

# ELEPHANT STEEL STUD BRACING SPECIFYING / CONVERSION Instruction Guide

## Conversion Process

Converting GIB Steel Stud Bracing systems to Elephant Steel stud bracing always will require a fresh set of bracing calculations. Please note for steel stud bracing, a like for like substitution is not possible. Follow the steps by step instructions listed below to either convert a consented plan from GIB to Elephant Steel stud Bracing or Specifying Elephant Steel Stud Bracing at Design Stage.

### For Consented Plans with a stamp or Specifying Elephant at Design stage

Converting other brands of Steel Stud Bracing systems to Elephant Steel stud bracing always will require a fresh set of bracing calculations. Please note for steel stud bracing, a like for like substitution is not possible.

1. Download the Elephant QuickBrace Excel Spreadsheet from our website <https://elephantplasterboard.co.nz/bracing-systems/> or Open the Elephant QuickBrace Excel Spreadsheet from the Bracing Calculator Folder of the EPB Bracing Conversion Kit.
2. For each new project, we recommend that you save the file as a unique file name.  
Eg. Using the street address of the project as the unique file name.
3. Click on the Instructions tab in the spreadsheet and follow the described steps and fill out the relevant pages.
4. Populate the plan according to the Bracing calculations.
5. Ensure the following documents are available to the builder on site for the building inspector:
  - Marked-up Brace Plan
  - Elephant QuickBrace Calculations
  - Elephant Steel Stud Bracing Spec Sheet