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## Course Description

### Part 2: Welded Connections for Seismic Service

July 6, 2017

This session will discuss seismic design and ductility, the 1994 Northridge earthquake and the requirements of the AWS D1.8 Seismic Welding Supplement. AWS D1.8 will be reviewed with a specific focus on the requirements that must be specified by the Engineer, what compliance to these requirements looks like, and why such provisions are in the Code. AISC 358 – Prequalified Connections for Special and Intermediate Steel Moment Frames will be introduced.



### Learning Objectives

- Name key features that made the typical moment connection in service at the time of the Northridge earthquake susceptible to brittle fracture.
- Describe the applicability of the AISC Prequalified Connections for Special and Intermediate Steel Moment Frames for Seismic Applications.
- Describe the applicability of AWS D1.8 Seismic Welding Supplement.
- List information that the Engineer of Record is required to provide in the Contract Documents per AWS D1.8.



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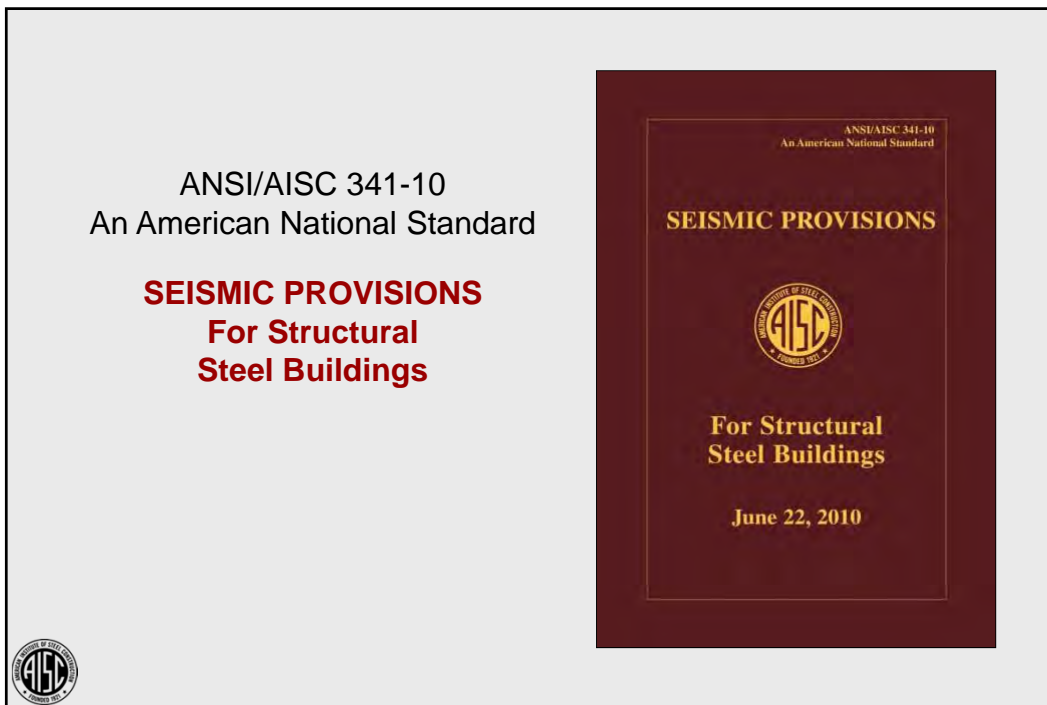
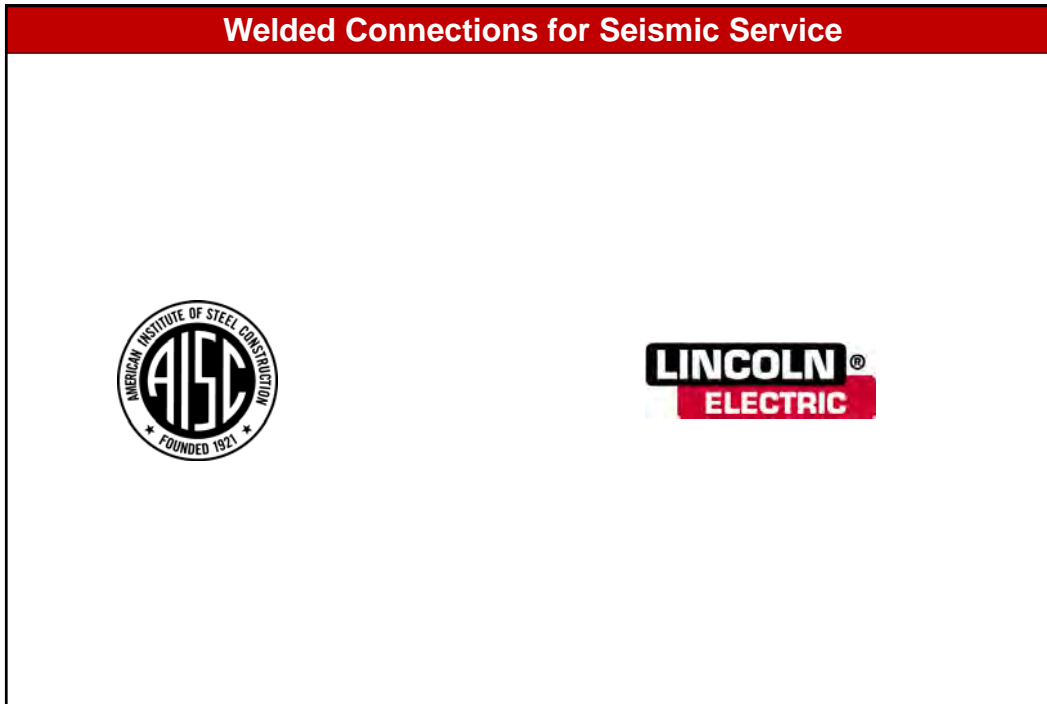
## Welded Connections

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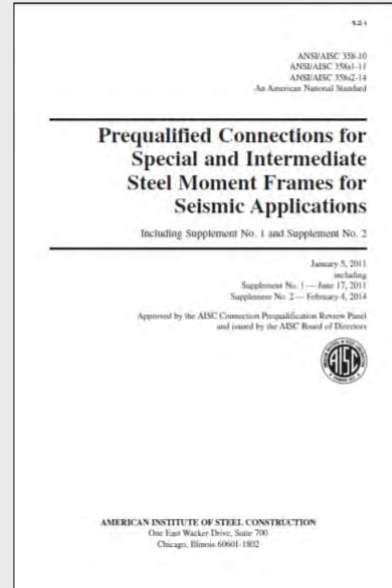




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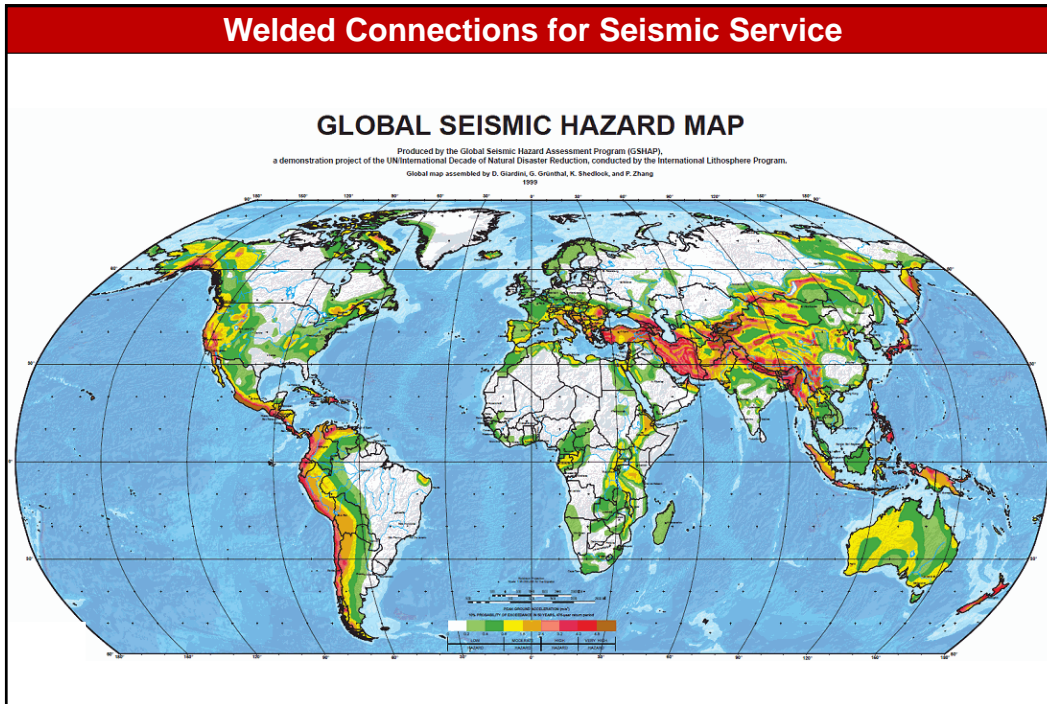
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**AWS D1.8:2009**

Structural Welding Code-  
Seismic Welding Supplement






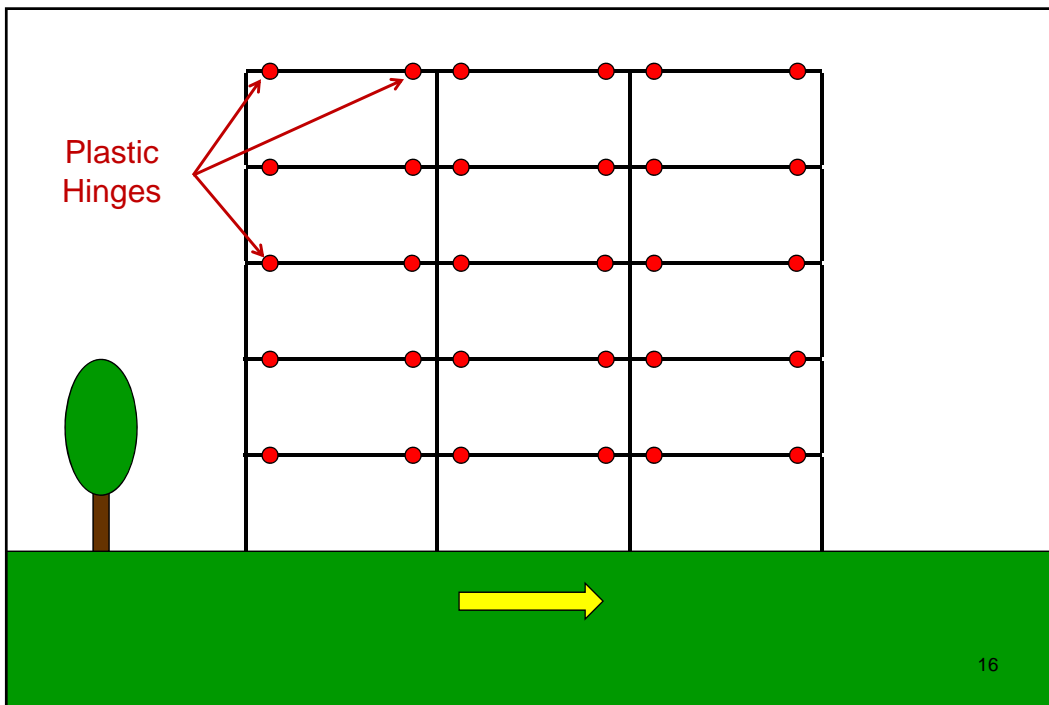
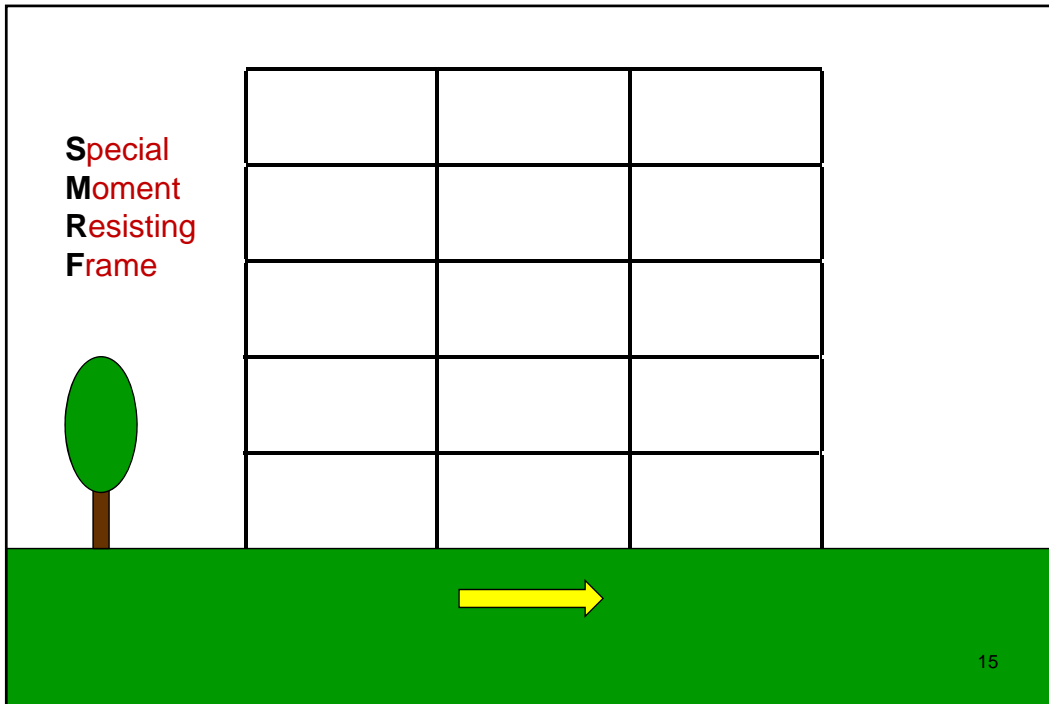
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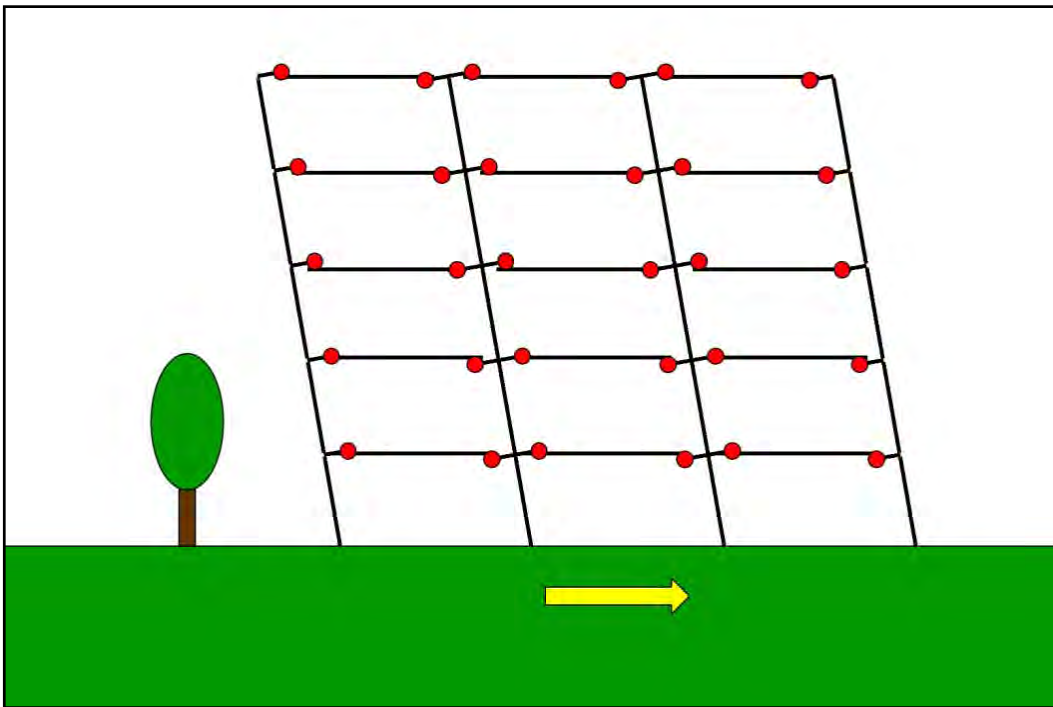
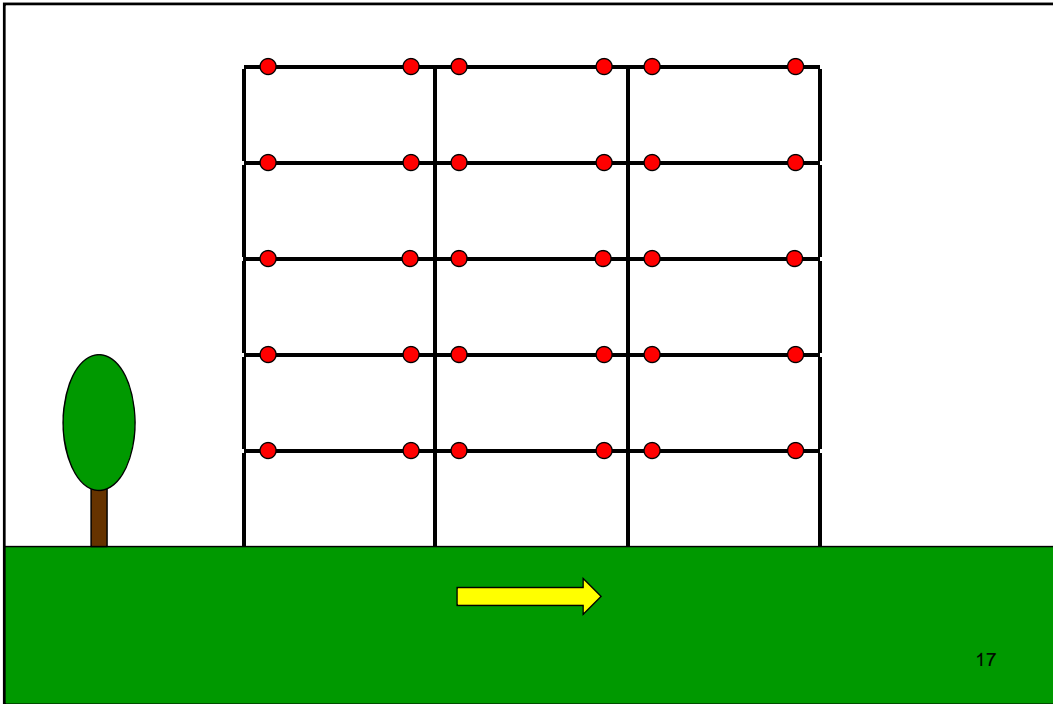
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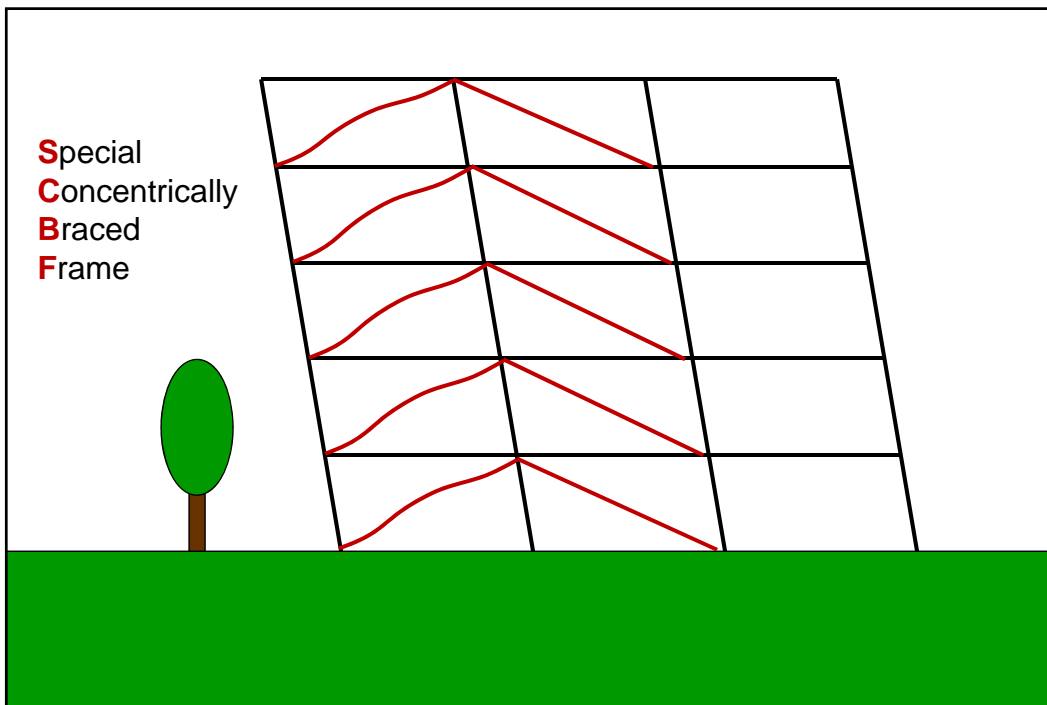
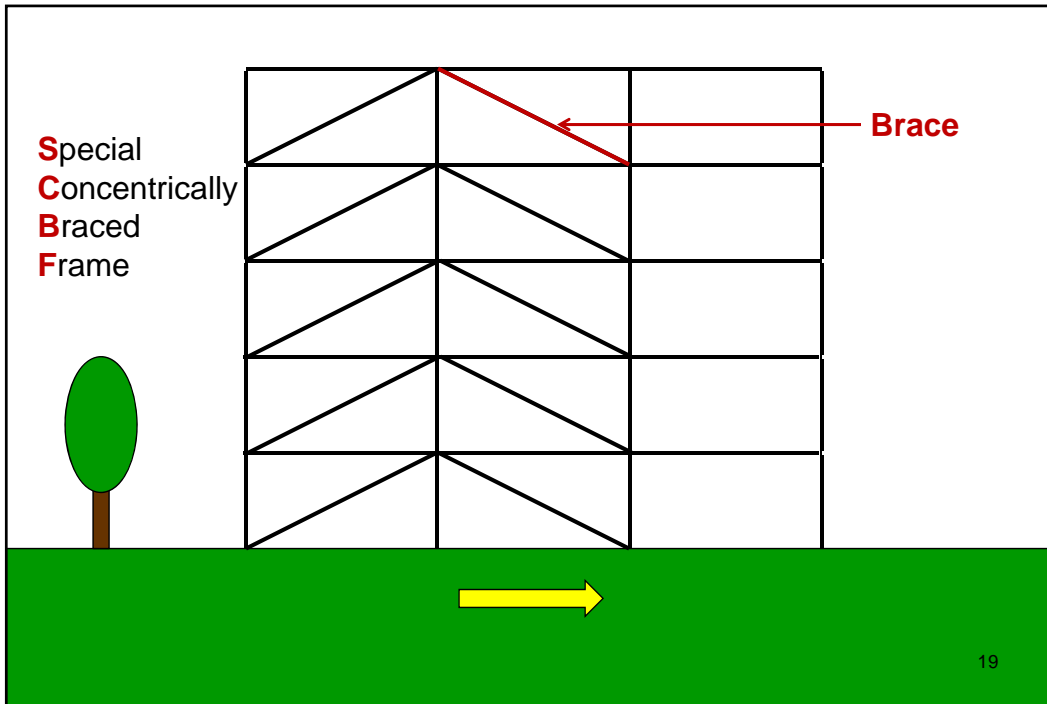
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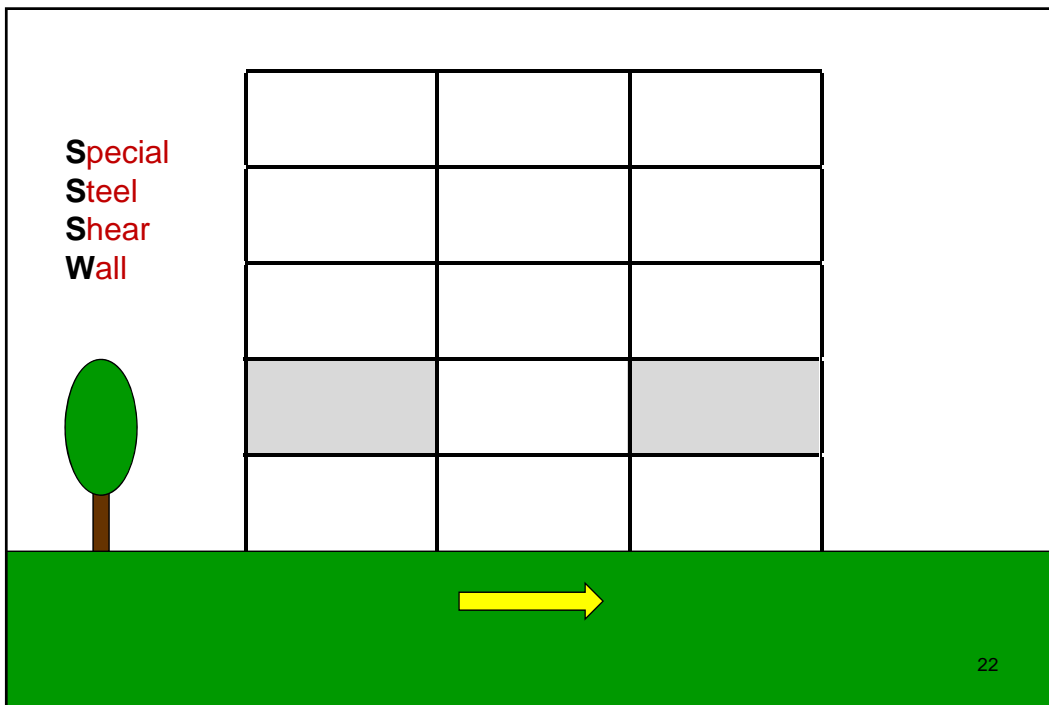
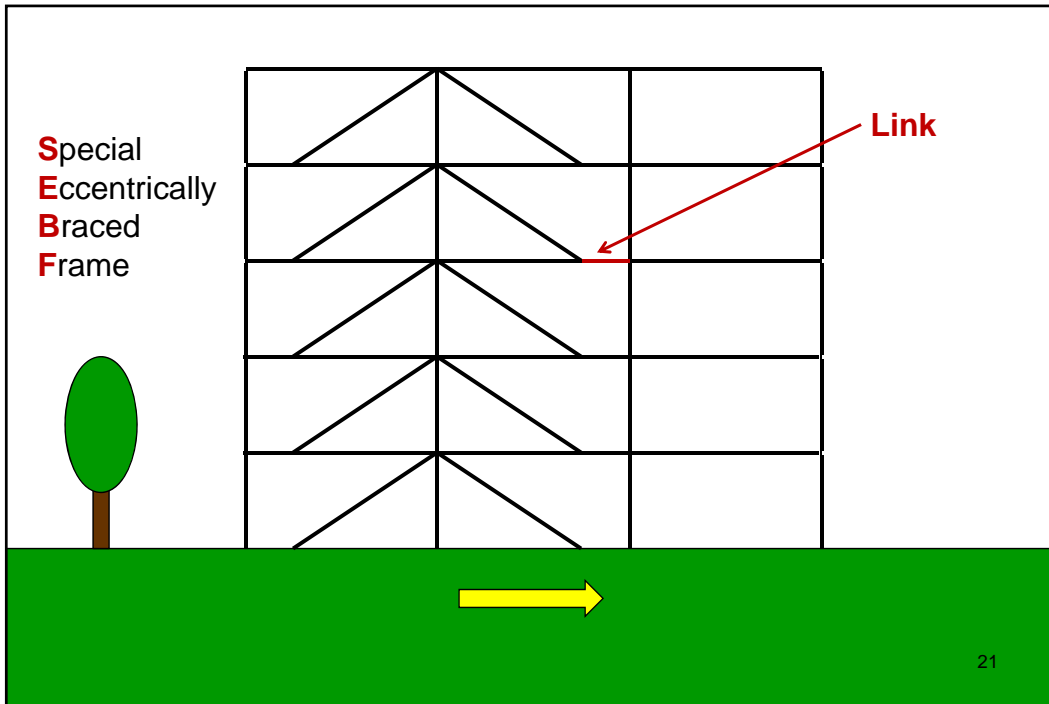
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- Conclusion

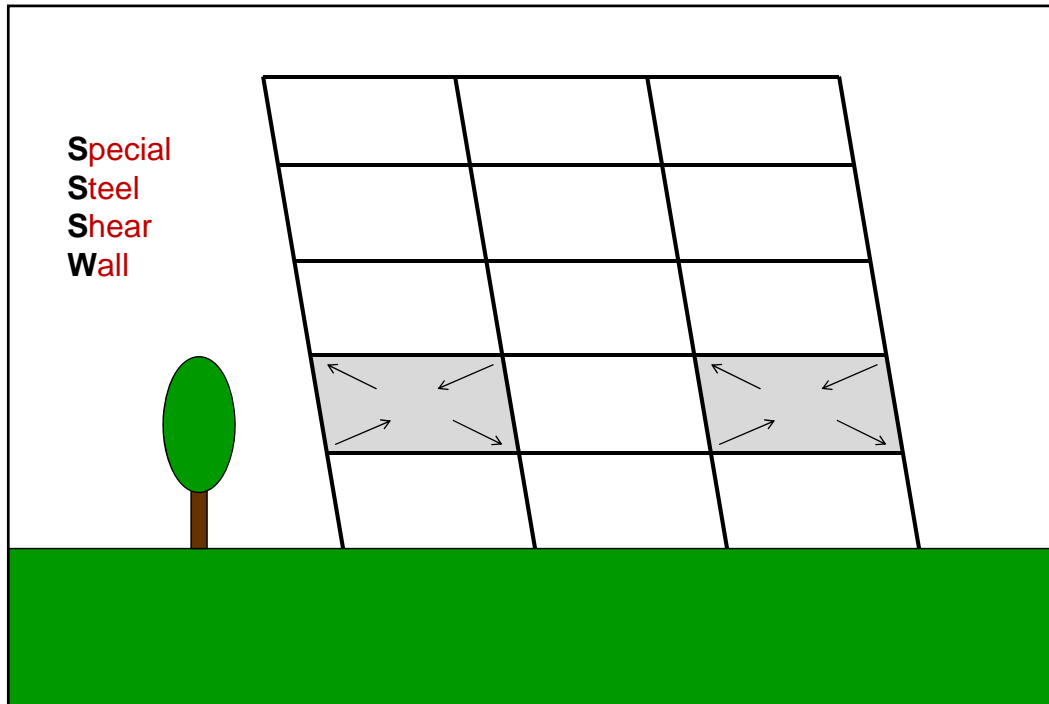
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## AISC 341-10 SEISMIC PROVISIONS

### COMMENTARY A1. Scope

Structural steel systems in seismic regions are generally expected to dissipate seismic input energy through **controlled inelastic deformations of the structure.** These Provisions supplement the *Specification* for such applications. The seismic design loads specified in the building codes have been developed considering the **energy dissipation generated during inelastic response.**



## AISC 358s1-11 Prequalified Connections



### COMMENTARY CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

#### 1.1. SCOPE

Design of special moment frames (SMF) and intermediate moment frames (IMF) in accordance with the AISC *Seismic Provisions* and applicable building codes includes an implicit expectation that they will experience substantial inelastic deformations when subjected to design-level earthquake ground shaking, generally concentrated at the moment-resisting beam-to-column connections.



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## Welded Connections for Seismic Service

### OUTLINE

- Seismic Design and Ductility
- ➔ • The Northridge Experience
- Ductile versus Brittle Behavior
- AISC Prequalified Seismic Connections
- D1.8 Seismic Welding Supplement
- Conclusion



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## The Northridge Earthquake January 17, 1994

# Los Angeles Times

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1994  
 CIRCULATION: 1,000,000 (DAILY) 1,500,000 (SUNDAY)  
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## 33 Die, Many Hurt in 6.6 Quake L.A. Area Freeways Buckle, Buildings Topple

### Sylmar Jolted by Ghosts of Horror Past

**History:** The city that crumpled under a 6.5 quake in 1971 remembers with the terror that came when the earth gave way. On Monday, it seemed like it was cursed.

By CRAIG TUNNEY and RICHARD E. MEYER  
 Times Staff Writers

House House had nearly completed her four when she felt it again. That's why it was so terrifying. It was happening again. She and her husband, David, were in bed. She had just finished a 12-hour hospital shift like the last one. It was in fact, the same hospital, in the same spot.

"The one that much worse," she said afterward, calm but able to remember every tremor, then the shaking that the violence "it was much harder a hard hit. The "it was awfully a hard hit. But that one hit her away. It, maybe, maybe."



**Disaster:** Epicenter is in Northridge, where three-story apartment complex pancaked. Ruptured gas lines erupted in fire in strongest tremor in city's modern history.

By TRALEY KAPLAN and GREG BERENSON  
 Times Staff Writers

A deadly magnitude 6.6 earthquake—the strongest in modern Los Angeles history—rippled through the pre-dawn darkness Monday, awakening Southern California with a violent jolt that flattened freeways, hand-washed buildings, ruptured pipelines and left emergency crews searching desperately for bodies trapped under rubble.

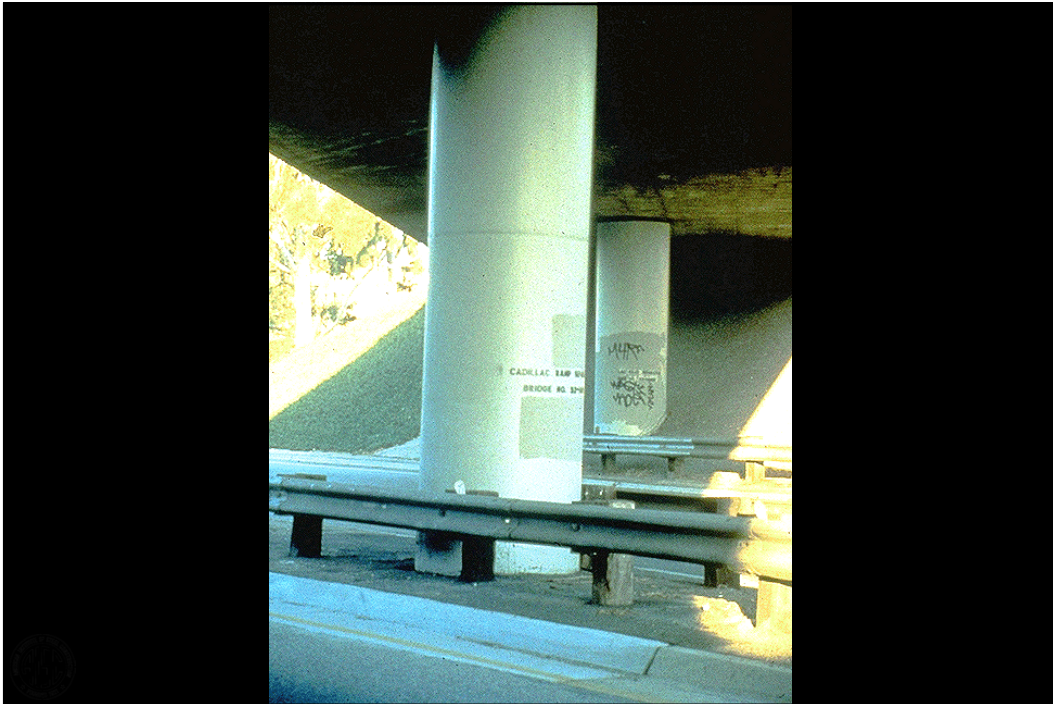
The 15-second temblor, which was felt throughout the San Gabriel region, was blamed for at least 33 deaths—nearly half of which occurred when a three-story apartment complex near the epicenter in Northridge collapsed into two stories.

Triggered by a fault that separated the eastern San Fernando Valley from two mountain ranges like a vein, the 6.6 earthquake wrangled hospitals with hundreds of collapsed windows and left thousands more homeless of fire, floods and landslides despite a landslide that has been blamed for destruction, with dis-

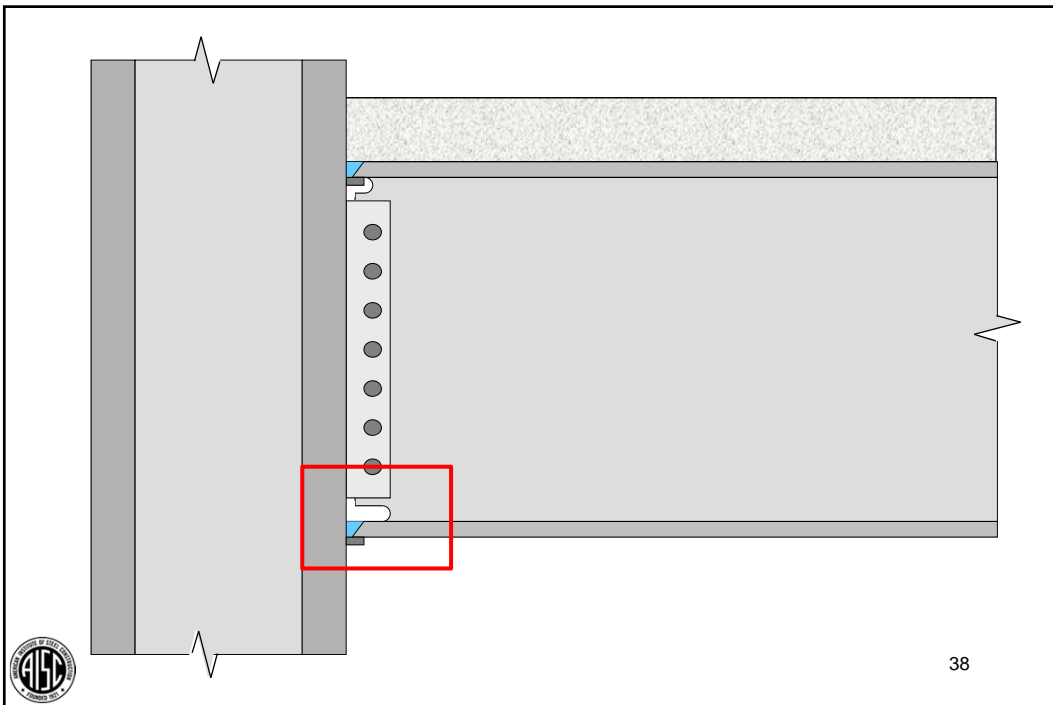

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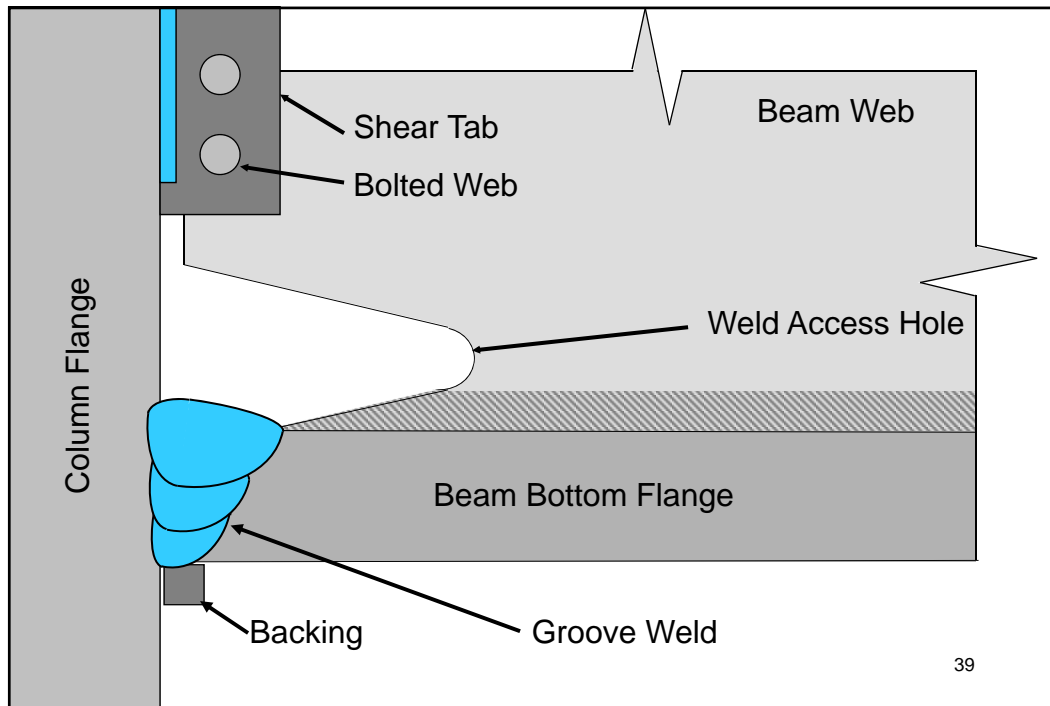








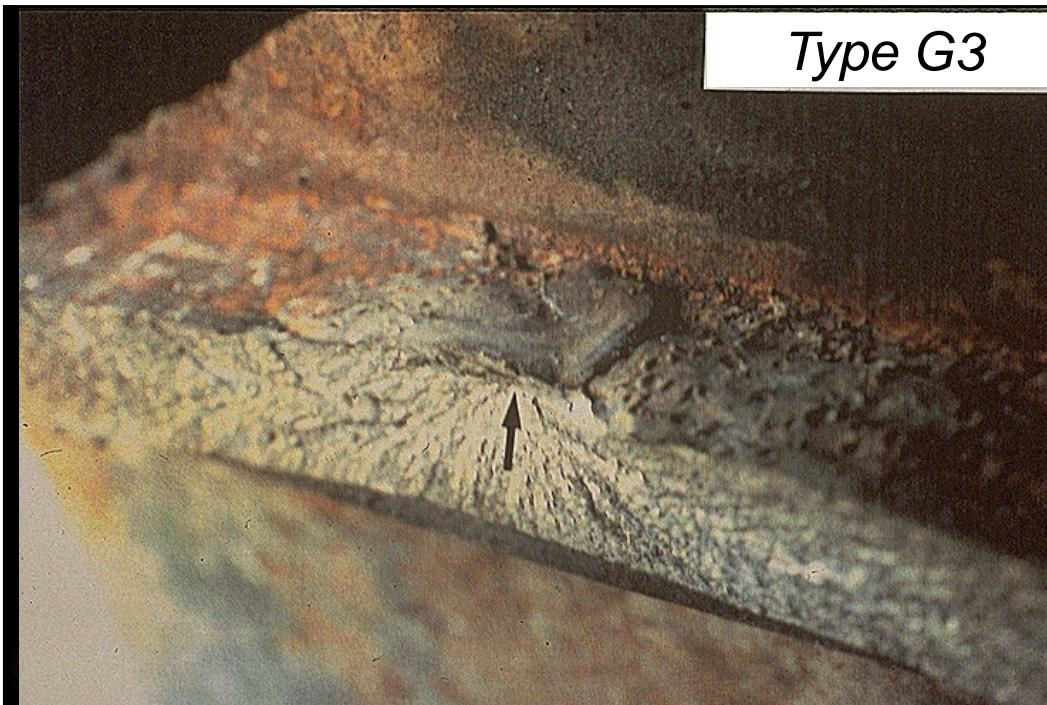
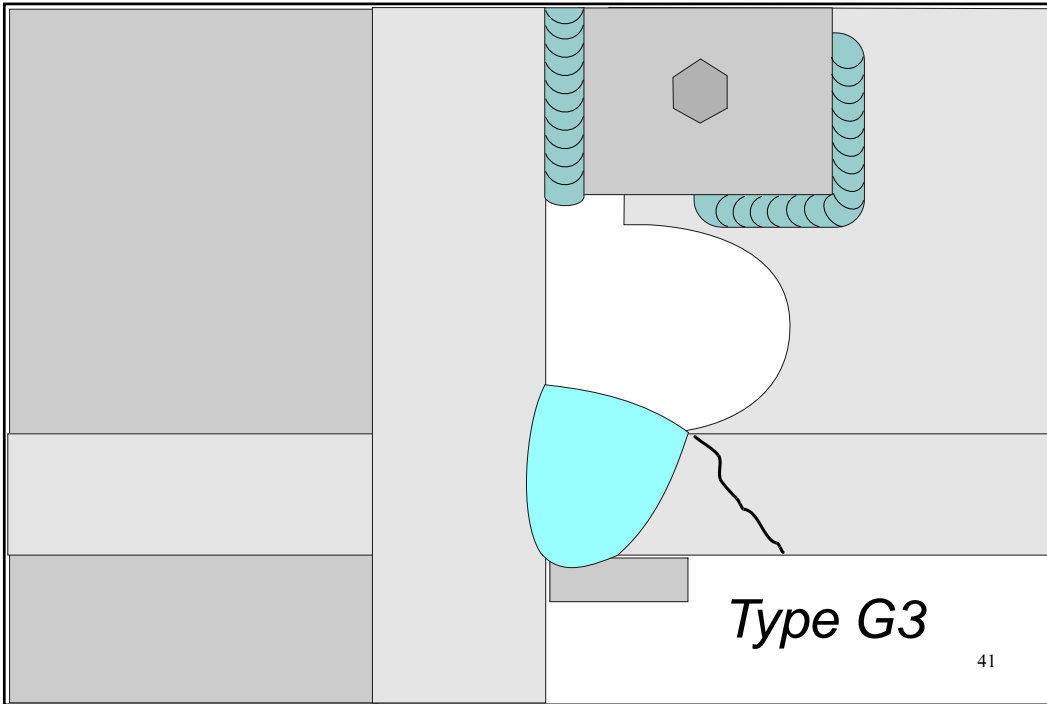


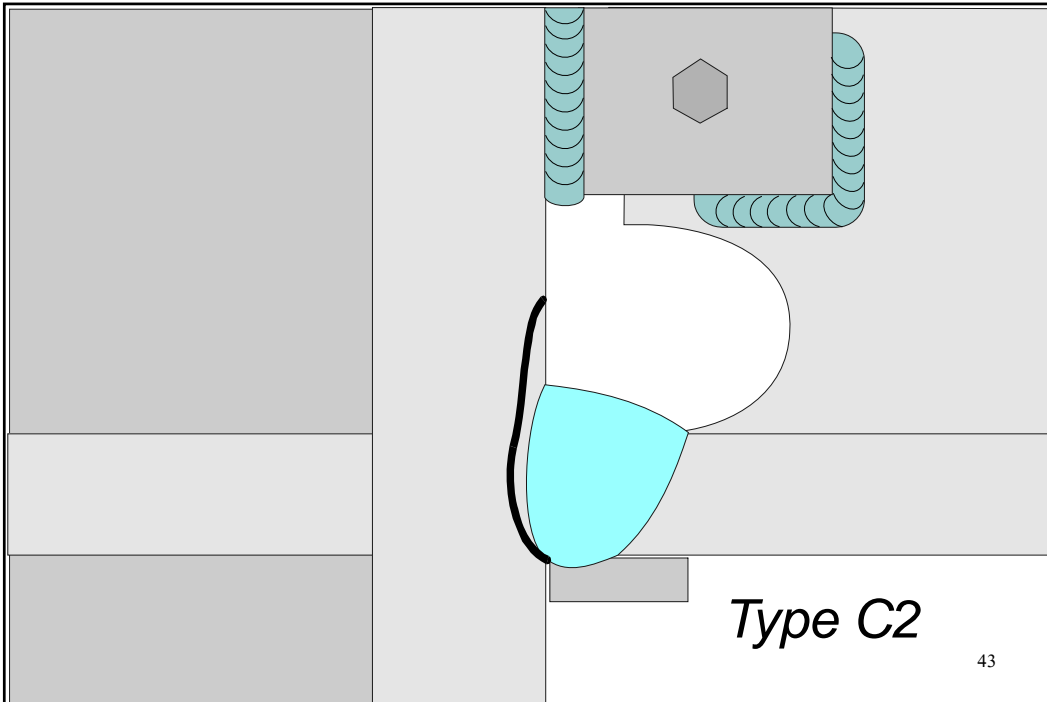


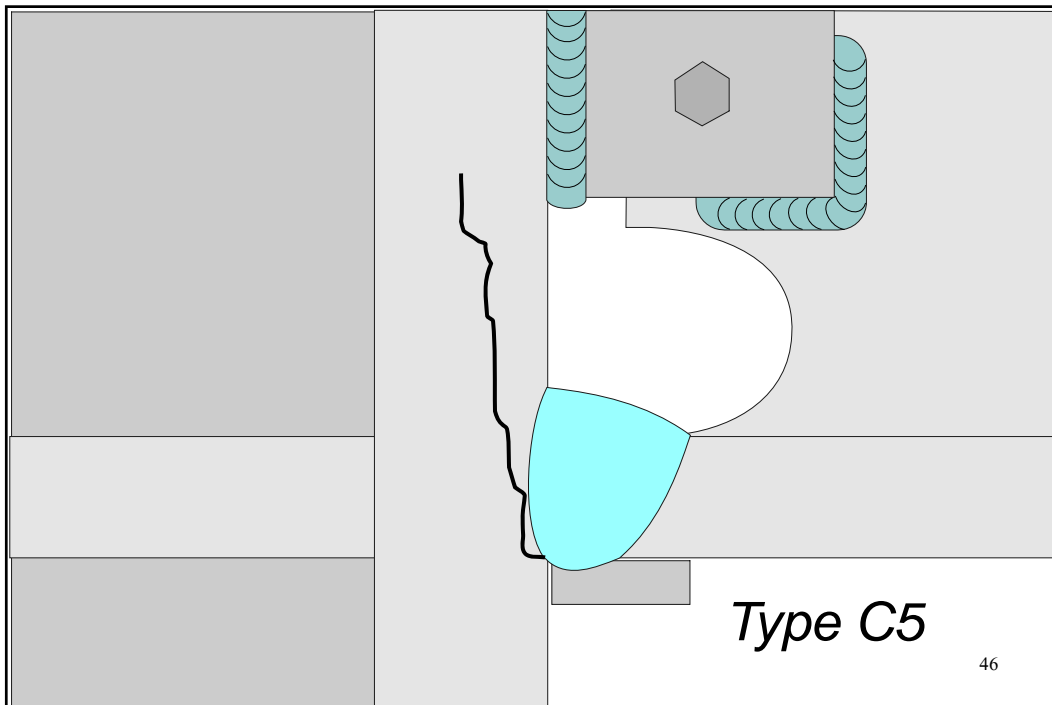
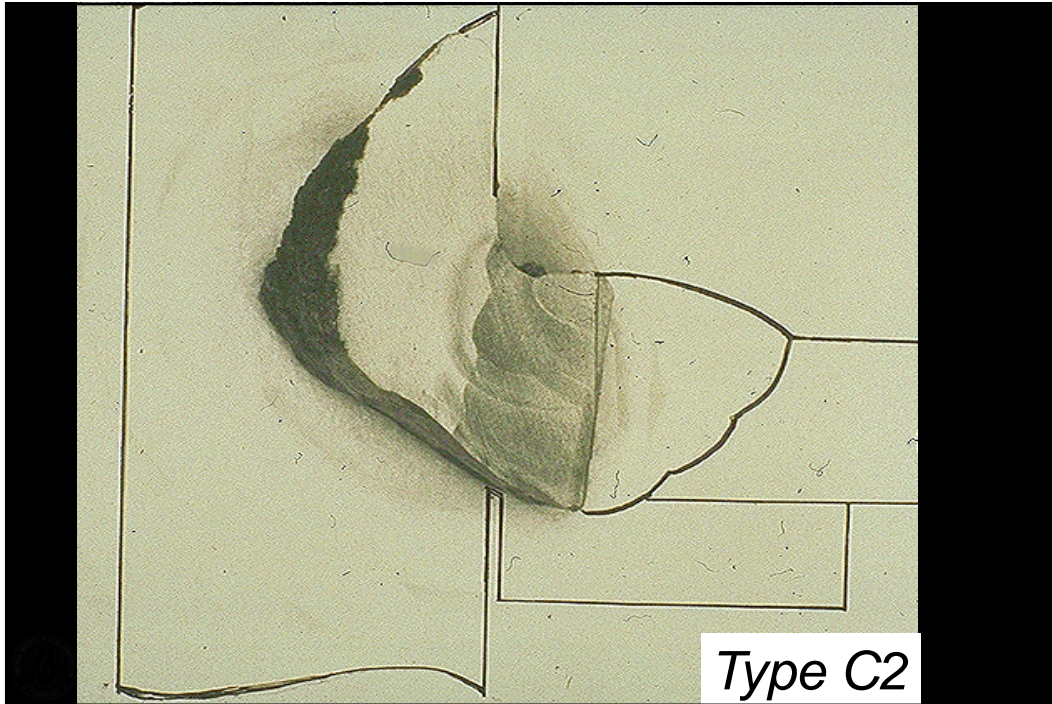
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Evaluation, Repair, Modification and Design of Welded Steel Moment Frame Structures**

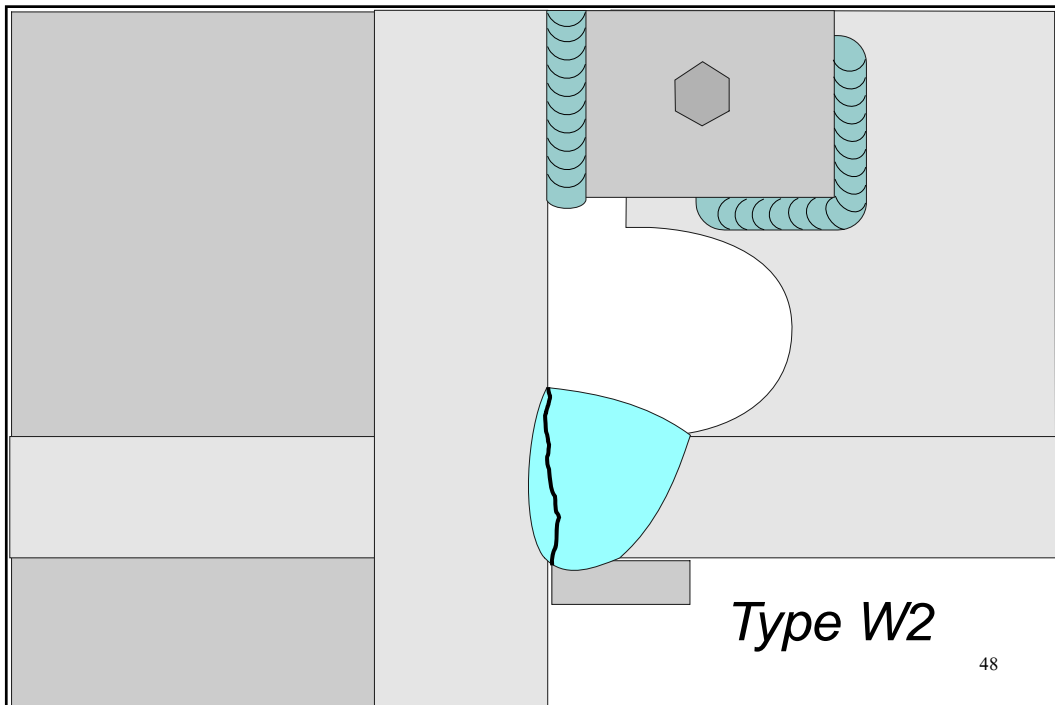
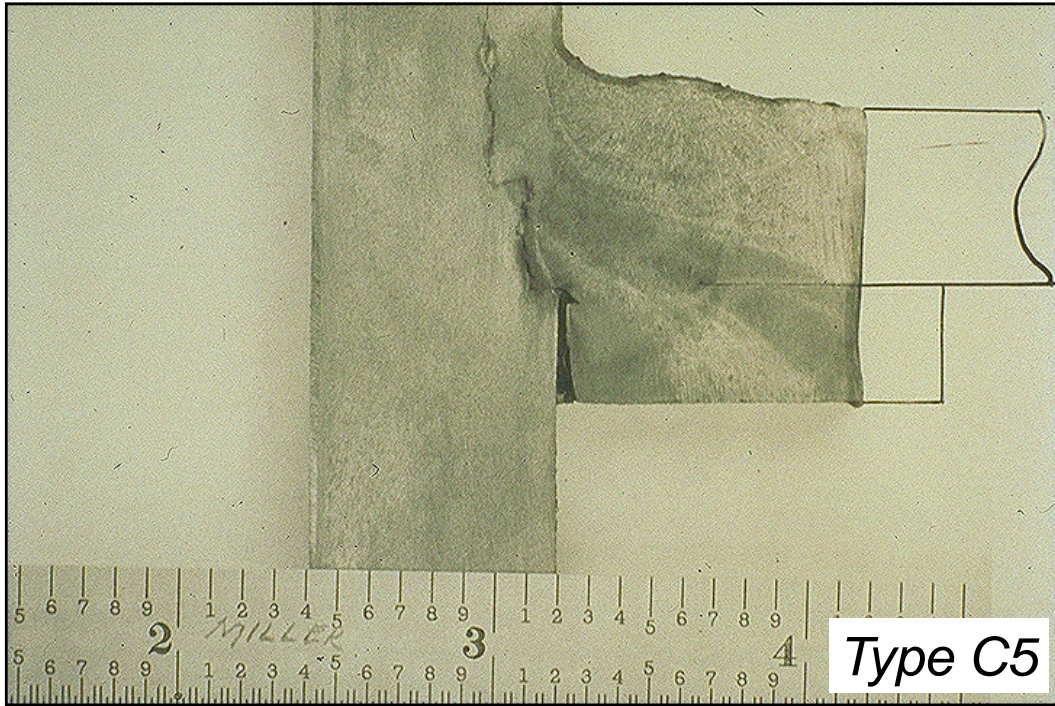
**Figure 3-2 Types of Girder Damage**

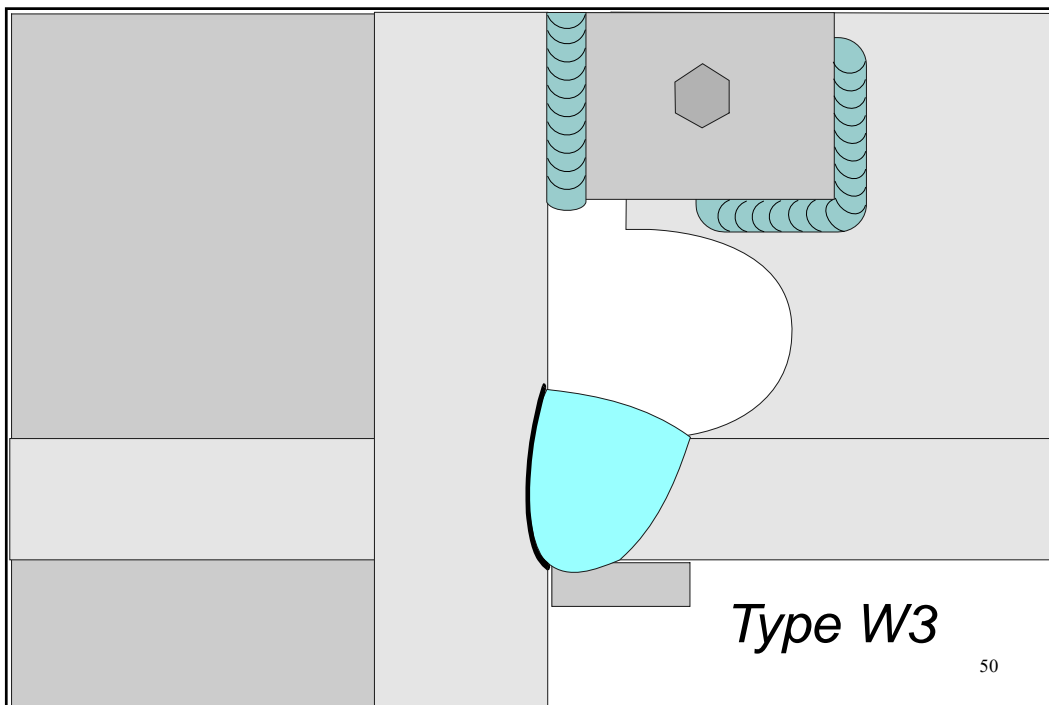
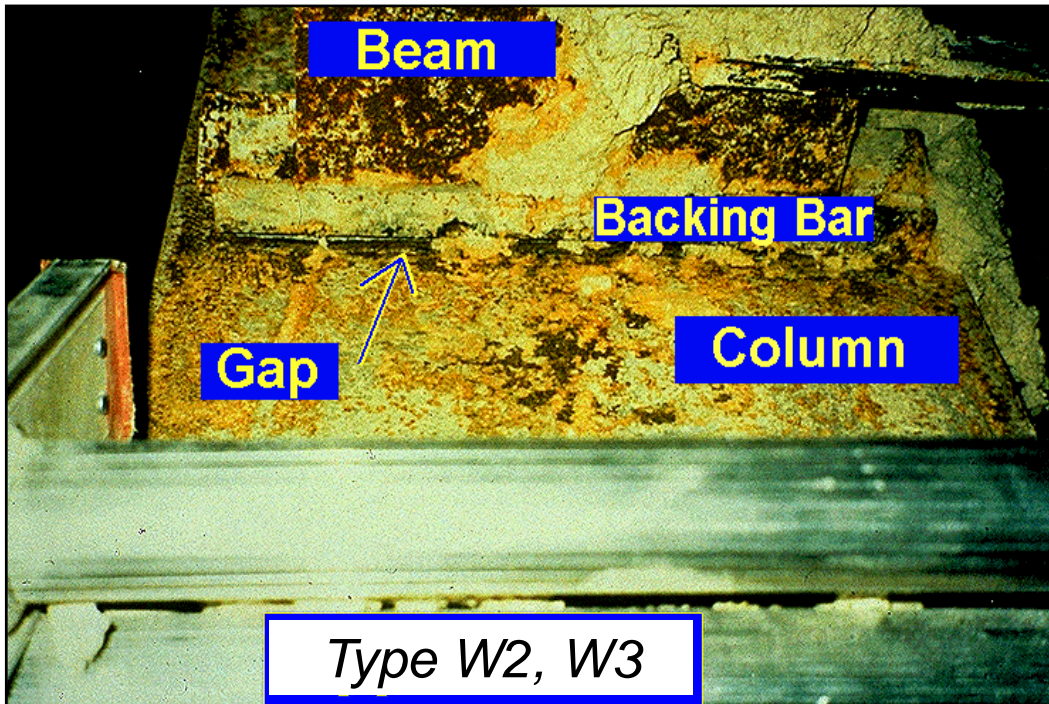
Type	Description
G1	Buckled flange (top or bottom)
G2	Yielded flange (top or bottom)
G3	Flange fracture in HAZ (top or bottom)
G4	Flange fracture outside HAZ (top or bottom)
G5	Flange fracture top and bottom
G6	Yielding or buckling of web
G7	Fracture of web
G8	Lateral torsional buckling of section

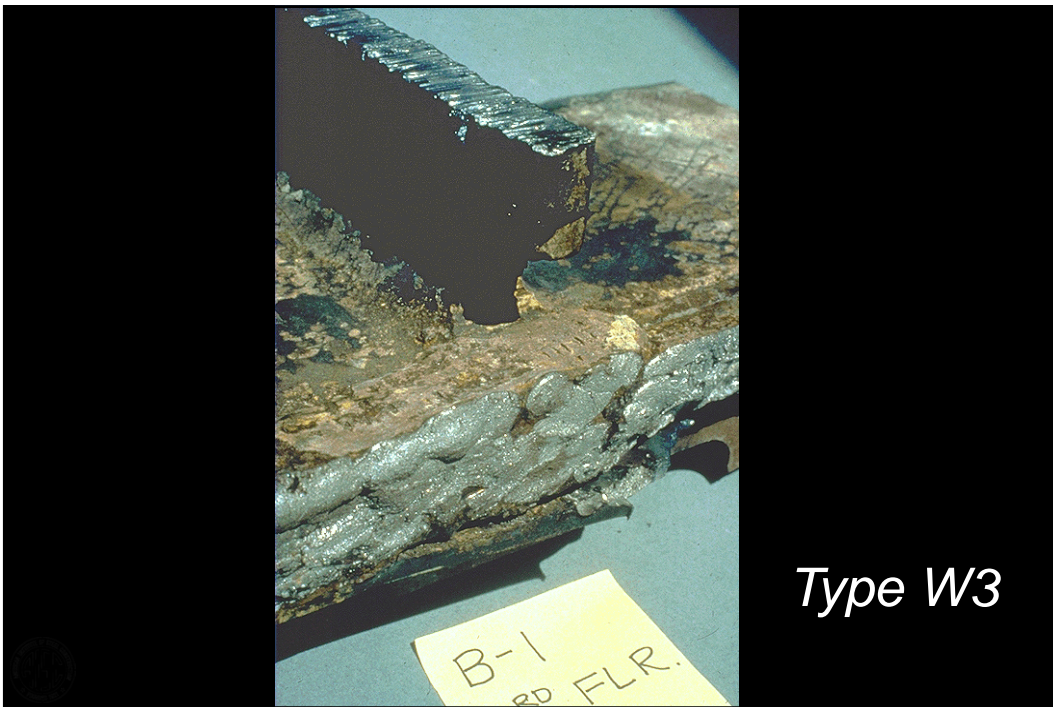
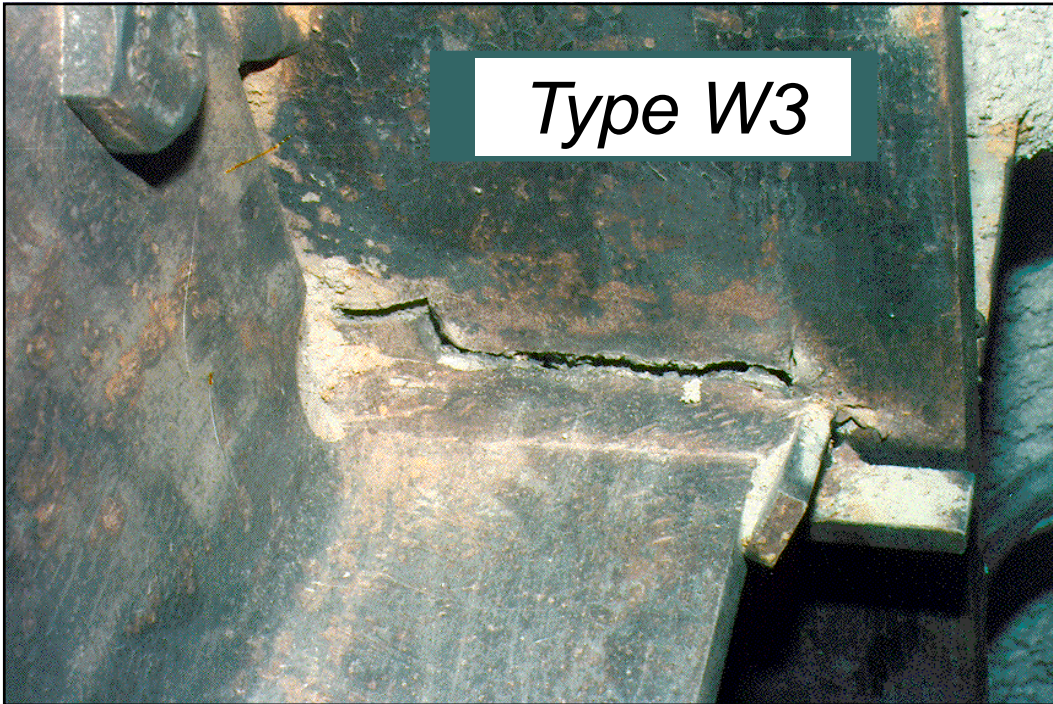


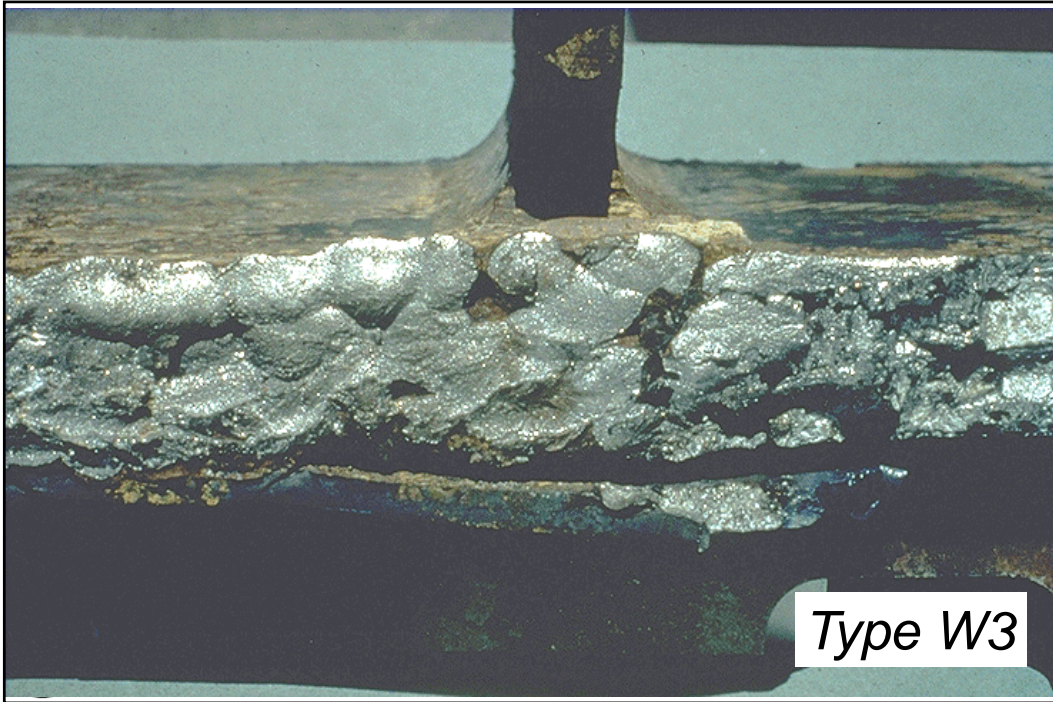


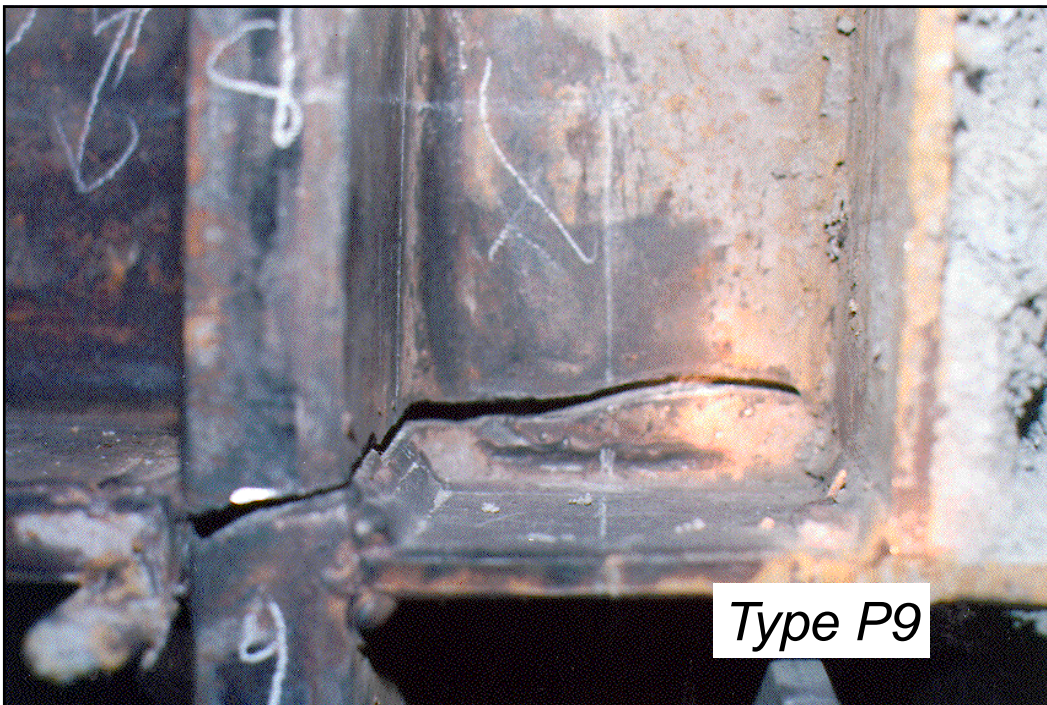
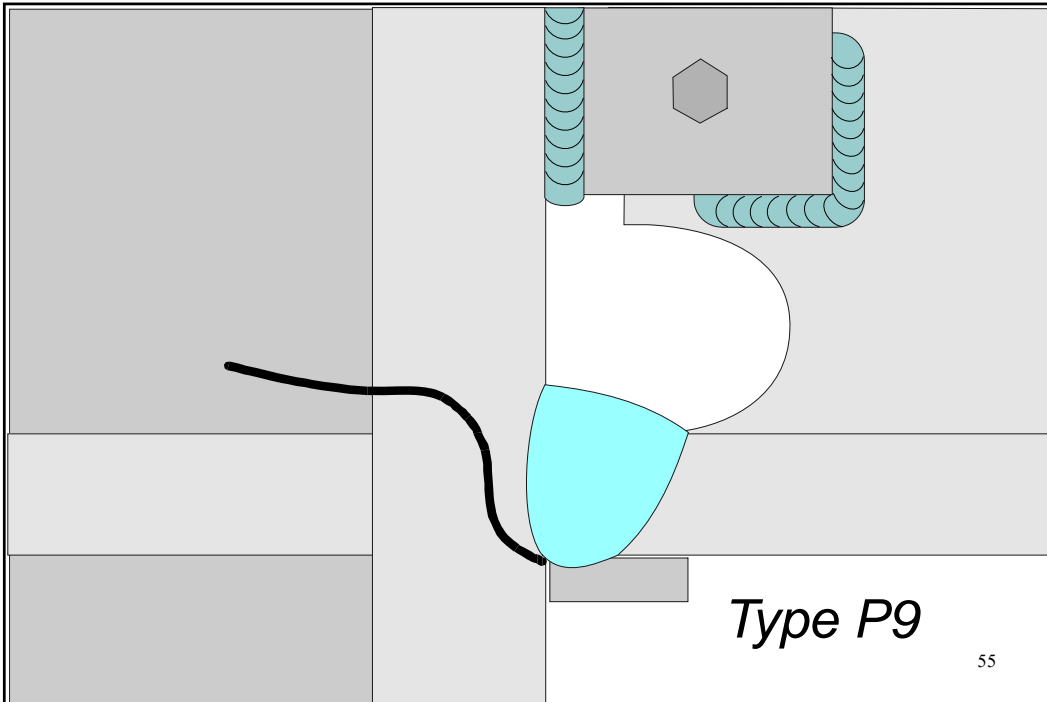


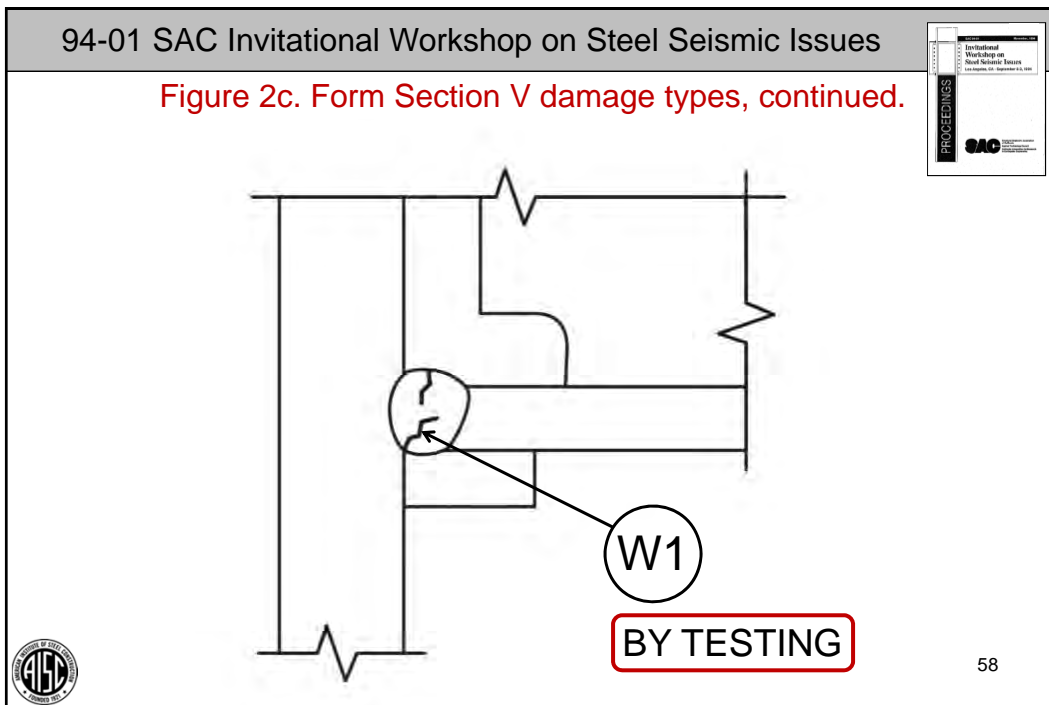
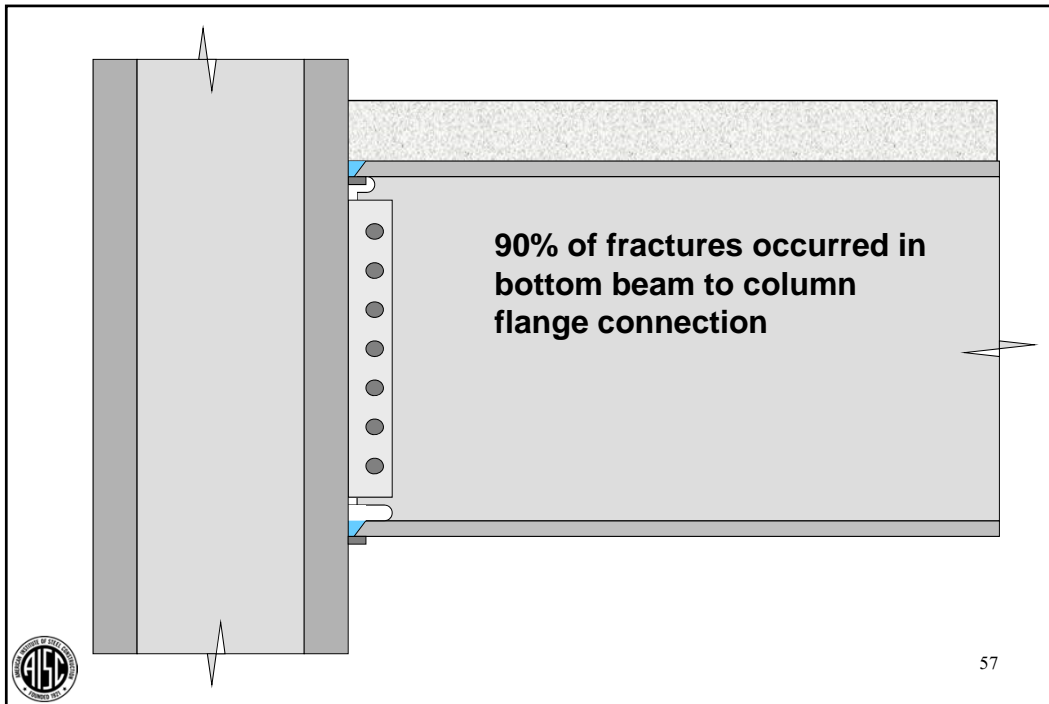












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Figure 2a. Survey form Section V damage description page.

*SURVEY OF STEEL MRF BUILDINGS  
DAMAGED BY THE NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE,  
JANUARY, 1994*

Building: \_\_\_\_\_  
Engineer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_

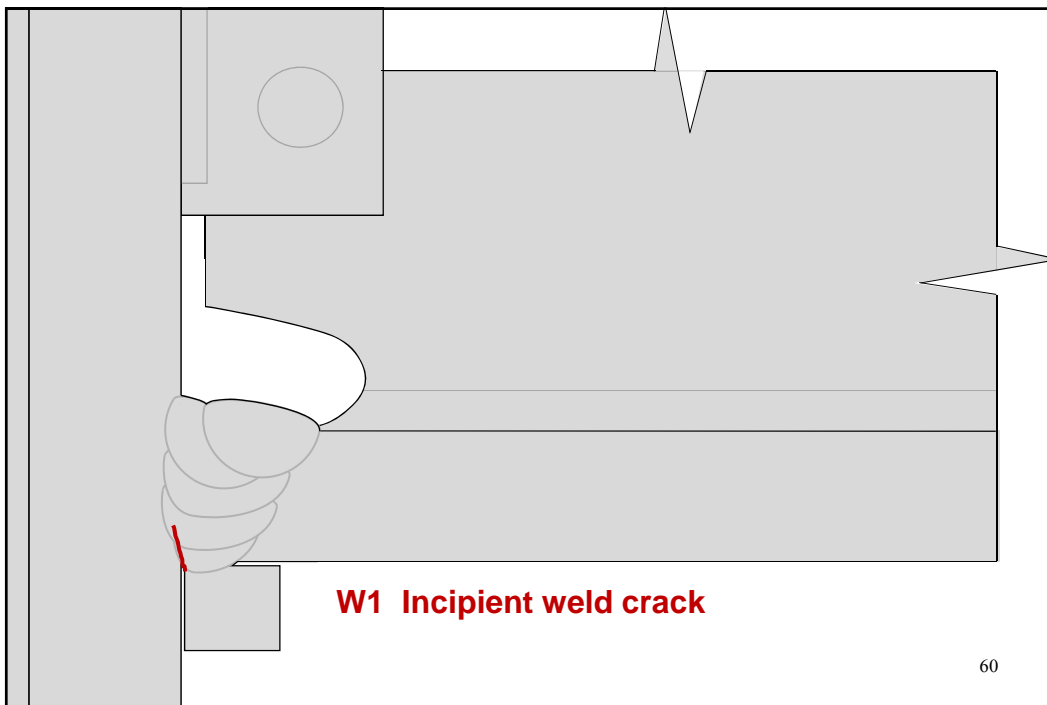
FLOOR \_\_\_\_\_ FRAME \_\_\_\_\_

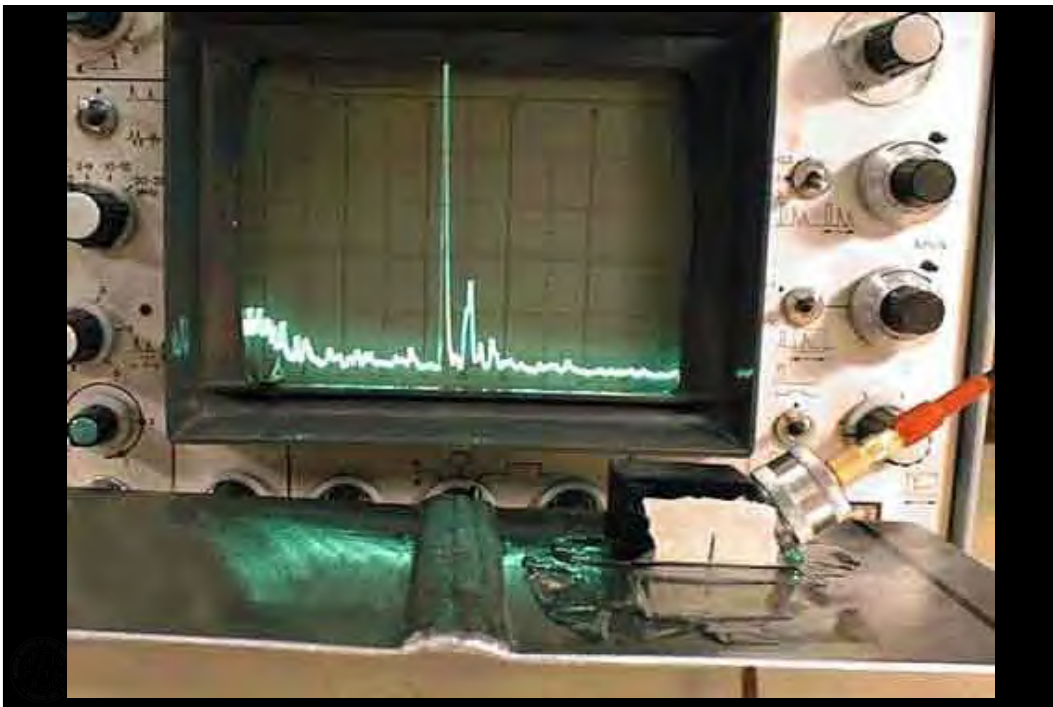
Flange	W1	Incipient weld crack
Weld	W2	Full or partial crack through weld metal
Damage	W3	Fracture at girder interface
	W4	Fracture at column interface

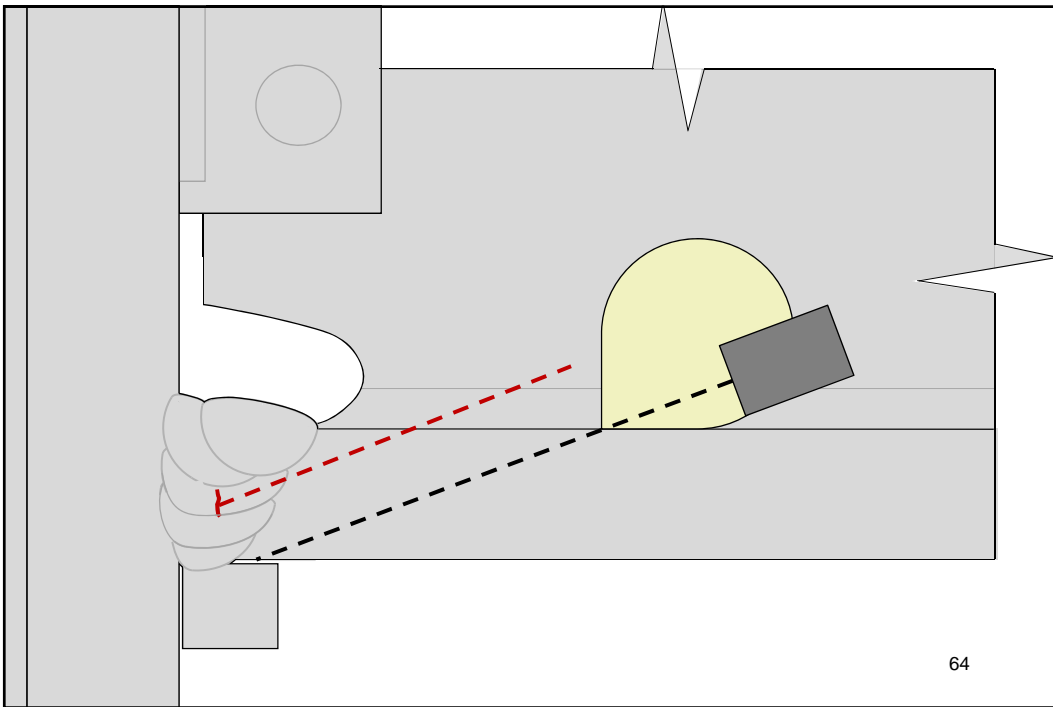
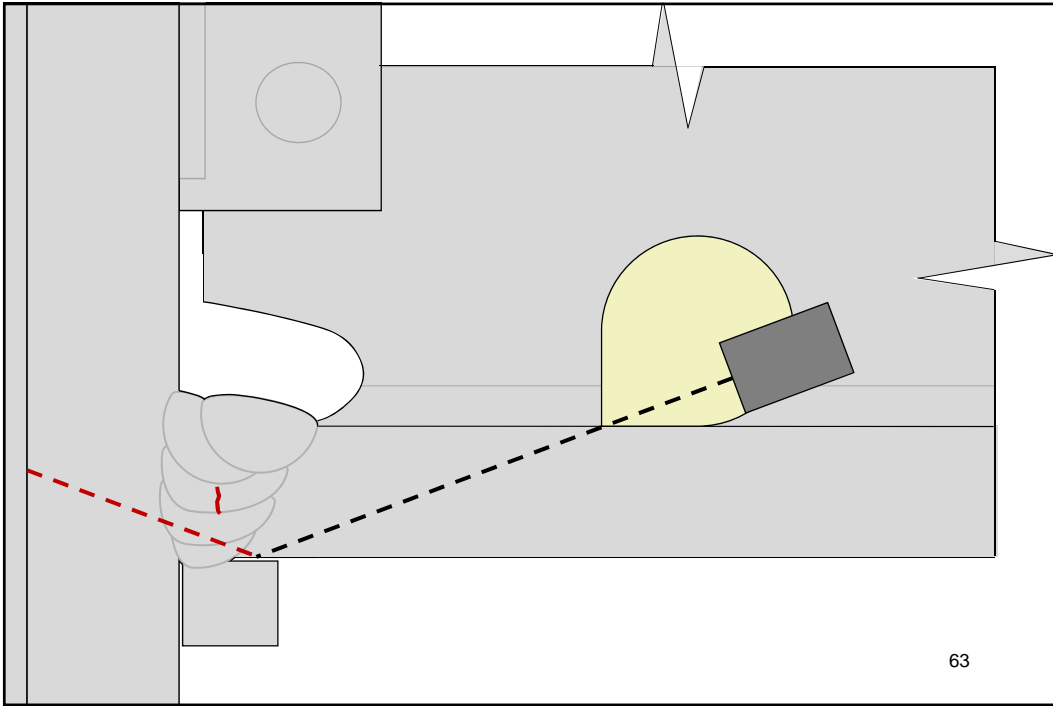
C5	Lamellar flange crack	5514Xr	5516Xr
Flange	W1	Incipient weld crack	5517Xr
Weld	W2	Full or partial crack through weld metal	5518Xr
Damage	W3	Fracture at girder interface	5519Xr
	W4	Fracture at column interface	5520Xr
Shear	S1	Weld crack at column (welded web only)	5521Xr
Connection	S2	Weld crack at shear tab	5522Xr
Damage	S3	Crack in girder web or shear plate through bolt holes	5523Xr
	S4	Plastic deformation of web or plate at bolt holes	5524Xr
	S5	Loose, damaged, or missing bolts	5525Xr
Panel	P1	Damage to continuity plate	5526Xr
Zone	P2	Crack in continuity plate weld	5527Xr
Damage	P3	Damage to doubler plate	5528Xr
	P4	Crack in doubler plate weld	5529Xr
	P5	Partial depth crack in column web (extension of C3)	5530Xr
	P6	Full (or near full) depth crack in column web	5531Xr

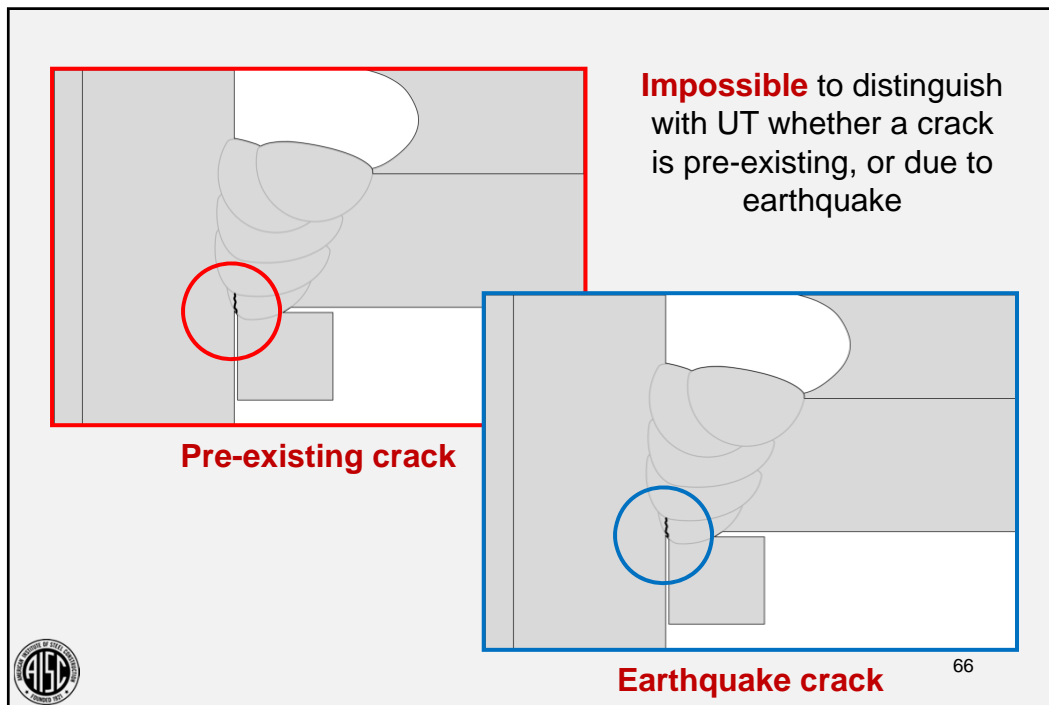
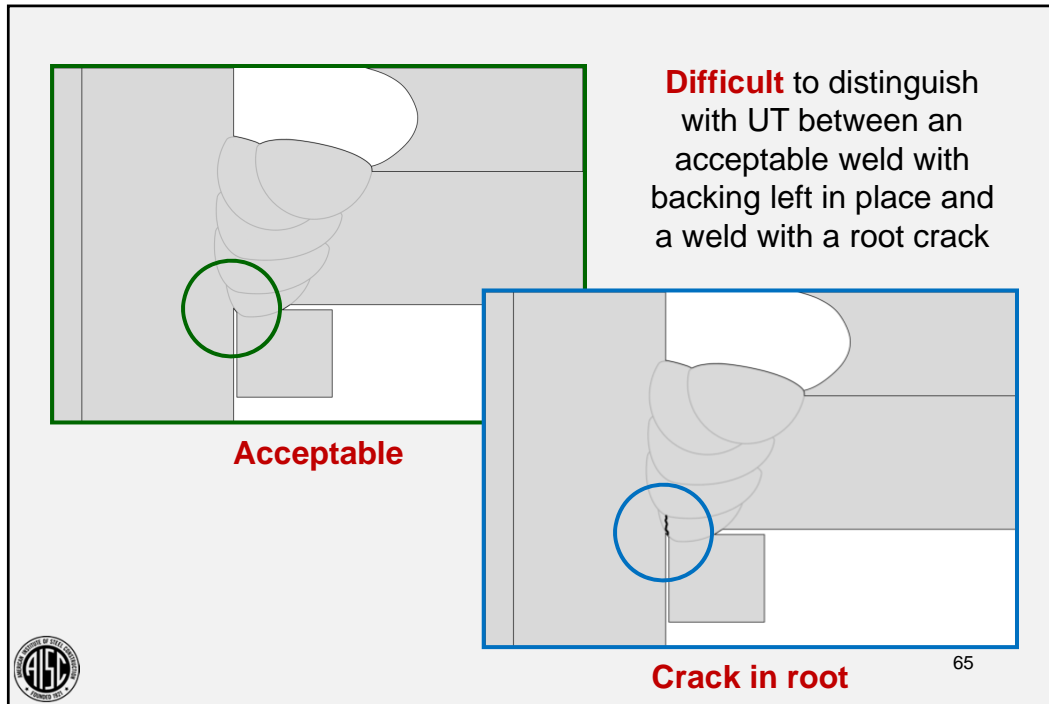
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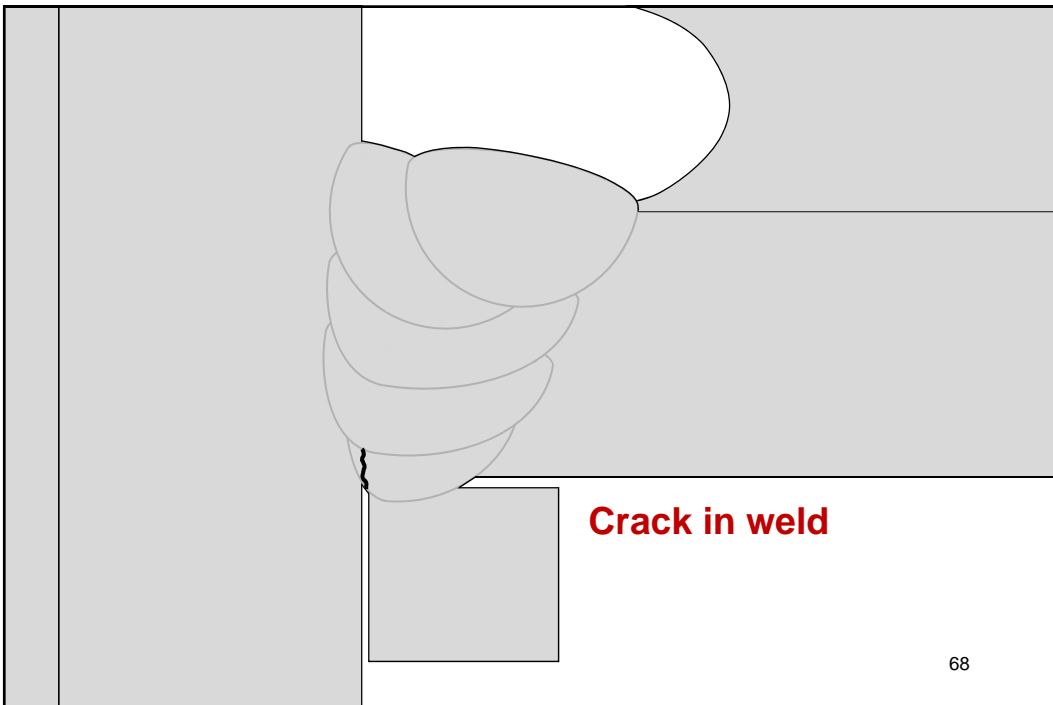
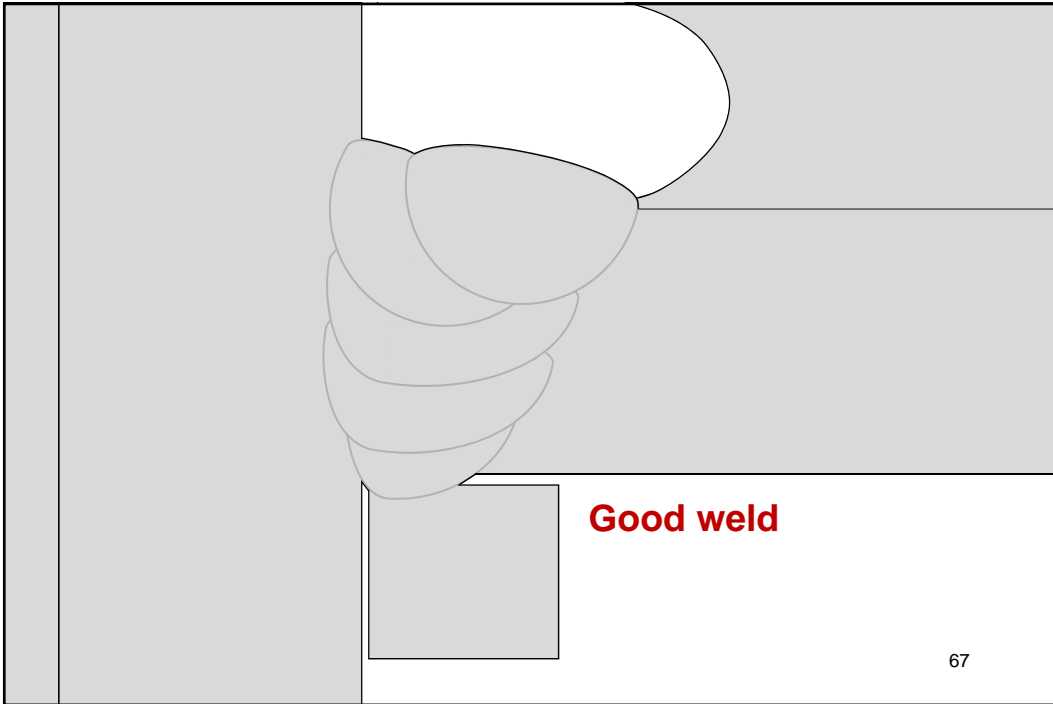
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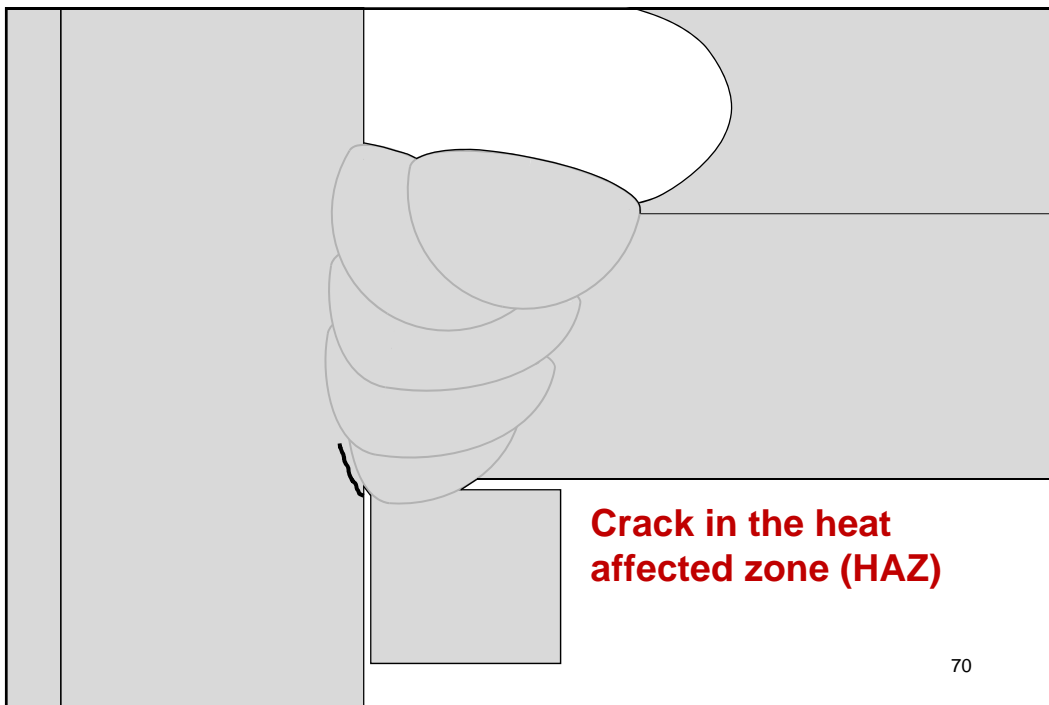
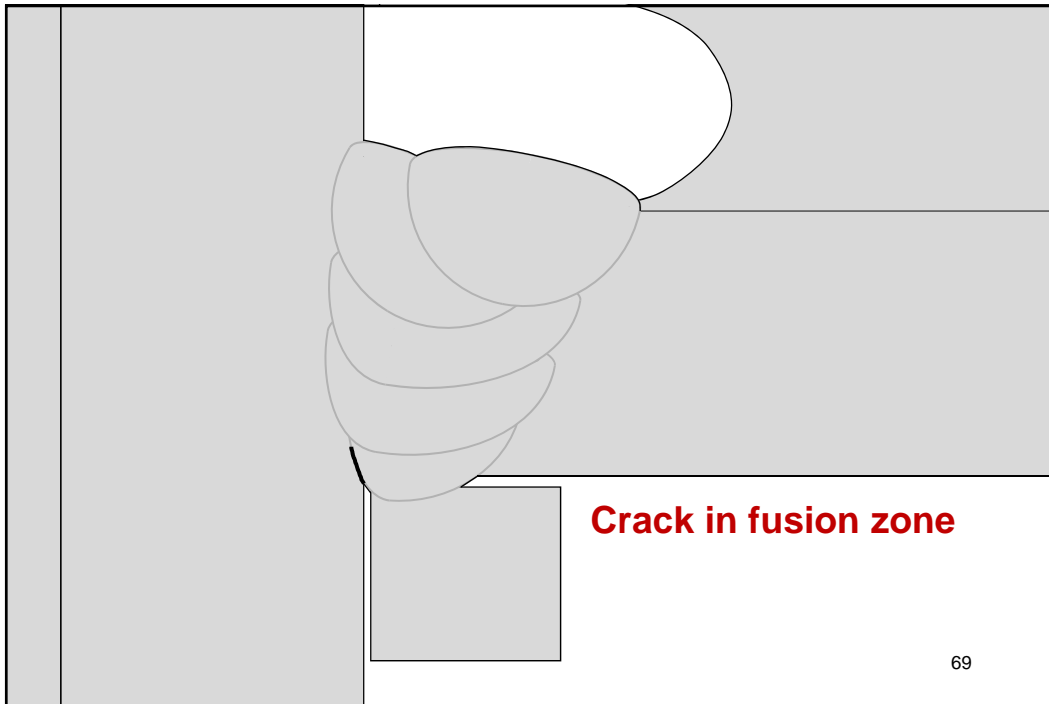


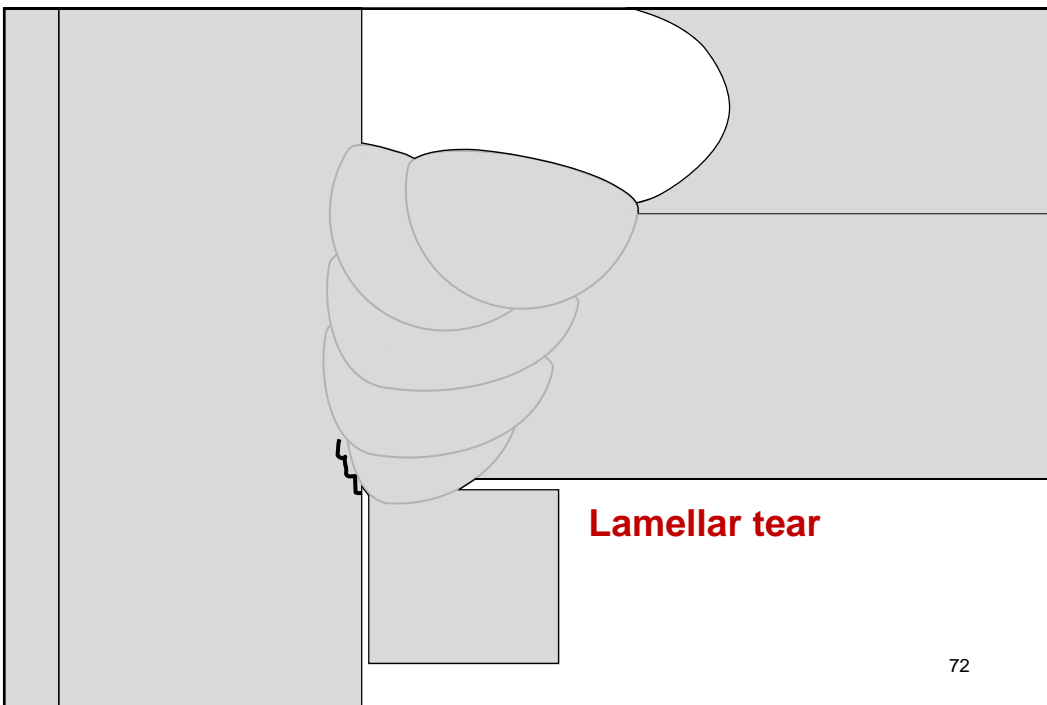
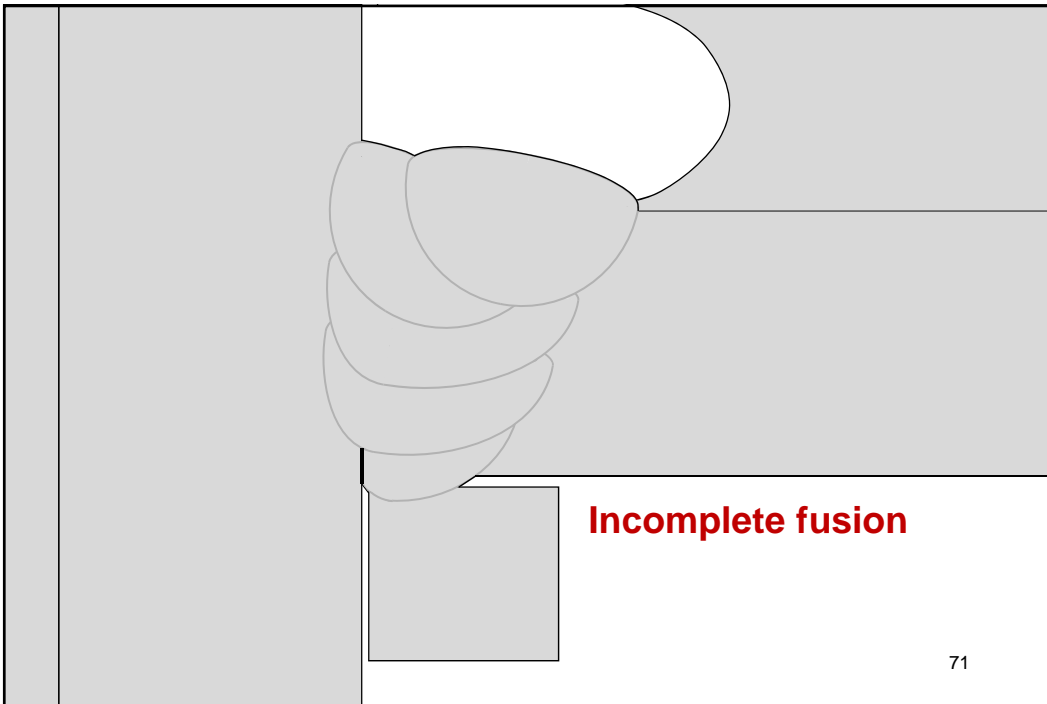


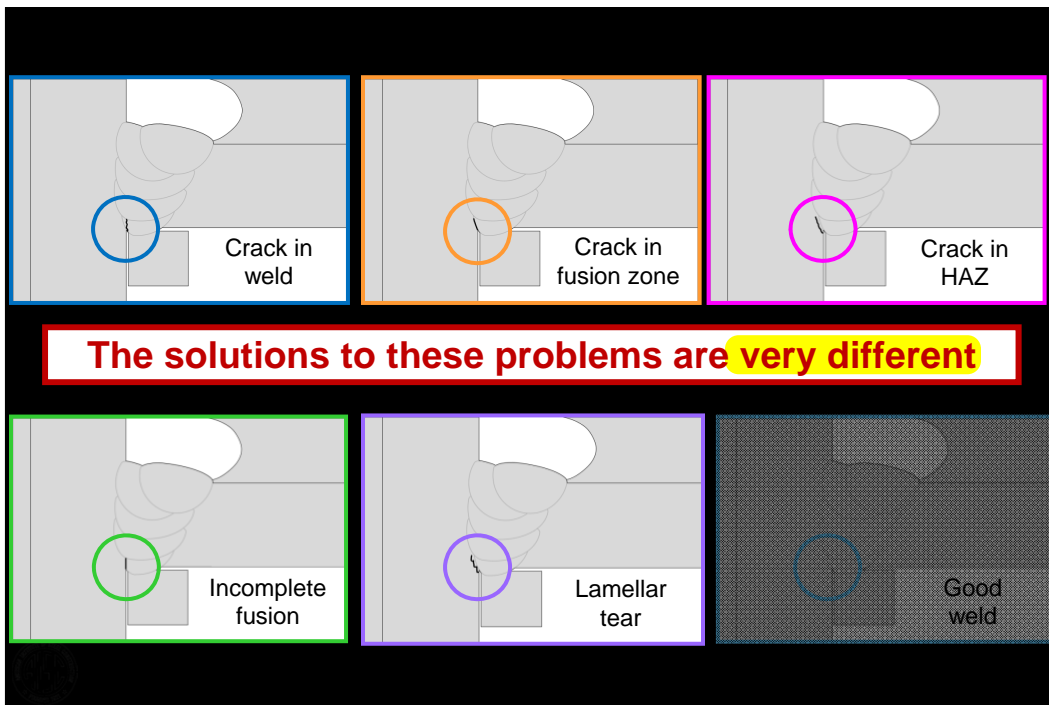
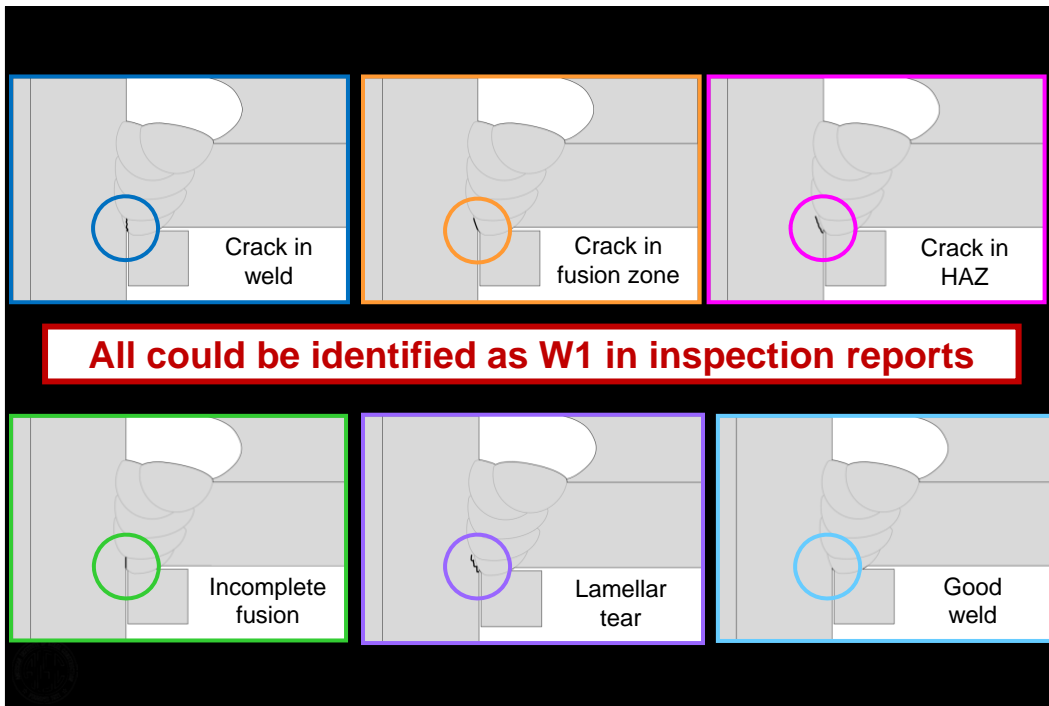
















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**CONCLUSIONS**



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1. W1's are a result of poor welding and inspection practices during construction, not a result of earthquake ground motions.



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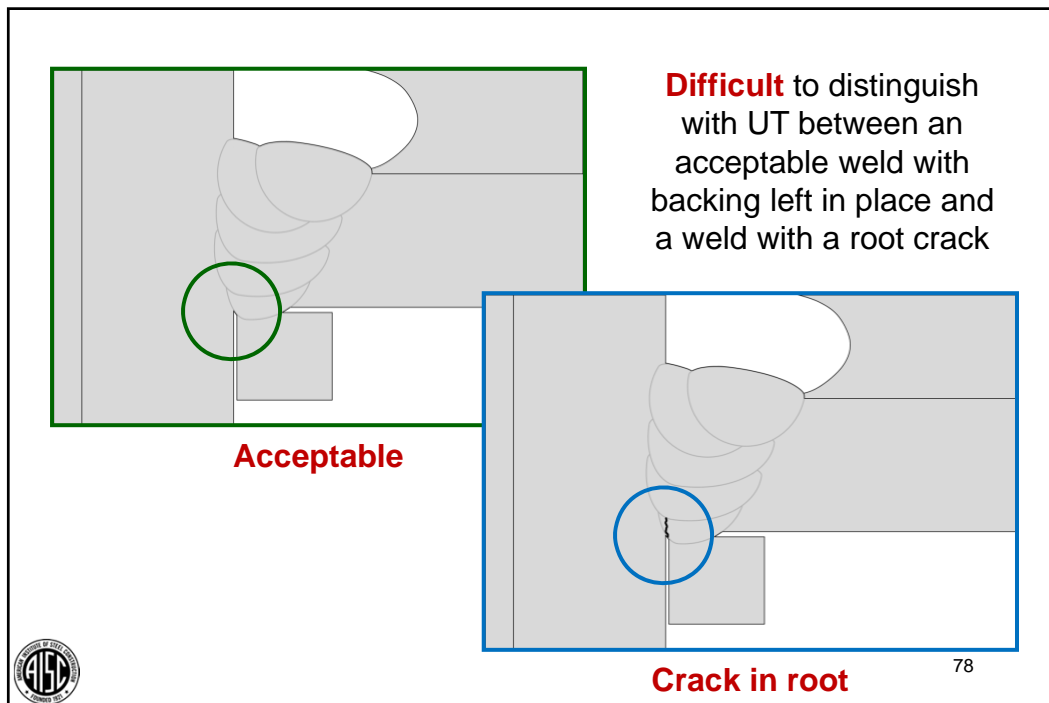
## Clarifying the Extent of Northridge-Induced Weld Fracturing; Examining the Related Issue of UT Reliability

### CONCLUSIONS

2. Ultrasonic inspection as normally employed by testing laboratory personnel **is not a reliable inspection technique** for identifying defects in the roots of welded full penetration “T” joints with backing.

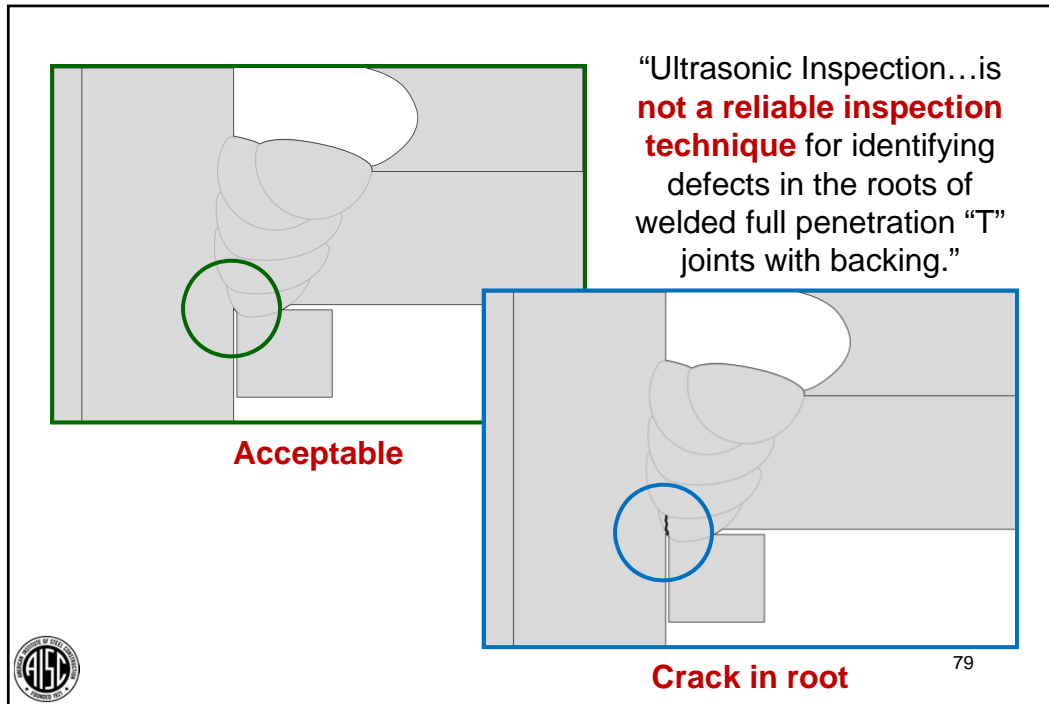


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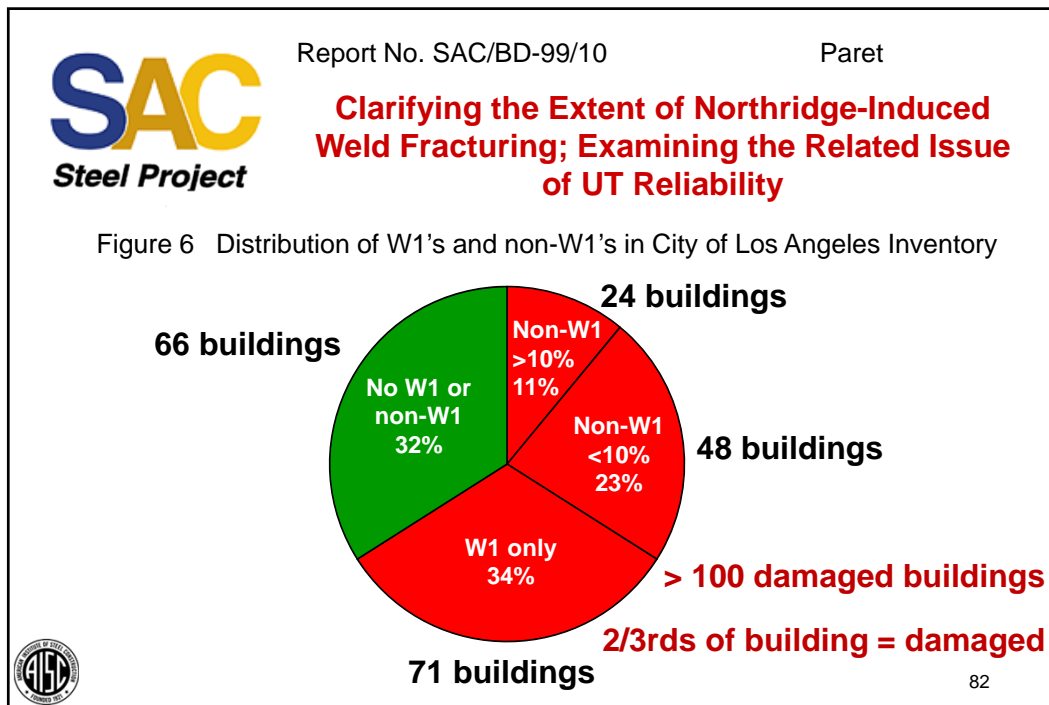
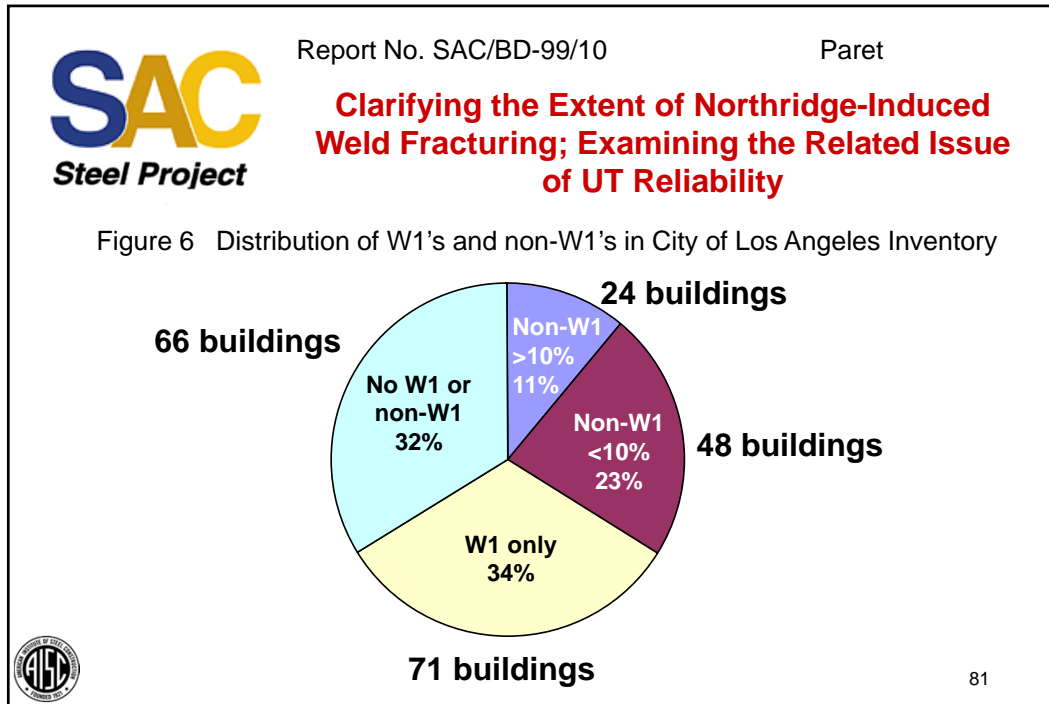
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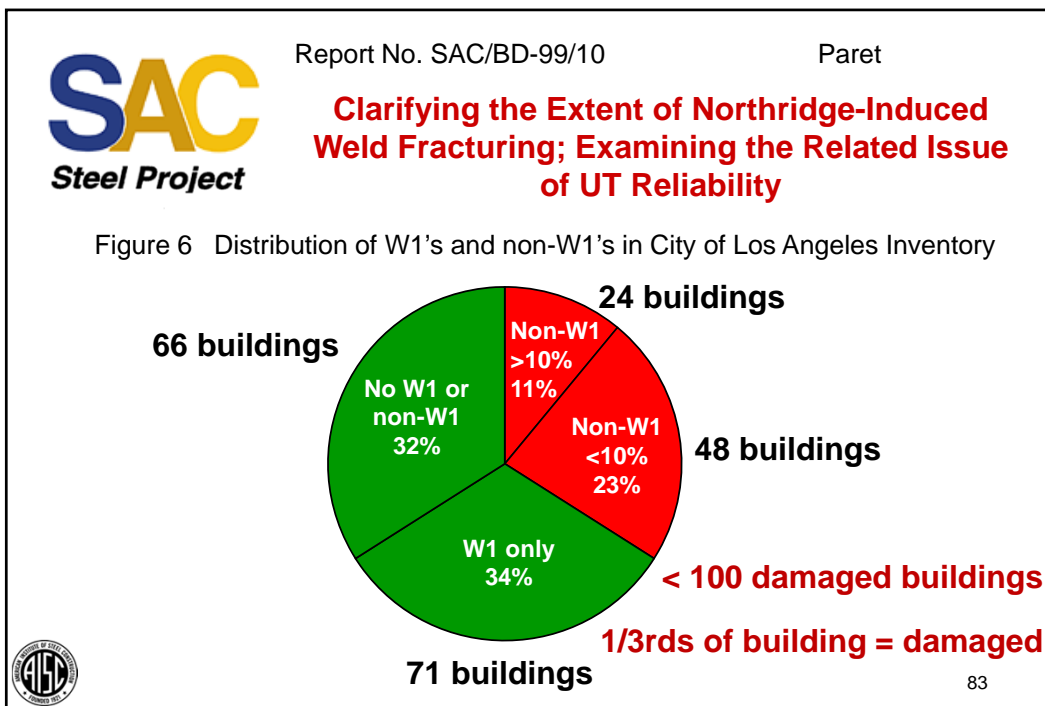
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However, assorted anecdotal evidence suggested that W1's might not be earthquake related at all. For example, a number of samples of W1b's trepanned from welded connections and examined in the laboratory were determined to contain **only areas of nonfusion and slag, without any crack extension** or other potentially earthquake-related conditions.

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**CONCLUSIONS**

3. The extent of earthquake damage to WSMF buildings is substantially less than has previously been reported.

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Figure 2. Location most often defined for W1's by ultrasonics

W1

“...only areas of nonfusion and slag, without any crack extension...”

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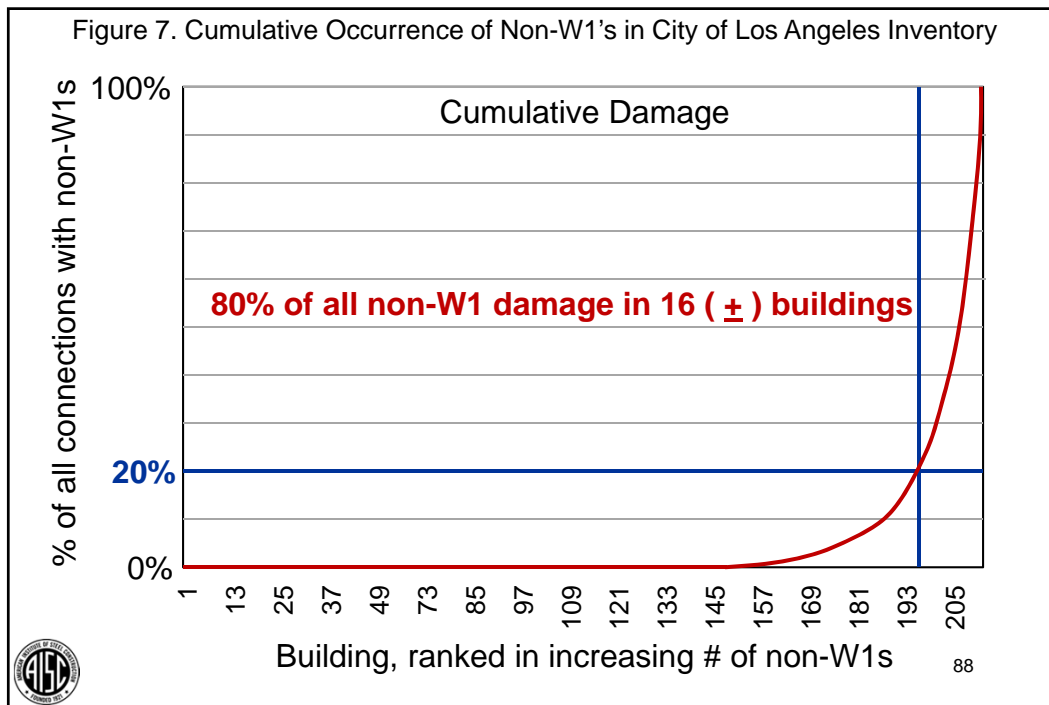
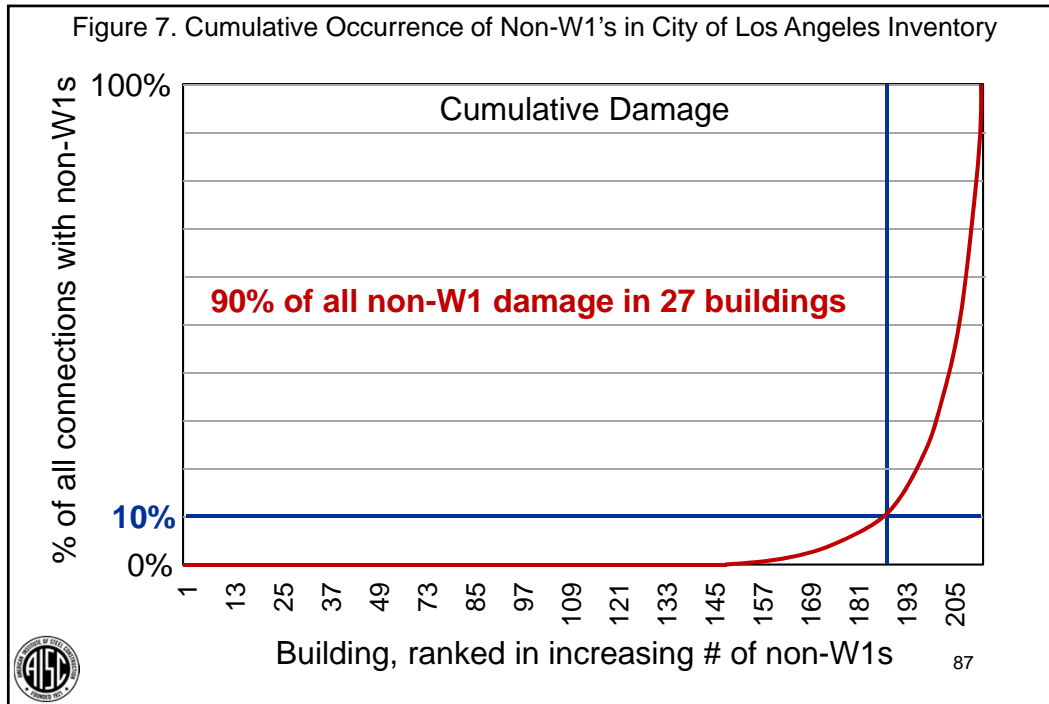
Figure 7. Cumulative Occurrence of Non-W1's in City of Los Angeles Inventory

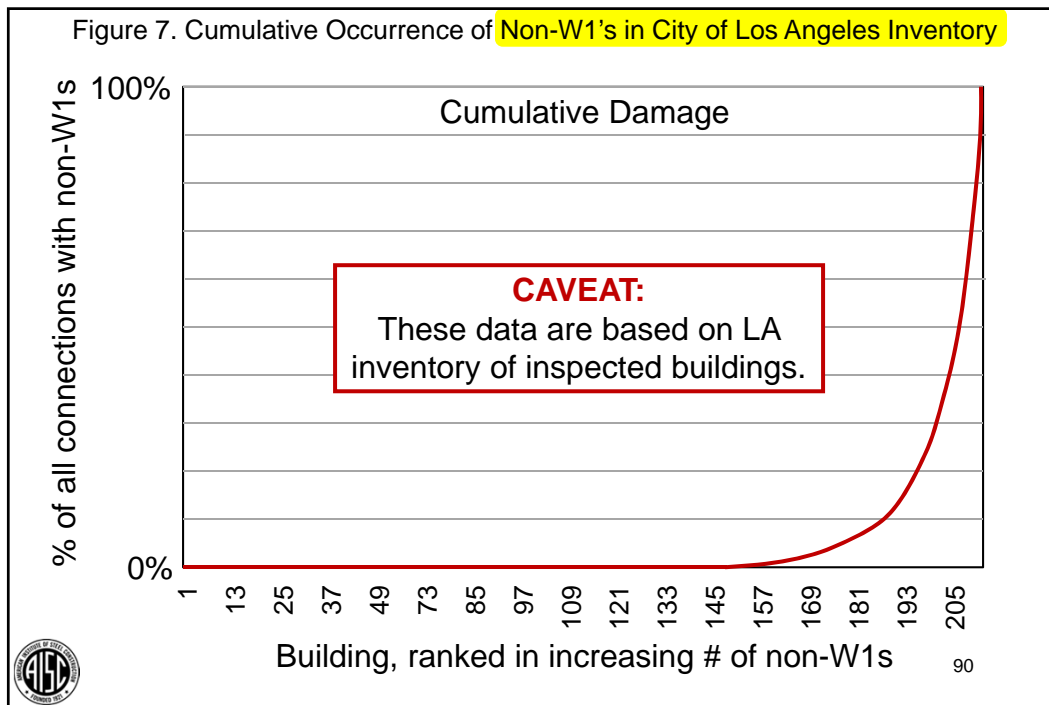
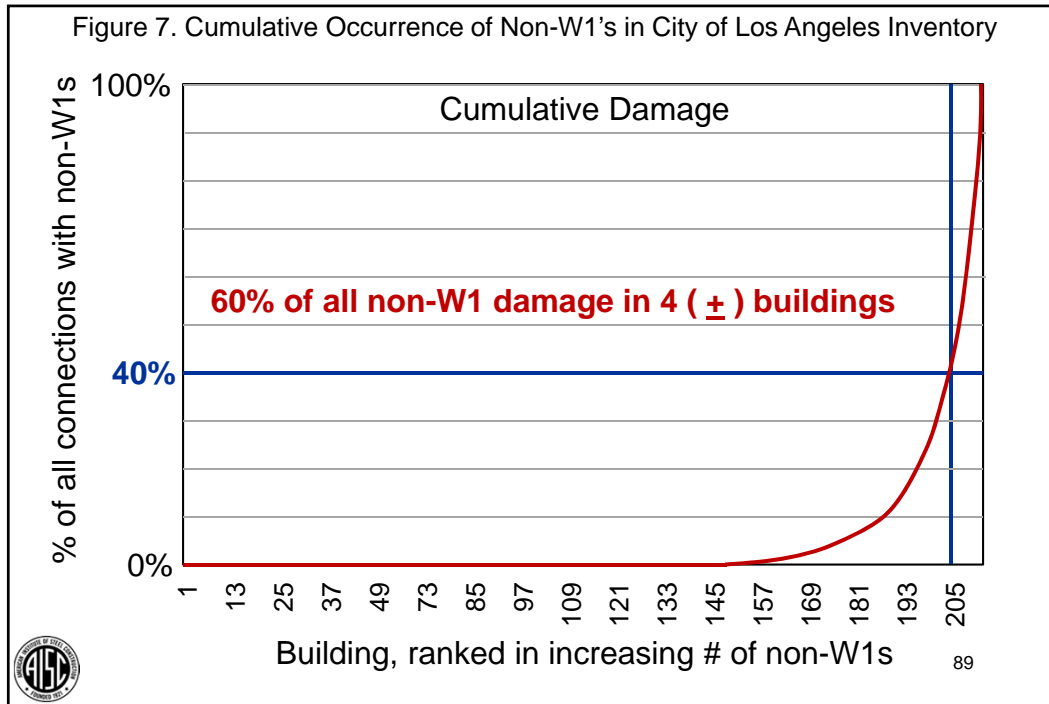
Cumulative Damage

% of all connections with non-w

Building, ranked in increasing # of non-w1s

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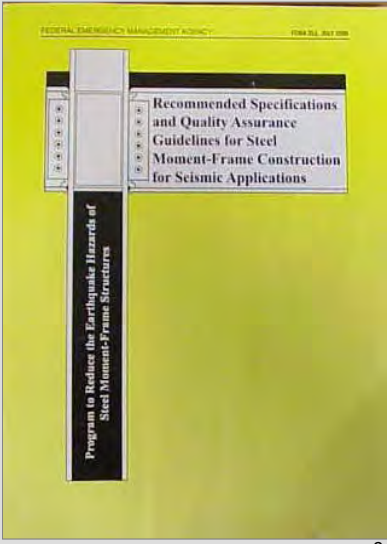





**FEMA 353: Recommended Specifications and Quality Assurance Guidelines for Steel Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications**

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Emergency  
Management  
Agency (FEMA)

**FEMA 353**  
July 2000



The image shows the cover of the FEMA 353 report. The cover is yellow with a black and white graphic of a steel moment-resisting frame. The title 'Recommended Specifications and Quality Assurance Guidelines for Steel Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications' is printed in black. Below the title, it says 'Program to Reduce the Earthquake Hazards of Steel Moment-Frame Structures'. The FEMA logo is visible in the top left corner of the cover. The number '91' is in the bottom right corner of the slide.




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**FEMA 353: Recommended Specifications and Quality Assurance Guidelines for Steel Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications**

“As a result of these studies, and independent research conducted by others, it is now known that **the typical moment-resisting connection detail** employed in steel moment-frame construction prior to the 1994 Northridge earthquake...**had a number of features that rendered it inherently susceptible to brittle fracture.** These included the following:”

(seven items are then listed)



From FEMA 353, page 1-9 <sup>92</sup>

**FEMA 353: Recommended Specifications and Quality Assurance Guidelines for Steel Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications**

- “The **most severe stresses** in the connection assembly occur where the beam joins to the column.”
- “...**the weld...must be interrupted** at the beam web, with either a start or stop of the weld at this location. This welding technique often results in poor quality welding at this critical location....”
- “The basic configuration of the connection makes it **difficult to detect hidden defects at the root** of the welded beam-flange-to-column-flange joints.”



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**FEMA 353: Recommended Specifications and Quality Assurance Guidelines for Steel Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications**

- “... the beam flanges at the connection carry a **significant amount of the beam shear**. This results in significant flexural stresses on the beam flange at the face of the column....”
- “... severe strain concentrations can occur in the beam flange at the toe of these **weld access holes**. These strain concentrations can result in low-cycle fatigue and the initiation of ductile tearing of the beam flanges....”



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**FEMA 353: Recommended Specifications and Quality Assurance Guidelines for Steel Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications**

- “Steel material at the center of the beam-flange-to-column-flange joint is **restrained from movement**, particularly in connections of heavy sections with thick column flanges. This condition of restraint **inhibits the development of yielding at this location**, resulting in locally high stresses on the welded joint, which exacerbates the tendency to initiate fractures at defects in the welded joints.”



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**FEMA 353: Recommended Specifications and Quality Assurance Guidelines for Steel Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications**

- “In connections with excessively weak panel zones, inelastic behavior of the assembly is dominated by shear deformation of the panel zone. This **panel zone shear deformation results in a local kinking of the column flanges** adjacent to the beam-flange-to-column-flange joint....”



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**FEMA 353: Recommended Specifications and Quality Assurance Guidelines for Steel Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications**

“In addition to the above, **additional conditions contributed significantly** to the vulnerability of connections constructed prior to 1994.”

(three items are then listed)



From FEMA 353, page 1-10<sup>97</sup>

**FEMA 353: Recommended Specifications and Quality Assurance Guidelines for Steel Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications**

- “The **welding consumables** that building erectors most commonly used inherently produced welds with **very low toughness**.”
- “... as **member sizes** increased, strain demands on the welded connections also increased, making the connections more susceptible to brittle behavior.”
- “... many **beams** actually had **yield strengths** that approximated or exceeded that required for grade 50 material. As a result of this increase in base metal yield strength, the weld metal in the beam-flange-to-column-flange joints became under-matched....”



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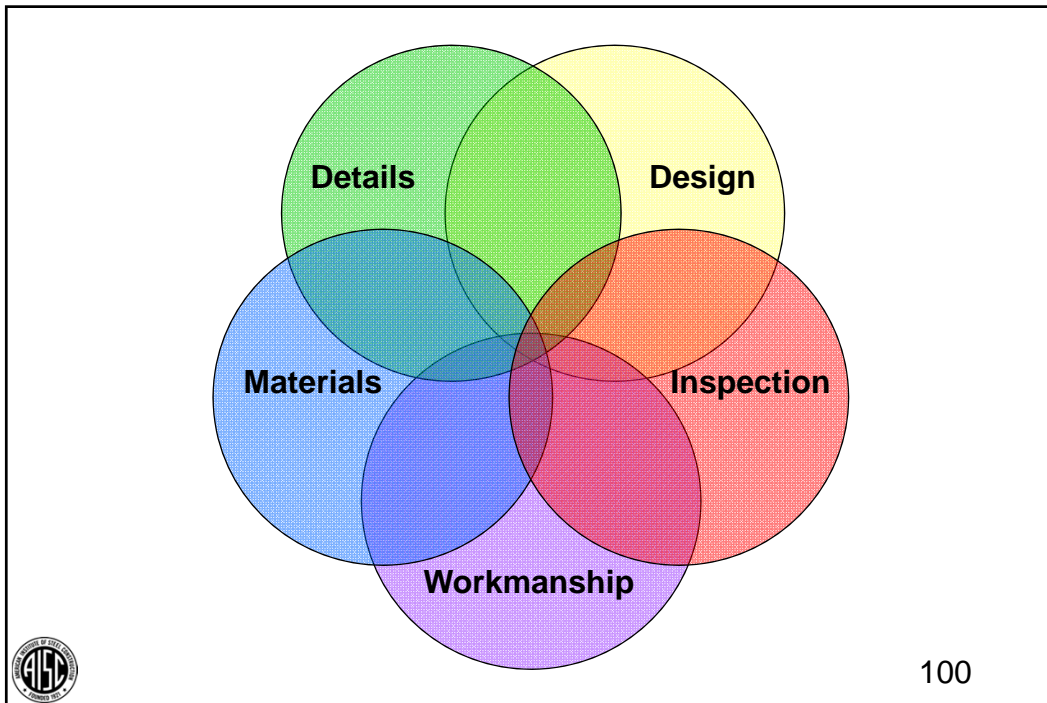


**FEMA 353: Recommended Specifications and Quality Assurance Guidelines for Steel Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications**

“At this time, it is clear that in order to obtain reliable **ductile behavior** of steel moment-frame construction a number of changes to past practices in **design, materials, fabrication, erection and quality assurance** are necessary.”



From FEMA 353, page 1-10<sup>99</sup>




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**Welded Connections for Seismic Service**

**OUTLINE**

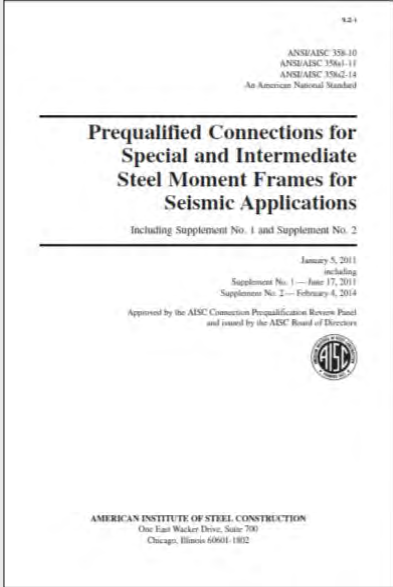
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ANSI/AISC 358s1-11  
ANSI/AISC 358s2-14  
An American National Standard

**Prequalified Connections for  
Special and Intermediate  
Steel Moment Frames for  
Seismic Applications**



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## AISC 358s2-14 Prequalified Connections

### CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

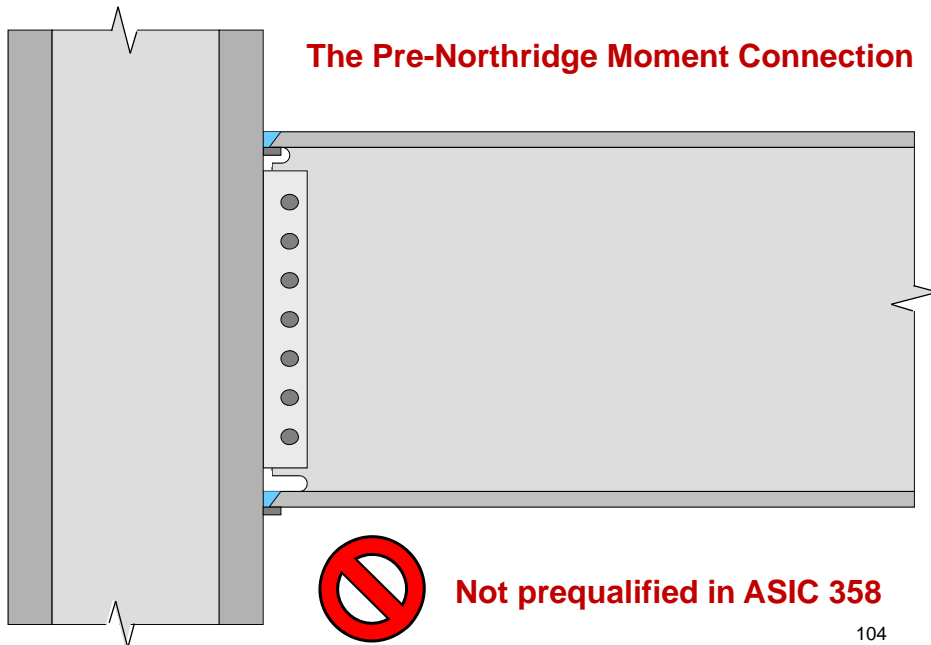
#### 1.1. SCOPE

This Standard specifies design, detailing, fabrication and quality criteria for connections that are prequalified in accordance with the AISC *Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings* (herein referred to as the AISC *Seismic Provisions*) for use with special moment frames (SMF) and intermediate moment frames (IMF). The connections contained in this Standard are prequalified to meet the requirements in the AISC *Seismic Provisions* only when designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements of this Standard.



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### The Pre-Northridge Moment Connection



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**AISC 358s2-14 Prequalified Connections**

**Reduced Beam Section (RBS) Moment Connection**

$R = \text{Radius of cut} = \frac{4c^2 + b^2}{8c}$

Protected zone

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**AISC 358s2-14 Prequalified Connections**

**Bolted Unstiffened and Stiffened Extended End-Plate moment connections (BUUEP, BSEEP)**

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**AISC 358s2-14 Prequalified Connections**

**Bolted Flange Plate (BFP) Moment Connection**

Protected zone =  $S_h + d$

$S_h$

$S_1$

Continuity and doubler plates as required

Shims, if required

Single-plate web connection

Shims, if required

$s$

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**AISC 358s2-14 Prequalified Connections**

**Welded Unreinforced Flange-Welded Web (WUF-W) Moment Connection**

Protected zone

$d$

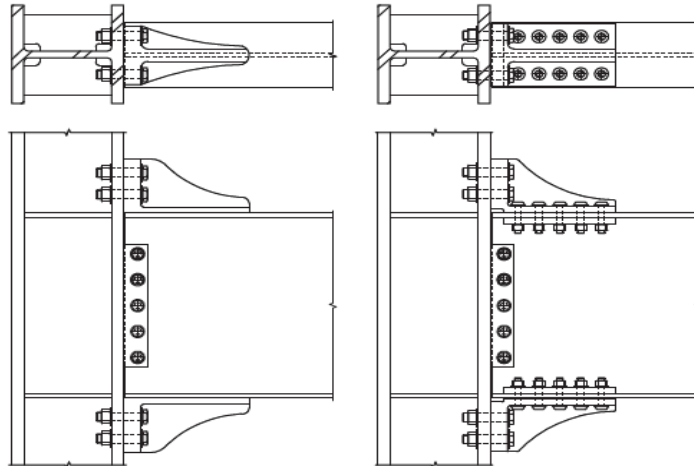
$d$

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### AISC 358s2-14 Prequalified Connections

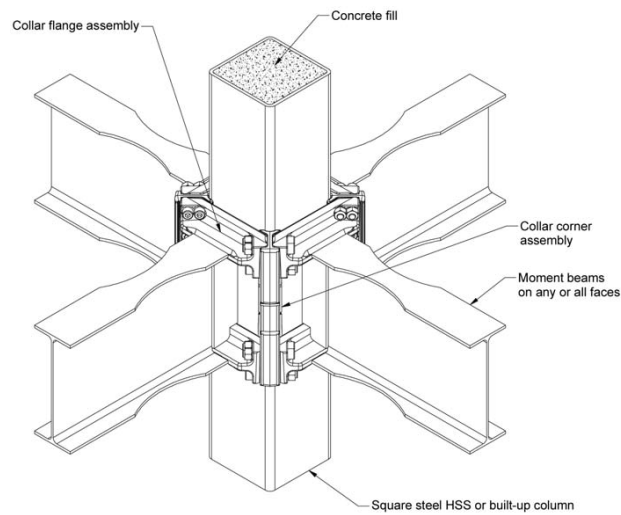
#### Kaiser Bolted Bracket (KBB) Moment Connection



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### AISC 358s2-14 Prequalified Connections

#### CONXTECH® CONXL™ Moment Connection

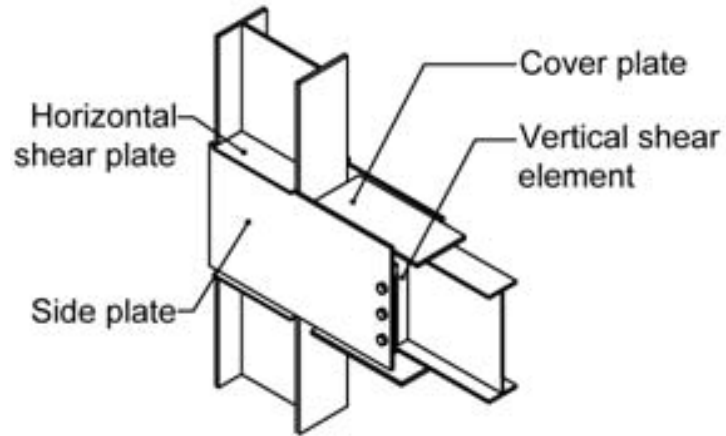


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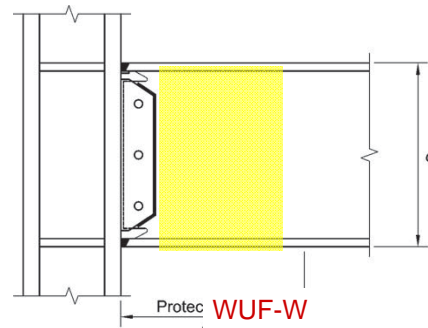
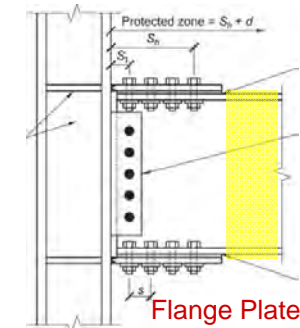
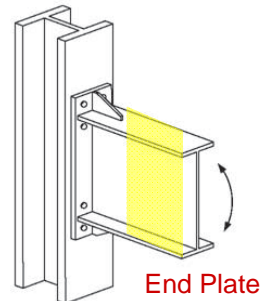
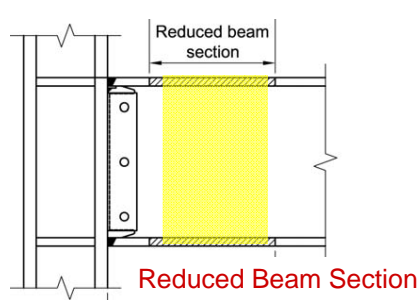


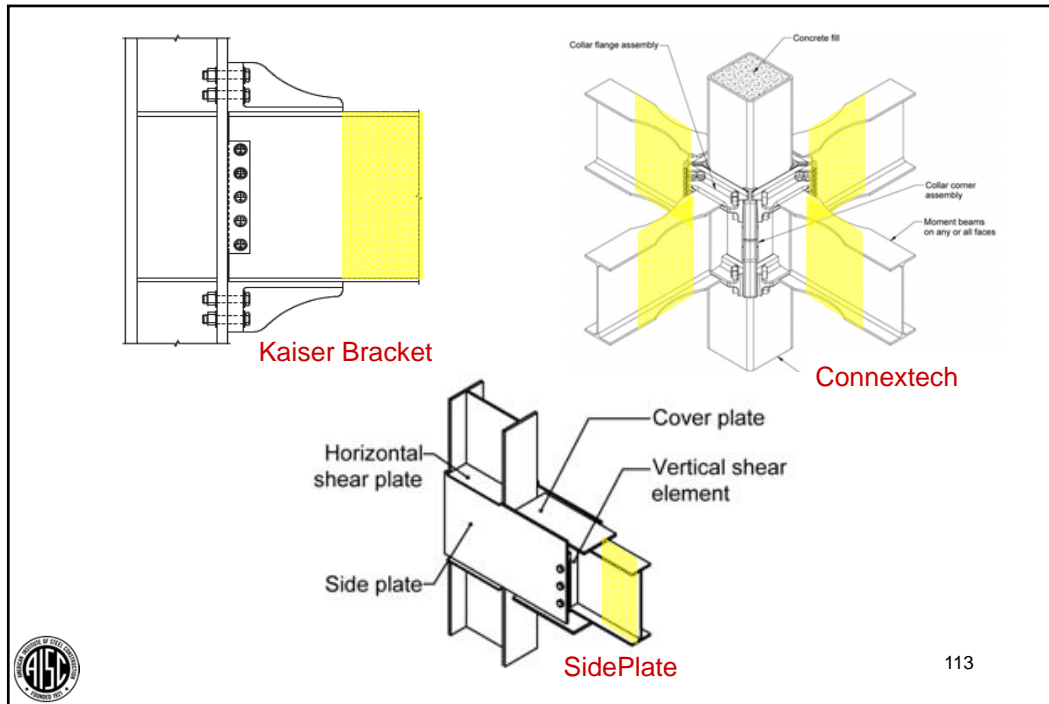
### AISC 358s2-14 Prequalified Connections

#### SidePlate® Moment Connection



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## AISC 358s2-14 Prequalified Connections

### COMMENTARY CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

#### 1.3 General

Connections prequalified under this Standard are intended to withstand inelastic deformation primarily through controlled yielding in specific behavioral modes. To obtain connections that will behave in the indicated manner, proper determination of the strength of the connection in various limit states is necessary. The strength formulations contained in the LRFD method are consistent with this approach.



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## AISC 358s2-14 Prequalified Connections



### CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

#### 1.1. SCOPE

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## AISC 358s2-14 Prequalified Connections



### CHAPTER 3

#### WELDING REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1. FILLER METALS

Filler metals shall conform to the requirements of the AISC *Seismic Provisions*.

#### 3.2. WELDING PROCEDURES

Welding procedures shall be in accordance with the AISC *Seismic Provisions*.



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**AISC 341-10 SEISMIC PROVISIONS**

**CHAPTER A**

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

A2. REFERENCED SPECIFICATIONS, CODES AND STANDARDS


American Welding Society (AWS)  
**AWS D1.8/D1.8M:2009 Structural Welding Code—  
Seismic Supplement**




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AWS D1.8:2009  
An American National Standard

**Structural Welding Code—  
Seismic Welding Supplement**



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## Welded Connections for Seismic Service

### OUTLINE

- Seismic Design and Ductility
- The Northridge Experience
- Ductile versus Brittle Behavior
- AISC Prequalified Seismic Connections
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## AWS D1.8:2009 Seismic Welding Supplement



1. General Provisions
2. Reference Documents
3. Definitions
4. Welded Connection Details
5. Welder Qualification
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7. Inspection




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## Welded Connections for Seismic Service


**OUTLINE: D1.8 Seismic Welding Supplement**

- ➔ • Overview
- Engineer's Responsibilities
- Heat Input Testing
- Restricted Access Welder Qualification
- Workmanship Details




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## AWS D1.8:2009 Seismic Welding Supplement



### 1.1 Applicability

The provisions of this code supplement the provisions of AWS D1.1/D1.1M, *Structural Welding Code—Steel*, and shall apply to the design, fabrication, quality control, and quality assurance of welded joints designed in accordance with the AISC *Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings*.



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The provisions of this code supplement the provisions of AWS D1.1/D1.1M, *Structural Welding Code—Steel*, and shall apply to the design, fabrication, quality control, and quality assurance of welded joints designed in accordance with the AISC *Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings*.



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### 1.1 Applicability (continued)

All provisions of AWS D1.1/D1.1M for statically loaded structures shall apply to the designated welds, except as specifically modified herein.




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## Welded Connections for Seismic Service


**OUTLINE: D1.8 Seismic Welding Supplement**

- Overview
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## AWS D1.8:2009 Seismic Welding Supplement



### 1.2 Responsibilities

#### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M,  
the Engineer shall provide the following information  
in the Contract Documents:



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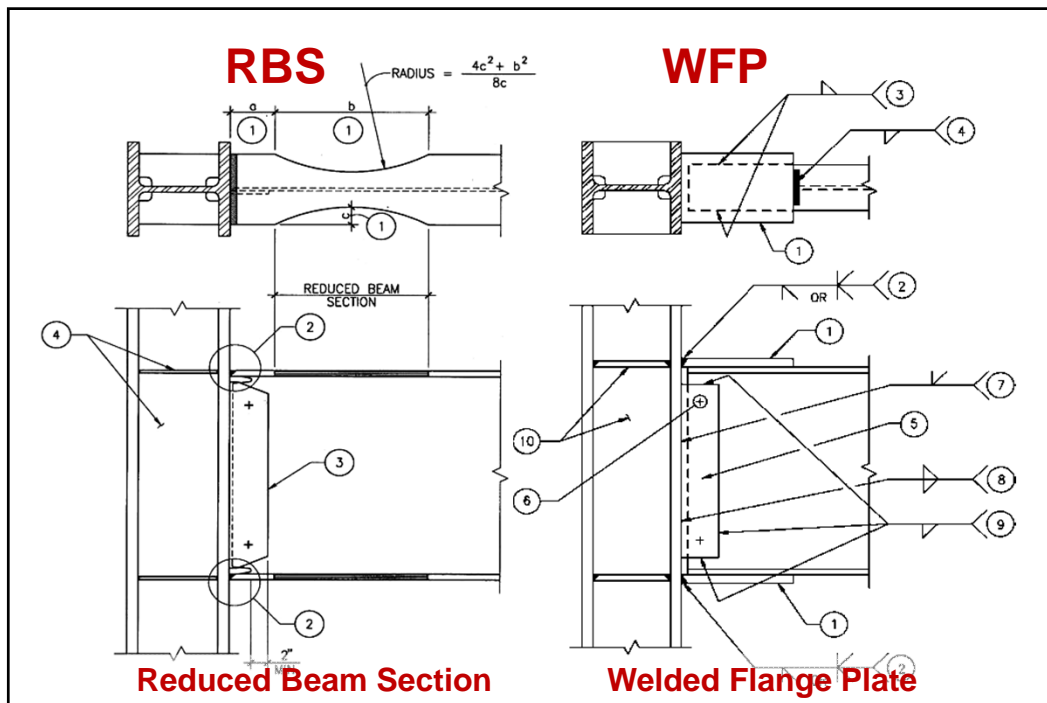
### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

- (1) **Connection configuration, material specifications, and part sizes** required to provide the needed seismic performance (see 1.3)



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### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

(2) Identification of members that comprise the Seismic Force Resisting System (SFRS) and that are subject to the provisions of this code (see 3.1)



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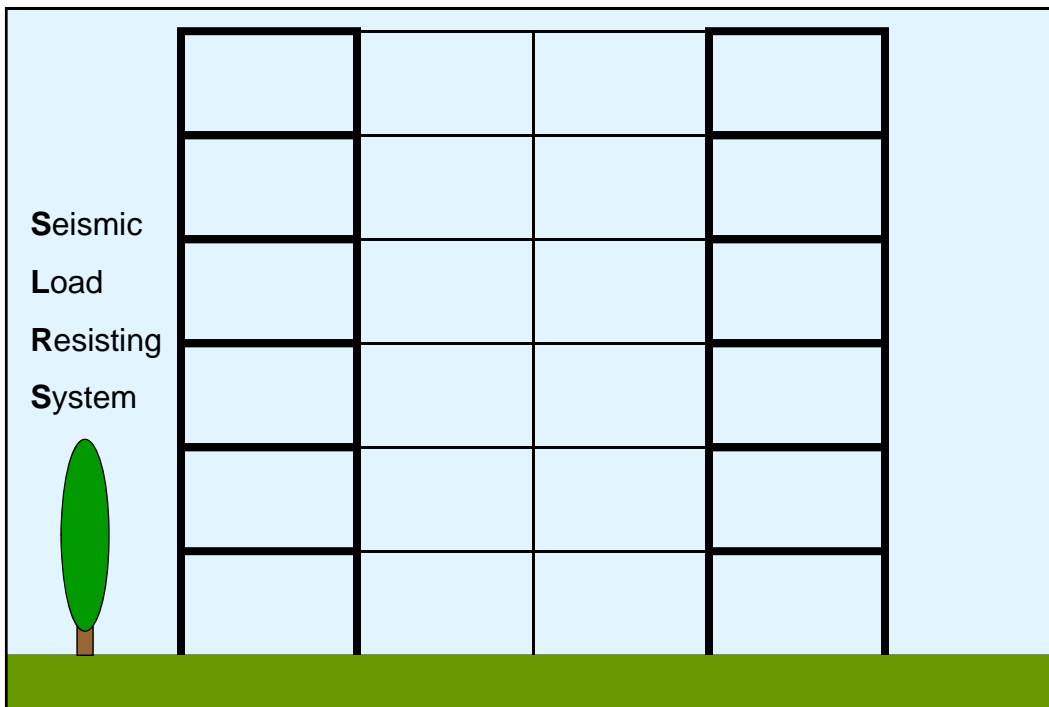
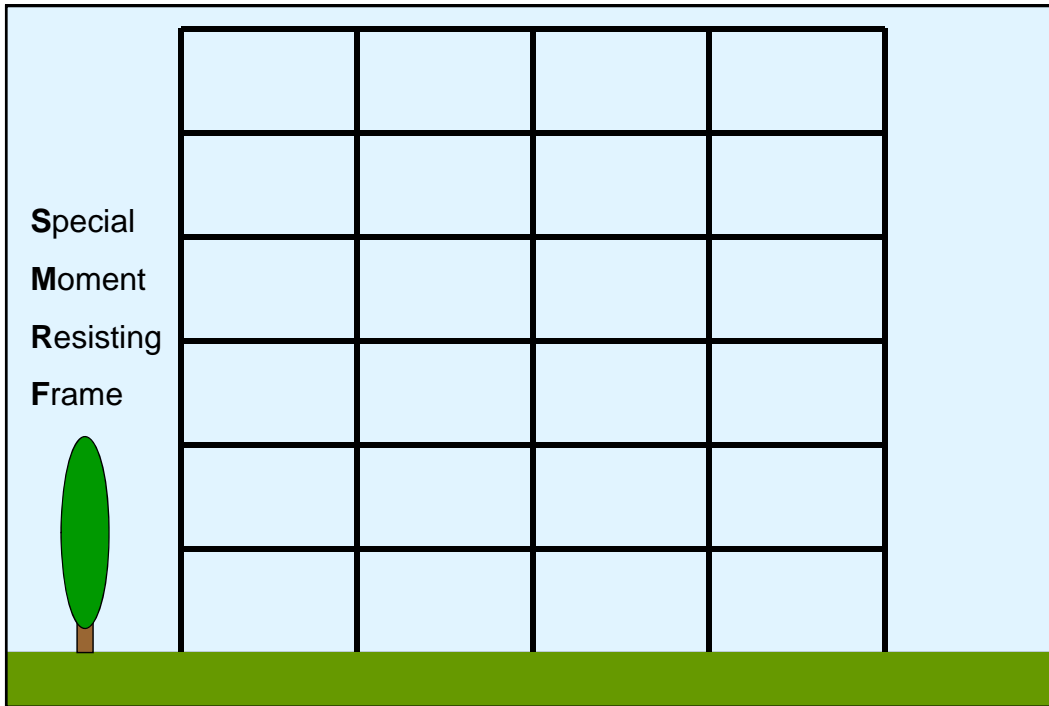
### 3.1 Seismic Force Resisting System (SFRS).

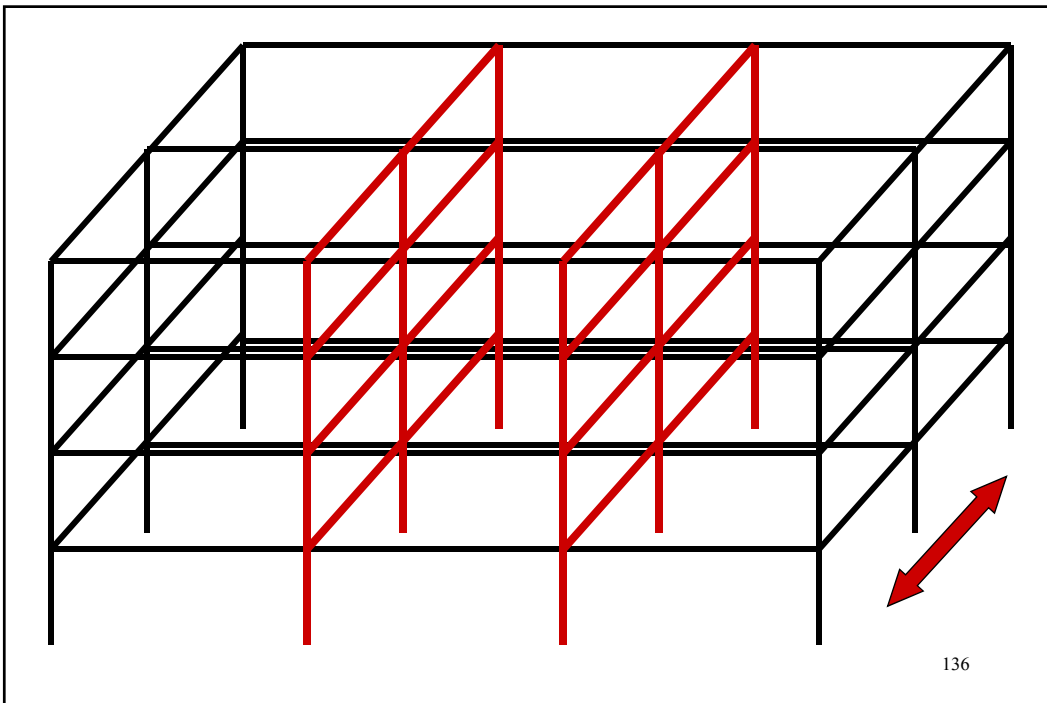
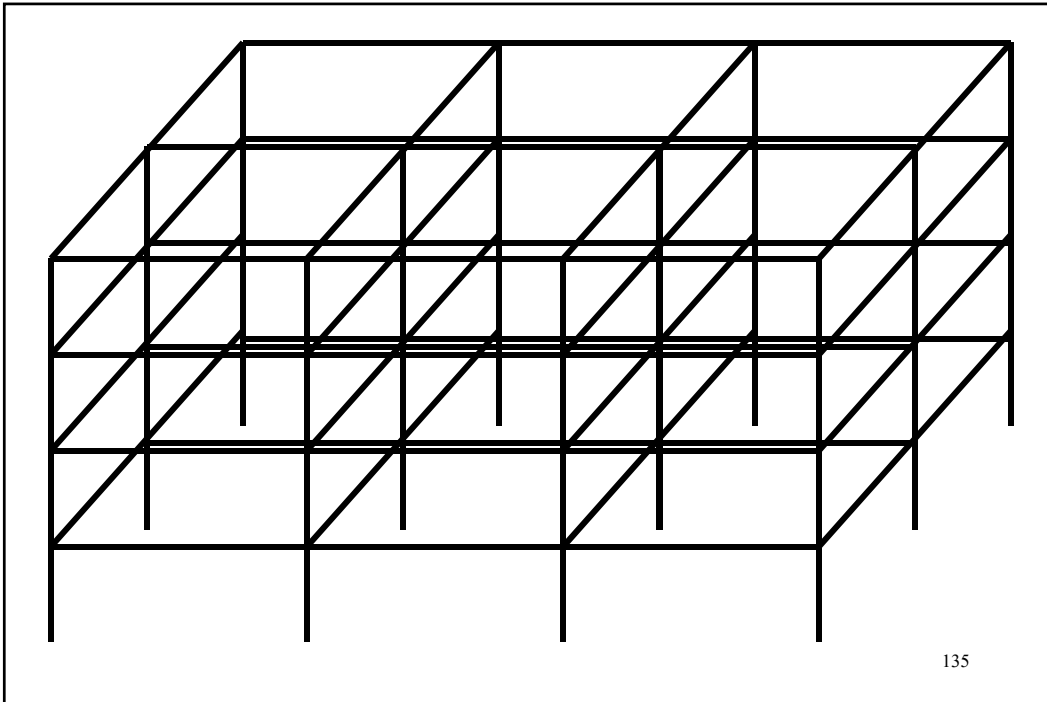
The assembly of structural elements in the building that resists seismic loads.... Included in the SFRS are the columns, beams, girders and braces, and the connections between these elements, specifically designed to resist seismic loads, either alone or in combination with other loads.

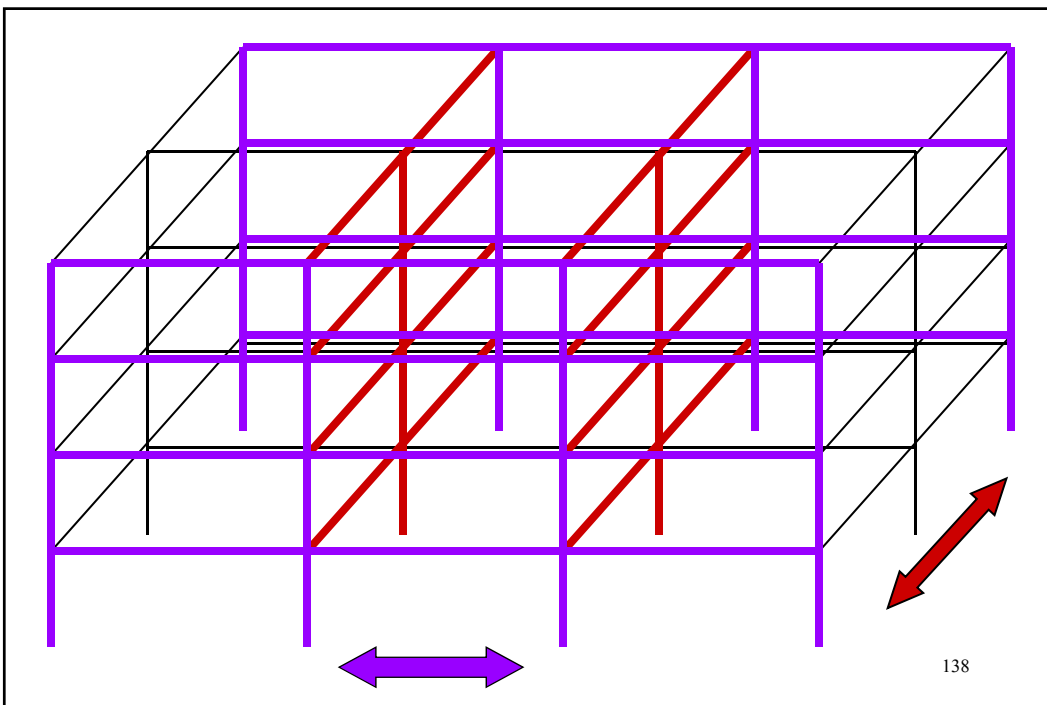
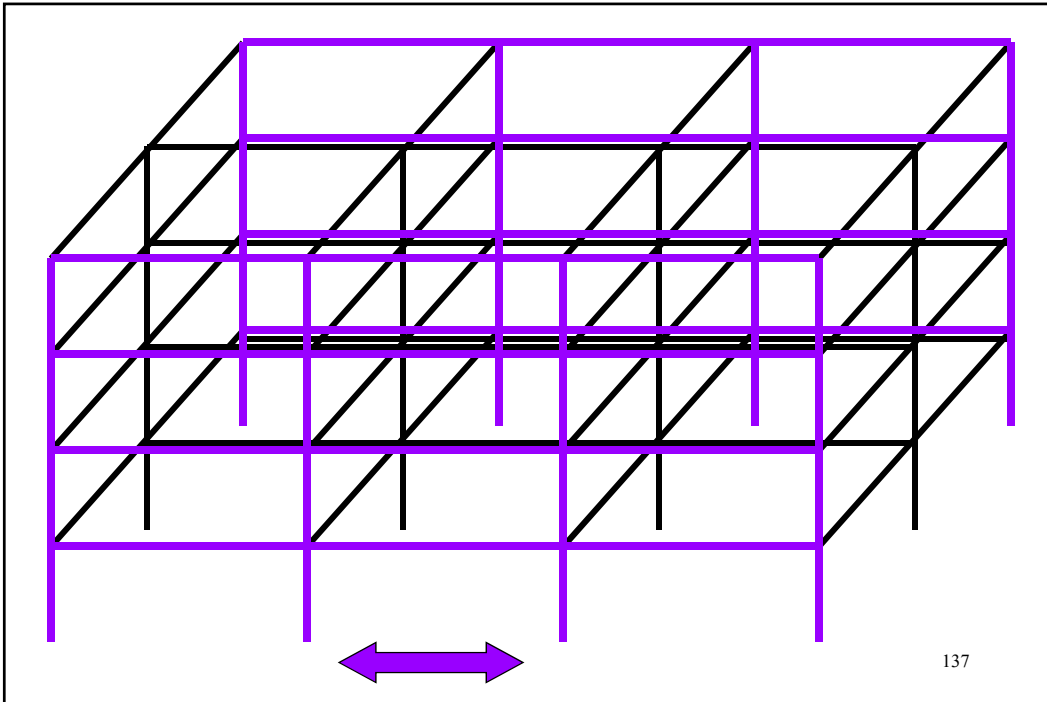


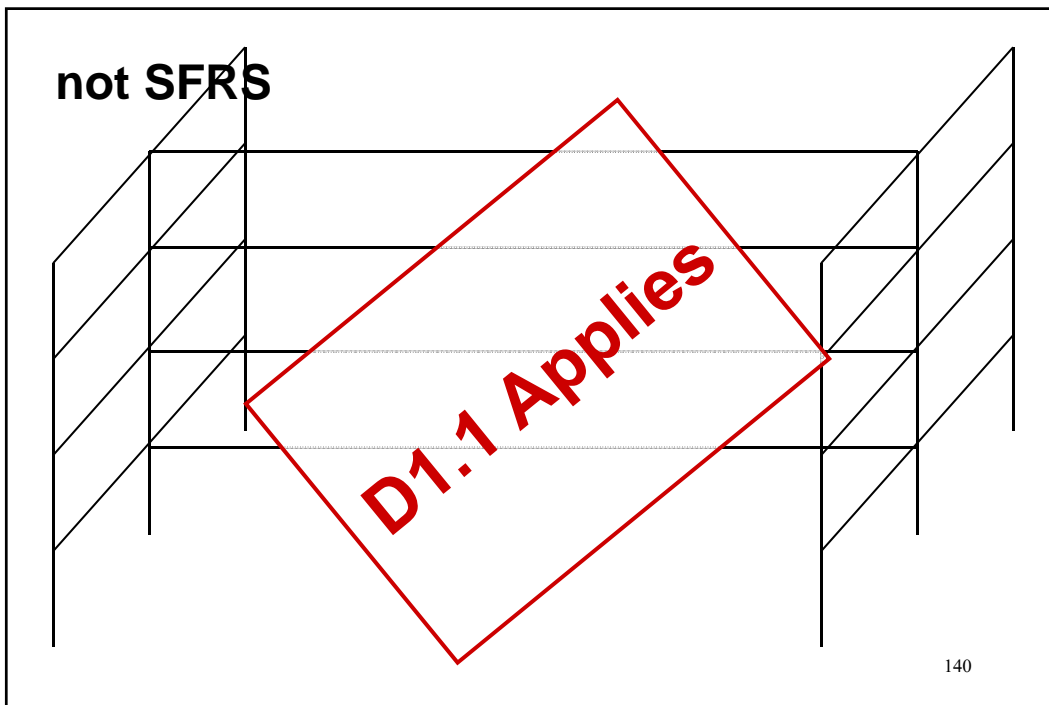
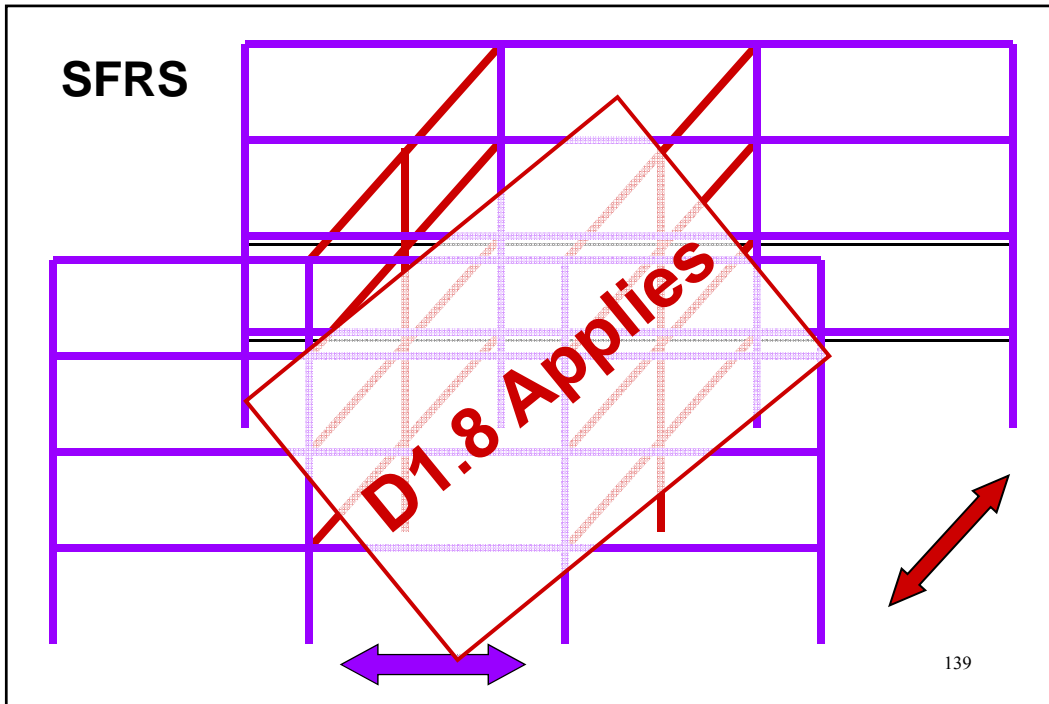
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### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

(3) The location of the Protected Zone for members of the SFRS (see 3.3)



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### 3.3 Protected Zone

That portion of a member of the SFRS, designated by the Engineer in Contract Documents in which inelastic straining is anticipated to occur and to which special limitations in these provisions apply with regard to attachments and fabrication.




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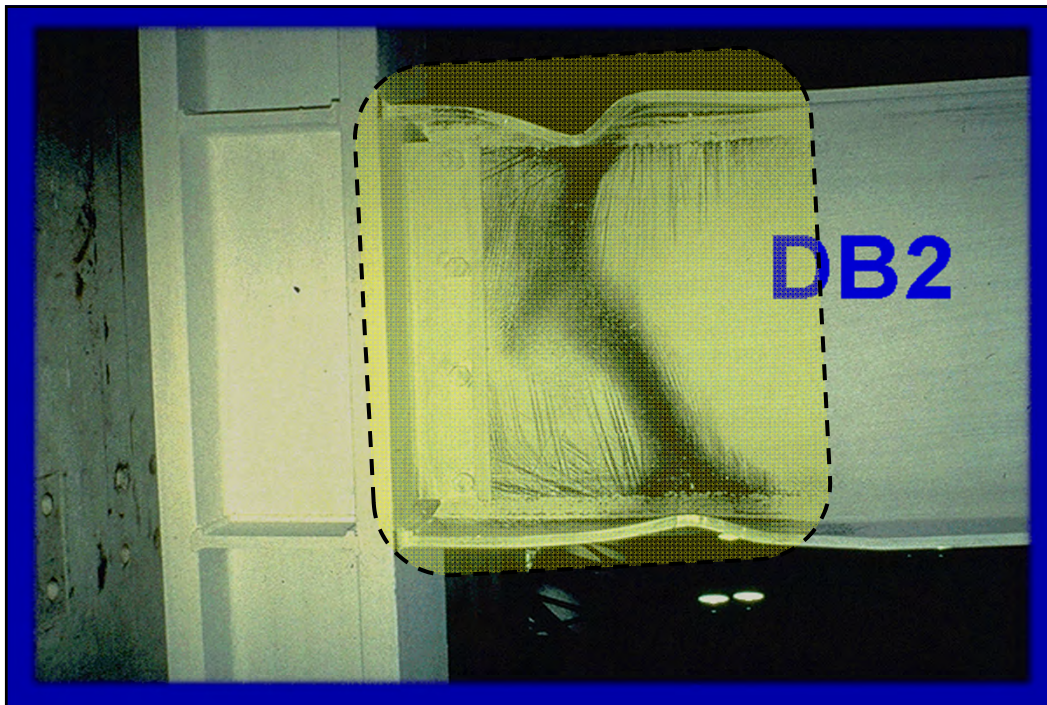
### AWS D1.8:2009 Seismic Welding Supplement

The diagram illustrates a cross-section of a welded connection between a column and a beam. Key features include:

- D1.1 (NOT AN SFRS WELD):** Labels pointing to the top and bottom flange-to-column welds.
- D1.8:** Labels pointing to the column-to-beam web welds.
- D1.8-DC:** Labels pointing to the column-to-beam flange welds.
- D1.8-DC FOR IMF AND SMF / D1.8 FOR OMF:** Labels pointing to the column-to-beam flange welds, with a note for OMF (Overlapped Moment Resisting Frame).
- RBS CUT:** Labels pointing to the Reduced Beam Section (RBS) cutouts in the beam flanges.
- PROTECTED ZONE:** A yellow shaded area around the column-to-beam flange welds, indicating a region where the welds must meet specific seismic requirements.



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The diagram illustrates a welded connection between a vertical member and a horizontal member. A yellow shaded area represents the 'PROTECTED ZONE'. Various welds are labeled with callouts: D1.8, D1.8-DC, and D1.1 (NOT AN SLRS WELD). A small inset image in the top right corner shows the cover of the AWS D1.8:2009 Seismic Welding Supplement. The AISC logo is in the bottom left corner.

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### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

- (4) Welds designated as "Demand Critical" and subject to specific provisions of this code (see 3.2)

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### 3.2 Demand Critical Welds

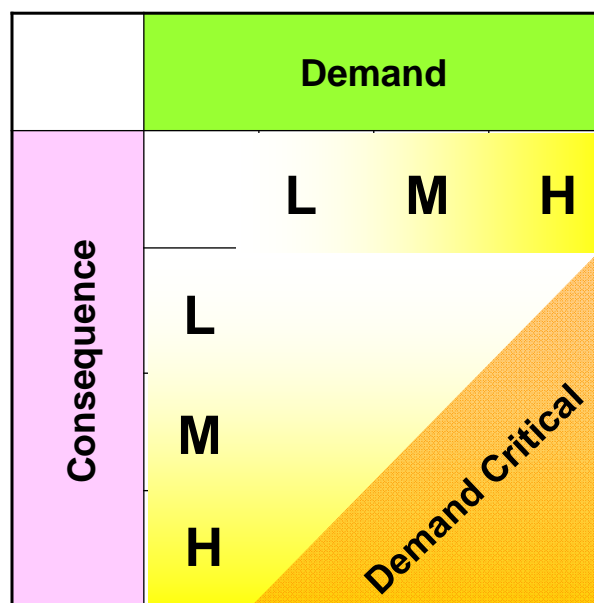
Welds designated by the Engineer in the Contract

Documents, and required to meet specific

requirements of this code.




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**Three kinds of welds:**

Type of Weld	D1.1	D1.8	D1.8 DC
Not part of SFRS	✓		
Part of SFRS	✓	✓	
Demand Critical	✓	✓	✓



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**Welds: part of the SFRS**

**Table 6.1  
Filler Metal Classification Properties**


Property	70 ksi [480 MPa] Strength	80 ksi [550 MPa] Strength
Yield Strength, ksi [MPa]	58 [400] min.	68 [470] min.
Tensile Strength, ksi [MPa]	70 [480] min. 22 min.	80 [550] min. 19 min.
CVN Toughness, ft-lbf [J]	20 [27] min. @ 0°F [-18°C]	20 [27] min. @ 0°F [-18°C]

**20 ft-lbs @ 0°F**



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**Demand Critical Welds**

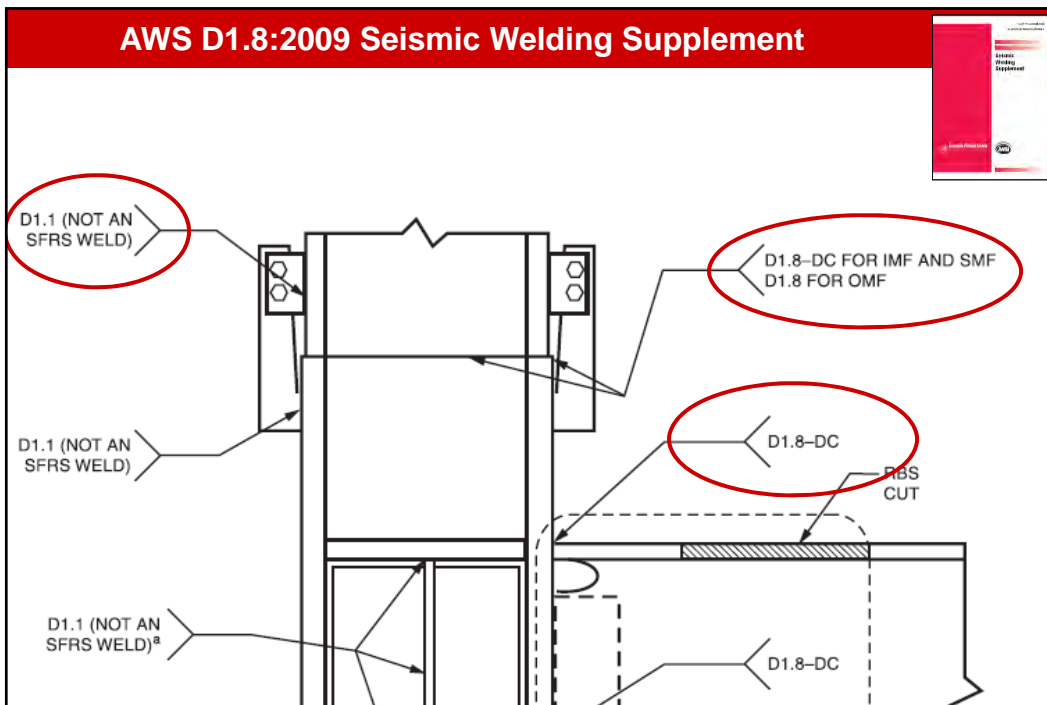
**Table 6.2**  
**Filler Metal Test Properties for Demand Critical Welds**

Property	70 ksi [480 MPa] Strength	80 ksi [550 MPa] Strength
Yield Strength, ksi [MPa]	58 [400] min.	68 [470] min.
Tensile Strength, ksi [MPa]	70 [480] min.	80 [550] min.
Elongation (%)	22 min.	19 min.
CVN Toughness, ft-lbf [J] <sup>a</sup>	40 [54] min. @ 70°F [20°C]	40 [54] min. @ 70°F [20°C]

<sup>a</sup> For LAST of +50°F [+10°C] (see 6.3.6).

**40 ft-lbs @ 70°F in hi/lo tests for LAST of +50°F**

**DEMAND CRITICAL**



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### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

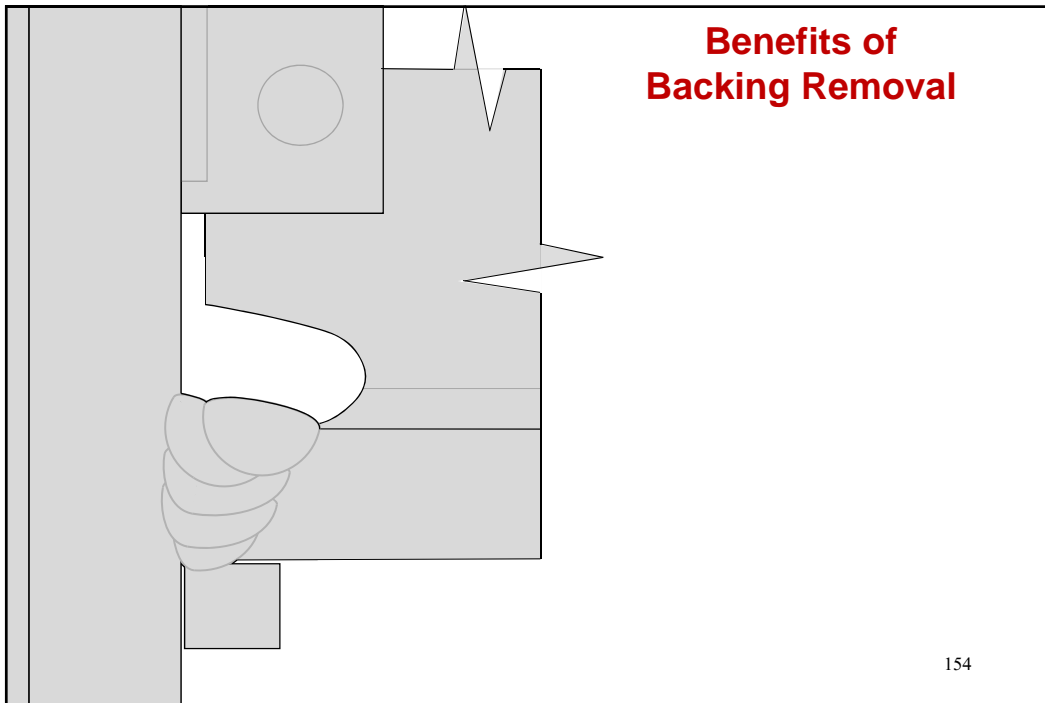
In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

- (5) Locations where the removal of backing is required



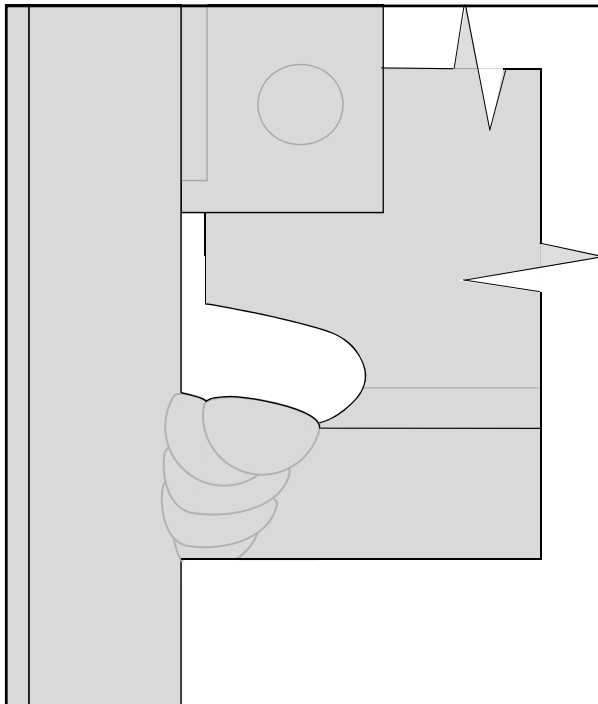
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### Benefits of Backing Removal



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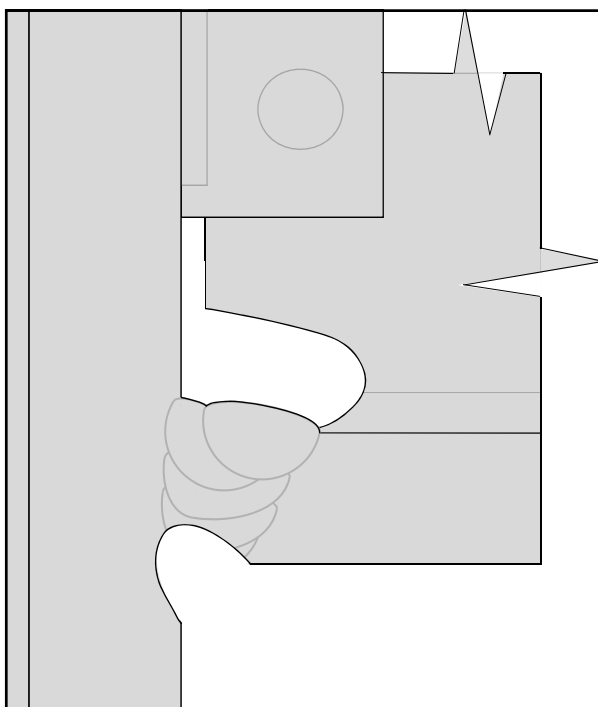


The diagram shows a cross-section of a steel beam-to-column connection. A vertical column is on the left, and a horizontal beam is on the right. A weld is shown at the top of the beam. A backing plate is positioned behind the beam. A callout arrow points to the root of the weld, where the backing plate has been removed, resulting in a smooth, rounded root profile. A circular hole is visible in the column flange.

**Benefits of Backing Removal**

- Eliminates notch created by backing

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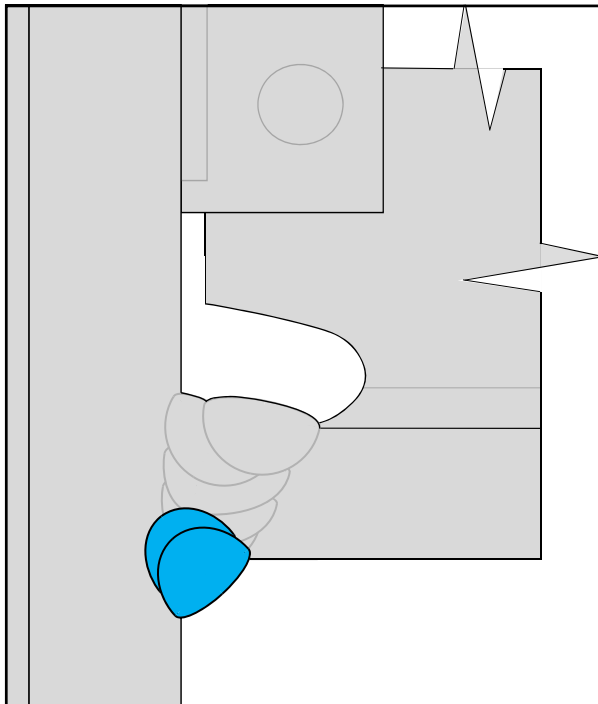


The diagram shows a cross-section of a steel beam-to-column connection, similar to the one above. A callout arrow points to the root of the weld, where the backing plate has been removed, resulting in a smooth, rounded root profile. A circular hole is visible in the column flange.

**Benefits of Backing Removal**

- Eliminates notch created by backing
- Eliminates root discontinuities (cracks, incomplete fusion, slag)

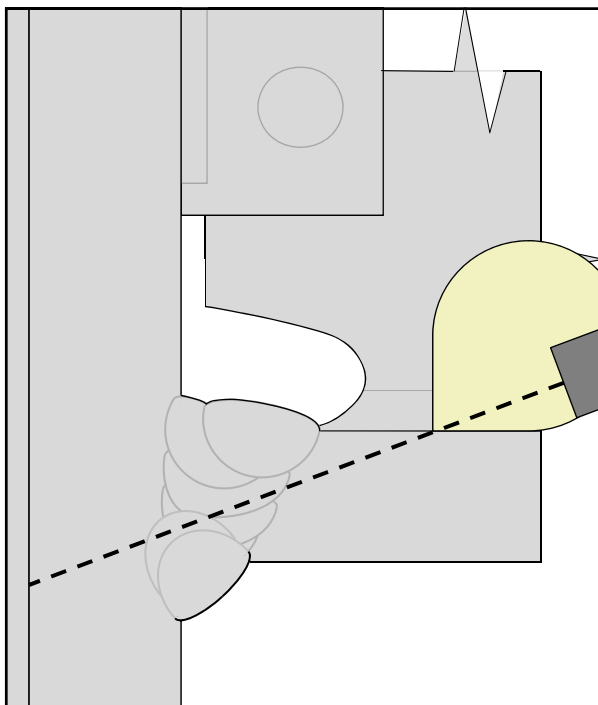
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**Benefits of Backing Removal**

- Eliminates notch created by backing
- Eliminates root discontinuities (cracks, incomplete fusion, slag)
- Contouring fillet “softens” the 90° intersection

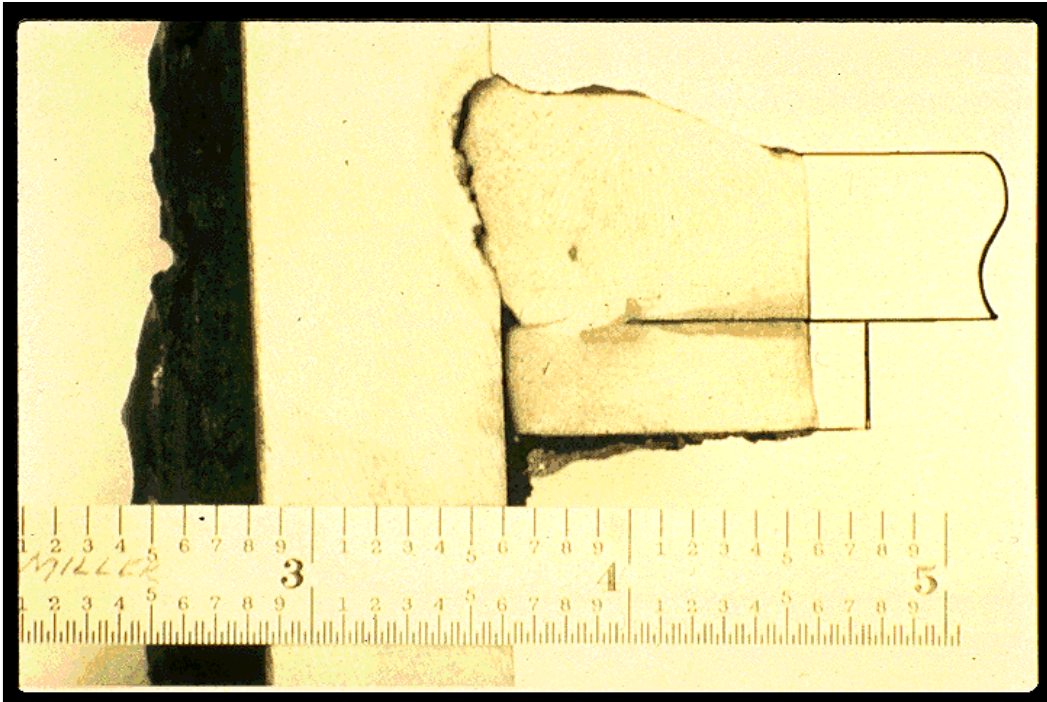
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**Benefits of Backing Removal**

- Eliminates notch created by backing
- Eliminates root discontinuities (cracks, incomplete fusion, slag)
- Contouring fillet “softens” the 90° intersection
- UT inspection results are easier to interpret

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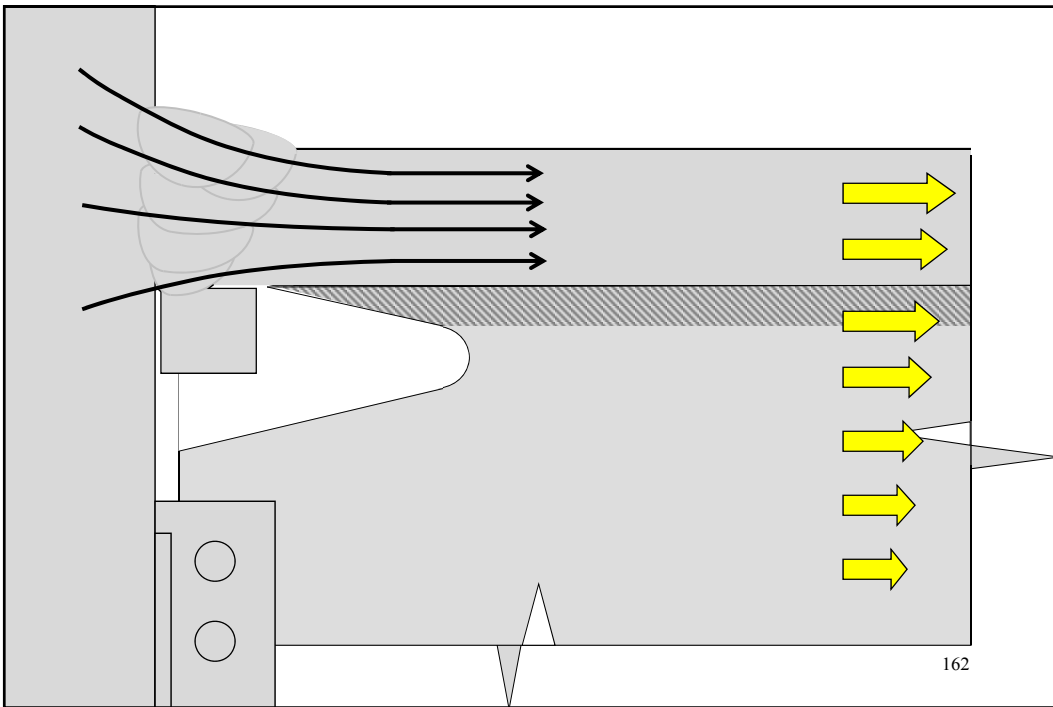
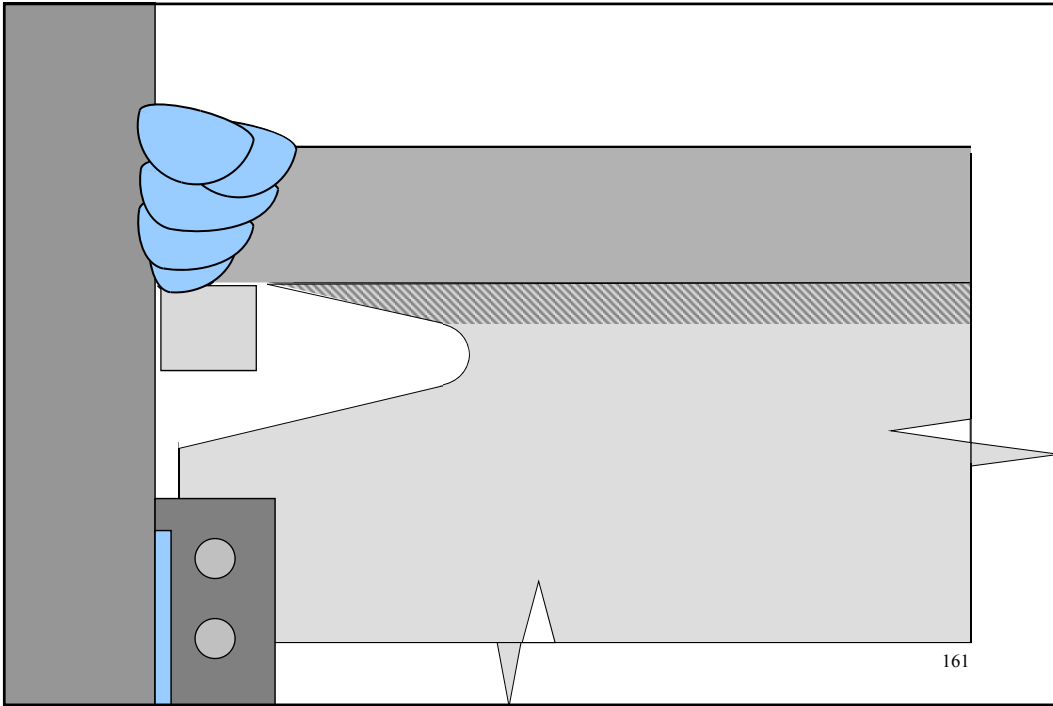


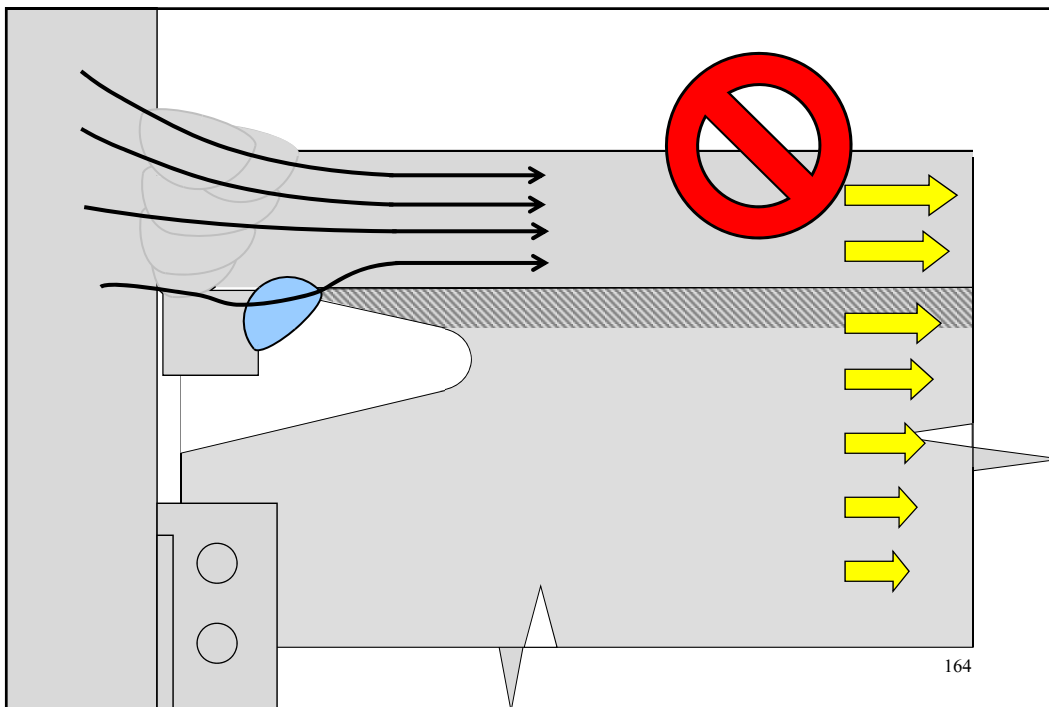
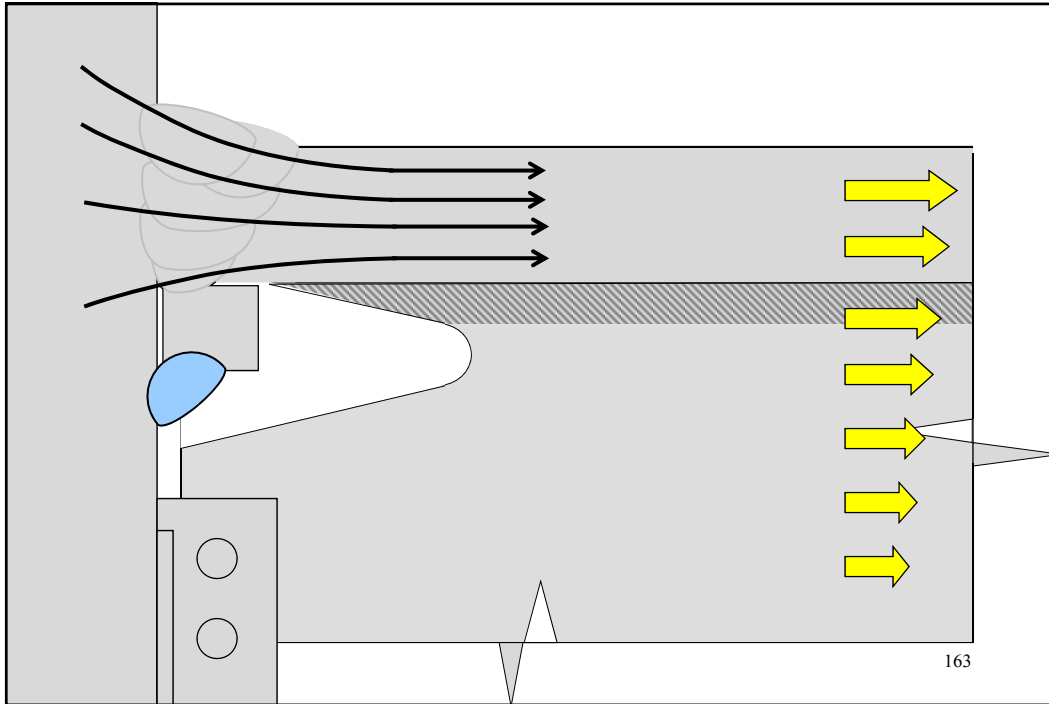
### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

- (6) Locations where fillet welds are required when backing is permitted to remain (see 6.9)







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### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

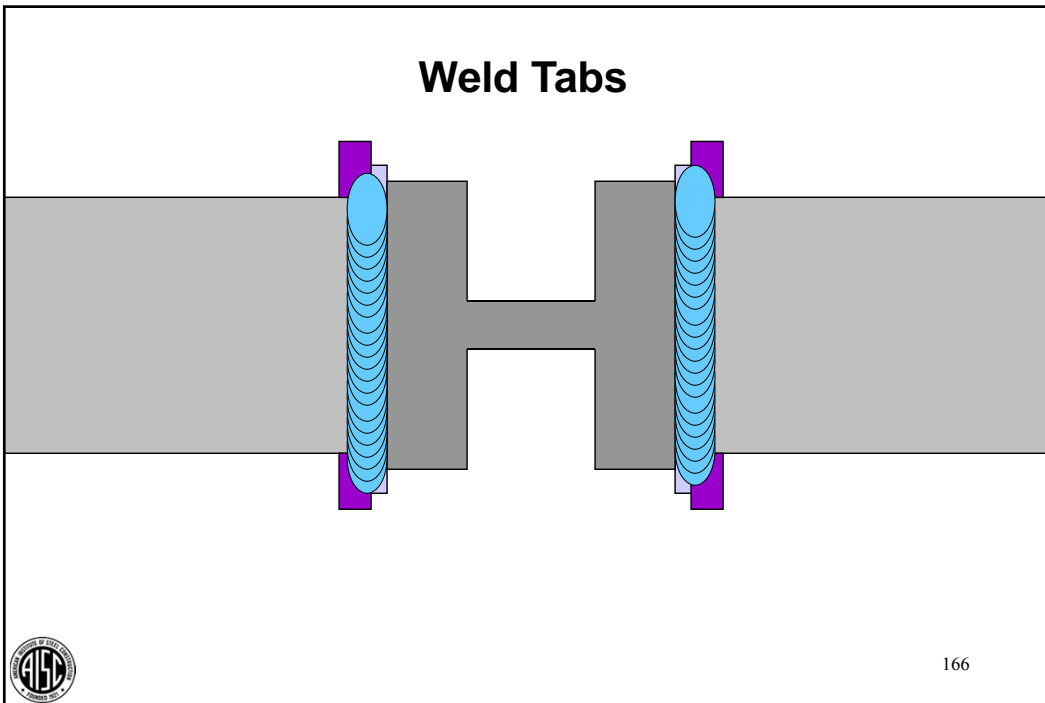
In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

- (7) Locations where the removal of weld tabs is required

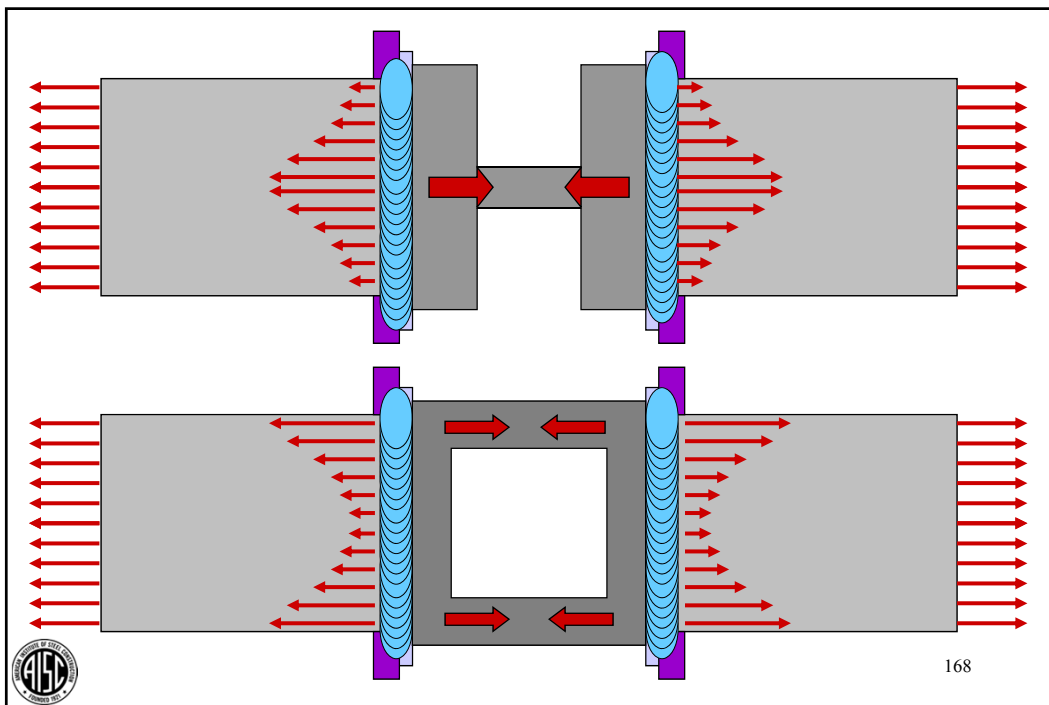
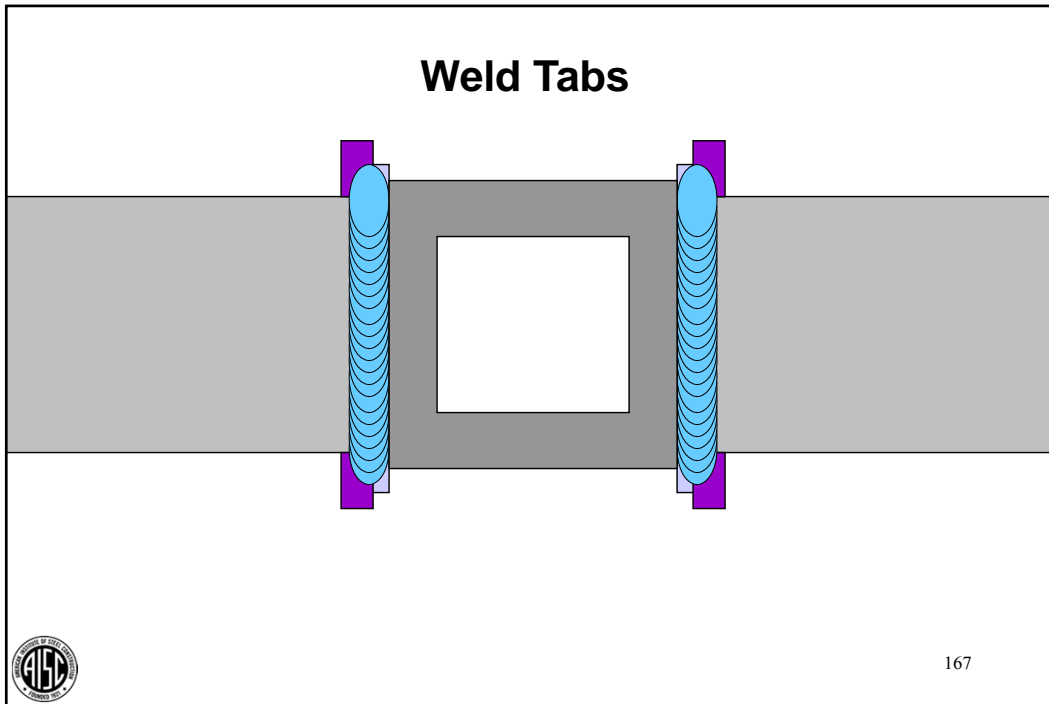


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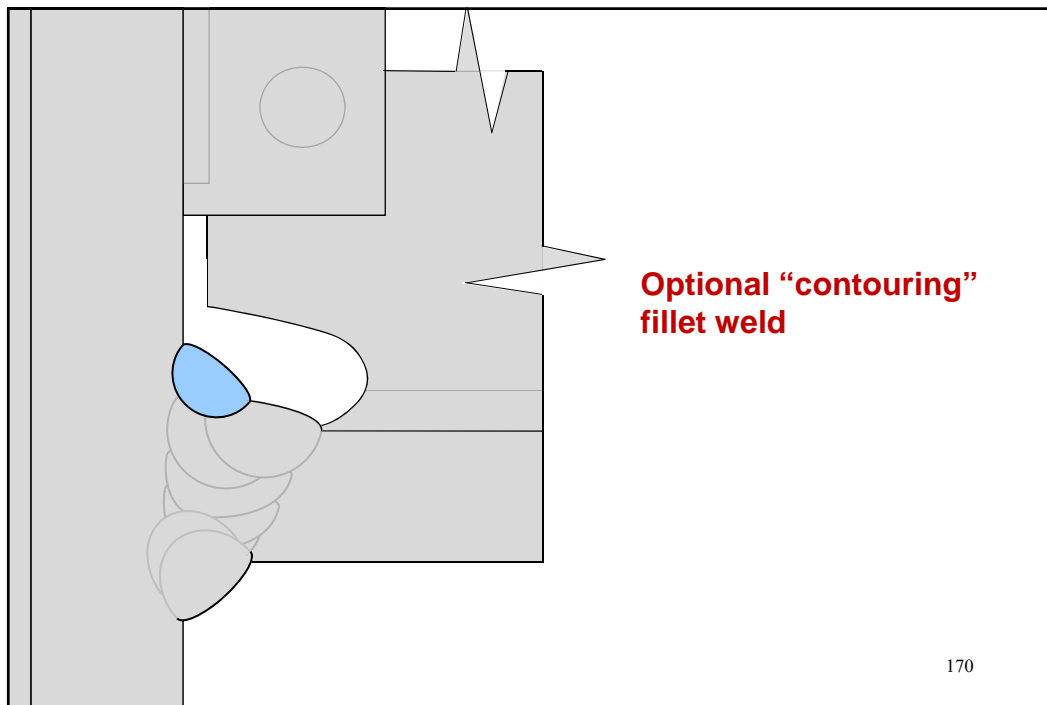
### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

(8) Locations where fillet welds are required to reinforce groove welds, or to improve connection geometry



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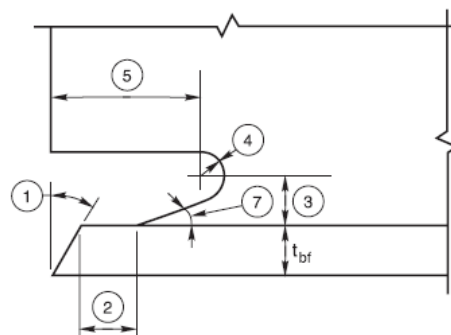
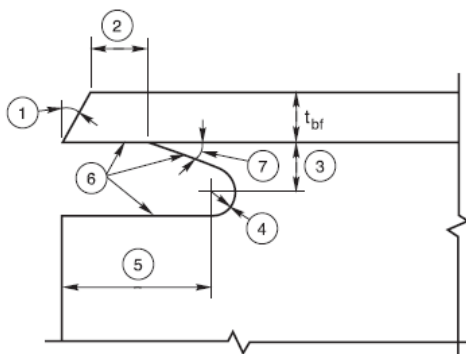
In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

- (9) Locations of access holes and the required shape, whether standard AWS D1.1/D1.1M geometry, standard alternate geometry or a special geometry designated by the Engineer

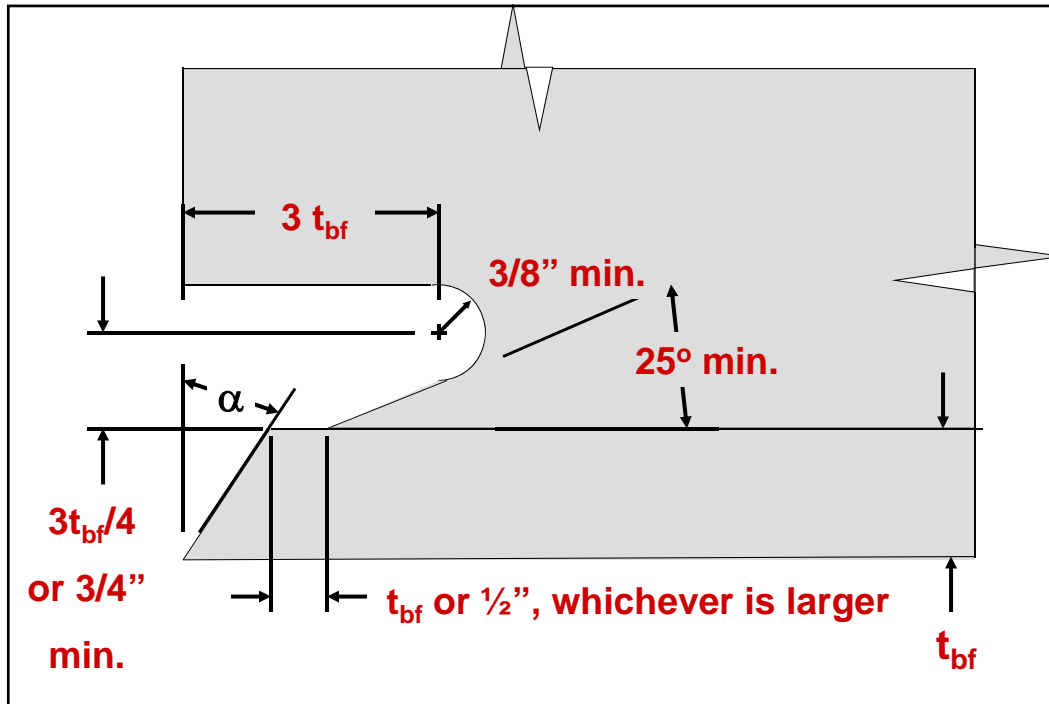


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### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

(10) The Lowest Anticipated Service Temperature (LAST) of the steel structure for structures that are not normally enclosed and maintained at a temperature of 50°F [10°C] or higher (see 3.5 and

6.3.6)



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### 3.5 Lowest Anticipated Service Temperature (LAST).

The lowest 1 hour average temperature with a 100 year mean recurrence interval.



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### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

(11) Butt joints subject to tension where tapered transitions are required (see 4.2)




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### Details of Butt Joints

**Butt Joint—different widths, same thickness**

The diagram shows a grey rectangular section on the left and a narrower blue rectangular section on the right. Red dashed lines represent stress flow paths, which are concentrated at the transition point between the two sections. Red arrows on the left and right indicate the direction of applied forces.




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**Butt Joint—different widths**

The diagram shows a grey section on the left and a blue section on the right. A transition fillet connects them. Dimensions are given as 2.5 for the transition length, 1.0 for the fillet radius, and 22° for the angle. Red double-headed arrows indicate the width of the sections.



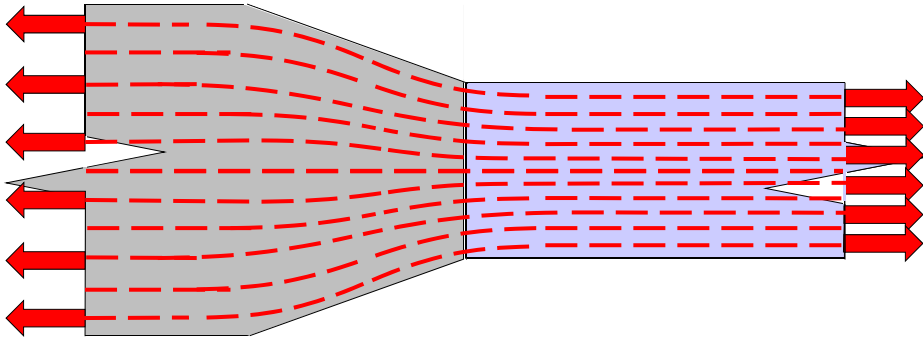
2.17.1.2 Provide transition for cyclically loaded members with width changes.




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### Details of Butt Joints

**Butt Joint—different widths, same thickness**



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#### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

(12) Those joints or groups of joints in which a specific assembly order, welding sequence, welding technique, or other special precautions are required (see AWS D1.1/D1.1M subclauses 2.2.3 and 5.21)

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### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

(13) Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) for the project  
(see 3.4 and 7.1)



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### 1.2.1 Engineer's Responsibilities.

In addition to the items listed in AWS D1.1/D1.1M, the Engineer shall provide the following information in the Contract Documents:

(14) Any additional provisions applicable to the specific project not governed by AWS D1.1/D1.1M or this code.




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**Annex A (Normative)**

**WPS Heat Input Envelope Testing of  
Filler Metals for Demand Critical Welds**

This annex is part of AWS D1.8/D1.8M:2009, *Structural Welding Code—  
Seismic Supplement*, and includes mandatory elements for use with this standard.

<p><b>A1. Purpose</b></p> <p>This annex provides testing procedures used to determine the suitability of filler metals to be used in producing Demand Critical welds in accordance with this code. These procedures are intended to assure that welds deposited with filler metals tested in accordance with these procedures will be capable of providing welded joints with the required strength, ductility, and notch toughness at the anticipated service temperatures, for the range of heat input rates that may be experienced under</p>	<p><b>A4. Test Plate Details</b></p> <p>Two test plates shall be required, one for each heat input level. The test plate shall be as shown in Figure A.1. Plates for qualification of E70 filler metals shall conform either to ASTM A 36, A 572 Grade 50, or A 992. Plates for qualification of E80 filler metals shall conform to either ASTM A 36, A 572 Grade 50, ASTM A 572 Grade 65, or A 913 Grade 65, at the Contractor's option. Steel backing shall be of one of the five specifications and grades listed above, but need not be the same as the base</p>
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### Heat Input

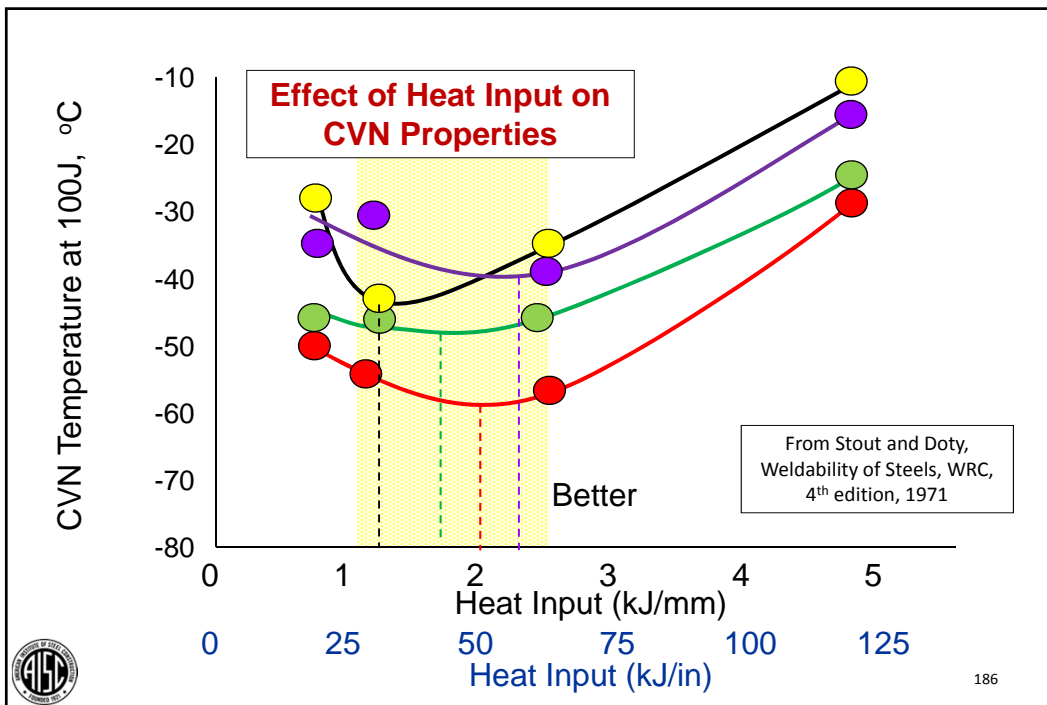
$$H = \frac{60EI}{1000S}$$

where

H = heat input in KJ/in [KJ/mm]  
 E = arc voltage  
 I = current (amps)  
 S = travel speed in inches/minute (mm/minute)



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**Table A.1**  
**Heat Input Envelope Testing—Heat Input, Preheat, and Interpass Temperatures**

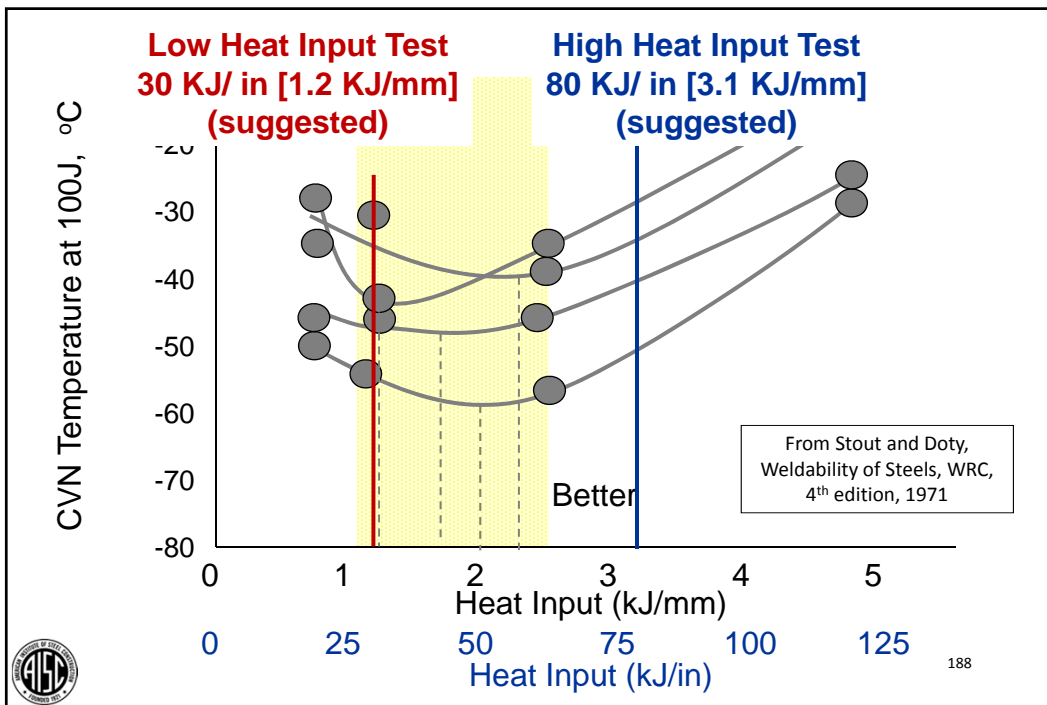
	Suggested Heat Input	Maximum Preheat Temperature	Maximum Interpass Temperature
Low Heat Input Test	30 kJ/in [1.2 kJ/mm]	120°F [40°C]	250°F [120°C]
	Suggested Heat Input	Minimum Preheat Temperature <sup>a</sup>	Minimum Interpass Temperature <sup>a</sup>
High Heat Input Test	80 kJ/in [3.1 kJ/mm]	250°F [120°C]	450°F [240°C]

<sup>a</sup> For the high heat input test, the test plate shall be heated to the minimum preheat, and then welding shall begin. Welding shall continue without substantial, deliberate interruption until the minimum interpass temperature is obtained. After the test plate has been heated to the minimum interpass temperature, all subsequent weld passes shall be made at a temperature not less than the minimum interpass temperature. Should the test plate temperature fall below the minimum interpass temperature for any reason, the test plate shall be heated to a temperature not less than the minimum interpass temperature before welding resumes. If the required interpass temperature is not achieved prior to interruption of the welding operations, welding shall not resume until the test assembly has been heated to the prescribed minimum interpass temperature.

Low Heat Input Test 30 KJ/ in [1.2 KJ/mm] (suggested)

High Heat Input Test 80 KJ/ in [3.1 KJ/mm] (suggested)

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### Annex D (Normative)

### Supplemental Welder Qualification for Restricted Access Welding

This annex is part of AWS D1.8/D1.8M:2009, *Structural Welding Code—Seismic Supplement*, and includes mandatory elements for use with this standard.

#### D1. Purpose

This annex provides supplemental welder qualification testing procedures for welders who will perform production welding on Demand Critical beam bottom flange to column joints, where such welds must be performed by welding through a weld access hole. Welders previously qualified using similar restricted access plate tests, prior to adoption of this code, shall be deemed qualified under these provisions for the duration of their qualification period.

the deposition rate used in the qualification test is equal to or greater than the highest deposition rate that will be used in production.

#### D3.1.3 Weld Passes and Interpass Requirements.

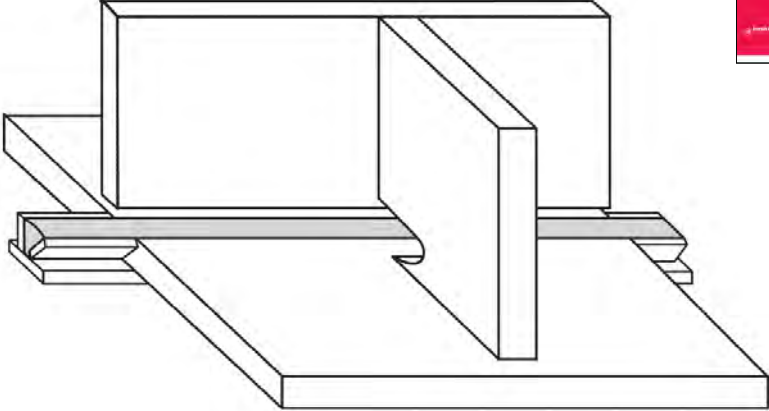
The welder shall make all weld passes required to complete the assembly, and shall clean his or her own welds. The welder shall measure the interpass temperature to ensure compliance with the WPS.

#### D3.1.4 Test Specimen Preparation.

The location of the web plate shall be clearly identified on the 190 plate so that, when the web plate is removed, the previous orientation and location of the web plate will be identifiable.



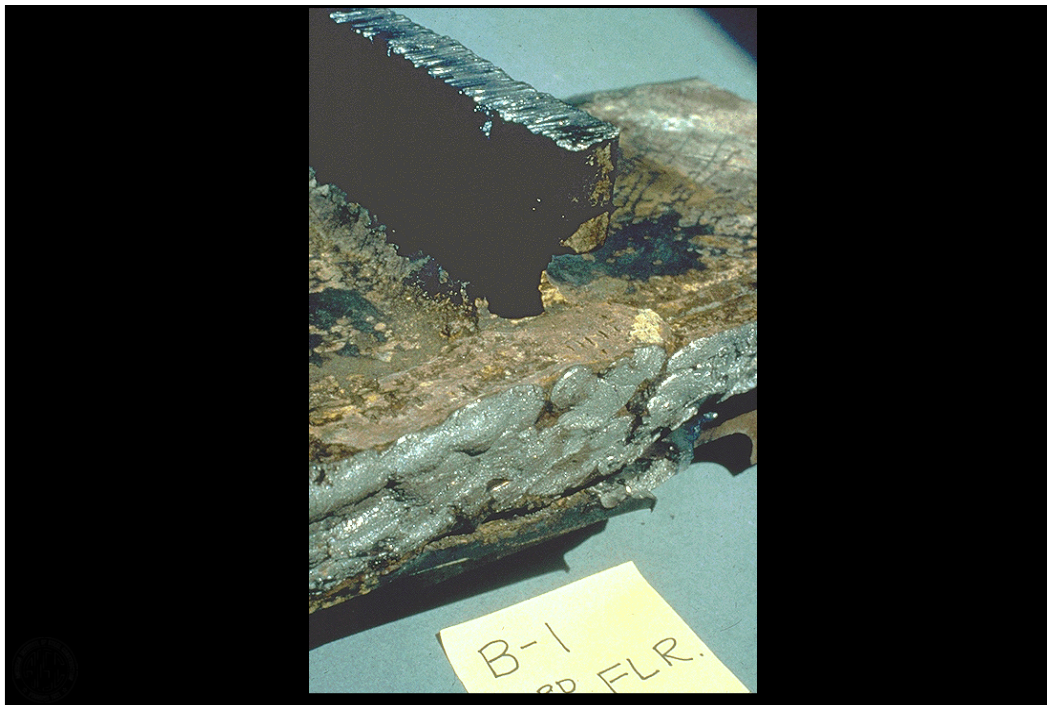

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**Notes:**

1. The web location shall be marked on the test plates prior to disassembling the test configuration (see D3.1.4).
2. The web plate shall be centered on the test plate.

**Figure D.3—Test Plate Configuration Illustration (see D2)** 191



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### D3.1.2 Welding Procedure Specification.

The test plate assembly shall be welded in accordance with a WPS using the process for which the welder is being qualified. The combination of variables shall be such that the deposition rate used in the qualification test is equal to or greater than the highest deposition rate that will be used in production.



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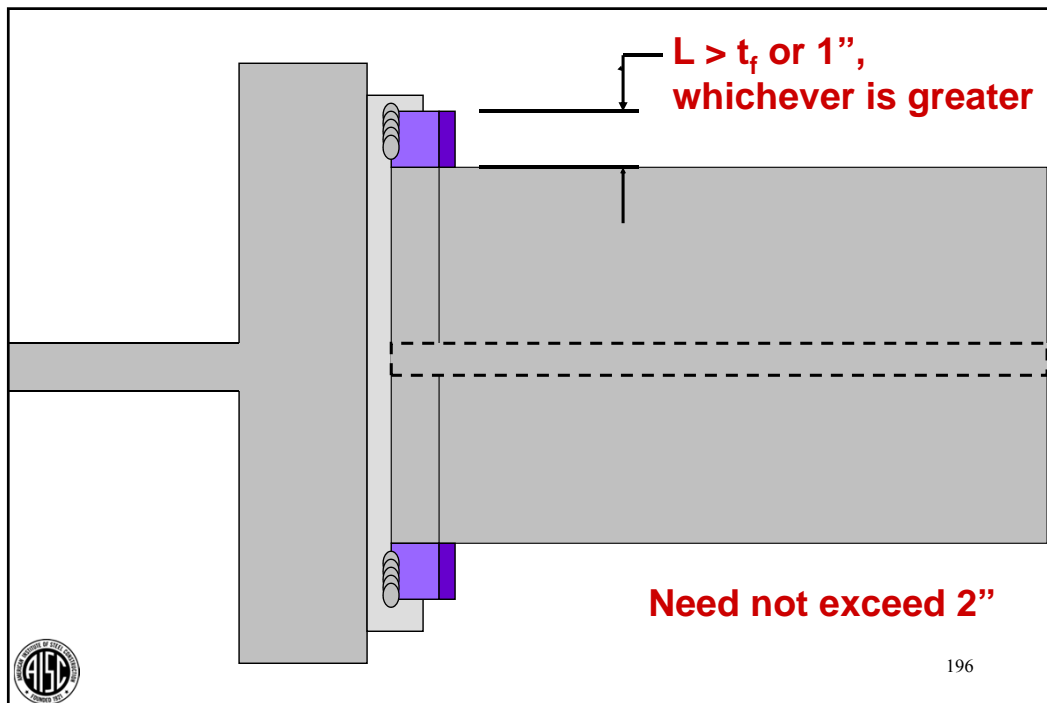


### 6.11.1 Minimum Weld Tab Length.

Where practicable, weld tabs shall extend a minimum of 1 inch [25 mm] or the thickness of the part, whichever is greater, beyond the edge of the joint. Weld tab length need not exceed 2 inches [50 mm]. Where there is inadequate access for weld tabs, such as with closely spaced pieces or pieces intersecting at acute angles, weld ends may be cascaded for approximately one weld size.



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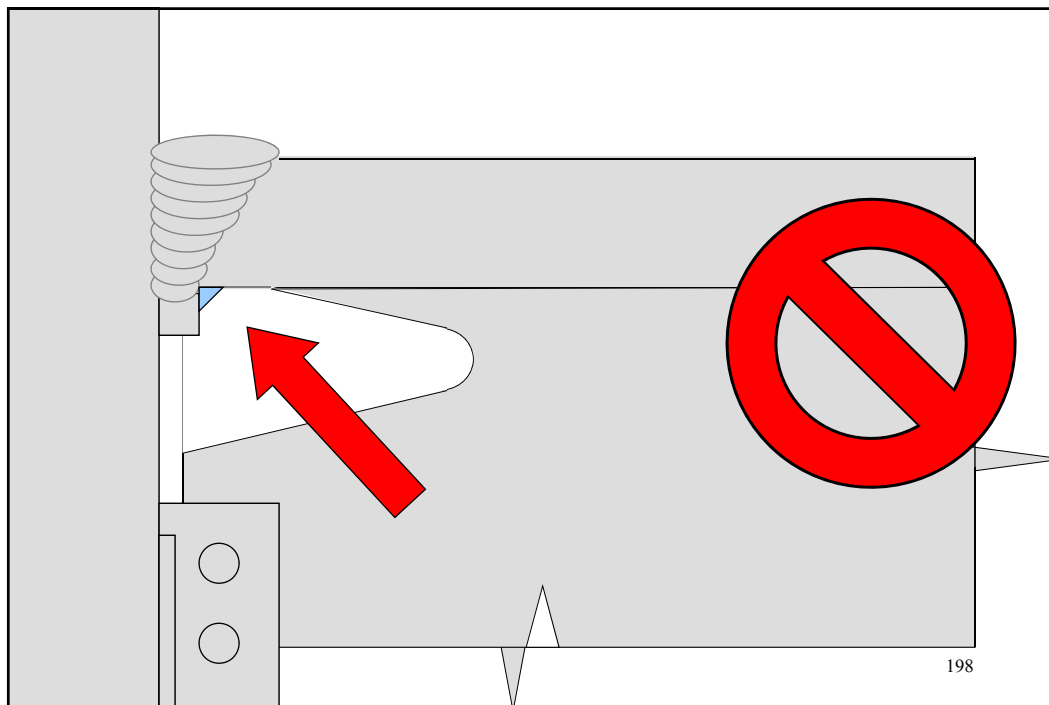


**6.6 Tack Welds to Steel Backing in the Protected Zone**

Tack welds between backing and the beam flange outside the weld joint shall be prohibited. Tack welds that attach steel backing to groove welds in the Protected Zone shall be placed within the weld joint, when practicable, with the following exceptions: steel backing may be tack welded to columns for beam to column welds.



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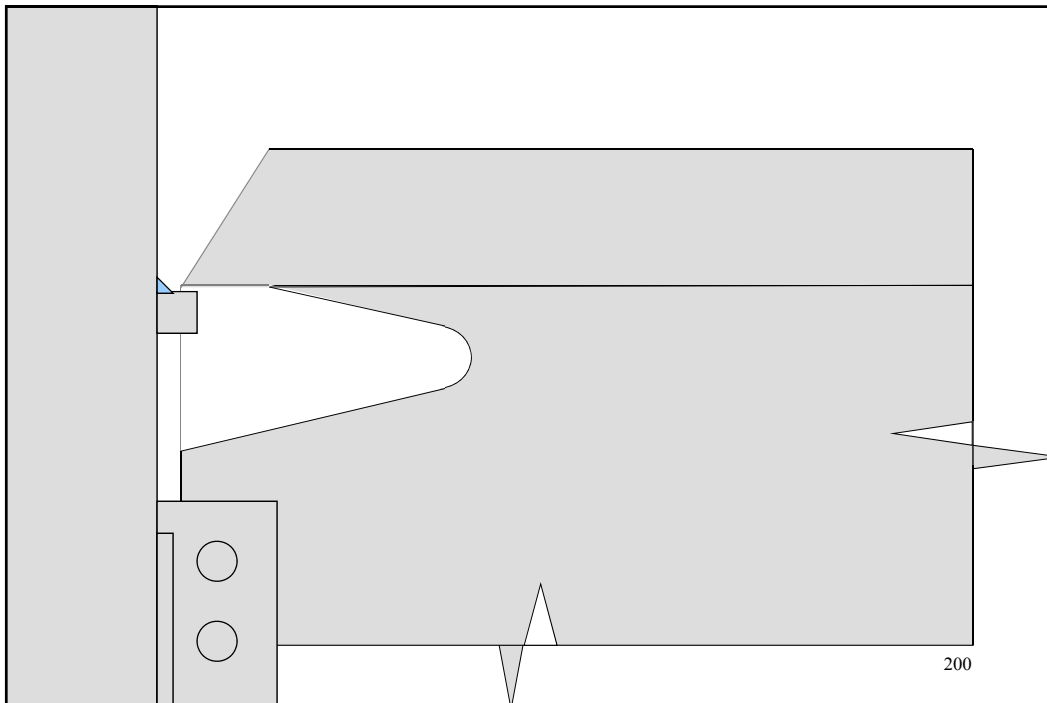


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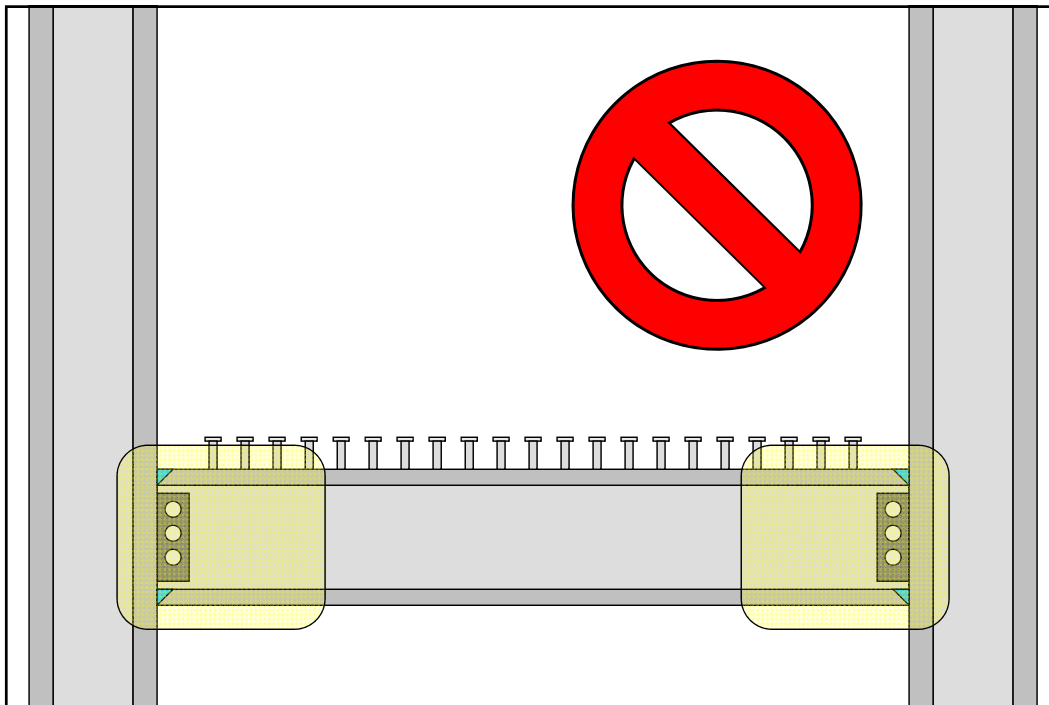
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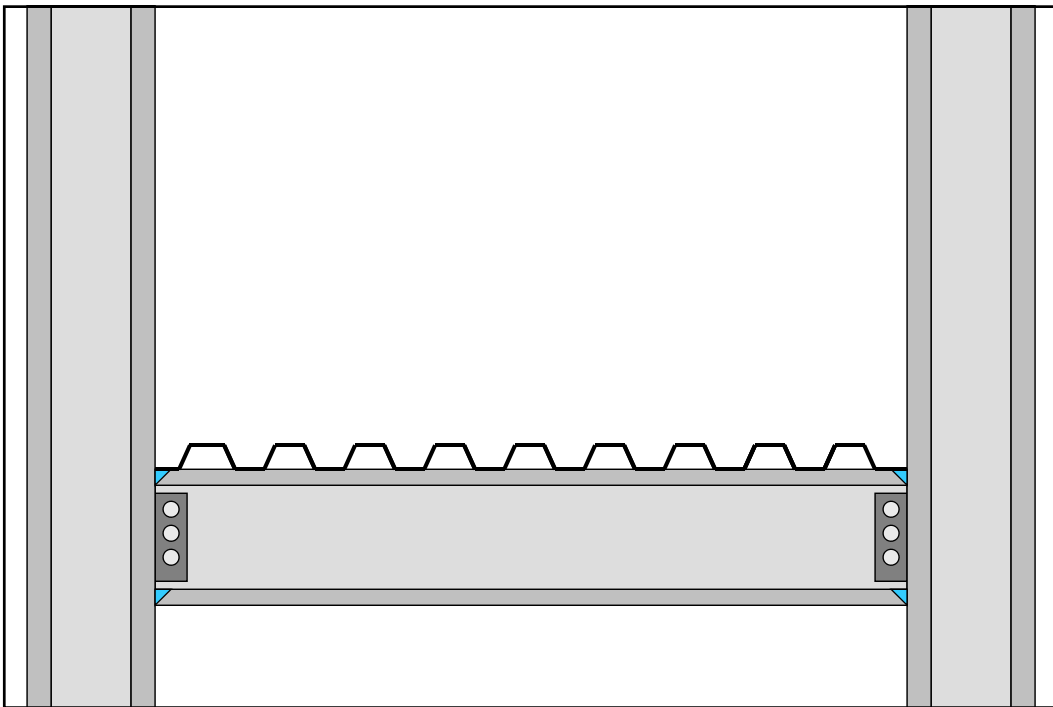
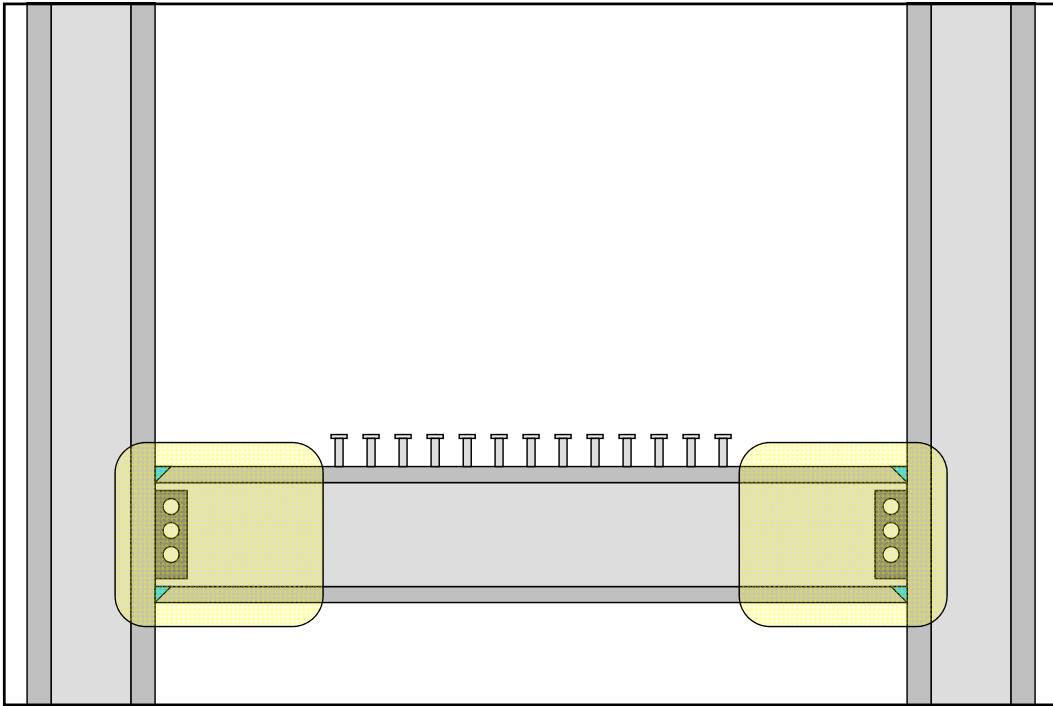
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Welded attachments, including stud welds and fasteners for the connection of other materials shall be prohibited within the Protected Zone. Arc spot welds (puddle welds) for the attachment of metal decking shall be permitted in the Protected Zone.



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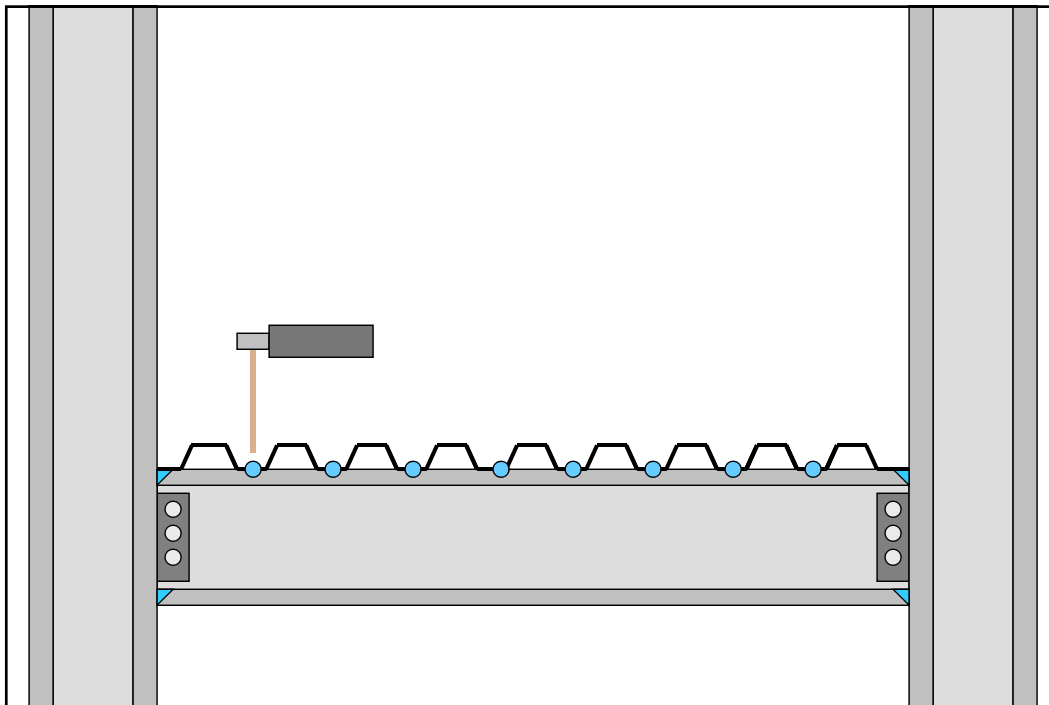
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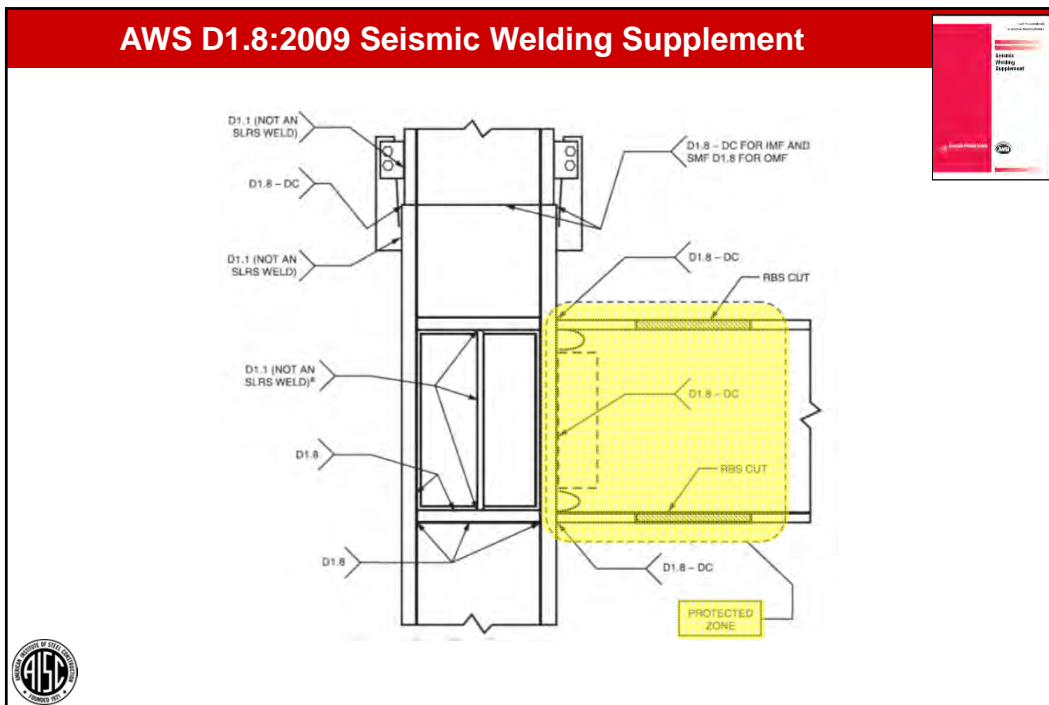
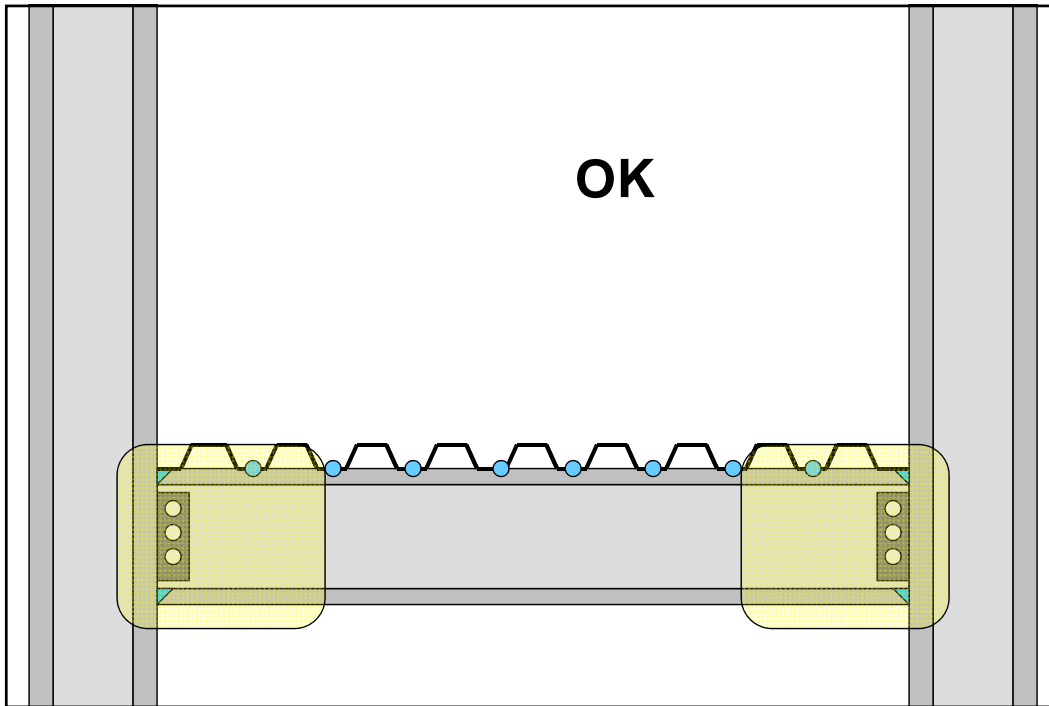
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### 6.15 Protected Zone (cont'd)

#### 6.15.2 Erection Aids.

If erection aids are required to be attached within the Protected Zone, the Contractor shall obtain the Engineer's approval for the use of such attachments.



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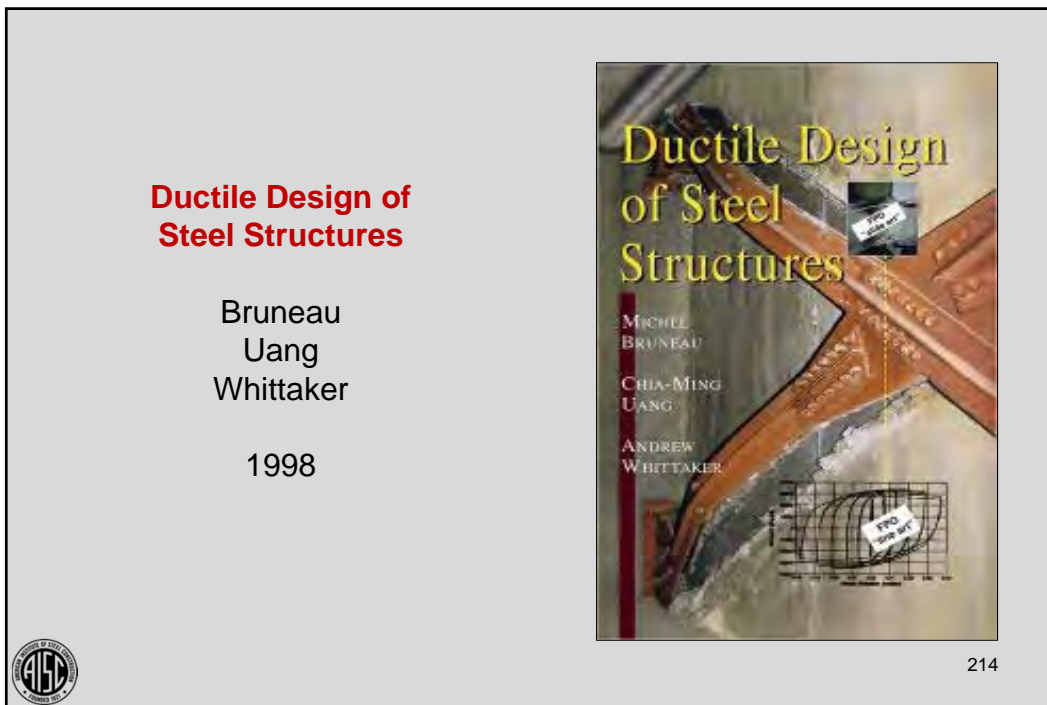
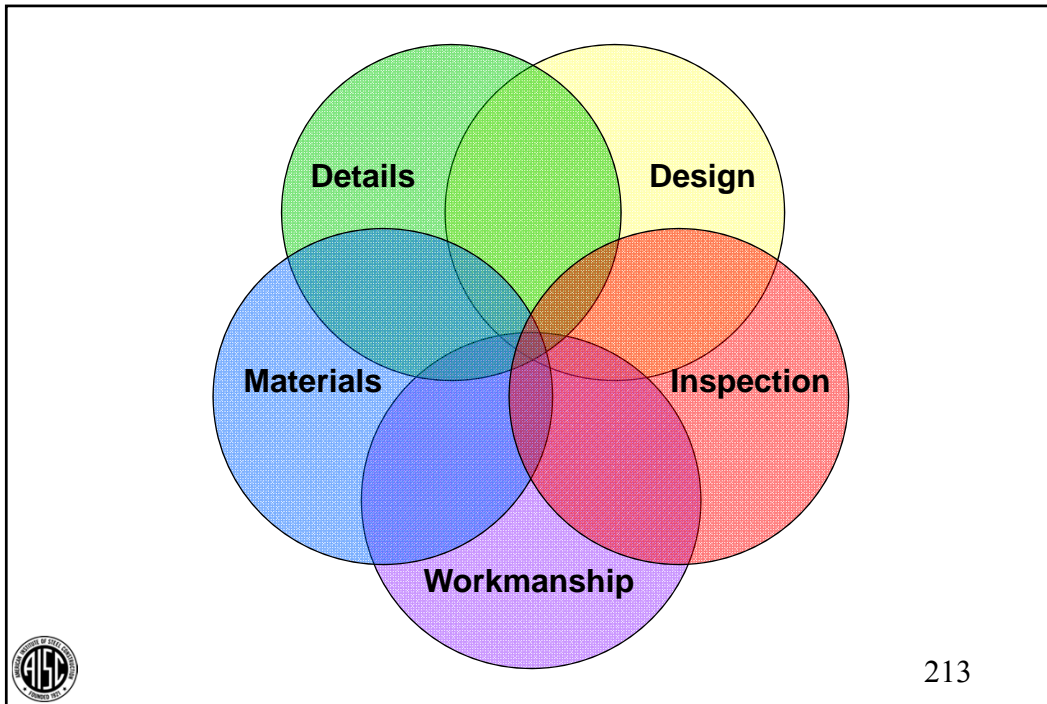
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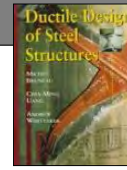


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“Many practicing engineers have wrongly believed for years that the ductile nature of the structural steel material directly translates into inherently ductile structures.”



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“However, there are many situations in which an explicit approach to the design of ductile steel structures is necessary because the inherent material ductility alone is not sufficient to provide the desired ultimate performance.”



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“To achieve this ductile response, one must recognize and avoid conditions that may lead to brittle failures and adopt appropriate design strategies to allow for stable and reliable hysteretic energy-dissipation mechanisms. This sort of thinking is relatively new in structural engineering.”



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## Fatigue and Fracture Control in Structures



Most structural materials exhibit considerable strain (deformation) before reaching the tensile or ultimate strength. ...However, under conditions of low temperature, rapid loading and/or high constraint (e.g., when the principle stresses  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$ , and  $\sigma_3$  are essentially equal), even ductile materials may not exhibit any deformation before fracture.



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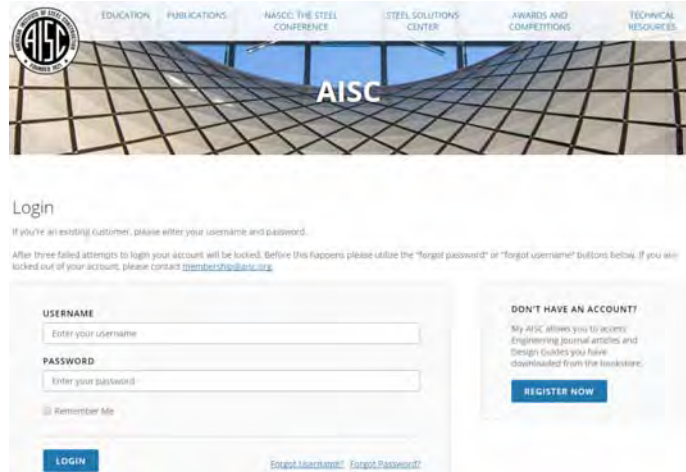
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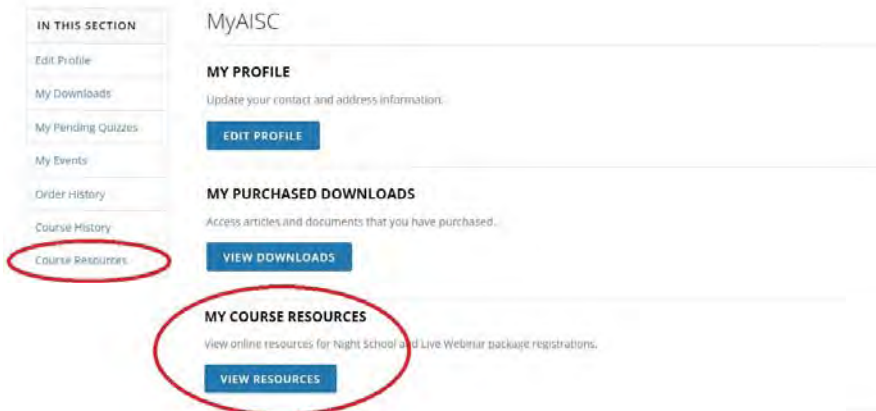


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