Rolled Shape Availability

MSC TRADITIONALLY PRINTS A LISTING OF ROLLED SHAPE AVAILABILITY INFORMATION IN ITS JANUARY ISSUE and a listing of HSS availability information in its July issue. However, the January listing did not appear this year due to production problems.

But have no fear! Even though it’s not printed in MSC, the latest shape availability information is always available online at www.aisc.org/steelavailability. By visiting that link, you will find a utility that lets you search for availability information by shape or by shape producer. The web database is maintained by the shape producers themselves on a regular basis.

The availability listing is useful in the design process as a reference to determine the general availability of specific shapes. Generally, when many producers are listed for a given shape, it is an indication that the particular shape is commonly available. When only one or two producers are listed as producing a shape, it is prudent to consider contacting a steel fabricator to determine availability before specifying that shape.