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In response to recent marketing campaigns Vertex Systems, Stephen Napper Associates and Howick would like to re assure their mutual clients and the light gauge steel buying community that the 42mm profile is safe structurally and IS wide enough to accept plasterboards.

Board Edge Distance

The extract from the **British Gypsum "**Installation guide for Thistle plaster and Gyproc plasterboard" clearly states "**minimum edge distances of 10mm for bound edges and 13mm for cut edges using their Gypstud product**"

An extract from the manual is included for clarity below:

"Stage 7:

• Lightly butt boards together, inserting screws no closer than 10mm from bound edges and 13mm from cut edges."

The relevant section of the manual can be found on the British Gypsum web site at:

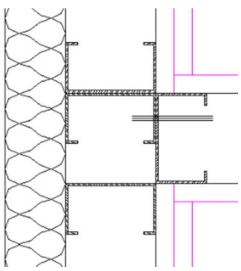
http://www.british-gypsum.com/pdf/LIT_InstallationGuide_02.pdf

SCI Assessment

Structurally systems using the Howick profiles have been 'SCI Assessed' on behalf of the NHBC as part of their NHBC Stage 1 certification program thus proving beyond all doubt their suitability as framing systems. A complete list of ALL NHBC stage 1 assessed systems and companies are available on the SCI web site by following the link above.

Notably companies using Howick 42 and 45mm studs, Ewall (W A Browne), and Light Steel Framing Solutions (Elements Europe) amongst others are listed as being SCI Assessed and NHBC Stage 1 certified.

Other framing manufacturers are notable by their absence in this list on the SCI website.



Example detail from NHBC Stage 1 Manual