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Course Description

19.3 Shear Connections February 25, 2019

Indisputably, beam end shear connections comprise the bulk of the total connections in a structural steel package. Connection designers have a plethora of options in regard to the type of shear connections to use. Magnitude of load, geometry, main member type, erection ease, shop schedule, and project specifications are just some of the considerations that impact the decision on the type of connection to use.

This presentation will present the information that a delegated connection designer will: (1) need to in order to make an informed decision on connection type and design, and; (2) need to provide to the EoR to facilitate the review process.





Learning Objectives

- List several means of communication between the Engineer of Record and the connection design engineer, which facilitate the approval process.
- Explain why the use of AISC *Steel Construction Manual*, Table 3-6, to specify shear connection loads, is a misuse of that table.
- Identify detailing practices that can simplify the fabrication and erection of single plate shear connections, reducing costs and minimizing construction errors.
- Describe cracking issues that can occur at shear connections during galvanizing.



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Beam-to-Column Flange
Beam-to-Column Web
 One-Sided
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 Equal Depth
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 - Effective Communication
 - General Detailing
 - Specific Issues Related to Shear Connections



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Today's Discussion

- AISC has offered many webinars and Night Schools on the design of connections
- Dowswell, Fortney, Muir, Murray, Sabelli, Thornton, etc.
 - Specific examples
 - Number crunching
- The SDM and Design Examples manual
- Today, I'd like to look at some detailing and any issues not typically addressed in regard to design in general, but specific to shear connections



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Delegated Connection Design

Delegated Work

YOU CAN'T DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY



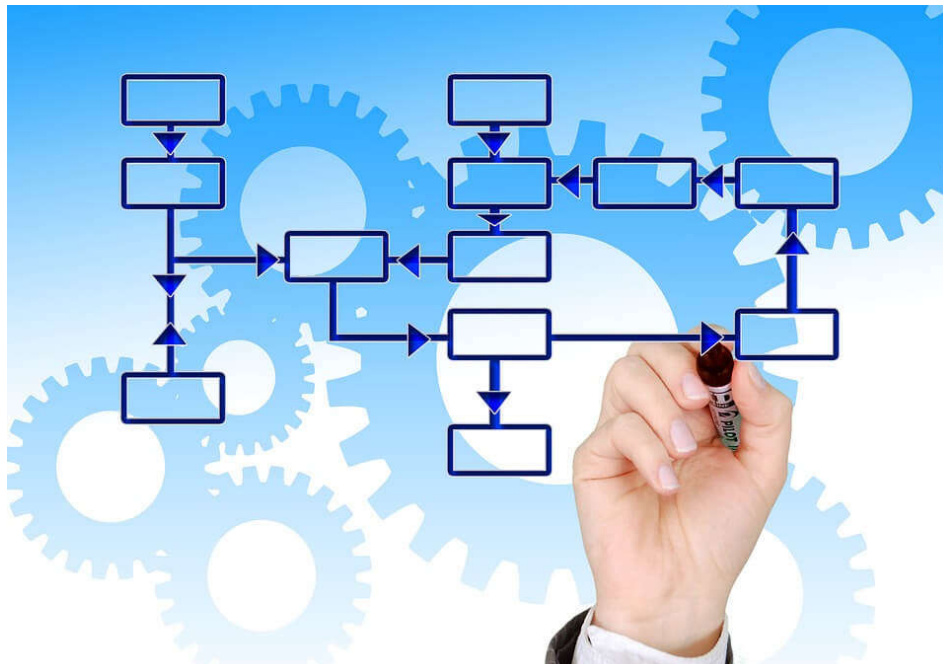
Sources

- Your State's Rules and Regulations
- Legal Consultants
- Delegated Connection Design: What Are the EOR's Responsibilities?
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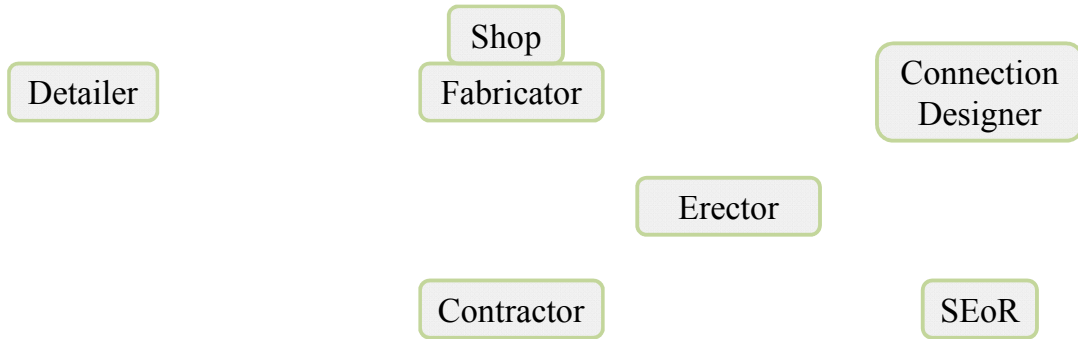
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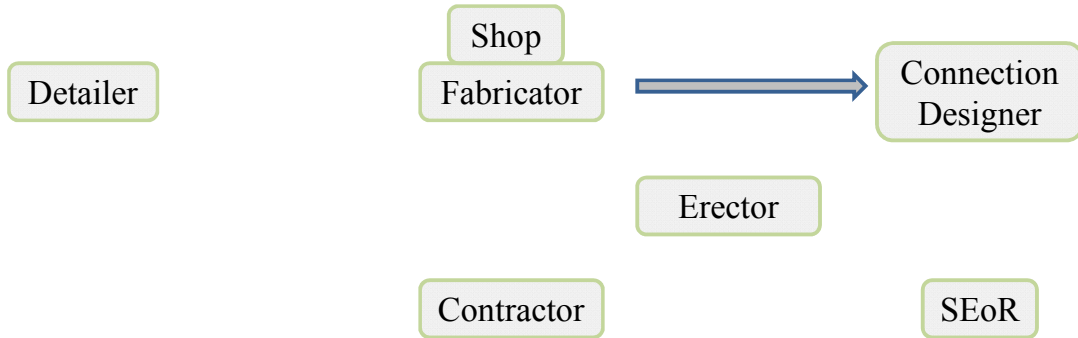
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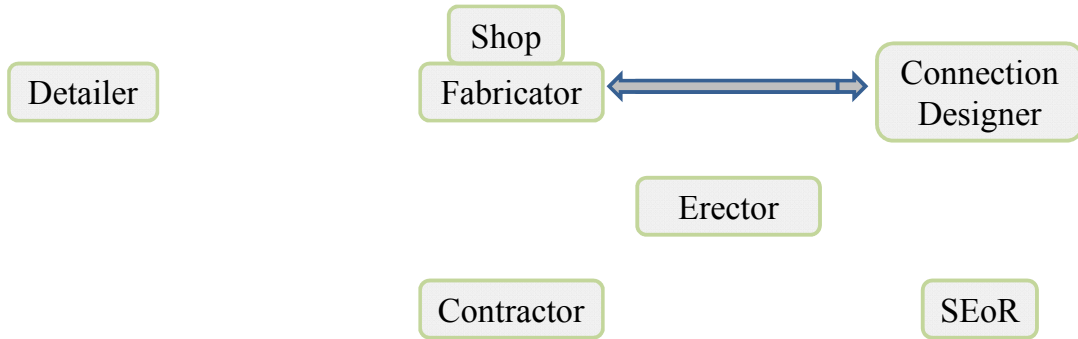
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Fabricator establishes preferred connection types and hierarchy and shares with connection designer



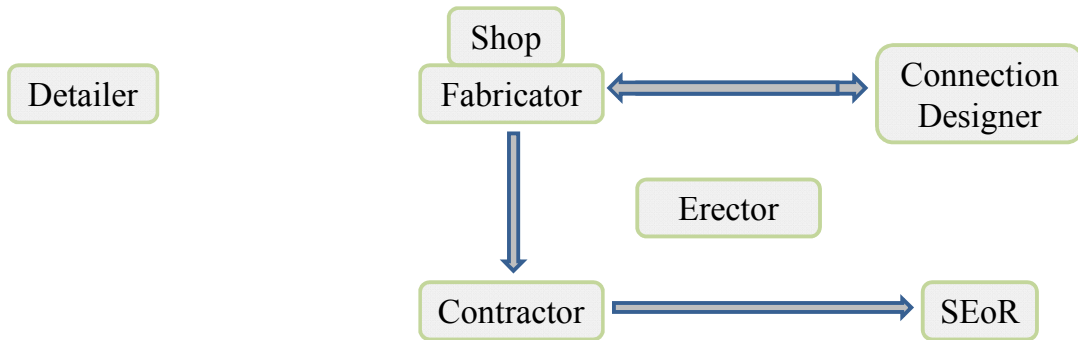
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Connection designer generates sample calculations for each type of connection (a.k.a., P-Sheets, Proposal Sheets, etc.) and submits to Fabricator



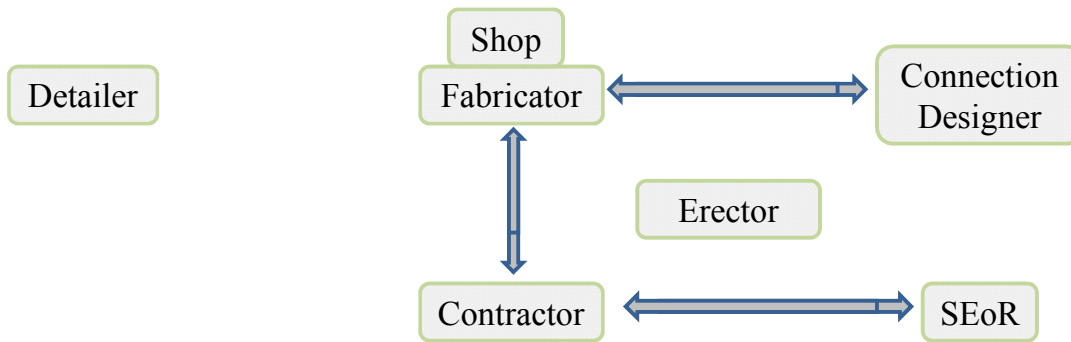
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Fabricator submits samples to Contractor, who submits to SEoR



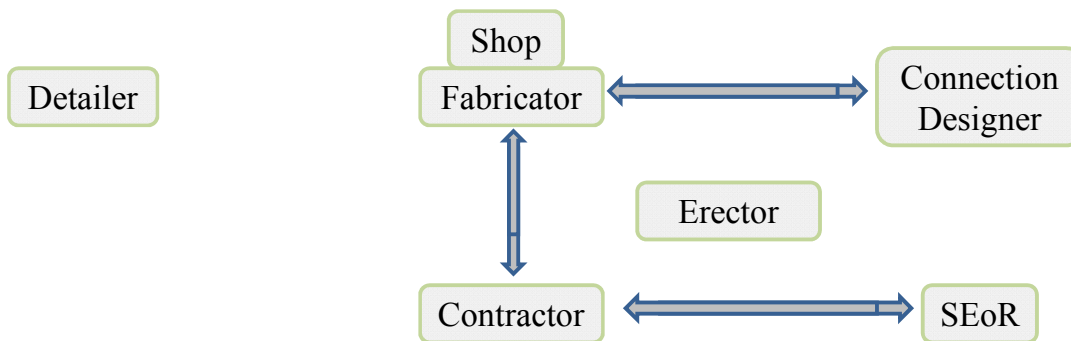
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SEoR reviews and either approves or comments on submittals and returns to Contractor who returns to Fabricator/Connection Designer



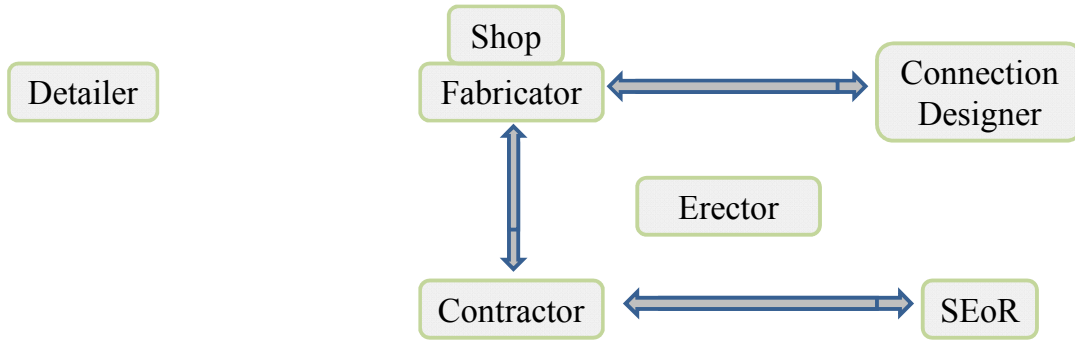
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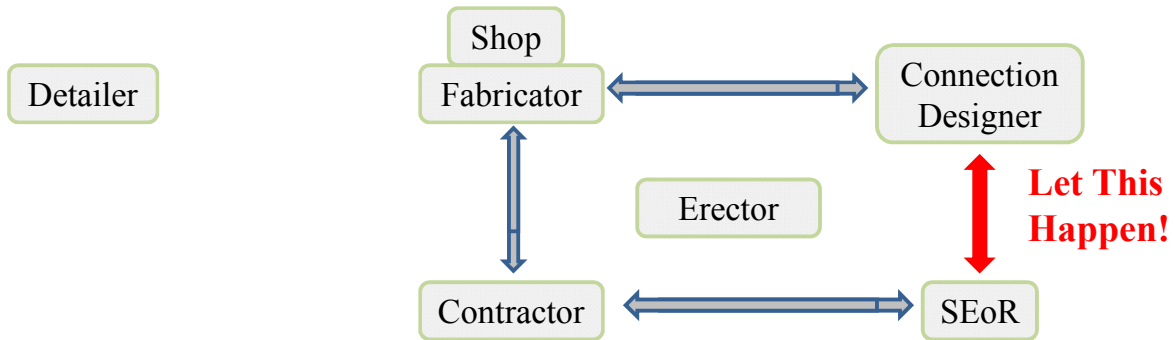
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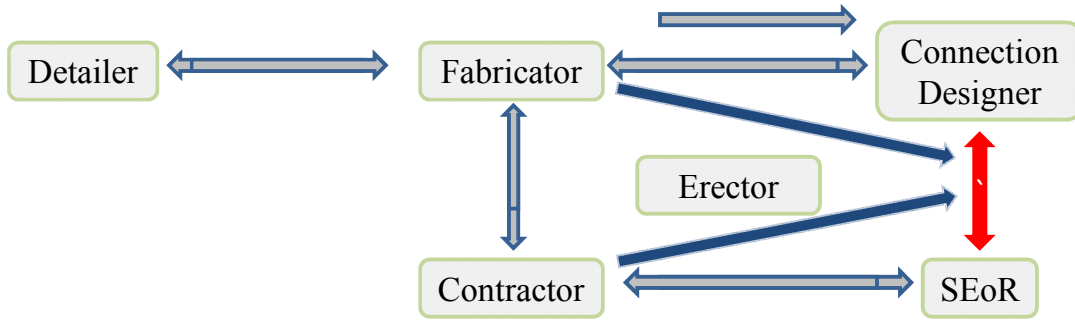
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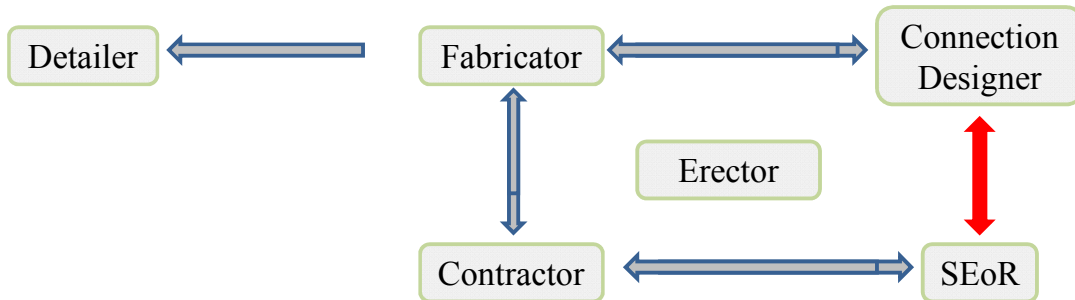
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The contractor and fabricator need to be kept in the loop to monitor possible deviations from contract documents...



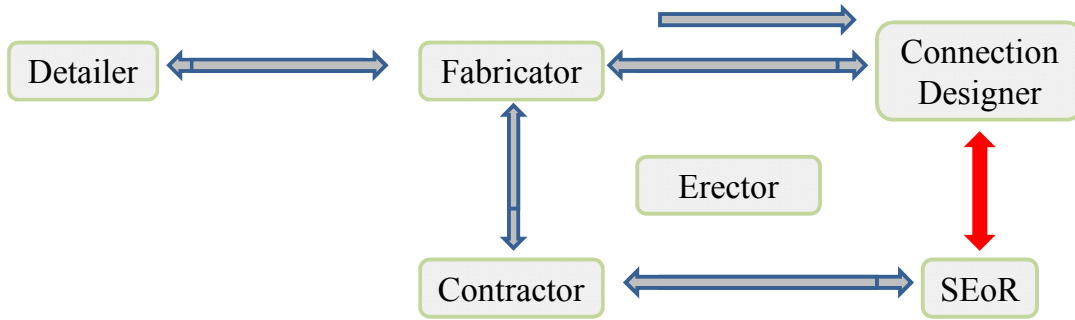
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Once approved, connection designer completes connection detail, submits to the Fabricator/Detailer



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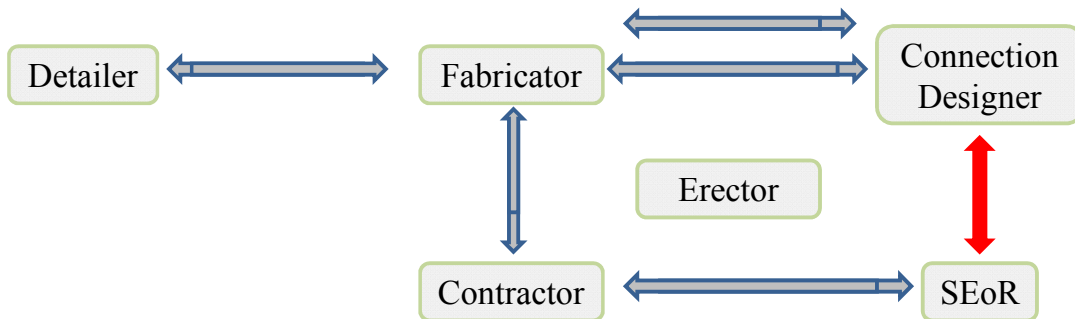


Detailer produces CHECKED shop drawings; submits to Fabricator and Connection Designer for approval.

COSP now refers to these as "Fabrication Documents"



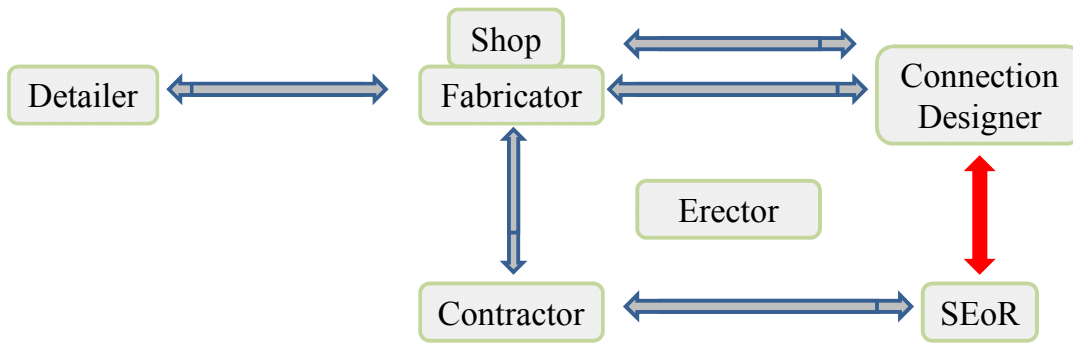
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Once Fabricator and Connection Designer approve the shop drawing, Fabricator submits to SEoR through the Contractor for approval



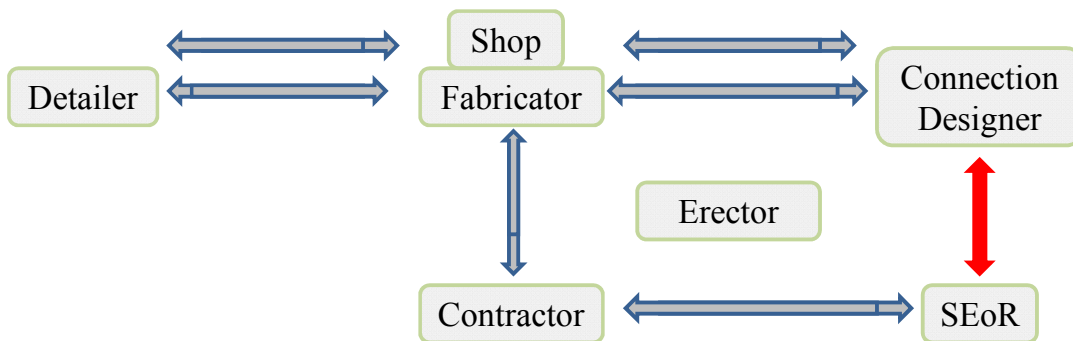
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SEoR approves Shop Drawings or comments



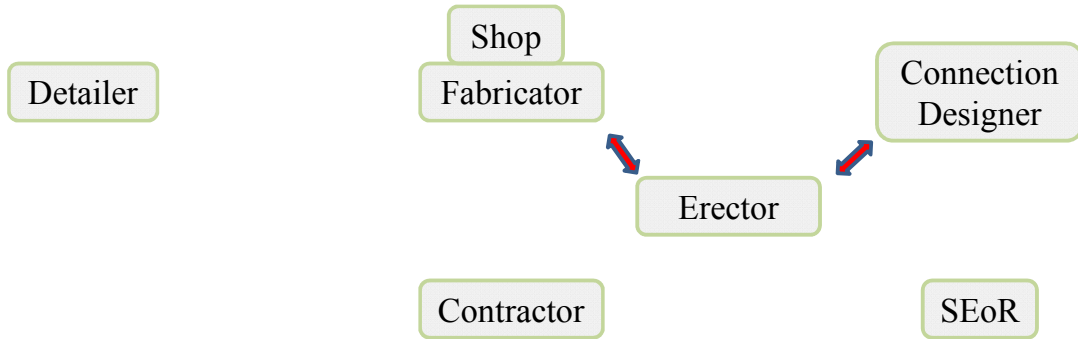
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With an approved shop drawing, detailer produces Issued For Fabrication Drawings, submits to Fabricator who submits to shop for fabrication



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To be really effective, the erector should be in the loop through the entire process. Fabricators and connection Designers should get erector input early on and often.



Sample Calculation

BEARING CAPACITY (Assumes 1.5 in. Minimum Beam End Distance)
Bolt Capacity Based on Bolt Shear and Bearing
Bolt Shear ($R_b / \Omega = r_u / \Omega$)
 $R_b / \Omega = 14.4$
Bearing ($R_b / \Omega = 2.4 \times \phi_b \times t \times F_u / \Omega$)
On Beam Web
 $R_b / \Omega = 2.4 \times 0.875 \times 0.26 \times 65 / 2.00 = 17.7$
On Tab Plate
 $R_b / \Omega = 2.4 \times 0.875 \times 0.375 \times 65 / 2.00 = 25.6$
Tearout ($R_b / \Omega = 1.2 \times L_e \times t \times F_u / \Omega$)
At Extreme Bolt 1
At Tab Plate
 $R_b / \Omega = 1.2 \times 2.18 \times 0.375 \times 65 / 2.00 = 31.9$
At Extreme Bolt 2
At Beam Web
 $R_b / \Omega = 1.2 \times 2.18 \times 0.26 \times 65 / 2.00 = 22.1$
At Tab Plate
 $R_b / \Omega = 1.2 \times 1.1 \times 0.375 \times 65 / 2.00 = 16.1$
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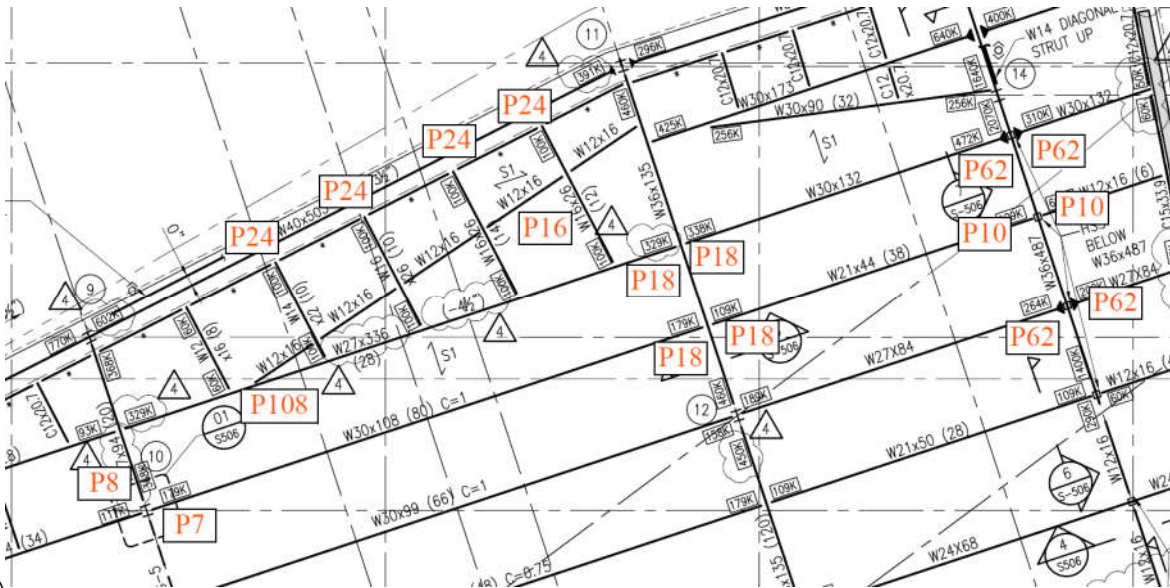


Communication with Detailer

3/8" Extended Tab (A36) - 7/8" A325-N

Supported Beam	Num. Rows	1 Column- 3" Vertical Spacing										2 Column- 3" Vertical & Horizontal Spacing									
		Eccentricities from Face of Support										Eccentricities from Face of Support									
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11				
W18x35	5	73.4	63.9	55.9	49.2	44.1	39.5	35.9	32.8	82.7	76.7	70.9	65.5	60.6	56.2	52.2	48.7				
W18x40	5	73.4	63.9	55.9	49.2	44.1	39.5	35.9	32.8	82.7	76.7	70.9	65.5	60.6	56.2	52.2	48.7				
W18x46	5	73.4	63.9	55.9	49.2	44.1	39.5	35.9	32.8	82.7	76.7	70.9	65.5	60.6	56.2	52.2	48.7				
W18x50	5	73.4	63.9	55.9	49.2	44.1	39.5	35.9	32.8	82.7	76.7	70.9	65.5	60.6	56.2	52.2	48.7				
W18x55	5	73.4	63.9	55.9	49.2	44.1	39.5	35.9	32.8	82.7	76.7	70.9	65.5	60.6	56.2	52.2	48.7				
W18x60	5	73.4	63.9	55.9	49.2	44.1	39.5	35.9	32.8	82.7	76.7	70.9	65.5	60.6	56.2	52.2	48.7				
W18x65	5	73.4	63.9	55.9	49.2	44.1	39.5	35.9	32.8	82.7	76.7	70.9	65.5	60.6	56.2	52.2	48.7				
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W18x234	5	73.4	63.9	55.9	49.2	44.1	39.5	35.9	32.8	82.7	76.7	70.9	65.5	60.6	56.2	52.2	48.7				
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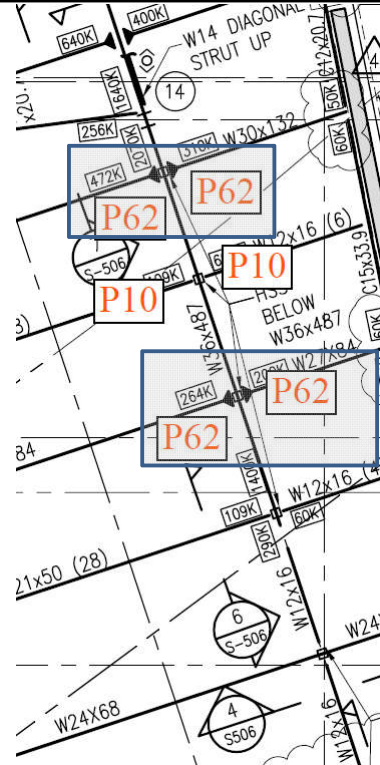
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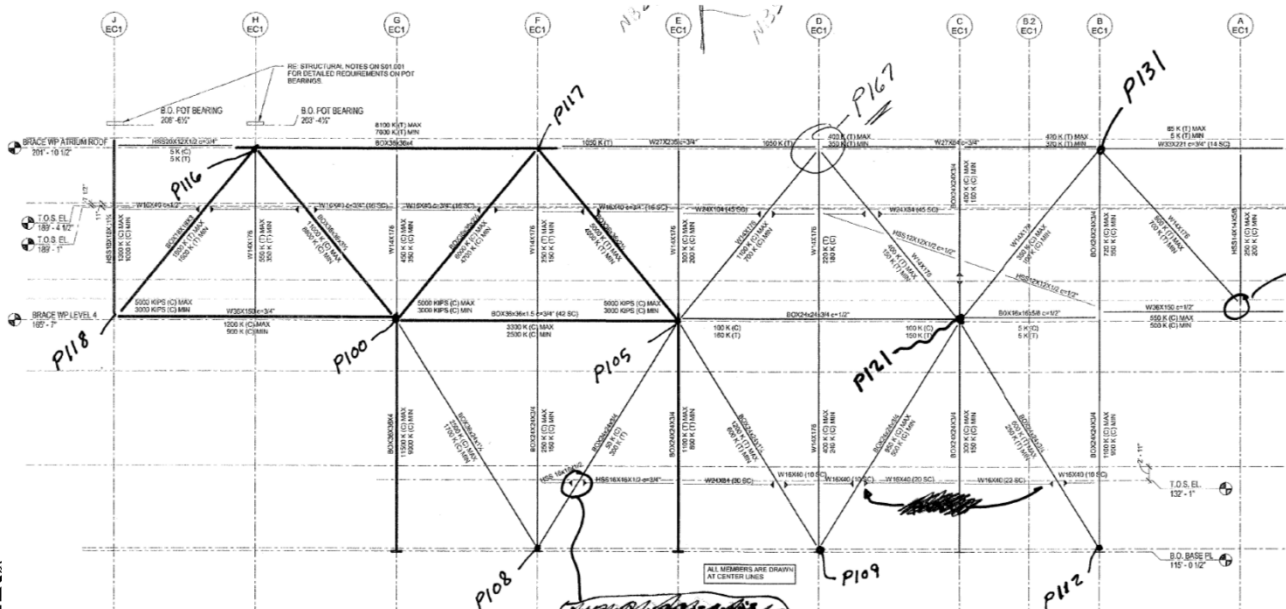
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Although the loads are different, the connection type is the same...
...Same P-sheet

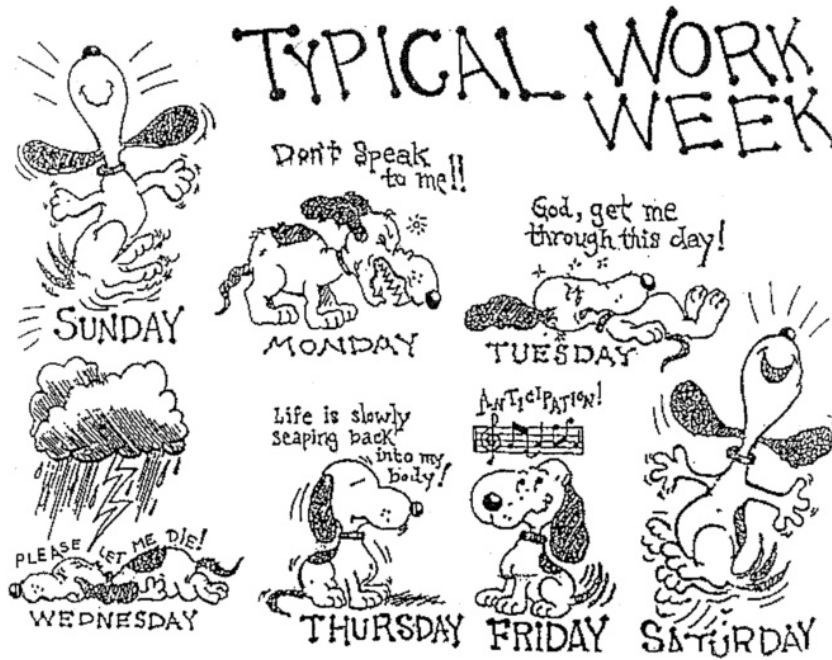
...If you require a separate P-sheet for every connection, it is critical that it is specified in the bid drawings!



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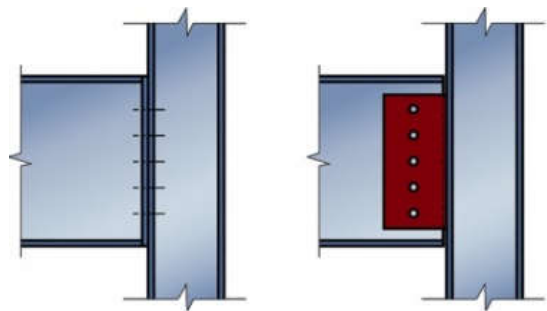


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- Consider ease and safety of fabrication
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- Consider fabricator setup and availability
 - Bolted versus welded connections
 - What other projects are running through the shop
 - How is the fabricator set up to operate



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- Consider the required performance of a shear connection
 - Avoid unnecessarily specifying pretensioned or slip-critical joints
- Pretensioned and Slip-Critical joints impact costs
 - Installation verification, surface preparation... time and money
- Pretensioned joints require the same preload as a slip-critical joint
 - It's just that joint slip is not a concern
 - Installation verification is required in a pretensioned joint



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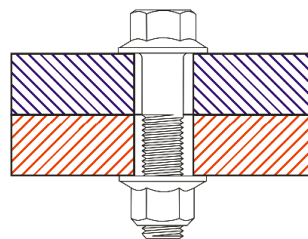


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Neither RCSC nor AISC places an upper limit on the preload of a bolt in a snug-tight joint



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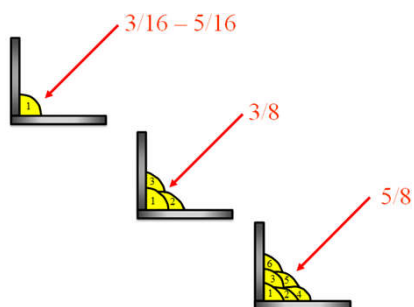
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- Table 8-12 of the *Manual* can be used as a guide; still consult with AWS D1.1 and fabricator for process and position



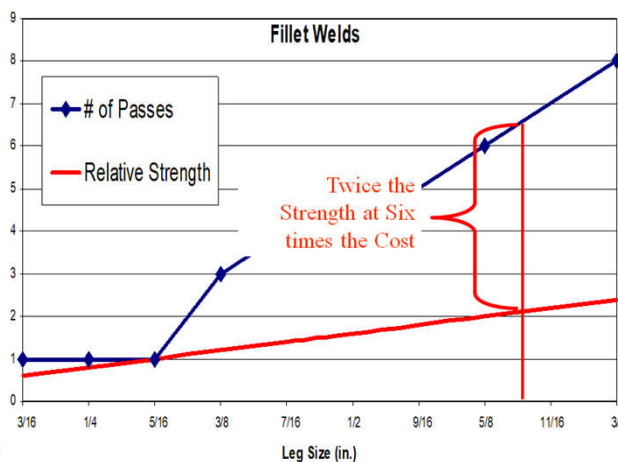
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Assumes single pass with 5/16" weld

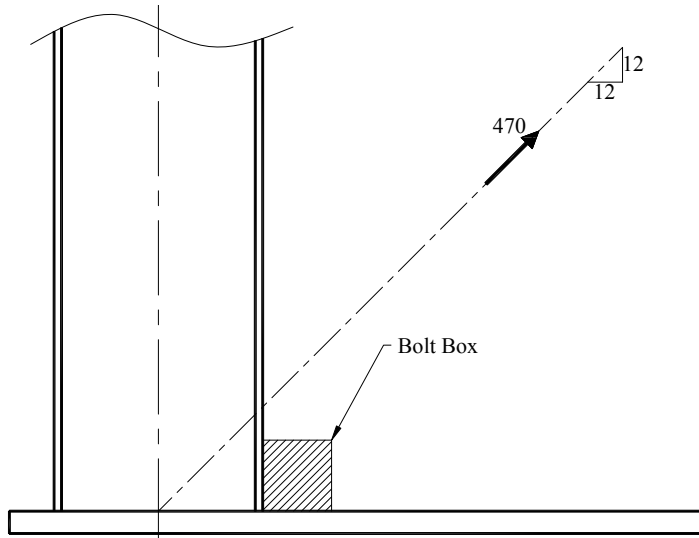


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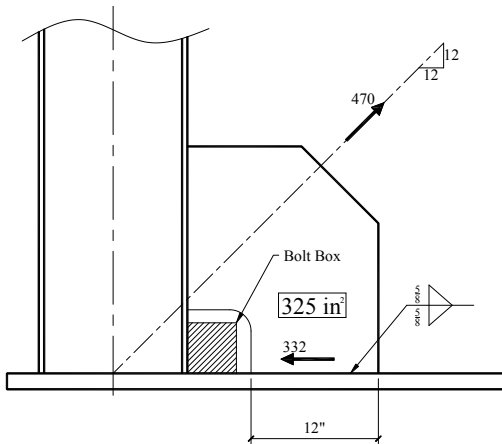
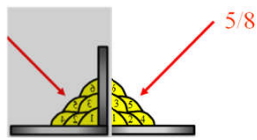
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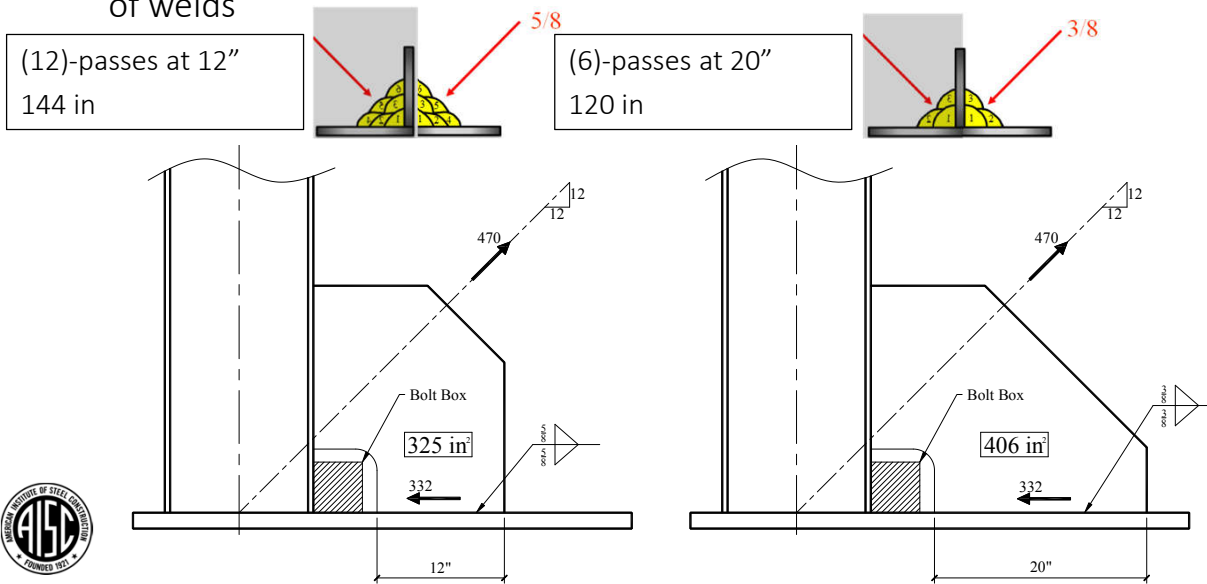
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(12)-passes at 12"
 144 in



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Select your answer!

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- Be aware of the various correction factors for materials



TABLE A3.1
 R_y and R_t Values for Steel and Steel Reinforcement Materials

Application	R_y	R_t
Hot-rolled structural shapes and bars:		
• ASTM A36/A36M	1.5	1.2
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Specifications - Notes

- Provide required material standards
- Allow for equivalent substitutions
- Allow for dual grades
- Be aware of the various correction factors for materials

ASTM A36

$$R_y F_y = (1.3)(36.0 \text{ ksi})$$

$$R_y F_y = 46.8 \text{ ksi}$$

ASTM A572-50

$$R_y F_y = (1.1)(50.0 \text{ ksi})$$

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Specifications - Notes

- Note that we do not use correction factors in typical connection design out of the Specification
- But be aware...
- ...e.g., protecting welds and bolts in single plate shear connections...

$$t_{\max} = \frac{6M_{\max}}{F_y I^2}$$

- ...e.g., shear plate to HSS wall and relative yield strengths of plate and wall...



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Specifications - Notes

- If a particular type of connection is not permitted, clearly note that in the Specifications/Notes/Drawings
- During the approval process is not the time!
- Common source of disputes!



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Specifications - Notes

- Try not to over-constrain with conceptual details
- Allow the fabricator and connection designer flexibility

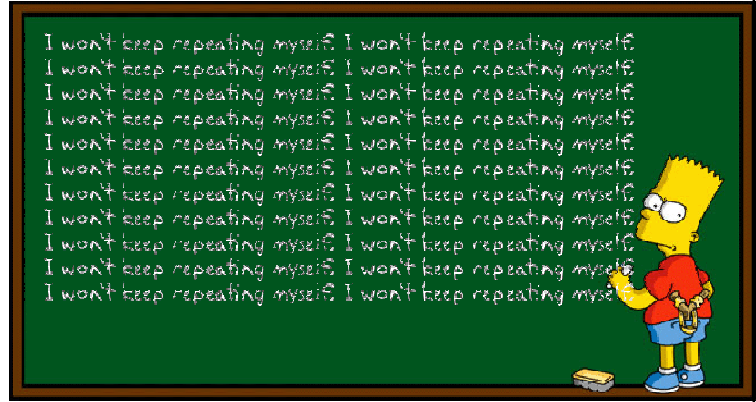


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Specifications - Notes

- Typically,
 - Calculations for one location for each repetitive connection type are submitted
 - Calculations for every “one-off” connection are submitted



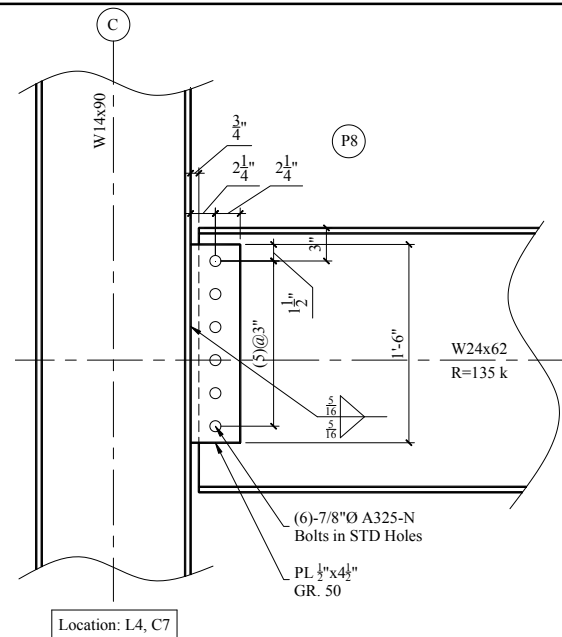
If a full set of calculations for every connection is required, note that clearly; fabricators and their estimators need to capture the costs associated with such a requirement during bid preparation



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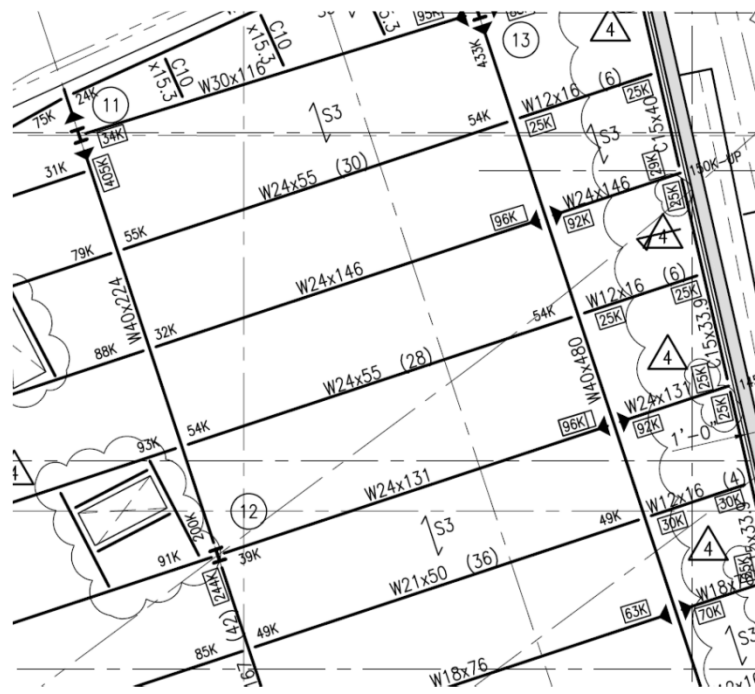
Providing Loads

- Design every connection
- Every bolt, inch of weld, and 1/8” of plate thickness adds cost, weight, and time



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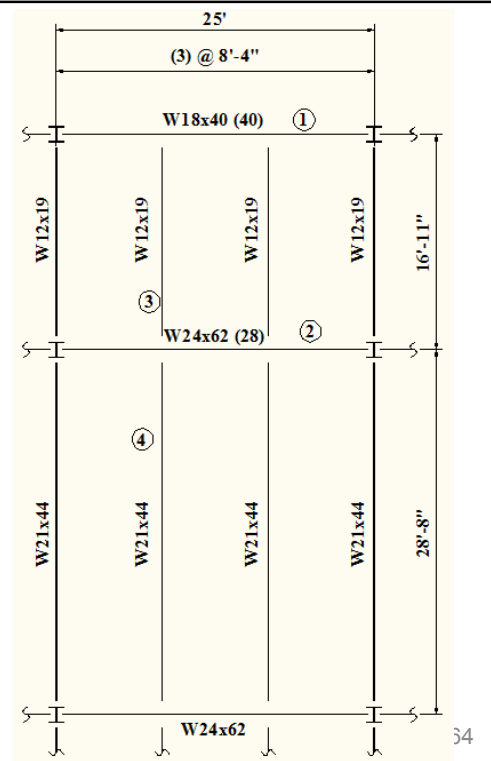
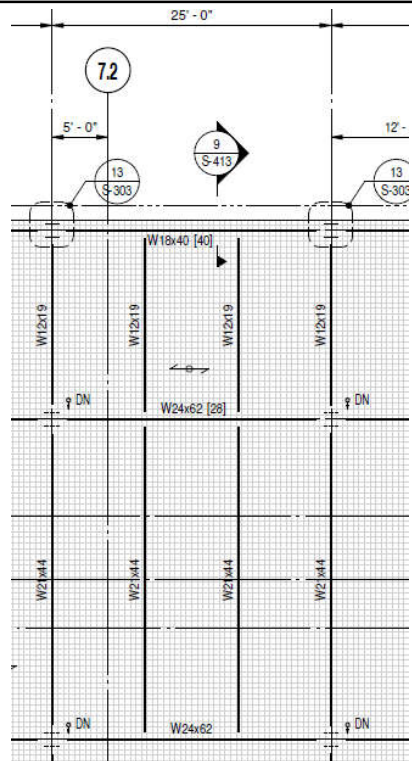


Excellent Example

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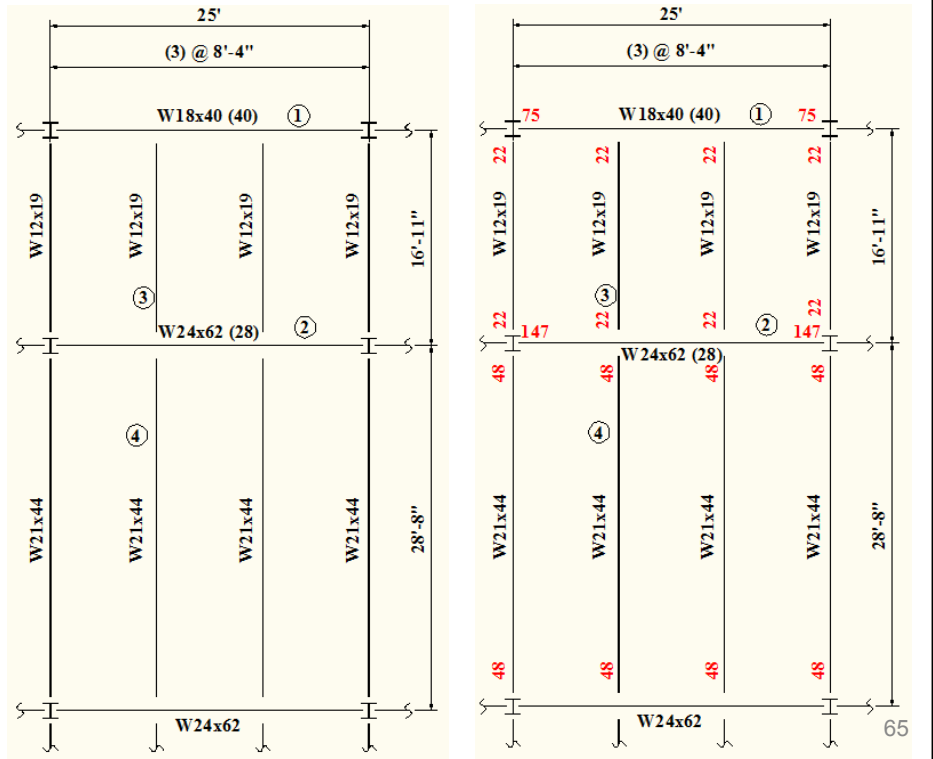


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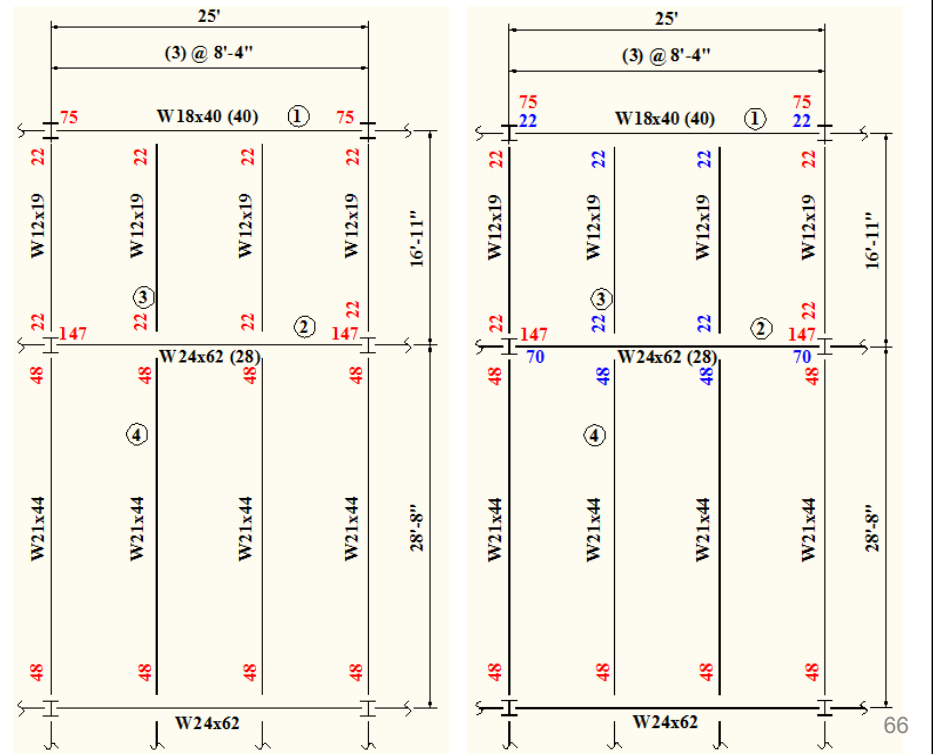
The **red values** shown at beam ends are the required strengths pulled from Table 3-6 of the *AISC Manual* (14th ED.)



Providing Loads

The **blue values** shown at beam ends are maximum girder reactions that the beams can deliver.

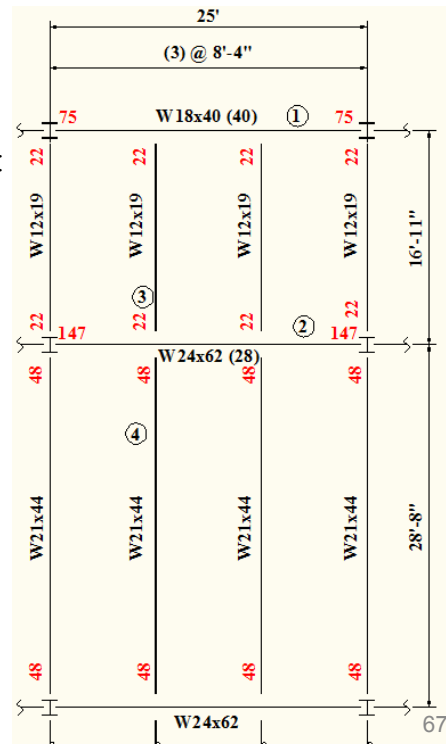
The W12x19 and W21x44 beam end connection strengths are significantly undersized for delivering 147 kips to the girder ends.



Providing Loads

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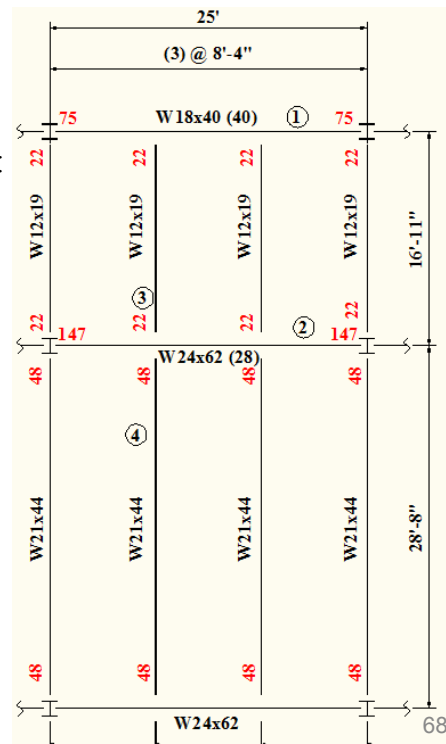
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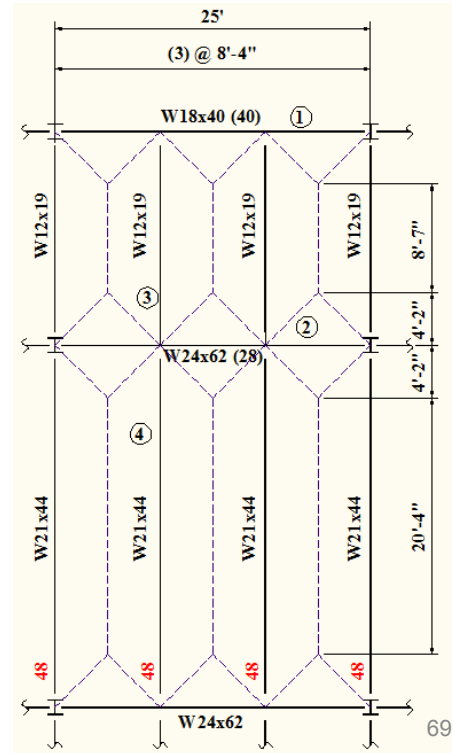
Girder 2:
$$q_2 = \frac{2R_2}{L_2(TL)_2} = \frac{(2)(147\text{kips})(1,000\text{lbs} / \text{kip})}{(25\text{ft})(22.8\text{ft})} = 516\text{ psf}$$

It's possible, but unlikely, that the design floor load for this commercial building approached 516 psf let alone 709 psf.



Providing Loads

Evaluate q_i based on a more detailed tributary area (two-way action)



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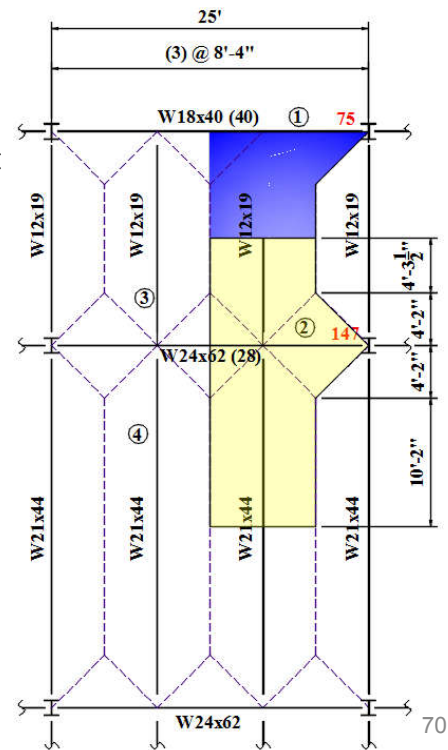
$$q_1 = 947 \text{ psf}$$

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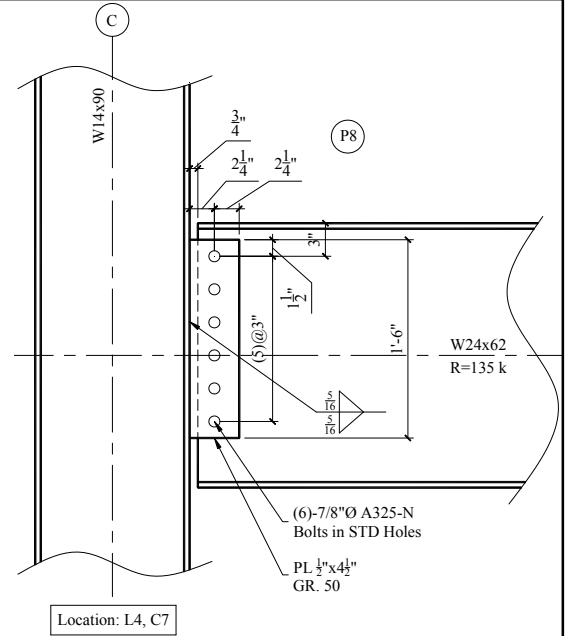
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Produces a relatively larger design floor load!



Single Plate Shear Connections

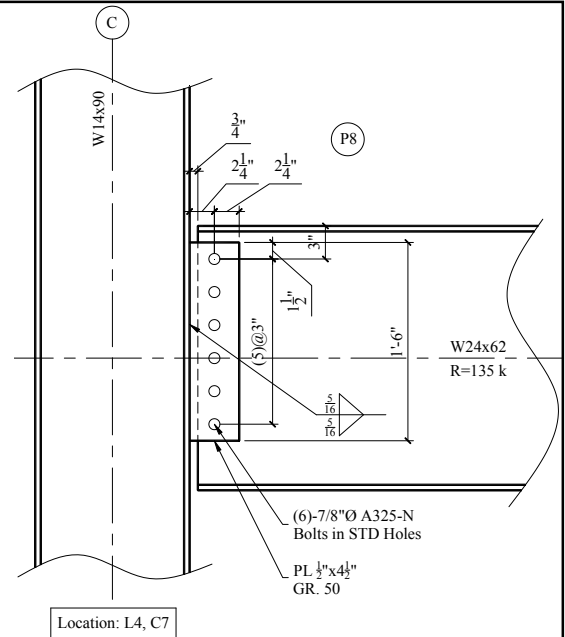
- Design every connection
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Single Plate Shear Connections

- Well defined analysis and design procedure
- Relatively ease of fabrication
- Very safe for erection

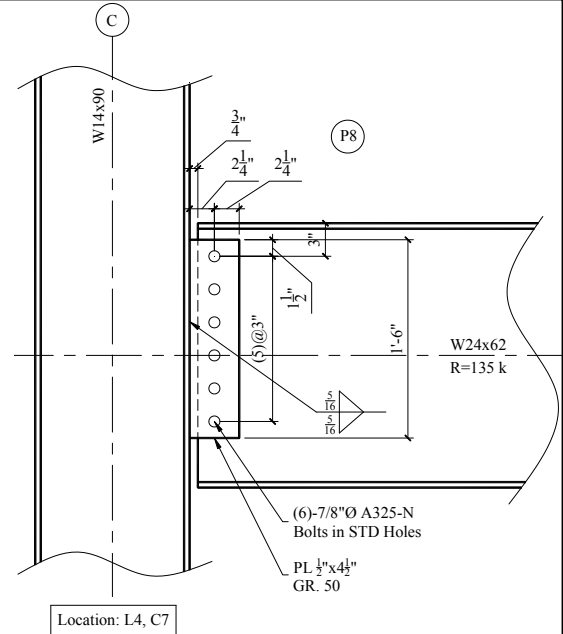


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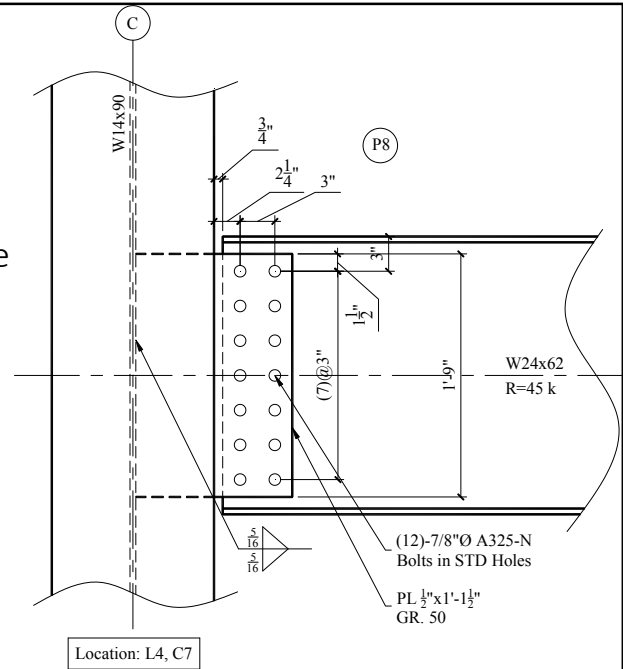
Single Plate Shear Connections

- Make the plate symmetrical
 - Eliminates fitter installing plate in incorrect orientation
- Punch-down is typically 3"
- Make sure proud dimension is sufficient to clear fillet welds
- Avoid connection plates with thickness less than 3/8" (personal rule of thumb)



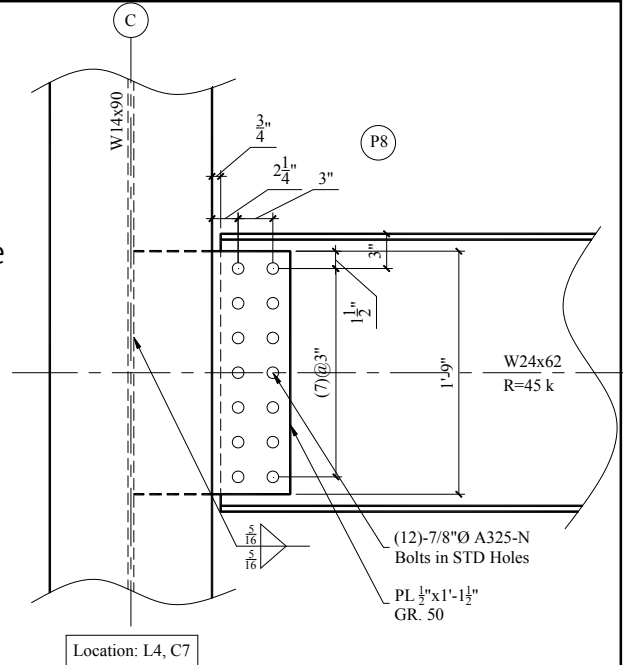
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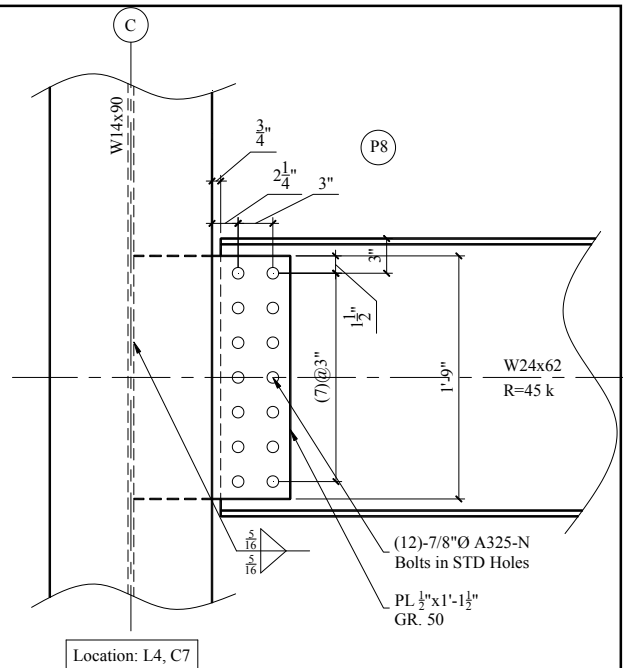
Extended Single Plate Shear Connections

- Design every connection
- Every bolt, inch of weld, and 1/8" of plate thickness adds cost weight, and time
- Take advantage of depth
 - Reduce eccentricity
 - Reduce bolt columns
 - Reduce plate thickness
 - Reduce plate-to-web weld



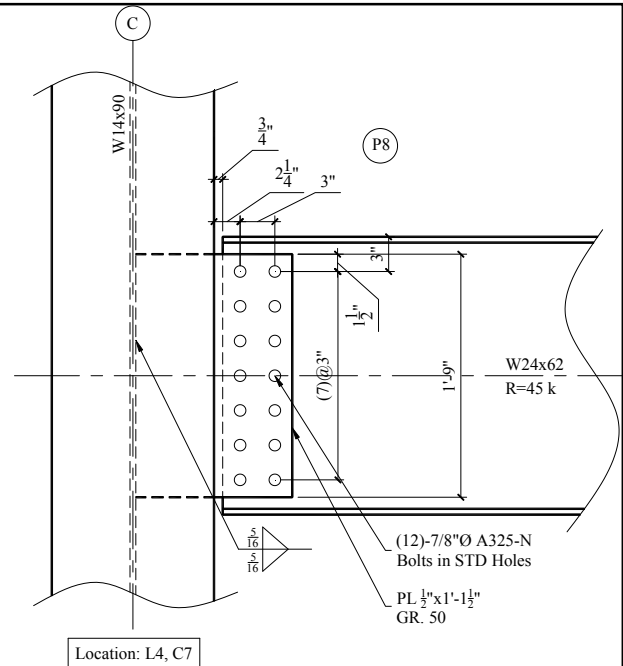
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 - It does, however, reduce t_{max}
 - Again, reduces weld size

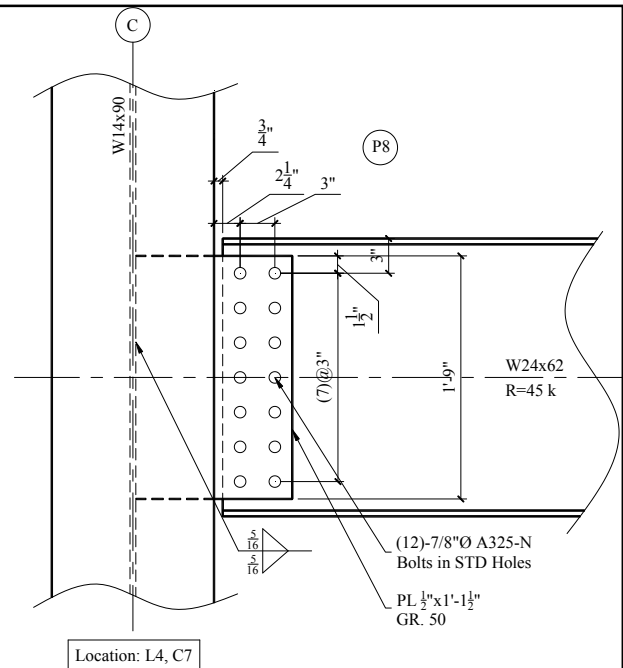


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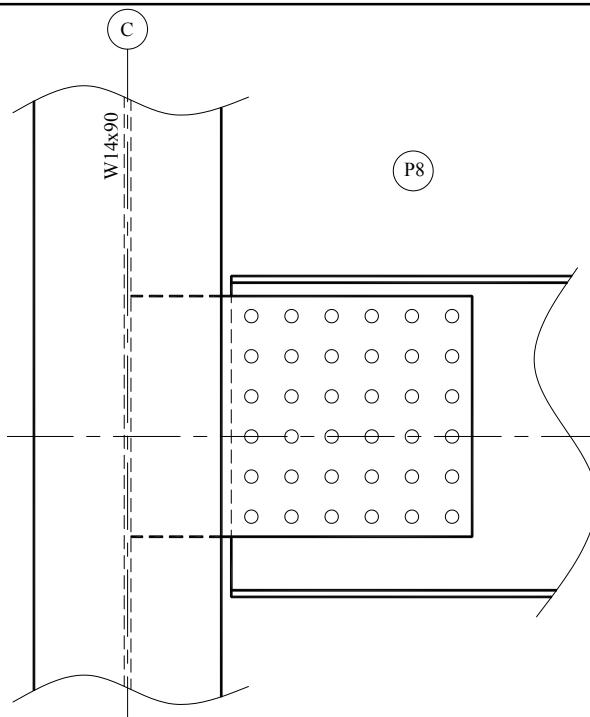


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- But, we need to be reasonable!
- We have other options...

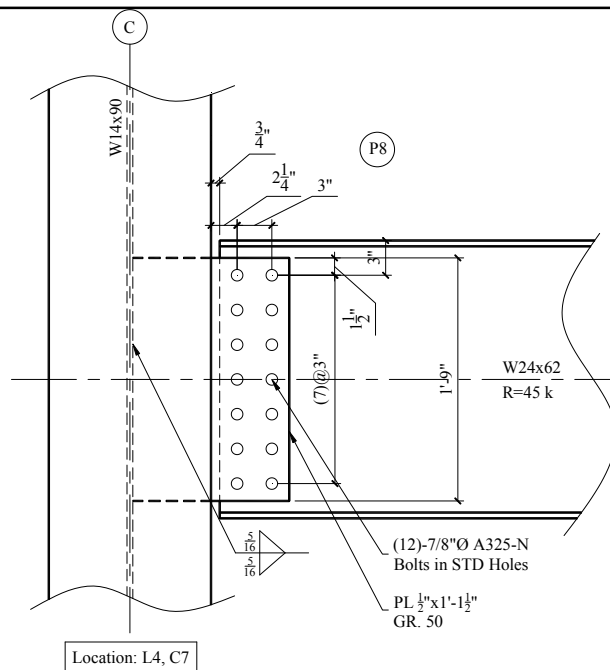


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Extended Single Plate Shear Connections

- For those of you concerned about stability in one-sided connections...
- Refer to *Thornton and Fortney
- This is a connection that has been tested extensively (conventional and extended)...
 - ...Search on the EJ website, www.aisc.org; dozens of articles



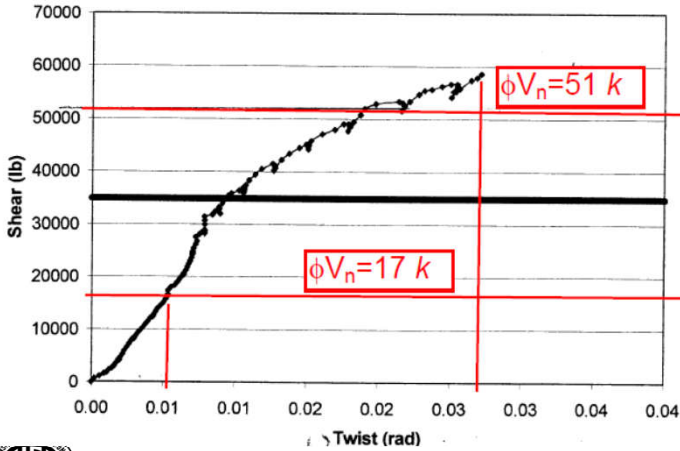
*Thornton, W.A., and Fortney, P.J. (2011). "On the Need for Stiffeners for and the Effect of Lap Eccentricity on Extended Shear Tabs," *Engineering Journal, American Institute of Steel Construction*, Chicago, Ill., V. 48, No. 2, pp.117-125

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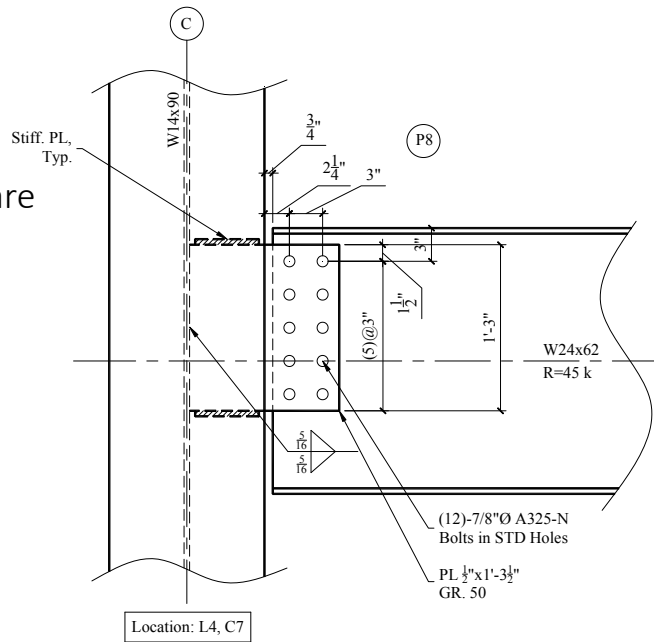
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Sherman and Ghorbanpoor (2002)

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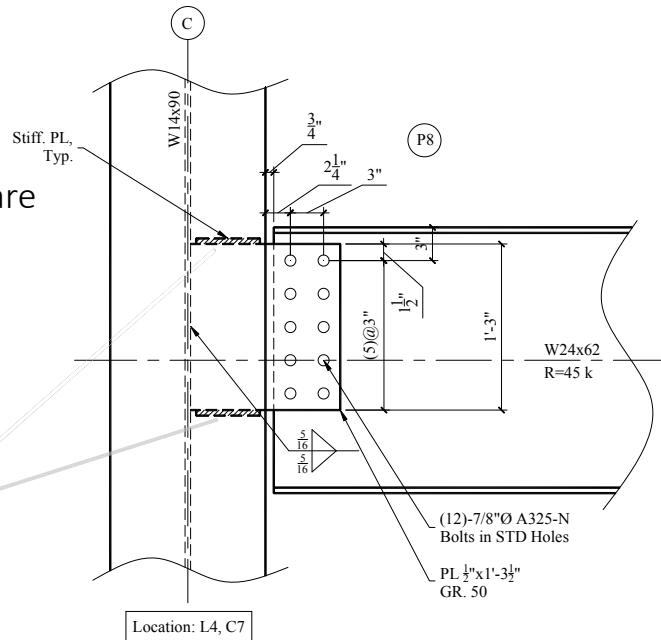
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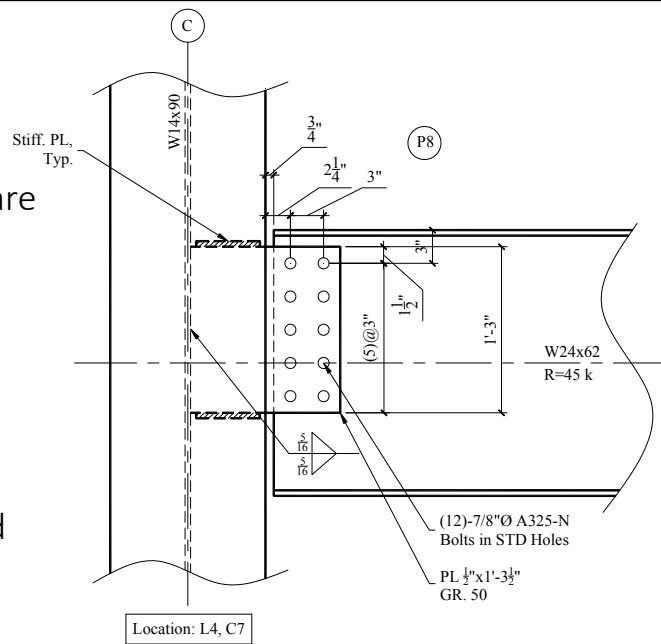
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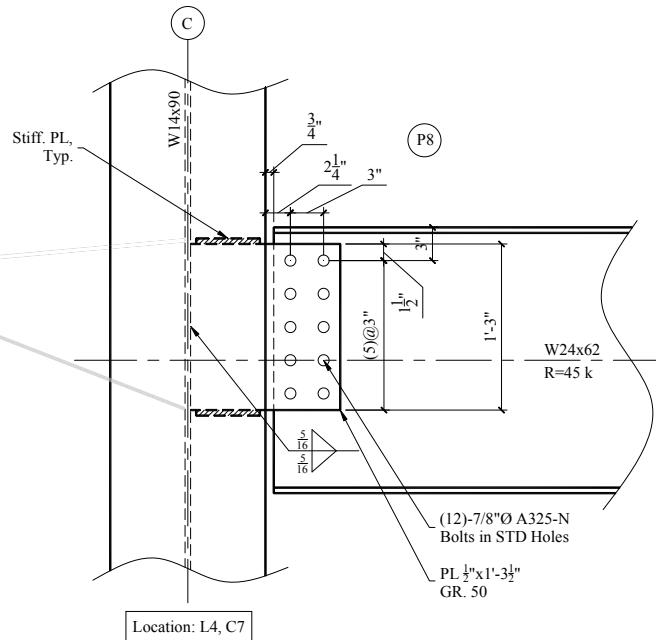
- I've worked projects where stiffeners are required without discussion
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- Rational checks show they are not required...
- Thornton and Fortney (2011) provided methods for limit state checks
 - LTB, Lap Eccentricity

If you have to use stiffeners, do not connect to column web



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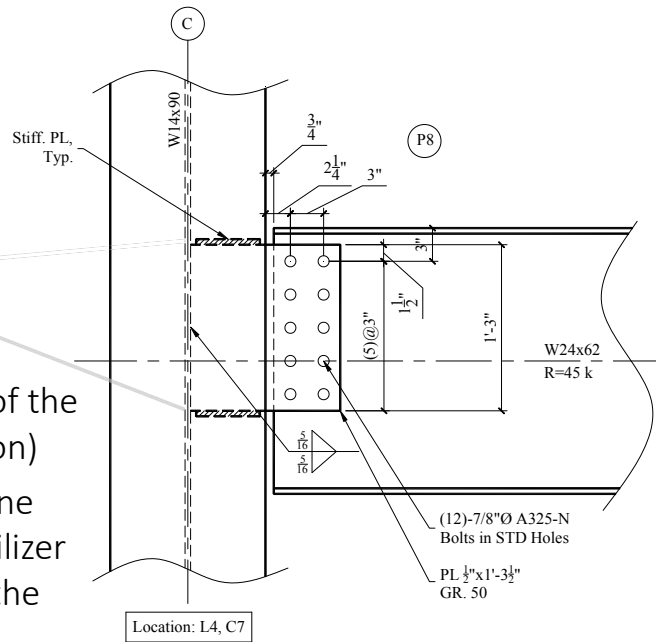
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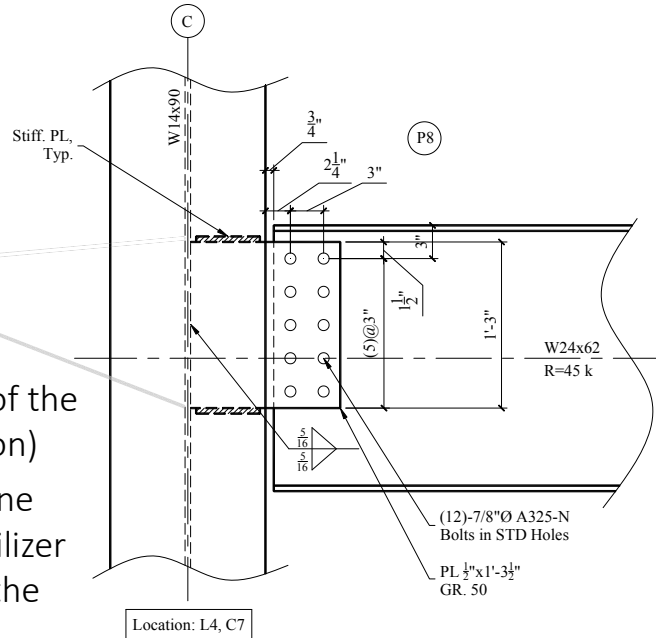
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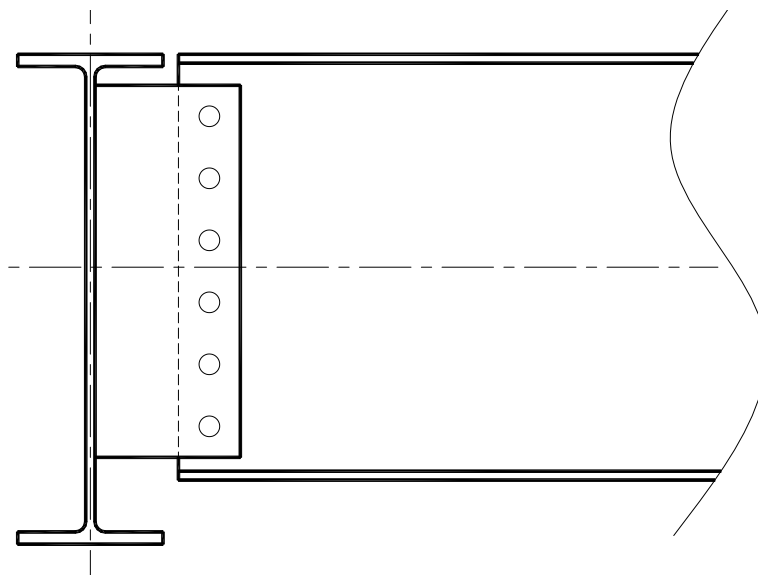
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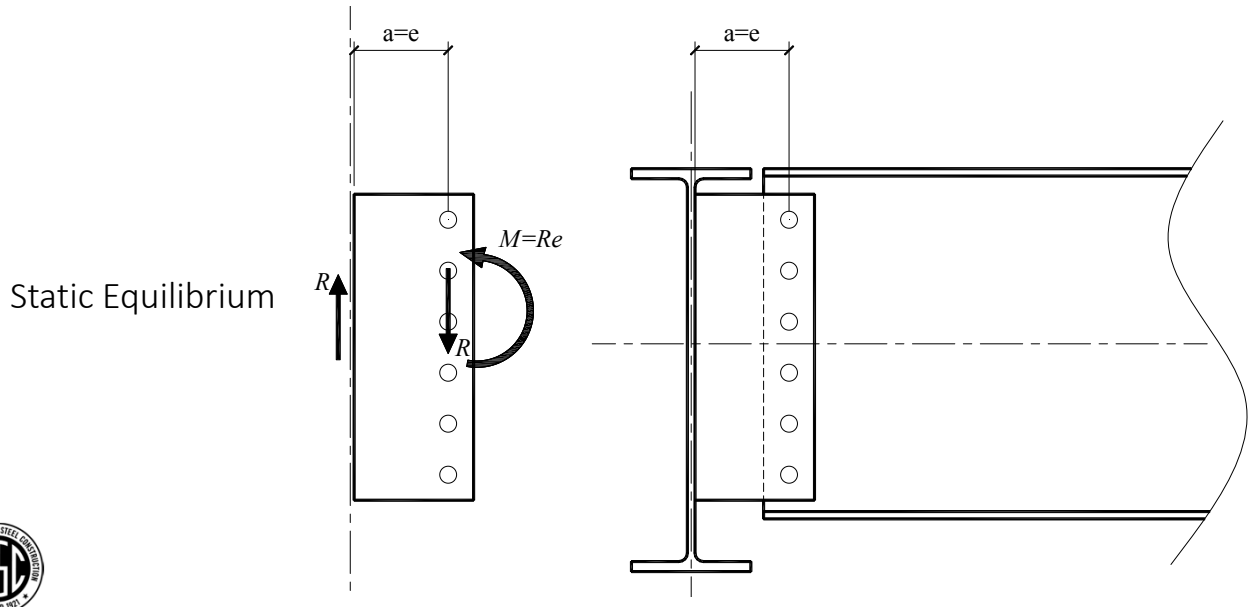


Attaching the stabilizer plate to the web significantly exacerbates the issue

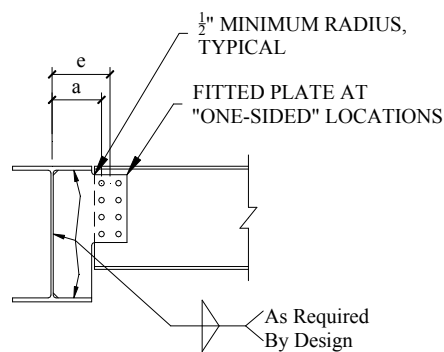
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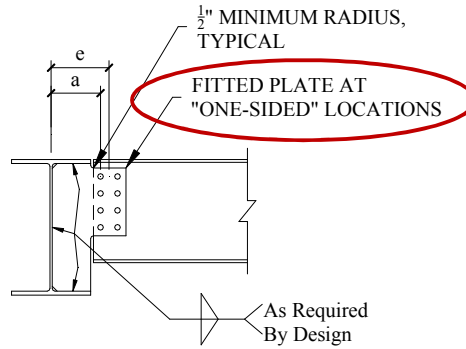
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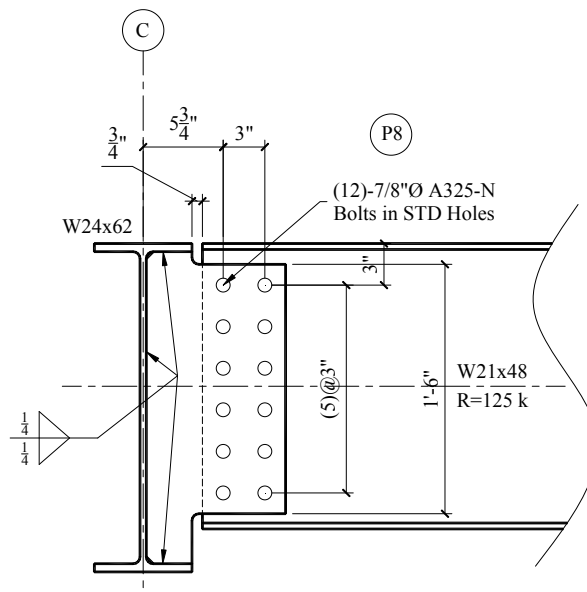


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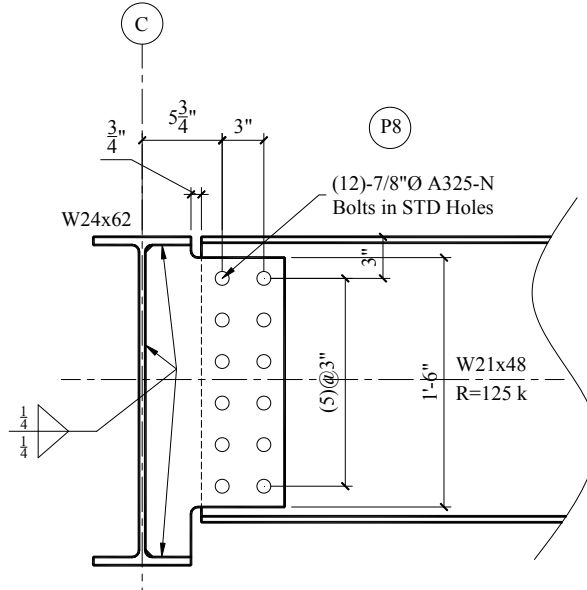
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- Note that deck and slab, not shown in the sketches provide restraint...



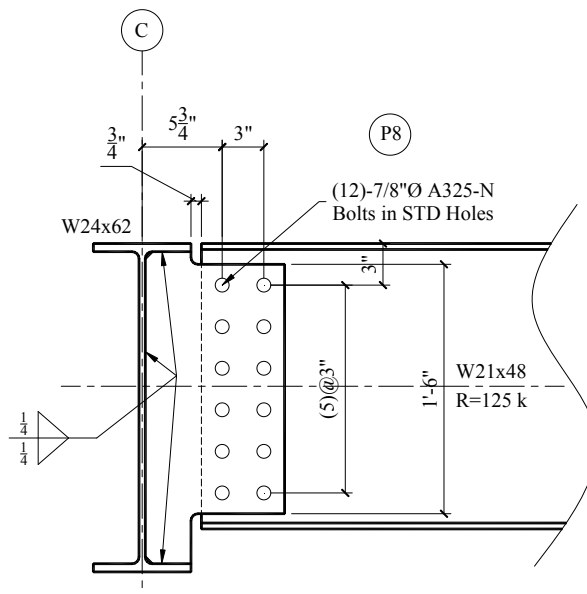
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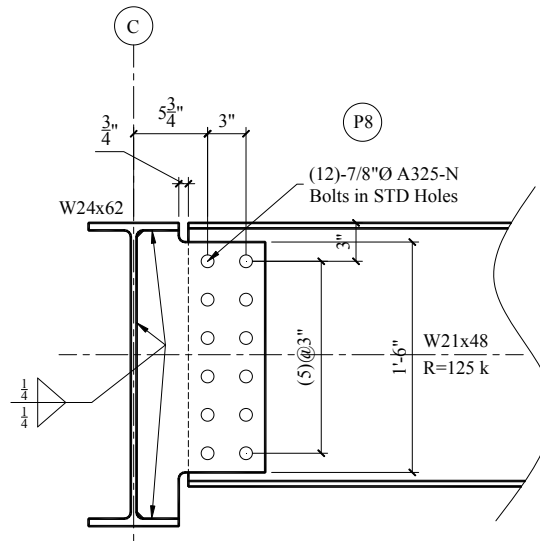
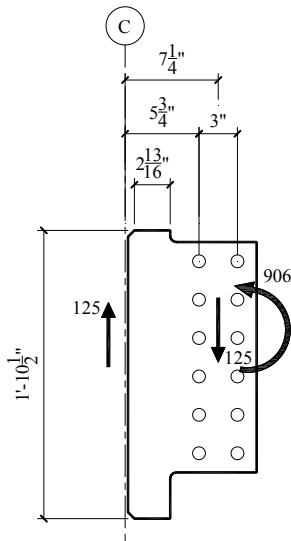
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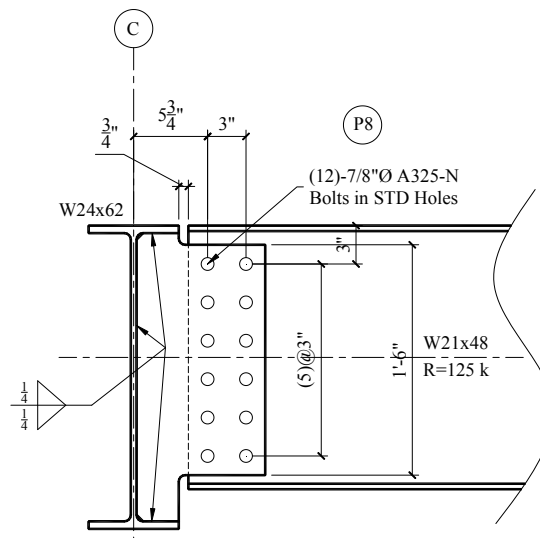
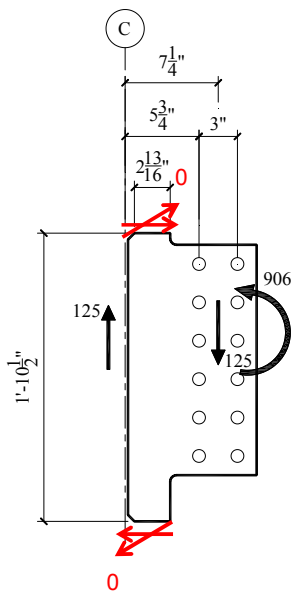
Has the SEoR accounted for this in the design of the supporting (spandrel) beam?



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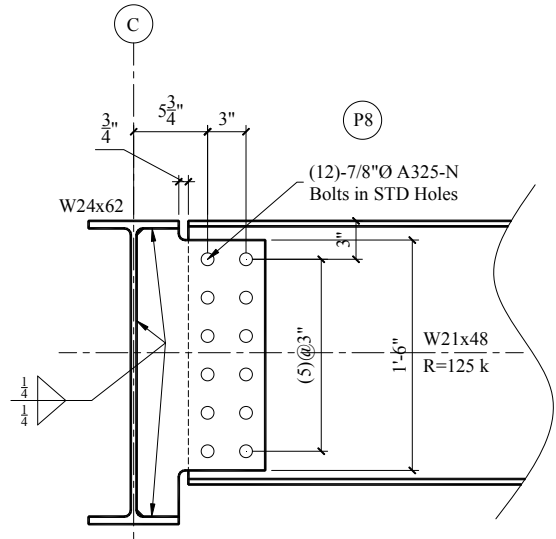
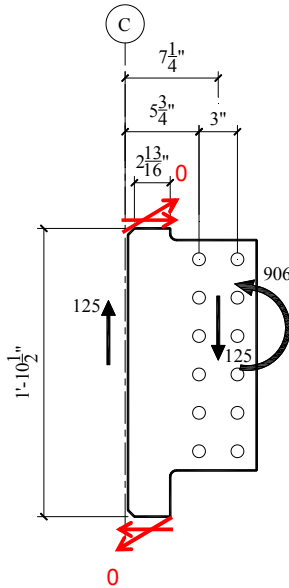


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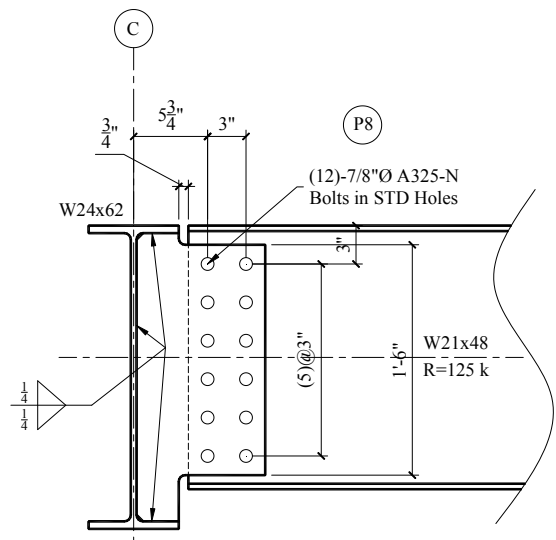
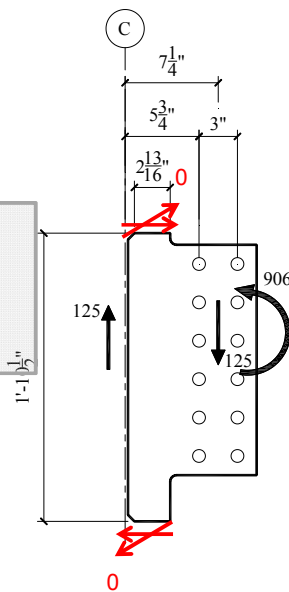
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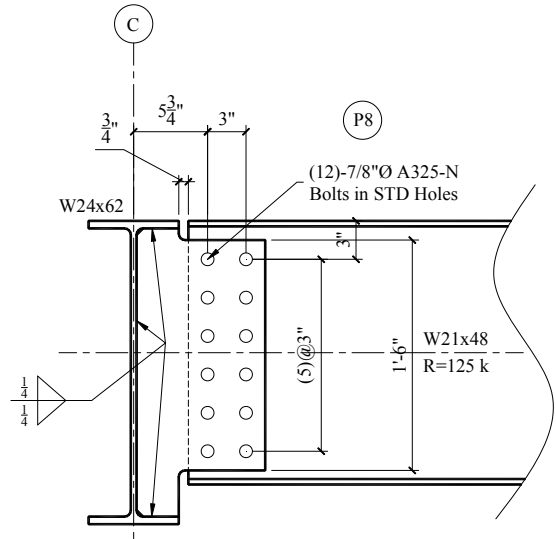
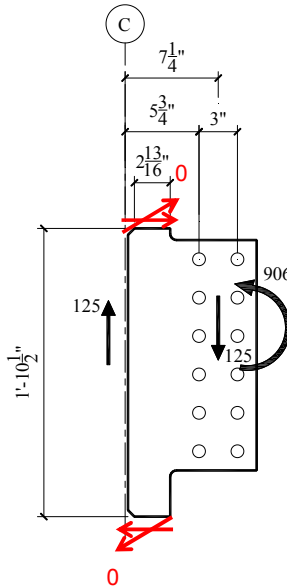
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No Design Load...
...minimum Weld Size



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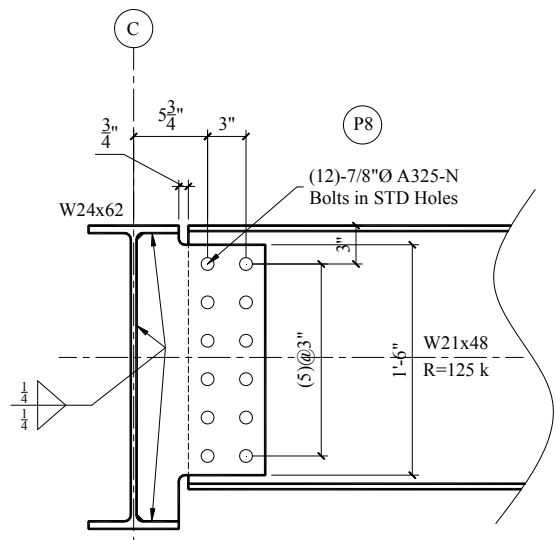
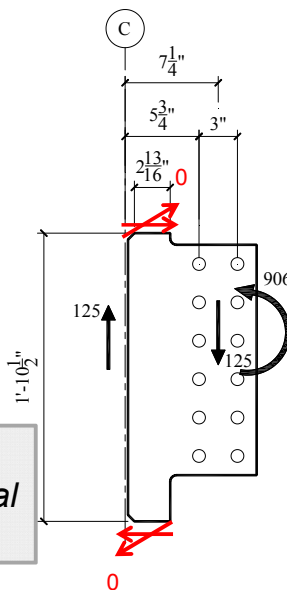
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Effective number of bolts; refer to *Manual* Table 7-7

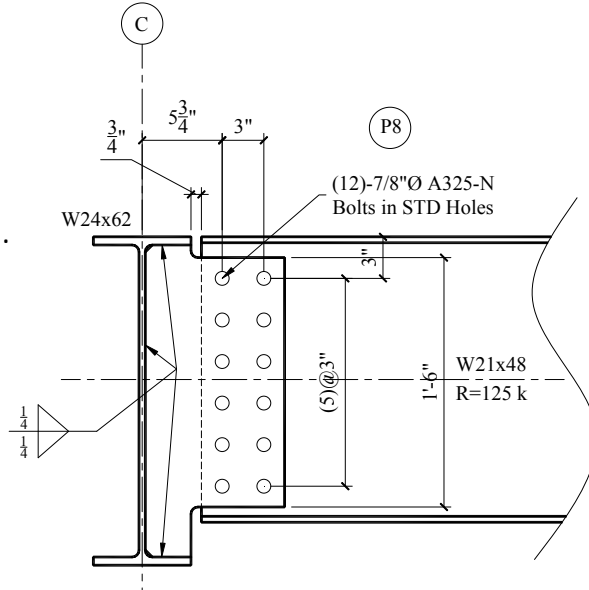


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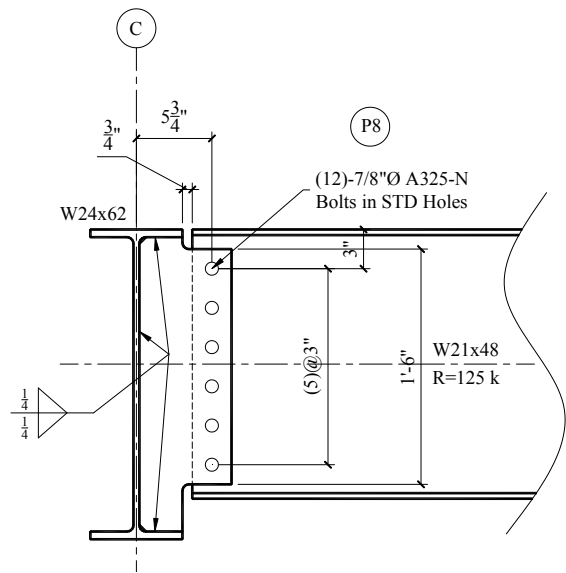
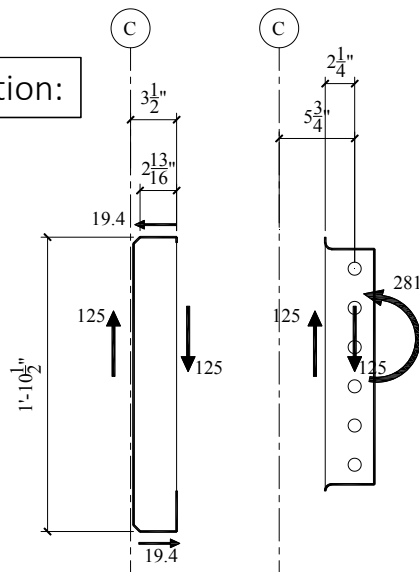
Given the change of boundary condition...

...can we look at this differently?



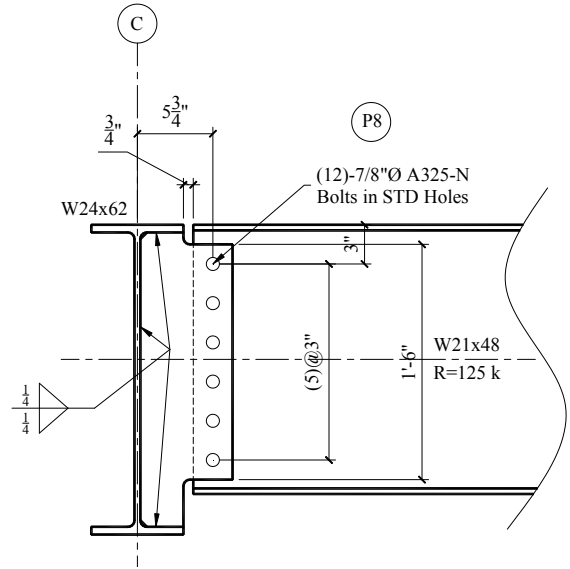
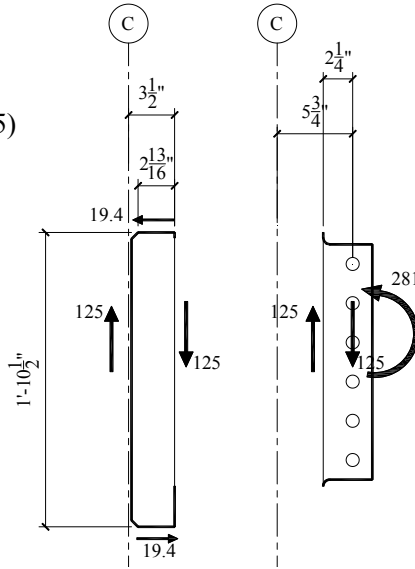
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Unverified Assumption:



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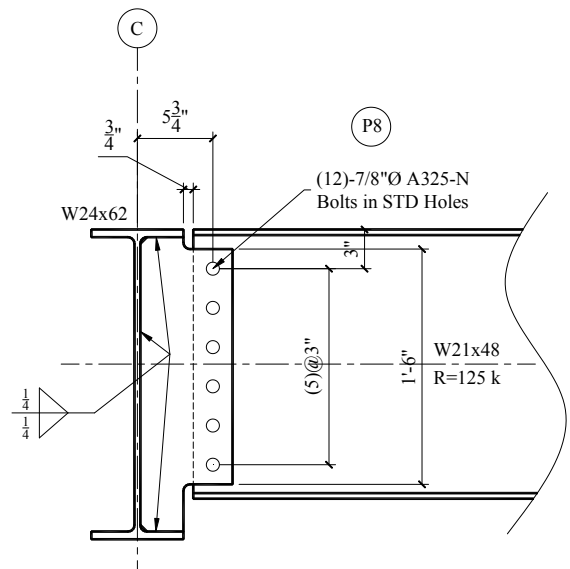
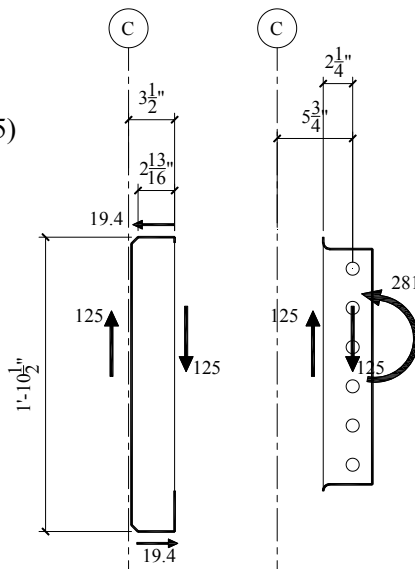
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 $\phi R_w = 28.5 \text{ k}$
 $\phi R_w = 28.5 \text{ k} > 19.4 \text{ k}$



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Extended Single Plate Shear Connections – One-Sided/Spandrel

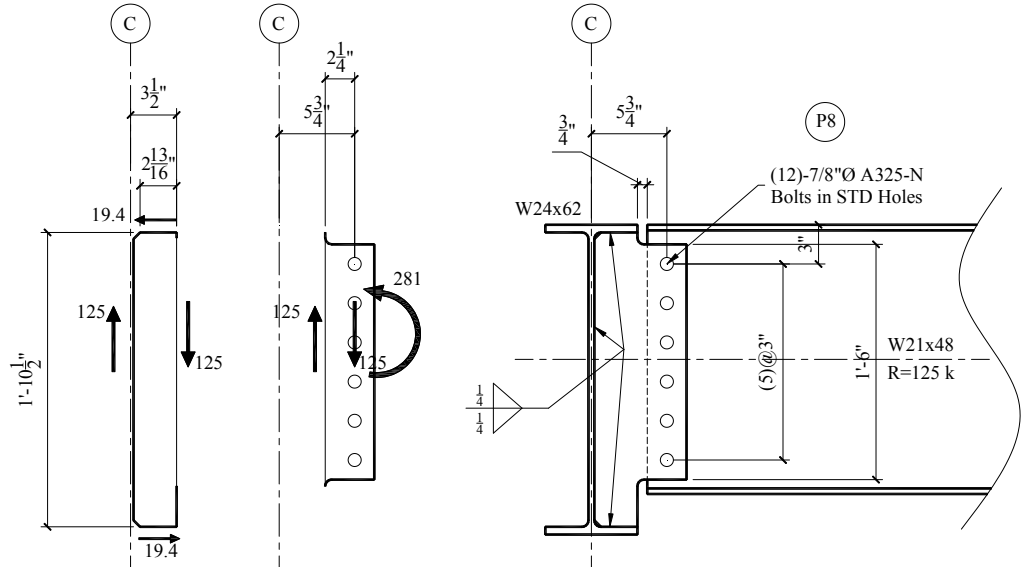
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 $C = 5.39 \text{ bolts}$
 $\phi R_b = 130 \text{ k}$



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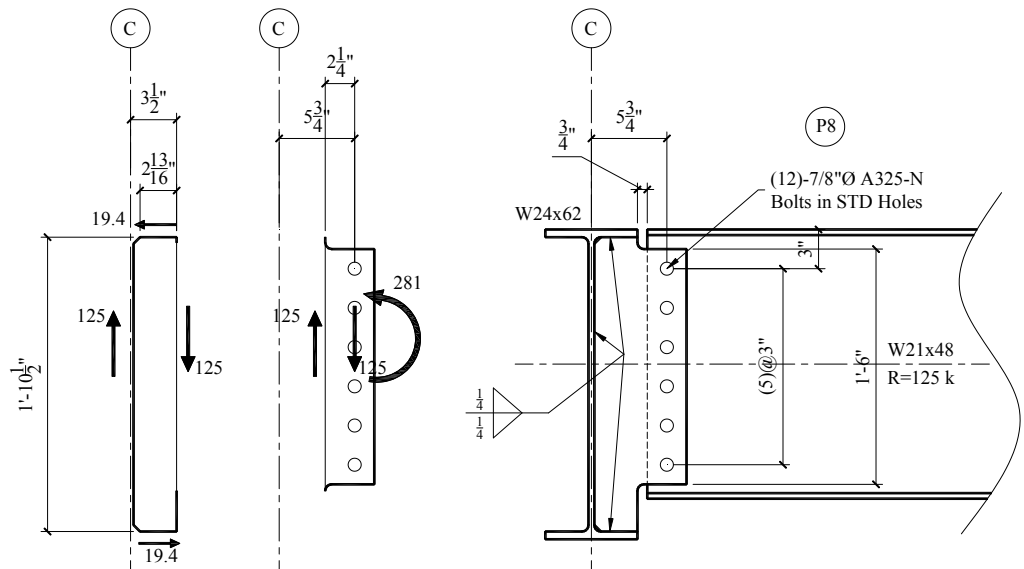


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Extended Single Plate Shear Connections – One-Sided/Spandrel

If this approach were taken, the SEoR should surely be consulted



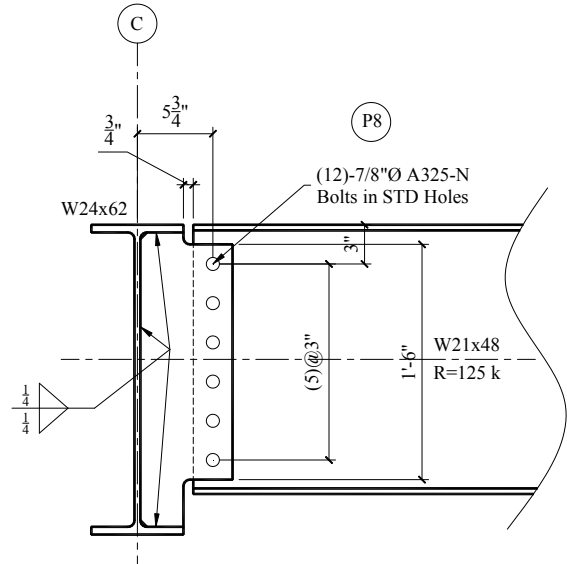
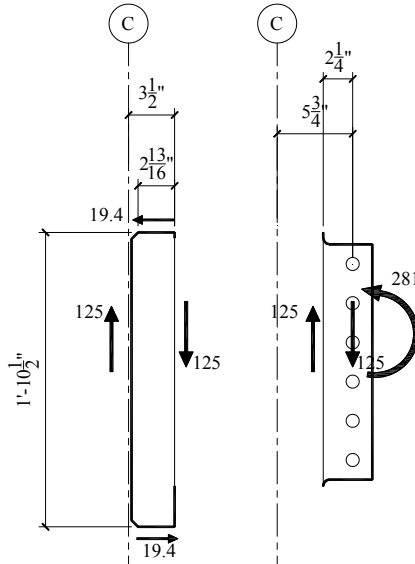
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These FBDs will be shown on sample calculations submitted to the SEoR



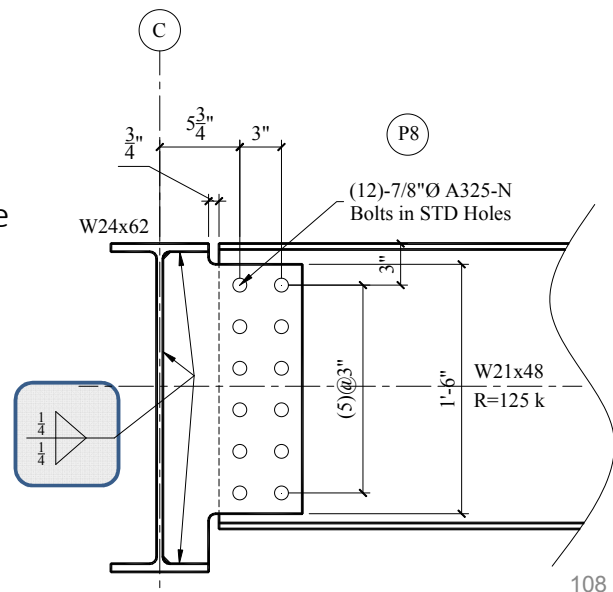
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Extended Single Plate Shear Connections – One-Sided/Spandrel

Regardless of assumed force distribution...

- Note that a $(5/8)t_p$ weld is not needed here
- Size the vertical and horizontal welds for the loads

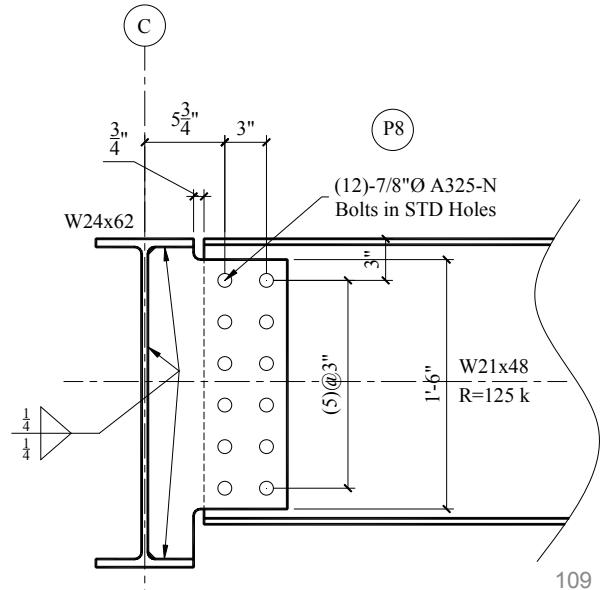


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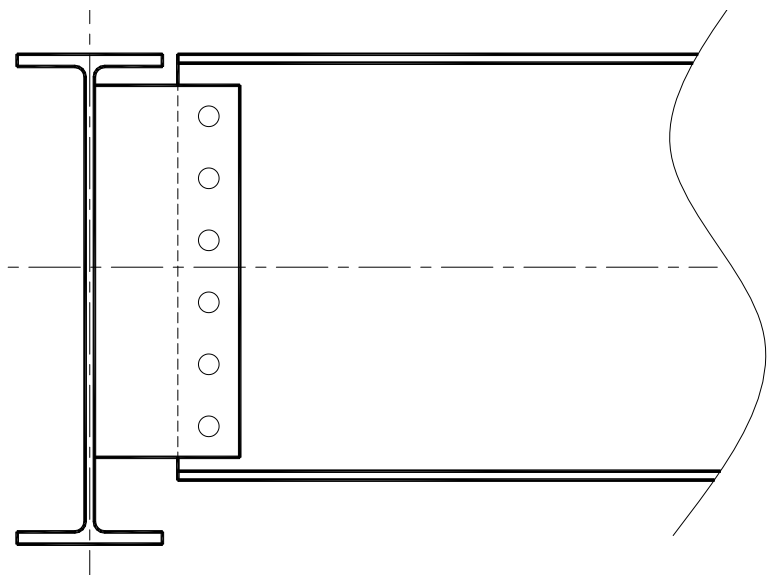
Extended Single Plate Shear Connections – One-Sided/Spandrel

- Fitted plates are expensive and time consuming
 - Shaping, corner snips, radius,
 - Grinding (depending on how cut)...
 - Fit-up issues due to flange tilt, etc.
- Note that deck and slab, not shown in the sketches provide restraint...



Extended Single Plate Shear Connections – One-Sided/Spandrel

- Fitted plates are unnecessary
- A typical single plate shear connection is best practice
- Note that deck and slab, not shown in the sketches provide restraint...



Poll Question 2

- Q. In a conventional single plate shear connection used in a beam-to-column flange connection, if the proud dimension is $\frac{3}{4}$ " and the horizontal edge distance to the bolt hole in the beam web is 1-1/2", good detailing would suggest the width of the connection plate to be...
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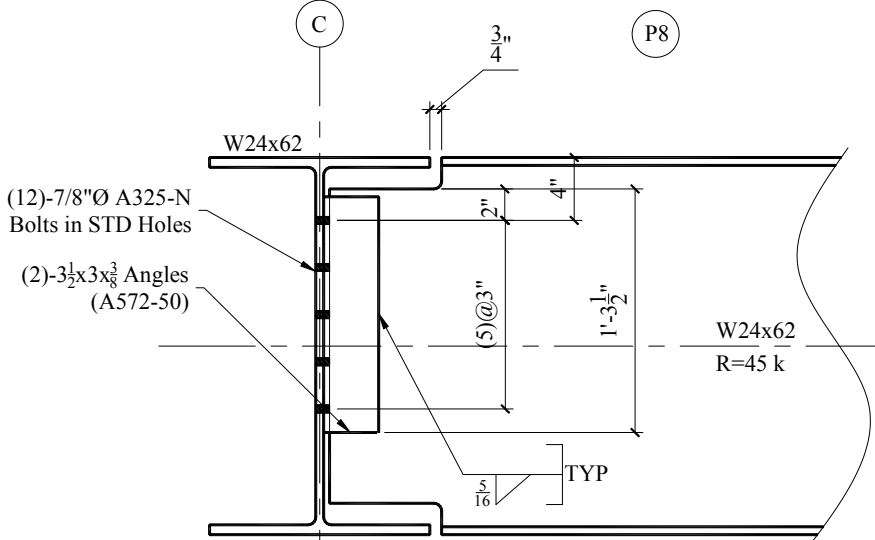
Select your answer!

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Connections Susceptible to Cracking During Galvanizing



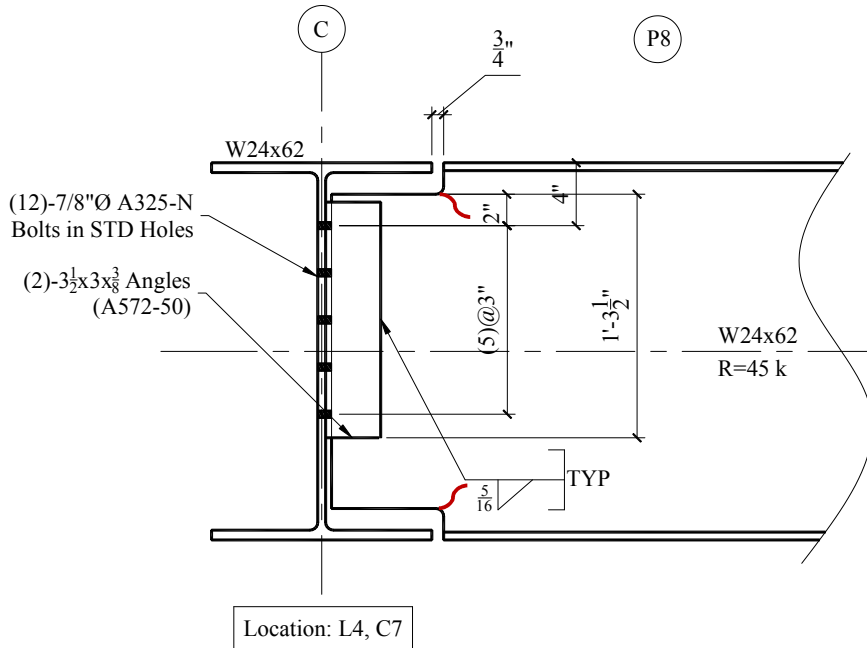
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Location: L4, C7



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NOTE that these cracks may not show themselves until under service loads!



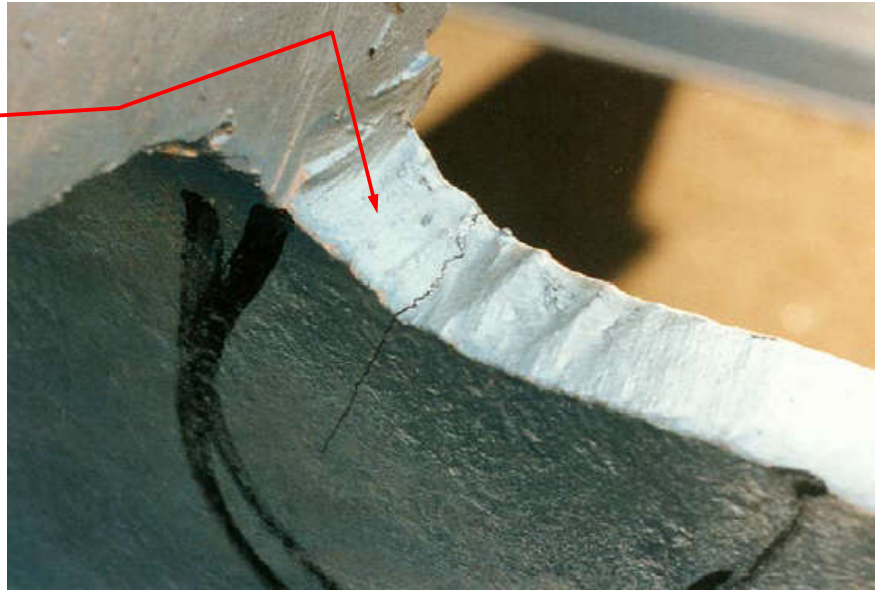
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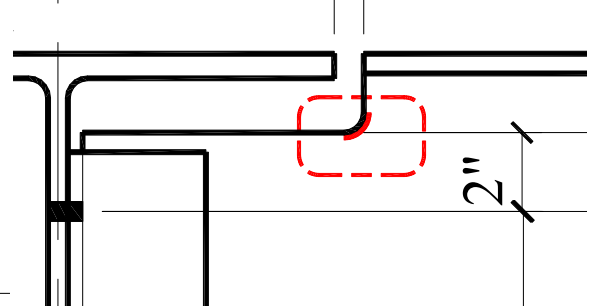
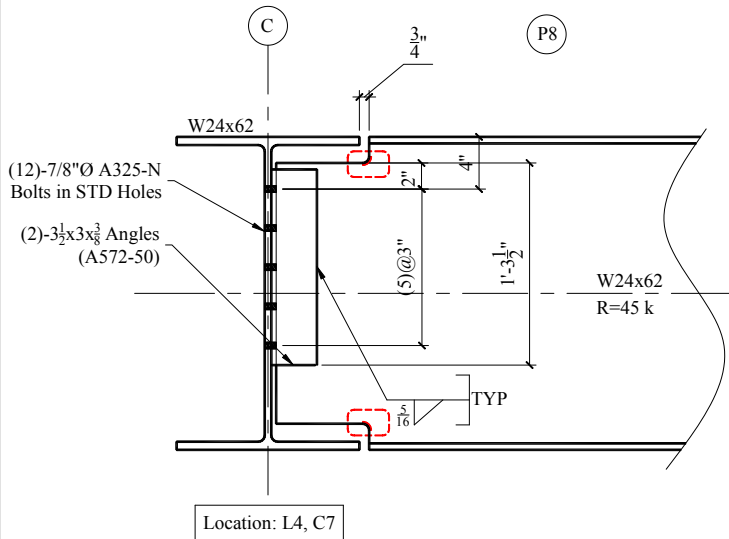
Roughness??
Even when meeting roughness requirements, cracks are still experienced

NOTE that these cracks may not show themselves until under service loads!



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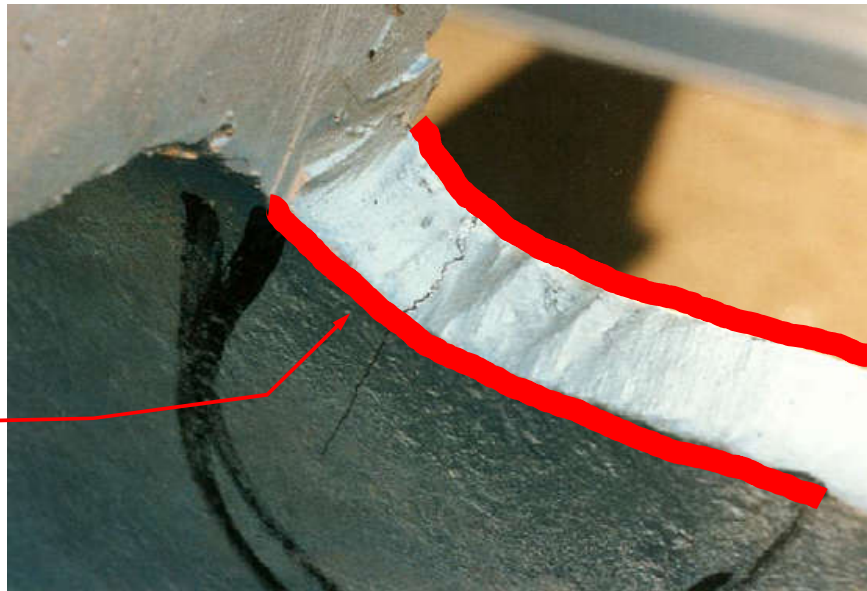
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- Provide 1/4", 3/16" fillet weld at radii on both sides of weld
- Keep radius at least two times web thickness
- Grind cut edge smooth



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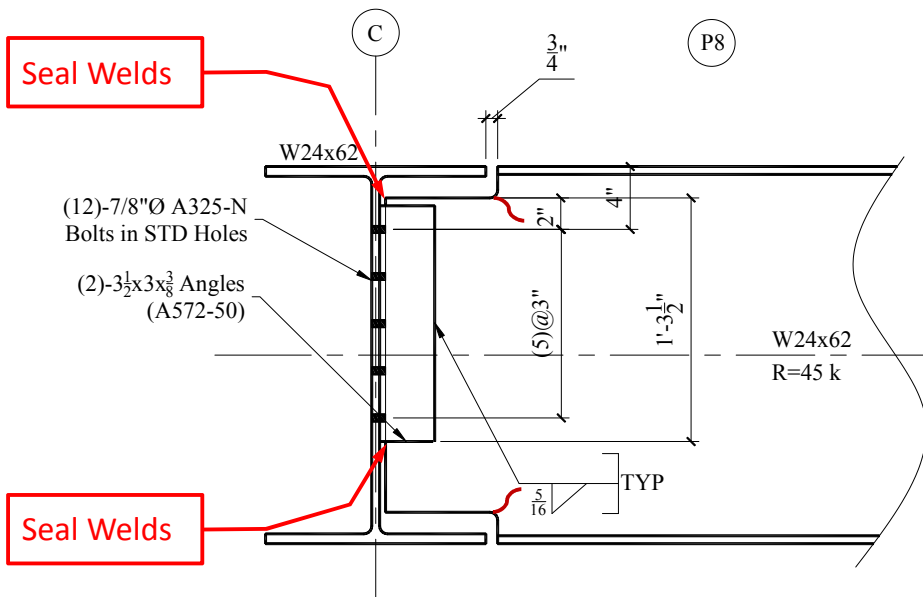


Reinforcement at cope



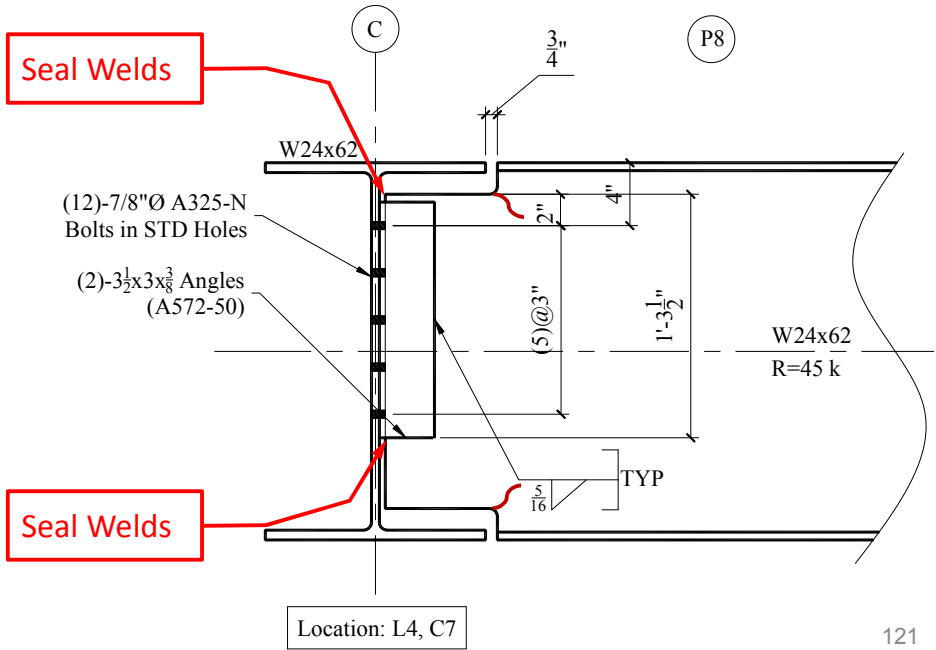
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NOTE that wrapping welds around an opposing corner used to be explicitly prohibited in AWS D1.1



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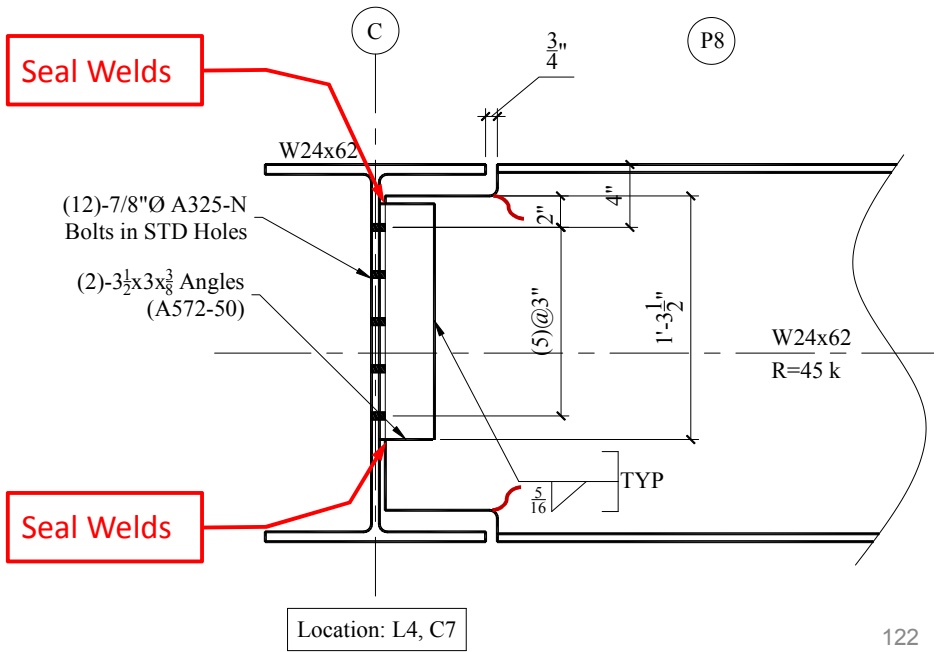


Connections Susceptible to Cracking During Galvanizing

NOTE that wrapping welds around an opposing corner used to be explicitly prohibited in AWS D1.1

This is no longer the case!

D1.1 simply cautions in regard to gouging



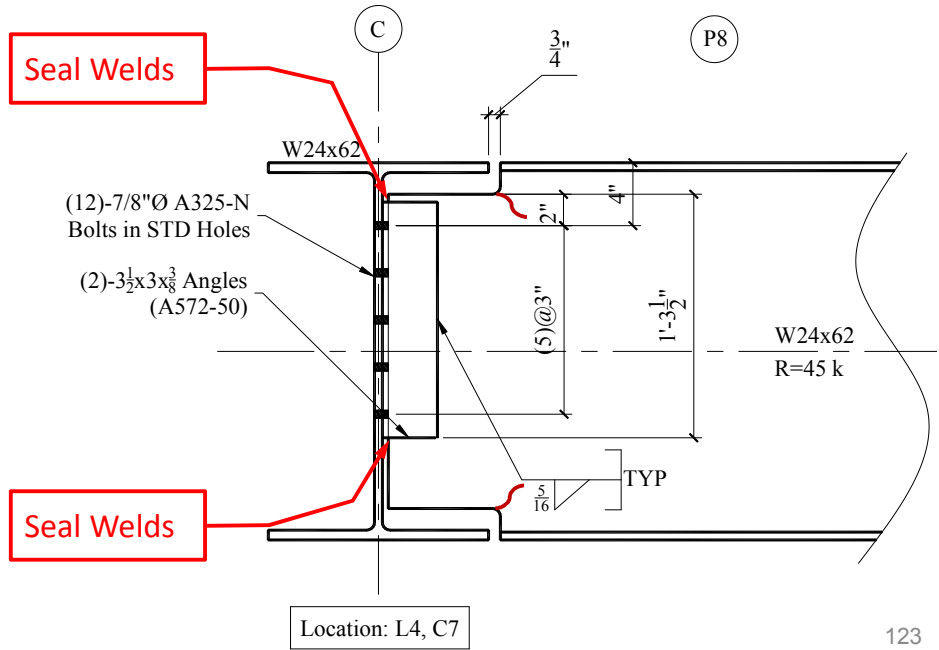
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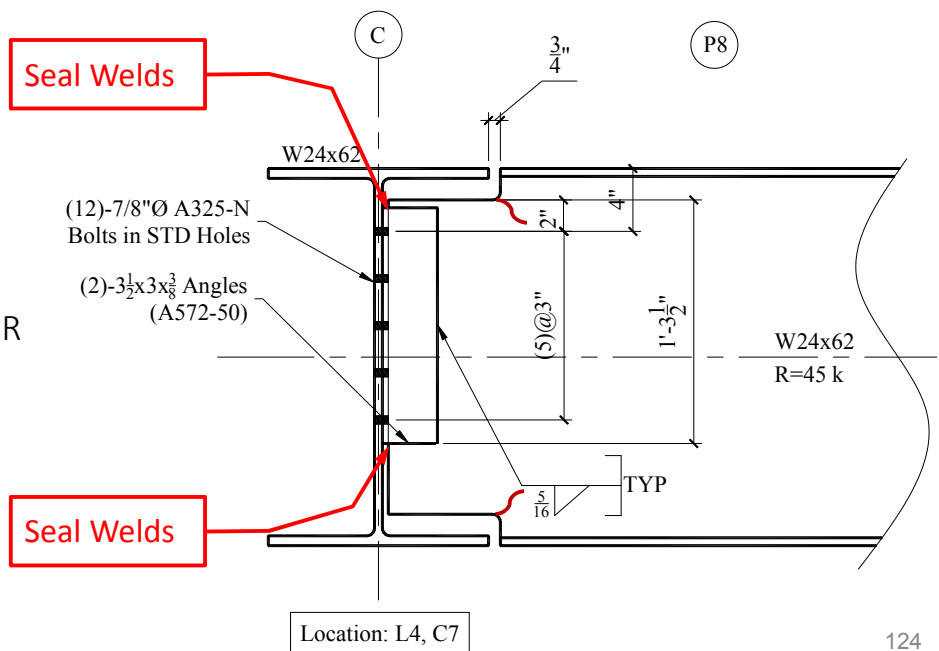
The problem still exists, however...

The only change is the fabricator or galvanizer is more susceptible to damages for something mostly out of their control

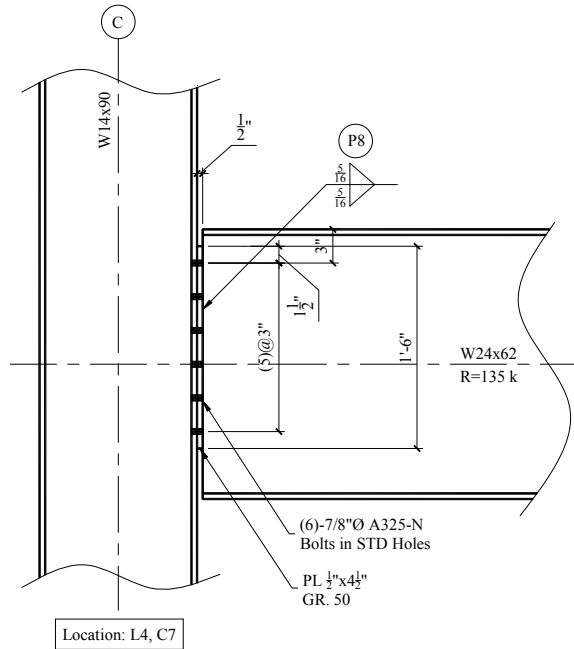


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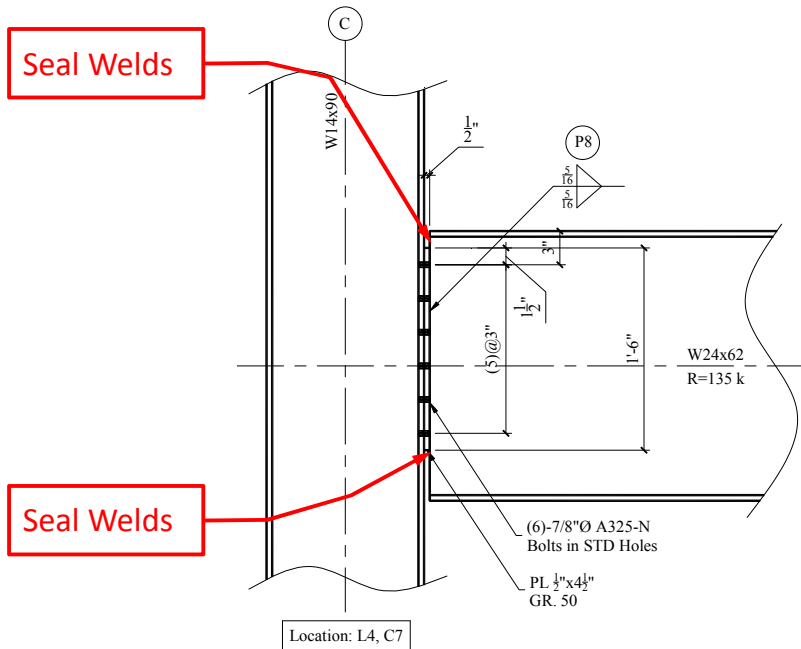
I recommend that it is still good practice for the fabricator to document correspondence to the SEoR of the inherent dangers of these types of seal welds.



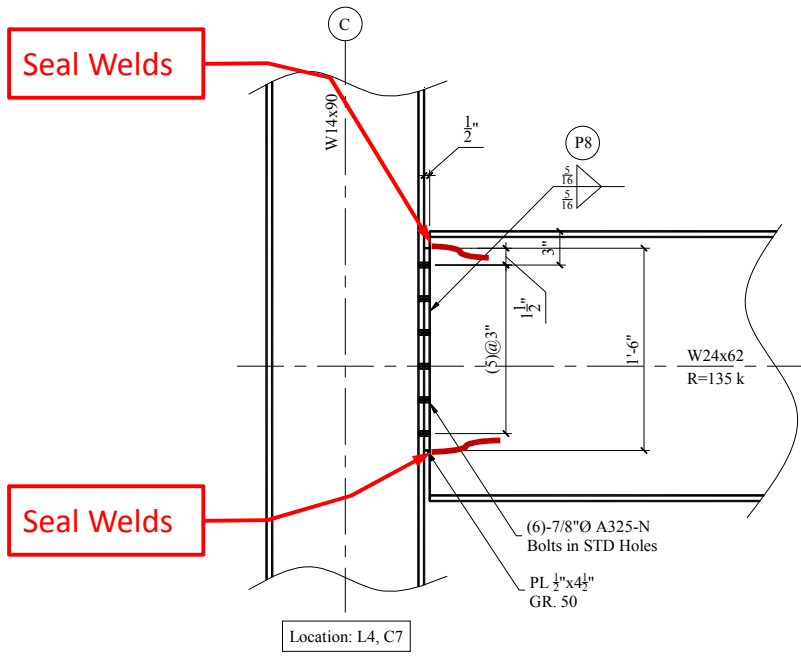
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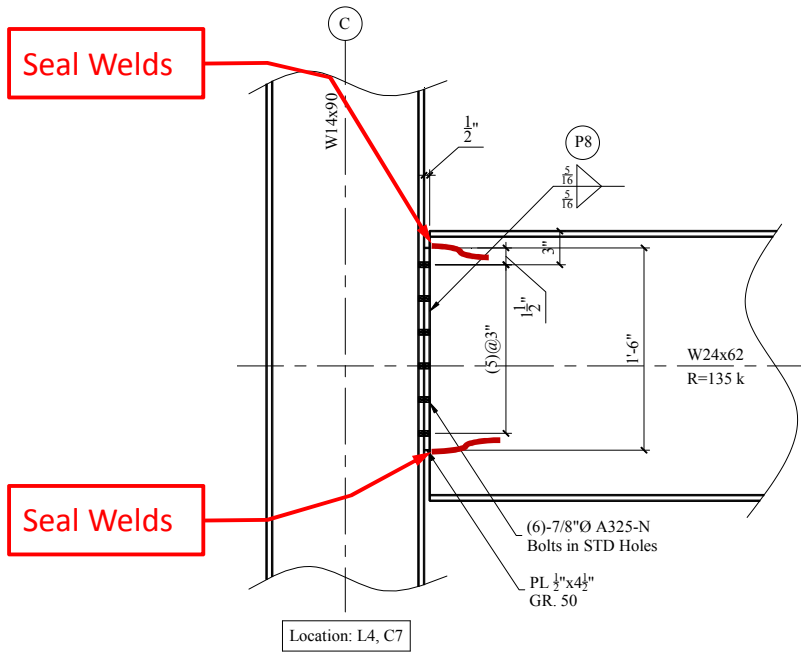
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We have experienced this in both half-depth and three-quarter depth connections



Connections Susceptible to Cracking During Galvanizing

In general,

- Make seal welds as small as possible
- Make sure your welders are aware of the dangers of gouging
- Grind cuts and radii smooth prior to galvanizing
- Make radii at least 2 times the plate thickness
- Increase, ramp-up, visual inspections of the parts/assemblies after galvanization and prior to hanging



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Shear Connections

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