



MiTek's Hardy Frame® Has Received an Evaluation Code Report for Its New Cold Formed Steel Moment Frame™ Products

CHESTERFIELD, MO – March 14, 2019 – MiTek has just received an Evaluation Code Report for the new Hardy Frame [Cold Formed Steel Moment Frame](#) and [Cold Formed Steel Picture Frame](#) products. Evaluation Code Reports enable designers to confidently specify “alternate building materials” not defined in the code, and they are accepted by the vast majority of building departments.

The MiTek Hardy Frame CFS Moment Frame [Evaluation Code Reports](#) can be downloaded at this [link](#). These Evaluation Code Reports validate Hardy Frame [Cold Formed Steel Moment Frame](#) products as acceptable *alternate building materials*, allowing design professionals to rely on Hardy Frame's allowable values and recommended installations, such as connections for transfer of forces.

“For Hardy Frame's [Cold Formed Steel Moment Frames](#), building departments now have third party validation that these products *meet the intent of the code*,” said Hardy Frame's Jesse Karns. “These Code Reports will advance the use of our innovative Cold Formed Steel line by making specification and code-compliance easier for designers to achieve.”

The new Evaluation Code Report for the Hardy Frame Cold Formed Steel Moment Frames follow the recent debut of the Cold Formed Steel Moment Frame “Design Manager,” a web-based software program that

is the latest in a long line of shear-wall system solutions from MiTek. The new "[Design Manager](#)" supports Hardy Frame [CFS Moment Frames](#), the industry's first line of cold-formed steel moment frames. Access the "Design Manager" at this [link](#).

As background, Hardy Frame Cold Formed Steel Moment Frames are the industry's first cold-formed steel prefabricated moment frames, built on the success of Hardy Frame HFX Panels. The Cold Formed Steel Moment Frames offer very high lateral load resistance in narrow-wall lengths, ideal for providing design freedom to create large architectural openings for moveable glass walls and windows. The configuration of the Cold Formed Steel Moment Frame that includes a sill beam at the bottom and a header beam at the top is called the Cold Formed Steel Picture Frame. It is extremely effective for distributing compression loads over a large surface area to enable stacking in multi-story, light-frame wood or cold-formed steel construction.

About MiTek

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