

2021 Virginia Construction Code

CHAPTER 22 STEEL

SECTION 2211 COLD-FORMED STEEL LIGHT-FRAME CONSTRUCTION

2211.1 Structural framing.

For cold-formed steel *light-frame construction*, the design and installation of the following structural framing systems, including their members and connections, shall be in accordance with [AISI S240](#), and [Sections 2211.1.1](#) through [2211.1.3](#), as applicable:

1. Floor and roof systems.
2. Structural walls.
3. Shear walls, strap-braced walls and diaphragms that resist in-plane lateral loads.
4. Trusses.

2211.1.1 Seismic requirements for cold-formed steel structural systems.

The design of cold-formed steel *light-frame construction* to resist seismic forces shall be in accordance with the provisions of [Section 2211.1.1.1](#) or [2211.1.1.2](#), as applicable.

2211.1.1.1 Seismic Design Categories B and C.

Where a response modification coefficient, R , in accordance with [ASCE 7](#), Table 12.2-1 is used for the design of cold-formed steel *light-frame construction* assigned to *Seismic Design Category* B or C, the *seismic force-resisting system* shall be designed and detailed in accordance with the requirements of [AISI S400](#).

Exception: The response modification coefficient, R , designated for “Steel systems not specifically detailed for seismic resistance, excluding cantilever column systems” in [ASCE 7](#), Table 12.2-1, shall be permitted for systems designed and detailed in accordance with [AISI S240](#) and need not be designed and detailed in accordance with [AISI S400](#).

2211.1.1.2 Seismic Design Categories D through F.

In cold-formed steel *light-frame construction* assigned to *Seismic Design Category* D, E or F, the *seismic force-resisting system* shall be designed and detailed in accordance with [AISI S400](#).

2211.1.2 Prescriptive framing.

Detached one- and two-family *dwelling*s and *townhouses*, less than or equal to three *stories above grade plane*, shall be permitted to be constructed in accordance with [AISI S230](#) subject to the limitations therein.

2211.1.3 Truss design.

Cold-formed steel trusses shall comply with the additional provisions of [Sections 2211.1.3.1](#) through [2211.1.3.3](#).

2211.1.3.1 Truss design drawings.

The truss design drawings shall conform to the requirements of Section I1 of [AISI S202](#) and shall be provided with the shipment of trusses delivered to the job site. The truss design drawings shall include the details of permanent *individual truss member* restraint/bracing in accordance with Section I1.6 of [AISI S202](#) where these methods are utilized to provide restraint/bracing.

2211.1.3.2 Trusses spanning 60 feet or greater.

The owner or the owner's authorized agent shall contract with a *registered design professional* for the design of the temporary installation restraint/bracing and the permanent *individual truss member* restraint/bracing for trusses with clear spans 60 feet (18 288 mm) or greater. *Special inspection* of trusses over 60 feet (18 288 mm) in length shall be in accordance with [Section 1705.2](#).

2211.1.3.3 Truss quality assurance.

Trusses not part of a manufacturing process that provides requirements for quality control done under the supervision of a third-party quality control agency in accordance with [AISI S240](#) Chapter D shall be fabricated in compliance with [Sections 1704.2.5](#) and [1705.2](#), as applicable.

2211.2 Nonstructural members.

For cold-formed steel *light-frame construction*, the design and installation of nonstructural members and connections shall be in accordance with [AISI S220](#).