# **Section 1: Rod Stiffeners**

### **FUNCTIONS AND FEATURES**

Seismic Hanger Rod Stiffeners are designed to secure channel to hanger rod for vertical seismic bracing. In other words, they are used to prevent the buckling of the hanger rods under the compressive reaction loads during an earthquake. Buckling is very difficult to predict, and depends on many factors such as: hanger rod length, hanger rod size, the dead load carried by the hanger rod, the horizontal seismic forces applied to the pipe or duct, and the seismic restraint installation angle. Buckling occurs in long slender structural members under compressive load, and it occurs at loads far less than those required to yield the material in the structural member.

Rod stiffeners are required only on hanger and trapeze that have seismic bracing attached at or within 4" of the rod. A minimum of two rod stiffeners must be installed. Recommended torque is 8 ft.-lbs. or finger tight and one full turn with a wrench.

## **MATERIAL**

Carbon Steel (ASTM A1011)

## **THREADS**

Conforms to Unified Screw Thread(UNC) standard, ANSI B1.1, coarse series UNC Class 2

## **BOLT & SCREW**

Conforms to SAE J429 GR 2 (exceeds ASTM A307). Proof Load 55KSI, Tensile Load 74 KSI

### **FINISH**

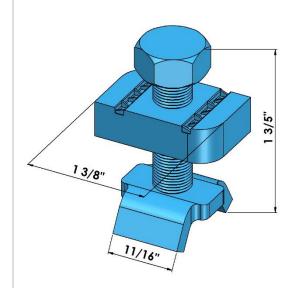
Zinc Electro-Galvanized (ASTM B633)

### **NOTE**

Slight distortion of the channel may occur upon installation of rod stiffeners.

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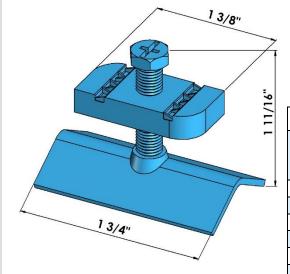
Part # | A-SC228

Specification Data		
Rod Size Range (in.)	3/8 through 5/8	
Approx. Wt. (lbs.)	0.15	

Rod Stiffener Requirements			
Rod Size (in.)	Max. Rod Length without Rod Stiffener (in.)	Max. Spacing between Rod Stiffeners (in.)	
3/8	19	13	
1/2	25	18	
5/8	31	23	
3/4	37	28	
7/8	43	33	
1	50	38	
1 1/4	60	43	

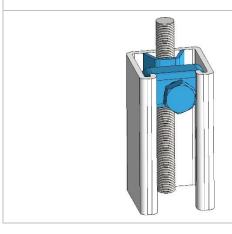
## **ROD STIFFENER**

Part # | A-901



Specification Data		
Rod Size Range (in.)	3/8 through 5/8	
Approx. Wt. (lbs.)	0.12	

Rod Stiffener Requirements		
Rod Size (in.)	Max. Rod Length without Rod Stiffener (in.)	Max. Spacing between Rod Stiffeners (in.)
3/8	19	13
1/2	25	18
5/8	31	23
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