



Guide to specifying sustainable steel

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Specify ACRS steel at the outset & planning stages of a project

This protects parties all through the project's execution and lifespan.

The importance of steel standards & what can go wrong

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Write a requirement for ACRS steel into project specifications

“Acceptable manufacturers and processors of steel reinforcing and structural materials shall hold a valid Sustainable Constructional Steel certificate of approval issued by the Australasian Certification Authority for Reinforcing and Structural Steels Ltd (ACRS), or equivalent approved by Superintendent. The equivalent certification system shall be demonstrated by the supplier to be directly equivalent in scope and technical rigour to ACRS.

Evidence of the supplier's compliance with this clause must be obtained when contract bids are received.”

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Steel procurers can check the ACRS database for certified suppliers

This is an easy way to find processors and traders with SCS certification

[Check the database](#)



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Remember, once steel is on site, it's usually too late.

We are often asked to verify steel post-manufacture, post-delivery, or even once construction has been completed as part of sign-off requirements. For non-ACRS certified providers, regrettably we cannot help in these instances as other test certificates or random samples are not sufficient to certify the steel.

Understand why random sampling is insufficient