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ALPINE'S NEW LMS LIGHT-MEDIUM TIE STRAP SERIES RESISTS TENSION LOADS

VERNON HILLS, III., December 9, 2015 – Expanding on the success of its Light (LS) and Medium (MS) Tie Straps, Alpine now offers the LMS Light-Medium Tie Strap Series. These nine new tie straps are designed to resist tension loads when attached to solid sawn or structural composite lumber metal plate-connected trusses, framing members and wall members.

All of the new products are 1-1/4-in. wide and range in length from 9-5/8 to 36-5/8 in. They are made from 18-gauge, mill-certified steel coil, which falls between the LS (20 gauge) and MS (16 gauge) straps, providing greater flexibility, convenience and utility on the jobsite.

"The nine new tie strips were developed as a result of customer requests for an 18-gauge product," said Pat Ryan, Alpine sales and marketing manager – Construction Hardware. "They also provide additional steel gauge and tension load options for the complete line of Alpine tie straps, ensuring customers always have the right product for their specific application."

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Designed, engineered and manufactured by Alpine, the tie straps incorporate a G90 coating and are made to ASTM A653 SS Grade 60 specifications or better. They are backed by nearly 50 years of engineering excellence and experience.

All of the tie straps carry IAPMO (ER_0179) and FBC (FL 14076-R4) engineering approvals and are available for use throughout the U.S.

Recognized for its engineering excellence, productivity-enhancing software and equipment solutions, and the industry's best service, Alpine is a leading provider of building component software, metal connector products and equipment to component manufacturers. Since 1966, the company has partnered closely with customers to enhance their business and productivity. Alpine is also a leader in delivering software solutions that increase homebuilder productivity and profitability. The company is a division of Illinois Tool Works Inc., a Fortune 200 global diversified manufacturer with \$14.5 billion in revenue in 2014. For additional information, visit <u>alpineitw.com</u>.

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