Course Number: STO05A

Course Title: Behind the Wall: Designing Structural Backing for Safer, Flatter, More Reliable Wall Assemblies

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Subjects Covered in Course: (Learning Objectives)

1. Identify code, accessibility, and safety considerations for concealed backing in steel-framed wall assemblies.
2. Evaluate common limitations of traditional backing methods, including wood blocking, flat strap, notched track, and field-fabricated reinforcement.
3. Explain how engineered concealed backing systems support wall integrity, tested performance, constructability, and long-term durability.
4. Apply specification and coordination strategies for integrating concealed backing into construction documents, inspections, and project workflows.

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