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### **ICC-ES ESR#2620 Verifies that the ViperStud Drywall Framing System is Code-Compliant**

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Viper25, Viper20S (Select) & Viper20D (Deluxe), manufactured by Marino\WARE®, received an evaluation report (ESR#2620) from ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES), providing evidence that the ViperStud Drywall Framing System meets code requirements. Building officials, architects, contractors, specifiers, designers and others utilize the ICC-ES Evaluation Reports to provide a basis for using or approving metal framing in construction projects following the International Building Code.

ICC-ES President Mark Johnson explains why ICC-ES Evaluation Reports are so important. "Marino\WARE® can now reference the evaluation report to ensure building officials and the building industry that the product meets I-Code requirements," Johnson said. "Building departments have a long history of using evaluation reports, and ICC-ES operates as a technical resource for the building department. Final approval of building products is always in the hands of the local regulatory agency."

ICC-ES thoroughly examined Marino\WARE's product information, test reports, calculations, quality control methods and other factors to ensure the product is code compliant. Marino\WARE® President and CEO Chip Gardner says "We are very proud to secure this evaluation report for the ViperStud family of products, especially since Marino\WARE was the first manufacturer to achieve this verification from ICC-ES under the latest and more stringent guidelines of the residential and commercial international building codes represented in IBC-2006. This proves our position that we have extensively tested ViperStud to meet the rigors of today's newest construction standards."

ICC-ES is the United States' leading source of technical information on building products and building technology for code compliance. A nonprofit, public-benefit corporation, ICC-ES performs technical evaluations of building products, components, methods and materials. The evaluation process culminates with the issuance of reports on compliance with the major U.S. building codes, which are available at [www.icc-es.org](http://www.icc-es.org).

ICC-ES is a subsidiary of the International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention that develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose the International Codes developed by the International Code Council.

Marino\WARE®, a division of Ware Industries, is a long-standing manufacturer of steel-framing products, and is committed to leading the industry in innovation, quality materials and customer service. Headquartered in South Plainfield, N.J., it has produced steel framing solutions for more than 70 years, and offers a wide choice of framing components and connectors that save their customers time, labor and cost. Marino\WARE® operates state-of-the art production facilities in New Jersey, Georgia, Indiana and Texas, as well as a sales office in New York. More information can be found at [www.marinoware.com](http://www.marinoware.com).

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