

## CODE OF STANDARD PRACTICE FOR STEEL JOISTS AND JOIST GIRDERS

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### SECTION 1 **GENERAL**

#### 1.1 SCOPE

The practices and customs set forth herein are in accordance with good engineering practice, tend to ensure safety in steel joist and Joist Girder construction, and are standard within the industry. There shall be no conflict between this code and any legal building regulation. This code shall only supplement and amplify such laws. Unless specific provisions to the contrary are made in a contract for the purchase of steel joists or Joist Girders, this code is understood to govern the interpretation of such a contract.

#### 1.2 APPLICATION

This Code of Standard Practice is to govern as a standard unless otherwise covered in the architects' and engineers' plans and specifications.

#### 1.3 DEFINITIONS

**Add-Load.** A single vertical concentrated load which occurs at any one panel point along the joist chord. This load is in addition to any other gravity loads specified.

**Bend-Check Load.** A vertical concentrated load used to design the joist chord for the additional bending stresses resulting from this load being applied at any location between the joist panel points. This load shall already be accounted for in the specified joist designation load, uniform load, or Add-load and is used only for the additional bending check in the chord and does not contribute to the overall axial forces within the joist. An ideal use of this is for incidental loads which have already been accounted for in the design loading but may induce additional bending stress due to this load occurring at any location along the chord.

**Buyer.** The entity that has agreed to purchase material from the manufacturer and has also agreed to the terms of sale.

**Erector.** The entity that is responsible for the safe and proper erection of the materials in accordance with all applicable codes and regulations.

**Material.** Steel joists, Joist Girders and accessories as provided by the seller.

**Owner.** The entity that is identified as such in the contract documents.



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**Placement Plans.** Drawings that are prepared depicting the interpretation of the contract documents requirements for the material to be supplied by the seller. These floor or roof plans are approved by the specifying professional, buyer, or owner for conformance with the design requirements. The seller uses the information contained on these drawings for final material design. A unique piece mark number is typically shown for the individual placement of the steel joists, Joist Girders and accessories along with sections that describe the end bearing conditions and minimum attachment required so that material is placed in the proper location in the field.

**Seller.** A company certified by the Steel Joist Institute engaged in the manufacture and distribution of steel joists, Joist Girders and accessories.

**Specifying Professional.** The licensed professional who is responsible for sealing the building contract documents, which indicates that he or she has performed or supervised the analysis, design and document preparation for the structure and has knowledge of the load-carrying structural system.

**Structural Drawings.** The graphic or pictorial portions of the contract documents showing the design, location and dimensions of the work. These documents generally include plans, elevations, sections, details, connections, all loads, schedules, diagrams and notes.

### 1.4 DESIGN

In the absence of ordinances or specifications to the contrary, all designs prepared by the **specifying professional** shall be in accordance with the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption.

### 1.5 RESPONSIBILITY FOR DESIGN AND ERECTION

When material requirements are specified, the seller shall assume no responsibility other than to furnish the items listed in Section 5.2(a). When material requirements are not specified, the seller shall furnish the items listed in Section 5.2(a) in accordance with Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption, and this code. Pertinent design information shall be provided to the seller as stipulated in Section 6.1. The seller shall identify material by showing size and type. In no case shall the seller assume any responsibility for the erection of the item furnished.

### 1.6 PERFORMANCE TESTS FOR K-SERIES STEEL JOIST CONSTRUCTION

When a performance test on a joist is required, the following criteria shall be used:

- a) The performance test load shall be the maximum factored uniformly distributed downward design load for the selected joist.
  - (1) For a **K-Series** joist, this is the TOTAL safe factored uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity tabulated in the Standard LRFD Load Table for the specific joist size and span.
  - (2) For a **K-Series** joist with factored loading conditions other than found in the Standard LRFD Load Table, this is the LRFD Load Combination resulting in the highest uniformly distributed downward factored design load.
  - (3) For a **K-Series** joist with loading conditions other than found in the Standard ASD Load Table, this is the ASD Load Combination resulting in the highest uniformly distributed downward design load multiplied times 1.50.
- b) Joist self-weight and the weight of all test materials shall be included in the calculation of applied performance test loading as appropriate for the joist during testing.
- c) Loading shall be uniformly distributed across the full length of the joist top chord, and the load application shall maintain uniform distribution throughout the test. At any stage during the application of the test loading, the test load shall not be distributed in such a manner as to result in any joist component being subjected to a higher proportion of force than intended by the joist design.



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- d) If tested as a panel assembly, the joists shall be tested in pairs with deck, deck attachments, and bridging installed per the approved joist and deck placement plans. All bottom chord horizontal bridging rows shall be terminated by bracing back to the top chord of the adjacent joist or by a lateral restraint system which does not inhibit the vertical deflection of the test joist.
- e) If tested singly, in a load test machine apparatus, the joist chords shall be braced to prevent lateral movement, without inhibiting vertical displacement. The joist top chord shall have lateral braces located at equal spacing of no more than 36 inches (914 mm) on center. The joist bottom chord shall have lateral braces located, at minimum, per the bottom chord bridging locations shown on the approved joist placement plan.
- f) The performance test loading shall be applied at a rate of no greater than 25 plf per minute and shall be sustained for no less than 15 minutes. After the maximum test load has been removed for a minimum of 10 minutes, the remaining vertical displacement at midspan shall not exceed 20% of the vertical midspan deflection sustained under the full performance test load.
- g) All costs associated with such testing shall be borne by the purchaser.
- h) Joists that have been designed and manufactured and have satisfied the above performance test criteria shall be considered to satisfy the intent of the K-Series Standard Specification, and shall be considered safe for use in construction. No further proof of strength of individual joist components or connections is required.

### SECTION 2

## JOISTS, JOIST GIRDERS, AND ACCESSORIES

### 2.1 STEEL JOISTS AND JOIST GIRDERS

Steel joists and Joist Girders shall carry the designations and meet the requirements of the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption.

K-Series joists are furnished with parallel chords only and with a standard end bearing depth of 2 1/2 inches (64 mm). Joist bearing seat depths greater than 2 1/2 inches (64 mm) are available when requirements warrant deeper bearing seats. Conditions where a bearing seat depth of more than 2-1/2 inches (64 mm) may be required include:

- Sloped joists;
- Mixing K-Series and LH-Series products at a common interior support;
- Masonry supports with a steel bearing plate more than 1/2 inch (13 mm) from the face of the wall.

LH- and DLH-Series joists are furnished either underslung or square ended, with top chords either parallel, pitched one way or pitched two ways.

Underslung types are furnished with minimum end bearing depths as shown in Table 2-1. A standard maximum joist bearing seat width (perpendicular to the joist length) is provided. This width shall be permitted to vary based on the joist design and manufacturer. For sloped joist bearing seats refer to the sloped seat requirements tables in the Accessories and Details section of this catalog.

Because LH- and DLH-Series joists may have exceptionally large end reactions, it is recommended that the supporting structure be designed to provide a nominal minimum unit bearing pressure of 750 pounds per square inch (5171 kilo Pascals).

It is not recommended that a DLH-Series joist that exceeds 72 inches (1829 mm) deep and has a span greater than 80 feet (24384 mm) be used in a bottom bearing configuration.



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TABLE 2-1

STANDARD END BEARING SEAT DEPTH AND STANDARD MAXIMUM SEAT WIDTH			
JOIST SERIES	SECTION NUMBER*	MINIMUM BEARING DEPTH	MAXIMUM SEAT WIDTH**
K	ALL	2 ½" (64 mm)	6" (152 mm)
LH/DLH	2 to 17, incl.	5" (127 mm)	8" (229 mm)
DLH	18 to 20, incl.	7 ½" (191 mm)	12" (305 mm)
DLH	21 to 25, incl.	7 ½" (191 mm)	13" (330 mm)
*REFER TO LAST DIGIT(S) OF JOIST DESIGNATION			
**THE SEAT WIDTH MAY VARY BASED ON DESIGN			

Joist Girders are furnished either underslung or square ended with top chords either parallel, pitched one way or pitched two ways. Underslung types are furnished with a standard end bearing depth of 7 ½ inches (191 mm). Joist Girders shall be permitted to have either parallel chords or a top chord pitch of up to 1/2 inch per foot (1:24). The nominal depth of a pitched Joist Girder is taken at the center of the span.

Joist Girder bearing seat widths vary depending on the Joist Girder size and shall be permitted to be up to 13" (330 mm) wide. The supporting structural member shall be made wide enough to accommodate the seat widths.

### 2.2 JOIST LOCATION AND SPACING

The maximum joist spacing shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption.

Where sidewalls, wall beams or tie beams are capable of supporting the floor slab or roof deck, the first adjacent joists may be placed one full space from these members. Joists are provided with camber and may have a significant difference in elevation with respect to the adjacent structure because of this camber. This difference in elevation should be given consideration when locating the first joist adjacent to a side wall, wall beam or tie beam.

Open Web Steel Joists, K-Series, should be placed no closer than 6 inches (152 mm) to supporting walls or members. Where partitions occur parallel to joists, there shall be at least one joist provided under each such partition, and more than one such joist shall be provided if necessary to safely support the weight of such partition and the adjacent floor, less the live load, on a strip of floor one foot (305 mm) in width. When partitions occur perpendicular to the joists, they shall be treated as concentrated loads, and joists shall be investigated as indicated in Section 6.1.

### SPECIFYING DESIGN LOADS

Neither the Steel Joist Institute nor the joist manufacturer establishes the loading requirements for which structures are designed.

The specifying professional shall provide the nominal loads and load combinations as stipulated by the applicable code under which the structure is designed and shall provide the design basis (ASD or LRFD).

The specifying professional shall calculate and provide the magnitude and location of ALL JOIST and JOIST GIRDER LOADS. This includes all special loads (drift loads, mechanical units, net uplift, axial loads, moments, structural bracing loads, or other applied loads) which are to be incorporated into the joist or Joist Girder design. For Joist Girders, reactions from supported members shall be clearly denoted as point loads on the Joist Girder. When necessary to clearly convey the information, a Load Diagram or Load Schedule shall be provided.



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The specifying professional shall give due consideration to the following loads and load effects:

1. Ponded rain water.
2. Accumulation of snow in the vicinity of obstructions such as penthouses, signs, parapets, adjacent buildings, etc.
3. Wind.
4. Type and magnitude of end moments and/or axial forces at the joist and Joist Girder end supports shall be shown on the structural drawings. For moment resisting joists or Joist Girders framing at or near the top of a column, due consideration shall be given to extend the column length to allow a plate type connection between the top of the joist or Joist Girder top chord and the column.

Avoid transferring joist or Joist Girder end moments and axial forces through the bearing seat connection.

A note shall be provided on the structural drawings stating that all moment resisting joists shall have all dead loads applied to the joist before the bottom chord struts are welded to the supporting connection whenever the moments provided do not include dead load.

The top and bottom chord moment connection details shall be designed by the specifying professional. The joist designer shall furnish the specifying professional with the joist detail information if requested.

The nominal loads, as determined by the specifying professional, shall not be less than that specified in the applicable building codes.

Where concentrated loads occur, the magnitude and location of these concentrated loads shall be shown on the structural drawings when, in the opinion of the specifying professional, they shall require consideration by the joist manufacturer. For nominal concentrated loads, which have been accounted for in the specified uniform design loads, a "strut" to transfer the load to a panel point on the opposite chord shall not be required provided that the sum of the concentrated loads within a chord panel does not exceed 100 pounds and the attachments are concentric to the chord.

### (a) Specifying Joist Design Loads

The Steel Joist Institute Load Tables are based on uniform loading conditions and are valid for use in selecting joist sizes for gravity loads that can be expressed in terms of "pounds per linear foot" (kiloNewtons per meter) of joist.

The specifying professional shall use one of the five options described below that allows:

- The estimator to price the joists.
- The joist manufacturer to design the joists properly.
- The owner to obtain the most economical joists.

**Option 1:** Select a joist designation from the Standard Load Table (or specify a joist type using a uniform load in the designation) which has been determined to be adequate for all design loads. The shear and moment envelope resulting from the selected uniform load shall meet the actual shear and moment requirements. Thus, this option alone may not be adequate if large concentrated loads need to be designed for.

**Option 2:** Select a joist designation from the Standard Load Table (or specify a joist type using a uniform load in the designation) and also provide the load and location of any additional loads on the structural plan with a note "Joist manufacturer shall design joists for additional loads at locations shown." This option works well for a few added loads per joist with known magnitude and locations.



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**Option 3:** For additional point loads with exact locations not known along the joist or for incidental loads, any one, or both, of the following can be specified on the structural plan in addition to option 1 or 2 above:

- “Design for a ( ) lb. concentrated load located at any one panel point along the joist”.** This is referred to as an “Add-Load”.
- “Design for additional bending stresses resulting from a ( ) lb. concentrated load located at any location along ( ) chord”.** This is referred to as a “Bend-Check” and can be specified on top chord, bottom chord, or both top and bottom chords. This can be used when the concentrated load is already accounted for in the joist designation, uniform load, or specified Add-Load yet this specified amount of load shall be permitted to also be located at any location between panel points. The additional bending stresses as a result of this load are then designed for. A Bend-Check load shall not exceed (Add-Load + 400 lbs.) A Bend-Check load can be specified by itself without an Add-Load.
- Both (a) and (b) above can be specified with equal concentrated loads for each; or simply denote **“Design joist for a ( ) lb. concentrated load at any location along the ( ) chord.”**

Example uses:

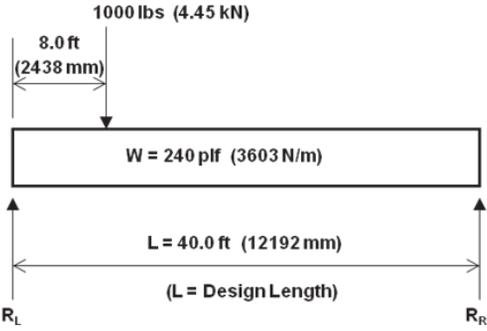
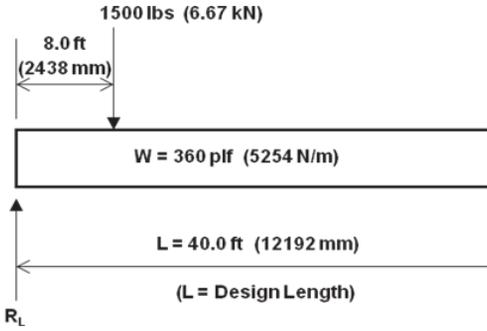
- Specifying professional selects a standard joist capable of carrying a 500 lb. RTU. However, the location and exact frame size is not yet known but the frame load shall result in two- 250 lbs. point loads at least 5'-0" apart. **Specify a 250 lb. Bend-Check**
- Standard joist specified but not selected for 500 lb. RTU load, location not known. **Specify a 500 lb. Add-Load and 250 lb. Bend-check.**
- Standard SJI joist selected to carry collateral load of 3 psf. Specifying professional wants bending from 150 lb. incidental loads to also be designed for. **Specify a 150 lb. Bend-Check.**

**Option 4:** Select a KCS joist using moment and end reaction without specifying added loads or diagrams. This option works well for concentrated loads for which exact locations are not known or for multiple loading.

- Determine the maximum moment.
- Determine the maximum end reaction (shear).
- Select the required KCS joist that provides the required moment and end reaction (shear). Note that the top chord end panel is designed for axial load based on the force in the first tension web, which is based on the specified end reaction. A uniform load of 825 plf (12030 N/m) LRFD or 550 plf (8020 N/m) ASD is used to check end panel bending. If the end panel loading exceeds this, reduce the joist spacing or go to Option 5.
- Specify on the structural drawings that an extra web shall be field applied at all concentrated loads not occurring at panel points.



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OPTION 4 - ASD EXAMPLE 1:	OPTION 4 - LRFD EXAMPLE 1:
U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS AND (METRIC UNITS)	U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS AND (METRIC UNITS)
 <p>1000 lbs (4.45 kN) 8.0 ft (2438 mm) W = 240 plf (3603 N/m) L = 40.0 ft (12192 mm) (L = Design Length) RL RR</p>	 <p>1500 lbs (6.67 kN) 8.0 ft (2438 mm) W = 360 plf (5254 N/m) L = 40.0 ft (12192 mm) (L = Design Length) RL RR</p>
<p>M = 625 k-in. (70.6 kN-m)  <math>R_L = 5600</math> lbs (24.9 kN), <math>R_R = 5000</math> lbs (22.2 kN)                      Select a 22KCS3, M = 658 k-in. (74.3 kN-m)  <math>R = 6600</math> lbs (29.3 kN)                      Bridging section no. 9 for L = 40 ft. (12192 mm)                      Use 22K9 to determine bridging and stability requirements.                      Since a standard KCS Joist can be selected from the load table a load diagram is not required.</p>	<p>M = 938 k-in. (105.9 kN-m)  <math>R_L = 8400</math> lbs (37.37 kN), <math>R_R = 7500</math> lbs (33.36 kN)                      Select a 22KCS3, M = 987 k-in. (111.5 kN-m)  <math>R = 9900</math> lbs (44.0 kN)                      Bridging section no. 9 for L = 40 ft. (12192 mm)                      Use 22K9 to determine bridging and stability requirements.                      Since a standard KCS Joist can be selected from the load table a load diagram is not required.</p>



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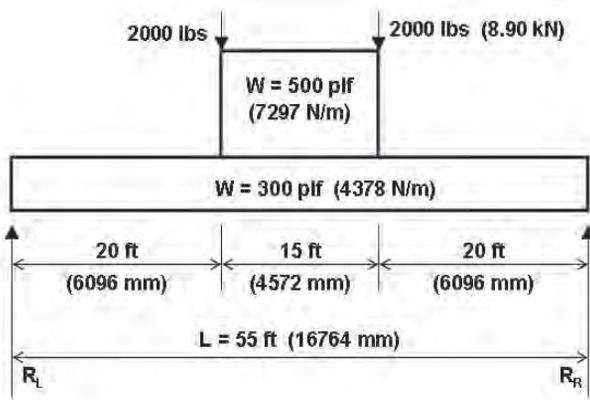
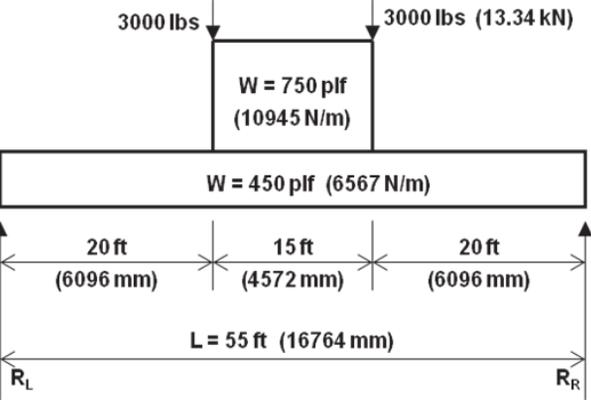
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OPTION 4 - ASD EXAMPLE 2:	OPTION 4 - LRFD EXAMPLE 2:
U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS AND (METRIC UNITS)	U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS AND (METRIC UNITS)
<p><math>M = 443 \text{ k-in. (50.1 kN-m)}</math></p> <p><math>R_L = 5000 \text{ lbs (22.24 kN)}, R_R = 5340 \text{ lbs (23.75 kN)}</math></p> <p>Select a 22KCS2, <math>M = 488 \text{ k-in. (55.1 kN-m)}</math></p> <p><math>R = 5900 \text{ lbs (26.2 kN)}</math></p> <p>Bridging section no. 6 for <math>L = 30 \text{ ft. (9144 mm)}</math></p> <p>Use 22K6 to determine bridging and stability requirements. Since the maximum uniform load of 430 plf [6275 N/m] (270 plf (3940 N/m) + 160 plf (2335 N/m)] does not exceed the maximum KCS Joist uniform load of 550 plf (8020 N/m) and a standard KCS Joist can be selected from the load table, a load diagram is not required.</p>	<p><math>M = 664 \text{ k-in. (75.03 kN-m)}</math></p> <p><math>R_L = 7500 \text{ lbs (33.36 kN)}, R_R = 8010 \text{ lbs (35.63 kN)}</math></p> <p>Select a 22KCS2, <math>M = 732 \text{ k-in. (82.64 kN-m)}</math></p> <p><math>R = 8850 \text{ lbs (39.3 kN)}</math></p> <p>Bridging section no. 6 for <math>L = 30 \text{ ft. (9144mm)}</math></p> <p>Use 22K6 to determine bridging and stability requirements. Since the maximum <b>factored</b> uniform load of 645 plf (9413 N/m) (405 plf (5911 N/m) + 240 plf (3503 N/m)) does not exceed the maximum KCS Joist uniform load of 825 plf (12030 N/m) and a standard KCS Joist can be selected from the load table, a load diagram is not required.</p>



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OPTION 4 - ASD EXAMPLE 3:	OPTION 4 - LRFD EXAMPLE 3:
U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS AND (METRIC UNITS)	U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS AND (METRIC UNITS)
	
<p>M = 2910 k-in. (328.8 kN-m)  <math>R_L = R_R = 14000</math> lbs (62.28 kN)                      EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF 30KCS5 (MAXIMUM KCS JOIST) AND EXCEEDS MAXIMUM UNIFORM LOAD OF 550 plf (8027 N/m).  <b>OPTION A:</b> Use double joists each having a minimum moment capacity, <math>M = 1455</math> k-in. (164.4 kN-m) and shear capacity, <math>R = 7000</math> lbs (31.14 kN) and a uniform load of 400 plf (5838 N/m).                      Select two 28KCS5, <math>M = 1704</math> k-in. (192.5 kN-m),  <math>R = 9200</math> lbs (40.9 kN).                      Bridging section no. 12 for <math>L = 55</math> ft. (16764 mm). Use 28K12 to determine bridging and stability requirements.  <b>OPTION B:</b> Select a LH-Series Joist. See OPTION 5.</p>	<p>M = 4365 k-in. (493.2 kN-m)  <math>R_L = R_R = 21000</math> lbs (93.41 kN)                      EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF 30KCS5 (MAXIMUM KCS JOIST) AND EXCEEDS MAXIMUM <b>FACTORED</b> UNIFORM LOAD OF 825 plf (12040 N/m).  <b>OPTION A:</b> Use double joists each having a minimum moment capacity, <math>M = 2183</math> k-in. (246.65 kN-m) and shear capacity, <math>R = 10500</math> lbs (46.71 kN) and a uniform load of 600 plf (8756 N/m).                      Select two 28KCS5, <math>M = 2556</math> k-in. (288.7 kN-m),  <math>R = 13800</math> lbs (61.3 kN).                      Bridging section no. 12 for <math>L = 55</math> ft. (16764 mm) Use 28K12 to determine bridging and stability requirements.  <b>OPTION B:</b> Select a LH-Series Joist. See OPTION 5.</p>

**Option 5:** Specify a SPECIAL joist designation when the joist includes more complex loading or for conditions which need consideration of multiple potentially controlling load combinations.

- Provide a load diagram and/or enough information on the drawings to clearly define ALL loads.
- If the loading criteria are too complex to adequately communicate on the drawings or with a simple load diagram, then the specifying professional shall provide a load schedule along with the appropriate load combinations. Regardless of where the loads are shown, unfactored design loads broken down by load categories shall be provided in order to design the joists correctly with applicable load combinations.

Place the designation (e.g. 28K SP or 28LH SP) with the following note: "Joist manufacturer to design joist to support loads as shown."



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OPTION 5 - ASD EXAMPLE: U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS AND (METRIC UNITS)	OPTION 5 - LRFD EXAMPLE: U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS AND (METRIC UNITS)
Load diagram per ASCE 7 2.4.1(3), D + S	Unfactored Load diagram per ASCE 7 2.3.2(3), 1.2D+1.6S
<p>32LH SP Joist manufacturer to design joist to support loads as shown above.</p>	<p>32LH SP Joist manufacturer to design joist to support <b>unfactored</b> loads as shown above.</p>
PLEASE NOTE THE LOAD COMBINATIONS SHOWN ARE FOR REFERENCE EXAMPLES ONLY.	

### CAUTION FOR OPTIONS 1 thru 5 ABOVE:

1. If a K-Series joist is being specified, the specifying professional shall compare the equivalent uniform loads derived from the maximum moment and shear to the uniform loads tabulated in the **K-Series Load Table**. An equivalent unfactored uniform load in excess of 550 plf (8020 N/m) or a maximum unfactored end reaction exceeding 9200 lbs. (40.9 kN) indicates that the specifying professional shall use additional joists to reduce the loading or use an **LH-Series** joist and make provisions for 5 inch (127 mm) deep bearing seats.
2. If the joist has not been designed for localized accumulation of loads which results in a point or concentrated load, this load attachment shall be made at top or bottom chord panel points. Therefore, specify on the structural drawings, "Where concentrated loads do not occur at panel points, an extra web shall be field applied from the point of attachment to a panel point on the opposite chord".

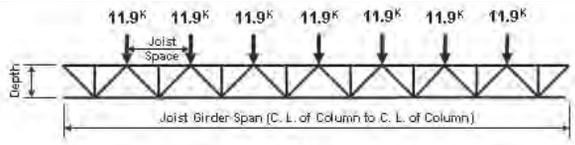
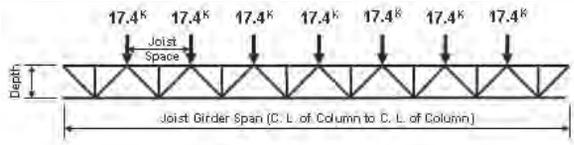
### (b) Specifying Joist Girder Design Loads

The Steel Joist Institute's Design Guide ASD or LRFD Weight Tables for Joist Girders are based on uniformly spaced panel point loading conditions and are valid for use in selecting Joist Girder sizes for gravity conditions that can be expressed in kips (kiloNewtons) per panel point on the Joist Girder. Note that anything other than point loads shall be shown unfactored or in a schedule. For a given Joist Girder span, the specifying professional first determines the number of joist spaces. Then the panel point loads are calculated and a depth is selected. The information provided in the tables gives the Joist Girder weight in pounds per linear foot (kiloNewtons per meter) for various depths and loads.

1. The purpose of the Joist Girder Design Guide Weight Table is to assist the specifying professional in the selection of a roof or floor support system.
2. It is not necessary to use only the depths, spans, or loads shown in the tables.
3. Holes in chord elements present special problems which shall be considered by both the specifying professional and the Joist Girder Manufacturer. The sizes and locations of such holes shall be clearly indicated on the structural drawings.
4. Live load deflection rarely governs because of the relatively small span to depth ratios of Joist Girders. However, it is recommended that a breakdown of the point loads, by load category (i.e. TL/LL), be provided so specified deflection requirements and load combinations can be properly accounted for in design.



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Example using <u>Allowable Strength Design (ASD)</u> and U. S. Customary units:	Example using <u>Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD)</u> and U. S. Customary units:						
 <p style="text-align: center;">STANDARD DESIGNATION</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">44G</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">8N</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">11.9K</td> </tr> </table> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Depth in Inches      Number of Joist Spaces      Load in Kips at Each Panel Point</p>	44G	8N	11.9K	 <p style="text-align: center;">STANDARD DESIGNATION</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">44G</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">8N</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">17.4F</td> </tr> </table> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Depth in Inches      Number of Joist Spaces      Factored Load in Kips at Each Panel Point</p>	44G	8N	17.4F
44G	8N	11.9K					
44G	8N	17.4F					
<p>Given 42'-0" x 50'-0" bay. Joists spaced on 5'-3" centers</p> <p>Live Load = 30 psf                  Dead Load = 15 psf                  (includes the approximate Joist Girder weight)                  Total Load = 45 psf</p> <p>Note: Web configuration may vary from that shown. Contact joist manufacturer if exact layout must be known.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine number of actual joist spaces (N). In this example, N = 8.</li> <li>Compute total load: Total load = 5.25 x 45 psf = 236.25 plf</li> <li>Joist Girder Section: (Interior)                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compute the factored concentrated load at top chord panel points <math>P = 236.25 \times 50 = 11,813 \text{ lbs} = 11.9 \text{ kips}</math> (use 12K for depth selection).</li> <li>Select Joist Girder depth: Refer to the ASD Joist Girder Design Guide Weight Table for the 42'-0" span, 8 panel, 12.0K Joist Girder. The rule of about one inch of depth for each foot of span is a good compromise of limited depth and economy. Therefore, select a depth of 44 inches.</li> <li>The Joist Girder shall then be designated 44G8N11.9K.</li> <li>The ASD Joist Girder Design Guide Weight Table shows the weight for a 44G8N12K as 49 pounds per linear foot. The designer should verify that the weight is not greater than the weight assumed in the Dead Load above.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Given 42'-0" x 50'-0" bay. Joists spaced on 5'-3" centers</p> <p>Live Load = 30 psf x 1.6                  Dead Load = 15 psf x 1.2                  (includes the approximate Joist Girder weight)                  Total Load = 66 psf (factored)</p> <p>Note: Web configuration may vary from that shown. Contact joist manufacturer if exact layout must be known.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine number of actual joist spaces (N). In this example, N = 8.</li> <li>Compute total factored load: Total load = 5.25 x 66 psf = 346.50 plf</li> <li>Joist Girder Section: (Interior)                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compute the factored concentrated load at top chord panel points <math>P = 346.5 \times 50 = 17,325 \text{ lbs} = 17.4 \text{ kips}</math> (use 18K for depth selection).</li> <li>Select Joist Girder depth: Refer to the LRFD Joist Girder Design Guide Weight Table for the 42'-0" span, 8 panel, 18.0K Joist Girder. The rule of about one inch of depth for each foot of span is a good compromise of limited depth and economy. Therefore, select a depth of 44 inches.</li> <li>The Joist Girder shall then be designated 44G8N17.4F. Note that the letter "F" is included at the end of the designation to clearly indicate that this is a factored load.</li> <li>The LRFD Joist Girder Design Guide Weight Table shows the weight for a 44G8N18.0F as 49 pounds per linear foot. The designer should verify that the weight is not greater than the weight assumed in the Dead Load above.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>						



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e) Check live load deflection:

$$\text{Live load} = 30 \text{ psf} \times 50 \text{ ft.} = 1500 \text{ plf}$$

$$\text{Approximate Joist Girder moment of inertia} = 0.027 \text{ NPLd}$$

$$= 0.027 \times 8 \times 11.9 \times 42 \times 44 = 4750 \text{ in.}^4$$

Allowable deflection for plastered ceilings

$$= L/360 = \frac{42(12)}{360} = 1.40 \text{ in.}$$

$$\Delta = 1.15 \left[ \frac{5wL^4}{384EI} \right] = \frac{1.15(5)(1.500/12)[(42)(12)]^4}{384(29000)(4750)}$$

$$= 0.88 \text{ in.} < 1.40 \text{ in., Okay}$$

e) Check live load deflection:

$$\text{Live load} = 30 \text{ psf} \times 50 \text{ ft.} = 1500 \text{ plf}$$

$$\text{Approximate Joist Girder moment of inertia} = 0.018 \text{ NPLd}$$

$$= 0.018 \times 8 \times 17.4 \times 42 \times 44 = 4630 \text{ in.}^4$$

Allowable deflection for plastered ceilings

$$= L/360 = \frac{42(12)}{360} = 1.40 \text{ in.}$$

$$\Delta = 1.15 \left[ \frac{5wL^4}{384EI} \right] = \frac{1.15(5)(1.500/12)[(42)(12)]^4}{384(29000)(4630)}$$

$$= 0.90 \text{ in.} < 1.40 \text{ in., Okay}$$

(c) **Load Schedule Example**

### LOAD SCHEDULE (All Loads are to be shown as unfactored)

MARK	DESIGNATION <sup>(1)</sup> ( TL/LL ) Joists: (plf) Girders: (kips)	LOADING <sup>(2)</sup>		W WIND		ADD-LOAD <sup>(6)</sup> TL/LL (kips)	BEND-CHECK <sup>(7)</sup>		REMARKS
		DL <sup>(3)</sup> (plf)	LL <sup>(4)</sup> or L <sub>r</sub> /S/R (plf)	DOWN WARD (plf)	NET <sup>(5)</sup> UPLIFT (plf)		D TC (kips)	D BC (kips)	
J1	18KSP	120	185		180	1.0/0.6		0.3	Axial Loads Wind Moments Drift Loads, see diagram
J2	24K7SP	85	155						
J3	28LHSP	110	355	95	175	0.5			
G1	36G5N6.5K/3.5K				360				End Moments

(1) Joist designation loads include all uniform gravity loads. **Provide both Total and Live loads.**

(2) Loading values are not required if designation loading values are correct for deflection and load combinations.

(3) When standard SJI designations are used, the design Dead Load is required for load combinations with Wind or Seismic.

(4) The Floor or Roof Live load, Snow, or Rain load.

(5) When Net Uplift is specified for simple loading, it shall already take into account possible reduced Dead Loading present in order to create the largest Net uplift load combination. For more complex loading or when the Dead Load varies greatly for use in load combinations below, **Gross** uplift should be specified with the minimum and maximum Dead Loading values clearly defined. If the uplift cannot be assigned in pounds per lineal foot, a diagram can be shown for joist loading using pounds per square foot.

(6) A concentrated load applied at any panel point on both the top chord and bottom chord.

(7) Chord members shall be designed for additional bending stresses created by this concentrated Total load.



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MARK	DESIGNATION <sup>(1)</sup> (TL/LL) Joists: (plf) Girders: (kips)	MIN. I (in. <sup>4</sup> )	AXIAL			END MOMENTS								TRANSFER DETAILS @ GRIDS	
			W WIND (kips)	E SEISMIC (kips)	E <sub>m</sub> (kips)	LIVE LOAD CONTINUITY MOMENTS (k-ft.)		LATERAL MOMENTS (k-ft.)							
						LEFT	RIGHT	W WIND		E		E <sub>m</sub>			
J1 J2 G1	18KSP 24K7SP 36G5N6.5K/3.5K	985	W=18.0	E=21.8		40	40	35	35						9/S8 @ 4  11/S8 @ B,C

When lateral moments are specified, continuity moments **shall** also be specified. A Load Schedule which shows a complete breakdown of all loads by Load Category may be required.

When special loads as shown in the tables above are specified, the load combinations to be used for joist and Joist Girder design **shall** be provided. Two examples showing how to list load combinations are shown below:

ASD example- Basic Load Combinations	LRFD example - Basic Load Combinations
1. D	1. 1.4D
2. D + L	2. 1.2D + 1.6L + 0.5(L <sub>r</sub> or S or R)
3. D + (L <sub>r</sub> or S or R)	3. 1.2D + 1.6(L <sub>r</sub> or S or R) + (1.0L or 0.8W)
4. D + 0.75L + 0.75(L <sub>r</sub> or S or R)	4. 1.2D + 1.6W + 1.0L + 0.5(L <sub>r</sub> or S or R)
5. D + (W or 0.7E)	5. 1.2D + 1.0E + 1.0L + 0.2S
6. D + 0.75(W or 0.7E) + 0.75L + 0.75(L <sub>r</sub> or S or R)	6. 0.9D + 1.6W
7. 0.6D + W	7. 0.9D + 1.0E
8. 0.6D + 0.7E	
Special Seismic Load Combinations	Special Seismic Load Combinations
9. D + 0.7E <sub>m</sub>	8. 1.2D + 1.0L + E <sub>m</sub>
10. D + 0.525E <sub>m</sub> + 0.75L + 0.75(L <sub>r</sub> or S or R)	9. 0.9D + E <sub>m</sub>
11. 0.6D + 0.7E <sub>m</sub>	

### 2.4 SLOPED END BEARINGS

Where steel joists or Joist Girders are sloped, beveled ends or sloped end bearings may be provided where the slope exceeds 1/4 inch in 12 inches (1:48). When sloped end bearings are required, the seat depths shall be adjusted to maintain the standard height at the shallow end of the sloped bearing. For Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series**, bearing ends shall be permitted to not be beveled for slopes of 1/4 inch or less in 12 inches (1:48).

### 2.5 JOIST AND JOIST GIRDER EXTENSIONS

Steel joist and Joist Girder extensions shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption.

The magnitude and location of the loads to be supported, deflection requirements, and proper bracing of joist or Joist Girder Top Chord Extensions (S Type), Extended Ends (R Type) or full depth cantilever ends shall be clearly indicated on the structural drawings.



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### 2.6 CEILING EXTENSIONS

Ceiling extensions shall be furnished to support ceilings which are to be attached to the bottom of the joists. They are not furnished for the support of suspended ceilings. The ceiling extension shall be either an extended bottom chord element or a loose unit, whichever is standard with the manufacturer, and shall be of sufficient strength to properly support the ceiling.

### 2.7 BRIDGING AND BRIDGING ANCHORS

(a) Bridging standard with the manufacturer and complying with the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption shall be used for bridging all joists furnished by the manufacturer. Positive anchorage shall be provided at the ends of each bridging row at both top and bottom chords.

(b) For **K-** and **LH-**Series joists horizontal bridging is recommended for spans up to and including 60 feet (18288 mm) except where the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables require bolted diagonal bridging for erection stability.

**LH-** and **DLH-**Series joists exceeding 60 feet (18288 mm) in length shall have bolted diagonal bridging for all rows.

Refer to Section 6 in the **K-Series** Standard Specification and Section 105 in the **LH/DLH-Series** Standard Specification for erection stability requirements.

Refer to Appendix B for OSHA steel joist erection stability requirements.

Horizontal bridging shall consist of continuous horizontal steel members designed per the applicable **K-Series** Standard Specification Section 5 or Section 104 in the **LH/DLH-Series** Standard Specification. The material sizes shown in Tables 2.7-1a and 2.7-1b meet the criteria. Alternately, or for "load/load" designation joists, Table 2.7-1c provides the maximum horizontal bridging force,  $P_{br}$ , for various combinations of joist spacing and bridging angle size.

(c) Diagonal cross bridging consisting of angles or other shapes connected to the top and bottom chords of **K-**, **LH-**, and **DLH-Series** joists shall be used when required by the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption.

Diagonal bridging, when used, shall be designed per the applicable **K-Series** Standard Specification Section 5 or Section 104 in the **LH/DLH-Series** Standard Specification.

When the bridging members are connected at their point of intersection, the material sizes listed in Table 2.7-2 and Table 2.7-3 shall meet the above specifications.

For **LH/DLH-Series** joists, where the joist spacing is less than 70 percent of the joist depth, bolted horizontal bridging shall be provided in addition to the diagonal bridging, as shown in Table 2.7-3.

(d) When bolted diagonal erection bridging is required, the following shall apply:

1. The bridging shall be indicated on the joist placement plan.
2. The joist placement plan shall be the exclusive indicator for the proper placement of this bridging.
3. Shop installed bridging clips, or functional equivalents, shall be provided where the bridging bolts to the steel joist.
4. When two pieces of bridging are attached to the steel joist by a common bolt, the nut that secures the first piece of bridging shall not be removed from the bolt for the attachment of the second piece.
5. Bridging attachments shall not protrude above the top chord of the steel joists.
6. See Table 2.7-4 for bolt sizes that meet the connection requirements of the **K-Series** Standard Specification Section 5 and the **LH/DLH-Series** Standard Specification Section 104.



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**TABLE 2.7-1a**

K-SERIES JOISTS MAXIMUM JOIST SPACING FOR HORIZONTAL BRIDGING							
JOIST SECTION NUMBER*	Bridging Force P <sub>br</sub>	BRIDGING MATERIAL SIZE**					
		Equal Leg Angles					
		1 x 7/64 (25 x 3 mm) r = 0.20" (5.08 mm)	1-1/4 x 7/64 (32 x 3 mm) r = 0.25" (6.35 mm)	1-1/2 x 7/64 (38 x 3 mm) r = 0.30" (7.62 mm)	1-3/4 x 7/64 (45 x 3 mm) r = 0.35" (8.89 mm)	2 x 1/8 (52 x 3 mm) r = 0.40" (10.16 mm)	2-1/2 x 5/32 (64 x 4 mm) r = 0.50" (12.70 mm)
lbs (N)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	
<b>1 to 8, incl.</b>	340 (1512)	5'- 0" (1524)	6'- 3" (1905)	7'- 6" (2286)	8'- 7" (2616)	10'- 0" (3048)	12'- 6" (3810)
<b>9 to 10, incl.</b>	450 (2002)	4'- 4" (1321)	6'- 1" (1854)	7'- 6" (2286)	8'- 7" (2616)	10'- 0" (3048)	12'- 6" (3810)
<b>11 to 12, incl</b>	560 (2491)	3'- 11" (1194)	5'- 6" (1676)	7'- 3" (2210)	8'- 7" (2616)	10'- 0" (3048)	12'- 6" (3810)

\*Refer to last digit(s) of Joist Designation

\*\*Connection to joist shall resist a nominal unfactored 700 pound force (3114 N)



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**TABLE 2.7-1b**

LH-SERIES JOISTS MAXIMUM JOIST SPACING FOR HORIZONTAL BRIDGING SPANS OVER 60 ft. (18.3 m) REQUIRE BOLTED DIAGONAL BRIDGING							
Joist Section Number*	Force $P_{br}$ lbs (N)	BRIDGING MATERIAL SIZE**					
		Equal Leg Angles					
		1 x 7/64 (25 x 3 mm) r = 0.20" (5.08 mm)	1-1/4 x 7/64 (32 x 3 mm) r = 0.25" (6.35 mm)	1-1/2 x 7/64 (38 x 3 mm) r = 0.30" (7.62 mm)	1-3/4 x 7/64 (45 x 3 mm) r = 0.35" (8.89 mm)	2 x 1/8 (52 x 3 mm) r = 0.40" (10.16 mm)	2-1/2 x 5/32 (64 x 4 mm) r = 0.50" (12.70 mm)
ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)		
02 to 03, incl.	400 (1779)	4'-7" (1397)	6'-3" (1905)	7'-6" (2286)	8'-9" (2667)	10'-0" (3048)	12'-6" (3810)
04 to 05, incl.	550 (2447)	3'-11" (1194)	5'-6" (1676)	7'-4" (2235)	8'-9" (2667)	10'-0" (3048)	12'-6" (3810)
06 to 08, incl.	750 (3336)		4'-9" (1448)	6'-3" (1905)	7'-11" (2413)	10'-0" (3048)	12'-6" (3810)
09	850 (3781)		4'-5" (1346)	5'-10" (1778)	7'-5" (2261)	9'-9" (2972)	12'-6" (3810)
10	900 (4003)		4'-4" (1321)	5'-8" (1727)	7'-3" (2210)	9'-5" (2870)	12'-6" (3810)
11	950 (4226)		4'-2" (1270)	5'-7" (1702)	7'-0" (2134)	9'-2" (2794)	12'-6" (3810)
12	1100 (4893)		3'-11" (1194)	5'-2" (1575)	6'-8" (2032)	8'-6" (2591)	12'-6" (3810)
13	1200 (5338)		3'-9" (1143)	4'-11" (1499)	6'-3" (1905)	8'-2" (2489)	12'-6" (3810)
14	1300 (5783)			4'-9" (1448)	6'-0" (1829)	7'-10" (2388)	12'-4" (3759)
15	1450 (6450)			4'-6" (1372)	5'-8" (1727)	7'-5" (2261)	11'-8" (3556)
16 to 17, incl.	1850 (8229)			4'-0" (1219)	5'-0" (1524)	6'-7" (2007)	10'-4" (3150)
18 to 20, incl.	2000 (8896)			3'-10" (1168)	4'-10" (1473)	6'-4" (1930)	9'-11" (3023)
21 to 22, incl.	2500 (11120)				4'-4" (1321)	5'-8" (1727)	8'-10" (2692)
23 to 24, incl.	3100 (13789)				3'-10" (1168)	5'-1" (1549)	7'-11" (2413)
25	3500 (15569)					4'-9" (1448)	7'-6" (2286)

\* Refer to last two digit(s) of Joist Designation

\*\* Connection to joist shall resist force listed in Table 104.5-1



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**TABLE 2.7-1c**

JOIST SPACING (ft.-in.)	MAXIMUM BRIDGING FORCE ( $P_{br}$ ) FOR HORIZONTAL BRIDGING (lbs)						
	BRIDGING ANGLE SIZE (EQUAL LEG ANGLE)						
	1 x 7/64 r = 0.20"	1¼ x 7/64 r = 0.25"	1½ x 7/64 r = 0.30"	1¾ x 7/64 r = 0.35"	2 x 1/8 r = 0.40"	2½ x 5/32 r = 0.50"	3 x 3/16 r = 0.60"
2'-0"	2150	3960	5600				
2'-6"	1370	2730	4410	5910			
3'-0"	950	1890	3290	4850			
3'-6"	700	1390	2420	3840	6180		
4'-0"	530	1060	1850	2960	5030		
4'-6"	420	840	1460	2340	4000		
5'-0"	340	680	1180	1890	3240		
5'-6"	-	560	980	1560	2670		
6'-0"	-	470	820	1310	2250	5490	
6'-6"	-	-	700	1120	1910	4680	
7'-0"	-	-	600	960	1650	4030	
7'-6"	-	-	520	840	1440	3510	
8'-0"	-	-	-	740	1260	3090	
8'-6"	-	-	-	650	1120	2740	5680
9'-0"	-	-	-	-	1000	2440	5060
9'-6"	-	-	-	-	890	2190	4540
10'-0"	-	-	-	-	810	1970	4100
10'-6"	-	-	-	-	-	1790	3720
11'-0"	-	-	-	-	-	1630	3390
11'-6"	-	-	-	-	-	1490	3100
12'-0"	-	-	-	-	-	1370	2850



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TABLE 2.7-2

K, LH, and DLH SERIES JOISTS MAXIMUM JOIST SPACING FOR DIAGONAL BRIDGING								
JOIST DEPTH	BRIDGING ANGLE SIZE – (EQUAL LEG ANGLE)							
	1 x 7/64 (25 x 3 mm) r = 0.20" (5.08 mm)	1-1/4 x 7/64 (32 x 3 mm) r = 0.25" (6.35 mm)	1-1/2 x 7/64 (38 x 3 mm) r = 0.30" (7.62 mm)	1-3/4 x 7/64 (45 x 3 mm) r = 0.35" (8.89 mm)	2 x 1/8 (50 x 3 mm) r = 0.40" (10.16 mm)	2 1/2 x 5/32 (64 x 4 mm) r = 0.50" (12.70 mm)	3 x 3/16 (76 x 5 mm) r = 0.60" (15.24 mm)	3 1/2 x 1/4 (89 x 6 mm) r = 0.70" (17.78 mm)
in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)
12" (305)	6'-7" (2007)	8'-3" (2514)	9'-11"(3022)	11'-7" (3530)	13'-3"(4038)	16'-7"(5055)	19'-11"(6070)	23'-3"(7086)
14" (356)	6'-6" (1981)	8'-3" (2514)	9'-11"(3022)	11'-7" (3530)	13'-3"(4038)	16'-7"(5055)	19'-11"(6070)	23'-3"(7086)
16" (406)	6'-6" (1981)	8'-2" (2489)	9'-10"(2997)	11'-7" (3530)	13'-3"(4038)	16'-7"(5055)	19'-11"(6070)	23'-3"(7086)
18" (457)	6'-6" (1981)	8'-2" (2489)	9'-10"(2997)	11'-6" (3505)	13'-3"(4038)	16'-7"(5055)	19'-11"(6070)	23'-3"(7086)
20" (508)	6'-5" (1955)	8'-2" (2489)	9'-10"(2997)	11'-6" (3505)	13'-2"(4013)	16'-7"(5055)	19'-11"(6070)	23'-3"(7086)
22" (559)	6'-4" (1930)	8'-1" (2463)	9'-10"(2997)	11'-6" (3505)	13'-2"(4013)	16'-6"(5029)	19'-11"(6070)	23'-3"(7086)
24" (610)	6'-4" (1930)	8'-1" (2463)	9'-9" (2971)	11'-5" (3479)	13'-2"(4013)	16'-6"(5029)	19'-10"(6045)	23'-3"(7086)
26" (660)	6'-3" (1905)	8'-0" (2438)	9'-9" (2971)	11'-5" (3479)	13'-1"(3987)	16'-6"(5029)	19'-10"(6045)	23'-2"(7061)
28" (711)	6'-3" (1905)	8'-0" (2438)	9'-8" (2946)	11'-5" (3479)	13'-1"(3987)	16'-6"(5029)	19'-10"(6045)	23'-2"(7061)
30" (762)	6'-2" (1879)	7'-11 (2413)	9'-8" (2946)	11'-4" (3454)	13'-1"(3987)	16'-5"(5004)	19'-10"(6045)	23'-2"(7061)
32" (813)	6'-1" (1854)	7'-10"(2387)	9'-7" (2921)	11'-4" (3454)	13'-0" (3962)	16'-5"(5004)	19'-9"(6020)	23'-2"(7061)
36" (914)	5'-11"(1803)	7'-9" (2362)	9'-6" (2895)	11'-3" (3429)	12'-11"(3973)	16'-4"(4979)	19'-9"(6020)	23'-1"(7035)
40" (1016)	5'-9"(1753)	7'-7" (2311)	9'-5" (2870)	11'-2" (3403)	12'-10"(3911)	16'-4"(4979)	19'-8"(5994)	23'-1"(7035)
44" (1118)	5'-6"(1676)	7'-5" (2260)	9'-3" (2819)	11'-0" (3352)	12'-9" (3886)	16'-3"(4953)	19'-7"(5969)	23'-0"(7010)
48" (1219)	5'-4"(1626)	7'-3" (2209)	9'-2" (2794)	10'-11"(3327)	12'-8" (3860)	16'-2"(4928)	19'-7"(5969)	22'-11"(6985)
52" (1321)	5'-0"(1524)	7'-1"(2159)	9'-0" (2743)	10'-10" (3302)	12'-7" (3835)	16'-1"(4902)	19'-6"(5943)	22'-11"(6985)
56" (1422)	4'-9"(1448)	6'-10"(2083)	8'-10"(2692)	10'-8" (3251)	12'-5" (3784)	16'-0"(4877)	19'-5"(5918)	22'-10"(6960)
60" (1524)	4'-4"(1321)	6'-8"(2032)	8'-7" (2616)	10'-6" (3200)	12'-4" (3759)	15'-10"(4826)	19'-4"(5893)	22'-9"(6935)
64" (1626)	**	6'-4"(1931)	8'-5" (2565)	10'-4" (3149)	12'-2" (3708)	15'-9" (4801)	19'-3"(5867)	22'-8"(6909)
68" (1727)	**	6'-1"(1854)	8'-2" (2489)	10'-2" (3098)	12'-0" (3657)	15'-8" (4775)	19'-2"(5842)	22'-7"(6884)
72" (1829)	**	5'-9"(1753)	8'-0" (2438)	10'-0" (3048)	11'-10"(3606)	15'-6" (4724)	19'-1" (5816)	22'-6" (6858)
80" (2032)	**	5'-0"(1524)	7'-5"(2260)	9'-6" (2895)	11'-6" (3505)	15'-3" (4648)	18'-10"(5740)	22'-4" (6807)
88" (2235)	**	**	6'-9"(2058)	9'-0" (2743)	11'-1" (3378)	14'-11"(4546)	18'-7" (5664)	22'-1" (6731)
96" (2438)	**	**	6'-0"(1829)	8'-5" (2565)	10'-8"(3251)	14'-7" (4445)	18'-4" (5588)	21'-11"(6680)
104" (2642)	**	**	**	7'-9" (2362)	10'-1"(3073)	14'-2" (4318)	18'-0" (5486)	21'-8" (6604)
112" (2845)	**	**	**	7'-0" (2134)	9'-6"(2895)	13'-9" (4191)	17'-8" (5385)	21'-4" (6503)
120" (3048)	**	**	**	**	8'-9"(2667)	13'-4"(4064)	17'-3" (5258)	21'-1" (6426)

\*\*INTERPOLATION BELOW THE MINIMUM VALUES SHOWN IS NOT ALLOWED.  
SEE TABLE 2.7-3 FOR MINIMUM JOIST SPACE FOR DIAGONAL ONLY BRIDGING.



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**TABLE 2.7-3**

LH AND DLH SERIES JOISTS HORIZONTAL PLUS DIAGONAL BRIDGING REQUIREMENTS		
JOIST DEPTH	MINIMUM JOIST SPACE FOR DIAGONAL ONLY BRIDGING	HORIZONTAL AND DIAGONAL MINIMUM ANGLE SIZE REQUIRED
	(0.70 x DEPTH)*	FOR JOIST SPACING < (0.70 X DEPTH) AND JOIST SPANS > 60'-0" (18.3 m)
in. (mm)	ft.-in. (mm)	in. (mm)
52" (1321)	3'- 0" (914)	1" x 1" x 7/64" (25 x 3)
56" (1422)	3'- 3" (990)	1" x 1" x 7/64" (25 x 3)
60" (1524)	3'- 6" (1066)	1" x 1" x 7/64" (25 x 3)
64" (1626)	3'- 8" (1117)	1 1/4" x 1 1/4" x 7/64" (32 x 3)
68" (1727)	3'-11" (1193)	1 1/4" x 1 1/4" x 7/64" (32 x 3)
72" (1829)	4'- 2" (1270)	1 1/4" x 1 1/4" x 7/64" (32 x 3)
80" (2032)	4'- 8" (1422)	1 1/4" x 1 1/4" x 7/64" (32 x 3)
88" (2235)	5'- 1" (1549)	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 7/64" (38 x 3)
96" (2438)	5'- 7" (1702)	1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 7/64" (38 x 3)
104" (2642)	6'- 0" (1829)	1 3/4" x 1 3/4" x 7/64" (44 x 3)
112" (2845)	6'- 6" (1981)	1 3/4" x 1 3/4" x 7/64" (44 x 3)
120" (3048)	7'- 0" (2134)	2" x 2" x 1/8" (51 x 3)

\*NOTE: WHEN THE JOIST SPACING IS LESS THAN 0.70 x JOIST DEPTH, BOLTED HORIZONTAL BRIDGING SHALL BE USED IN ADDITION TO DIAGONAL BRIDGING.

**TABLE 2.7-4**

BOLT SIZES WHICH MEET BOLTED BRIDGING CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS		
JOIST SERIES	SECTION NUMBER*	BOLT DIAMETER
K	ALL	3/8" (10 mm) A307
LH/DLH	2 – 12	3/8" (10 mm) A307
LH/DLH	13 – 17	1/2" (13 mm) A307
DLH	18 – 20	5/8" (16 mm) A307
DLH	21 – 22	5/8" (16 mm) A325
DLH	23 – 25	3/4" (19 mm) A325

\*REFER TO LAST DIGIT(S) OF JOIST DESIGNATION  
NOTE: WASHERS SHALL BE USED WITH SLOTTED OR OVERSIZED HOLES. BOLTS SHALL BE TIGHTENED TO A MINIMUM SNUG TIGHT CONDITION.



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### 2.8 HEADERS

Headers for Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series** as outlined and defined in Section 5.2(a) shall be furnished by the seller. Such headers shall be any type standard with the manufacturer. Conditions involving headers shall be investigated and, if necessary, provisions made to provide a safe condition. Headers are not provided for Longspan Steel Joists, **LH-Series**, and Deep Longspan Steel Joists, **DLH-Series**.

### 2.9 BOTTOM CHORD LATERAL BRACING FOR JOIST GIRDERS

Bottom chord lateral bracing shall be permitted to be furnished to prevent lateral movement of the bottom chord of the Joist Girder and to prevent the ratio of chord length to chord radius of gyration from exceeding that specified in the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption. The lateral bracing shall be that which is standard with the manufacturer, and shall be sufficient to properly brace the bottom chord of the Joist Girder.

## SECTION 3 MATERIALS

### 3.1 STEEL

The steel used in the manufacture of joists and Joist Girders shall comply with the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption.

### 3.2 PAINT

- (a) Standard Shop Paint - The shop coat of paint, when specified, shall comply with the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption.
- (b) Disclaimer - The typical shop applied paint that is used to coat steel joists and Joist Girders is a dip applied, air dried paint. The paint is intended to be an impermanent and provisional coating which shall protect the steel for only a short period of exposure in ordinary atmospheric conditions.

Since most steel joists and Joist Girders are painted using a standard dip coating, the coating shall be permitted to not be uniform and shall be permitted to include drips, runs, and sags. Compatibility of any coating including fire protective coatings applied over the standard shop paint shall be the responsibility of the specifier and/or painting contractor.

The shop applied paint may require field touch-up/repair as a result of, but not limited to, the following:

1. Abrasions from: Bundling, banding, loading and unloading, chains, dunnage during shipping, cables and chains during erection, bridging, installation, and other handling at the jobsite.  
NOTE: Rusting should be expected at any abrasion.
2. Dirt.
3. Diesel smoke.
4. Road salt.
5. Weather conditions during storage.

The joist manufacturer shall not be responsible for the condition of the paint if it is not properly protected after delivery.



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### SECTION 4 **INSPECTION**

Inspections shall be made in accordance with the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables Section 5.12 for **K-Series**, Section 104.13 for **LH-** and **DLH-Series**, and Section 1004.10 for Joist Girders.

### SECTION 5 **ESTIMATING**

#### 5.1 PLANS FOR BIDDING

Plans to serve as the basis for bids shall show the character of the work with sufficient clarity to permit making an accurate estimate and shall show the following:

- Designation and location of materials [see Section 5.2(a)], including any special design or configuration requirements.
- Locations and elevations of all steel and concrete supporting members and bearing walls.
- Location and length of joist extended ends.
- Location and size of all openings in floors and roofs.
- Location of all partitions.
- Loads and their locations as defined in Section 6.1.
- Construction and thickness of floor slabs, roof deck, ceilings and partitions.
- Joists or Joist Girders requiring extended bottom chords.
- Paint, if other than manufacturer's standard.

#### 5.2 SCOPE OF ESTIMATE

(a) Unless otherwise specified, the following items shall be included in the estimate, and requirements shall be determined as outlined in Section 6.1.

- Steel Joists.
- Joist Girders.
- Joist Substitutes.
- Joist Extended Ends.
- Ceiling Extensions.
- Extended bottom chord used as strut.
- Bridging and bridging anchors.
- Joist Girder bottom chord bracing.
- Headers which are defined as members supported by and carrying Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series**.
- One shop coat of paint, when specified, shall be in accordance with Section 3.2.



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(b) The following items shall not be included in the estimate but shall be permitted to be quoted and identified by the joist manufacturer as separate items:

Headers for Longspan Steel Joists, **LH-Series**.

Headers for Deep Longspan Steel Joists, **DLH-Series**.

Reinforcement in slabs over joists.

Centering material, decking, and attachments.

Miscellaneous framing between joists for openings at ducts, dumbwaiters, ventilators, skylights, etc.

Loose individual or continuous bearing plates and bolts or anchors for such plates.

Erection bolts for joist and Joist Girder end anchorage.

Horizontal bracing in the plane of the top and bottom chords from joist to joist or joist to structural framing and walls.

Wood nailers.

Moment plates.

Special joist configuration or bridging layouts for ductwork or sprinkler systems.

Shear Studs.

### SECTION 6

## PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

### 6.1 PLANS FURNISHED BY BUYER

The buyer shall furnish the seller plans and specifications as prepared by the **specifying professional** showing all material requirements and steel joist and/or steel Joist Girder designations, the layout of walls, columns, beams, girders and other supports, as well as floor and roof openings and partitions correctly dimensioned. The elevation of finished floors, roofs, and bearings shall be shown with due consideration taken for the effects of dead load deflections.

#### (a) Loads

The **specifying professional** shall clearly provide all design loads as described in Section 2.3. This includes the live loads to be used, the wind uplift if any, the weights of partitions and the location and amount of any special loads, such as monorails, fans, blowers, tanks, etc.

#### (b) Connections

Minimum End Anchorage for simple span gravity loading shall be in accordance with Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications; Section 5.6 for **K-Series**, Section 104.4 for **LH-** and **DLH-Series**, and Section 1004.6 for Joist Girders. The end anchorage of a steel joist or Joist Girder is the connection of the joist or Joist Girder bearing seat to the support of the joist or Joist Girder.

The adequacy of the end anchorage connection (bolted or welded) between the joist or Joist Girder bearing seat and the supporting structure is the responsibility of the **specifying professional**. The contract documents shall clearly illustrate the end anchorage connection.

When the end anchorage is welded, it is recommended that the **specifying professional** consider a smaller fillet weld thickness in conjunction with a longer weld length.



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The **specifying professional** is responsible for bridging termination connections. The contract documents shall clearly illustrate these termination connections.

The joist manufacturer is responsible for the design of the bearing seats of joists or Joist Girders for the loads designated by the **specifying professional** in the contract documents.

### (c) Special Considerations

The **specifying professional** shall indicate on the construction documents special considerations including:

- a) Profiles for non-standard joist and Joist Girder configurations (Standard joist and Joist Girder configurations are as indicated in the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption).
- b) Oversized or other non-standard web openings
- c) Extended Ends
- d) Deflection criteria for live and total loads for non-SJI standard joists
- e) Non-SJI standard bridging

### 6.2 PLANS FURNISHED BY SELLER

The seller shall furnish the buyer with steel joist placement plans to show the material as specified on the construction documents and are to be utilized for field installation in accordance with specific project requirements as stated in Section 6.1. Steel placement plans shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. Listing of all applicable loads as stated in Section 6.1 and used in the design of the steel joists and Joist Girders as specified in the construction documents.
2. Profiles for non-standard joist and Joist Girder configurations (standard joist and Joist Girder configurations are as indicated in the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption).
3. Connection requirements for:
  - a) Joist supports
  - b) Joist Girder supports
  - c) Field splices
  - d) Bridging attachments
4. Deflection criteria for live load and total loads for non-SJI standard joists.
5. Size, location, and connections for all bridging
6. Joist headers

All material shall be identified with its mark which also appears on the bill of material. The shop paint shall be as noted on the joist placement plans. **Steel joist placement plans do not require the seal and signature of the joist manufacturer's registered design professional.**

### 6.3 DISCREPANCIES

The **specifying professional's** bid plans and specifications shall be assumed to be correct in the absence of written notice from the buyer to the contrary. When plans are furnished by the buyer which do not agree with the Architect's bid plans, such detailed plans shall be considered as a written notice of change of plans. However, it shall be the buyer's responsibility to advise the seller of those changes which affect the joists or Joist Girders.



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### 6.4 APPROVAL

When joist placement plans are furnished by the seller, prints thereof are submitted to the buyer and owner for examination and approval. The seller allows a maximum of fourteen (14) calendar days in their schedule for the return of placement plans noted with the owner's and customer's approval, or approval subject to corrections as noted. The seller makes the corrections, furnishes corrected prints for field use to the owner/customer and is released by the owner/customer to start joist manufacture.

Approval by the owner/customer of the placement plans, sections, notes and joist schedule prepared by the seller indicates that the seller has correctly interpreted the contract requirements, and is released by the owner/customer to start joist manufacture. This approval constitutes the owner's/customer's acceptance of all responsibility for the design adequacy of any detail configuration of joist support conditions shown by the seller as part of the preparation of these placement plans.

Approval does not relieve the seller of the responsibility for accuracy of detail dimensions on the plans, nor the general fit-up of joists to be placed in the field.

### 6.5 CHANGES

When any changes in plans are made by the buyer (or the buyer's representative) either prior to or after approval of detailed plans, or when any material is required and was not shown on the plans used as the basis of the bid, the cost of such changes and/or extra material shall be paid by the buyer at a price to be agreed upon between buyer and seller.

### 6.6 CALCULATIONS

The seller shall design the steel joists and/or steel Joist Girders in accordance with the current Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables to support the load requirements of Section 6.1. The **specifying professional** may require submission of the steel joist and Joist Girder calculations as prepared by a registered design professional responsible for the product design. If requested by the **specifying professional**, the steel joist manufacturer shall submit design calculations with a cover letter bearing the seal and signature of the joist manufacturer's registered design professional. In addition to standard calculations under this seal and signature, submittal of the following shall be included:

1. Non-SJI standard bridging details (e.g. for cantilevered conditions, net uplift, etc.)
2. Connection details for:
  - a) Non-SJI standard connections (e.g. flush framed or framed connections)
  - b) Field splices
  - c) Joist headers

## SECTION 7 HANDLING AND ERECTION\*

The buyer and/or erector shall check all materials on arrival at job site and promptly report to seller any discrepancies and/or damages. The buyer and/or erector shall comply with the requirements of the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption in the handling and erection of material. To comply with these requirements, the Steel Joist Institute's Technical Digest 9, "Handling and Erection of Steel Joists and Joist Girders," shall also be followed.



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When joists cannot be delivered as a single piece, they shall be permitted to be delivered in several pieces therefore requiring the pieces to be spliced together in the field. The manufacturer's instructions SHALL be followed to ensure matching pieces are joined, proper bolts are used, and any required bolt tensioning is incorporated.

All joists shall be handled by methods which avoid damage to any part of the joist. For long LH-Series joists, DLH-Series joists, or Joist Girders this may require the use of spreader bars, multiple hoisting cables, or multiple cranes as necessary to safely handle the joist. Hoisting cables shall be attached at panel points and shall be at panel point locations selected to minimize erection stresses.

The current OSHA SAFETY STANDARDS FOR STEEL ERECTION, 29 CFR PART 1926, SUBPART R- STEEL ERECTION, refers to certain joists at or near columns to be designed with sufficient strength to allow one employee to release the hoisting cable without the need for erection bridging. **This STANDARD shall not be interpreted that any joist at or near a column line is safe to support an employee without bridging installed.** Many limitations exist that prevent these joists from being designed to safely allow an employee on an un-bridged joist. Because of these limitations these joists shall be erected by incorporating erection methods ensuring joist stability and either:

- 1) Installing bridging or otherwise stabilizing the joist prior to releasing the hoisting cable, or
- 2) Releasing the hoisting cable without having a worker on the joist.

A steel joist or Joist Girder shall not be placed on any support structure unless such structure is stabilized. When steel joists or Joist Girders are landed on a structure, they shall be secured to prevent unintentional displacement prior to installation.

A bridging terminus point shall be established before joist bridging is installed.

Steel joist and Joist Girders shall not be used as anchorage points for a fall arrest system unless written directions to do so is obtained from a "qualified person"<sup>(1)</sup>.

The buyer and/or erector shall check all materials on arrival at job site and promptly report to seller any discrepancies and/or damages. The buyer and/or erector shall comply with the requirements of the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications Load Tables & Weight Tables of latest adoption in the handling and erection of material.

No modification that affects the strength of a steel joist or Joist Girder shall be made without the written approval of the project engineer of record.

The seller shall not be responsible for the condition of paint finish on material if it is not properly protected after delivery.

The seller shall not be responsible for improper fit of material due to inaccurate construction work.

\*For thorough coverage of this topic, refer to SJI Technical Digest 9, "Handling and Erection of Steel Joists and Joist Girders."

<sup>1)</sup> See Federal Register, Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (2001), 29 CFR Part 1926 Safety Standards for Steel Erection; Final Rule, §1926.757 Open Web Steel Joists - January 18, 2001, Washington, D.C. for definition of "qualified person".



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### SECTION 8 **BUSINESS RELATIONS**

#### **8.1 PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS**

All proposals for furnishing material shall be made on a Sales Contract Form. After acceptance by the buyer, these proposals shall be approved or executed by a qualified official of the seller. Upon such approval the proposal becomes a contract.

#### **8.2 ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS**

All proposals are intended for prompt acceptance and are subject to change without notice.

#### **8.3 BILLING**

Contracts on a lump sum basis are to be billed proportionately as shipments are made.

#### **8.4 PAYMENT**

Payments shall be made in full on each invoice without retention.

#### **8.5 ARBITRATION**

All business controversies which cannot be settled by direct negotiations between buyer and seller shall be submitted to arbitration. Both parties shall sign a submission to arbitration and if possible agree upon an arbitrator. If they are unable to agree, each shall appoint an arbitrator and these two shall appoint a third arbitrator. The expenses of the arbitration shall be divided equally between the parties, unless otherwise provided for in the agreements to submit to arbitration. The arbitrators shall pass final judgment upon all questions; both of law and fact, and their findings shall be conclusive.



## GLOSSARY

Accessories. Structural components related to the design, fabrication and erection of *joists* and *Joist Girders* including, but not limited to sloped *end bearings*, *extended ends*, *ceiling extensions*, *bridging* and bridging anchors, *headers* and bottom chord lateral bracing for *Joist Girders*.

ASD (Allowable Strength Design). Method of proportioning structural components such that the *allowable strength* equals or exceeds the *required strength* of the component under the action of the *ASD load combinations*.

ASD Load Combination. *Load* combination in the *applicable building code* intended for allowable *strength design* (allowable stress design).

Allowable Strength\*. *Nominal strength* divided by the *safety factor*,  $R_n/\phi$ .

Applicable Building Code. Building code under which the structure is designed.

Available Strength\*. *Design strength* or *allowable strength* as appropriate.

Bay. The distance between the main structural frames or walls of a building.

Bearing. The distance that the bearing shoe or seat of a *joist* or *Joist Girder* extends over its masonry, concrete or steel support.

Bearing Plate. The steel plate used for a *joist* or *Joist Girder* to bear on when it is supported by masonry or concrete supports. The plate is designed by the *Specifying Professional* to carry the *joist* reaction to the supporting structure.

Bottom Chord Extension (BCX). The two angle extended part of a *joist* bottom chord from the first bottom chord panel point towards the end of the joist.

Bridging. In general, a member connected to a joist to brace it from lateral movement. See also Diagonal Bridging and Horizontal Bridging

Buckling. *Limit state* of sudden change in the geometry of a structure or any of its elements under a critical loading condition.

Buckling Strength. *Nominal strength* for *buckling* or instability *limit states*.

Buyer. The entity that has agreed to purchase *material* from the manufacturer and has also agreed to the terms of sale.



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**Camber.** An upward curvature of the chords of a *joist* or *Joist Girder* induced during shop fabrication. Note, this is in addition to the pitch of the top chord.

**Ceiling Extension.** A *bottom chord extension* except that only one angle of the *joist* bottom chord is extended from the first bottom chord panel point towards the end of the joist.

**Chords.** The top and bottom members of a *joist* or *Joist Girder*. When a chord is comprised of two angles there is usually a gap between the members.

**Clear Span.** The actual clear distance or opening between supports for a *joist*, that is the distance between walls or the distance between the edges of flanges of beams.

**Cold-Formed Steel Structural Member.** Shape manufactured by press-braking blanks sheared from sheets, cut lengths of coils or plates, or by roll forming cold- or hot-rolled coils or sheets; both forming operations being performed at ambient room temperature, that is, without manifest addition of heat such as would be required for hot forming.

**Collateral Load.** All additional dead loads other than the weight of the building, such as sprinklers, pipes, ceilings, and mechanical or electrical components.

**Connection.** Combination of structural elements and *joints* used to transmit forces between two or more members. See also Splice.

**Deck.** A floor or roof covering made out of gage metal attached by welding or mechanical means to *joists*, beams, *purlins*, or other structural members and can be galvanized, painted, or unpainted.

**Design Load.** Applied *load* determined in accordance with either *LRFD load combinations* or *ASD load combinations*, whichever is applicable.

**Design Strength\*.** *Resistance factor* multiplied by the *nominal strength*,  $\phi R_n$ .

**Diagonal Bridging.** Two angles or other structural shapes connected from the top chord of one *joist* to the bottom chord of the next joist to form an 'X' shape. These members are almost always connected at their point of intersection.

**Diaphragm.** Roof, floor or other membrane or bracing system that transfers in-plane forces to the lateral force resisting system.

**Effective Length.** Length of an otherwise identical column with the same strength when analyzed with pin-ended boundary conditions.

**Elastic Analysis.** *Structural analysis* based on the assumption that the structure returns to its original geometry on removal of the *load*.

**End Diagonal or Web.** The first web member on either end of a *joist* or *Joist Girder* which begins at the top chord at the seat and ends at the first bottom chord panel point.

**Erector.** The entity that is responsible for the safe and proper erection of the *materials* in accordance with all applicable codes and regulations.

**Extended End.** The extended part of a *joist* top chord with the seat angles also being extended from the end of the joist extension back into the joist and maintaining the standard end *bearing* depth over the entire length of the extension.



**Factored Load.** Product of a *load factor* and the *nominal load*.

**Filler.** A rod, plate or angle welded between a two angle web member or between a top or bottom chord panel to tie them together, usually located at the middle of the member.

**Flexural Buckling.** Buckling mode in which a compression member deflects laterally without twist or change in cross-sectional shape.

**Flexural-Torsional Buckling.** Buckling mode in which a compression member bends and twists simultaneously without change in cross-sectional shape.

**Girt.** Horizontal structural member that supports wall panels and is primarily subjected to bending under horizontal loads, such as wind load.

**Gravity Load.** *Load*, such as that produced by dead and live loads, acting in the downward direction.

**Header.** A structural member located between two *joists* or between a joist and a wall which carries another joist or joists. It is usually made up of an angle, channel, or beam with saddle angle connections on each end for bearing.

**Horizontal Bridging.** A continuous angle or other structural shape connected to the top and bottom chord of a joist.

**Inelastic Analysis.** *Structural analysis* that takes into account inelastic material behavior, including plastic analysis.

**Instability.** *Limit state* reached in the loading of a *structural component*, frame or structure in which a slight disturbance in the *loads* or geometry produces large displacements.

**Joint.** Area where two or more ends, surfaces or edges are attached. Categorized by type of fastener or weld used and the method of force transfer.

**Joist.** A structural load-carrying member with an open web system which supports floors and roofs utilizing hot-rolled or cold-formed steel and is designed as a simple span member. Currently, the SJI has the following joist designations: **K-Series** including **KCS**, **LH-Series** and **DLH-Series**, and **CJ-Series**.

**Joist Girder.** A primary structural load-carrying member with an open web system designed as a simple span supporting equally spaced concentrated loads of a floor or roof system acting at the panel points of the member and utilizing hot-rolled or cold-formed steel.

**Joist Substitute.** A structural member who's intended use is for very short spans (10 feet or less) where open web steel joists are impractical. They are usually used for short spans in skewed bays, over corridors or for outriggers. It can be made up of two or four angles to form channel sections or box sections.

**Lateral Buckling.** Buckling mode of a flexural member involving deflection normal to the plane of bending.

**Lateral-Torsional Buckling.** Buckling mode of a flexural member involving deflection normal to the plane of bending occurring simultaneously with twist about the shear center of the cross section.



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**Limit State.** Condition in which a structure or component becomes unfit for service and is judged either to be no longer useful for its intended function (*serviceability limit state*) or to have reached its ultimate load-carrying capacity (*strength limit state*).

**Load.** Force or other action that results from the weight of building materials, occupants and their possessions, environmental effects, differential movement, or restrained dimensional changes.

**Load Effect.** Forces, stresses, and deformations produced in a *structural component* by the applied loads.

**Load Factor.** Factor that accounts for deviations of the *nominal load* from the actual load, for uncertainties in the analysis that transforms the load into a *load effect*, and for the probability that more than one extreme load will occur simultaneously.

**Local Buckling\*\*.** *Limit state of buckling* of a compression element within a cross section.

**LRFD (Load and Resistance Factor Design).** Method of proportioning *structural components* such that the *design strength* equals or exceeds the *required strength* of the component under the action of the *LRFD load combinations*.

**LRFD Load Combination.** Load combination in the *applicable building code* intended for strength design (*Load and Resistance Factor Design*).

**Material.** *Joists, Joist Girders* and *accessories* as provided by the *Seller*.

**Nailers.** Strips of lumber attached to the top chord of a *joist* so plywood or other flooring can be nailed directly to the *joist*.

**Nominal Load.** Magnitude of the *load* specified by the *applicable building code*.

**Nominal Strength\*.** Strength of a structure or component (without the *resistance factor* or *safety factor* applied) to resist the *load effects*, as determined in accordance with these *Standard Specifications*.

**Owner.** The entity that is identified as such in the Contract Documents.

**Permanent Load.** Load in which variations over time are rare or of small magnitude. All other loads are *variable loads*.

**Placement Plans.** Drawings that are prepared depicting the interpretation of the Contract Documents requirements for the *material* to be supplied by the *Seller*. These floor and/or roof plans are approved by the *Specifying Professional, Buyer* or *Owner* for conformance with the design requirements. The *Seller* uses the information contained on these drawings for final material design. A unique piece mark number is typically shown for the individual placement of *joists, Joist Girders* and *accessories* along with sections that describe the *end bearing* conditions and minimum attachment required so that *material* is placed in the proper location in the field.

**Ponding.** Retention of water at low or irregular areas on a roof due solely to the deflection of flat roof framing.

**Purlin.** Horizontal structural member that supports roof deck and is primarily subjected to bending under vertical loads such as dead, snow or wind loads.

**Quality Assurance.** System of shop and field activities and controls implemented by the *owner* or his/her designated representative to provide confidence to the *owner* and the building authority that quality requirements are implemented.



**Quality Control.** System of shop and field controls implemented by the *seller* and *erector* to ensure that contract and company fabrication and erection requirements are met.

**Required Strength\*.** Forces, stress, and deformations produced in a *structural component*, determined by either *structural analysis*, for the *LRFD* or *ASD load combinations*, as appropriate, or as specified by these *Standard Specifications*.

**Resistance Factor,  $\phi$ .** Factor that accounts for unavoidable deviations of the *nominal strength* from the actual strength and for the manner and consequences of failure.

**Safety Factor,  $\Omega$ .** Factor that accounts for deviations of the actual strength from the *nominal strength*, deviations of the actual *load* from the *nominal load*, uncertainties in the analysis that transforms the *load* into a *load effect* and for the manner and consequences of failure.

**Seller.** A company certified by the Joist Institute engaged in the manufacture and distribution of *joists*, *Joist Girders* and *accessories*.

**Service Load.** *Load* under which serviceability limit states are evaluated.

**Serviceability Limit State.** Limiting condition affecting the ability of a structure to preserve its appearance, maintainability, durability, or the comfort of its occupants or function of machinery, under normal usage.

**Slenderness Ratio.** The ratio of the effective length of a column to the radius of gyration of the column about the same axis of bending.

**Span.** The centerline-to-centerline distance between structural steel supports such as a beam, column or *Joist Girder* or the *clear span* distance plus four inches onto a masonry or concrete wall.

**Specified Minimum Yield Stress.** Lower limit of *yield stress* specified for a material as defined by ASTM.

**Specifying Professional.** The licensed professional who is responsible for sealing the building Contract Documents, which indicates that he or she has performed or supervised the analysis, design and document preparation for the structure and has knowledge of the load-carrying structural system.

**Splice.** *Connection* between two structural members joined at their ends by either bolting or welding to form a single, longer member.

**Stability.** Condition reached in the loading of a *structural component*, frame or structure in which a slight disturbance in the *loads* or geometry does not produce large displacements.

**Stabilizer Plate.** A steel plate at a column or wall inserted between the end of a bottom *chord* of a *joist* or *Joist Girder*.

**Standard Specifications.** Documents developed and maintained by the Steel Joist Institute for the design and manufacture of open web steel joists and Joist Girders. The term “SJI Standard Specifications” encompass by reference the following:

ANSI/SJI-**K**-2010 Standard Specification for Open Web Steel Joists, **K**-Series;  
ANSI/SJI-**LH/DLH**-2010 Standard Specifications for Longspan Steel Joists, **LH**-Series and Deep Longspan Steel Joists, **DLH**-Series; ANSI/SJI-**JG**-2010 Standard Specifications for Joist Girders and ANSI/**CJ**-2010 Standard Specifications for Composite Steel Joists.



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**Strength Limit State.** Limiting condition affecting the safety of the structure, in which the ultimate load-carrying capacity is reached.

**Structural Analysis.** Determination of *load effects* on members and connections based on principles of structural mechanics.

**Structural Drawings.** The graphic or pictorial portions of the Contract Documents showing the design, location and dimensions of the work. These documents generally include plans, elevations, sections, details, connections, all loads, schedules, diagrams and notes.

**Tagged End.** The end of a *joist* or *Joist Girder* where an identification or piece mark is shown by a metal tag. The member must be erected with this tagged end in the same position as the tagged end noted on the *placement plan*.

**Tensile Strength (of material).** Maximum tensile stress that a material is capable of sustaining as defined by ASTM.

**Tie Joist.** A *joist* that is bolted at a column.

**Top Chord Extension (TCX).** The extended part of a *joist* top chord. This type of extension only has the two top chord angles extended past the joist seat.

**Torsional Buckling.** *Buckling* mode in which a compression member twists about its shear center axis.

**Unbraced Length.** Distance between braced points of a member, measured between the centers of gravity of the bracing members.

**Variable Load.** *Load* not classified as *permanent load*.

**Webs.** The vertical or diagonal members joined at the top and bottom *chords* of a *joist* or *Joist Girder* to form triangular patterns.

**Yield Point.** First stress in a material at which an increase in strain occurs without an increase in stress as defined by ASTM.

**Yield Strength.** Stress at which a material exhibits a specified limiting deviation from the proportionality of stress to strain as defined by ASTM.

**Yield Stress.** Generic term to denote either *yield point* or *yield strength*, as appropriate for the material.

## NOTES:

\* These terms are usually qualified by the type of *load effect*, e.g., nominal tensile strength, available compressive strength, design flexural strength.

\*\*Term usually qualified by the type of component, e.g. local web buckling, local flange buckling, etc.



## APPENDIX A – FIRE RESISTANCE RATINGS WITH STEEL JOISTS

The Underwriters Laboratories (U.L.) Fire Resistance Directory lists hundreds of assemblies and their fire resistance ratings. The Specifying Professional can choose between numerous Floor-Ceiling and Roof-Ceiling assemblies that include steel joists and Joist Girders.

As a convenience, a selected number of assemblies are listed on the following pages. In addition, the Steel Joist Institute's Technical Digest #10 "Design of Fire Resistive Assemblies with Steel Joists" has a complete listing of steel joist assemblies and additional information about fire ratings. However, the listing that follows and the Technical Digest are intended as a guide only, and the Specifying Professional must refer to the current U.L. Fire Resistance Directory for complete design requirements.

Hundreds of fire tests on steel joist-supported assemblies have been conducted at nationally recognized testing laboratories in accordance with ASTM Standard E119, ANSI A2.1/UL 263, and NFPA 251. Because of practical loading restrictions and limitations of furnace dimensions, the vast majority of these tests were run using lightweight joists – normally from 8 inches to 14 inches (203 mm to 356 mm) deep. This practice was advantageous in that it established the *minimum* acceptable joists at the shallow and lightweight end of the joist load tables. This also resulted in a specified minimum joist designation being listed in the U.L. Fire Resistance Assembly, which is the joist that combines the required minimum depth and minimum weight per foot. Joists of the same series which equal or exceed the specified minimum joist depth and joist weight per foot may be used provided the accessories are compatible. The dimension from the bottom chord of the joists to the ceiling, whether given or calculated, is a minimum.

Where a U.L. Fire Resistance Assembly is being utilized, the Specifying Professional shall indicate the assembly number being used on the structural contract drawings. In addition, the Specifying Professional shall consider the following, as applicable:

- Joist designations specified on the structural contract drawings shall not be less than the minimum size for that assembly. The assembly may also require a minimum bridging size that may be larger than required by the SJI Specifications for the particular designation and joist spacing.
- Some assemblies stipulate minimum size materials or minimum cross sectional areas for individual joist and Joist Girder components. It is the responsibility of the Specifying Professional to show all special requirements on the contract drawings.
- Note that the maximum joist spacing shown for Floor-Ceiling Assemblies may be increased from the spacing listed in the U.L. Fire Resistance Directory to a maximum of 48 inches on center, provided the floor slab meets the structural requirements and the spacing of hanger wires supporting the ceiling is not increased.



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- Some assemblies stipulate an allowable maximum joist design stress level less than the 30 ksi (207 MPa) used in the joist and Joist Girder specifications. It is the responsibility of the Specifying Professional to apply the proper stress level reductions (when applicable) when selecting joists and/or Joist Girders. This is accomplished by prorating the joist and/or Joist Girder capacities. To adjust the stress level of joists or Joist Girders, multiply the design load by the ratio of the joist design stress to the required maximum [e.g. 30/26 (207/179), 30/24 (207/165), 30/22 (207/152)], and then using this increased load, select a joist or Joist Girder from the load and/or weight tables.
- Some U.L. Roof-Ceiling Assemblies using direct applied protection limit the spacing of the joists for certain types and gages of metal decking – refer to the U.L. Fire Resistance Directory for this information.
- Where fire protective materials are to be applied directly to the steel joists or Joist Girders, it is often desired to have the joist furnished as unpainted. The Specifying Professional should indicate on the structural contract drawings if the joists or Joist Girders are to be painted or not.
- Certain older U.L. fire rated assemblies may refer to joist series that predate the K-series joists. Where one of these assemblies is selected, refer to the U.L. Fire Resistance Directory for special provisions for substituting a K-Series joist in lieu of an S-, J-, and/or H-Series joist.



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Restrained Assembly Rating	Protection Material	Minimum Joist Size	Built Up Roof		Maximum Joist Spacing (in.)	Minimum Primary Support Member	UL Design Number
			Deck Material Description	Insulation			
1 Hr.	Exposed Grid	12K1	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	84	W8 x 17	P201
		10K1	26 MSG Min.		48	W6 x 12	P202
		10K1	26 MSG Min.		48	20G@13plf	P211
		12K3	28 MSG Min.		72	20G@13plf W8 x 17	P214
		12K1	26 MSG Min.		72	20G@13plf W6 x 12	P225
		12K3	24 MSG Min.	Building Units	48	NS	P227
		12K3	26 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	20G@13plf W6 x 12	P230
		12K1	26 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	48	20G@14plf* W8 x 15	P231
		12K3	24 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	72	W8 x 15	P235
		10K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	72	20G@13plf W8 x 15	P246
		12K5	26 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	48	W6 x 12	P250
		12K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	72	20G@13plf W6 x 12	P251
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	W6 x 12	P254
		10K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	72	W8 x 15	P255
		10K1	24 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	NS	P259
		12K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	72	20G@13plf W6 x 12	P261
		12K1	26 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	72	W8 x 15	P264
		10K1	Metal Roof Deck Panels	Batts and Blankets	60	NS	P265
		10K1	26 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	48	W6 x 16	P267
		10K1	Metal Roof Deck Panels	Batts and Blankets	60	NS	P268
	12K1	26 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	72	20G@14plf* W8 x 15	P269	
	Fiber Board	10K1	24 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	W6 x 16	P301
		10K1	22 MSG Min.		48	NS	P302
		10K1	22 MSG Min.		NS	W6 x 16	P303
	Gypsum Board	12K3	26 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	60	W8 x 24	P509
		12K3	24 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	20G@13plf W8 x 13	P510
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	20G@13plf	P514
		10K1	20 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	48	NS	P519

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## ROOF – CEILING ASSEMBLIES WITH MEMBRANE PROTECTION (cont.)

Restrained Assembly Rating	Protection Material	Minimum Joist Size	Built Up Roof		Maximum Joist Spacing (in.)	Minimum Primary Support Member	UL Design Number
			Deck Material Description	Insulation			
1 1/2 Hr.	Exposed Grid	12K1	26 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	20G@13plf W6 x 12	P225
		12K3	24 MSG Min.	Building Units	48	NS	P227
		12K3	26 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	48	20G@13plf W6 x 12	P230
		12K1	26 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	48	20G@14plf* W8 x 24	P231
		12K5	26 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	48	W6 x 12	P250
		12K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	72	20G@13plf W6 x 12	P251
		10K1	24 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	NS	P259
		10K1	Metal Roof Deck Panels	Batts and Blankets	60	NS	P265
		10K1	20 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	48	NS	P266
		10K1	Metal Roof Deck Panels	Batts and Blankets	60	NS	P268
	12K1	26 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	72	20G@14plf* W8 x 24	P269	
	Fiber Board	10K1	24 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	W6 x 16	P301
	Metal Lath	12K5	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	NS	P404
Gypsum Board	12K3	24 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	20G@13plf W8 x 13	P510	
2 Hr.	Exposed Grid	10K1	24 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	W6 x 12	P237
		12K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	72	20G@13plf W6 x 12	P251
		10K1	20 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	48	NS	P266
	Fiber Board	10K1	24 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	W6 x 16	P301
	Metal Lath	12K5	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	NS	P404
	Gypsum Board	10K1	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	72	20G@13plf	P514
			20 MSG Min.		48	NS	P519
14K1	26 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	66	NS	P520		
3 Hr.	Metal Lath	10K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	48	NS	P405

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## ROOF – CEILING ASSEMBLIES WITH SPRAY APPLIED FIRE RESISTIVE MATERIALS

Restrained Assembly Rating	Protection Material	Minimum Joist Size	Built Up Roof		Maximum Joist Spacing (in.)	Minimum Primary Support Member	UL Design Number
			Deck Material Description	Insulation			
1 Hr.	SAFRM	10K1	22 MSG Min.	Building Units	NS	NS	P822
		12K3	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	W8 x 20	P824
1 Hr. and 1-1/2 Hr.	SAFRM	12K5	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	96	W6 x 16	P919
1-1/2 Hr. and 2 Hr.	SAFRM	10K1	22 MSG Min.	Building Units	NS	W6 x 16	P728
1 Hr., 1-1/2 Hr. and 2 Hr.	SAFRM	14K4	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	20G@13plf W6 x 16	P701
		14K4	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	20G@13plf W6 x 16	P711
		12K3	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P717
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	20G@13plf W8 x 28	P725
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	20G@13plf W6 x 16	P726
		14K4	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	20G@13plf W6 x 16	P734
		14K4	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	20G@13plf W6 x 16	P736
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P739
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	W6 x 16	P740
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P743
		12K3	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	20G@13plf W6 x 16	P801
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	20G@13plf W6 x 16	P815
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	W6 x 16	P816
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P819
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P825
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P827
		12K1	22 MSG Min.	Fiber Board	NS	20G@13plf W8 x 20	P828
		10K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	20G@13plf W8 x 10	P902

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Restrained Assembly Rating	Protection Material	Minimum Joist Size	Built Up Roof		Maximum Joist Spacing (in.)	Minimum Primary Support Member	UL Design Number
			Deck Material Description	Insulation			
1 Hr., 1-1/2 Hr. and 2 Hr.	SAFRM	10K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	W8 x 10	P907
		10K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	20G@13plf W8 x 10	P908
		10K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	W8 x 10	P920
		12K5	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	20G@13plf W8 x 10	P921
		10K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	W6 x 16	P922
		10K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	20G@13plf W8 x 10	P923
		10K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	20G@13plf W8 x 10	P925
		12K5	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	W8 x 10	P926
		14K4	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	20G@13plf W8 x 10	P927
		12K5	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	20G@13plf W8 x 10	P928
		12K3	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	20G@13plf W8 x 10	P929
10K1	28 MSG Min.	Insulating Concrete	NS	W6 x 16	P936		
2 Hr.	SAFRM	12K3	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P718
		12K3	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	20G@13plf W6 x 16	P720
		12K3	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P729
1 Hr., 1-1/2 Hr. 2 Hr. and 3 Hr.	SAFRM	10K1	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	20G@13plf W6 x 16	P719
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P722
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P723
		10K1	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W8 x 28	P732
		10K1*, 16K2	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P733
		10K1*	22 MSG Min.	Foamed Plastic	NS	W6 x 16	P826

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## FLOOR – CEILING ASSEMBLIES WITH MEMBRANE PROTECTION

Restrained Assembly Rating	Protection Material	Minimum Joist Size	Concrete		Maximum Joist Spacing (in.)	Minimum Primary Support Member	UL Design Number	
			Minimum Thickness (in.)	Type				
1 Hr.	Acoustical	12K1, 18LH02	2.5	LW, NW	NL	20G@13plf W8 x 15	D216 D219	
	Exposed Grid	10K1	2.5	NW	72	20G@14plf* W6 x 12	G205	
		10K1	2.0		72	W6 x 12	G208	
		10K1	2.5		72	20G@14plf* W6 x 12	G256	
1 1/2 Hr.	Acoustical	12K1, 18LH02	2.5	LW, NW	NL	20G@13plf W8 x 15	D216 D219	
	Gypsum Board			NW		20G@20plf W8 x 28	D502	
	Exposed Grid	10K1	2.5	NW	24 (48)	20G@13plf W6 x 12	G203	
		10K1	2.5		72	20G@14plf* W6 x 12	G205	
		10K1	2.0		72	W6 x 12	G208	
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)		G213	
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G@13plf W8 x 31	G228	
		10K1	2.0		24 (48)	20G@13plf W8 x 24	G229	
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G@13plf W6 x 12	G243	
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G@13plf W8 x 31	G268	
	Gypsum Board	12K1	2.0	NW	24 (48)	NS	G502	
	2 Hr.	Acoustical	12K1, 18LH02	2.5	LW, NW	NL	20G@13plf W8 x 15	D216 D219
		Gypsum Board			NW		20G@20plf W8 x 28	D502
		Concealed Grid	10K1	2.25	NW	24 (48)	W6 x 25	G023
8K1			2.5	24 (48)		20G@13plf W8 x 20	G031	
10K1			2.5	30 (48)		20G@13plf W10 x 21	G036	
Exposed Grid		10K1	2.5	NW	24 (48)	20G@13plf W6 x 12	G203	
		10K1	2.5		72	20G@14plf* W6 x 12	G205	
		10K1	2.5		72	W6 x 12	G208	
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)		G213	

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Restrained Assembly Rating	Protection Material	Minimum Joist Size	Concrete		Maximum Joist Spacing (in.)	Minimum Primary Support Member	UL Design Number
			Minimum Thickness (in.)	Type			
2 Hr.	Exposed Grid	10K1	2.5	NW	24 (48)	W8 x 31	G227
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G@13plf W8 x 31	G228
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G@13plf W8 x 24	G229
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G@13plf W6 x 12	G243
		10K1	2.5		72	20G@14plf* W6 x 12	G256
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G@13plf W8 x 31	G268
	Gypsum Board	10K1	2.0	NW	24 (48)	NS	G505
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G14plf* W8 x 31	G514
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G@13plf W10 x 21	G523
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G@13plf W8 x 24	G529
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G@13plf W10 x 21	G547
		10K1	2.5		24 (48)	20G@13plf W10 x 21	G547
3 Hr.	Acoustical	12K1, 18LH02	3.25	LW, NW	NL	20G@13plf W8 x 15	D216 D219
	Concealed Grid	10K1	3.5	NW	24 (48)	20G@13plf W8 x 20	G033
		10K1	3.25		30 (48)	20G@13plf W10 x 21	G036
	Exposed Grid	10K1	3.5	NW	48	20G@14plf* W6 x 12	G205
		10K1	3.5		24 (48)	W6 x 12	G213
		10K1	3.25		24 (48)	20G@13plf W8 x 24	G229
		10K1	3.5		48	W6 x 12	G256
		10K1 (22 ksi max.)	2.63		24 (48)	20G@13plf W8 x 31	G268
	Gypsum Board	10K1	3.0	NW	24 (48)	20G@13plf W10 x 21	G523
		10K1	2.75		24 (48)	20G@13plf W8 x 24	G529
		10K1	3.0		24 (48)	20G@13plf W10 x 21	G547

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Restrained Assembly Rating	Protection Material	Minimum Joist Size	Concrete		Maximum Joist Spacing (in.)	Minimum Primary Support Member	UL Design Number
			Minimum Thickness (in.)	Type			
1 Hr.	SAFRM	NS	2.5	LW, NW	NL	W8 x 28	D759
		10K1	2.5				D779
		10K1	2.5				D780
		NS	3.25	LW			D782
		10K1*	2.5	LW			D925
			3.5	NW			
		16K6*	NS	LW, NW	42	20G@20plf W8 x 28	G701
		16K6	3.0	LW	50.5	NS	G702
			3.75	NW			
		16K6*	2.5	LW, NW	42	NS	G705
		16K6	3.0	LW	50.5	NS	G706
			3.75	NW			
		16K6*	2.5	LW, NW	42	20G@20plf W8 x 28	G708
		NS	2.5		42	W8 x 28	G709
		16K6*	2.5		42	20g@20plf W8 x 24	G801
12K1	3.0	LW	50.5	NS	G802		
	3.75	NW					
1 1/2 Hr.	SAFRM	NS	2.5	LW, NW	NL	W8 x 28	D759
		10K1	2.5				D779
		10K1	2.5				D780
		NS	3.25	LW			D782
		10K1*	3.0	LW			D925
			4.0	NW			
		16K6*	2.5	LW, NW	42	20G@20plf W8 x 28	G701
		16K6	3.5	LW	50.5	NS	G702
			4.5	NW			
		16K6*	2.5	LW, NW	42	NS	G705
		16K6	3.5	LW	50.5	NS	G706
			4.5	NW			
		16K6*	2.5	LW, NW	42	20G@20plf W8 x 28	G708
		NS	2.5		42	W8 x 28	G709
		16K6*	2.5		42	20G@20plf W8 x 24	G801
12K5	3.5	LW	50.5	NS	G802		
	4.5	NW					

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Restrained Assembly Rating	Protection Material	Minimum Joist Size	Concrete		Maximum Joist Spacing (in.)	Minimum Primary Support Member	UL Design Number
			Minimum Thickness (in.)	Type			
2 Hr.	SAFRM	NS	2.5	LW, NW	NL	W8 x 28	D759
		10K1	2.5				D779
		10K1	2.5				D780
		NS	3.25	LW			D782
		10K1*	3.25	LW			D925
			4.5	NW			
		16K6*	2.5	LW, NW	42	20G@20plf W8 x 28	G701
		16K6	4.0	LW	50.5	NS	G702
			5.25	NW			
		16K6*	2.5	LW,NW	42	NS	G705
		16K6	4.0	LW	50.5	NS	G706
			5.25	NW			
		16K6*	2.5	LW, NW	42	20G@20plf W8 x 28	G708
		NS	2.5		42	W8 x 28	G709
		16K6*	2.5		42	20G@20plf W8 x 24	G801
		12K5	4.0	LW	50.5	NS	G802
5.25	NW						
3 Hr.	SAFRM	NS	2.5	LW, NW	NL	W8 x 28	D759
		10K1	2.5				D779
		10K1	2.5				D780
		NS	3.25	LW			D782
		10K1*	4.19	LW			D925
			5.25	NW			
		16K6*	NS	LW, NW	42	20G@20plf W8 x 28	G701
		16K6*	2.75		42	NS	G705
		16K6*	2.75		42	20G@20plf W8 x 28	G708
		NS	2.75		42	W8 x 28	G709
		16K6*	2.75		42	20G@20plf W8 x 24	G801
4 Hr.	SAFRM	10K1	2.5	LW, NW	NL	W8 x 28	D779
		NS	3.25	LW			D782

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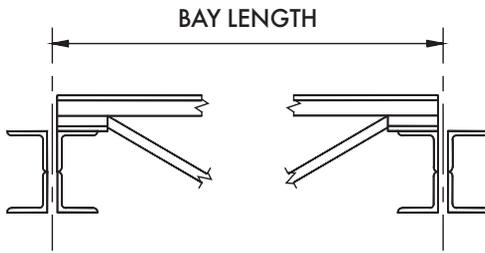


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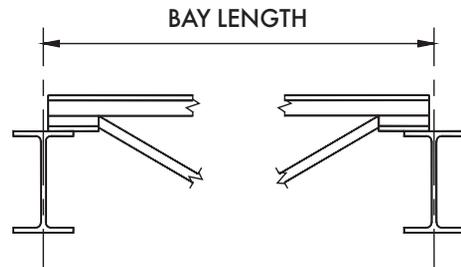
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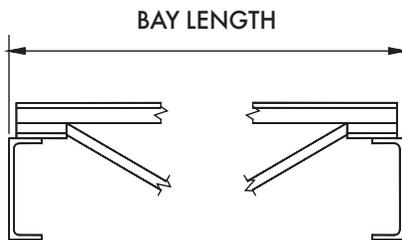
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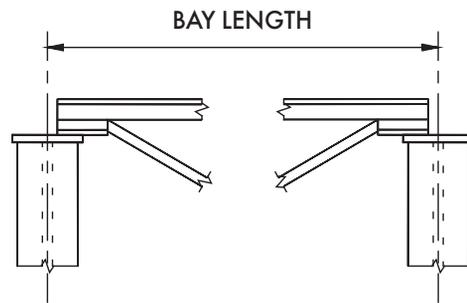
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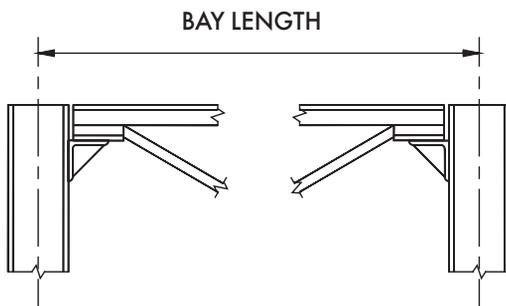
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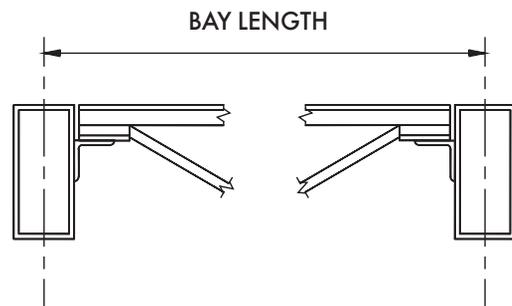
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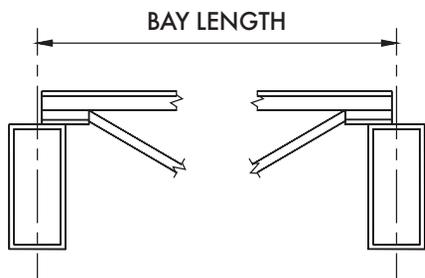
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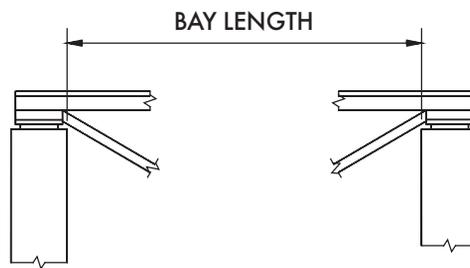
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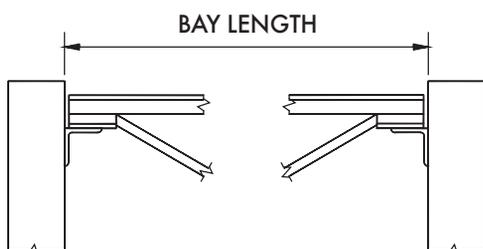
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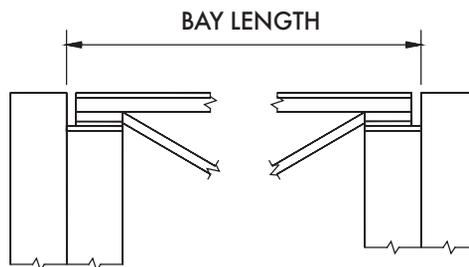
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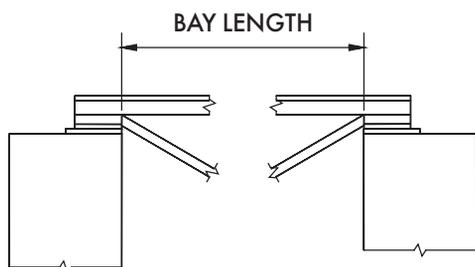
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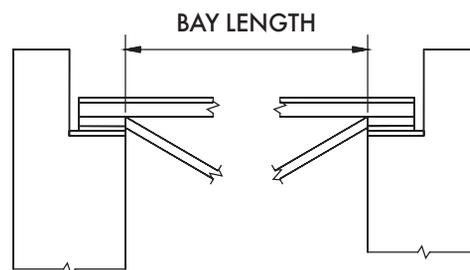
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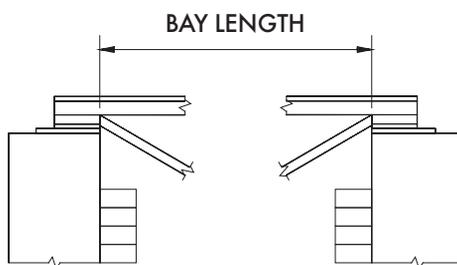
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**MASONRY WITH FACE BRICK**



## OSHA STEEL ERECTION STANDARD PARTS §1926.751 and §1926.757 OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS

### § 1926.751 Definitions.

Anchored bridging means that the steel joist bridging is connected to a bridging terminus point.

Bolted diagonal bridging means diagonal bridging that is bolted to a steel joist or joists.

Bridging clip means a device that is attached to the steel joist to allow the bolting of the bridging to the steel joist.

Bridging terminus point means a wall, a beam, tandem joists (with all bridging installed and a horizontal truss in the plane of the top chord) or other element at an end or intermediate point(s) of a line of bridging that provides an anchor point for the steel joist bridging.

Column means a load-carrying vertical member that is part of the primary skeletal framing system. Columns do not include posts.

Constructibility means the ability to erect structural steel members in accordance with subpart R without having to alter the over-all structural design.

Construction load (for joist erection) means any load other than the weight of the employee(s), the joists and the bridging bundle.

Erection bridging means the bolted diagonal bridging that is required to be installed prior to releasing the hoisting cables from the steel joists.

Personal fall arrest system means a system used to arrest an employee in a fall from a working level. A personal fall arrest system consists of an anchorage, connectors, a body harness and may include a lanyard, deceleration device, lifeline, or suitable combination of these. The use of a body belt for fall arrest is prohibited.

Project structural engineer means the registered, licensed professional responsible for the design of structural steel framing and whose seal appears on the structural contract documents.

Qualified person (also defined in § 1926.32) means one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience, has successfully demonstrated the ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project.

Steel joist means an open web, secondary load-carrying member of 144 feet (43.9 m) or less, designed by the manufacturer, used for the support of floors and roofs. This does not include structural steel trusses or cold-formed joists.

Steel joist girder means an open web, primary load-carrying member, designed by the manufacturer, used for the support of floors and roofs. This does not include structural steel trusses.

Structural steel means a steel member, or a member made of a substitute material (such as, but not limited to, fiberglass, aluminum or composite members). These members include, but are not limited to, steel joists, joist girders, purlins, columns, beams, trusses, splices, seats, metal decking, girts, and all bridging, and cold formed metal framing which is integrated with the structural steel framing of a building.



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## § 1926.757 Open web steel joists.

(a) *General.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, where steel joists are used and columns are not framed in at least two directions with solid web structural steel members, a steel joist shall be field-bolted at the column to provide lateral stability to the column during erection. For the installation of this joist:

(i) A vertical stabilizer plate shall be provided on each column for steel joists. The plate shall be a minimum of 6 inch by 6 inch (152 mm by 152 mm) and shall extend at least 3 inches (76 mm) below the bottom chord of the joist with a  $\frac{13}{16}$  inch (21 mm) hole to provide an attachment point for guying or plumbing cables.

(ii) The bottom chords of steel joists at columns shall be stabilized to prevent rotation during erection.

(iii) Hoisting cables shall not be released until the seat at each end of the steel joist is field-bolted, and each end of the bottom chord is restrained by the column stabilizer plate.

(2) Where constructibility does not allow a steel joist to be installed at the column:

(i) an alternate means of stabilizing joists shall be installed on both sides near the column and shall:

- (A) provide stability equivalent to paragraph (a)(1) of this section;
- (B) be designed by a qualified person;
- (C) be shop installed; and
- (D) be included in the erection drawings.

(ii) hoisting cables shall not be released until the seat at each end of the steel joist is field-bolted and the joist is stabilized.

(3) Where steel joists at or near columns span 60 feet (18.3 m) or less, the joist shall be designed with sufficient strength to allow one employee to release the hoisting cable without the need for erection bridging.

(4) Where steel joists at or near columns span more than 60 feet (18.3 m), the joists shall be set in tandem with all bridging installed unless an alternative method of erection, which provides equivalent stability to the steel joist, is designed by a qualified person and is included in the site-specific erection plan.

(5) A steel joist or steel joist girder shall not be placed on any support structure unless such structure is stabilized.

(6) When steel joist(s) are landed on a structure, they shall be secured to prevent unintentional displacement prior to installation.

(7) No modification that affects the strength of a steel joist or steel joist girder shall be made without the approval of the project structural engineer of record.

(8) *Field-bolted joists.* (i) Except for steel joists that have been pre-assembled into panels, connections of individual steel joists to steel structures in bays of 40 feet (12.2 m) or more shall be fabricated to allow for field bolting during erection.

(ii) These connections shall be field-bolted unless constructibility does not allow.

(9) Steel joists and steel joist girders shall not be used as anchorage points for a fall arrest system unless written approval to do so is obtained from a qualified person.

(10) A bridging terminus point shall be established before bridging is installed. (See Appendix C to this subpart.)

### (b) *Attachment of steel joists and steel joist girders.*

(1) Each end of “K” series steel joists shall be attached to the support structure with a minimum of two  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch (3 mm) fillet welds 1 inch (25 mm) long or with two  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch (13 mm) bolts, or the equivalent.

(2) Each end of “LH” and “DLH” series steel joists and steel joist girders shall be attached to the support structure with a minimum of two  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch (6 mm) fillet welds 2 inches (51 mm) long, or with two  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch (19 mm) bolts, or the equivalent.

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(4) of this section, each steel joist shall be attached to the support structure, at least at one end on both sides of the seat, immediately upon placement in the final erection position and before additional joists are placed.

(4) Panels that have been pre-assembled from steel joists with bridging shall be attached to the structure at each corner before the hoisting cables are released.



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(c) **Erection of steel joists.** (1) Both sides of the seat of one end of each steel joist that requires bridging under Tables A and B shall be attached to the support structure before hoisting cables are released.

(2) For joists over 60 feet, both ends of the joist shall be attached as specified in paragraph (b) of this section and the provisions of paragraph (d) of this section met before the hoisting cables are released.

(3) On steel joists that do not require erection bridging under Tables A and B, only one employee shall be allowed on the joist until all bridging is installed and anchored.

**► NOTE: TABLES “A” & “B” HAVE BEEN EDITED TO CONFORM WITH STEEL JOIST INSTITUTE BOLTED DIAGONAL BRIDGING REQUIREMENTS. EDITED ITEMS ARE SHOWN WITH A STRIKE THROUGH NOTATION.**

**► TABLE A.—ERECTION BRIDGING FOR SHORT SPAN JOISTS**

Joist	Span	Joist	Span
<del>8L1</del> 8K1	NM	22K11	40-0 NM
10K1	NM	24K4	36-0
12K1	23-0	24K5	38-0
12K3	NM	24K6	39-0
12K5	NM	24K7	43-0
14K1	27-0	24K8	43-0
14K3	NM	24K9	44-0
14K4	NM	24K10	NM
14K6	NM	24K12	NM
16K2	29-0	26K5	38-0
16K3	30-0	26K6	39-0
16K4	32-0	26K7	43-0
16K5	32-0	26K8	44-0
16K6	NM	26K9	<del>45-0</del> 44-0
16K7	NM	26K10	49-0
16K9	NM	26K12	NM
18K3	31-0	28K6	40-0
18K4	32-0	28K7	43-0
18K5	33-0	28K8	44-0
18K6	35-0	28K9	45-0
18K7	NM	28K10	49-0
18K9	NM	28K12	53-0
18K10	NM	30K7	44-0
20K3	32-0	30K8	45-0
20K4	34-0	30K9	45-0
20K5	34-0	30K10	50-0
20K6	36-0	30K11	52-0
20K7	39-0	30K12	54-0
20K9	39-0		
20K10	NM		
22K4	34-0		
22K5	35-0		
22K6	36-0		
22K7	40-0		
22K9	40-0		
22K10	<del>40-0</del> NM		

NM = diagonal bolted bridging not mandatory for joists under 40 feet.



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► **TABLE A.—ERECTION BRIDGING FOR SHORT SPAN JOISTS—[Continued]**

Joist	Span
10KCS1 .....	NM
10KCS2 .....	NM
10KCS3 .....	NM
12KCS1 .....	NM
12KCS2 .....	NM
12KCS3 .....	NM
14KCS1 .....	NM
14KCS2 .....	NM
14KCS3 .....	NM
16KCS2 .....	NM
16KCS3 .....	NM
16KCS4 .....	NM
16KCS5 .....	NM
18KCS2 .....	35–0
18KCS3 .....	NM
18KCS4 .....	NM
18KCS5 .....	NM
20KCS2 .....	36–0
20KCS3 .....	39–0
20KCS4 .....	NM
20KCS5 .....	NM
22KCS2 .....	36–0
22KCS3 .....	40–0
22KCS4 .....	NM
22KCS5 .....	NM
24KCS2 .....	39–0
24KCS3 .....	44–0
24KCS4 .....	NM
24KCS5 .....	NM
26KCS2 .....	39–0
26KCS3 .....	44–0
26KCS4 .....	NM
26KCS5 .....	NM
28KCS2 .....	40–0
28KCS3 .....	45–0
28KCS4 .....	53–0
28KCS5 .....	53–0
30KCS3 .....	45–0
30KCS4 .....	54–0
30KCS5 .....	54–0

NM = diagonal bolted bridging not mandatory for joists under 40 feet.

► **TABLE B.—ERECTION BRIDGING FOR LONG SPAN JOISTS**

Joist	Span
18LH02 .....	33–0
18LH03 .....	NM.
18LH04 .....	NM.
18LH05 .....	NM.
18LH06 .....	NM.
18LH07 .....	NM.
18LH08 .....	NM.
18LH09 .....	NM.
20LH02 .....	33–0
20LH03 .....	38–0
20LH04 .....	NM.
20LH05 .....	NM.
20LH06 .....	NM.
20LH07 .....	NM.
20LH08 .....	NM.
20LH09 .....	NM.
20LH10 .....	NM.
24LH03 .....	35–0
24LH04 .....	39–0
24LH05 .....	40–0
24LH06 .....	45–0
24LH07 .....	NM.
24LH08 .....	NM.
24LH09 .....	NM.
24LH10 .....	NM.
24LH11 .....	NM.
28LH05 .....	42–0
28LH06 .....	42–0 46-0
28LH07 .....	NM. 54-0
28LH08 .....	NM. 54-0
28LH09 .....	NM.
28LH10 .....	NM.
28LH11 .....	NM.
28LH12 .....	NM.
28LH13 .....	NM.
32LH06 .....	47–0 through 60–0
32LH07 .....	47–0 through 60–0
32LH08 .....	55–0 through 60–0
32LH09 .....	NM through 60–0
32LH10 .....	NM through 60–0
32LH11 .....	NM through 60–0
32LH12 .....	NM through 60–0
32LH13 .....	NM through 60–0
32LH14 .....	NM through 60–0
32LH15 .....	NM through 60–0
36LH07 .....	47–0 through 60–0
36LH08 .....	47–0 through 60–0
36LH09 .....	57–0 through 60–0
36LH10 .....	NM through 60–0
36LH11 .....	NM through 60–0
36LH12 .....	NM through 60–0
36LH13 .....	NM through 60–0
36LH14 .....	NM through 60–0
36LH15 .....	NM through 60–0

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(4) Employees shall not be allowed on steel joists where the span of the steel joist is equal to or greater than the span shown in Tables A and B except in accordance with § 1926.757(d).

(5) When permanent bridging terminus points cannot be used during erection, additional temporary bridging terminus points are required to provide stability. (See appendix C of this subpart.)

**(d) Erection bridging.** (1) Where the span of the steel joist is equal to or greater than the span shown in Tables A and B, the following shall apply:

(i) A row of bolted diagonal erection bridging shall be installed near the midspan of the steel joist;

(ii) Hoisting cables shall not be released until this bolted diagonal erection bridging is installed and anchored; and

(iii) No more than one employee shall be allowed on these spans until all other bridging is installed and anchored.

(2) Where the span of the steel joist is over 60 feet (18.3 m) through 100 feet (30.5 m), the following shall apply:

(i) All rows of bridging shall be bolted diagonal bridging;

(ii) Two rows of bolted diagonal erection bridging shall be installed near the third points of the steel joist;

(iii) Hoisting cables shall not be released until this bolted diagonal erection bridging is installed and anchored; and

(iv) No more than two employees shall be allowed on these spans until all other bridging is installed and anchored.

(3) Where the span of the steel joist is over 100 feet (30.5 m) through 144 feet (43.9 m), the following shall apply:

(i) All rows of bridging shall be bolted diagonal bridging;

(ii) Hoisting cables shall not be released until all bridging is installed and anchored; and

(iii) No more than two employees shall be allowed on these spans until all bridging is installed and anchored.

(4) For steel members spanning over 144 feet (43.9 m), the erection methods used shall be in accordance with § 1926.756.

(5) Where any steel joist specified in paragraphs (c)(2) and (d)(1), (d)(2), and (d)(3) of this section is a bottom chord bearing joist, a row of bolted diagonal bridging shall be provided near the support(s). This bridging shall be installed and anchored before the hoisting cable(s) is released.

(6) When bolted diagonal erection bridging is required by this section, the following shall apply:

(i) The bridging shall be indicated on the erection drawing;

(ii) The erection drawing shall be the exclusive indicator of the proper placement of this bridging;

(iii) Shop-installed bridging clips, or functional equivalents, shall be used where the bridging bolts to the steel joists;

(iv) When two pieces of bridging are attached to the steel joist by a common bolt, the nut that secures the first piece of bridging shall not be removed from the bolt for the attachment of the second; and

(v) Bridging attachments shall not protrude above the top chord of the steel joist.

**(e) Landing and placing loads.** (1) During the construction period, the employer placing a load on steel joists shall ensure that the load is distributed so as not to exceed the carrying capacity of any steel joist.

(2) Except for paragraph (e)(4) of this section, no construction loads are allowed on the steel joists until all bridging is installed and anchored and all joist-bearing ends are attached.

(3) The weight of a bundle of joist bridging shall not exceed a total of 1,000 pounds (454 kg). A bundle of joist bridging shall be placed on a minimum of three steel joists that are secured at one end. The edge of the bridging bundle shall be positioned within 1 foot (.30 m) of the secured end.

(4) No bundle of decking may be placed on steel joists until all bridging has been installed and anchored and all joist bearing ends attached, unless all of the following conditions are met:

(i) The employer has first determined from a qualified person and documented in a site-specific erection plan that the structure or portion of the structure is capable of supporting the load;

(ii) The bundle of decking is placed on a minimum of three steel joists;

(iii) The joists supporting the bundle of decking are attached at both ends;

(iv) At least one row of bridging is installed and anchored;

(v) The total weight of the bundle of decking does not exceed 4,000 pounds (1816 kg); and

(vi) Placement of the bundle of decking shall be in accordance with paragraph (e)(5) of this section.

(5) The edge of the construction load shall be placed within 1 foot (.30 m) of the bearing surface of the joist end.



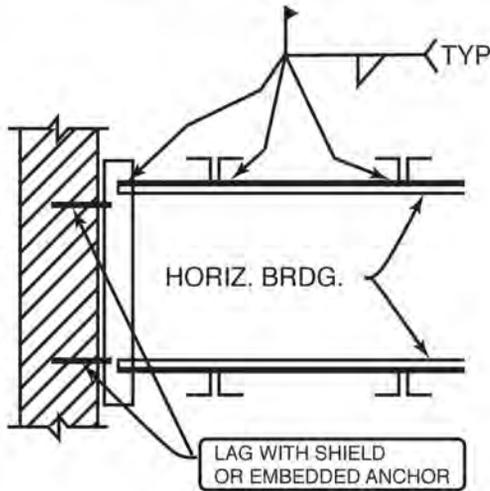
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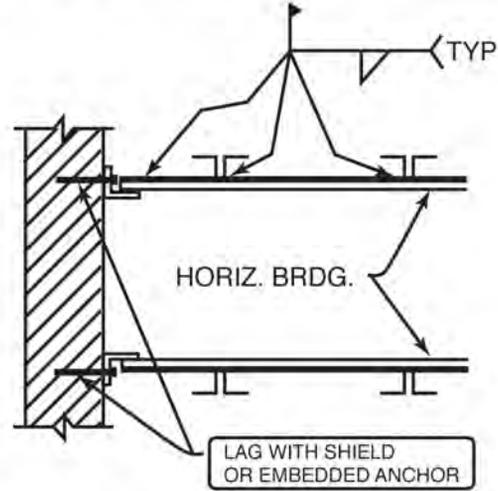
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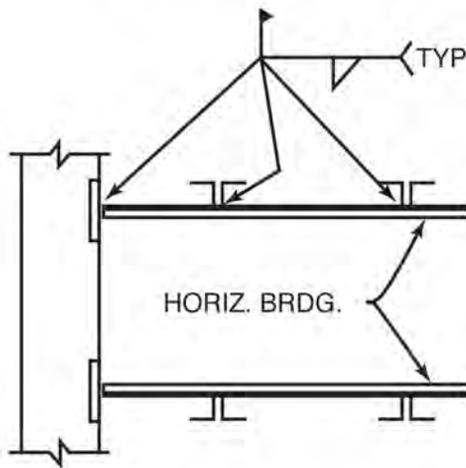
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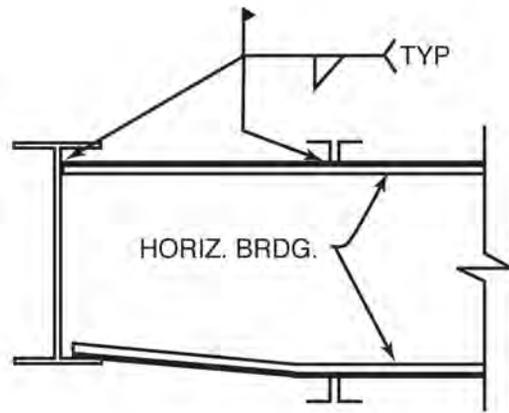
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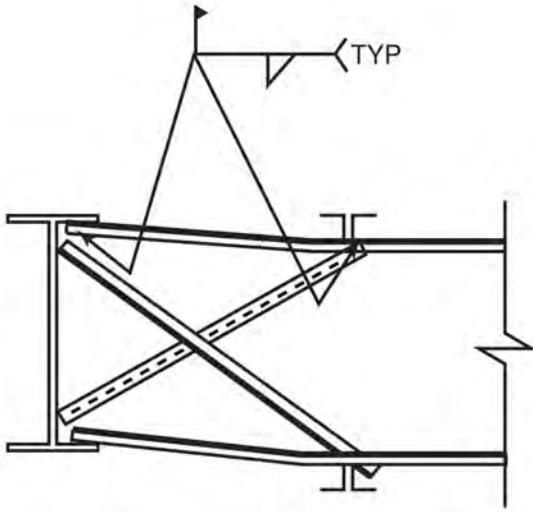
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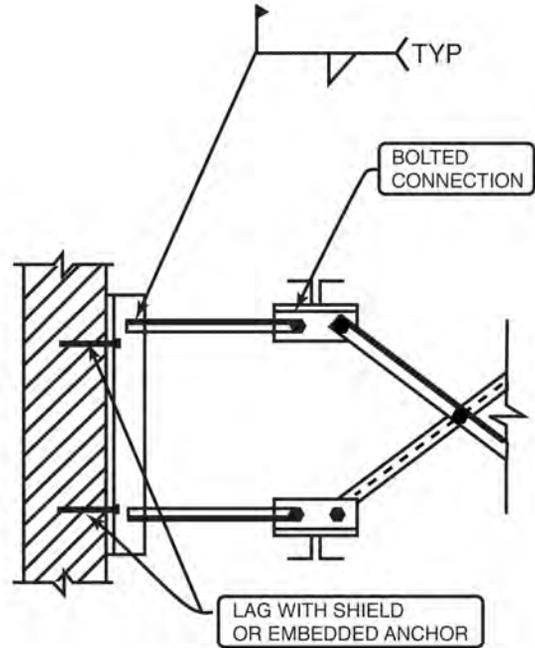
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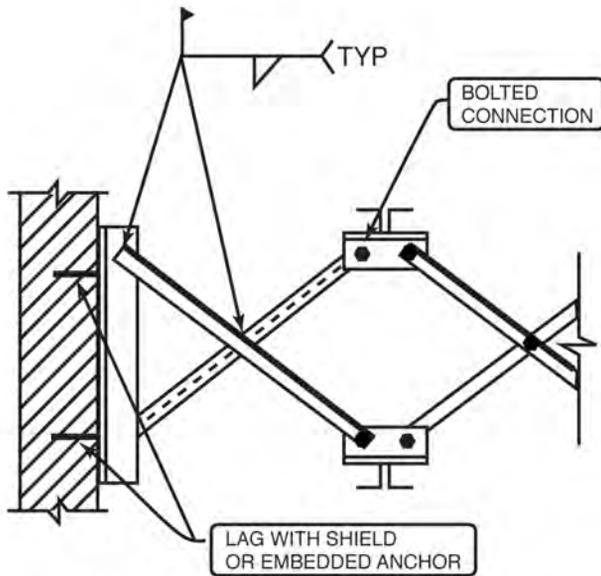
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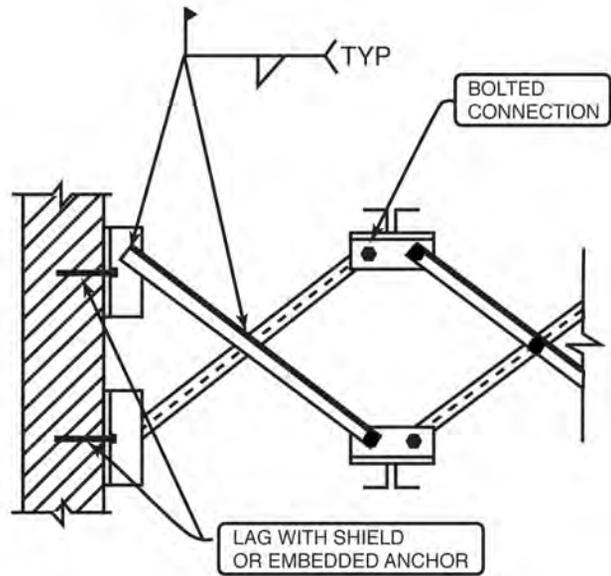
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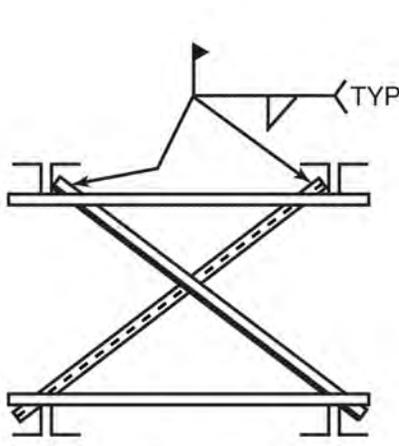


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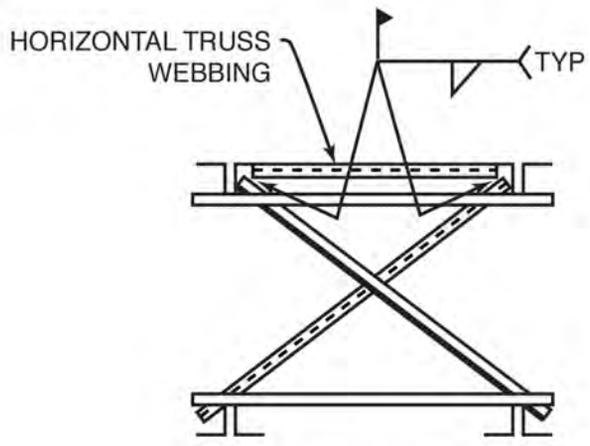
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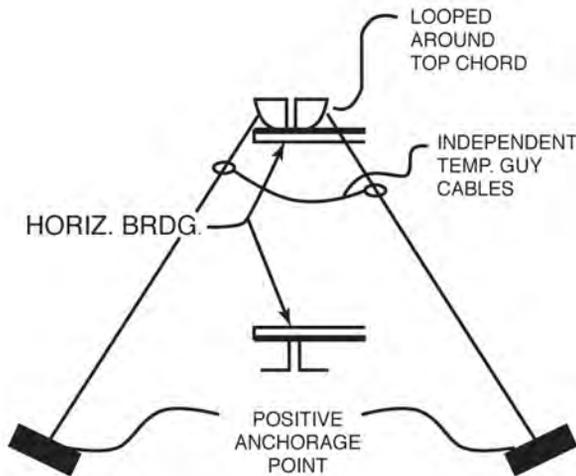
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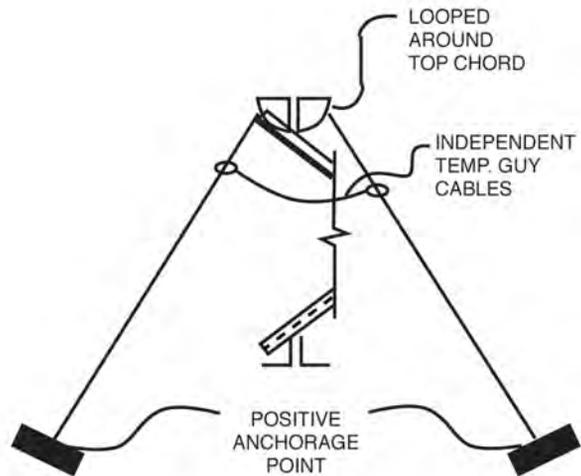
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