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## Connection Design

Tips, Tricks, and Lessons Learned



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## Course Description

### 19.7 Seismic Connections March 25, 2019

From mechanistic design forces to critical welds to protected zones to prequalified connections to exceptions, the SEoR and delegated connection designer need to be in phase with one another before connection design begins. Documented communication on all aspects of the project between the SEoR, fabricator, erector, and inspector is paramount in order to avoid unwelcome shaking of project schedule and budget.

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, fabricator, erector, and inspector to facilitate the review and quality processes.





## Learning Objectives

- Define the term demand critical welds. Identify the sources that give testing requirements and welder qualifications for demand critical welds.
- Explain the concept of expected strength, and its role in the safe detailing of connections in seismic force-resisting structural steel systems.
- Define the term protected zones. Explain where they are found and what special treatment they receive.
- List the seismic-related requirements that should be included on structural design drawings to ensure clear communication.



# Night School 19 Connection Design: Tips, Tricks, and Lessons Learned

Session 7: Seismic Connections  
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- We'll talk a little about
  - Effective Communication
  - General Detailing
  - Specific Issues Related to Seismic Connections



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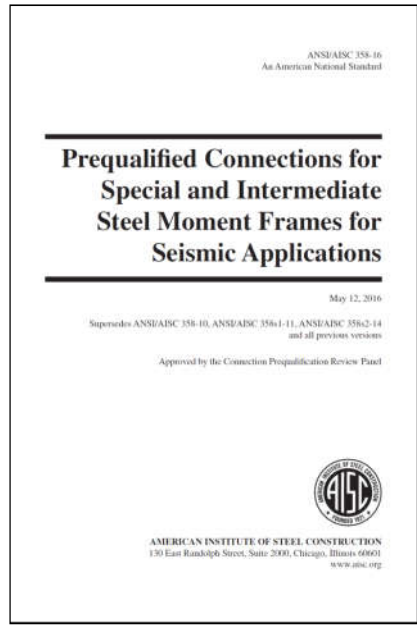
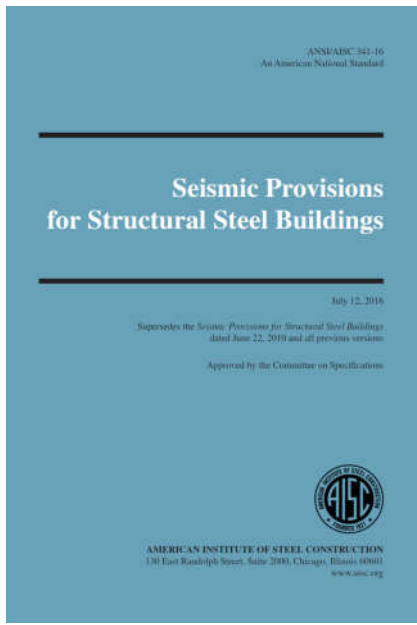
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- AISC has offered many webinars and Night Schools on the design of connections
- Drucker, Dowswell, Fortney, Muir, Murray, Sabelli, Thornton, etc.
  - Specific examples
  - Number crunching
- The Seismic Design Manual
- Today, I'd like to look at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

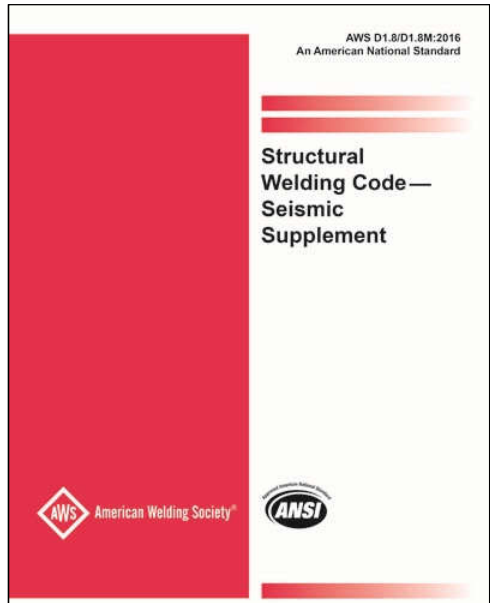
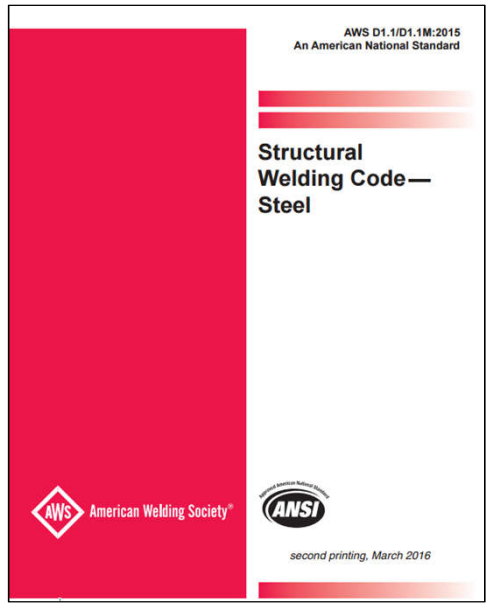


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### First, A Few General Issues



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## **First, A Few General Issues**

- The requirements in the *Seismic Provisions* (AISC 341-16) are in addition to the requirements in the *Specification* (AISC 360-16)
  - The *Provisions* are clear when certain *Specification* requirements are excluded or substituted
    - ❖ Otherwise, the *Specification* requirements must still be satisfied



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## **First, A Few General Issues**

- Seismic Systems
- Demand Critical Welds
- Special Weld Access Holes and C.P. Corner Snips and Welding
- Expected Material and Available Strengths
- Protected Zones
- Heavy Sections
- Bolted Joints



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## First, A Few General Issues

### Seismic Systems

- Ordinary Moment Frame (OMF)
  - $R=3.5$
  - Minimal Inelastic Deformation
    - Members and Connections
- Intermediate Moment Frame (IMF)
  - $R=4.5$
  - Limited Inelastic Deformation
    - Flexural Yielding of Beams and Columns, Panel Zone shear
  - Beam-to-Column Connections must be Qualified or Prequalified
- Special Moment Frame (SMF)
  - $R=8$
  - Significant Inelastic Deformation
    - Flexural Yielding of Beams
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- Ordinary Concentrically Braced Frame (OCBF)
  - $R=3.25$
  - Minimal Inelastic Deformation
    - Members and Connections
- Special Concentrically Braced Frame (SCBF)
  - $R=6$
  - Significant Inelastic Deformation
    - Brace buckling and Tension Yield
- Eccentrically Braced Frame (EBF)
  - $R=8$
  - Significant Inelastic Deformation
    - Shear or Flexural Yielding of Link Beams



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### Seismic Systems

AISC 341-16 addresses other systems such as:

- Composite Moment Frames
- Composite Braced Frames
- Steel Plate Shear Walls
- Composite Shear Walls (coupled core walls)
- etc.



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## Consumables and Demand Critical Welds (341-16, A3.4)

### 4b. Demand Critical Welds

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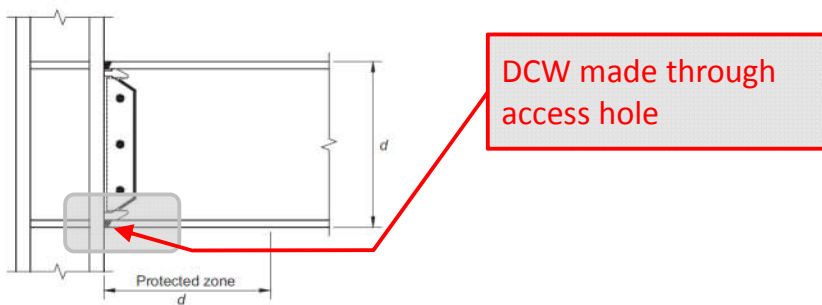
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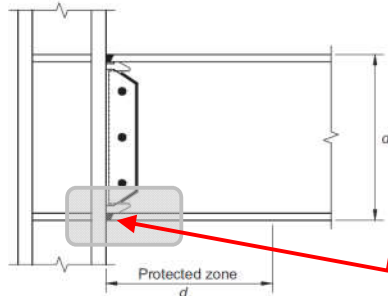
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- Each pass has to be completed before adding another pass...
  - Half from one side of the web...
  - The other half from the other side of the web...
  - The welder has to demonstrate that he/she can properly tie those two half-passes together properly

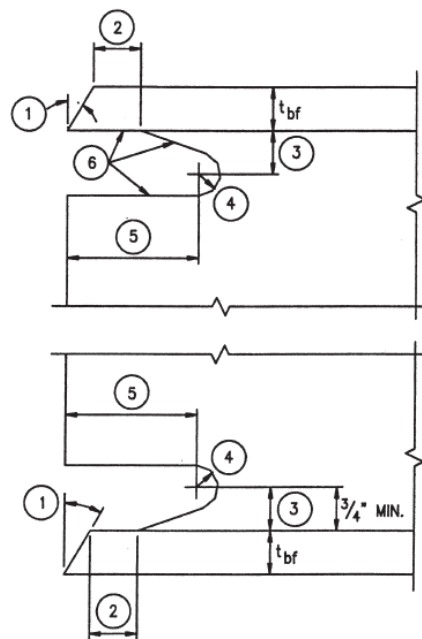
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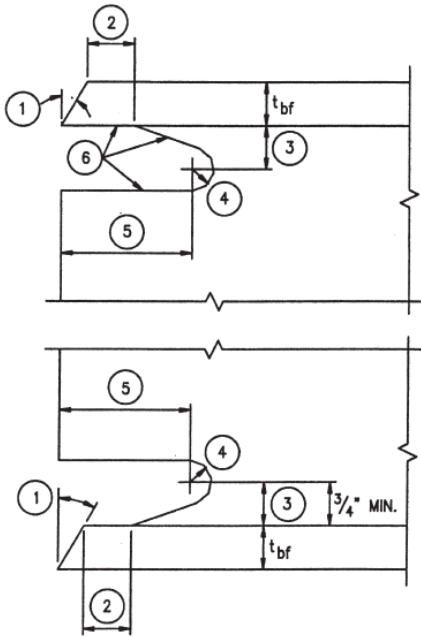


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SPECIAL WELD ACCESS HOLES (AWS D1.8, 6.11.1.2)

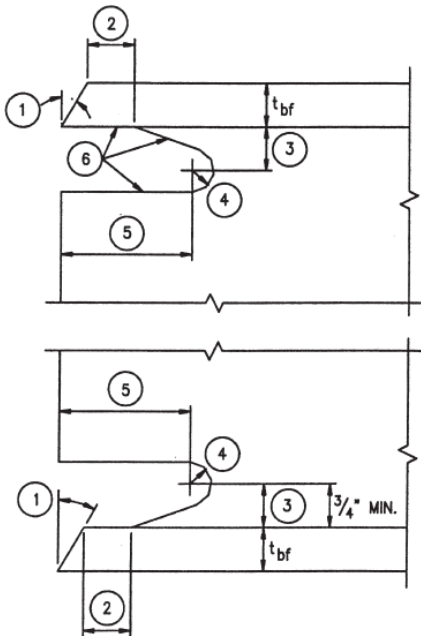


**Special Seismic Weld Access Holes (AWS D1.8, 6.11.1.2)**



- Notes:**
1. Bevel as required for selected groove weld.
  2. Larger of  $t_{bf}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. (13 mm) (plus  $\frac{1}{2} t_{bf}$ , or minus  $\frac{1}{4} t_{bf}$ )
  3.  $\frac{3}{4} t_{bf}$  to  $t_{bf}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. (19 mm) minimum ( $\pm \frac{1}{4}$  in.) ( $\pm 6$  mm)
  4.  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. (10 mm) minimum radius (plus not limited, minus 0)
  5.  $3 t_{bf}$  ( $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  in.) ( $\pm 13$  mm)
  6. See FEMA-353, "Recommended Specifications and Quality Assurance Guidelines for Steel Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications," for fabrication details including cutting methods and smoothness requirements.
- Tolerances shall not accumulate to the extent that the angle of the access hole cut to the flange surface exceeds  $25^\circ$ .

**Special Seismic Weld Access Holes (AWS D1.8, 6.11.1.2)**



- FR moment connection in OMF IMF and SMF
  - Wide flange beam-to-flange of wide flange column
- Where required in AISC 358-16



### Special Seismic Weld Access Holes (AWS D1.8, 6.11.1.2)

Welded Column Splices...  
 Not Required...

e.g., AISC 341-16 – E3.6g.2(d)(2)  
 -SMF-



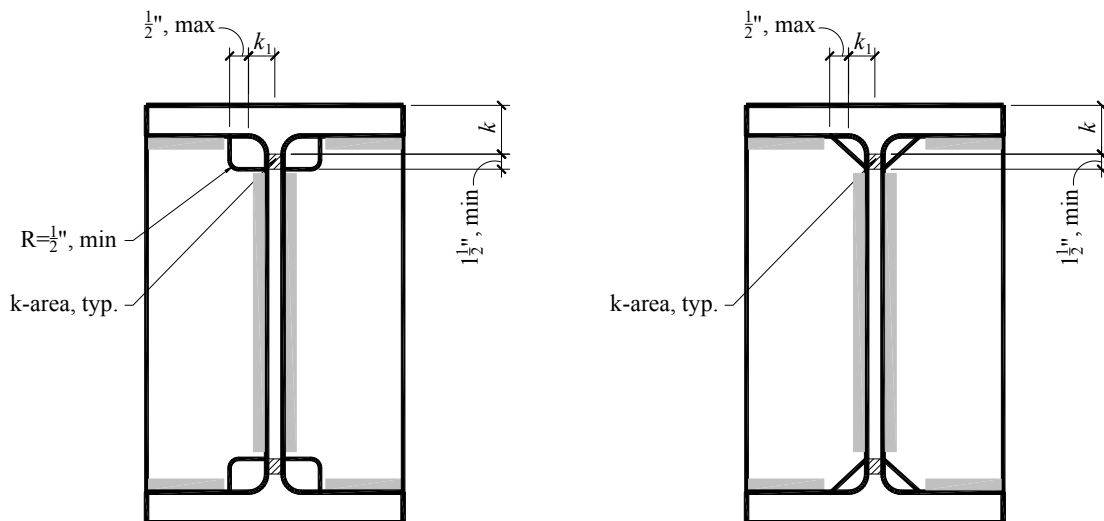
(d) Where the flange weld is a double-bevel groove weld (i.e., on both sides of the flange):

(1) The unfused root face shall be centered within the middle half of the thinner flange, and

(2) Weld access holes that comply with the *Specification* shall be provided in the column section containing the groove weld preparation.



### Special Continuity Plate (C.P.) Corner Snips (AWS D1.8, 4.1)



Where required in AISC 358



### C.P. Geometry and Welding (AISC 341 E3.6f.2, IMF & SMF)

(a) Continuity-Plate Width

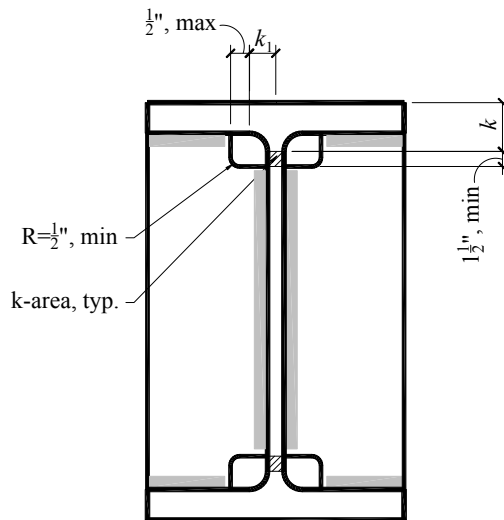
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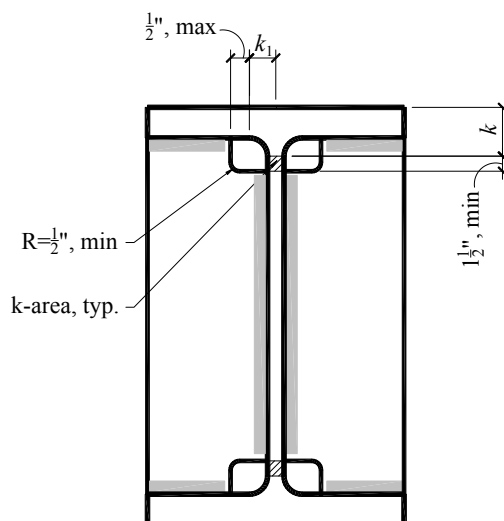
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This is a relaxation from previous cycles.  
 The thinner the continuity plate, the smaller the welds and cost of welding!



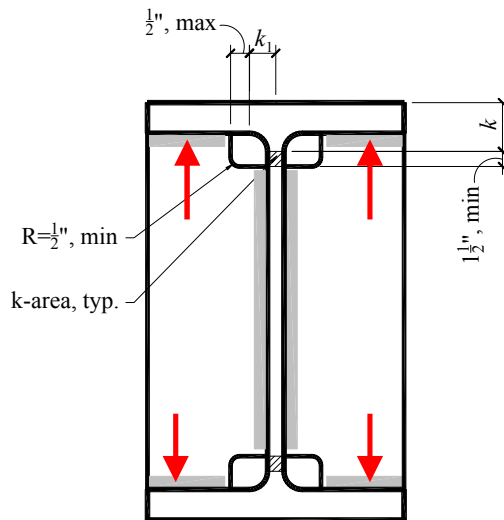
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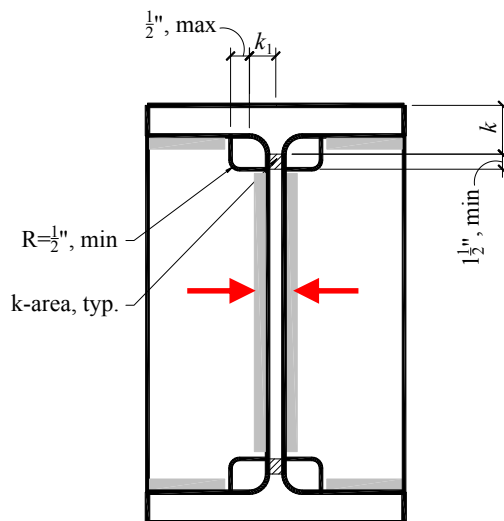
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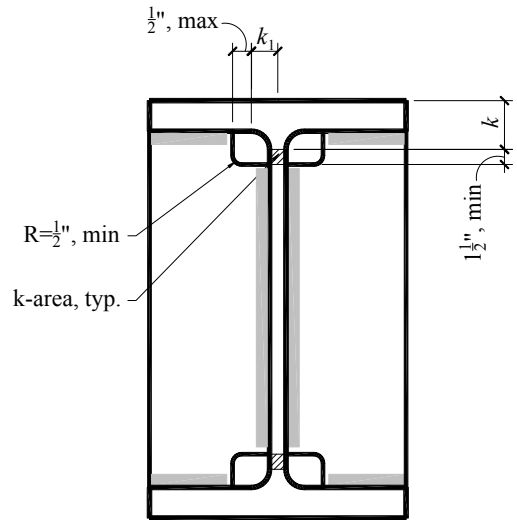
(c) Continuity-Plate Welding

Continuity plates shall be welded to column flanges using CJP groove welds.

Continuity plates shall be welded to column webs or extended doubler plates using groove welds or fillet welds. The required strength of the welded joints of continuity plates to the column web or extended doubler plate shall be the lesser of the following:

- (1) The sum of the available tensile strengths of the contact areas of the continuity plates to the column flanges that have attached beam flanges
- (2) The available shear strength of the contact area of the plate with the column web or extended doubler plate
- (3) The available shear strength of the column web, when the continuity plate is welded to the column web, or the available shear strength of the doubler plate, when the continuity plate is welded to an extended doubler plate

**More likely, all interfaces will need CJP welds; COSTLY.**



Strive for clean columns!

### C.P. Geometry and Welding (AISC 341 E3.6f.1(b), IMF & SMF)

(b) Where the column flange thickness is less than the limiting thickness,  $t_{lim}$ , determined in accordance with this provision.

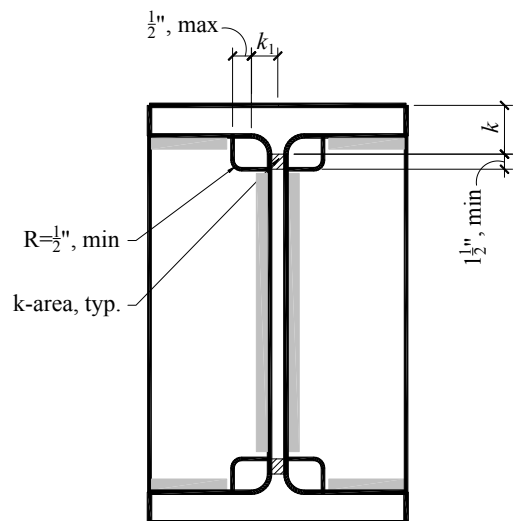
- (1) Where the beam flange is welded to the flange of a W-shape or built-up I-shaped column, the limiting column-flange thickness is:

$$t_{lim} = \frac{b_{bf}}{6} \quad (E3-8)$$

- (2) Where the beam flange is welded to the flange of the I-shape in a boxed wide-flange column, the limiting column-flange thickness is:

$$t_{lim} = \frac{b_{bf}}{12} \quad (E3-9)$$

Additional checks; limit states required in AISC 360 must still be checked



## First, A Few General Issues

MATERIAL & AVAILABLE EXPECTED STRENGTH (AISC 341-16 Clause A3.2)



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## Expected Strengths AISC 341-16 Clause A3.2

### 2. Expected Material Strength

When required in these Provisions, the required strength of an element (a member or a connection of a member) shall be determined from the expected yield stress,  $R_y F_y$ , of the member or an adjoining member, as applicable, where  $F_y$  is the specified minimum yield stress of the steel to be used in the member and  $R_y$  is the ratio of the expected yield stress to the specified minimum yield stress,  $F_y$ , of that material.



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**Expected Strengths AISC 341-16 Clause A3.2**

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 **$R_y$  and  $R_t$  Values for Steel and Steel Reinforcement Materials**

| Application   | $R_y$ | $R_t$ |
|---|-------|-------|
| Hot-rolled structural shapes and bars:                          |       |       |
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| • ASTM A1043/A1043M Gr. 36 (250)                                | 1.3   | 1.1   |
| • ASTM A992/A992M   | 1.1   | 1.1   |
| • ASTM A572/A572M Gr. 50 (345) or 55 (380)                      | 1.1   | 1.1   |
| • ASTM A913/A913M Gr. 50 (345), 60 (415), 65 (450), or 70 (485) | 1.1   | 1.1   |
| • ASTM A588/A588M   | 1.1   | 1.1   |
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| • ASTM A53/A53M   | 1.6   | 1.2   |
| • ASTM A1085/A1085M   | 1.25  | 1.15  |
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When required in these Provisions, the required strength of an element (a member or a connection of a member) shall be determined from the expected yield stress,  $R_y F_y$ , of the member or an adjoining member, as applicable, where  $F_y$  is the specified minimum yield stress of the steel to be used in the member and  $R_y$  is the ratio of the expected yield stress to the specified minimum yield stress,  $F_y$ , of that material.

When required to determine the nominal strength,  $R_n$ , for limit states within the same member from which the required strength is determined, the expected yield stress,  $R_y F_y$ , and the expected tensile strength,  $R_t F_u$ , are permitted to be used in lieu of  $F_y$  and  $F_u$ , respectively, where  $F_u$  is the specified minimum tensile strength and  $R_t$  is the ratio of the expected tensile strength to the specified minimum tensile strength,  $F_u$ , of that material.

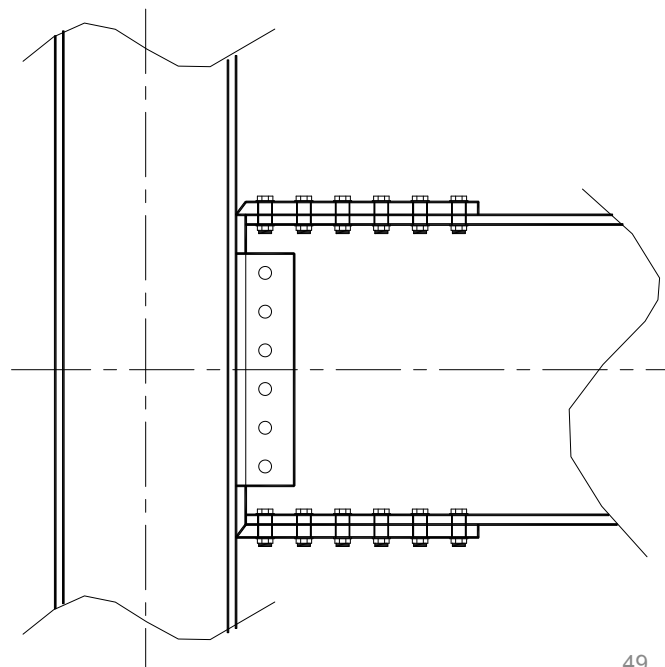


### Expected Strengths AISC 341-16 Clause A3.2

Consider a BFP (bolted Flange Plate connection)

The required strength of the connection is based on the expected plastic flexural strength of the beam.

'...the beam causes the load...'



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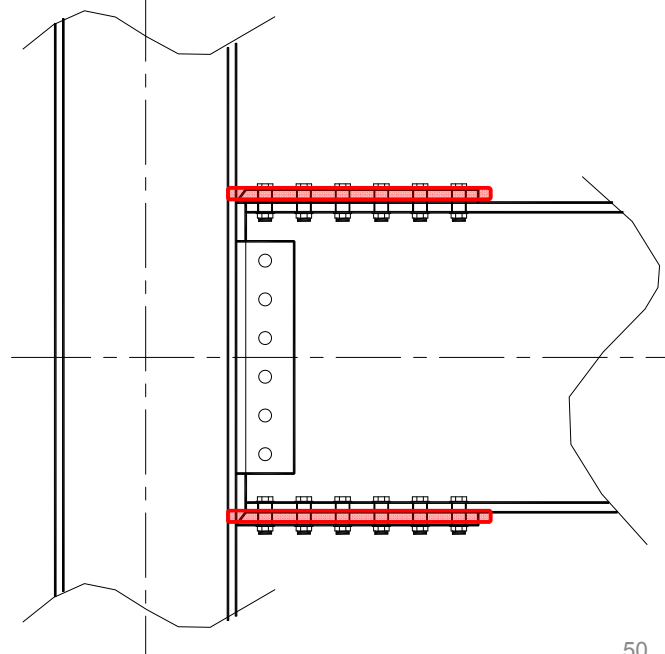


### Expected Strengths AISC 341-16 Clause A3.2

'...the beam causes the load...'

Limit state checks on the flange plate...

Use  $F_y$  in limit state checks for available strength



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### Expected Strengths AISC 341-16 Clause A3.2

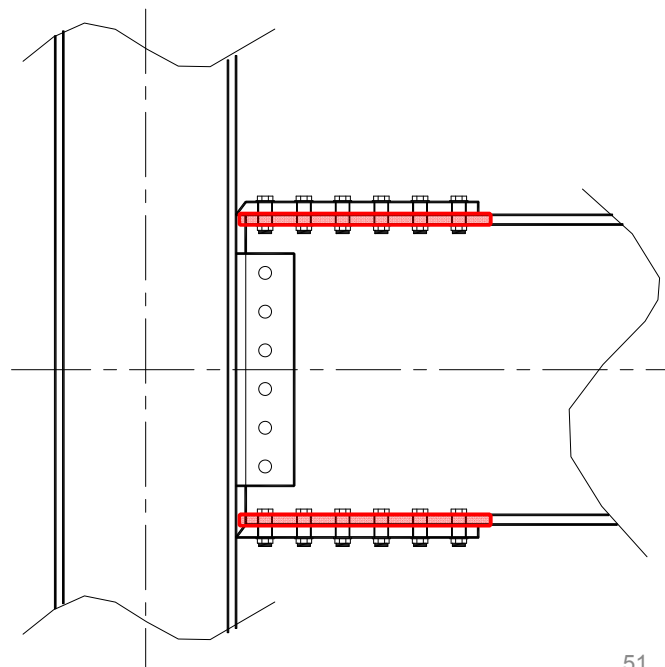
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Limit state checks on the beam flange...

Use  $R_y F_y$  in limit state checks for available strength



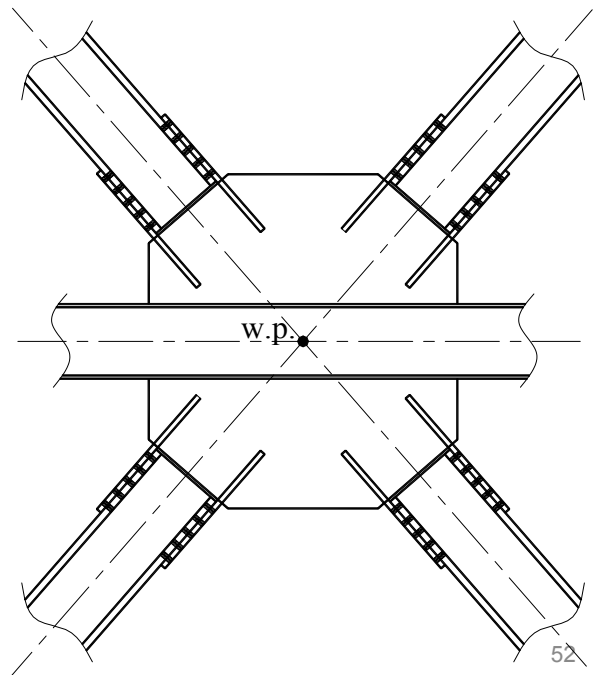
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### Expected Strengths AISC 341-16 Clause A3.2

Consider a vertical brace connection

The required strength of the connection is based on the expected plastic tensile/compression strength of the brace.

'...the brace causes the load...'



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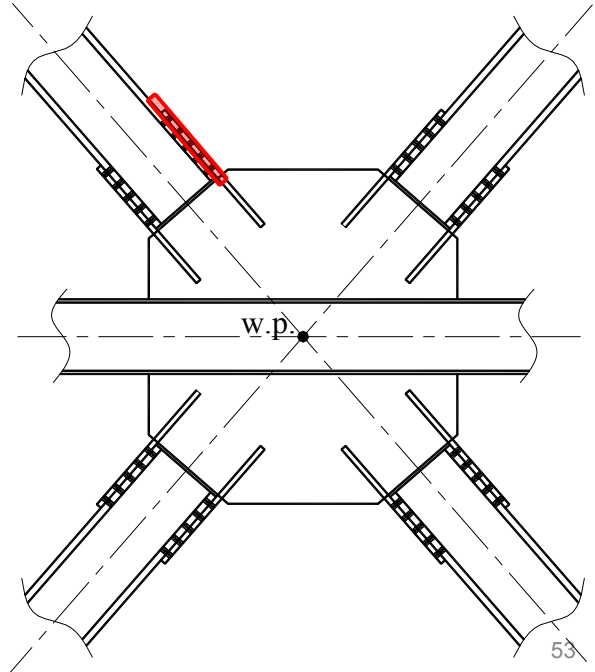


### Expected Strengths AISC 341-16 Clause A3.2

'...the brace causes the load...'

Limit state checks on the flange plates...

Use  $F_y$  in limit state checks for available strength



### Expected Strengths AISC 341-16 Clause A3.2

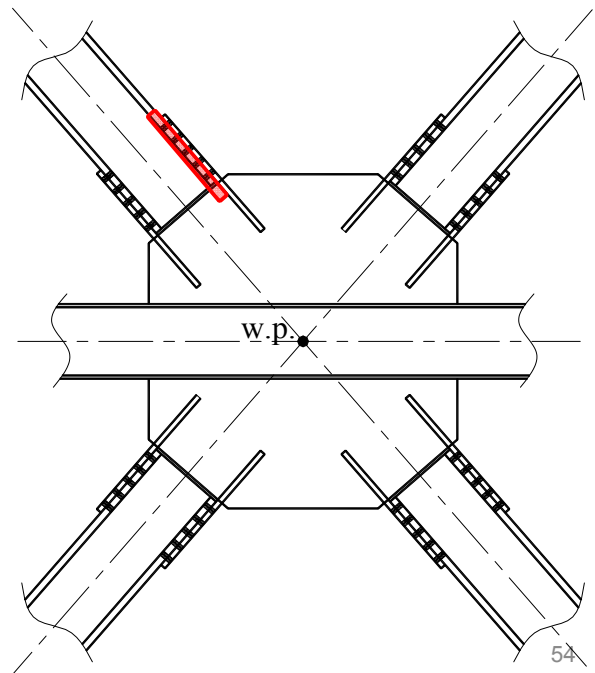
'...the brace causes the load...'

Limit state checks on the flange plates...

Use  $F_y$  in limit state checks for available strength

Limit state checks on the brace flanges...

Use  $R_y F_y$  in limit state checks for available strength



## Expected Strengths AISC 341-16 Clause A3.2

'...the brace causes the load...'

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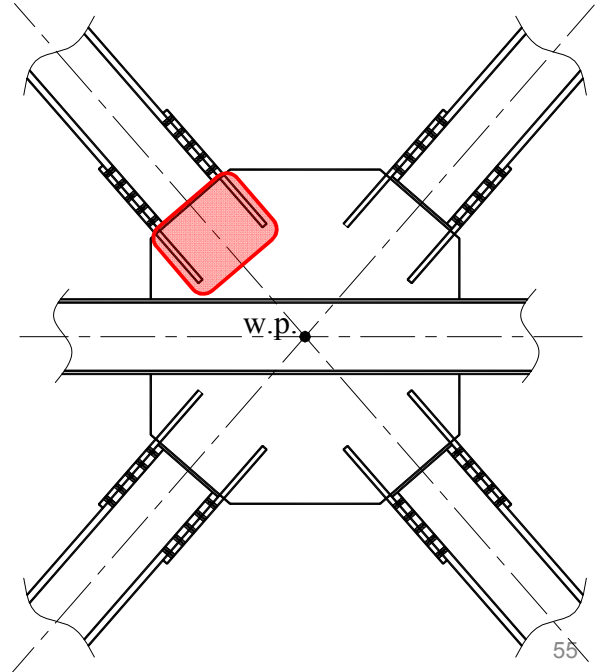
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Limit state checks on the brace flanges...

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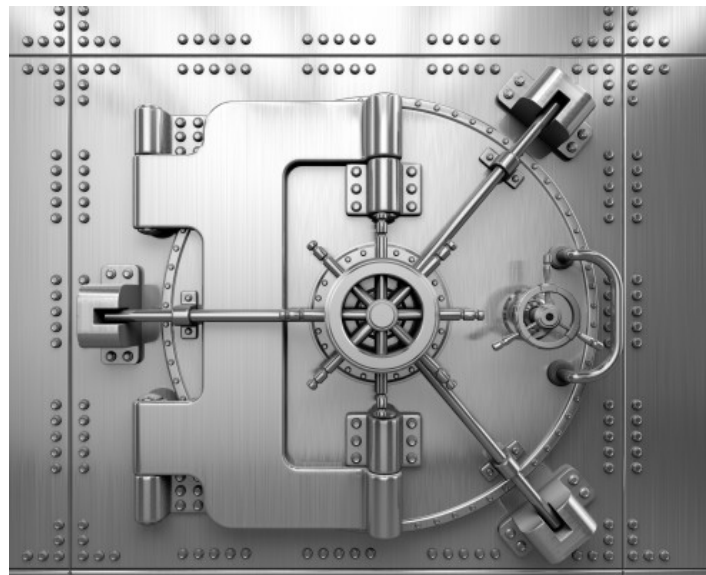
Limit state checks on the gussets...

Use  $F_y$  in limit state checks for available strength



## First, A Few General Issues

PROTECTED ZONES (AISC 341, D1.3 & System Specific)



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## Protected Zones

Basically...

... a protected zone is a region of a structural component/element expected to experience significant inelastic deformation...

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... any weldments or attachments that would detrimentally effect the behavior or performance of the element is prohibited...

... any weldments or attachments that are “approved work,” for example

- welding an HSS brace in the protected zone of a gusset plate in SCBF,
- Erection holes at brace ends in SCBFs,
- Connections of stability bracing at plastic hinge locations,
- etc.



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## Protected Zones

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MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

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### 3. Protected Zones

Discontinuities specified in Section I2.1 resulting from fabrication and erection procedures and from other attachments are prohibited in the area of a member or a connection element designated as a protected zone by these Provisions or ANSI/AISC 358.

Exception: Welded steel headed stud anchors and other connections are permitted in protected zones when designated in ANSI/AISC 358, or as otherwise determined with a connection prequalification in accordance with Section K1, or as determined in a program of qualification testing in accordance with Sections K2 and K3.

Very helpful. Be aware



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Designations of protected zones are provided in  
AISC 341 for each system type...

... and in AISC 358 for connection type...



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Protected zones must be identified on design, fabrication, and erection documents



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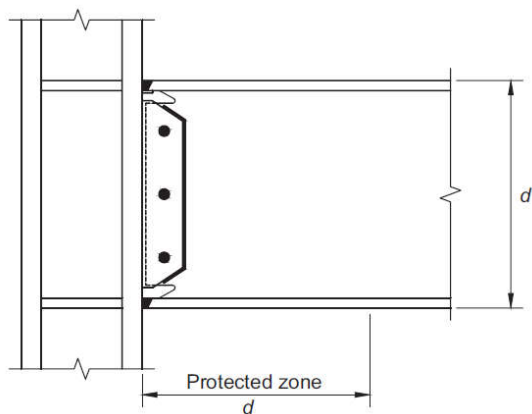


Fig. 8.1. WUF-W moment connection.

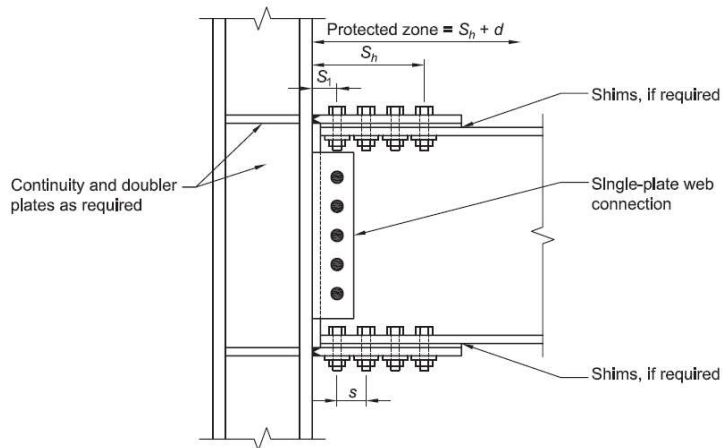


Fig. 7.1. Bolted flange plate moment connection.



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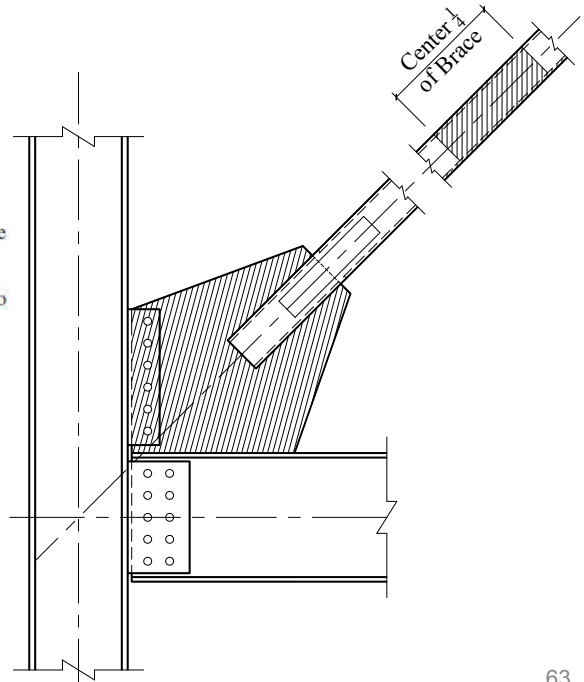


## Protected Zones (AISC 341-16 F2.5c)

### 5c. Protected Zones

The protected zone of SCBF shall satisfy Section D1.3, and shall include the following:

- (a) For braces, the center one-quarter of the brace length and a zone adjacent to each connection equal to the brace depth in the plane of buckling
- (b) Elements that connect braces to beams and columns



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## Protected Zones

Note that if an error does occur, AWS D1.8, Section 6.18, provides some guidance on...

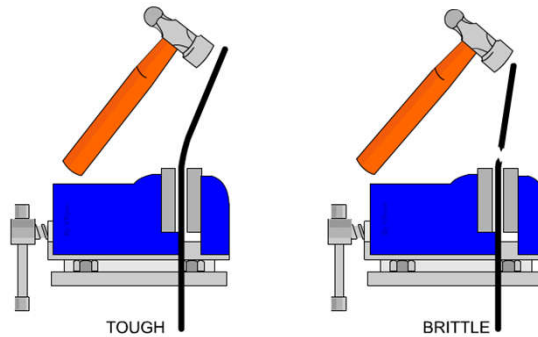
- Erection aids,
- Removal of welds,
- Correction of errors,
- Repair of gouges and notches,
- Repair of mislocated holes,
- Repair of mislocated stud welds, and
- Repair of mislocated screws and shot pins

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## **First, A Few General Issues**

HEAVY SECTIONS (AISC 341, A3.3)



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## **First, A Few General Issues**

HEAVY SECTIONS (AISC 341, A3.3)

### Notch Toughness

Basically is a measure of a material, such as a column flange or connection plate, to have sufficient through thickness strength...

...sufficient ductility of “thicker” elements subjected to seismic loading (inelastic demands)



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## Heavy Sections and Notch Toughness

### 3. Heavy Sections

For structural steel in the SFRS, in addition to the requirements of *Specification* Section A3.1c, hot rolled shapes with flange thickness equal to or greater than 1½ in. (38 mm) shall have a minimum Charpy V-notch (CVN) toughness of 20 ft-lb (27 J) at 70°F (21°C), tested in the alternate core location as described in ASTM A6 Supplementary Requirement S30. Plates with thickness equal to or greater than 2 in. (50 mm) shall have a minimum Charpy V-notch toughness of 20 ft-lb (27 J) at 70°F (21°C), measured at any location permitted by ASTM A673, Frequency P, where the plate is used for the following:

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- (b) Connection plates where inelastic strain under seismic loading is expected
- (c) The steel core of buckling-restrained braces



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This requirement  
adds cost



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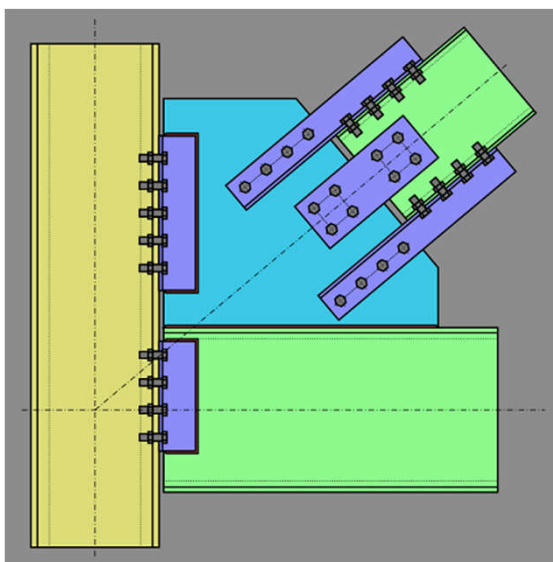


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## First, A Few General Issues

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Q: Supplemental welder certification in conformance with AWS D1.8 Annex D is required...

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- d) For all CJP welds in beam-to-column joints in OMF, IMF, & SMF systems



Select your answer!

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### Effective Communication and Structural Drawings



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## Effective Communication and Structural Drawings (ASIC 341-16 A4)

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## **Effective Communication and Structural Drawings (ASIC 341-16 A4)**

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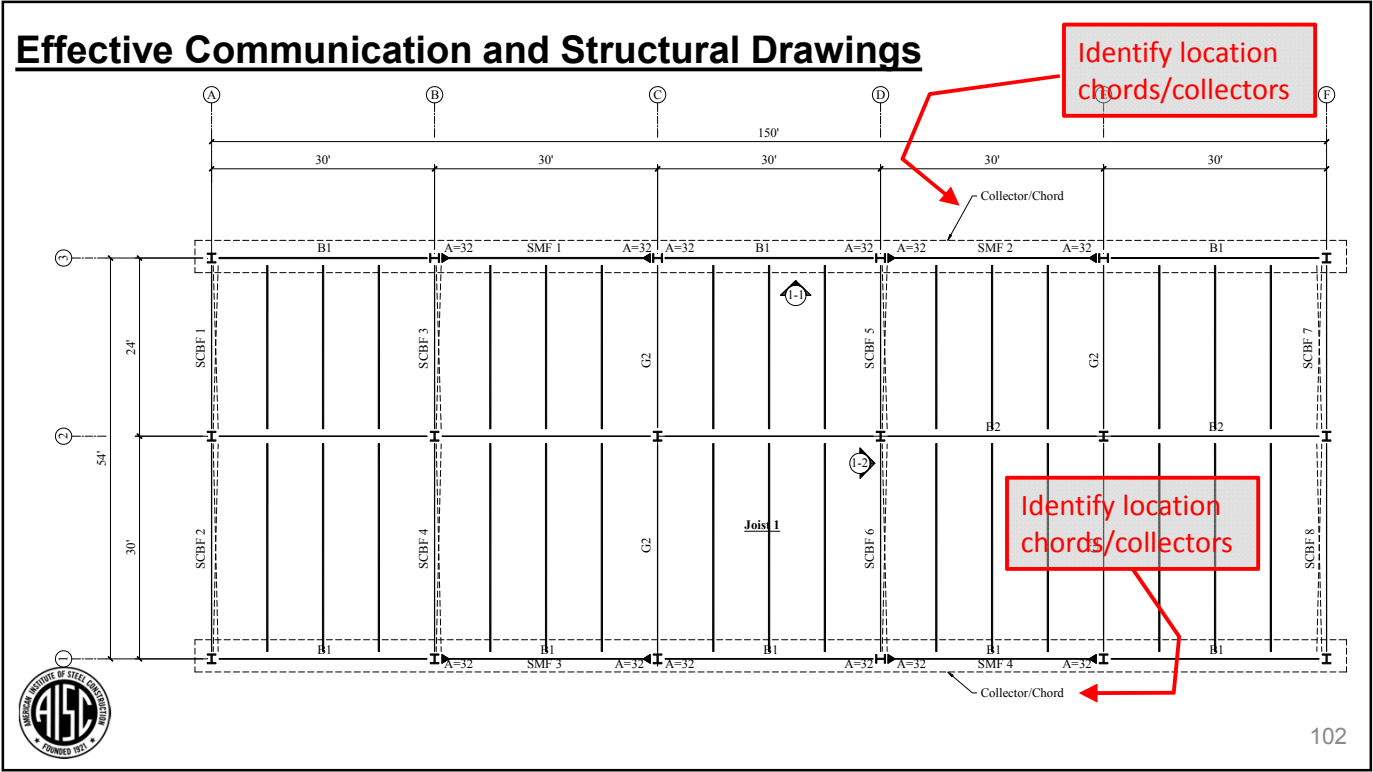
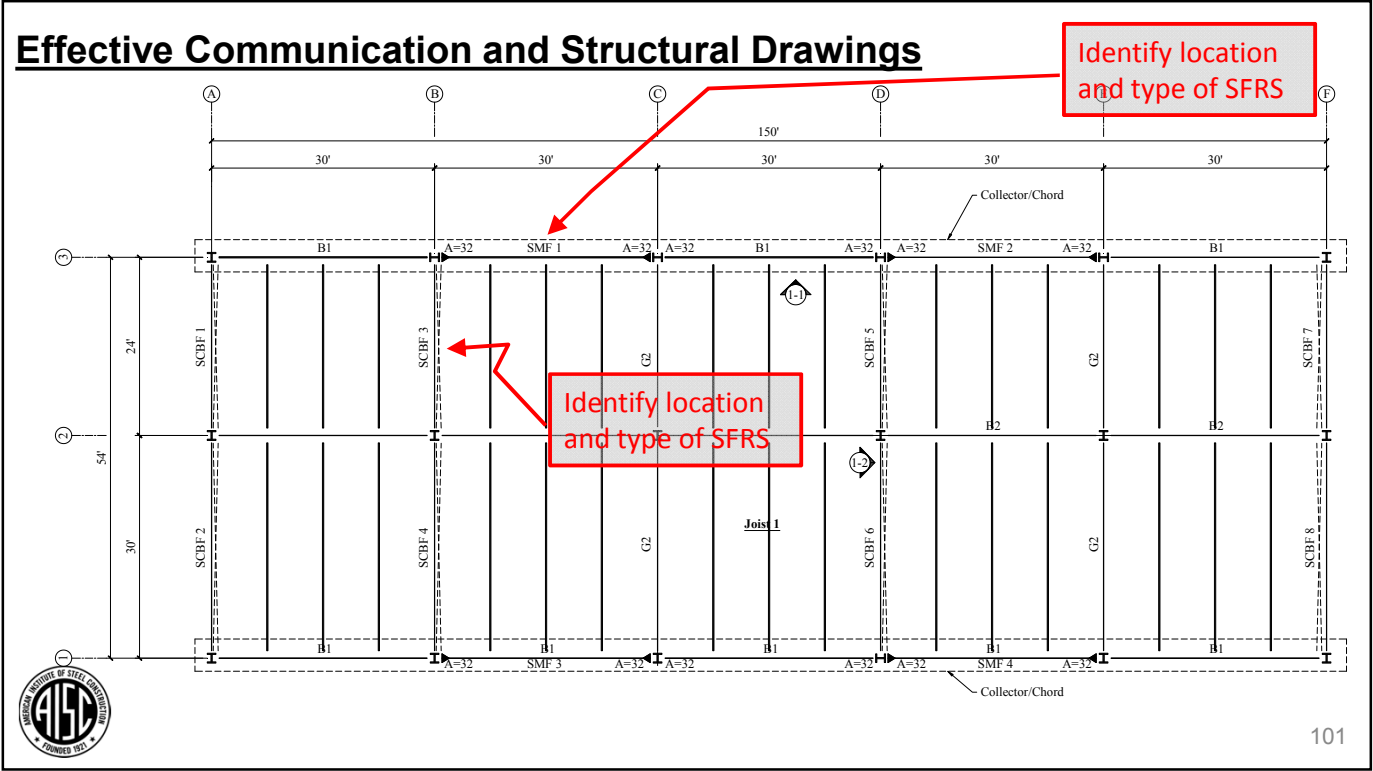
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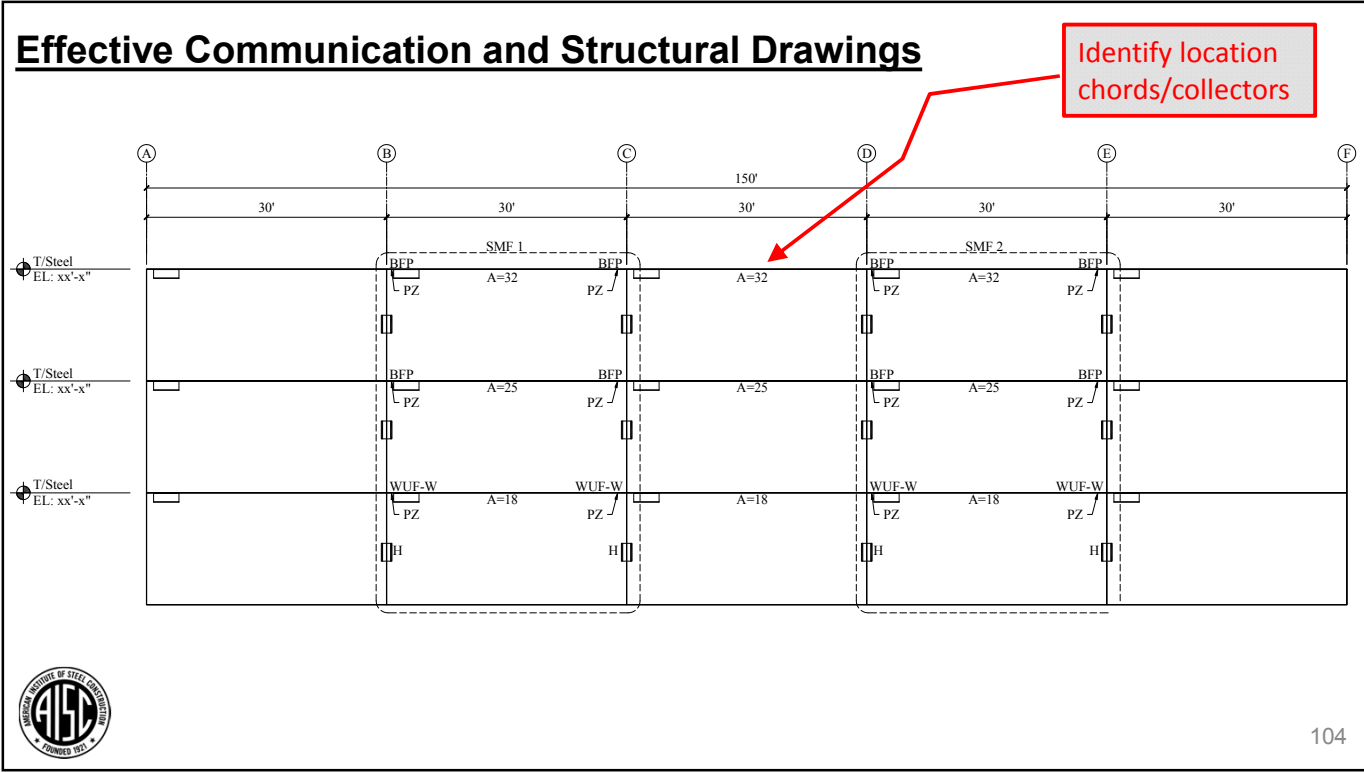
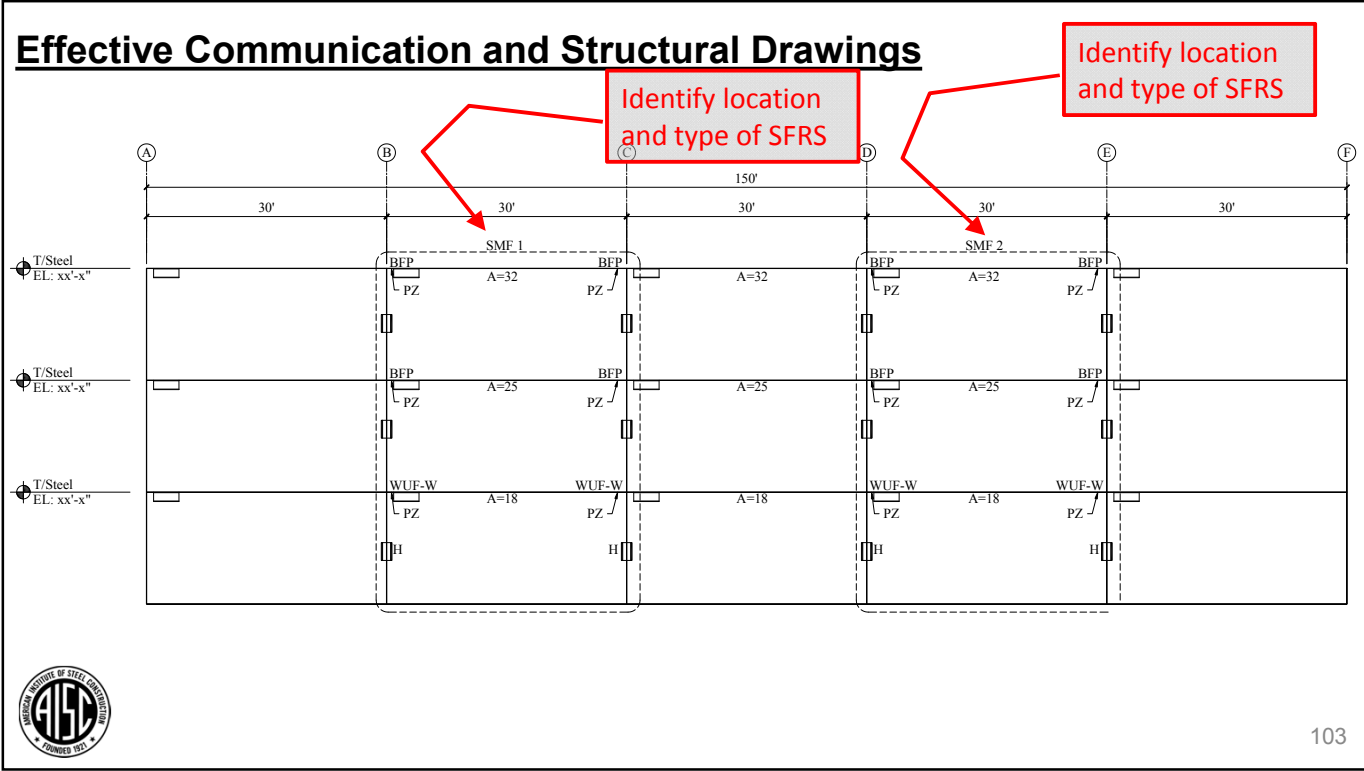
- (a) Bar placement, cutoffs, lap and mechanical splices, hooks and mechanical anchorage, placement of ties, and other transverse reinforcement
- (b) Requirements for dimensional changes resulting from temperature changes, creep and shrinkage
- (c) Location, magnitude and sequencing of any prestressing or post-tensioning present
- (d) Location of steel headed stud anchors and welded reinforcing bar anchors

There are similar requirements for composite construction used in seismic applications

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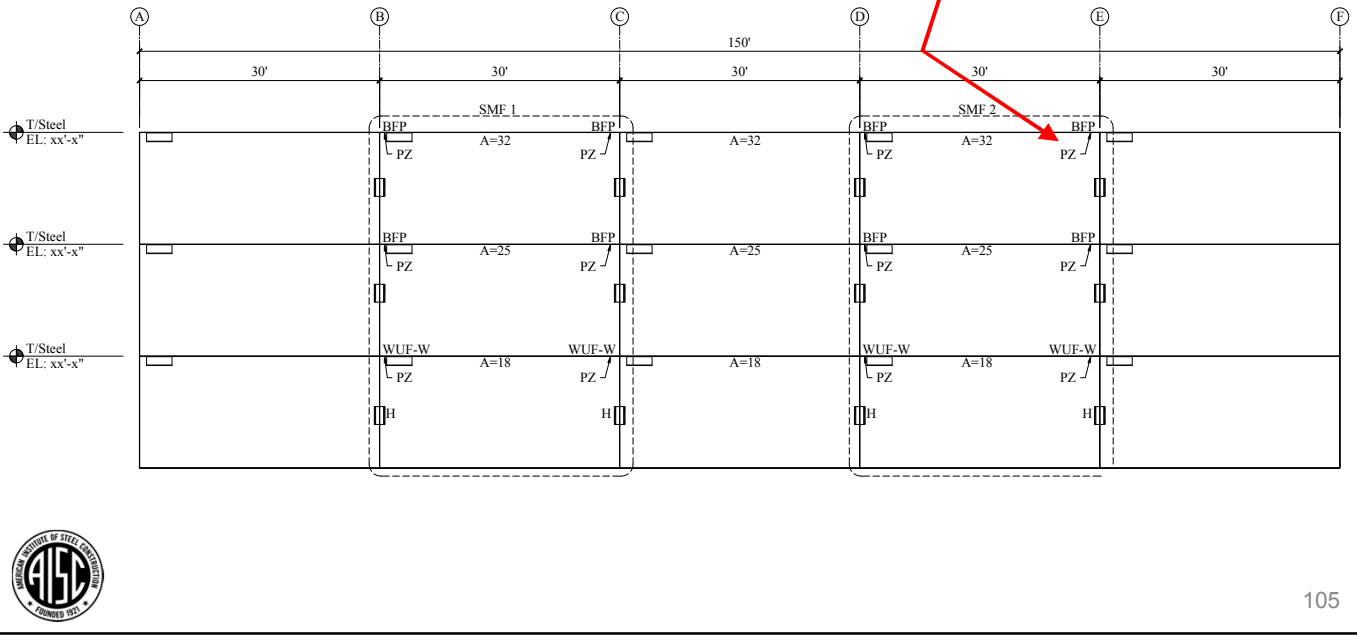






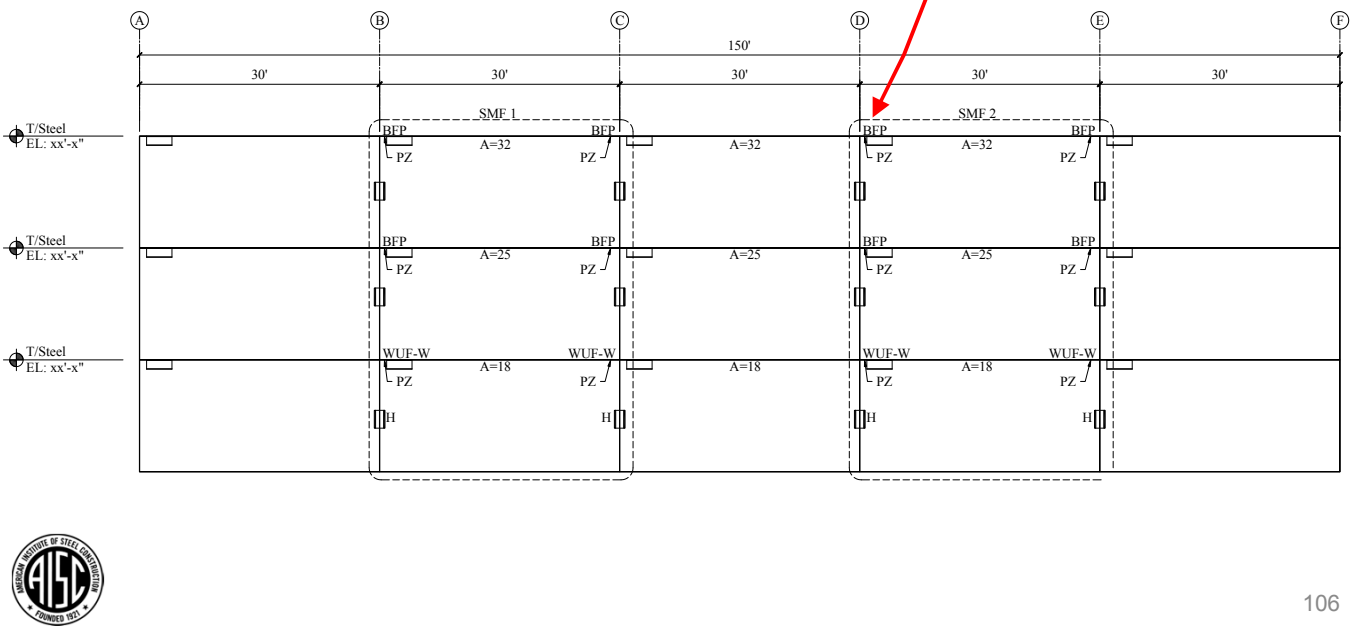
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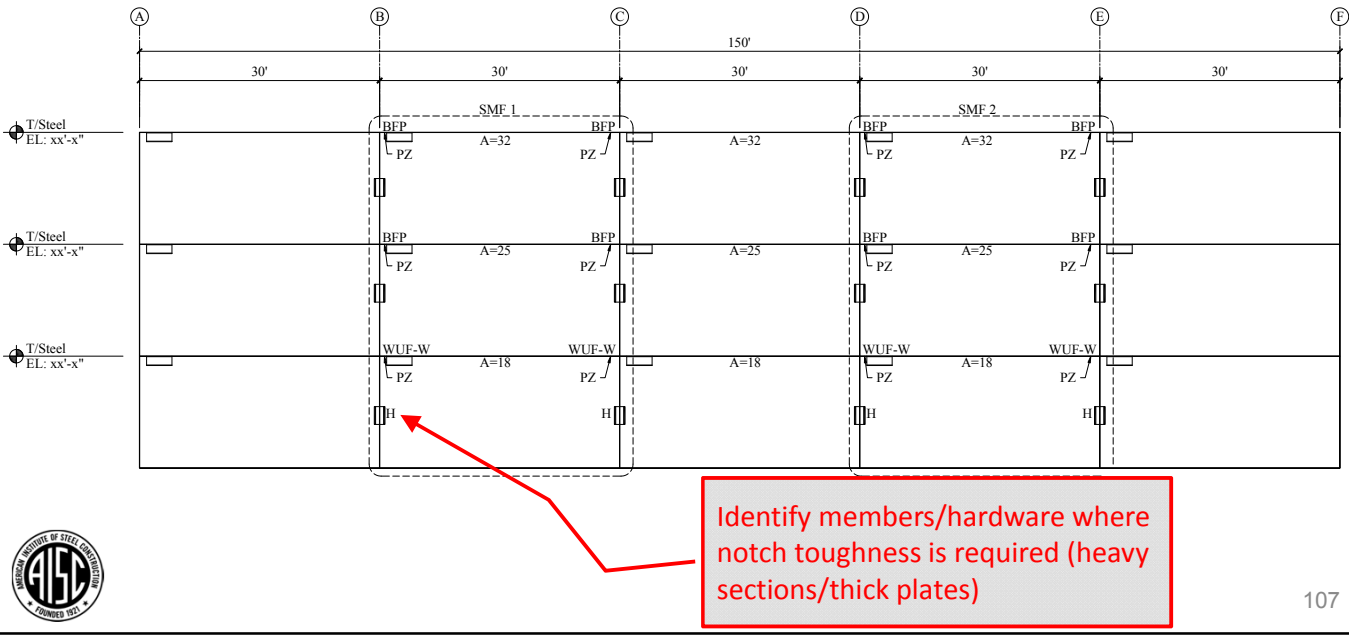


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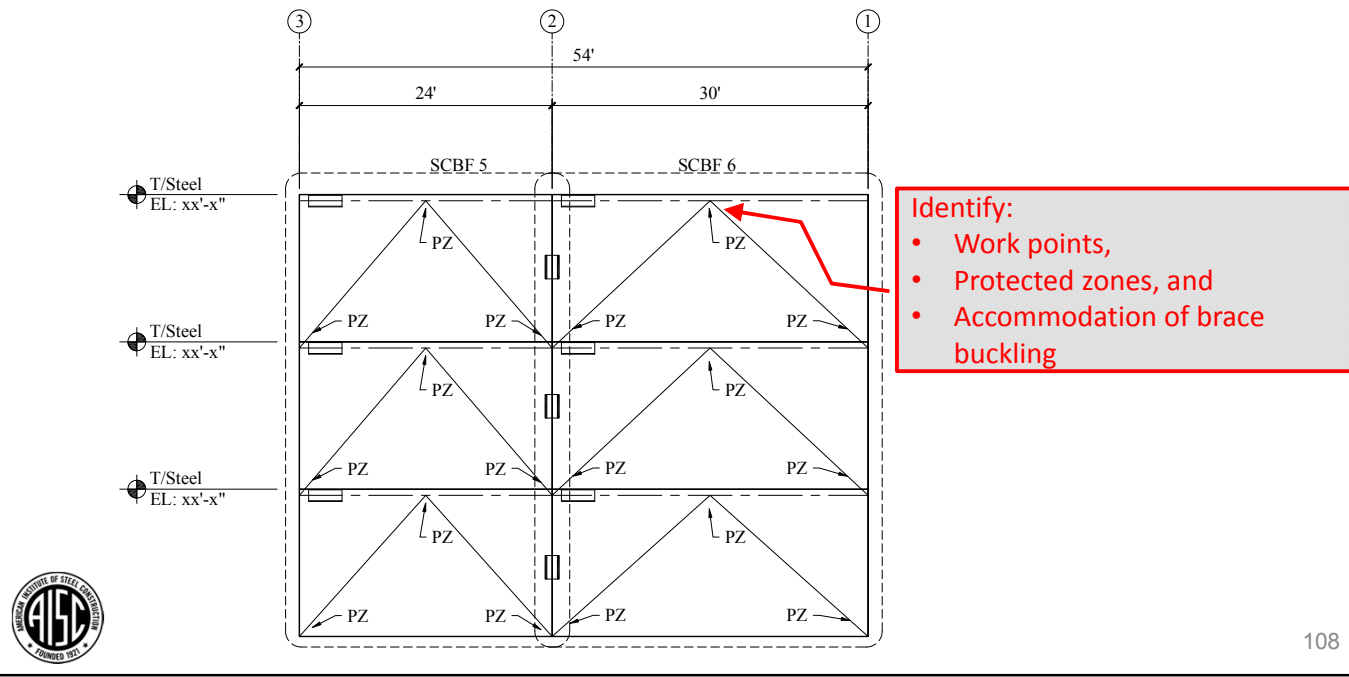
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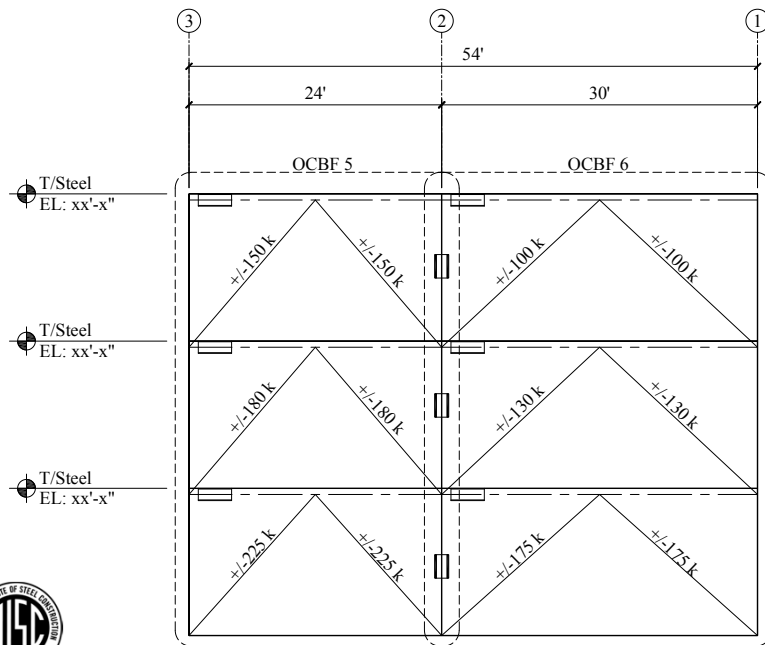
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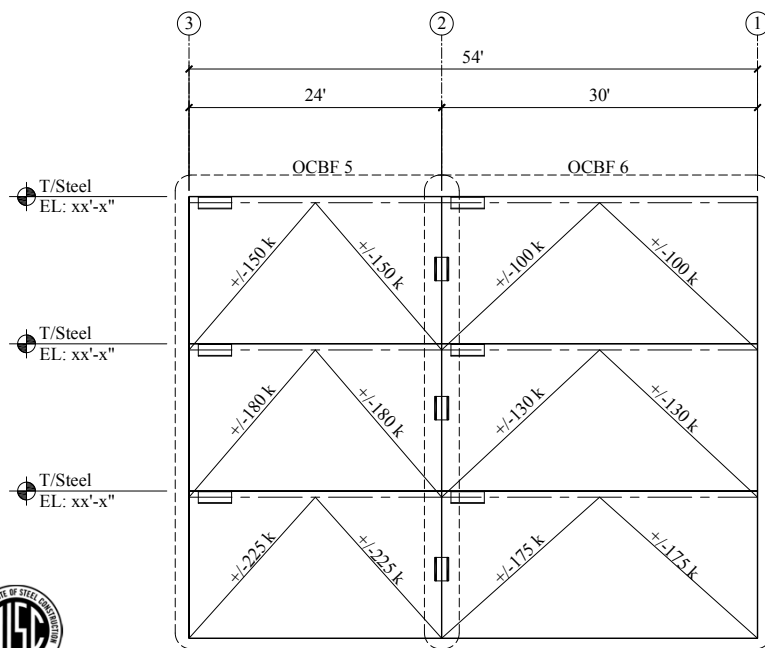


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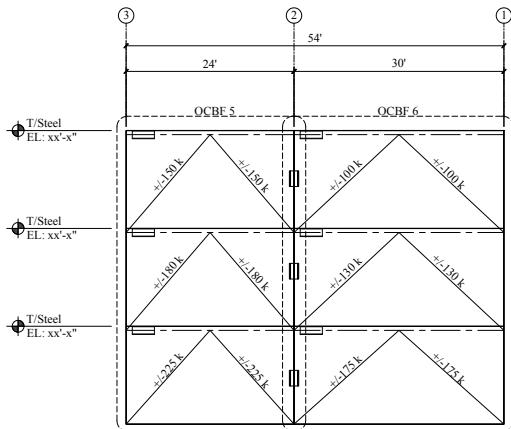
If exception is not taken, post the total required connection design forces; not something that needs to be modified (e.g., overstrength)

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#### 6. Connections

##### 6a. Brace Connections

The required strength of diagonal brace connections shall be determined using the overstrength seismic load.

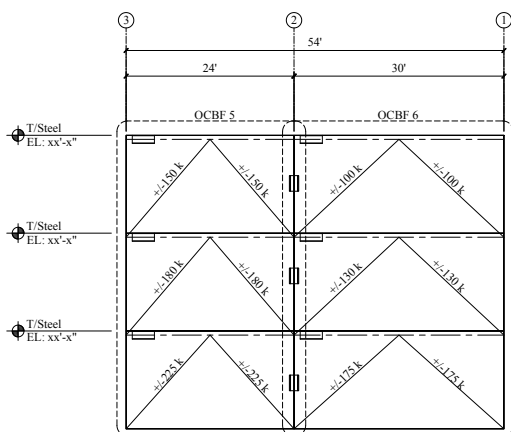
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### AISC 341-16 F2.6a



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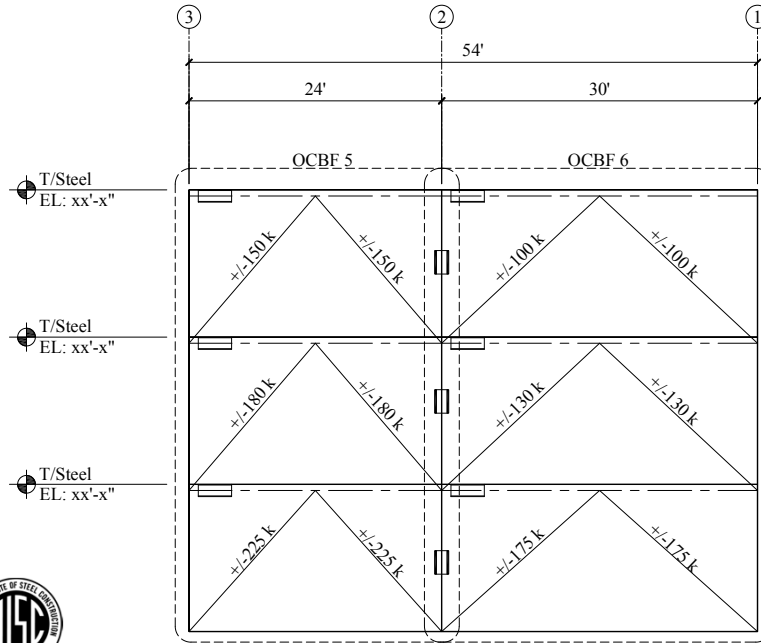
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**Effective Communication and Structural Drawings**



The design documents should clearly provide the design forces for the brace connection

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**Poll Question 2**

Q: Where SCBF systems are identified on construction documents, AISC 341, Section F2, clearly defines where brace buckling accommodation is required. Therefore, it is up to the fabricator and connection designer to know this with no further identification on the design documents.

- a) True
- b) False

Select your answer!

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## **Stability Bracing** (AISC 341 Section D1.2 and specific systems)

Many systems addressed in AISC 341 require stability bracing for the beams in the seismic force resisting system

- Ensure beam can reach its expected plastic strength in IMF and SMF systems
- Ensure no LTB in beams of braced frame systems with inverted V- and V-type configurations
- etc.
- The identification of locations and requirements for such bracing is rarely provided on design documents
- Framing should be configured to facilitate such bracing, and locations need to be identified in the design documents



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## **Stability Bracing** (AISC 341 Section D1.2 and specific systems)

For example, AISC 341 Section F2 provides the requirements for the special concentrically braced frame system

### **4b. V- and Inverted V-Braced Frames**

Beams that are intersected by braces away from beam-to-column connections shall satisfy the following requirements:

- (a) Beams shall be continuous between columns.
- (b) Beams shall be braced to satisfy the requirements for moderately ductile members in Section D1.2a.

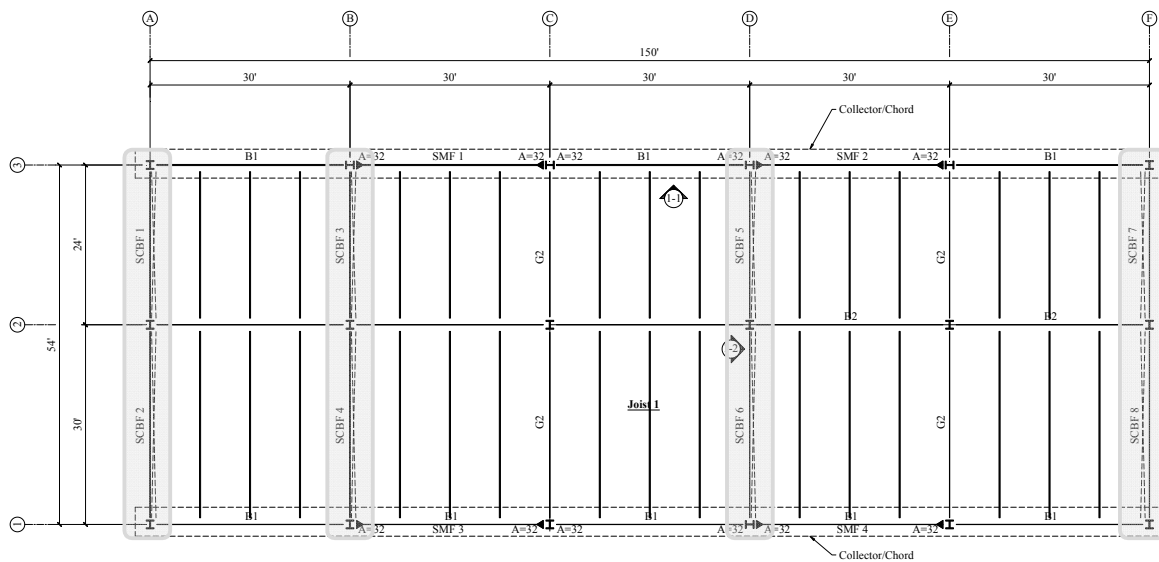
As a minimum, one set of lateral braces is required at the point of intersection of the V-type (or inverted V-type) braced frames, unless the beam has sufficient out-of-plane strength and stiffness to ensure stability between adjacent brace points.



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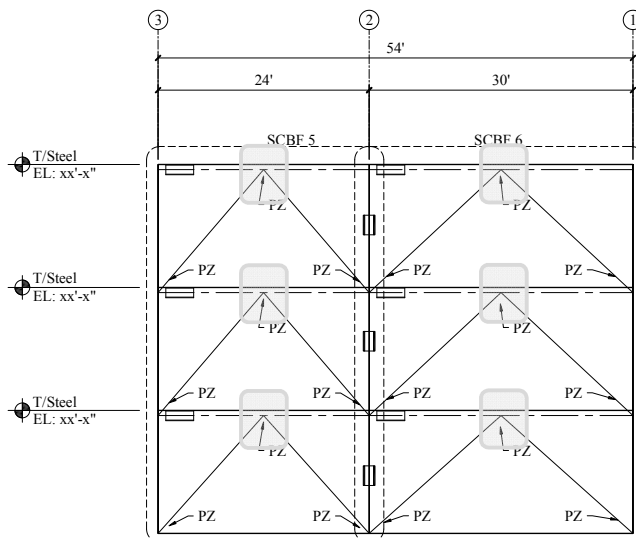


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The framing plan provides no means of satisfying the lateral bracing requirements with an infill beam

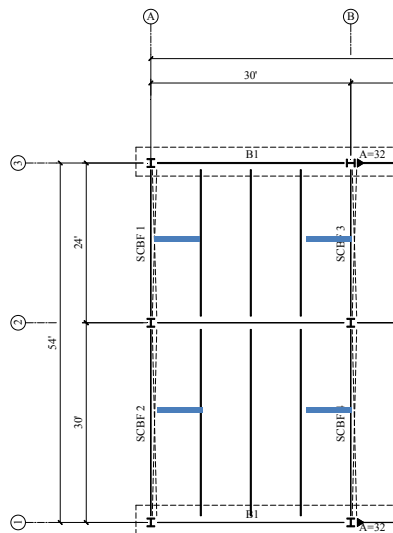


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One option is to add an infill beam



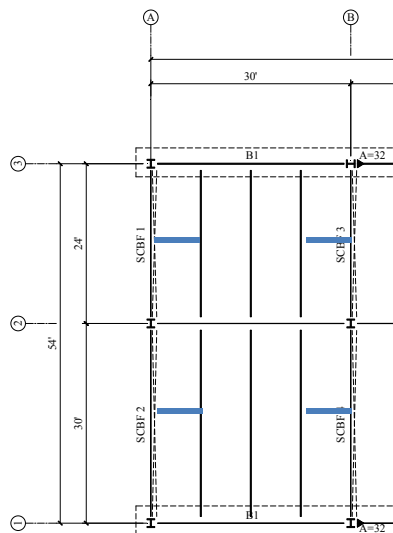
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Another option would be to verify that the slab/deck provides sufficient lateral bracing to the top flange, and then add a kicker from the bottom flange to the underside of the deck

Either way, the SEoR needs to provide direction



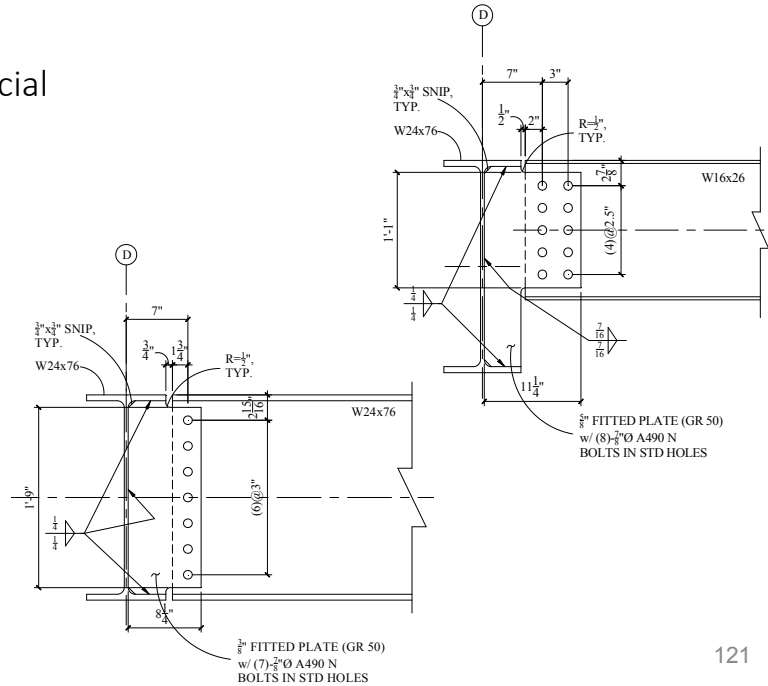
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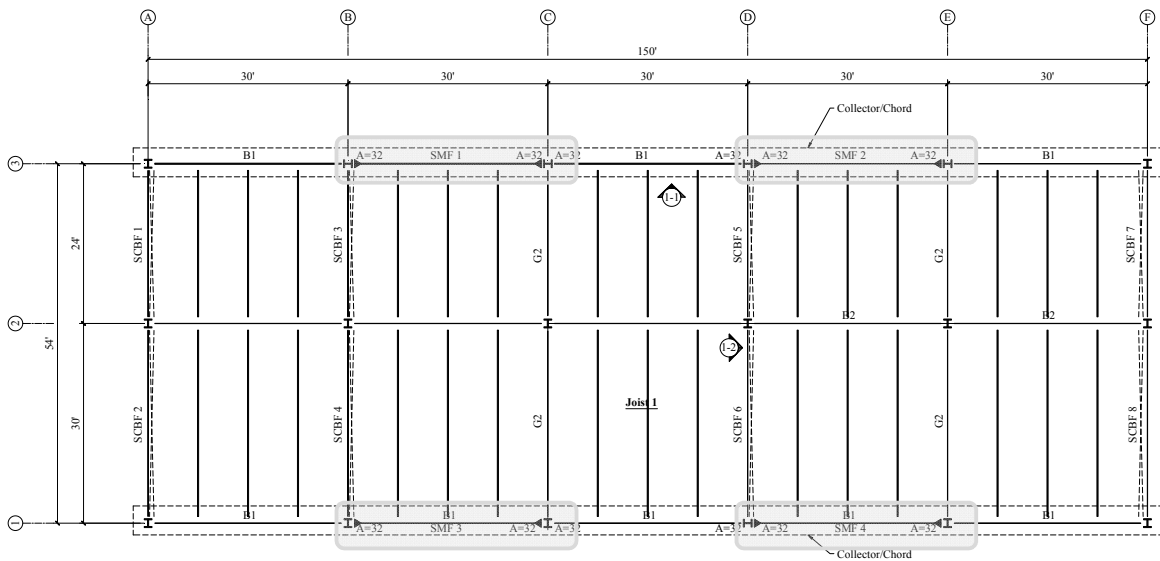
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Examples 4.3.4 and 4.3.5 in the SDM provide details for stability bracing connections for equal depth and unequal depth beams, respectively.



### Stability Bracing (AISC 341 Section D1.2 and specific systems)

Moment Frames...



## Stability Bracing (AISC 341 Section D1.2 and specific systems)

### 2. Stability Bracing of Beams

When required in Chapters E, F, G and H, stability bracing shall be provided as required in this section to restrain lateral-torsional buckling of structural steel or concrete-encased beams subject to flexure and designated as moderately ductile members or highly ductile members.

**User Note:** In addition to the requirements in Chapters E, F, G and H to provide stability bracing for various beam members such as intermediate and special moment frame beams, stability bracing is also required for columns in the special cantilever column system (SCCS) in Section E6.

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Design documents should identify moderately and highly ductile members



## Stability Bracing (AISC 341 Section D1.2 and specific systems)

(b) Beam bracing shall meet the requirements of Appendix 6 of the *Specification* for lateral or torsional bracing of beams, where  $C_d$  is 1.0 and the required flexural strength of the member shall be:

$$M_r = R_y F_y Z / \alpha_s \quad (D1-1)$$

where

$R_y$  = ratio of the expected yield stress to the specified minimum yield stress

$Z$  = plastic section modulus about the axis of bending, in.<sup>3</sup> (mm<sup>3</sup>)

$\alpha_s$  = LRFD-ASD force level adjustment factor  
 = 1.0 for LRFD and 1.5 for ASD

(c) Beam bracing shall have a maximum spacing of

$$L_b = 0.19 r_y E / (R_y F_y) \quad (D1-2)$$

where

$r_y$  = radius of gyration about y-axis, in. (mm)

Required moment to be used with App. 6 equations



## Stability Bracing (AISC 341 Section D1.2 and specific systems)

### 2b. Highly Ductile Members

In addition to the requirements of Sections D1.2a.1(a) and (b), and D1.2a.2(a) and (b), the bracing of highly ductile beam members shall have a maximum spacing of  $L_b = 0.095 r_y E / (R_y F_y)$ . For concrete-encased composite beams, the material properties of the steel section shall be used and the calculation for  $r_y$  in the plane of buckling shall be based on the elastic transformed section.

### 2c. Special Bracing at Plastic Hinge Locations

Special bracing shall be located adjacent to expected plastic hinge locations where required by Chapters E, F, G or H.

AISC 341 prescribes which systems require stability bracing and whether members are considered moderate or highly ductile members



## **Stability Bracing** (AISC 341 Section D1.2 and specific systems)

Locations of required beam stability bracing as required in AISC 341 should be identified on design documents (AISC 341-16 D1.2c.1).

### 1. Steel Beams

For structural steel beams, such bracing shall satisfy the following requirements:

- (a) Both flanges of beams shall be laterally braced or the member cross section shall be braced with point torsional bracing.
- (b) The required strength of lateral bracing of each flange provided adjacent to plastic hinges shall be:

$$P_r = 0.06R_y F_y Z / (\alpha_s h_o) \quad (D1-4)$$

where

$h_o$  = distance between flange centroids, in. (mm)

The required strength of torsional bracing provided adjacent to plastic hinges shall be:

$$M_r = 0.06R_y F_y Z / \alpha_s \quad (D1-5)$$

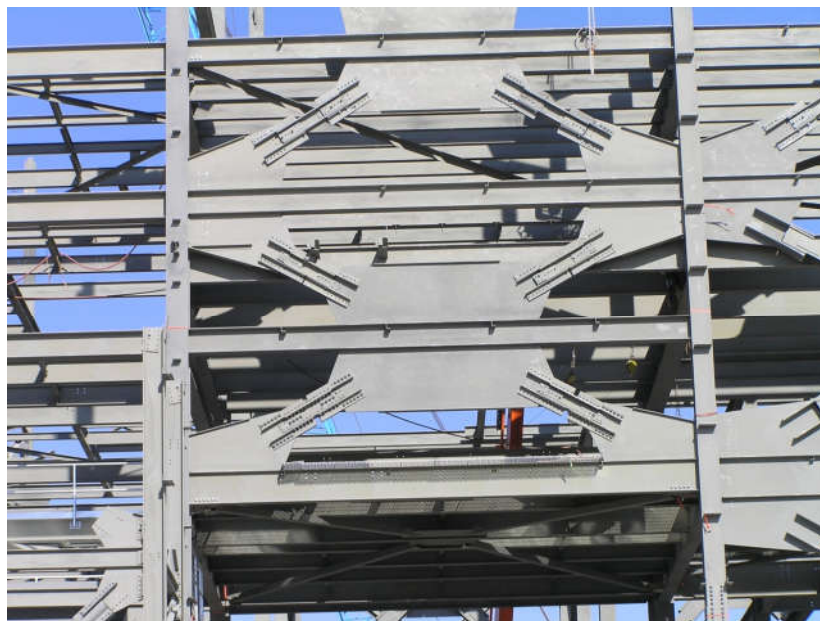
- (c) The required bracing stiffness shall satisfy the requirements of Appendix 6 of the *Specification* for lateral or torsional bracing of beams with  $C_d=1.0$  and where the required flexural strength of the beam shall be taken as:

$$M_r = R_y F_y Z / \alpha_s \quad (D1-6)$$

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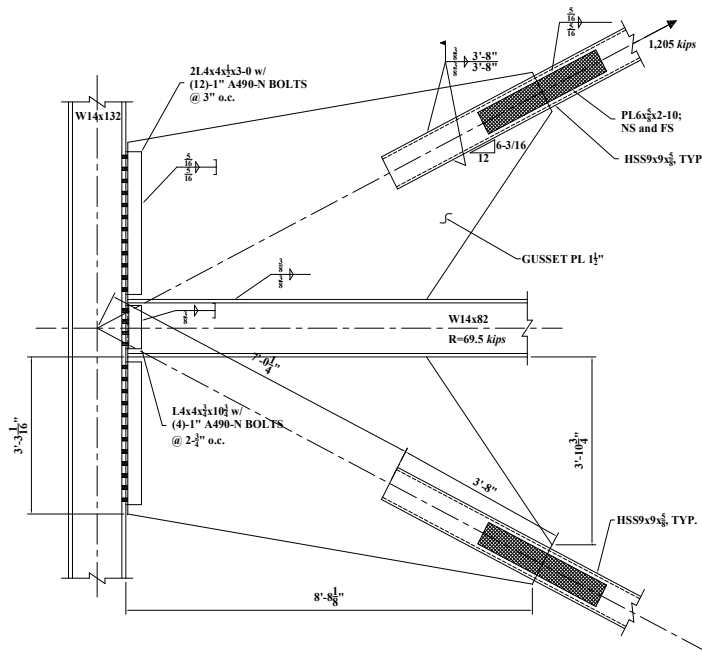
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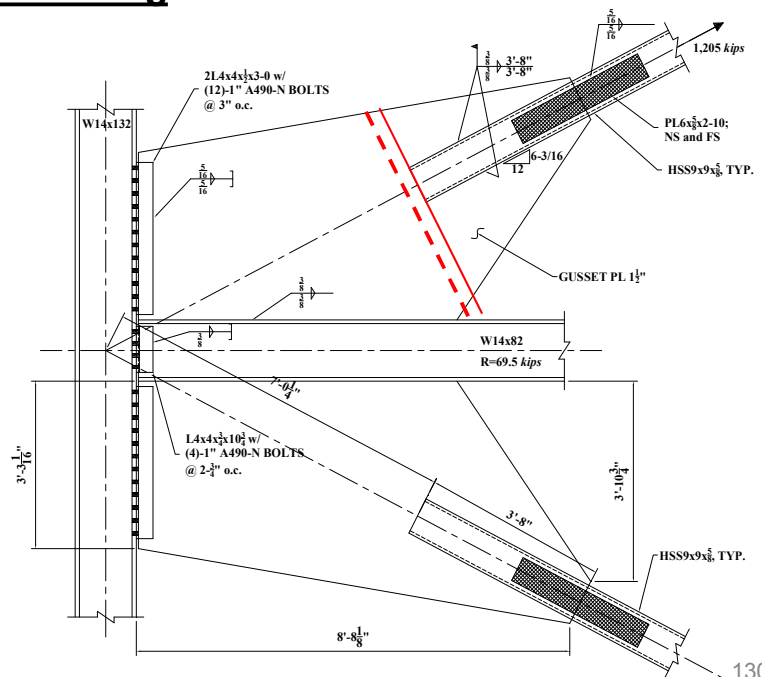


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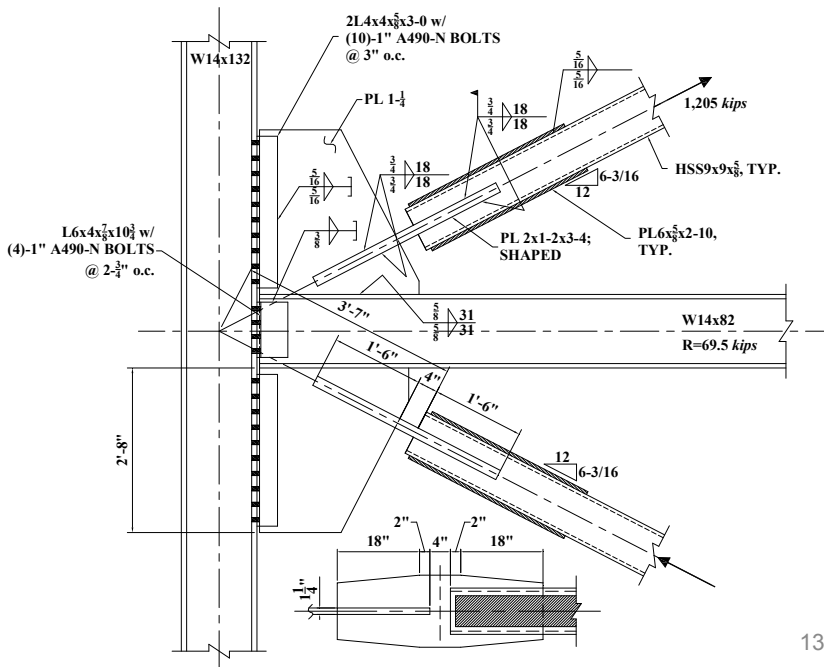
Lovingly known as the 2t method...  
 ...Out-of-plane (OOP) buckling



### SCBF – Accommodating Brace Buckling

In-plane buckling...

...we have shown that this can be half the cost of the typical connection used with OOP buckling



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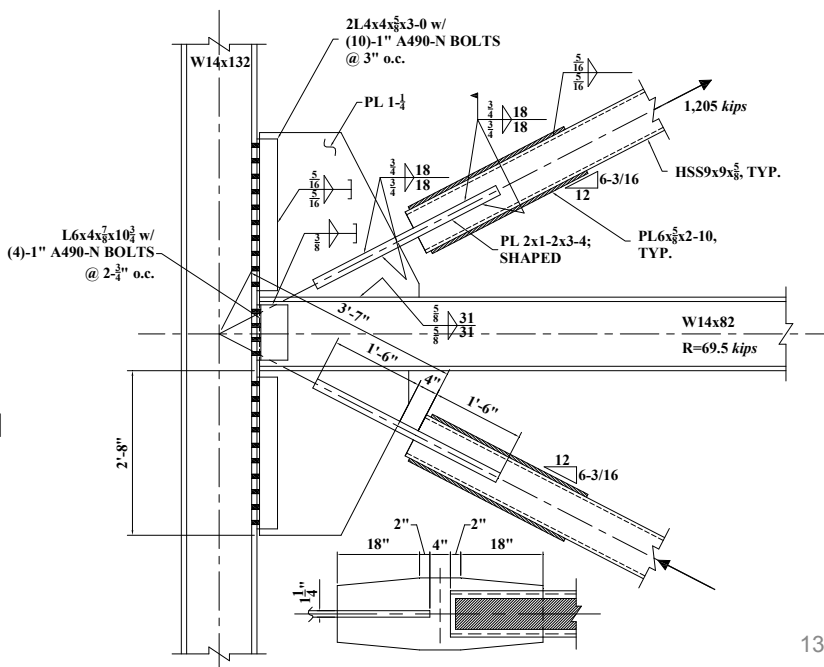


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See example 5.3.11 of the SDM

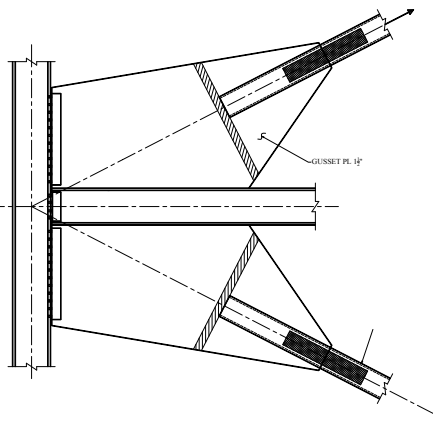


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### SCBF – Accommodating Brace Buckling

Other Methods for OOP



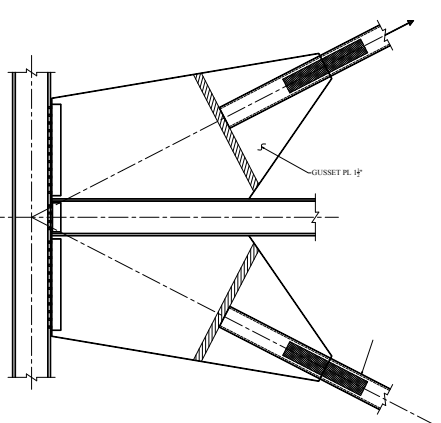
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Standard Way

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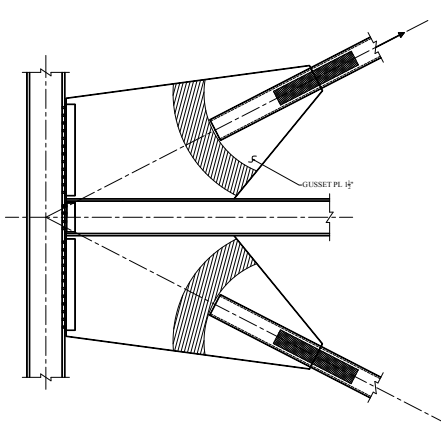
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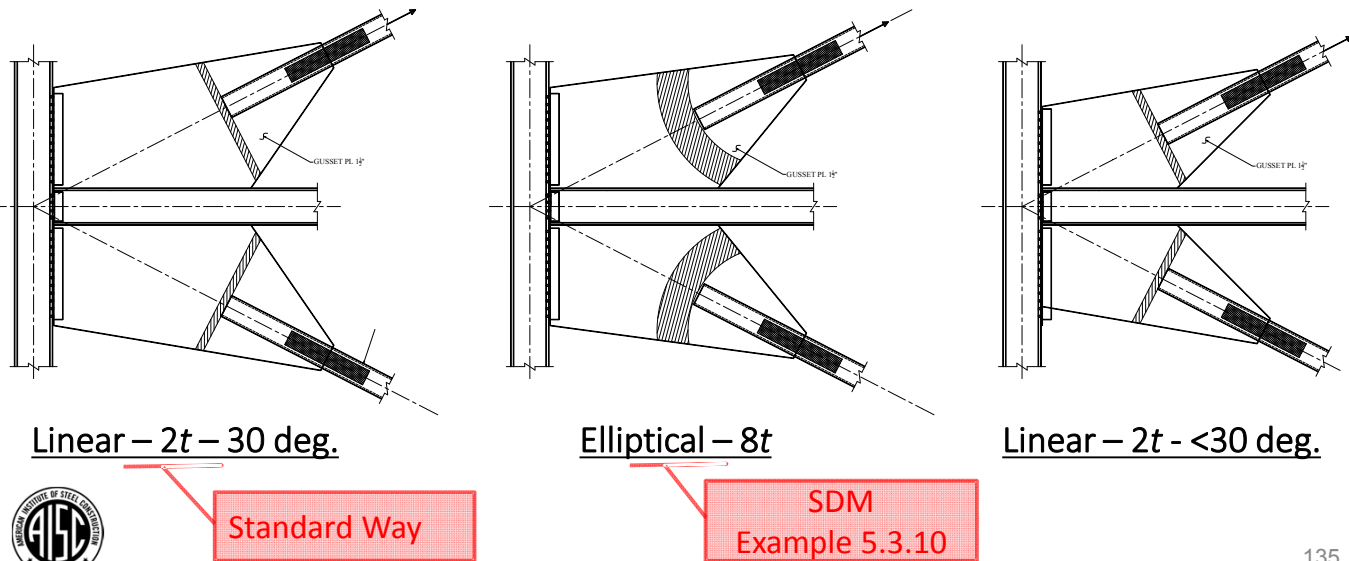
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Example 5.3.10



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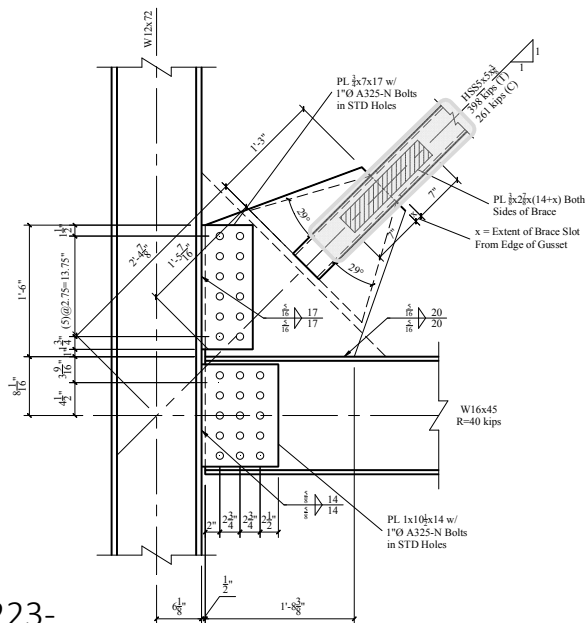
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### SCBF – Net Section Rupture (F2.5b(c))

- (c) The brace effective net area shall not be less than the brace gross area. Where reinforcement on braces is used, the following requirements shall apply:
- (1) The specified minimum yield strength of the reinforcement shall be at least equal to the specified minimum yield strength of the brace.
  - (2) The connections of the reinforcement to the brace shall have sufficient strength to develop the expected reinforcement strength on each side of a reduced section.

This effects brace types such as HSS slotted over gusset



See example 5.3.7 of the SDM, pp. 5-223-5-225 for example calculations





### SCBF – Gusset Plate Welds (F2.6c.4)

#### 4. Gusset Plates

For out-of-plane brace buckling, welds that attach a gusset plate directly to a beam flange or column flange shall have available shear strength equal to  $0.6R_y F_y t_p / \alpha_s$  times the joint length,

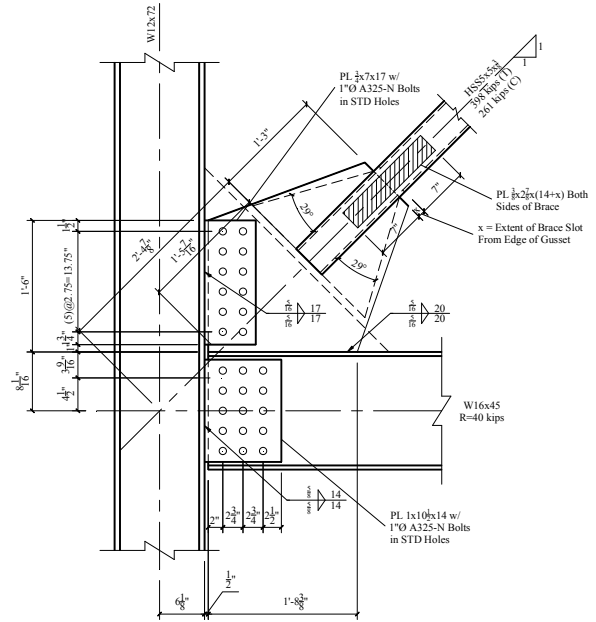
where

$F_y$  = specified minimum yield stress of the gusset plate, ksi (MPa)

$R_y$  = ratio of the expected yield stress to the specified minimum yield stress of the gusset plate,  $F_y$

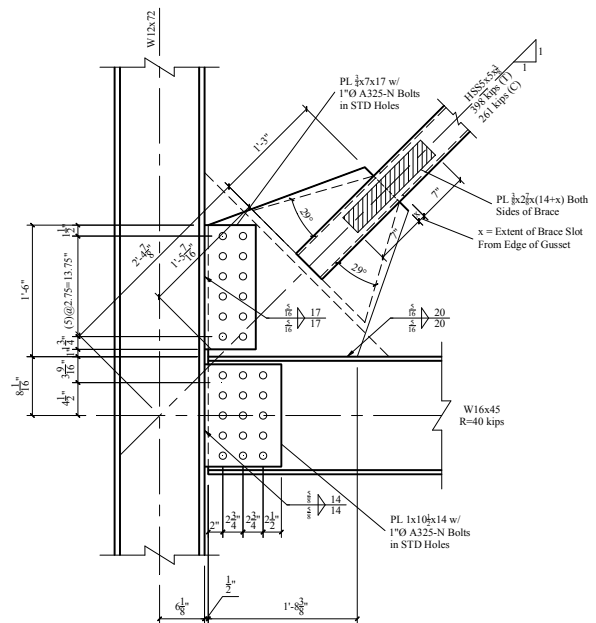
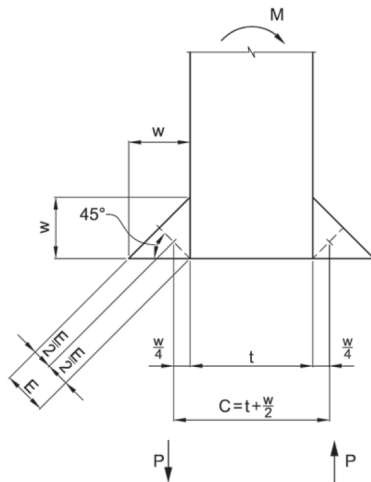
$t_p$  = thickness of the gusset plate, in (mm)

Exception: Alternatively, these welds may be designed to have available strength to resist gusset-plate edge forces corresponding to the brace force specified in Section F2.6c.2 combined with the gusset plate weak-axis flexural strength determined in the presence of those forces.



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### SCBF – Gusset Plate Welds (F2.6c.4)

Table 1. Test Data and Comparison of Method Prediction to Actual Results

| General Parameters  | Roeder SCBF 1 |        | Roeder SCBF 2 |          | Roeder SCBF 3 |         | Johnson HSS 01 (beam edge) |         | Johnson HSS 02 (column edge) |         | Johnson HSS 03 (beam edge) |         | Johnson HSS 04 (column edge) |         | Johnson HSS 05 (beam edge) |         | Johnson HSS 05 (column edge) |         |
|---|---------------|--------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
|   | L, in.        | 20     | 18            | 17.375   | 33            | 29      | 24                         | 20      | 24                           | 20      | 24.5                       | 20.375  | 24                           | 20      | 24.5                       | 20.375  | 24                           | 20      |
| t <sub>w</sub> , in.  | 0.5           | 0.625  | 0.625         | 0.5      | 0.5           | 0.5     | 0.5                        | 0.5     | 0.5                          | 0.5     | 0.5                        | 0.5     | 0.5                          | 0.5     | 0.5                        | 0.5     | 0.5                          | 0.375   |
| w, in.  | 3/8           | 1/2    | 1/2           | 3/8      | 3/8           | 3/8     | 3/8                        | 3/8     | 3/8                          | 3/8     | 3/8                        | 3/8     | 3/8                          | 3/8     | 3/8                        | 3/8     | 3/8                          | 3/8     |
| F <sub>max</sub> , ksi  | 70            | 70     | 70            | 70       | 70            | 70      | 70                         | 70      | 70                           | 70      | 70                         | 70      | 70                           | 70      | 70                         | 70      | 70                           | 70      |
| F <sub>y</sub> , ksi  | 50            | 50     | 50            | 50       | 50            | 50      | 50                         | 50      | 50                           | 50      | 50                         | 50      | 50                           | 50      | 50                         | 50      | 50                           | 50      |
| R <sub>y</sub>  | 1.1           | 1.1    | 1.1           | 1.1      | 1.1           | 1.1     | 1.1                        | 1.1     | 1.1                          | 1.1     | 1.1                        | 1.1     | 1.1                          | 1.1     | 1.1                        | 1.1     | 1.1                          | 1.1     |
| <b>Gusset Edge Forces</b>   |               |        |               |          |               |         |                            |         |                              |         |                            |         |                              |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| P <sub>u</sub> , kips   | 84.8          | 83.6   | 83.5          | 64.3     | 49.1          | 71.5    | 54.6                       | 71.5    | 54.6                         | 71.3    | 54.5                       | 68.2    | 52.1                         |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| V <sub>u</sub> , kips   | 116           | 106    | 92.8          | 139      | 124           | 115     | 97.7                       | 115     | 97.7                         | 116     | 100                        | 109     | 93.2                         |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| M <sub>ux</sub> , kip-in.   | 7             | 59.1   | 0             | 6.43     | 0             | 7.15    | 0                          | 7.15    | 0                            | 10.7    | 6                          | 6.82    | 0                            |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| <b>Calculated Parameters</b>  |               |        |               |          |               |         |                            |         |                              |         |                            |         |                              |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| P'  | 0.171         | 0.150  | 0.155         | 0.0787   | 0.0684        | 0.120   | 0.110                      | 0.120   | 0.110                        | 0.118   | 0.108                      | 0.153   | 0.140                        |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| V'  | 0.352         | 0.286  | 0.259         | 0.255    | 0.259         | 0.290   | 0.296                      | 0.290   | 0.296                        | 0.287   | 0.297                      | 0.367   | 0.377                        |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| Mx'   | 0.00283       | 0.0236 | 0             | 0.000954 | 0             | 0.00201 | 0                          | 0.00201 | 0                            | 0.00286 | 0.00234                    | 0.00255 | 0                            |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| M <sub>uy max</sub> , kip-in.   | 59.1          | 84.4   | 81.6          | 101      | 88.9          | 72.6    | 60.6                       | 72.6    | 60.6                         | 74.2    | 61.8                       | 40.0    | 33.4                         |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| f <sub>uw</sub> , kips/in.  | 2.90          | 2.94   | 2.67          | 2.11     | 2.14          | 2.40    | 2.44                       | 2.40    | 2.44                         | 2.37    | 2.45                       | 2.27    | 2.33                         |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| f <sub>uw</sub> , kips/in.  | 2.12          | 2.32   | 2.40          | 0.974    | 0.847         | 1.49    | 1.37                       | 1.49    | 1.37                         | 1.46    | 1.34                       | 1.42    | 1.30                         |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| f <sub>uw</sub> , kips/in.  | 0.0350        | 0.365  | 0             | 0.0118   | 0             | 0.0248  | 0                          | 0.0248  | 0                            | 0.0357  | 0.0289                     | 0.0237  | 0                            |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| f <sub>umx</sub> , kips/in.   | 4.50          | 6.25   | 6.26          | 5.16     | 5.16          | 4.04    | 4.04                       | 4.21    | 4.22                         | 4.22    | 4.22                       | 3.14    | 3.14                         |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| f <sub>umy</sub> , kips/in.   | 7.26          | 9.41   | 9.07          | 6.49     | 6.38          | 6.05    | 5.93                       | 6.21    | 6.09                         | 6.18    | 6.10                       | 5.12    | 5.02                         |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| θ, radians  | 1.16          | 1.25   | 1.27          | 1.24     | 1.23          | 1.16    | 1.15                       | 1.17    | 1.16                         | 1.16    | 1.16                       | 1.11    | 1.09                         |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| D <sub>min</sub> , 16ths  | 3.63          | 4.62   | 4.44          | 3.19     | 3.14          | 3.02    | 2.97                       | 3.09    | 3.04                         | 3.07    | 3.05                       | 2.58    | 2.55                         |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| w <sub>min</sub> , in.  | 1/2           | 3/8    | 3/8           | 1/2      | 1/2           | 1/2     | 3/8                        | 3/8     | 3/8                          | 3/8     | 3/8                        | 3/8     | 3/8                          |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| <b>Results</b>  |               |        |               |          |               |         |                            |         |                              |         |                            |         |                              |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| Is w ≥ w <sub>min</sub> ?   | Yes           | No     | No            | No       | No            | Yes     | Yes                        | Yes     | Yes                          | Yes     | Yes                        | Yes     | Yes                          | Yes     | Yes                        | Yes     | Yes                          | Yes     |
| By how much?  | 3/8"          | >      | 3/8"          | <        | 3/8"          | <       | 3/8"                       | <       | 3/8"                         | >       | 3/8"                       | >       | 3/8"                         | >       | 3/8"                       | >       | 3/8"                         | >       |
| Prediction  | GY & BR       | WR     | WR            | WR       | WR            | GY & BR | GY & BR                    | GY & BR | GY & BR                      | GY & BR | GY & BR                    | GY & BR | GY & BR                      | GY & BR | GY & BR                    | GY & BR | GY & BR                      | GY & BR |
| Actual Behavior   | GY & BR       | WR     | WR            | WR       | WR            | GY & BR | GY & BR                    | GY & BR | GY & BR                      | GY & BR | GY & BR                    | GY & BR | GY & BR                      | GY & BR | GY & BR                    | GY & BR | GY & BR                      | GY & BR |
| Method works?   | Yes           | Yes    | Yes           | Yes      | Yes           | Yes     | Yes                        | Yes     | Yes                          | Yes     | Yes                        | Yes     | Yes                          | Yes     | Yes                        | Yes     | Yes                          | Yes     |
| <b>Alternative 0.6R<sub>y</sub>F<sub>0y</sub>t<sub>p</sub>/α Comparison</b> |               |        |               |          |               |         |                            |         |                              |         |                            |         |                              |         |                            |         |                              |         |
| D <sub>min</sub> , 16ths  | 5.93          | 7.41   | 7.41          | 5.93     | 5.93          | 5.93    | 5.93                       | 5.93    | 5.93                         | 5.93    | 5.93                       | 5.93    | 5.93                         | 5.93    | 5.93                       | 4.45    | 4.45                         |         |
| w <sub>min</sub> , in.  | 3/8           | 1/2    | 1/2           | 3/8      | 3/8           | 3/8     | 3/8                        | 3/8     | 3/8                          | 3/8     | 3/8                        | 3/8     | 3/8                          | 3/8     | 3/8                        | 5/16    | 5/16                         |         |
| Size increase   | 1/8           | 3/16   | 3/16          | 1/8      | 1/8           | 1/8     | 3/16                       | 1/8     | 1/8                          | 1/8     | 1/8                        | 1/8     | 1/8                          | 1/8     | 1/8                        | 1/8     | 1/8                          |         |
| % vol. increase   | 125%          | 156%   | 156%          | 125%     | 125%          | 125%    | 300%                       | 125%    | 125%                         | 125%    | 125%                       | 125%    | 125%                         | 125%    | 125%                       | 178%    | 178%                         |         |



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$$D_{min} = \frac{f_u}{1.392(1.0 + 0.5 \sin^{1.5} \theta)}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{f_{up} + f_{umx} + f_{umy}}{f_{uw}} \right)$$

$$f_u = \sqrt{f_{uw}^2 + (f_{up} + f_{umx} + f_{umy})^2}$$

where

$$f_{uw} = \frac{V_u}{2L}, \text{ kips/in.}$$

$$f_{up} = \frac{P_u}{2L}, \text{ kips/in.}$$

$$f_{umx} = \frac{2M_{ux}}{L^2}, \text{ kips/in.}$$

$$f_{umy} = \frac{M_{uy \text{ max}}}{(t_p + 0.5w)L}, \text{ kips/in.}$$

w = weld size, in.

| Alternative 0.6R <sub>y</sub> F <sub>0y</sub> t <sub>p</sub> /α Comparison |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| D <sub>min</sub> , 16ths   | 5.93 | 7.41 | 7.41 | 5.93 | 5.93 | 5.93 | 5.93 | 5.93 | 5.93 | 5.93 | 5.93 | 5.93 | 4.45 | 4.45 |
| w <sub>min</sub> , in.   | 3/8  | 1/2  | 1/2  | 3/8  | 3/8  | 3/8  | 3/8  | 3/8  | 3/8  | 3/8  | 3/8  | 3/8  | 5/16 | 5/16 |
| Size increase  | 1/8  | 3/16 | 3/16 | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  | 3/16 | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  |
| % vol. increase  | 125% | 156% | 156% | 125% | 125% | 125% | 300% | 125% | 125% | 125% | 125% | 125% | 178% | 178% |



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|                   |               |                |                |               |               |               |                |               |               |               |               |                |                |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| $D_{min}$ , 16ths | 5.93          | 7.41           | 7.41           | 5.93          | 5.93          | 5.93          | 5.93           | 5.93          | 5.93          | 5.93          | 5.93          | 4.45           | 4.45           |
| $\phi_{min}$      | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$  | $\frac{1}{2}$  | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$  | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{5}{16}$ | $\frac{5}{16}$ |
| Size increase     | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{16}$ | $\frac{3}{16}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{16}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$  | $\frac{1}{8}$  |
| % vol. increase   | 125%          | 156%           | 156%           | 125%          | 125%          | 125%          | 300%           | 125%          | 125%          | 125%          | 125%          | 178%           | 178%           |



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Regardless of the method used, and in general, when welds develop strength, the 1.25 weld ductility requirement should not be imposed on this weld design



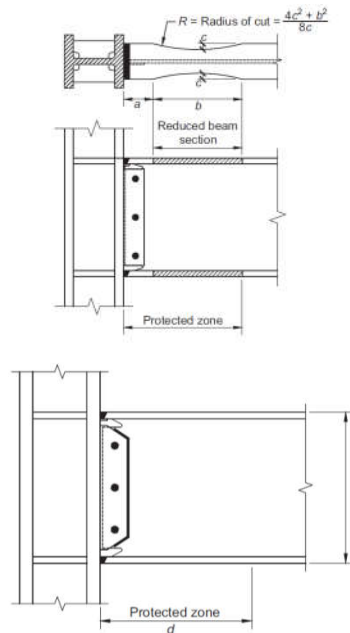
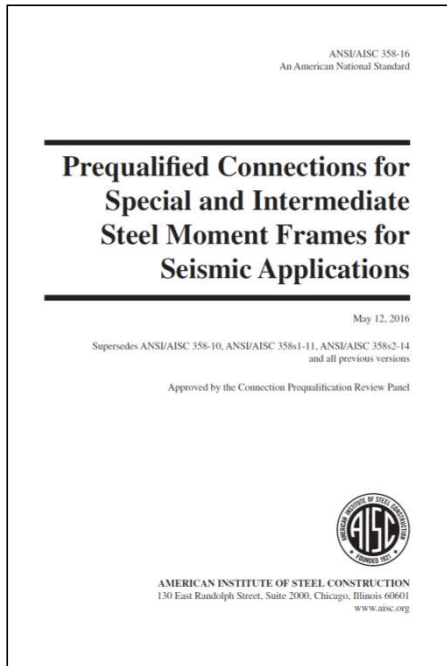
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|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| $D_{min}$ , 16ths | 5.93          | 7.41           | 7.41           | 5.93          | 5.93          | 5.93          | 5.93           | 5.93          | 5.93          | 5.93          | 5.93          | 4.45           | 4.45           |
| $\phi_{min}$      | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$  | $\frac{1}{2}$  | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$  | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{8}$ | $\frac{5}{16}$ | $\frac{5}{16}$ |
| Size increase     | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{16}$ | $\frac{3}{16}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{3}{16}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$  | $\frac{1}{8}$  |
| % vol. increase   | 125%          | 156%           | 156%           | 125%          | 125%          | 125%          | 300%           | 125%          | 125%          | 125%          | 125%          | 178%           | 178%           |



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In general, the analysis/design procedures for each type of connection are provided in a step-by-step format. A Design Procedure section is included in each chapter

### 5.8. DESIGN PROCEDURE

**Step 1.** Choose trial values for the beam sections, column sections and RBS dimensions  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  (Figure 5.1) subject to the limits:

$$0.5b_{lf} \leq a \leq 0.75b_{lf} \quad (5.8-1)$$

$$0.65d \leq b \leq 0.85d \quad (5.8-2)$$

$$0.1b_{lf} \leq c \leq 0.25b_{lf} \quad (5.8-3)$$

where

$a$  = horizontal distance from face of column flange to start of an RBS cut, in. (mm)

$b$  = length of RBS cut, in. (mm)

$b_{lf}$  = width of beam flange, in. (mm)

$c$  = depth of cut at center of reduced beam section, in. (mm)

$d$  = depth of beam, in. (mm)

Confirm that the beams and columns are adequate for all load combinations specified by the applicable building code, including the reduced section of the beam, and that the design story drift for the frame complies with applicable limits specified by the applicable building code. Calculation of elastic drift shall consider the effect of the reduced beam section. In lieu of more detailed calculations, effective elastic drifts may be calculated by multiplying elastic drifts based on gross beam sections by 1.1 for flange reductions up to 50% of the beam flange width. Linear interpolation may be used for lesser values of beam width reduction.

**Step 2.** Compute the plastic section modulus at the center of the reduced beam section:

$$Z_{RBS} = Z_x - 2ct_b(d - t_b) \quad (5.8-4)$$

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where

$Z_{RBS}$  = plastic section modulus at center of reduced beam section, in.<sup>3</sup> (mm<sup>3</sup>)  
 $Z_x$  = plastic section modulus about x-axis, for full beam cross section, in.<sup>3</sup> (mm<sup>3</sup>)  
 $t_{bf}$  = thickness of beam flange, in. (mm)

**Step 3.** Compute the probable maximum moment,  $M_{pr}$ , at the center of the reduced beam section:

$$M_{pr} = C_{pr} R_y F_y Z_{RBS} \quad (5.8-5)$$

**Step 4.** Compute the shear force at the center of the reduced beam sections at each end of the beam.

The shear force at the center of the reduced beam sections shall be determined from a free-body diagram of the portion of the beam between the centers of the reduced beam sections. This calculation shall assume the moment at the center of each reduced beam section is  $M_{pr}$  and shall include gravity loads acting on the beam based on the load combination  $1.2D + f_1L + 0.2S$ , where  $f_1$  is the load factor determined by the applicable building code for live loads, but not less than 0.5.

**User Note:** The load combination of  $1.2D + f_1L + 0.2S$  is in conformance with ASCE/SEI 7-16. When using the International Building Code, a factor of 0.7 must be used in lieu of the factor of 0.2 for  $S$  (snow) when the roof configuration is such that it does not shed snow off of the structure.

**Step 5.** Compute the probable maximum moment at the face of the column. The moment at the face of the column shall be computed from a free-body diagram of the segment of the beam between the center of the reduced beam section and the face of the column, as illustrated in Figure 5.2.

Based on this free-body diagram, the moment at the face of the column is computed as follows:

where

$Z_{RBS}$  = plastic section modulus at center of reduced beam section, in.<sup>3</sup> (mm<sup>3</sup>)  
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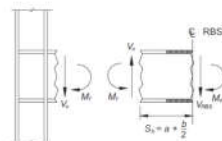


Fig. 5.2. Free-body diagram between center of RBS and face of column.

## Limitations

- Columns
- Beams
- Connections
- Geometry
- Varies with connection type. Be sure to review and understand these limitations

## Limitations (e.g., AISC 358-16 Section 7.5 – BFP)

### 2. Column Limitations

Columns shall satisfy the following limitations:

- (1) Columns shall be any of the rolled shapes or built-up sections permitted in Section 2.3.

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- (2) The beam shall be connected to the flange of the column.
- (3) Rolled shape column depth shall be limited to W36 (W920) maximum when a concrete structural slab is provided. In the absence of a concrete structural slab, the rolled shape column depth is limited to W14 (W360) maximum. Flanged cruciform columns shall not have a width or depth greater than the depth allowed for rolled shapes. Built-up box columns shall not have a width or depth exceeding 24 in. (600 mm). Boxed wide-flange columns shall not have a width or depth exceeding 24 in. (600 mm) if participating in orthogonal moment frames.
- (4) There is no limit on weight per foot of columns.
- (5) There are no additional requirements for flange thickness.
- (6) Width-to-thickness ratios for the flanges and web of columns shall conform to the requirements of the AISC *Seismic Provisions*.
- (7) Lateral bracing of columns shall conform to the requirements of the AISC *Seismic Provisions*.



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## IMF/SMF – General Comments

- AISC 358 contains several prequalified connections
  - Some of them are proprietary
- The choice of connection is generally made by the SEoR. However, some issues should be considered
  - Shop versus field welding
    - Shop welding is generally easier
    - Weld inspection and potential rework is easier in the shop
    - Field welding should be avoided in areas with stringent fire-watch areas (can be extremely expensive)
    - Relative to required hardware and shop hours, field welded connections can be less expensive (depending on cost of field welding)



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## IMF/SMF – Beam FBD - BFP

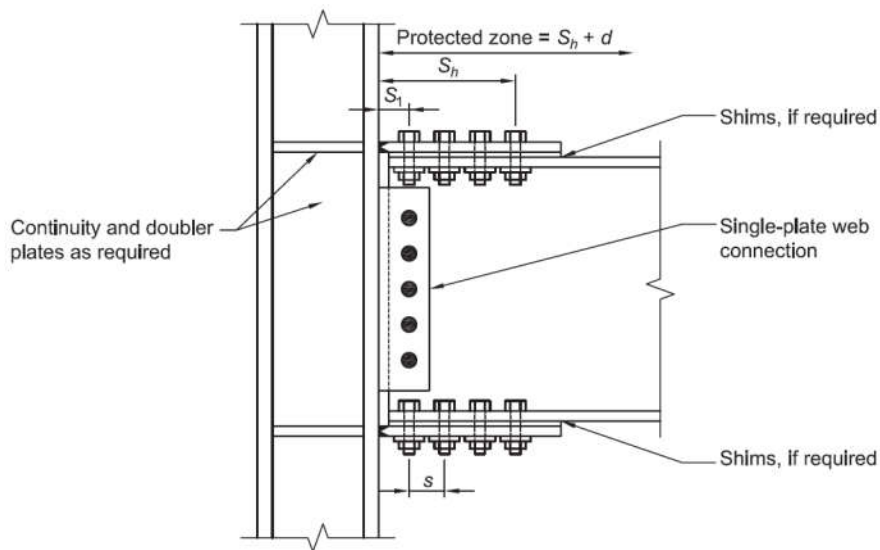


Fig. 7.1. Bolted flange plate moment connection.

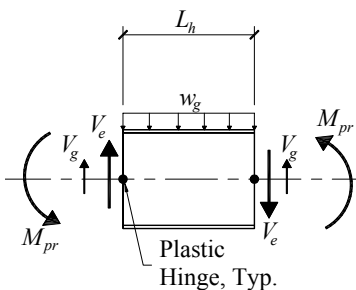


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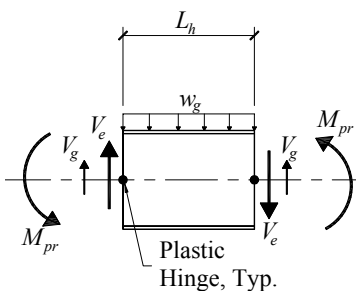
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Note that for A992-50,  $C_{pr}R_yF_y$  is...

$$M_{pr} = \left( \frac{50 \text{ ksi} + 65 \text{ ksi}}{(2)(50 \text{ ksi})} \right) (1.1)(50 \text{ ksi})Z_e$$

$$M_{pr} = 63.3Z_e$$

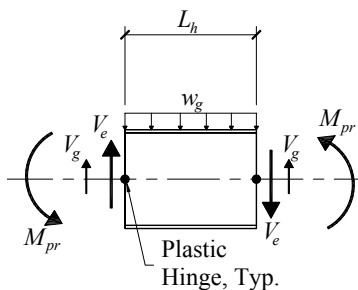
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Shear at the plastic hinge is...

$$V_h = \frac{2M_{pr}}{L_h} + \frac{w_g L_h}{2}$$

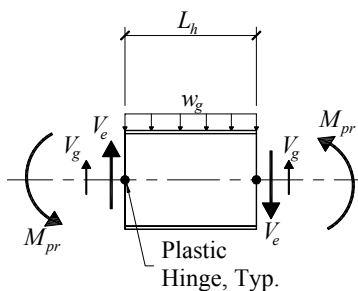
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$$V_h = V_e + V_g \quad M_{pr} = C_{pr} R_y F_y Z_e \quad (\text{EQ. 2.4-1})$$

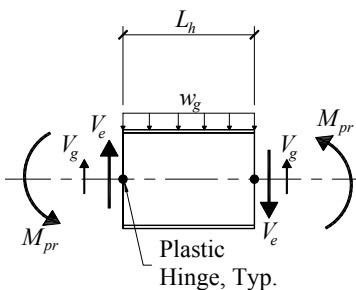
$$V_h = \frac{2M_{pr}}{L_h} + \frac{w_g L_h}{2} \quad C_{pr} = \frac{F_y + F_u}{2F_y} \leq 1.2 \quad (\text{EQ. 2.4-2})$$

$$V_g = \frac{w_g L_h}{2}$$



### SMF – Beam FBD - BFP

Based on the beam's probable maximum moment,  $M_{pr}$  ...



Shear at the plastic hinge is...

$$V_{h.max} = \frac{2M_{pr}}{L_h} + \frac{w_g L_h}{2}$$

$$V_{h.min} = \frac{2M_{pr}}{L_h} - \frac{w_g L_h}{2}$$

$$V_h = V_e + V_g$$

$$M_{pr} = C_{pr} R_y F_y Z_e \quad (\text{EQ. 2.4-1})$$

$$V_h = \frac{2M_{pr}}{L_h} + \frac{w_g L_h}{2}$$

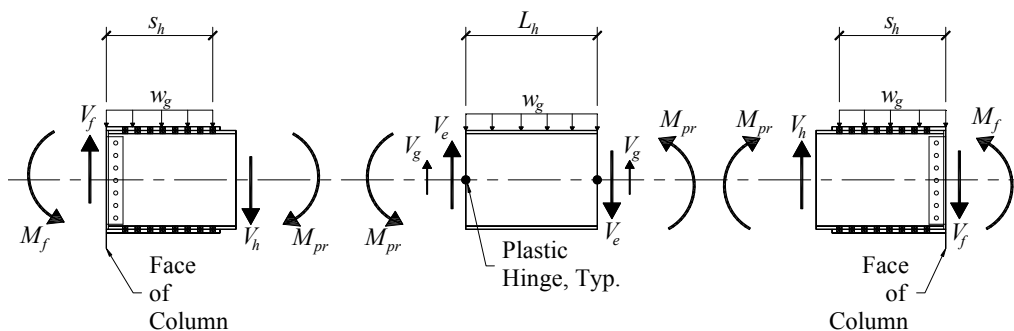
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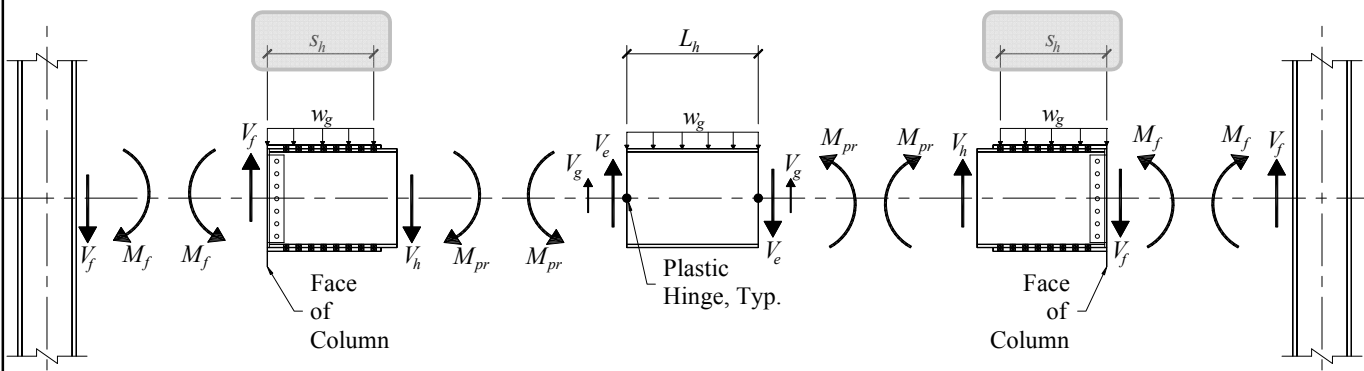
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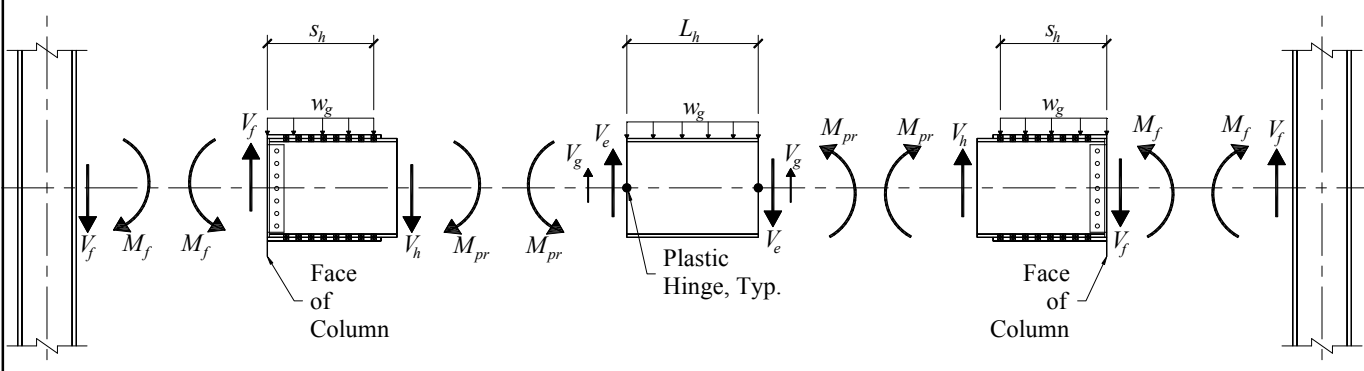


Note that the extent of  $s_h$  varies with the type of prequalified connection used. Refer to AISC 358.



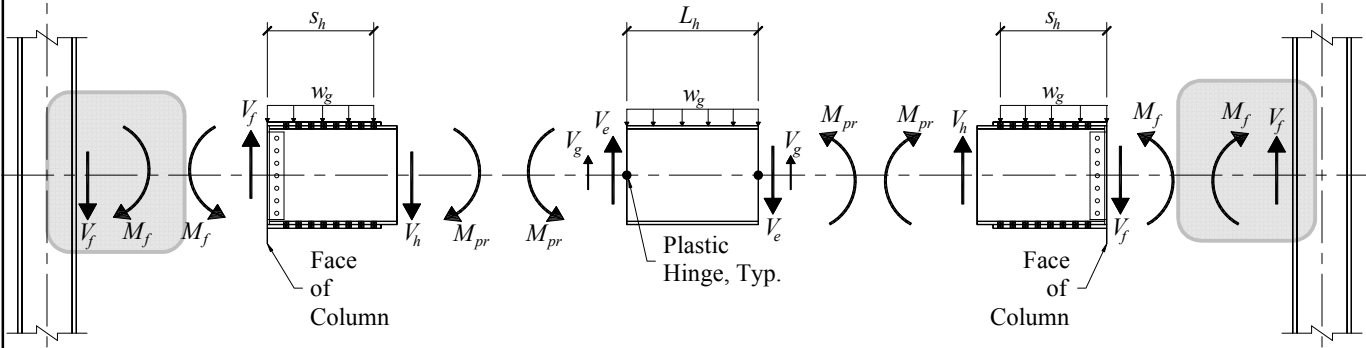
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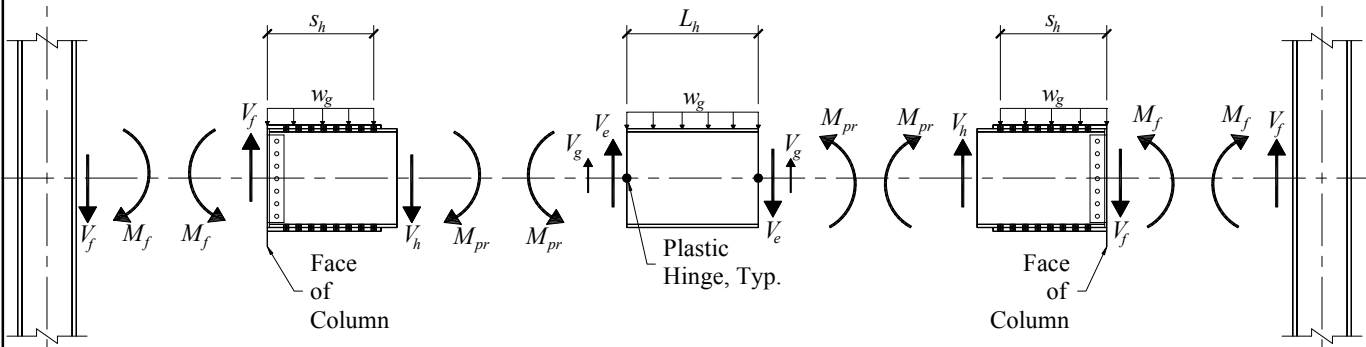
Based on the beam's probable maximum moment,  $M_{pr}$  ...



Required moment and shear for connection design is maximum  $M_f$ . And  $V_f$ .



### SMF – Beam FBD - BFP

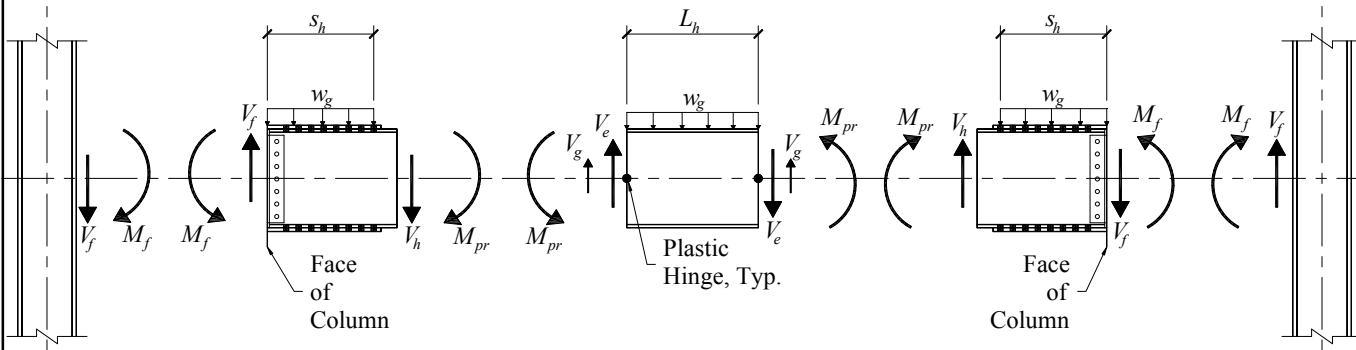


$$M_f = M_{pr} + V_h s_s + \frac{w_g s_h^2}{2}$$

$$V_f = V_h + w_g s_h$$



**SMF – Beam FBD - BFP**



Step 7. Calculate the moment expected at the face of the column flange.

$$M_f = M_{pr} + V_h S_h + \frac{w_g S_h^2}{2}$$

$$V_f = V_h + w_g S_h$$

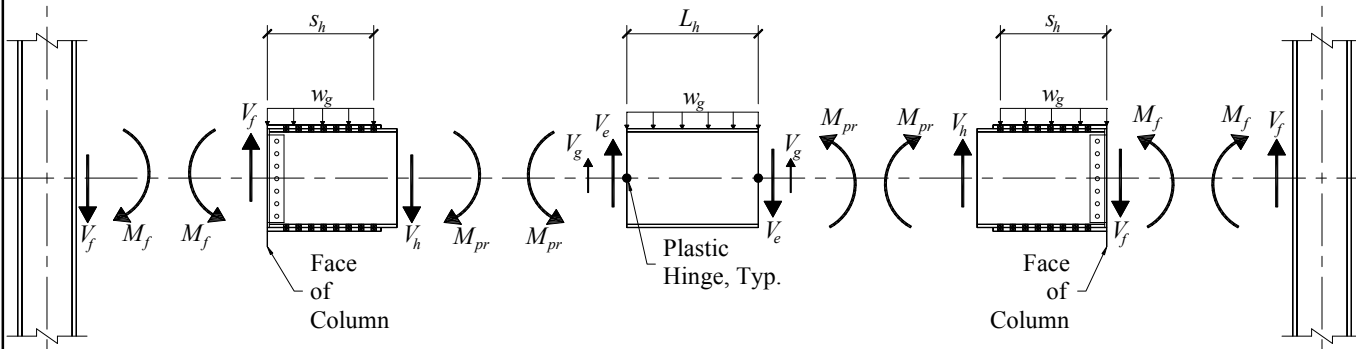
$$M_f = M_{pr} + V_h S_h \tag{7.6-6}$$

where  $V_h$  is the larger of the two values of shear force at the beam hinge location at each end of the beam, kips (N).

Equation 7.6-6 neglects the gravity load on the portion of the beam between the plastic hinge and the face of the column. The gravity load on this small portion of the beam is permitted to be included.



**SMF – Beam FBD - BFP**



Step 7. Calculate the moment expected at the face of the column flange.

$$M_f = M_{pr} + V_h S_h + \frac{w_g S_h^2}{2}$$

$$V_f = V_h + w_g S_h$$

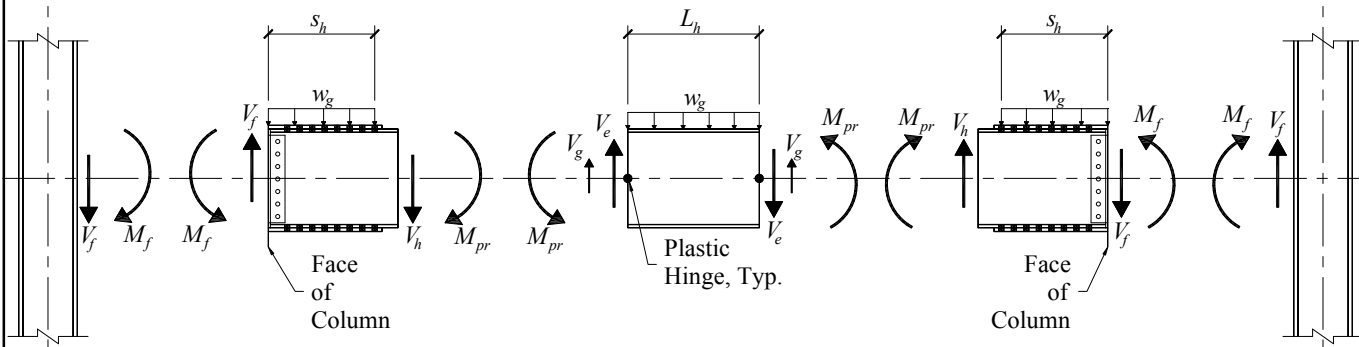
$$M_f = M_{pr} + V_h S_h \tag{7.6-6}$$

The gravity load on this portion of the beam increases  $V_f$  and  $M_f$ .

ASIC 358 permits this portion of the gravity load to be neglected.



**SMF – Beam FBD - BFP**



Step 7. Calculate the moment expected at the face of the column flange.

$$M_f = M_{pr} + V_h S_h + \frac{W_g S_h}{2}$$

$$V_f = V_h + w_g S_h$$

$$M_f = M_{pr} + V_h S_h \tag{7.6-6}$$

It is crucial that that the gravity loads be provided to the connection designer.

UDL loads make the limitations of the prequalified connections virtually impossible to satisfy!



**SMF – Beam FBD - RBS**

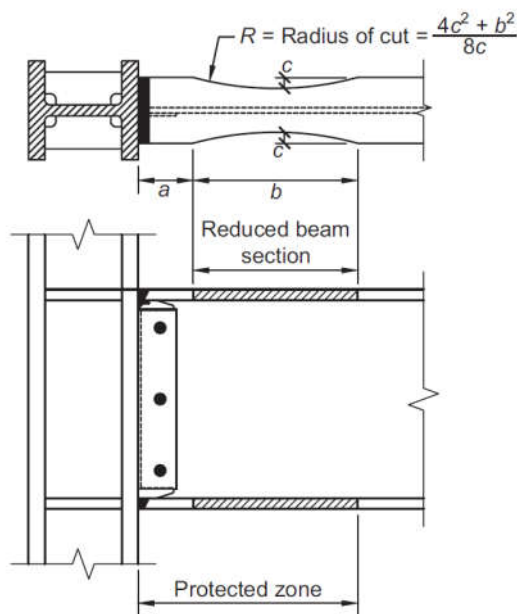
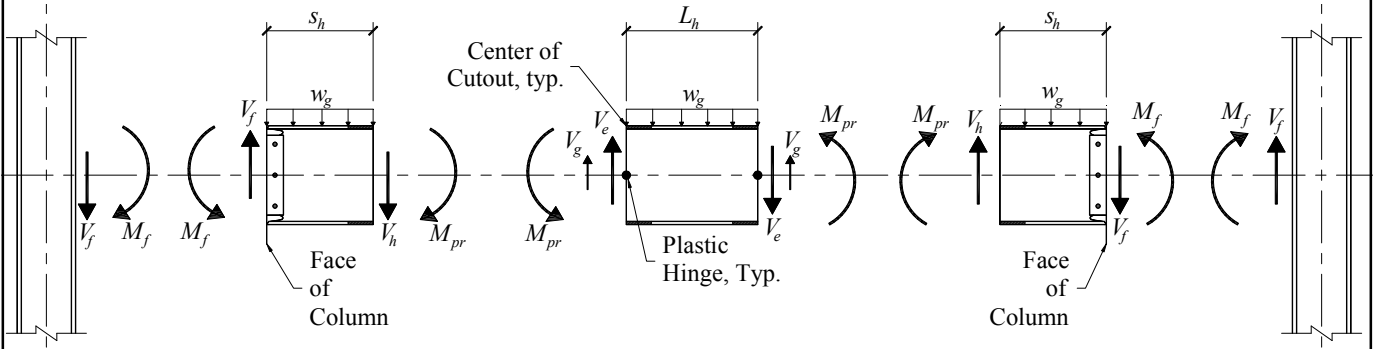


Fig. 5.1. Reduced beam section connection.



**SMF – Beam FBD - RBS**



$$M_f = M_{pr} + V_h s_h + \frac{w_g s_h^2}{2}$$

$$V_f = V_h + w_g s_h$$

Likewise, the location of the plastic hinge varies with the type of connection.  
 Refer to AISC 358 for specific details.



**SMF – Beam FBD - WUF-W**

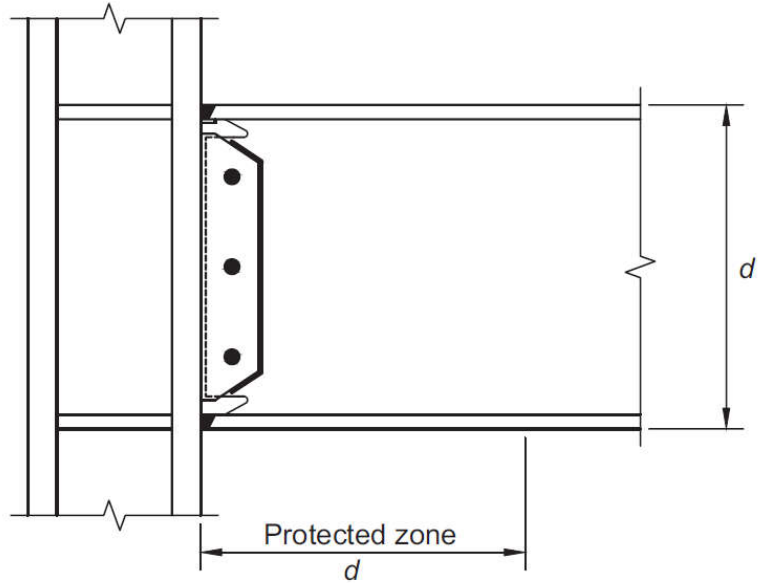
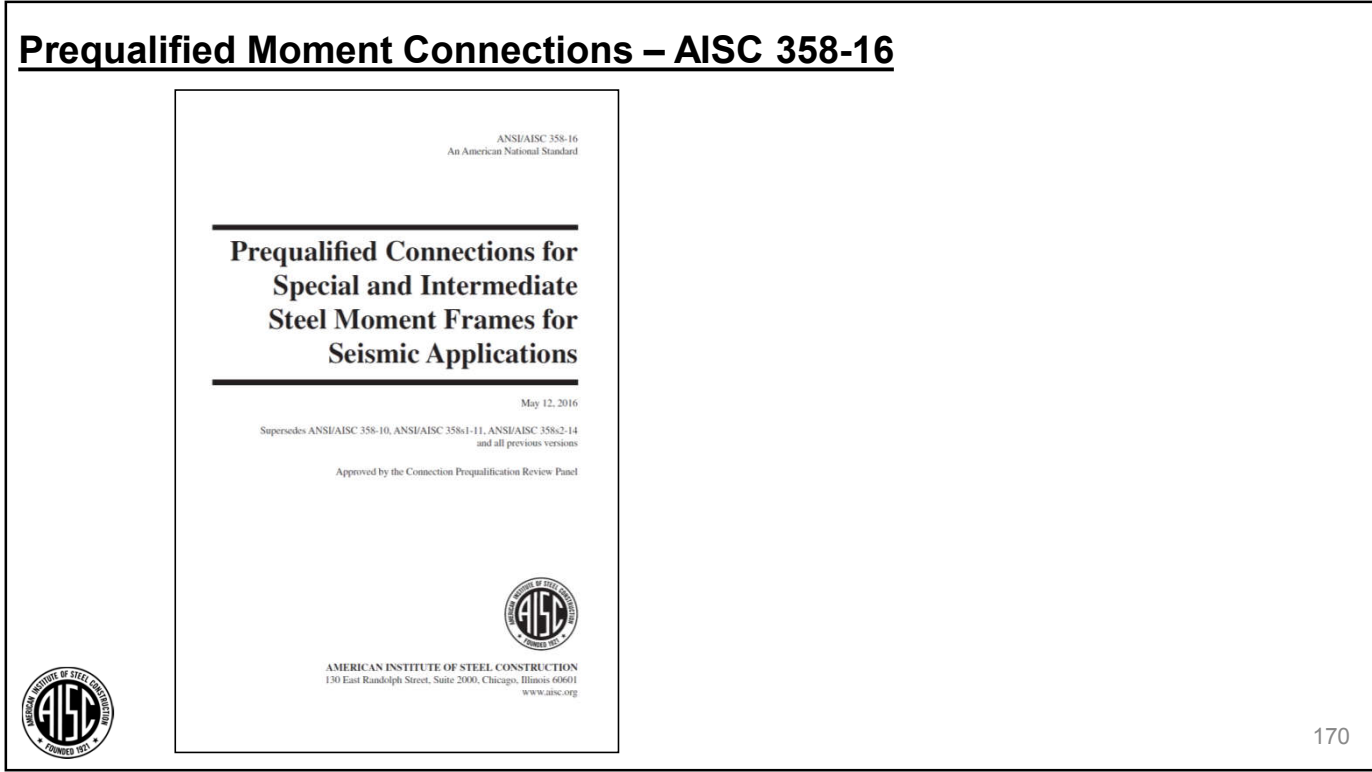
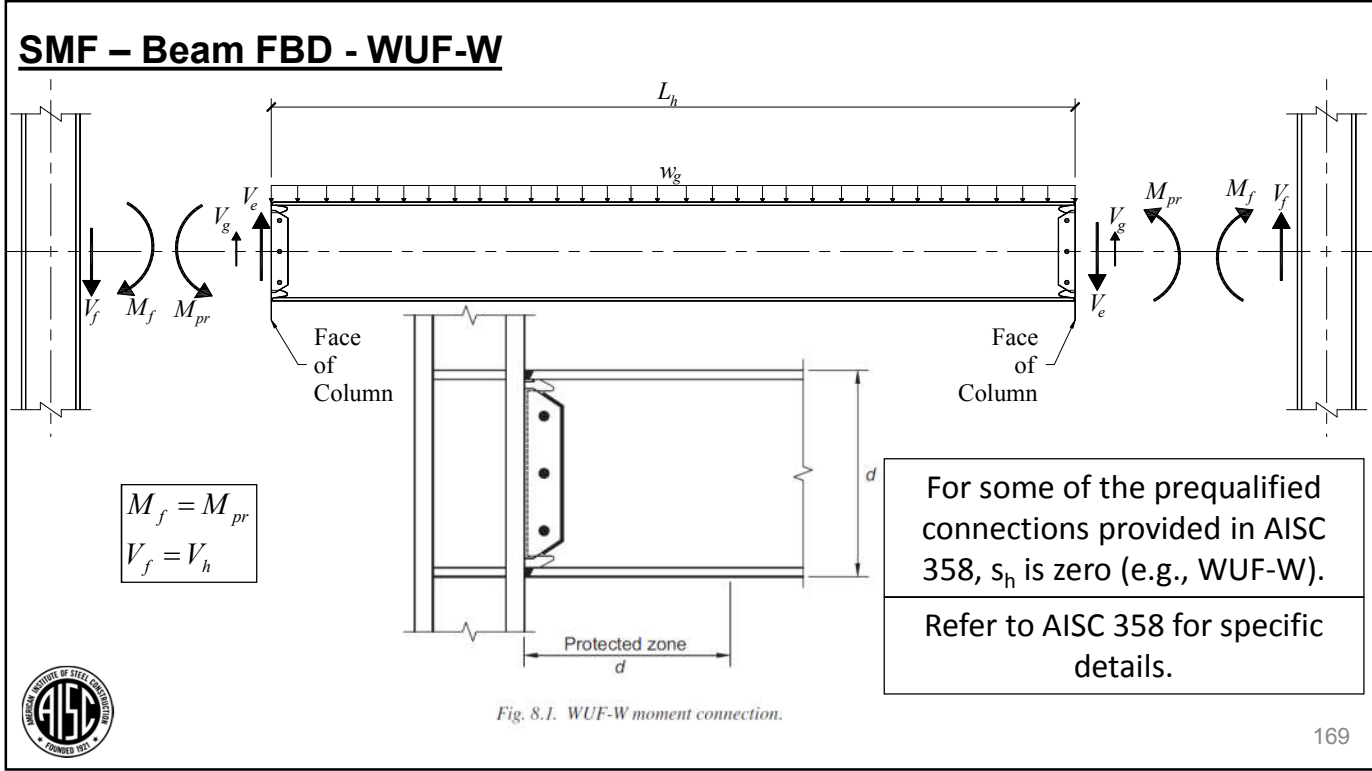


Fig. 8.1. WUF-W moment connection.





## Seismic Connections

FYI:

Mike Englehardt gave a very informative presentation on

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| NS 14 8-Session Package-Night School 14 - Fundamentals of Stability      | 6/5/2017 7:00:00 PM  |



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Night School 13: Design of Industrial Buildings

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| NS13 - Economic Considerations                               | 2/6/2017 7:00:00 PM  | <a href="#">Handouts</a> | Available 02/08/2017 5pm EST              | Available 02/08/2017 5pm EST | Pending    |
| NS13 - Lateral Load Systems and Details                      | 2/13/2017 7:00:00 PM | <a href="#">Handouts</a> | Available 02/15/2017 5pm EST              | Available 02/15/2017 5pm EST | Pending    |
| NS13 - Preliminary Design Procedures                         | 2/27/2017 7:00:00 PM | <a href="#">Handouts</a> | Available 03/01/2017 5pm EST              | Available 03/01/2017 5pm EST | Pending    |
| NS13 - Crane Girder Design and Frame Analysis                | 3/6/2017 7:00:00 PM  | <a href="#">Handouts</a> | Available 03/08/2017 5pm EST              | Available 03/08/2017 5pm EST | Pending    |
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| NS13 - Transfer Crane Girder & Longitudinal Brdg Bracing Dsn | 3/27/2017 7:00:00 PM | <a href="#">Handouts</a> | Available 03/29/2017 5pm EST              | Available 03/29/2017 5pm EST | Pending    |
| NS13 - Building Enclosures and Building Details              | 4/3/2017 7:00:00 PM  | <a href="#">Handouts</a> | Available 04/05/2017 5pm EST              | Available 04/05/2017 5pm EST | Pending    |



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- Weekly “quiz and recording” email.
- Weekly updates of the master quiz and attendance record, found at [www.aisc.org/nightschool19](http://www.aisc.org/nightschool19). Scroll down to Quiz and Attendance records.
  - Updated on Tuesday mornings.

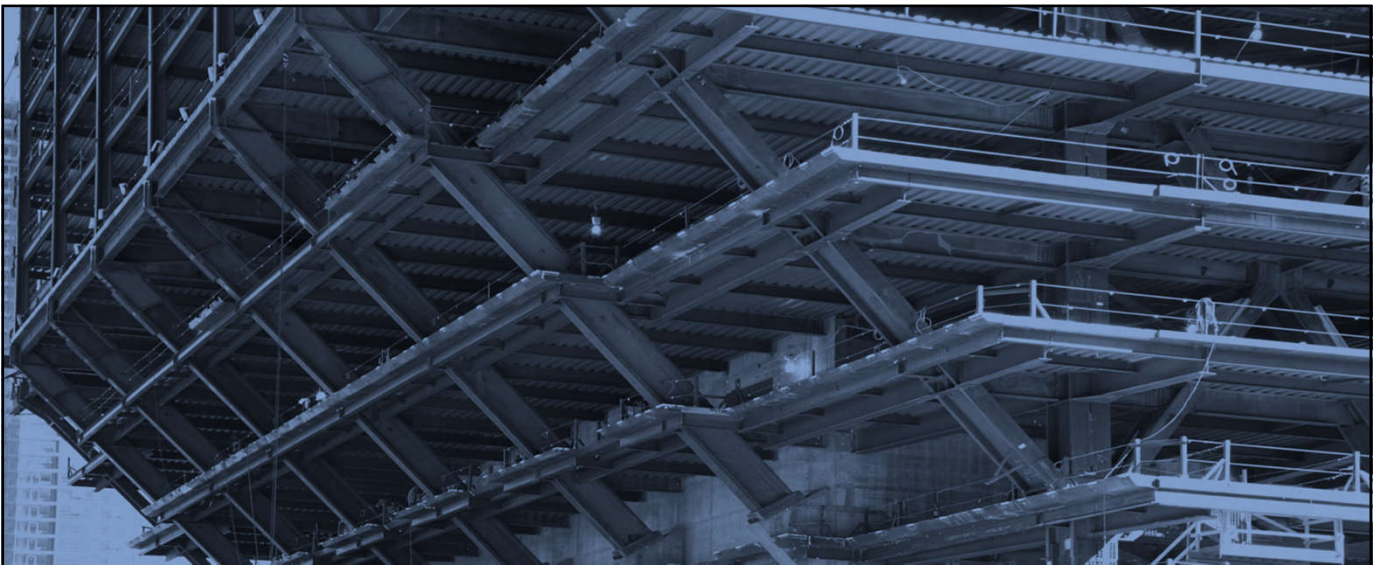


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