



# Safety Alert

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## MODULAR SCAFFOLDING SYSTEMS

Safety reps and others need to be alert when a Modular scaffold system arrives on the job.

All components **MUST** be the same brand. Check that there are;

- No cracks around the joints or welds
- Bent components
- Rust inside standards
- Or any other sign of weakness

If a supplier tells you that even though the components are a different brand, they are compatible, The Australian Standards 4576 requires that they must write a letter of approval with a four part guarantee on company letterhead and signed and dated by the most senior executive officer of the company.

The letter must spell out exactly which components of the systems can be used together and it must guarantee that the components are a;

Compatible size and strength

Have compatible deflection characteristics

The fixing devices are compatible

And that the mixing doesn't lessen the;

- Strength
- Rigidity
- Stability
- or Suitability of the scaffold.

Suppliers should keep components of different brands separately and should also provide instruction for the assembly of the scaffold.

**All modular scaffolds (shared between trades) must be constructed by an accredited licensed scaffolder employed by either the contract scaffold company or the principle contractor.**

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