March 19, 2019

Re: Replacing LBV hangers with BA hangers

To Our Valued Customer:

Simpson Strong-Tie LBV top-flange hangers are being discontinued and will be phased out by June 2019, depending on the model. The BA hanger can replace every application of a stock-sized LBV as long as the same size hanger is used. In all cases, the BA capacity meets or exceeds the capacity of the LBV. The BA has six more face nails than the LBV and has a 3" seat bearing length compared to the LBV’s 2½" seat. In situations where not all of the BA face nails can be installed (e.g. 2x wood nailer), install the nails that are specified for the BA in that application in the Wood Construction Connectors catalog, C-C-2019, which will result in a connection capacity the same as or better than that of the LBV.

All BA hangers will function the same way. However, some will be manufactured as 14ga embossed steel and some will be 12ga steel. Both versions of the BA have the same load rating, same bearing length, and same nailing.

The information in this letter is valid until 9/30/2019 when it will be re-evaluated by Simpson Strong-Tie. Please visit strongtie.com for additional pertinent information. If you have questions or need further assistance regarding this matter, please contact the Simpson Strong-Tie engineering department at 800.999.5099.

Sincerely,

SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY INC.