0.144	0.039	0.052	1.22	840
200U50-54	0.0566	0.157	0.079	0.709	0.003	0.136	0.079	0.079	1.87	1190
250U50-54	0.0566	0.186	0.139	0.866	0.003	0.128	0.139	0.111	2.64	1540

¹ Minimum base metal thickness is 95% of design thickness.

² Moment of inertia given is for deflection calculations.

³ Effective properties are given as the minimum value for positive or negative bending.

U-Channel Allowable Ceiling Spans L/360

Section	Spans	4 psf					6 psf					13 psf					15 psf				
		Channel Spacing (in) o.c.					Channel Spacing (in) o.c.					Channel Spacing (in) o.c.					Channel Spacing (in) o.c.				
		24	36	48	60	72	24	36	48	60	72	24	36	48	60	72	24	36	48	60	72
075U50-54	Single	3' 5"	3' 0"	2' 9"	2' 6"	2' 4"	3' 0"	2' 7"	2' 4"	2' 2"	2' 1"	2' 4"	2' 0"	1' 10"	1' 8"	1' 7"	2' 2"	1' 11"	1' 9"	1' 7"	1' 6"
	Multiple	4' 2"	3' 8"	3' 4"	3' 1"	2' 11"	3' 8"	3' 2"	2' 11"	2' 8"	2' 7"	2' 10"	2' 6"	2' 3"	2' 1"	1' 11"	2' 8"	2' 4"	2' 2"	2' 0"	1' 9"
150U50-54	Single	5' 6"	4' 10"	4' 5"	4' 1"	3' 10"	4' 10"	4' 3"	3' 10"	3' 7"	3' 5"	3' 9"	3' 4"	3' 0"	2' 9"	2' 7"	3' 7"	3' 2"	2' 10"	2' 7"	2' 5"
	Multiple	7' 1"	6' 2"	5' 8"	5' 3"	4' 11"	6' 2"	5' 5"	4' 11"	4' 7"	4' 4"	4' 10"	4' 2"	3' 9"	3' 4"	3' 0"	4' 7"	4' 0"	3' 6"	3' 1"	2' 9"
200U50-54	Single	5' 10"	5' 1"	4' 8"	4' 4"	4' 1"	5' 1"	4' 6"	4' 1"	3' 10"	3' 7"	4' 0"	3' 6"	3' 2"	3' 0"	2' 10"	3' 10"	3' 4"	3' 1"	2' 10"	2' 8"
	Multiple	7' 5"	6' 6"	5' 11"	5' 6"	5' 2"	6' 6"	5' 8"	5' 2"	4' 10"	4' 7"	5' 1"	4' 5"	4' 0"	3' 9"	3' 6"	4' 10"	4' 3"	3' 10"	3' 7"	3' 2"
250U50-54	Single	6' 1"	5' 4"	4' 10"	4' 6"	4' 3"	5' 4"	4' 8"	4' 3"	4' 0"	3' 9"	4' 2"	3' 8"	3' 4"	3' 1"	2' 11"	4' 0"	3' 6"	3' 2"	3' 0"	2' 10"
	Multiple	7' 9"	6' 9"	6' 2"	5' 9"	5' 5"	6' 9"	5' 11"	5' 5"	5' 0"	4' 9"	5' 3"	4' 7"	4' 3"	3' 11"	3' 9"	5' 0"	4' 5"	4' 0"	3' 9"	3' 7"

U-Channel Allowable Ceiling Spans L/240

Section	Spans	4 psf					6 psf					13 psf					15 psf				
		Channel Spacing (in) o.c.					Channel Spacing (in) o.c.					Channel Spacing (in) o.c.					Channel Spacing (in) o.c.				
		24	36	48	60	72	24	36	48	60	72	24	36	48	60	72	24	36	48	60	72
075U50-54	Single	3' 11"	3' 5"	3' 1"	2' 11"	2' 9"	3' 5"	3' 0"	2' 9"	2' 6"	2' 4"	2' 8"	2' 4"	2' 1"	1' 11"	1' 9"	2' 6"	2' 2"	2' 0"	1' 10"	1' 8"
	Multiple	4' 10"	4' 2"	3' 10"	3' 7"	3' 4"	4' 2"	3' 8"	3' 4"	3' 1"	2' 10"	3' 3"	2' 9"	2' 4"	2' 1"	1' 11"	3' 1"	2' 7"	2' 2"	2' 0"	1' 9"
150U50-54	Single	5' 6"	4' 10"	4' 5"	4' 1"	3' 10"	4' 10"	4' 3"	3' 10"	3' 7"	3' 5"	3' 9"	3' 4"	3' 0"	2' 9"	2' 7"	3' 7"	3' 2"	2' 10"	2' 7"	2' 5"
	Multiple	7' 1"	6' 2"	5' 8"	5' 3"	4' 11"	6' 2"	5' 5"	4' 11"	4' 7"	4' 4"	4' 10"	4' 2"	3' 9"	3' 4"	3' 0"	4' 7"	4' 0"	3' 6"	3' 1"	2' 9"
200U50-54	Single	5' 10"	5' 1"	4' 8"	4' 4"	4' 1"	5' 1"	4' 6"	4' 1"	3' 10"	3' 7"	4' 0"	3' 6"	3' 2"	3' 0"	2' 10"	3' 10"	3' 4"	3' 1"	2' 10"	2' 8"
	Multiple	7' 5"	6' 6"	5' 11"	5' 6"	5' 2"	6' 6"	5' 8"	5' 2"	4' 10"	4' 7"	5' 1"	4' 5"	4' 0"	3' 9"	3' 6"	4' 10"	4' 3"	3' 10"	3' 7"	3' 2"
250U50-54	Single	6' 1"	5' 4"	4' 10"	4' 6"	4' 3"	5' 4"	4' 8"	4' 3"	4' 0"	3' 9"	4' 2"	3' 8"	3' 4"	3' 1"	2' 11"	4' 0"	3' 6"	3' 2"	3' 0"	2' 10"
	Multiple	7' 9"	6' 9"	6' 2"	5' 9"	5' 5"	6' 9"	5' 11"	5' 5"	5' 0"	4' 9"	5' 3"	4' 7"	4' 3"	3' 11"	3' 9"	5' 0"	4' 5"	4' 0"	3' 9"	3' 7"

U-Channel Allowable Ceiling Spans L/120

Section	Spans	4 psf					6 psf					13 psf					15 psf				
		Channel Spacing (in) o.c.					Channel Spacing (in) o.c.					Channel Spacing (in) o.c.					Channel Spacing (in) o.c.				
		24	36	48	60	72	24	36	48	60	72	24	36	48	60	72	24	36	48	60	72
075U50-54	Single	4' 10"	4' 1"	3' 7"	3' 3"	3' 0"	4' 1"	3' 5"	3' 0"	2' 9"	2' 6"	2' 11"	2' 5"	2' 2"	1' 11"	1' 9"	2' 9"	2' 4"	2' 0"	1' 10"	1' 8"
	Multiple	5' 5"	4' 6"	4' 2"	3' 10"	3' 5"	4' 6"	3' 11"	3' 5"	3' 2"	2' 11"	3' 5"	2' 9"	2' 4"	2' 1"	1' 11"	3' 1"	2' 7"	2' 2"	2' 0"	1' 9"
150U50-54	Single	5' 6"	4' 10"	4' 5"	4' 1"	3' 10"	4' 10"	4' 3"	3' 10"	3' 7"	3' 5"	3' 9"	3' 4"	3' 0"	2' 9"	2' 7"	3' 7"	3' 2"	2' 10"	2' 7"	2' 5"
	Multiple	7' 1"	6' 2"	5' 8"	5' 3"	4' 11"	6' 2"	5' 5"	4' 11"	4' 7"	4' 4"	4' 10"	4' 2"	3' 9"	3' 4"	3' 0"	4' 7"	4' 0"	3' 6"	3' 1"	2' 9"
200U50-54	Single	5' 10"	5' 1"	4' 8"	4' 4"	4' 1"	5' 1"	4' 6"	4' 1"	3' 10"	3' 7"	4' 0"	3' 6"	3' 2"	3' 0"	2' 10"	3' 10"	3' 4"	3' 1"	2' 10"	2' 8"
	Multiple	7' 5"	6' 6"	5' 11"	5' 6"	5' 2"	6' 6"	5' 8"	5' 2"	4' 10"	4' 7"	5' 1"	4' 5"	4' 0"	3' 9"	3' 6"	4' 10"	4' 3"	3' 10"	3' 7"	3' 2"
250U50-54	Single	6' 1"	5' 4"	4' 10"	4' 6"	4' 3"	5' 4"	4' 8"	4' 3"	4' 0"	3' 9"	4' 2"	3' 8"	3' 4"	3' 1"	2' 11"	4' 0"	3' 6"	3' 2"	3' 0"	2' 10"
	Multiple	7' 9"	6' 9"	6' 2"	5' 9"	5' 5"	6' 9"	5' 11"	5' 5"	5' 0"	4' 9"	5' 3"	4' 7"	4' 3"	3' 11"	3' 9"	5' 0"	4' 5"	4' 0"	3' 9"	3' 7"