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JOIST DESIGN COMMENTARY

SPECIFYING JOISTS

Joists can be specified in one of two ways. The first option is to specify the joists using the “SJI designation”. Examples of this are 16K3, 22K5, 28K10, 32LH11, 44LH16, 68DLH19, etc. and they are commonly referred to as “catalog joists”. These designations are listed in the SJI Standard Load Capacity Tables for the different Joist Series.

When the SJI designation is used, the joist is designed for the (total) load capacity given in the Standard Load Capacity Tables. The loads will be interpolated when the joist span is between the spans listed in the tables. For K-Series Joists, when the span is less than the minimum table span, the design total load will be 550 plf. For LH-Series Joists, when the span is less than the minimum table span, the loads will be determined based on the “SAFE LOAD” using the method described in the preamble to the LH-Series Load Capacity Tables.

The span-to-depth ratio (24:1) given in the SJI specifications **cannot** be exceeded. This is shown in the Standard Load Capacity Tables by the cutoff point for the joist lengths and designation.

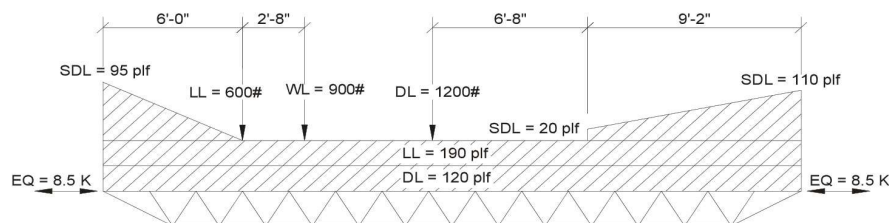
The second option for specifying a joist is to use the design loads. Examples of this are 18K300/160, 30K450/250, 36LH650/250, 72DLH1250/950, etc. These are commonly referred to as “load/load” joists. In this joist designation the last numbers are the Total Load and Live Load in plf, respectively.

It is the specifying professional’s responsibility to provide a complete joist designation and to calculate and specify all joist loads.

SPECIFYING CONCENTRATED AND NON-UNIFORM LOADS

Whether using K-Series, LH-Series, or Joist Girders, it is important that the specifying professional show all the design loads on the contract drawings. The most effective way of showing these loads is with a load diagram. The specifying professional shall designate a “special” joist in this situation. **These joists are to be labeled “SP” and a load diagram for each SP joist shall be provided on the contract drawings.** Each SP joist’s load diagram shall include the location, magnitude, and type of all concentrated, uniform and non-uniform loads.

The most common non-uniform load is a (snow) drift load. The specifying professional must clearly indicate on the contract drawings the length of the drift load and the magnitude of the load at each end of the drift. The most effective method for specifying this load is with a load diagram that includes all loads as shown in the figure below.



For further information on specifying joists and joist loads refer to Sections 2.2 and 2.3 of the SJI Code of Standard Practice.

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JOIST “ADD-LOAD” AND “BEND-CHECK”

Frequently, the specifying professional includes a generic additional load, often referred to as an “Add-Load”, to account for miscellaneous mechanical, electrical, or plumbing equipment that are part of the building but cannot be readily located. This load is typically given in the design specifications for the Open Web Steel Joists and Joist Girders. There are many ways this type of load can be specified. To ensure correct interpretation, Valley Joist offers the following suggestions.

Suggested Specification: Design all joists for an additional 500 pound load at any panel point.

Valley Joist Interpretation: All joists are designed for an additional single 500 pound concentrated load that can be placed at any top or bottom chord panel point. This is also referred to as an “Add-Load”. **Note:** The load must be within 6 inches of a panel point or additional field-installed reinforcing webs are required.

Suggested Specification: Design all joists for an additional 500 pound concentrated load anywhere along the top chord.

Valley Joist Interpretation: All joists are designed for an additional single 500 pound concentrated load that can be placed at any location along the top chord. Field installed webs are not required should the load be offset more than 6 inches from a top chord panel point. This is commonly referred to as an “Add-Load w/ a Bend Check”.

Suggested Specification: Design all joists for an additional 500 pound concentrated load anywhere along the top chord and 350 pounds anywhere along the bottom chord.

Valley Joist Interpretation: All joists will be designed for an additional single 500 pound concentrated load that can be placed at any location along the top chord and an additional single 350 pound concentrated load that can be placed at any location along the bottom chord. Field installed reinforcing webs are not required should the load be offset more than 6 inches from a top chord panel point.

Suggested Specification: Design all joist top chords for an additional 500 pound concentrated load of which 250 pounds may occur at any location.

Valley Joist Interpretation: All joists will be designed for an additional single 500 pound concentrated load that can be placed at any top chord panel point. The top chord will then be checked for the affects of local bending between panel points for a 250 pound load; this is commonly referred to as a “Bend-Check” load. The “Bend-Check load is not considered to be additive Field installed reinforcing webs are not required for additional loads of 250 pounds and less that do not occur at panel points.

For additional information and detailed examples of specifying loads refer to Section 2.2 and 2.3 of the SJI Code of Standard Practice.

JOIST SUBSTITUTES

Joist substitutes should be specified when the span is 10 feet or less. The Steel Joist Institute K-Series Standard Specifications include three standard joist substitute designations: 2.5K1, 2.5K2, and 2.5K3. Standard Load Capacity Tables are provided for each of these designations. **Note that the length of the joist substitutes in these tables does not exceed 10 feet.**

In addition to the SJI designated joist substitutes, Valley Joist manufactures joist substitutes in depths up to 5 inches. When specifying a 5” deep joist substitute, the specifying professional should designate the joist substitute by depth and design loads in the same manner as a “load/load” joist, i.e., 5K260/150. **Contact Valley Joist if the length, depth, or design loads for the joist substitute exceeds the SJI Table values to ensure that a joist substitute can be manufactured for the loads and lengths specific to your project.**



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AXIAL LOADS

Joists may be subject to axial loads from wind and/or seismic loading conditions. For joists spanning over interior beams or Joist Girders, or for opposing Joist Girders at columns, an axial load transfer mechanism provides the best overall structural system and should always be specified. Several recommended details for axial load transfer mechanisms are shown in details on the accompanying pages.

The most efficient method of transferring an axial load into or out of the joist is to provide a direct attachment to the joist's top chord using a tie plate, tie rods, or strap angles. A knife plate should only be used for transferring axial loads in Joist Girders.

Note: When axial loads are transferred through the joist or Joist Girder seat there will be additional material and manufacturing.

It is the specifying professional's responsibility to design the connection of the joist's bearing seats to the structure. If the axial load must be transferred through the joist or Joist Girder Bearing seat, the following are recommended limits.

For K-Series Joists	20 kips
For LH-Series Joists	30 kips
For Joist Girders	40 kips

Contact Valley Joist for specific applications.

CAMBER

The camber given in the SJI Standard Specifications for K-Series and LH-Series joists, and for Joist Girders is considered to be "standard camber" and is **approximate**. The camber tables given in the SJI specifications can be used as a guide to determine the expected camber for a joist or Joist Girder of a given length. Because camber is approximate, the amount of camber may vary slightly between joists of the same length.

Valley Joist manufactures all joists and Joist Girders for the approximate SJI standard camber. Joists and Joist Girders can also be manufactured without camber (zero camber) if clearly specified on the contract drawings. With the exception of composite joists, Valley Joist excludes any special camber in all quotes. It is recommended that camber for joists and Joist Girders be specified as "SJI Standard Camber". Avoid specifying "camber for dead load".

When non-composite joists are used in concrete floor slabs special camber may be required to ensure there is not excessive deflection of the joists during placement of the concrete slab. The specifying professional must clearly denote the floor dead load for which the required camber must be calculated.

Camber other than the SJI standard is considered "special camber" and may result in additional costs. Contact Valley Joist for information regarding "special camber".

JOISTS IN SLOPED ROOFS

When joists are installed in a sloping roof, sloped bearing seats will be provided depending on the roof slope. When joist top chord extensions are required, special attention must be given to the bearing seat depth to accommodate both manufacturing and erecting the joists. Tables are included in the Accessories and Details Section of the SJI Specifications for the required bearing seat depth for K-Series and LH-Series joist, respectively, for the various roof slopes.



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JOISTS AND FIRE PROTECTION PIPING

Open web steel joists can be designed and manufactured to allow for the passage of fire protection branch line piping through the web openings. Valley Joist manufactures K- and LH-Series joists so that the joist webs are aligned to allow for a continuous passage of sprinkler branch lines; however, the joists are not designed around the sprinkler branch line locations.

WOOD-NAILER JOISTS (Available from Western Division only)

“Wood-nailer” joists are a hybrid-type joist system that have wood attached to the joist's top chord. The wood is used for attaching sub-purlins between the joists in a “panelized, wood roof system”. This process allows an entire panel consisting of joists, nailers, sub-purlins, and deck to be assembled on the ground. The panel is then lifted into position and nailed to the previously erected panel.

The wood-nailer will be #2 Douglas Fir-Larch, solid sawn, dimension lumber or, if required, an engineered wood lumber product, i.e. LVL, PSL. The wood-nailer must be specified on the contract drawings. APA rated sheathing must be used for the decking. It is the responsibility of the specifying professional to determine and specify the wood-nailer and the deck sheathing.

There are different methods used to attach the wood nailer to the top chord; however, in each case the attachment must be capable of providing lateral stability for the top chord. This requirement is given in SJI Standard Specifications for K- and LH-Series joists. The attachment must also be capable of resisting and transferring any withdrawal forces from net uplift loads. The attachment may also be required to transfer the diaphragm shears or axial forces from the wood-nailer to the joist top chord.

Valley Joist's standard attachment is #14 screws spaced at 12 inches on-center staggered, as shown in the “Standard Screw Spacing for Wood Nailer Joists”. The screw length will be based on the depth of the wood-nailer. For a 1¾” thick wood-nailer, a 1½” long screw is used; for 2½” thick wood-nailer a 2” long screw is used.

The required screw spacing and screw type must be specified on the contract drawings.

Valley Joist can supply the joists either with or without the wood-nailer attached to the top chord based on the project's requirements. If the wood-nailer is not supplied by Valley Joist (field installed), we can provide holes in the joist top chords based on the spacing and screw size requirements given on the contract drawings. Contact Valley Joist for your specific needs.

Valley Joist recommends a minimum depth of 18 inches for all wood-nailer joists. The joist bearing seat depth can be adjusted to accommodate the project requirements. When using LH-Series joist it is recommended that the SJI standard seat depth of 5 inches be adhered to.

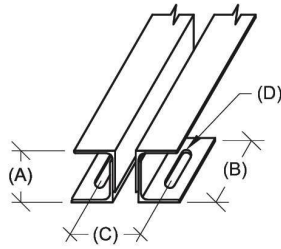
Specifying a wood nailer joist is the same as a joist in a metal deck roof. The specifying professional must show all loads on the contract drawings. Provisions must be made and details provided for the transfer of axial loads. Several suggested details for transferring the axial loads between joists, between Joist Girders, or at column and wall connections are provided in this catalog for consideration by the design professional.

Note that when axial loads are transferred through the joist or Joist Girder seats there will be additional material and manufacturing.

Because lateral support for the joist top chord is provided when using this panelized erection process, top chord bridging is not needed. Bottom chord bridging (bracing) is bolted to the bottom chord and nailed to the wood sub-purlins. The number and placement of these braces should be in accordance with the SJI specifications and bridging tables for K-Series and LH-Series joists. If net uplift forces are a design consideration, uplift bridging (braces) must be installed near the first bottom chord panel point at each end of the joist as required in the SJI specifications.

Joist Substitutes can be used as wood-nailer joists. Special manufacturing is required so that the wood-nailer can be attached to the joist substitute.

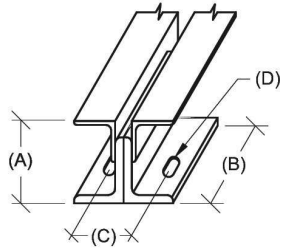




- (A) STANDARD BEARING SEAT DEPTH:
2½" (64 MM) (1)
- (B) STANDARD BEARING SEAT LENGTH:
5" (127 MM)
MIN REQ'D BEARING = 2½" (63 MM) (2)
- (C) STANDARD SLOT GAUGE:
3½" (89 MM) (3)
- (D) STANDARD SLOT SIZE
9/16" x 2 5/8" (3, 4)
9/16" x 2" LONG SLOT- AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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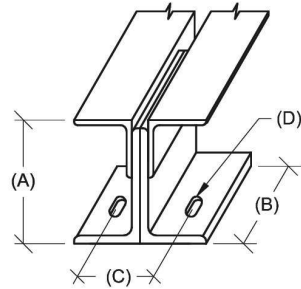
K - SERIES



- (A) STANDARD BEARING SEAT DEPTH:
5" (127 MM) FOR LH-SERIES (1)
7½" (190 MM) FOR DLH-SERIES SECTION NO. 18 - 25 (1)
- (B) STANDARD BEARING SEAT LENGTH:
6" (152 MM) (2)
MIN BEARING REQ'D. - BY SECTION NUMBER =
02 - 06 INCL. 2½" (64 MM)
07 - 17 INCL. 4" (102 MM)
18 - 25 INCL. 6" (152 MM)
- (C) STANDARD SLOT GAUGE:
4" (102 MM) 5" (127MM) FOR DLH 18-35 (3)
- (D) STANDARD SLOT SIZE
13/16" x 1¼" (3, 4)

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LH - SERIES AND DLH - SERIES



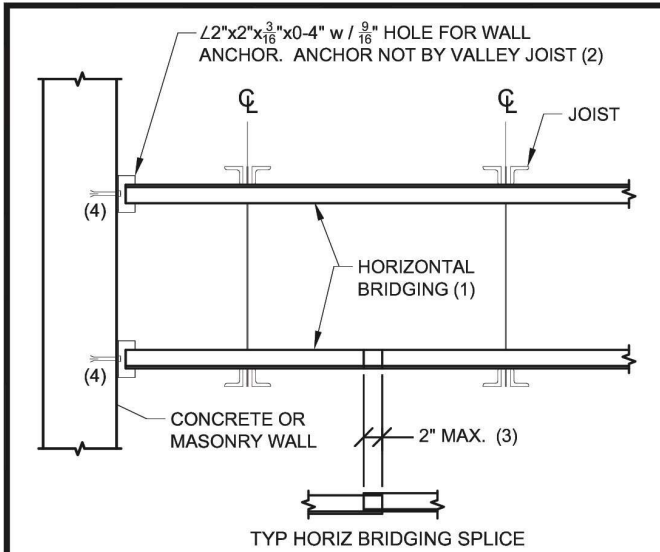
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5" (127 MM) (3)
- (D) STANDARD SLOT SIZE
13/16" x 1¼" (3, 4)

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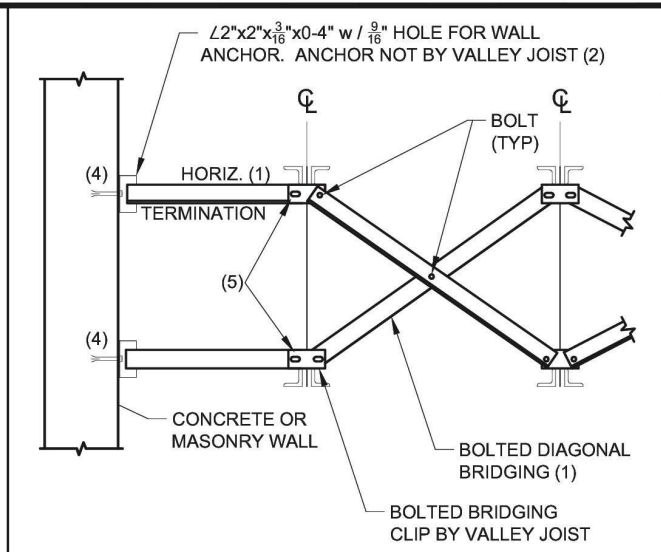
JOIST GIRDERS

BEARING SEAT STANDARDS

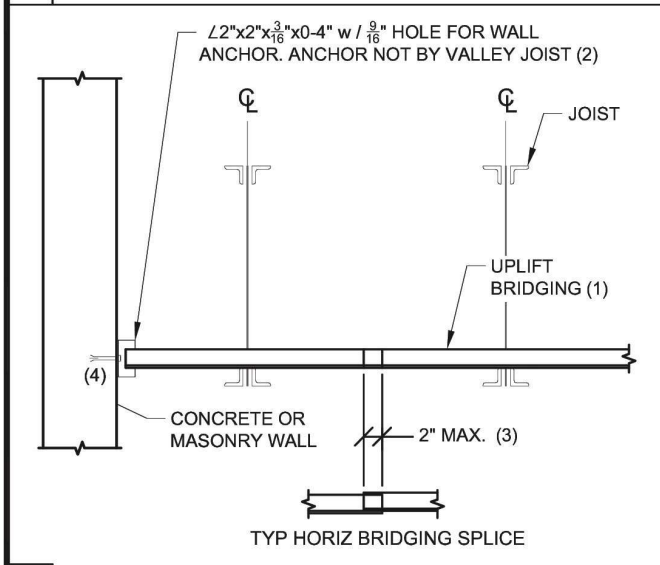
- (1) MINIMUM BEARING SEAT DEPTH IS BASED ON SJI STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.
- (2) REFERENCE SJI SPECIFICATIONS FOR MINIMUM REQUIRED BEARING LENGTH.
- (3) SLOT SIZE AND GAUGE IS VALLEY JOIST MANUFACTURING STANDARD.
- (4) WHERE JOISTS ARE BOLTED TO SUPPORTING STRUCTURE A307 BOLTS WILL BE USED. JOISTS OVER 40'-0" AND AS REQUIRED BY OSHA ERECTION REGULATIONS WILL BE BOLTED USING A307 BOLTS. VALLEY JOIST WILL PROVIDE A307 BOLTS FOR JOIST TO GIRDERS ONLY, ALL OTHER REQUIRED BOLTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY OTHERS. VALLEY JOIST WILL PROVIDE OUR STANDARD BOLT SIZE AND GRADE ONLY.
1/2" x 1½" FOR K- SERIES AND 3/4" x 1¾" FOR LH-SERIES.



A TYP. HORIZONTAL BRIDGING TO WALL



B BOLTED DIAGONAL BRIDGING TO WALL

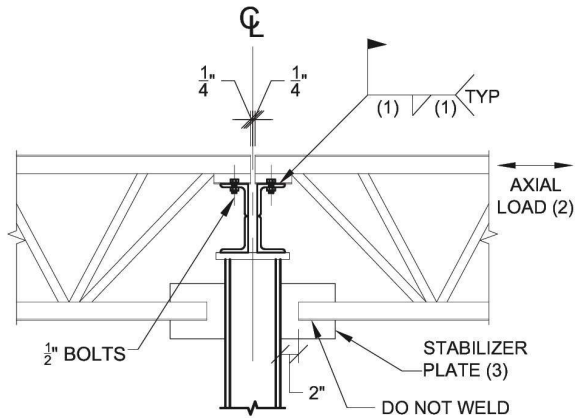


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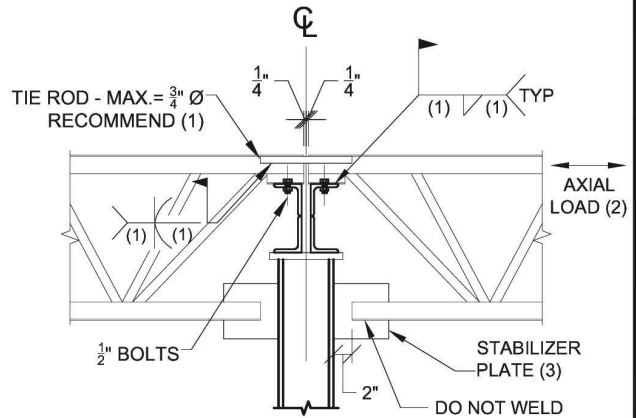
SEE GUIDELINES FOR COMPLYING WITH OSHA STEEL ERECTION STANDARD, PARAGRAPH § 1926.757(a)(10) AND § 1926.757 (c)(5).

- (1) BRIDGING - SIZE, TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROWS TO BE PROVIDED PER SJI SPECIFICATIONS,
- (2) VALLEY JOIST STANDARD BRIDGING ANCHOR CLIP (BAC)
- (3) 2" MAX SPLICE LAP AT ALL HORIZONTAL BRIDGING. (USE ALL DROPS)
- (4) 'ANCHOR' TYPE AND EMBEDMENT TO BE DETERMINED BY ENGINEER OF RECORD. (NOT BY VALLEY JOIST)
- (5) HORIZONTAL TERMINATION BRIDGING IS WELDED TO BOLTED BRIDGING CLIP.

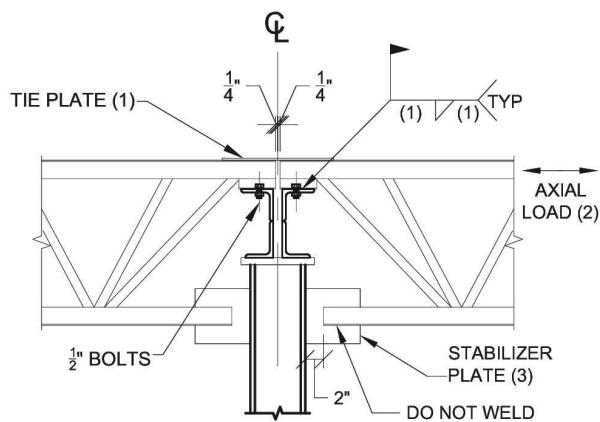




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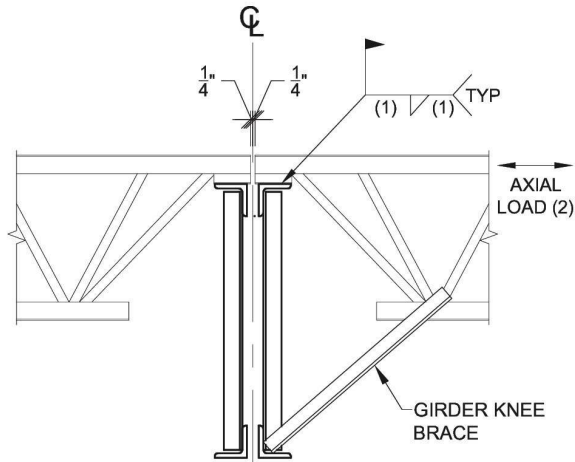
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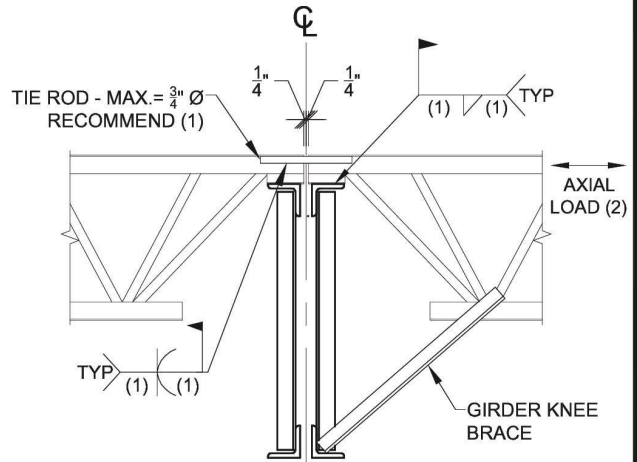
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JOIST @ COLUMN DETAILS

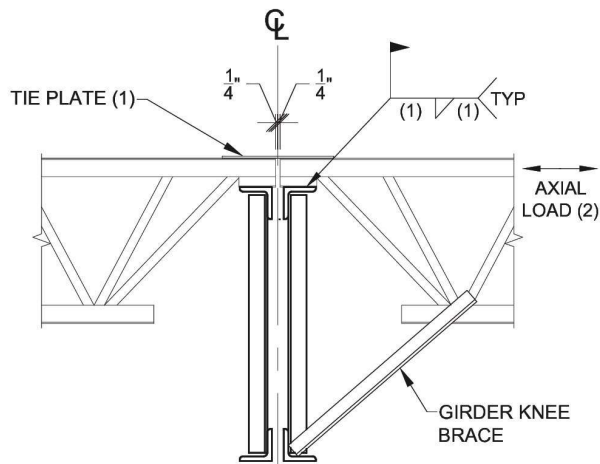
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- WELDS SHOWN ABOVE ARE TYPICAL FOR BOTH JOISTS.
- STABILIZER PLATES, AXIAL TRANSFER MECHANISMS ARE NOT PROVIDED BY VALLEY JOIST.



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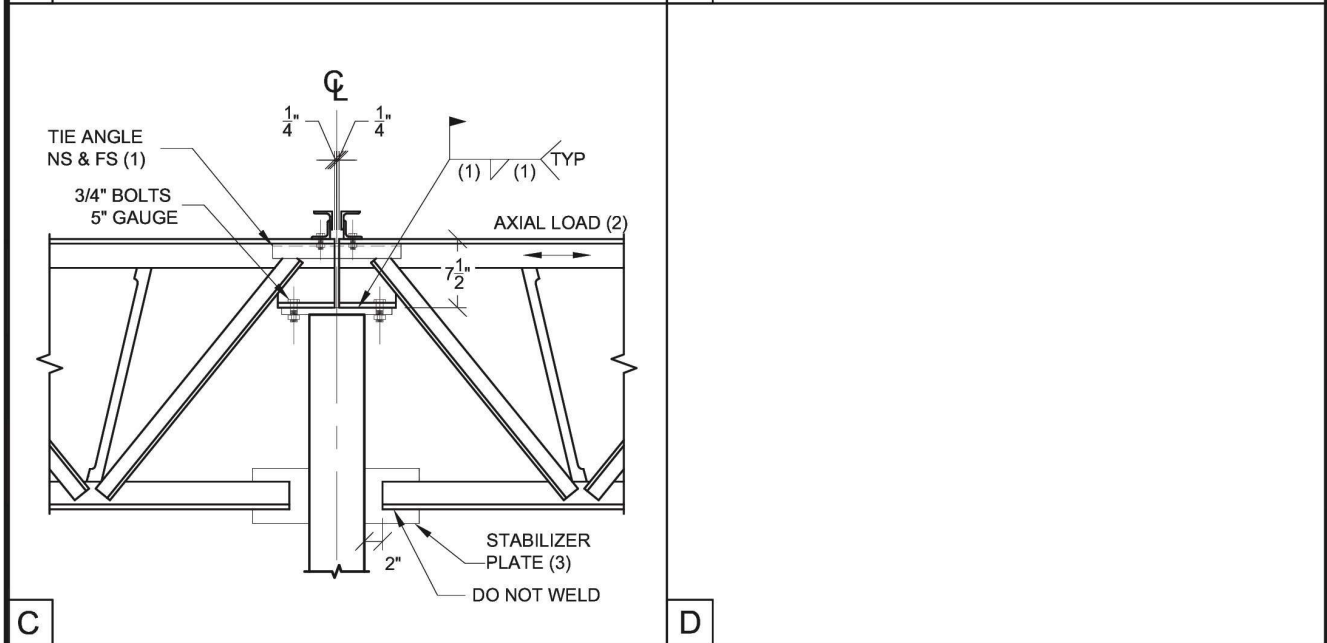
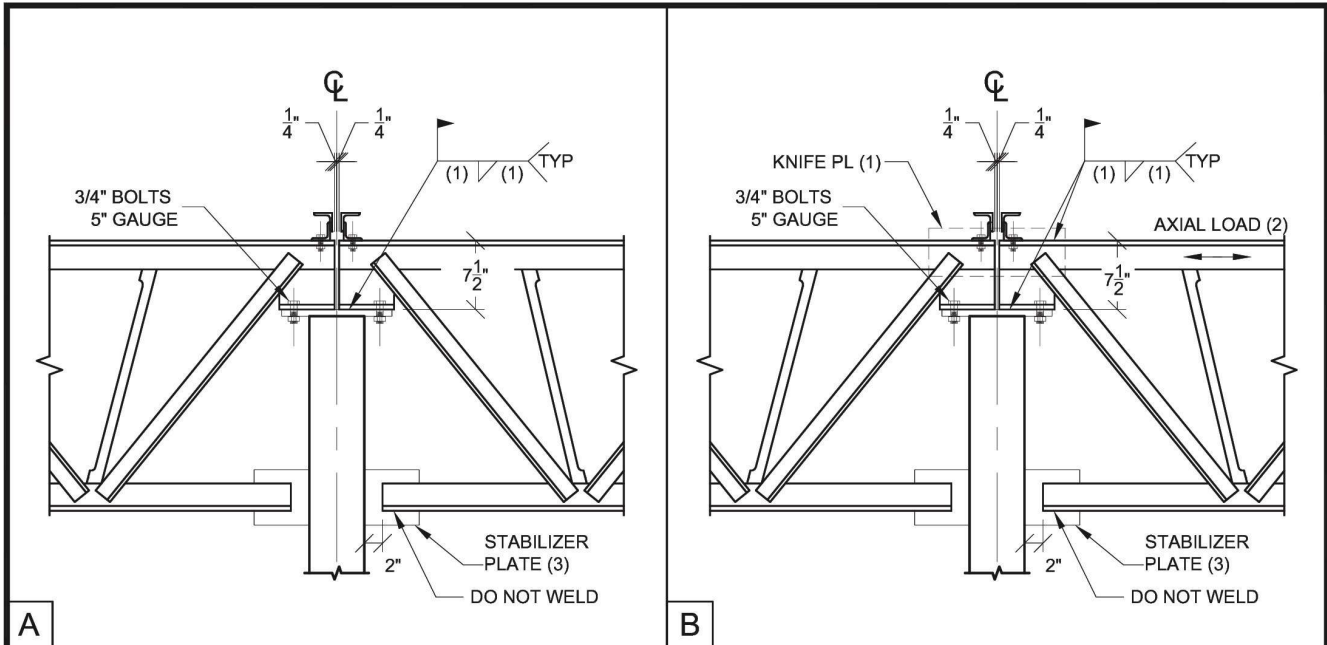
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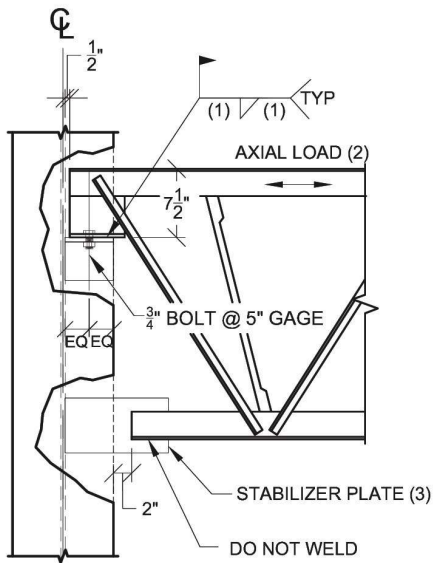
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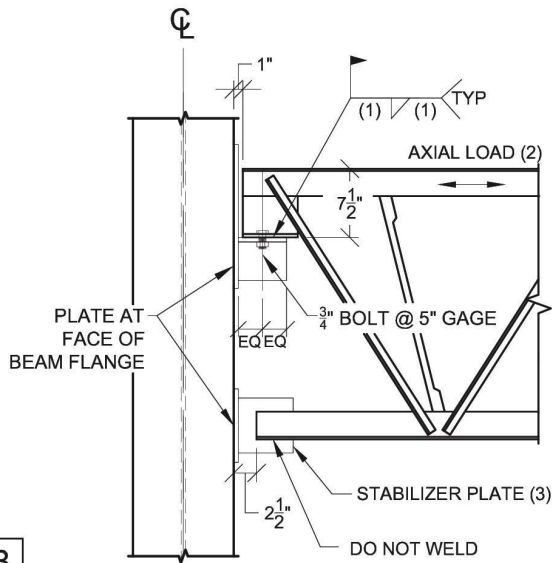


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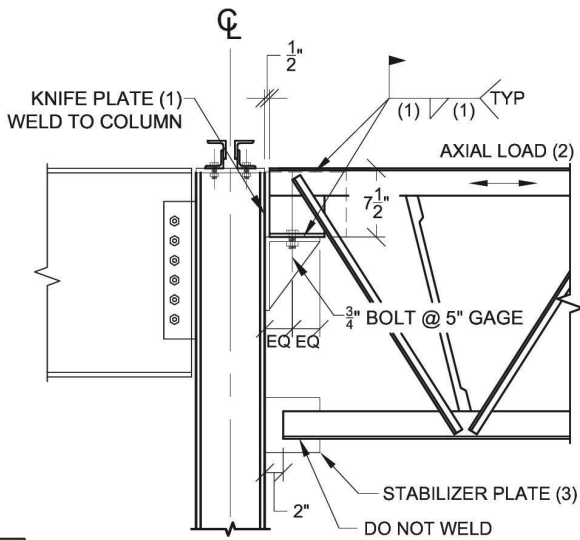
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- (2) MAGNITUDE PROVIDED BY ENGINEER OF RECORD.
- (3) VALLEY JOIST RECOMMENDS USING A STABILIZER PLATE SIZE OF 3/4"x6"x6".
 - COLUMN BOLTS, STABILIZER PLATES & AXIAL TRANSFER MECHANISMS ARE NOT PROVIDED BY VALLEY JOIST.
 - WELDS SHOWN ABOVE ARE TYPICAL FOR BOTH JOIST GIRDERS.



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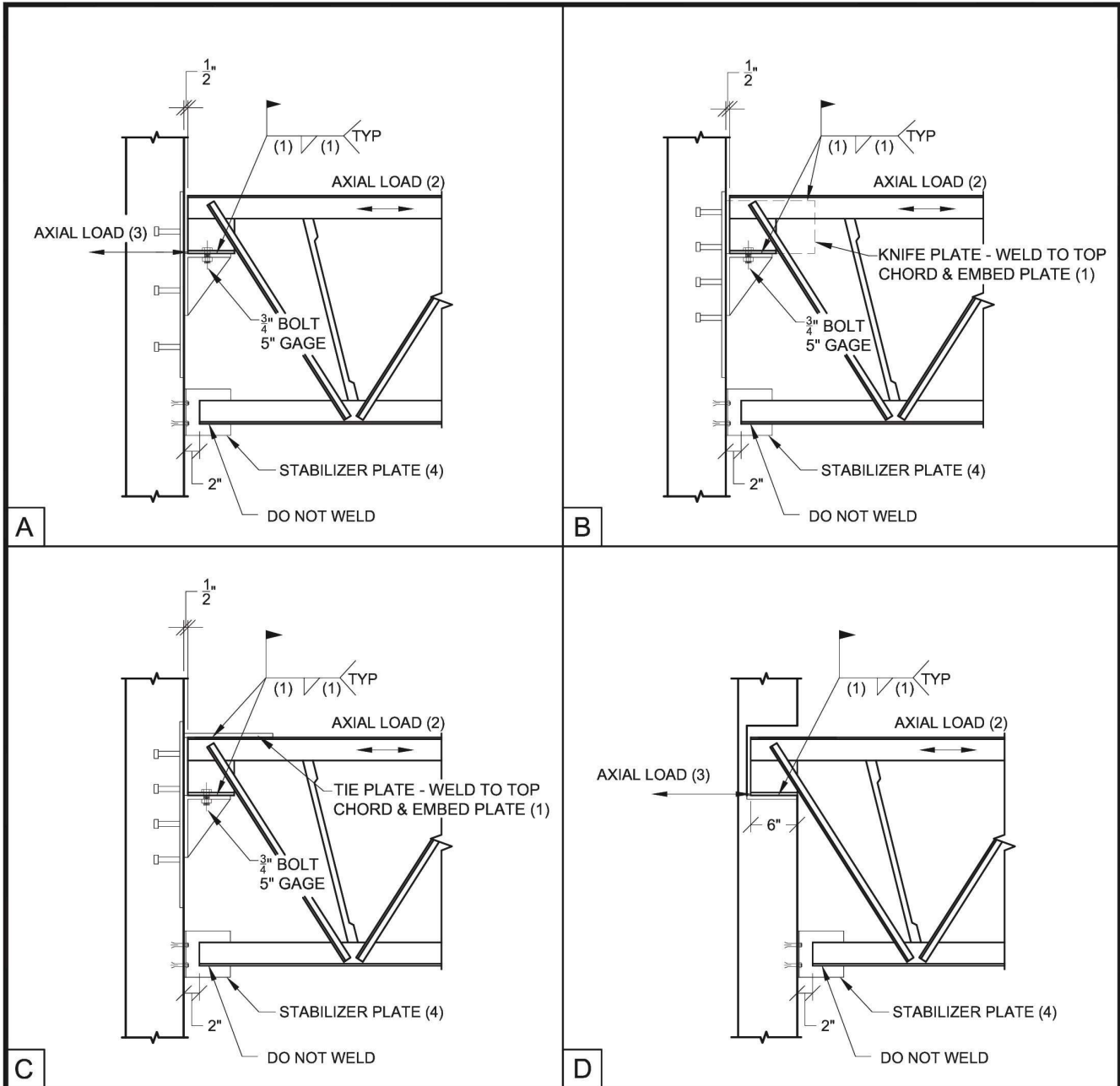
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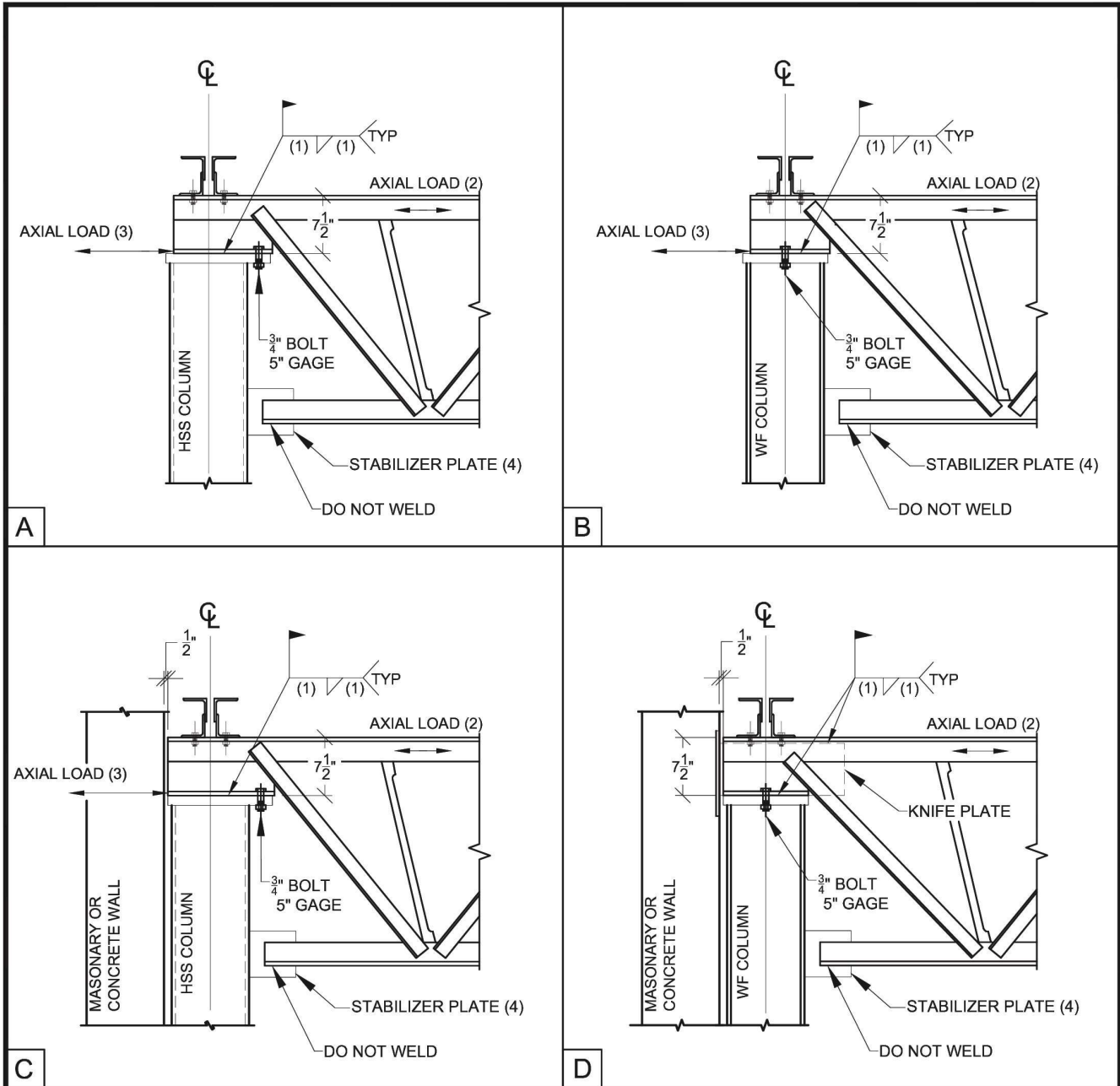
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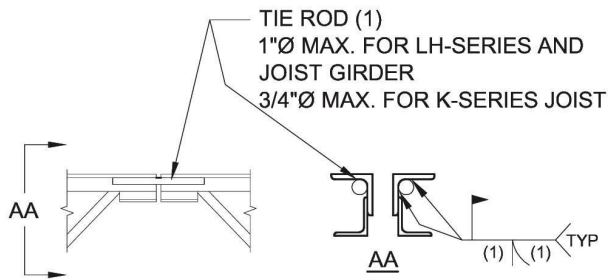
GIRDER @ MASONRY/CONCRETE WALL DETAILS

- (1) SIZE AND LENGTH TO BE PROVIDED BY ENGINEER OF RECORD.
- (2) MAGNITUDE PROVIDED BY ENGINEER OF RECORD.
- (3) MAGNITUDE OF FORCE TO BE TRANSFERRED THROUGH SEAT PROVIDED BY THE ENGINEER OF RECORD.
 ***AXIAL LOAD TRANSFERRED THROUGH JOIST GIRDER SEAT MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL COSTS.
- (4) VALLEY JOIST RECOMMENDS USING A 3/4" x 6" x 6" STABILIZER PLATE.
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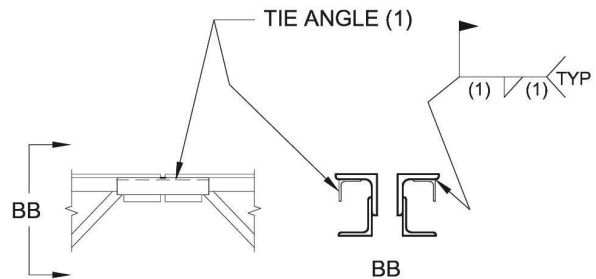
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 - (3) MAGNITUDE OF FORCE TO BE TRANSFERRED THROUGH SEAT PROVIDED BY THE ENGINEER OF RECORD.
 ***AXIAL LOAD TRANSFERRED THROUGH JOIST GIRDER SEAT MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL COSTS.
 - (4) VALLEY JOIST RECOMMENDS USING A STABILIZER PLATE SIZE OF 3/4"x6"x6".
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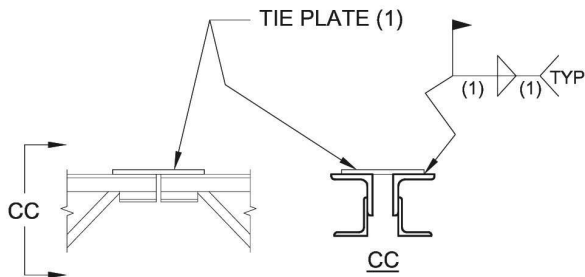
ATTACH RODS TO NEAR SIDE AND FAR SIDE OF JOIST

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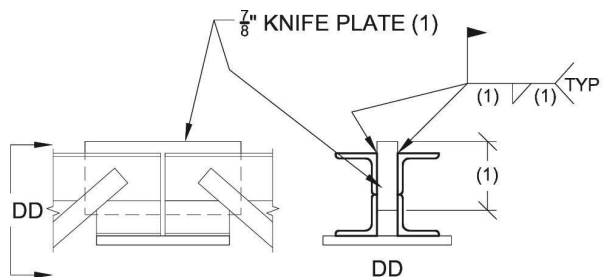


ATTACH ANGLES TO NEAR SIDE AND FAR SIDE OF JOIST

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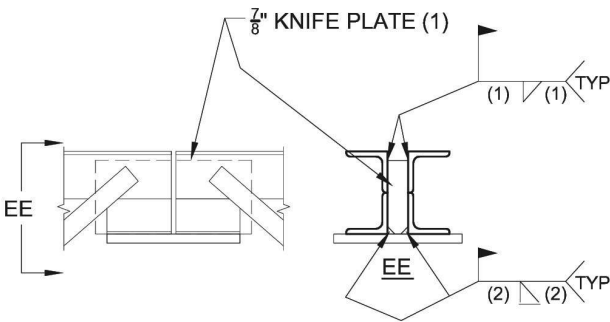


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KNIFE PLATE BETWEEN JOIST GIRDER SEAT/CHORDS



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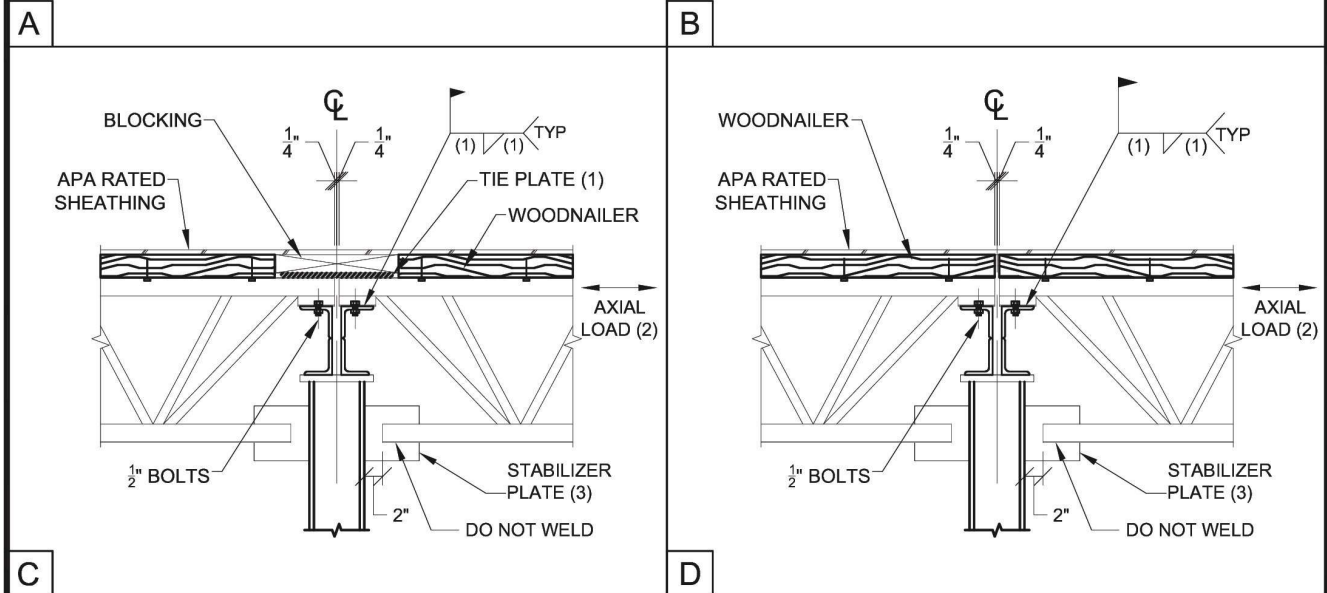
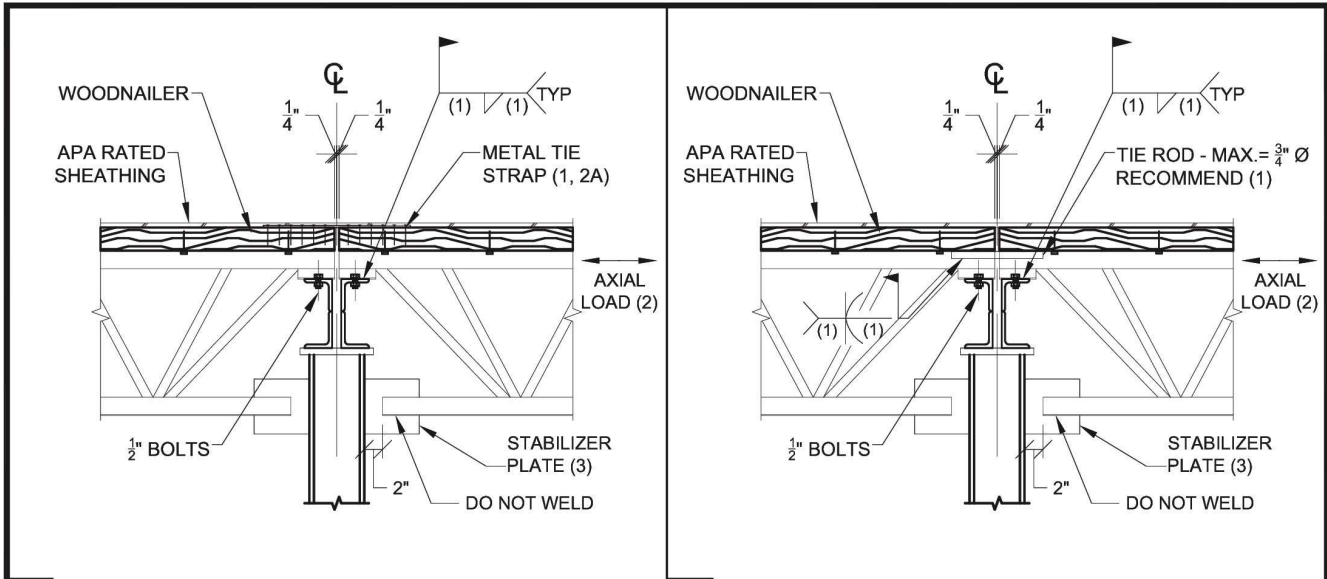
AXIAL TRANSFER MECHANISMS

(1) SIZE AND LENGTH TO BE PROVIDED BY ENGINEER OF RECORD.

- RECOMMEND TIE PLATE WIDTH = 4"
- RECOMMEND MAX TIE ANGLE = L2x2x 1/4"

(2) SIZE AND LENGTH TO BE PROVIDED BY ENGINEER OF RECORD, IF REQUIRED.

- AXIAL TRANSFER MECHANISMS ARE NOT PROVIDED BY VALLEY JOIST.

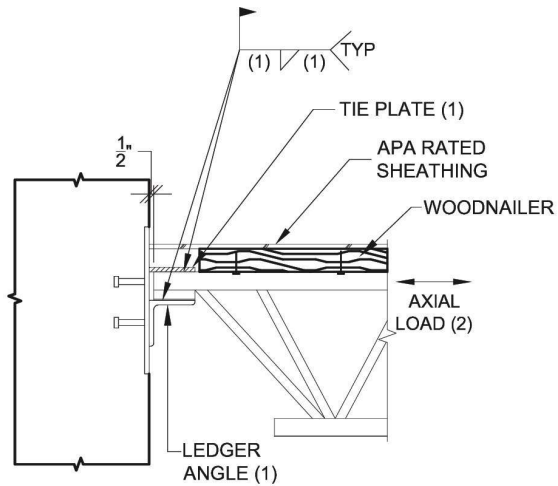


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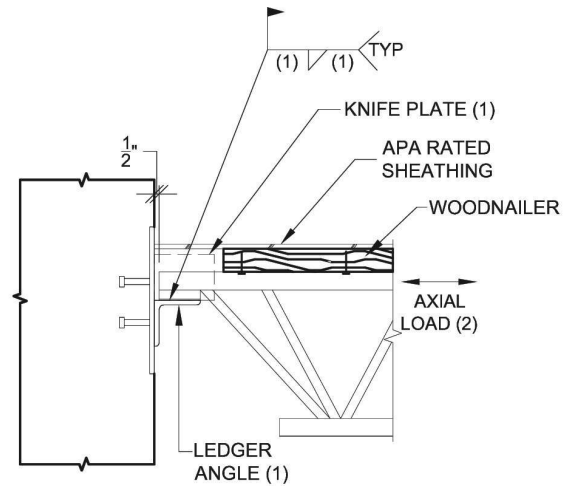
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 (2A) TIE STRAPS ARE NOT CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT TO TRANSFER AXIAL LOAD ACROSS JOIST TOP CHORDS.
- WELDS SHOWN ABOVE ARE TYPICAL FOR BOTH JOISTS.
- STABILIZER PLATES, AXIAL TRANSFER MECHANISMS ARE NOT PROVIDED BY VALLEY JOIST.

WOOD NAILER JOISTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM WESTERN DIVISION ONLY





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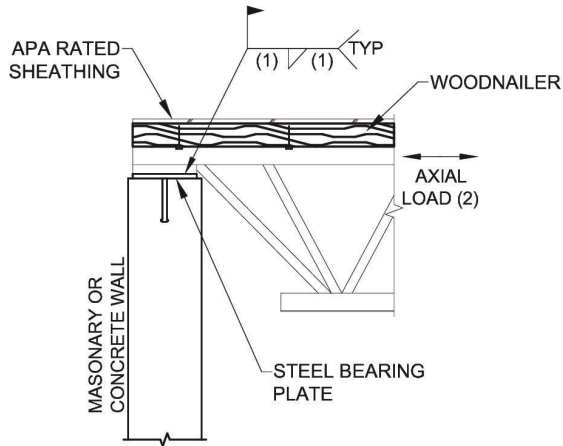
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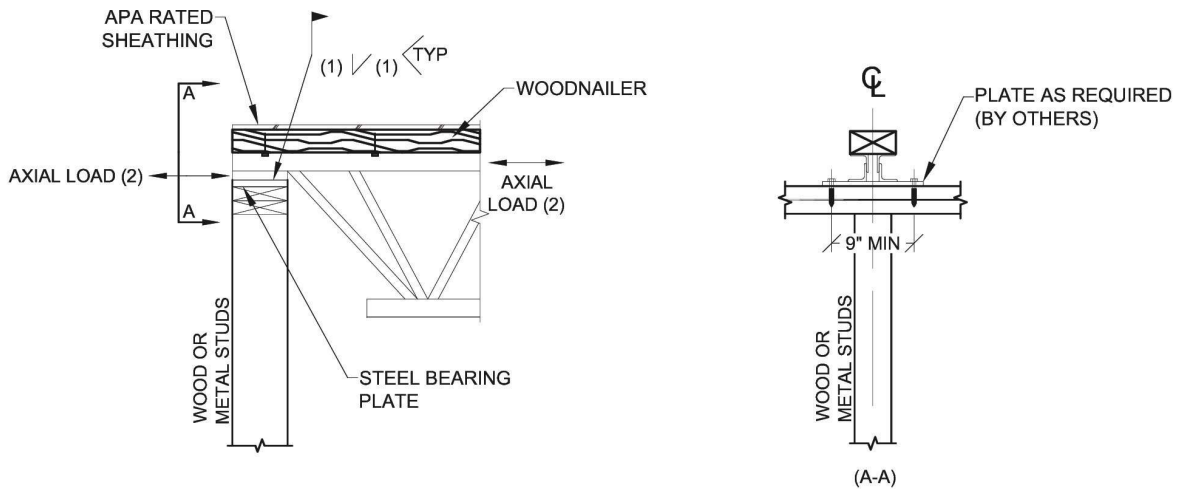
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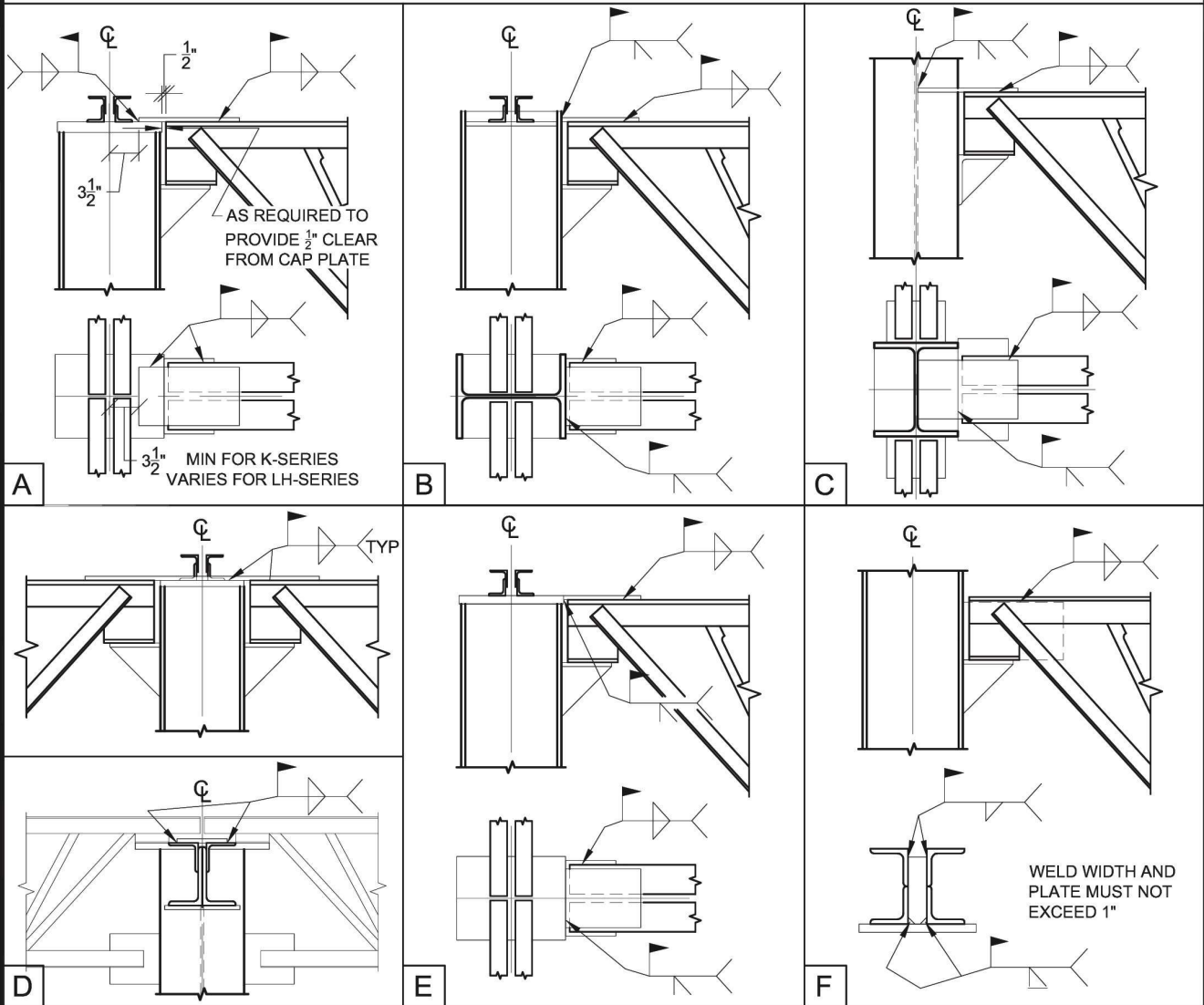
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NOTES:

- (1) CONNECTION TYPE B, C & F CAN ALSO BE USED FOR FLOOR GIRDER DETAILS.
- (2) WHERE A BACKER BAR IS REQUIRED FOR GROOVE WELDS, ADDITIONAL CLEARANCE MUST BE PROVIDED WHEN DETERMINING GIRDER HOLD BACK DIMENSION.
- (3) SIMILAR DETAILS WOULD APPLY AT OTHER TYPES OF COLUMNS OR AT CONCRETE WALLS.
- (4) ADDITIONAL STIFFENER PLATES MAY BE REQUIRED (NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY.)
- (5) IN ALL DETAILS MOMENT PLATE DESIGN AND MATERIAL IS NOT BY VALLEY JOIST.

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American National Standards Institute (ANSI):

Standard Specification for Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series** and
Load Tables (SJI-K-2010)

Standard Specifications for Longspan Steel Joists, **LH-Series** and Deep Longspan
Steel Joists, **DLH-Series** and Load Tables (SJI-LH/DLH-2010)

Standard Specifications for Joist Girders, **JG-Series** (SJI-JG-2010)



STEEL JOIST INSTITUTE

HISTORY

Formed five years after the first open web steel joist was manufactured, the Institute has worked since 1928 to maintain sound engineering practice throughout our industry. As a non-profit organization of active manufacturers, the Institute cooperates with governmental and business agencies to establish steel joist standards. Continuing research and updating are included in its work.

The first joist in 1923 was a Warren truss type, with top and bottom chords of round bars and a web formed from a single continuous bent bar. Various other types were developed, but problems also followed because each manufacturer had their own design and fabrication standards. Architects, engineers and builders found it difficult to compare rated capacities and to use fully the economies of steel joist construction.

Members of the industry began to organize the Institute, and in 1928 the first standard specifications were adopted, followed in 1929 by the first load table. The joists covered by these early standards were later identified as open web steel joists, **SJ-Series**.

Other landmark adoptions by the Institute include the following:

1953

Introduction of Longspan Steel Joists, **L-Series**. Specifications and a standard load table, covering spans through 96 feet and depths through 48 inches, were jointly approved with the American Institute of Steel Construction.

1959

Introduction of the **S-Series** Joists, which replaced the **SJ-Series** Joists. The allowable tensile stress was increased from 18,000 to 20,000 psi, joist depths were expanded through 24 inches, and spans increased through 48 feet.

1961

(a) Introduction of the **J-Series** Joists, which replaced the **S-Series** Joists. The allowable tensile stress was increased from 20,000 psi to 22,000 psi, based on the use of steel with a minimum yield strength of 36,000 psi.

(b) Introduction of the **LA-Series** Joists, which replaced the **L-Series** Joists. The **LA-Series** Joists were designed to a maximum tensile stress of either 20,000 psi or 22,000 psi, depending on the yield strength of the steel.

(c) Introduction of the **H-Series** Joists, whose design was based on steel with a minimum yield strength of 50,000 psi, and an allowable tensile stress of 30,000 psi.



1962

Introduction of the **LH-Series Joists**, utilizing steel whose minimum yield strength was between 36,000 psi and 50,000 psi and an allowable tensile strength of 22,000 psi to 30,000 psi.

1965

Development of a single specification for both the **J-** and **H-Series Joists** by the Steel Joist Institute and the American Institute of Steel Construction.

1966

Development and introduction by the SJI and AISC of the **LJ-Series Joists**, which replaced the **LA-Series Joists**. Also, the development of a single specification for both the **LJ-** and the **LH-Series Joists**, with the use of 36,000 psi minimum yield strength steel for the **LJ-Series**, and 36,000 psi to 50,000 psi minimum yield strength steel for the **LH-Series**.

1970

Introduction of the **DLJ-** and **DLH-Series Joists** to include depths through 72 inches and spans through 144 feet.

1971

Elimination of chord section number 2 and the addition of joist designations 8J3 and 8H3 to the load tables.

1972

(a) Adoption by the SJI and AISC of a single specification for the **LJ-**, **LH-**, **DLJ-**, and **DLH-Series Joists**.

(b) Adoption by the SJI and AISC of the expanded specifications and load tables for Open Web Steel Joists with increased depths through 30 inches, and spans through 60 feet, plus adding chord section numbers 9, 10, and 11.

1978

(a) Elimination of the **J-**, **LJ-**, and **DLJ-Series Joists** because of the widespread acceptance of high strength steel joists.

(b) Introduction of Joist Girders, complete with specifications and weight tables, in response to the growing need for longer span primary structural members with highly efficient use of steel.

1986

Introduction of the **K-Series Joists**, which replaced the **H-Series Joists**. The reasons for developing the **K-Series Joists** were: (1) to achieve greater economies by utilizing the Load Span design concept; (2) to meet the demand for roofs with lighter loads at depths from 18 inches to 30 inches; (3) to offer joists whose load carrying capacities at frequently used spans are those most commonly required; (4) to eliminate the very heavy joists in medium depths for which there was little, if any, demand.



1994

(a) Introduction of the **KCS** Joists as a part of the **K-Series** Specification in response to the need for a joist with a constant moment and constant shear. The **KCS** Joist is an economical alternative joist that may be specified for special loading situations.

(b) Addition of metric nomenclature for all Joist and Joist Girder Series in compliance with government and industry standards.

(c) Addition of revised stability criteria.

2002

(a) Introduction of Joist Substitutes, **K-Series**.

(b) **K-Series**, **LH-** and **DLH-** Series and Joist Girder Specifications approved as American National Standards (ANSI).

(c) Revisions to **K-Series** Section 6, **LH-** and **DLH-Series** Section 105, and Recommended Code of Standard Practice for conformance to OSHA Steel Erection Standard § 1926.757.

(d) Addition of Standing Seam Roof requirements to the **K-Series** Specification Section 5.8(g) and the **LH-** and **DLH-Series** Specification Section 104.9(g).

(e) Addition of Definition for Parallel Chord Sloped Joists – **K-Series** Section 5.13 and **LH-Series** Section 104.14.

2005

(a) Major revision of **K-Series**, **LH-** and **DLH-Series** and Joist Girder Specifications to allow the design of joists and Joist Girders to be either in accordance with Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) or Allowable Strength Design (ASD).

(b) Major revision of **K-Series** and **LH-** and **DLH-Series** Load Tables to be in both LRFD and ASD.

(c) Expansion of Joist Girder Weight Tables to spans through 120 feet.

(d) Code of Standard Practice was renamed.

2007

Introduction of the **CJ-Series** Composite Joists, complete with specifications, weight tables and bridging tables, in response to the growing need to have a standard design specification for all member companies producing composite steel joists.



2010

(a) Expanded Range of Products

Most significant is the extension of the DLH-Series joist range from a maximum of 72 inches deep and 144 feet long to a maximum now of 120 inches deep and 240 feet long. In conjunction with the increased range, the standard camber for spans over 100 feet has been reduced and the LH-/DLH-Series Load Tables have been converted from a "Clearspan" to "Span" basis. An alternate "load/load" method of specifying Longspan joists has been introduced. Changes were also made with regard to Joist Substitutes and Top Chord Extensions.

(b) Substantial changes were made to the criteria for the spacing of bridging rows and the design of bridging. The changes make the criteria more cohesive between K-Series and LH-Series joists.

(c) A number of changes were made relative to bearing seat and end anchorage conditions, primarily incremental criteria rather than one standard for LH-/DLH-Series joists due to the broad range. In addition, design responsibilities are better defined and additional options for masonry bearing conditions are permitted.

(d) Several design criteria or checks that were already being performed but had not been shown in the specifications, are now included. These include node shear, girder top chord transverse bending, and weld design criteria. Based on SJI research, new criteria for crimped end angle webs have been applied.

(e) The Code of Standard Practice is updated with more discussion of the options available when specifying joist for non-uniform loads.

POLICY

The manufacturers of any standard SJI products shall be required to submit design data for verification of compliance with Steel Joist Institute Specifications, undergo physical design verification tests (on K-Series only), and undergo an initial plant inspection and subsequent biennial in-plant inspections for all products for which they wish to be certified.

SJI Member companies complying with the above conditions shall be licensed to publish the appropriate copyrighted SJI Specifications, Load Tables and Weight Tables.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to manufacturers who produce, on a continuing basis, joists of the K-, LH-, and DLH-Series, and/or Joist Girders, conforming to the Institute's Specifications and Load Tables. Membership requirements differ as described below.



APPLICANTS BASED ON K-SERIES JOISTS

The Institute's Consulting Engineer checks to see that designs conform to the Institute's Specifications and Load Tables. This comprises an examination of: (1) Complete engineering design details and calculations of all K-Series Joists, bridging and accessories for which standards have been adopted; (2) Data obtained from physical tests of a limited number of joists, conducted by an independent laboratory, to verify conclusions from analysis of the applicant's engineering design details and calculations.

An initial plant inspection and subsequent biennial inspections are required to ensure that the applicant/member possesses the facilities, equipment and personnel required to properly manufacture the K-Series Joists.

APPLICANTS BASED ON LH- OR DLH-SERIES JOISTS OR JOIST GIRDERS

Designs are checked by the Consulting Engineer. Biennial in-plant inspections (but no physical tests) are required.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCT QUALITY

The plant inspections are not a guarantee of the quality of any specific joists or Joist Girders; this responsibility lies fully and solely with the individual manufacturer.

SERVICES TO NONMEMBERS

The Institute's facilities for checking the design of K-, LH-, and DLH-Series Joists or Joist Girders are available on a cost basis.

The Steel Joist Institute does not check joist designs for specific construction projects. Manufacturing to Institute Specifications is the responsibility of the individual manufacturer.

STEEL JOIST INSTITUTE PUBLICATION

Visit the SJI Web Site at <www.steeljoist.org> for a complete listing of SJI publications and a copy of the standard order form. Also, be sure to check the website for upcoming Education opportunities in your area.

- A. Catalog of Standard Specifications, Load Tables and Weight Tables and Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joists and Joist Girders
- B. Catalog of Standard Specifications for Composite Steel Joists, Weight Tables, Bridging Tables and Code of Standard Practice (CJ-Series)



C. The following **TECHNICAL DIGESTS** are also available from the Institute:

- No. 3 Structural Design of Steel Joist Roofs to Resist Ponding Loads (2007)
- No. 5 Vibration of Steel Joist - Concrete Slab Floors (1988)
- No. 6 Structural Design of Steel Joist Roofs to Resist Uplift Loads (2011)
- No. 8 Welding of Open Web Steel Joists (2008)
- No. 9 Handling and Erection of Steel Joists and Joist Girders (2008)
- No. 10 Design of Fire Resistive Assemblies (2003)
- No. 11 Design of Joist Girder Frames (2007)
- No. 12 Evaluation and Modification of Open Web Steel Joists and Joist Girders (2007)

D. 80-Year CD Open Web Steel Joist Construction (1928-2008)

E. Vibration Computer Program (upcoming in 2011)

F. SJI DVD – Design of Open Web Steel Joists (2010)

G. SJI Video No. 2 – The Safe Erection of Steel Joists and Joist Girders (2001)

INTRODUCTION TO K-SERIES

Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series**, were primarily developed to provide structural support for floors and roofs of buildings. They possess the following advantages and features which have resulted in their wide use and acceptance throughout the United States and other countries.

First and foremost, they are economical. For many types of buildings, no other products or methods for supporting floors and roofs can compete with steel joists. The advantages listed in the following paragraphs all contribute to the overall economy of using Open Web Steel Joists.

K-Series are light in weight – they possess an exceptionally high strength-to-weight ratio in comparison with other building materials. Coupled with their low price per pound, they contribute significantly to lower building costs. An additional economy stemming from their light weight is the fact that the structural materials supporting the joists, such as beams and Joist Girders, columns, and the foundations themselves, can therefore be lighter, thus leading to even greater economies.

Open Web Steel Joists represent unitized construction. Upon arrival at the job site, the joists are ready immediately for proper installation. No forming, pouring, curing, or stripping is required. Furthermore, their light weight makes the erection procedure simple and fast.

K-Series Joists are standardized regarding depths, spans, and load-carrying capacities. There are 63 separate designations in the Load Tables, representing joist depths from 10 inches (254 mm) through 30 inches (762 mm) in 2 inch (51 mm) increments and spans through 60 feet (18,288 mm). Standard **K-Series** Joists have a 2 1/2 inch (64 mm) end bearing depth so that, regardless of the overall joist depths, the tops of the joists lie in the same plane. Seat depths deeper than 2 1/2" (64 mm) can also be specified.



The open webs in the joists permit the ready passage and concealment of pipes, ducts and electric conduits within the depth of the floor. In high rise buildings this can result in a reduced overall building height, which translates into considerable cost savings. As soon as the joists are erected and bridged, with ends properly attached, a working platform is available for the immediate follow-up of allied trades; this allows field work to progress rapidly and efficiently.

In combination with other materials, joists can provide fire resistive assemblies for both floors and roofs of buildings for nearly any hourly rating required. Appendix A, Fire Resistance Ratings, provides detailed information on this subject.

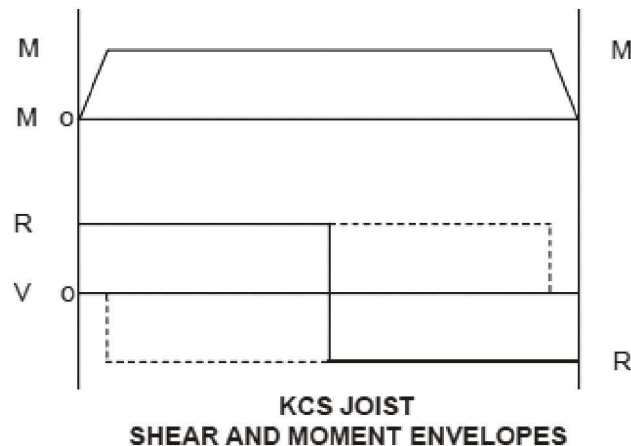
There are no restrictions on the types, sizes or heights of buildings in which joists can be used. They can be found in the roof of the neighborhood convenience store as well as in your local Lowe's, Home Depot, discount club, K-Mart, Target or Walmart.

Standard **K-Series Joists** are designed for simple span uniform loading which results in a parabolic moment diagram for chord forces and a linearly sloped shear diagram for web forces. When non-uniform and/or concentrated loads are encountered the shear and moment diagrams required may be shaped quite differently and may not be covered by the shear and moment design envelopes of a standard **K-Series Joist**. When conditions such as this arise, a **KCS-Series (K-Series Constant Shear)** joist may be a good option. **KCS-Series Joists** are designed in accordance with the Standard Specification for **K-Series Joists** with a few unique advantages.

KCS- Series joist advantages:

1. Provides a versatile **K-Series Joist** that can be easily specified to support uniform and non-uniform loads plus concentrated loads applied at panel points.
2. Eliminate many repetitive load diagrams required on contract documents and allow some flexibility of load locations.

KCS-Series joist chords are designed for a flat positive moment envelope. The moment capacity is constant at all interior panels. All webs are designed for a vertical shear equal to the specified shear capacity and interior webs will be designed for 100% stress reversal.



Both LRFD and ASD **KCS**-Series joist load tables list the shear and moment capacity of each joist. The selection of a **KCS**-Series Joist requires the specifying professional to calculate the maximum moment and shear imposed and select the appropriate **KCS**- Series Joist.

For the proper handling of concentrated and/or varying loads, see Section 2.3 in the Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joists and Joist Girders.

INTRODUCTION TO LH - and DLH - SERIES

Longspan and Deep Longspan Steel Joists are relatively light weight shop-manufactured steel trusses. Longspan Steel Joists are used in the direct support of floor or roof slabs or decks between walls, beams, and main structural members. Deep Longspan Steel Joists are used for the direct support of roof slabs or decks between walls, beams, and main structural members.

The **LH**- and **DLH**-Series have been designed for the purpose of extending the use of joists to spans and loads in excess of those covered by Open Web Steel Joists, **K**-Series.

Longspan Series Joists have been standardized in depths from 18 inches (457 mm) through 48 inches (1219 mm), for spans through 96 feet (29,260 mm).

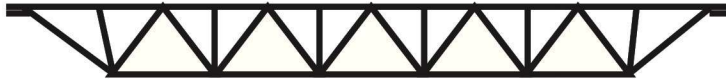
Deep Longspan Series Joists have been standardized in depths from 52 inches (1321 mm) through 120 inches (3048 mm), for spans up through 240 feet (73,152 mm).

Longspan and Deep Longspan Steel Joists can be furnished with either under-slung or square ends, with parallel chords or with single or double pitched top chords to provide sufficient slope for roof drainage. Square end joists are primarily intended for bottom chord bearing. Sloped parallel-chord joists shall use span as defined by the length along the slope. The joist designation is determined by its nominal depth at the center of the span and by the chord size designation.

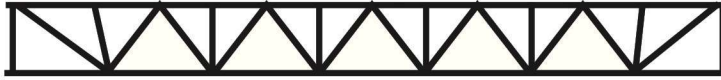
The depth of the bearing seat at the ends of underslung **LH**- and **DLH**-Series Longspan Joists has been established at 5 inches (127 mm) for chord section number 2 through 17. A bearing seat depth of 7 1/2 inches (191 mm) has been established for the **DLH** Series chord section number 18 through 25.

All Longspan and Deep Longspan Steel Joists are manufactured with standardized camber as given in Table 103.6-1. For the proper handling of concentrated and/or varying loads, see Section 2.3 in the Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joists and Joist Girders.

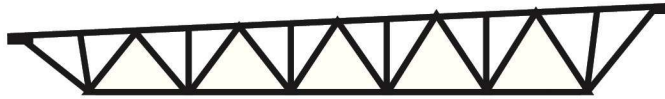




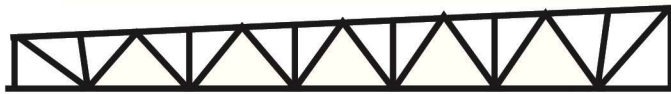
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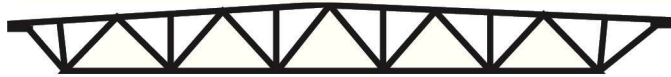
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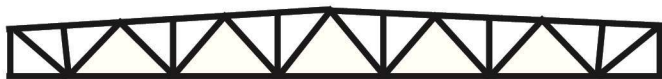
Top Chord Pitched One Way, Underslung



Top Chord Pitched One Way, Square Ends



Top Chord Pitched Two Ways, Underslung



Top Chord Pitched Two Ways, Square Ends

The illustrations above show Longspan and Deep Longspan Steel Joists with modified WARREN type web systems. However, the web systems may be any type, whichever is standard with the manufacturer furnishing the product.

INTRODUCTION TO CJ-SERIES

Open Web Composite Steel Joists, CJ-Series, were developed to provide structural support for floors and roofs which incorporate an overlying concrete slab while also allowing the steel joist and slab to act together as an integral unit after the concrete has adequately cured.

The CJ-Series Joists are capable of supporting larger floor or roof loadings due to the attachment of the concrete slab to the top chord of the composite joist. Shear connection between the concrete slab and steel joist is typically made by the welding of shear studs thru the steel deck to the underlying CJ-Series Composite Steel Joist.



CJ-Series joists can provide an economical alternative to **K-**, **KCS-**, or **LH-Series** joists when taking into account overall costs. Some potential advantages may include those listed below:

1. Reductions in overall floor to floor height of the structure.
2. Maximum span-to-depth ratios of 30 permit the use of shallower joists for any given span.
3. Efficient composite design makes it possible to span greater distances. This results in larger column spacing, thus increasing the rental value of floor space.
4. Composite Steel Joists can be more efficient than other series dependent on loading and span due to a potential reduction in the joist weight for any given joist depth. Lighter weight joists translate into potentially lighter weight columns and reduced foundation costs.
5. Live load deflections are significantly reduced. With the overlying concrete slab locked to the steel joist, the resulting composite action provides a stiffer floor system.
6. Efficient erection of the **CJ-Series** joist system reduces construction time and permits early occupancy of the building. Wider joist spacing reduces the number of joists to be erected and fireproofed.

The composite joist designation is determined by its nominal depth, the letters "**CJ**", followed by the total uniform composite load, uniform composite live load, and finally the uniform composite dead load. Composite Steel Joists are furnished with parallel chords with either under-slung or square ends and act as pinned-pinned members. For specifications, load tables, and additional information to determine if **CJ-Series** may be suitable for your project, please refer to the latest edition of the *Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications for Composite Steel Joists*.

INTRODUCTION TO JOIST GIRDERS

Joist Girders are open web steel trusses used as primary framing members. They are designed as simple spans supporting equally spaced concentrated loads for a floor or roof system. These concentrated loads are considered to act at the panel points of the Joist Girders. Joist Girders have been designed to allow for a growing need for longer span primary members, coupled with a need for more efficient steel usage.

These members have been standardized in the LRFD and ASD Weight Tables for depths from 20 inches (508 mm) to 120 inches (3048 mm), and spans to 120 feet (36,576 mm). Standardized camber is as shown in Table 1003.6-1 of the Specifications. Joist Girders are furnished with underslung ends and bottom chord extensions. The standard depth at the bearing ends has been established at 7 1/2 inches (191 mm) for all Joist Girders. Joist Girders are usually attached to the columns by bolting with two 3/4 inch diameter (19 mm) A325 bolts. A loose connection of the bottom chord to the column or other support is recommended during erection in order to stabilize the bottom chord laterally and to help brace the Joist Girder against possible overturning. A vertical stabilizer plate shall be provided on each column for the bottom chord of the Joist Girder. The stabilizer plate shall be furnished by other than the joist manufacturer.

"CAUTION": If a rigid connection of the bottom chord is to be made to the column or other support, it shall be made only after the application of the dead loads. The Joist Girder is then no longer simply supported and the system must be investigated for



continuous frame action by the specifying professional*. Bearing details of joists on perimeter Joist Girders, or interior Joist Girders with unbalanced loads, should be designed such that the joist reactions pass through the centroid of the Joist Girder.

The Weight Tables list the approximate weight in pounds per linear foot (kilograms per meter) for a Joist Girder supporting the concentrated panel point loads shown. Please note that the weight of the Joist Girder must be included in the panel point load (See Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joists and Joist Girders, Section 2.3 for examples).

For calculating the approximate deflection or checking for ponding, the following formulas in U. S. Customary Units and Metric Units may be used in determining the approximate moment of inertia of a Joist Girder.

$$I_{JG} = 0.027 NPLd: \text{ where } N = \text{ number of joist spaces};$$

P = Total panel point load in kips (unfactored); L = Joist Girder length in feet; and d = effective depth of the Joist Girder in inches, or,

$$I_{JG} = 0.3296 NPLd: \text{ where } N = \text{ number of joist spaces};$$

P = Total panel point load in kiloNewtons (unfactored); L = Joist Girder length in millimeters and d = effective depth of the Joist Girder in millimeters.

The Joist Girder manufacturer should be contacted when a more exact Joist Girder moment of inertia must be known.

* For further reference, refer to Steel Joist Institute Technical Digest Number 11, "Design of Joist Girder Frames".



END ANCHORAGE FOR UPLIFT

For wind uplift conditions it is the responsibility of the **specifying professional** to specify the wind uplift forces and the attachment of the joist or Joist Girder seat to the supporting element. It is the responsibility of the joist manufacturer to design the joist seat for the specified uplift. See Section 6.1(b) of the SJI Code of Standard Practice.

Welded Anchorage

The strength of the joist bearing seat for an uplift loading combination is a function of both the joist seat thickness and length of the end anchorage welds. The minimum end anchorage welds from the SJI Specifications may not develop the full capacity of the joist seat assembly for the specified uplift resistance. Where appropriate, a longer end anchorage weld length aids the joist manufacturer in providing an economical design of the joist bearing seat. The joist manufacturer will provide a seat of sufficient thickness and strength to resist the specified uplift end reaction.

To aid in the design and efficiency of the joist bearing seat, it is suggested that the minimum weld lengths of the Specification be increased by one inch whenever there is a net uplift load case, and there is sufficient bearing length to place the longer weld.

For a **K-Series** joist, the minimum weld size and length is (2) 1/8" x 2" long, and the minimum required bearing length (on steel) is 2-1/2". Where uplift is present and the bearing length is at least 3", specifying a one inch longer anchorage weld, (2) 1/8" x 3", will allow the joist manufacturer to engage more of the seat length for uplift resistance and provide a more economical seat design. For an **LH/DLH-Series** joist, SJI recommends the same as **K-Series**, to increase the weld length by 1". The minimum bearing lengths for **LH/DLH-** joists are such that there should be sufficient bearing length for the longer weld. Table 1 below demonstrates these suggestions.

TABLE 1

JOIST SERIES and SECTION NUMBER	MINIMUM FILLET WELD	SUGGESTED INCREASED WELD LENGTH
K-Series	(2) 1/8" x 2"	(2) 1/8" x 3" *
LH-Series, 02-06	(2) 3/16" x 2"	(2) 3/16" x 3"
LH/DLH-Series, 07-17	(2) 1/4" x 2"	(2) 1/4" x 3"
DLH-Series, 18-25	(2) 1/4" x 4"	
* The minimum bearing length on steel for K-Series joists is 2 1/2", so weld length should be increased only where bearing length is available.		



Bolted Anchorage

Typically, joists and Joist Girders with bolted end anchorage also require a final connection by welding in order to provide lateral stability to the supporting member. However, only the bolts are relied on to provide uplift anchorage. The bolt type and diameter designated by the **specifying professional** shall provide sufficient tensile strength to resist the specified uplift end reaction. Higher strength bolts than the minimums required by the SJI Specification may be required.

If the bearing seats are detailed for a bolted connection, bolts shall be installed. If the bolts are not installed, an equivalent welded connection may be permitted by the **specifying professional**, provided the weld is deposited in the slot on the side farthest from the edge of the seat. Additional weld required to meet that specified for the welded connection shall be placed at a location on the seat away from the outer edge of the slot as shown in Figure 1.

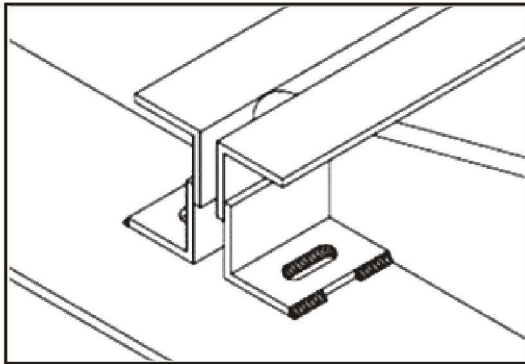


Figure 1

For additional information on uplift, see SJI Technical Digest 6.

JOIST MOMENT OF INERTIA AND DEFLECTION

The moment of inertia of **K-Series** and **LH/DLH-** series joists in the load table can be estimated using the following equations:

$$I_J = 26.767 (W) (L^3) (10^{-6}) \quad \text{ASD, US Customary Units with } W \text{ in plf and } L = \text{Span} - 0.33 \text{ in feet}$$

$$I_J = 2.6953 (W) (L^3) (10^{-5}) \quad \text{ASD, Metric Units with } W \text{ in kN/m and } L = \text{Span} - 102 \text{ in mm}$$

The equations shown above provide an approximate “gross” moment of inertia, not including the effects of shear deformation. An open web steel joist can be expected to have approximately 15 percent more deformation than a solid web member. When a conventional beam formula is used to calculate joist deflection, a factor of 1.15 should be applied to account for the web shear deformation.

Example:

Find the Inertia for a 24K7 @ 40'-0”:

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$I_J = 26.767 (W) (L^3) (10^{-6})$ where $W =$ RED figure in the Load Table and $L =$ (Span - 0.33) in feet.

$$I_J = 26.767(148) (40 - 0.33)^3(10^{-6}) = 247 \text{ in}^4$$

Compute Joist Deflection:

Increase deflection 15% to account for shear deformation in webs.

$$(1.15)(5WL^4/384EI)$$

$$(1.15)(5)(148/12) [(40 - 0.33) \times 12]^4 / [(384)(29 \times 10^{-6}) (247)] = 1.32''$$

Verify the RED number represents the joist loading that produces L/360 deflection

$$L/360 = (40 - 0.33) \times 12/360 = 1.32''$$

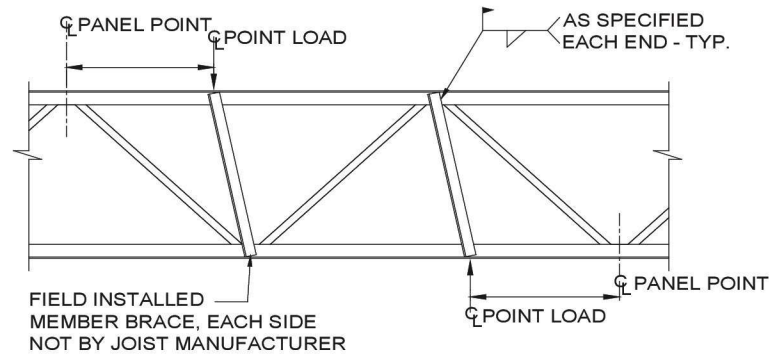
The 15 percent approximation also applies to the deflection equations when using the Joist Girder moment of Inertia equations.

For a Load/Load **LH-Series** joist type, the Weight Table includes an estimated moment of inertia value, so an equation is not needed for approximation.



CONCENTRATED LOADS AT JOIST CHORDS

TYPICAL JOIST REINFORCEMENT AT CONCENTRATED LOADS



For nominal concentrated loads between panel points, 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 the sum of the concentrated loads within a chord panel does not exceed 100 pounds and the attachments are concentric to the chord.

Although standard K-Series, including KCS-Series, and standard LH-Series joists are designed specifically to support uniformly distributed loads applied to the top chord, research conducted by the Steel Joist Institute, using second-order inelastic analysis, has demonstrated that the localized accumulation of uniform design loads of up to 100 pounds within any top or bottom chord panel has a negligible effect on the overall performance of the joist, provided that the load is applied to both chord angles in a manner which does not induce torsion on the chords.

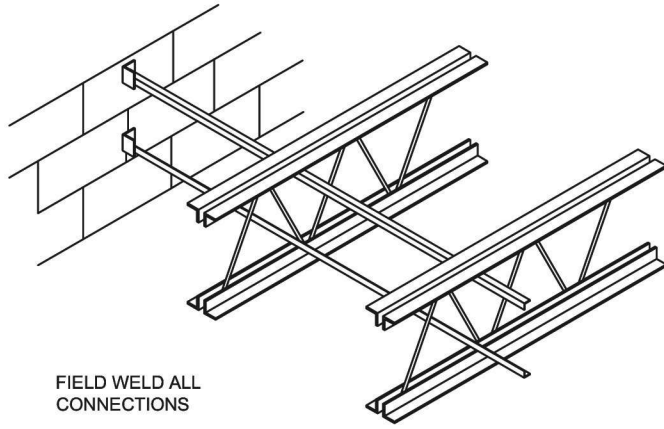
Concentrated loads in excess of 100 pounds or which do not meet the criteria outlined above must be applied at joist panel points or field strut members must be utilized as shown in the detail above.

Joist manufacturers can provide a specially designed joist with the capability to take point loads without the added members if this requirement and the exact location and magnitude of the loads are shown on the contract drawings. Also, the manufacturer can consider the worst case for both the shear and bending moment for a traveling load with no specific location. When a traveling load is specified, the contract drawings should indicate whether the load is to be applied at the top or bottom chord, and at any panel point, or at any point with the local bending effects considered. For additional information see SJI Code of Standard Practice, Section 2.3 – Specifying Design Loads.

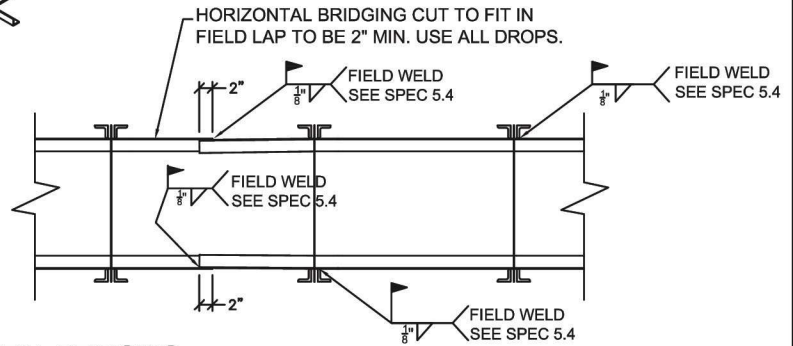
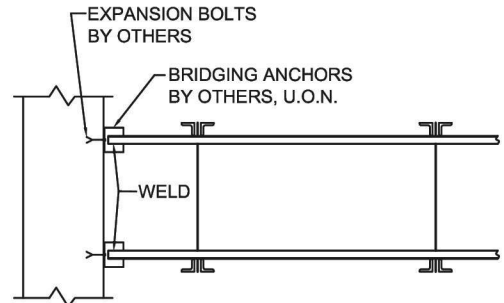


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K-SERIES BRIDGING DETAILS

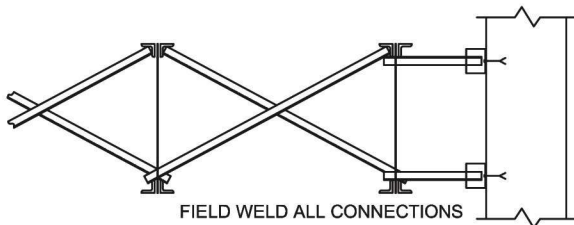


FIELD WELD ALL CONNECTIONS



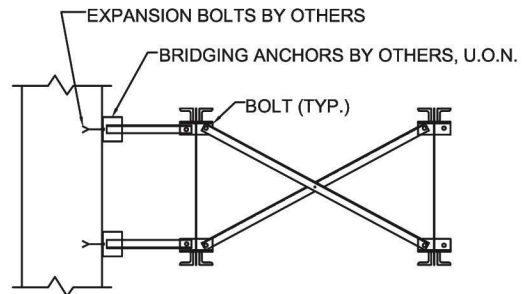
HORIZONTAL BRIDGING SEE SJI SPECIFICATIONS

NOTE: DO NOT WELD BRIDGING TO JOIST WEB MEMBERS. DO NOT HANG ANY MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, ETC. FROM BRIDGING.



WELDED CROSS BRIDGING SEE SJI SPECIFICATIONS

HORIZONTAL BRIDGING SHALL BE USED IN SPACE ADJACENT TO THE WALL TO ALLOW FOR PROPER DEFLECTION OF THE JOIST NEAREST WALL.



BOLTED CROSS BRIDGING SEE SJI SPECIFICATIONS

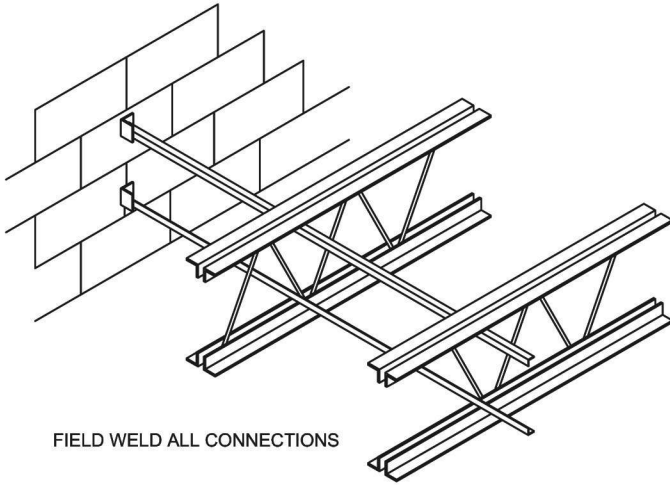
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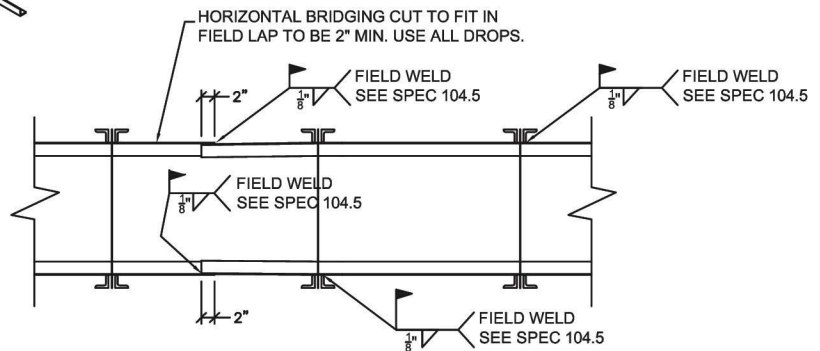
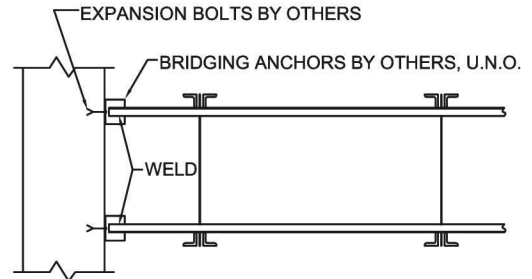


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LH- AND DLH-SERIES BRIDGING DETAILS

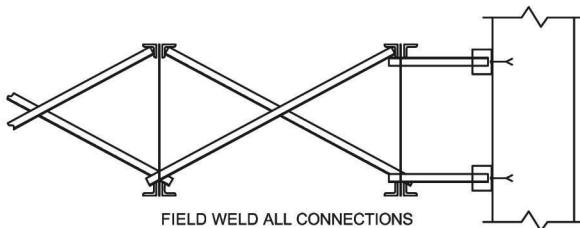


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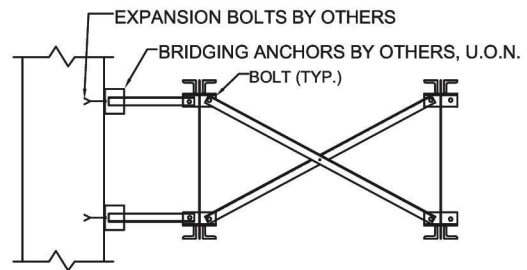
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FIELD WELD ALL CONNECTIONS

WELDED CROSS BRIDGING SEE SJI SPECIFICATIONS

HORIZONTAL BRIDGING SHALL BE USED IN SPACE ADJACENT TO THE WALL TO ALLOW FOR PROPER DEFLECTION OF THE JOIST NEAREST WALL.



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(b) FOR REQUIRED BOLT SIZE REFER TO BRIDGING TABLE.
NOTE: CLIP CONFIGURATION MAY VARY FROM THAT SHOWN.



ACCESSORIES AND DETAILS

SLOPED SEAT REQUIREMENTS FOR SLOPES 3/8":12 AND GREATER K-SERIES OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS

LOW END W/OUT TOP CHORD EXTENSIONS	HIGH END W/OUT TOP CHORD EXTENSIONS	SLOPE "X":12	MINIMUM HIGH END SEAT DEPTH "d"
		3/8	3 1/2
		1/2	3 1/2
		1	3 1/2
		1 1/2	4
		2	4
		2 1/2	4
LOW END W/ TOP CHORD EXTENSIONS	HIGH END W/ TOP CHORD EXTENSIONS	3 1/2	4 1/2
		4	4 1/2
		4 1/2	5
		5	5
		5 1/2	5 1/2
		6	5 1/2
		SEE NOTE (2) FOR SLOPE RATES GREATER THAN 6:12	

Notes:

- (1) Depths shown are the minimum required for manufacturing of sloped seats. Depths may vary depending on actual bearing conditions.
- (2) $d = 1/2 + 2.5/\cos\theta + 4\tan\theta$ (Rounded up to the nearest 1/2").
- (3) Clearance must be checked at outer edge of support. Increase bearing depths as required to allow passage of 2 1/2" deep extension.
- (4) If extension depth greater than 2 1/2" is required, increase bearing depths accordingly.
- (5) If slope is 1/4 : 12 or less, sloped seats are not required.
- (6) Required bearing seat depth is determined at END OF SEAT.
- (7) Also refer to SJI Specification 5.3(a) for special considerations of joist end reaction location.



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SLOPED SEAT REQUIREMENTS FOR SLOPES 3/8":12 AND GREATER LH- AND DLH-SERIES OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS

LOW END W/OUT TOP CHORD EXTENSIONS	HIGH END W/OUT TOP CHORD EXTENSIONS	SLOPE "X" : 12	MINIMUM HIGH END SEAT DEPTH "d"
		3/8	6
		1/2	6
		1	6 1/2
		1 1/2	6 1/2
		2	7
		2 1/2	7
		3 1/2	7 1/2
		4	8
		4 1/2	8 1/2
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		5 1/2	9
		6	9 1/2
		SEE NOTE (2) FOR SLOPE RATES GREATER THAN 6:12	

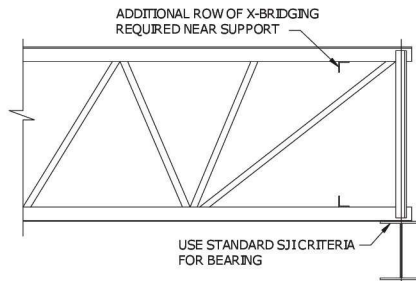
Notes:

- (1) Depths shown are the minimum required for manufacturing of sloped seats. Depth may vary depending on actual bearing condition.
- (2) $d = 1/2 + 5 / \cos \theta + 6 \tan \theta$
- (3) Clearance must be checked at outer edge of support. Increase bearing seat depth as required to allow passage of 5" deep extension.
- (4) If extension depth greater than 5" is required, increase bearing depths accordingly.
- (5) Add 2 1/2" to seat depth at 18 thru 25 chord section numbers. Consult with joist manufacturer for information when TCXs are present.
- (6) If slope is 1/4 : 12 or less, sloped seats may not be required.
- (7) Required bearing seat depth shall be determined at END OF SEAT.
- (8) Also refer to SJI Specification 104.4(a) for special considerations of joist end reaction location.



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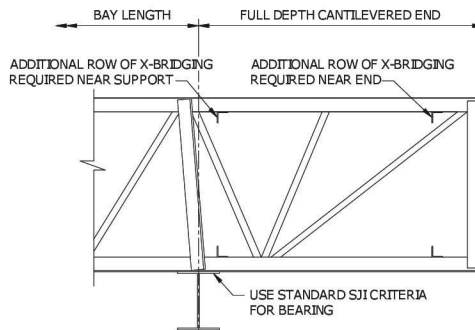
SQUARE ENDED, BOTTOM BEARING



Whenever joists are bottom chord bearing, diagonal cross bracing must be installed from joist to joist at or near the bearing location to provide additional lateral erection stability.

Note: Joist configuration and member size may vary

CANTILEVERED, BOTTOM BEARING SQUARE END



The weight of walls, signage, fascia, etc. supported at the end of a cantilever square end must be shown on the contract drawings to be properly considered in the joist design.

Note: Joist configuration and member size may vary.



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APPROXIMATE DUCT OPENING SIZES

JOIST DEPTH	ROUND	SQUARE	RECTANGLE
10 INCHES	5 INCHES	4 x 4 INCHES	3 x 7 INCHES
12 INCHES	7 INCHES	5 x 5 INCHES	3 X 8 INCHES
14 INCHES	8 INCHES	6 X 6 INCHES	5 X 9 INCHES
16 INCHES	8 INCHES	6 X 6 INCHES	5 X 9 INCHES
18 INCHES	9 INCHES	7 X 7 INCHES	5 X 9 INCHES
20 INCHES	10 INCHES	8 X 8 INCHES	6 X 11 INCHES
22 INCHES	10 INCHES	9 X 9 INCHES	7 X 11 INCHES
24 INCHES	12 INCHES	10 X 10 INCHES	7 X 13 INCHES
28 INCHES	15 INCHES*	12 X 12 INCHES*	9 X 18 INCHES*
28 INCHES	16 INCHES*	13 X 13 INCHES*	9 X 18 INCHES*
30 INCHES	17 INCHES*	14 X 14 INCHES*	10 X 18 INCHES*

SPECIFYING PROFESSIONAL MUST INDICATE ON STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS SIZE AND LOCATION OF ANY DUCT THAT IS TO PASS THRU JOIST. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FIREPROOFING ATTACHED TO JOIST. FOR DEEPER LH- AND DLH- SERIES JOISTS, CONSULT MANUFACTURER.

*FOR ROD WEB CONFIGURATION, THESE WILL BE REDUCED. CONSULT MANUFACTURER.



STANDARD SPECIFICATION

FOR OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS, K-SERIES

Adopted by the Steel Joist Institute November 4, 1985
Revised to May 18, 2010, Effective December 31, 2010

SECTION 1.

SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 SCOPE

The *Standard Specification for Open Web Steel Joists, K-Series*, hereafter referred to as the Specification, covers the design, manufacture, application, and erection stability and handling of Open Web Steel Joists **K-Series** in buildings or other structures, where other structures are defined as those structures designed, manufactured, and erected in a manner similar to buildings. **K-Series** joists shall be designed using Allowable Stress Design (ASD) or Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) in accordance with this Specification. Steel joists shall be erected in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor, Code of Federal Regulations 29CFR Part 1926 Safety Standards for Steel Erection, Section 1926.757 Open Web Steel Joists. The KCS joists; Joist Substitutes, **K-Series**; and Top Chord Extensions and Extended Ends, **K-Series** are included as part of this Specification.

This Specification includes Sections 1 through 6.

1.2 DEFINITION

The term "Open Web Steel Joists **K-Series**", as used herein, refers to open web, load-carrying members utilizing hot-rolled or cold-formed steel, including cold-formed steel whose yield strength has been attained by cold working, suitable for the direct support of floors and roof slabs or deck.

The **K-Series** Joists have been standardized in depths from 10 inches (254 mm) through 30 inches (762 mm), for spans up through 60 feet (18288 mm). The maximum total safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity of a **K-Series** Joist is 550 plf (8.02 kN/m) in ASD or 825 plf (12.03 kN/m) in LRFD.

The **K-Series** standard joist designations are determined by their nominal depth, followed by the letter "**K**", and then by the chord size designation assigned. The chord size designations range from 01 to 12. Therefore, as a performance based specification, the **K-Series** standard joist designations listed in the following Standard Load Tables shall support the uniformly distributed loads as provided in the appropriate tables:

Standard LRFD Load Table Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series** – U.S. Customary Units
Standard ASD Load Table Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series** – U.S. Customary Units

And the following Standard Load Tables published electronically at www.steeljoist.org/loadtables

Standard LRFD Load Table Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series** – S.I. Units
Standard ASD Load Table Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series** – S.I. Units

Two standard types of **K-Series** Joists are designed and manufactured. These types are underslung (top chord bearing) or square-ended (bottom chord bearing), with parallel chords.



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A **KCS** Joist shall be designed in accordance with this Specification based on an envelope of moment and shear capacity, rather than uniform load capacity, to support uniform plus concentrated loads or other non-uniform loads. The **KCS** Joists have been standardized in depths from 10 inches (254 mm) through 30 inches (762 mm), for spans up through 60 feet (18288 mm). The maximum total safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity of a **KCS** Joist is 550 plf (8.02 kN/m) in ASD or 825 plf (12.03 kN/m) in LRFD.

The **KCS** Joists standard designations are determined by their nominal depth, followed by the letters “**KCS**”, and then by the chord size designation assigned. The chord size designations range from 1 to 5. Therefore, as a performance based specification, the **KCS** Joists standard designations listed in the following Standard Load Tables shall provide the moment capacity and shear capacity as listed in the appropriate tables:

Standard LRFD Load Table for **KCS** Open Web Steel Joists – U.S. Customary Units
Standard ASD Load Table for **KCS** Open Web Steel Joists – U.S. Customary Units

And the following Standard Load Tables published electronically at www.steeljoist.org/loadtables

Standard LRFD Load Table for **KCS** Open Web Steel Joists – S.I. Units
Standard ASD Load Table for **KCS** Open Web Steel Joists – S.I. Units

A Joist Substitute, **K-Series**, shall be designed in accordance with this Specification to support uniform loads when the span is less than 10 feet (3048 mm) where an open web configuration becomes impractical. The Joist Substitutes, **K-Series** have been standardized as 2.5 inch (64 mm) deep sections for spans up through 10'-0" (3048 mm). The maximum total safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity of a Joist Substitute is 550 plf (8.02 kN/m) in ASD or 825 plf (12.03 kN/m) in LRFD.

The Joist Substitutes, **K-Series** standard designations are determined by their nominal depth, i.e. **2.5**, followed by the letter “**K**” and then by the chord size designation assigned. The chord size designations range from 1 to 3. Therefore, as a performance based specification, the Joist Substitutes, **K-Series** standard designations listed in the following Load Tables shall support the uniformly distributed loads as provided in the appropriate tables:

LRFD Simple Span Load Table for 2.5 Inch **K-Series** Joist Substitutes – U.S. Customary Units
ASD Simple Span Load Table for 2.5 Inch **K-Series** Joist Substitutes – U.S. Customary Units

LRFD Outriggers Load Table for 2.5 Inch **K-Series** Joist Substitutes – U.S. Customary Units
ASD Outriggers Load Table for 2.5 Inch **K-Series** Joist Substitutes – U.S. Customary Units

And the following Load Tables published electronically at www.steeljoist.org/loadtables

LRFD Simple Span Load Table for 64 mm **K-Series** Joist Substitutes – S.I. Units
ASD Simple Span Load Table for 64 mm **K-Series** Joist Substitutes – S.I. Units

LRFD Outriggers Load Table for 64 mm **K-Series** Joist Substitutes – S.I. Units
ASD Outriggers Load Table for 64 mm **K-Series** Joist Substitutes – S.I. Units

A Top Chord Extension or Extended End, **K-Series**, shall be a joist accessory that shall be designed in accordance with this Specification to support uniform loads when one or both ends of an underslung joist needs to be cantilevered beyond its bearing seat. The Top Chord Extensions and Extended Ends, **K-Series** have been standardized as an “**S**” Type (top chord angles extended only) and an “**R**” Type (top chord and bearing seat angles extended), respectively. The maximum total safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity of either an “**R**” or “**S**” Type extension is 550 plf (8.02 kN/m) in ASD or 825 plf (12.03 kN/m) in LRFD.

Standard designations for the “**S**” Type range from S1 to S12 for spans from 0'-6" to 4'-6" (152 to 1372 mm). Standard designations for the “**R**” Type range from R1 to R12 for spans from 0'-6" to 6'-0" (152 to 1829 mm). Therefore, as a performance based specification, the “**S**” Type Top Chord Extensions and “**R**” Type Extended Ends listed in the following Standard Load Tables shall support the uniformly distributed loads as provided in the appropriate tables:

LRFD Top Chord Extension Load Table (S Type) – U.S. Customary Units
ASD Top Chord Extension Load Table (S Type) – U.S. Customary Units



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LRFD Top Chord Extension Load Table (R Type) – U.S. Customary Units
ASD Top Chord Extension Load Table (R Type) – U.S. Customary Units

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LRFD Top Chord Extension Load Table (S Type) – S.I. Units
ASD Top Chord Extension Load Table (S Type) – S.I. Units
LRFD Top Chord Extension Load Table (R Type) – S.I. Units
ASD Top Chord Extension Load Table (R Type) – S.I. Units

1.3 STRUCTURAL DESIGN DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The design drawings and specifications shall meet the requirements in the *Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joists and Joist Girders*, except for deviations specifically identified in the design drawings and/or specifications.

SECTION 2. REFERENCED SPECIFICATIONS, CODES AND STANDARDS

2.1 REFERENCES

American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. (AISC)

ANSI/AISC 360-10 *Specification for Structural Steel Buildings*

American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI)

ANSI/AISI S100-2007 *North American Specification for Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members*

ANSI/AISI S100-07/S1-09, *Supplement No. 1 to the North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members*, 2007 Edition

ANSI/AISI S100-07/S2-10, *Supplement No. 2 to the North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members*, 2007 Edition

American Society of Testing and Materials, ASTM International (ASTM)

ASTM A6/A6M-09, Standard Specification for General Requirements for Rolled Structural Steel Bars, Plates, Shapes, and Sheet Piling

ASTM A36/A36M-08, Standard Specification for Carbon Structural Steel

ASTM A242/242M-04 (2009), Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel

ASTM A307-07b, Standard Specification for Carbon Steel Bolts and Studs, 60 000 PSI Tensile Strength

ASTM A325/325M-09, Standard Specification for Structural Bolts, Steel, Heat Treated, 120/105 ksi [830 MPa] Minimum Tensile Strength

ASTM A370-09ae1, Standard Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

ASTM A500/A500M-07, Standard Specification for Cold-Formed Welded and Seamless Carbon Steel Structural Tubing in Rounds and Shapes

ASTM A529/A529M-05, Standard Specification for High-Strength Carbon-Manganese Steel of Structural Quality



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ASTM A572/A572M-07, Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Columbium-Vanadium Structural Steel
ASTM A588/A588M-05, Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel, up to 50 ksi [345 MPa] Minimum Yield Point, with Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance
ASTM A606/A606M-09, Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet and Strip, High-Strength, Low-Alloy, Hot-Rolled and Cold-Rolled, with Improved Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance
ASTM A992/A992M-06a, Standard Specification for Structural Steel Shapes
ASTM A1008/A1008M-09, Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy and High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, Solution Hardened, and Bake Hardenable
ASTM A1011/A1011M-09a, Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet and Strip, Hot-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, and Ultra-High Strength

American Welding Society (AWS)

AWS A5.1/A5.1M-2004, Specification for Carbon Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding
AWS A5.5/A5.5M:2006, Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding
AWS A5.17/A5.17M-97:R2007, Specification for Carbon Steel Electrodes and Fluxes for Submerged Arc Welding
AWS A5.18/A5.18M:2005, Specification for Carbon Steel Electrodes and Rods for Gas Shielded Arc Welding
AWS A5.20/A5.20M:2005, Specification for Carbon Steel Electrodes for Flux Cored Arc Welding
AWS A5.23/A5.23M:2007, Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes and Fluxes for Submerged Arc Welding
AWS A5.28/A5.28M:2005, Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes and Rods for Gas Shielded Arc Welding
AWS A5.29/A5.29M:2005, Specification for Low Alloy Steel Electrodes for Flux Cored Arc Welding

2.1 OTHER REFERENCES

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American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

SEI/ASCE 7-10 *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*

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.

Steel Joist Institute (SJI)

SJI-COSP-2010, *Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joists and Joist Girders*
Technical Digest No. 3 (2007), *Structural Design of Steel Joist Roofs to Resist Ponding Loads*
Technical Digest No. 5 (1988), *Vibration of Steel Joist-Concrete Slab Floors*
Technical Digest No. 6 (2011), *Structural Design of Steel Joist Roofs to Resist Uplift Loads*
Technical Digest No. 8 (2008), *Welding of Open Web Steel Joists and Joist Girders*
Technical Digest No. 9 (2008), *Handling and Erection of Steel Joists and Joist Girders*
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SECTION 3. MATERIALS

3.1 STEEL

The steel used in the manufacture of K-Series Joists shall conform to one of the following ASTM Specifications:

- Carbon Structural Steel, ASTM A36/A36M.
- High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel, ASTM A242/A242M.
- Cold-Formed Welded and Seamless Carbon Steel Structural Tubing in Rounds and Shapes, ASTM A500/A500M.
- High-Strength Carbon-Manganese Steel of Structural Quality, ASTM A529/A529M.
- High-Strength Low-Alloy Columbium-Vanadium Structural Steel, ASTM A572/A572M.
- High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel up to 50 ksi [345 MPa] Minimum Yield Point with Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance, ASTM A588/A588M.
- Steel, Sheet and Strip, High-Strength, Low-Alloy, Hot-Rolled and Cold-Rolled, with Improved Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance, ASTM A606/A606M.
- Structural Steel Shapes, ASTM A992/A992M.
- Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, Solution Hardened, and Bake Hardenable, ASTM A1008/A1008M.
- Steel, Sheet and Strip, Hot-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, and Ultra High Strength, ASTM A1011/A1011M.

or shall be of suitable quality ordered or produced to other than the listed specifications, provided that such material in the state used for final assembly and manufacture is weldable and is proved by tests performed by the producer or manufacturer to have the properties specified in Section 3.2.

3.2 MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Steel used for K-Series Joists shall have a minimum yield strength determined in accordance with one of the procedures specified in this section, which is equal to the yield strength* assumed in the design.

*The term "Yield Strength" as used herein shall designate the yield level of a material as determined by the applicable method outlined in paragraph 13.1 "Yield Point", and in paragraph 13.2 "Yield Strength", of ASTM A370, *Standard Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products*, or as specified in paragraph 3.2 of this specification.

Evidence that the steel furnished meets or exceeds the design yield strength shall, if requested, be provided in the form of an affidavit or by witnessed or certified test reports.

For material used without consideration of increase in yield strength resulting from cold forming, the specimens shall be taken from as-rolled material. In the case of material, the mechanical properties of which conform to the requirements of one of the listed specifications, the test specimens and procedures shall conform to those of such specifications and to ASTM A370.



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In the case of material, the mechanical properties of which do not conform to the requirements of one of the listed specifications, the test specimens and procedures shall conform to the applicable requirements of ASTM A370, and the specimens shall exhibit a yield strength equal to or exceeding the design yield strength and an elongation of not less than (a) 20 percent in 2 inches (51 millimeters) for sheet and strip, or (b) 18 percent in 8 inches (203 millimeters) for plates, shapes and bars with adjustments for thickness for plates, shapes and bars as prescribed in ASTM A36/A36M, A242/A242M, A500/A500M, A529/A529M, A572/A572M, A588/A588M, A992/A992M whichever specification is applicable, on the basis of design yield strength.

The number of tests shall be as prescribed in ASTM A6/A6M for plates, shapes, and bars; and ASTM A606/A606M, A1008/A1008M and A1011/A1011M for sheet and strip.

If as-formed strength is utilized, the test reports shall show the results of tests performed on full section specimens in accordance with the provisions of the AISI North American Specifications for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members. They shall also indicate compliance with these provisions and with the following additional requirements:

- a) The yield strength calculated from the test data shall equal or exceed the design yield strength.
- b) Where tension tests are made for acceptance and control purposes, the tensile strength shall be at least 8 percent greater than the yield strength of the section.
- c) Where compression tests are used for acceptance and control purposes, the specimen shall withstand a gross shortening of 2 percent of its original length without cracking. The length of the specimen shall be not greater than 20 times the least radius of gyration.
- d) If any test specimen fails to pass the requirements of the subparagraphs (a), (b), or (c) above, as applicable, two retests shall be made of specimens from the same lot. Failure of one of the retest specimens to meet such requirements shall be the cause for rejection of the lot represented by the specimens.

3.3 PAINT

The standard shop paint is intended to protect the steel for only a short period of exposure in ordinary atmospheric conditions and shall be considered an impermanent and provisional coating.

When specified, the standard shop paint shall conform to one of the following:

- a) Steel Structures Painting Council Specification, SSPC No. 15.
- b) Or, shall be a shop paint which meets the minimum performance requirements of the above listed specification.

SECTION 4.

DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE

4.1 METHOD

Joists shall be designed in accordance with this specification as simply-supported, trusses supporting a floor or roof deck so constructed as to brace the top chord of the joists against lateral buckling. Where any applicable design feature is not specifically covered herein, the design shall be in accordance with the following specifications:

- a) Where the steel used consists of hot-rolled shapes, bars or plates use the American Institute of Steel Construction, *Specification for Structural Steel Buildings*.
- b) For members which are cold-formed from sheet or strip steel, use the American Iron and Steel Institute, *North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members*.



Design Basis:

Steel joist designs shall be in accordance with the provisions in this Standard Specification using Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) or Allowable Strength Design (ASD) as specified by the **specifying professional** for the project.

Loads, Forces and Load Combinations:

The loads and forces used for the steel joist design shall be calculated by the **specifying professional** in accordance with the applicable building code and specified and provided on the contract drawings.

The load combinations shall be specified by the **specifying professional** on the contract drawings in accordance with the applicable building code or, in the absence of a building code, the load combinations shall be those stipulated in SEI/ASCE 7. For LRFD designs, the load combinations in SEI/ASCE 7, Section 2.3 apply. For ASD designs, the load combinations in SEI/ASCE 7, Section 2.4 apply.

4.2 DESIGN AND ALLOWABLE STRESSES

Design Using Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD)

Joists shall have their components so proportioned that the required stresses, f_u , shall not exceed ϕF_n where

- f_u = required stress ksi (MPa)
- F_n = nominal stress ksi (MPa)
- ϕ = resistance factor
- ϕF_n = design stress

Design Using Allowable Strength Design (ASD)

Joists shall have their components so proportioned that the required stresses, f , shall not exceed F_n / Ω where

- f = required stress ksi (MPa)
- F_n = nominal stress ksi (MPa)
- Ω = safety factor
- F_n / Ω = allowable stress

Stresses:

For Chords: The calculation of design or allowable stress shall be based on a yield strength, F_y , of the material used in manufacturing equal to 50 ksi (345 MPa).

For all other joist elements: The calculation of design or allowable stress shall be based on a yield strength, F_y , of the material used in manufacturing, but shall not be less than 36 ksi (250 MPa) or greater than 50 ksi (345 MPa).

Note: Yield strengths greater than 50 ksi shall not be used for the design of any joist members.

(a) Tension: $\phi_t = 0.90$ (LRFD), $\Omega_t = 1.67$ (ASD)

$$\text{Design Stress} = 0.9F_y \text{ (LRFD)} \tag{4.2-1}$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = 0.6F_y \text{ (ASD)} \tag{4.2-2}$$

(b) Compression: $\phi_c = 0.90$ (LRFD), $\Omega_c = 1.67$ (ASD)

$$\text{Design Stress} = 0.9F_{cr} \text{ (LRFD)} \tag{4.2-3}$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = 0.6F_{cr} \text{ (ASD)} \tag{4.2-4}$$



For members with

$$k\ell/r \leq 4.71\sqrt{E/QF_y}$$

$$F_{cr} = Q \left[0.658 \sqrt{\frac{QF_y}{F_e}} \right] F_y \quad (4.2-5)$$

For members with

$$k\ell/r > 4.71\sqrt{E/QF_y}$$

$$F_{cr} = 0.877F_e \quad (4.2-6)$$

Where: F_e = Elastic buckling stress determined in accordance with Equation 4.2-7

$$F_e = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{k\ell}{r} \right)^2} \quad (4.2-7)$$

In the above equations, ℓ is taken as the distance in inches (millimeters) between panel points for the chord members and the appropriate length for a compression or tension web member, and r is the corresponding least radius of gyration of the member or any component thereof. E is equal to 29,000 ksi (200,000 MPa).

For hot-rolled sections and cold formed angles, Q is the full reduction factor for slender compression members as defined in the AISI *Specification for Structural Steel Buildings* except that when the first primary compression web member is a crimped-end angle member, whether hot-rolled or cold formed:

$$Q = [5.25/(w/t)] + t \leq 1.0 \quad (4.2-8)$$

Where: w = angle leg length, inches
 t = angle leg thickness, inches

or,

$$Q = [5.25/(w/t)] + (t/25.4) \leq 1.0 \quad (4.2-9)$$

Where: w = angle leg length, millimeters
 t = angle leg thickness, millimeters

For all other cold-formed sections the method of calculating the nominal compression strength is given in the AISI, *North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members*.



(c) Bending: $\phi_b = 0.90$ (LRFD), $\Omega_b = 1.67$ (ASD)

Bending calculations are to be based on using the elastic section modulus.

For chords and web members other than solid rounds: $F_n = F_y$

$$\text{Design Stress} = \phi_b F_n = 0.9F_y \quad (\text{LRFD}) \quad (4.2-10)$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = F_n/\Omega_b = 0.6F_y \quad (\text{ASD}) \quad (4.2-11)$$

For web members of solid round cross section: $F_n = 1.6 F_y$

$$\text{Design Stress} = \phi_b F_n = 1.45F_y \quad (\text{LRFD}) \quad (4.2-12)$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = F_n/\Omega_b = 0.95F_y \quad (\text{ASD}) \quad (4.2-13)$$

For bearing plates used in joist seats: $F_n = 1.5 F_y$

$$\text{Design Stress} = \phi_b F_n = 1.35F_y \quad (\text{LRFD}) \quad (4.2-14)$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = F_n/\Omega_b = 0.90F_y \quad (\text{ASD}) \quad (4.2-15)$$

(d) Weld Strength:

Shear at throat of fillet welds, flare bevel groove welds, partial joint penetration groove welds, and plug/slot welds:

$$\text{Nominal Shear Stress} = F_{nw} = 0.6F_{\text{exx}} \quad (4.2-16)$$

LRFD: $\phi_w = 0.75$

$$\text{Design Shear Strength} = \phi R_n = \phi_w F_{nw} A = 0.45F_{\text{exx}} A_w \quad (4.2-17)$$

ASD: $\Omega_w = 2.0$

$$\text{Allowable Shear Strength} = R_n/\Omega_w = F_{nw} A/\Omega_w = 0.3F_{\text{exx}} A_w \quad (4.2-18)$$

Made with E70 series electrodes or F7XX-EXXX flux-electrode combinations $F_{\text{exx}} = 70$ ksi (483 MPa)

Made with E60 series electrodes or F6XX-EXXX flux-electrode combinations $F_{\text{exx}} = 60$ ksi (414 MPa)

A_w = effective throat area, where:

For fillet welds, A_w = effective throat area, (other design methods demonstrated to provide sufficient strength by testing shall be permitted to be used);

For flare bevel groove welds, the effective weld area is based on a weld throat width, T, where:

$$T \text{ (inches)} = 0.12D + 0.11 \quad (4.2-19)$$

Where: D = web diameter, inches

or,

$$T \text{ (mm)} = 0.12D + 2.8 \quad (4.2-20)$$

Where: D = web diameter, mm

For plug/slot welds, A_w = cross-sectional area of the hole or slot in the plane of the faying surface provided that the hole or slot meets the requirements of the American Institute of Steel Construction *Specification for Structural Steel Buildings* (and as described in SJI Technical Digest No. 8, "Welding of Open-Web Steel Joists and Joist Girders").



Strength of resistance welds and complete-joint-penetration groove or butt welds in tension or compression (only when the stress is normal to the weld axis) is equal to the base metal strength:

$$\phi_t = \phi_c = 0.90 \text{ (LRFD)} \quad \Omega_t = \Omega_c = 1.67 \text{ (ASD)}$$

$$\text{Design Stress} = 0.9F_y \text{ (LRFD)} \tag{4.2-21}$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = 0.6F_y \text{ (ASD)} \tag{4.2-22}$$

4.3 MAXIMUM SLENDERNESS RATIOS

The slenderness ratios, $1.0 \ell/r$ and $1.0 \ell_s/r$ of members as a whole or any component part shall not exceed the values given in Table 4.3-1, Parts A.

The effective slenderness ratio, $k\ell/r$ to be used in calculating the nominal stresses, F_{cr} and F'_e , is the largest value as determined from Table 4.3-1, Parts B and C.

In compression members when fillers or ties are used, they shall be spaced so that the ℓ_s/r_z ratio of each component does not exceed the governing ℓ/r ratio of the member as a whole. The terms used in Table 4.3-1 are defined as follows:

- ℓ = length center-to-center of panel points, except $\ell = 36$ inches (914 millimeters) for calculating ℓ/r_y of top chord member, in. (mm) or the appropriate length for a compression or tension web member, in. (mm).
- ℓ_s = maximum length center-to-center between panel point and filler (tie), or between adjacent fillers (ties), in. (mm).
- r_x = member radius of gyration in the plane of the joist, in. (mm).
- r_y = member radius of gyration out of the plane of the joist, in. (mm).
- r_z = least radius of gyration of a member component, in. (mm).

Compression web members are those web members subject to compressive axial loads under gravity loading.

Tension web members are those web members subject to tension axial loads under gravity loading, and which may be subject to compressive axial loads under alternate loading conditions, such as net uplift.

For top chords, the end panel(s) are the panels between the bearing seat and the first primary interior panel point comprised of at least two intersecting web members.



**TABLE 4.3-1
MAXIMUM AND EFFECTIVE SLENDERNESS RATIOS**

Description	kl/r_x	Kl/r_y	kl/r_z	kl_s/r_z
I TOP CHORD INTERIOR PANELS				
A. The slenderness ratios, $1.0l/r$ and $1.0l_s/r$, of members as a whole or any component part shall not exceed 90.				
B. The effective slenderness ratio, kl/r , to determine F_{cr} where k is:				
1. With fillers or ties	1.0	0.94	---	1.0
2. Without fillers or ties	---	---	1.0	---
3. Single component members	1.0	0.94	---	---
C. For bending, the effective slenderness ratio, kl/r , to determine F'_e where k is:	1.0	---	---	---
II TOP CHORD END PANELS, ALL BOTTOM CHORD PANELS				
A. The slenderness ratios, $1.0l/r$ and $1.0l_s/r$, of members as a whole or any component part shall not exceed 120 for Top Chords, or 240 for Bottom Chords.				
B. The effective slenderness ratio, kl/r , to determine F_{cr} where k is:				
1. With fillers or ties	1.0	0.94	---	1.0
2. Without fillers or ties	---	---	1.0	---
3. Single component members	1.0	0.94	---	---
C. For bending, the effective slenderness ratio, kl/r , to determine F'_e where k is:	1.0	---	---	---
III TENSION WEB MEMBERS				
A. The slenderness ratios, $1.0l/r$ and $1.0l_s/r$, of members as a whole or any component part shall not exceed 240.				
B. For end web members subject to compression, the effective slenderness ratio, kl/r , to determine F_{cr} where k is:				
1. With fillers or ties	1.0	1.0	---	1.0
2. Without fillers or ties	---	---	1.0	---
3. Single component members	0.8	0.8	---	---
IV COMPRESSION WEB MEMBERS				
A. The slenderness ratios, $1.0l/r$ and $1.0l_s/r$, of members as a whole or any component part shall not exceed 200.				
B. The effective slenderness ratio, kl/r , to determine F_{cr} where k is:				
1. With fillers or ties	1.0	1.0	---	1.0
2. Without fillers or ties	---	---	1.0	---
3. Single component members	1.0	1.0	---	---



4.4 MEMBERS

(a) Chords

The bottom chord shall be designed as an axially loaded tension member.

The radius of gyration of the top chord about its vertical axis shall not be less than:

$$r_y \geq \ell_{br} / \left(124 + 0.67 d_j + 28 \frac{d_j}{L} \right), \text{ in.} \quad (4.4-1a)$$

$$r_y \geq \ell_{br} / \left(124 + 0.026 d_j + 0.34 \frac{d_j}{L} \right), \text{ mm} \quad (4.4-1b)$$

or,

$$r_y \geq \ell_{br} / 170 \quad (4.4-2)$$

Where:

d_j is the steel joist depth, in. (mm)

L is the design length for the joist, ft. (m)

r_y is the out-of-plane radius of gyration of the top chord, in. (mm)

ℓ_{br} is the spacing in inches (millimeters) between lines of bridging as specified in Section 5.4(c).

The top chord shall be considered as stayed laterally by the floor slab or roof deck when attachments are in accordance with the requirements of Section 5.8(e) of these specifications.

The top chord shall be designed for only axial compressive stress when the panel length, ℓ , does not exceed 24 inches (609 mm). When the panel length exceeds 24 inches (609 mm), the top chord shall be designed as a continuous member subject to combined axial and bending stresses and shall be so proportioned that:

For **LRFD**:

at the panel point:

$$f_{au} + f_{bu} \leq 0.9F_y \quad (4.4-3)$$

at the mid panel:

$$\text{for, } \frac{f_{au}}{\phi_c F_{cr}} \geq 0.2,$$

$$\frac{f_{au}}{\phi_c F_{cr}} + \frac{8}{9} \left[\frac{C_m f_{bu}}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{f_{au}}{\phi_c F'_e} \right) \right] Q \phi_b F_y} \right] \leq 1.0 \quad (4.4-4)$$



for, $\frac{f_{au}}{\phi_c F_{cr}} < 0.2$,

$$\left(\frac{f_{au}}{2\phi_c F_{cr}} \right) + \left[\frac{C_m f_{bu}}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{f_{au}}{\phi_c F'_e} \right) \right] Q\phi_b F_y} \right] \leq 1.0 \quad (4.4-5)$$

- f_{au} = P_u/A = Required compressive stress, ksi (MPa)
- P_u = Required axial strength using LRFD load combinations, kips (N)
- f_{bu} = M_u/S = Required bending stress at the location under consideration, ksi (MPa)
- M_u = Required flexural strength using LRFD load combinations, kip-in. (N-mm)
- S = Elastic Section Modulus, in.³ (mm³)
- F_{cr} = Nominal axial compressive stress in ksi (MPa) based on ℓ/r as defined in Section 4.2(b),
- C_m = $1 - 0.3 f_{au}/\phi F'_e$ for end panels
- C_m = $1 - 0.4 f_{au}/\phi F'_e$ for interior panels
- F_y = Specified minimum yield strength, ksi (MPa)
- $F'_e = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(\mathbf{K}\ell/r_x)^2}$, ksi (MPa)

Where ℓ is the panel length, in inches (millimeters), as defined in Section 4.2(b) and r_x is the radius of gyration about the axis of bending.

- Q = Form factor defined in Section 4.2(b)
- A = Area of the top chord, in.² (mm²)

For ASD:

at the panel point:

$$f_a + f_b \leq 0.6F_y \quad (4.4-6)$$

at the mid panel:

for, $\frac{f_a}{F_a} \geq 0.2$,

$$\frac{f_a}{F_a} + \frac{8}{9} \left[\frac{C_m f_b}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{1.67f_a}{F'_e} \right) \right] QF_b} \right] \leq 1.0 \quad (4.4-7)$$



for $\frac{f_a}{F_a} < 0.2$,

$$\left(\frac{f_a}{2F_a} \right) + \left[\frac{C_m f_b}{1 - \left(\frac{1.67 f_a}{F_e} \right) Q F_b} \right] \leq 1.0 \quad (4.4-8)$$

- f_a = P/A required compressive stress, ksi (MPa)
- P = Required axial strength using ASD load combinations, kips (N)
- f_b = M/S = required bending stress at the location under consideration, ksi (MPa)
- M = Required flexural strength using ASD load combinations, k-in (N-mm)
- F_a = Allowable axial compressive stress based on ℓ/r as defined in Section 4.2(b), ksi (MPa)
- F_b = Allowable bending stress; $0.6F_y$, ksi (MPa)
- C_m = $1 - 0.50 f_a/F_e$ for end panels
- C_m = $1 - 0.67 f_a/F_e$ for interior panels

The top chord and bottom chord shall be designed such that at each joint:

$$f_{vmod} \leq \phi_v f_n \quad (\text{LRFD}, \phi = 1.00) \quad (4.4-9)$$

$$f_{vmod} \leq f_n / \Omega_v \quad (\text{ASD}, \Omega = 1.50) \quad (4.4-10)$$

Where:

- f_n = nominal shear stress = $0.6F_y$, ksi (MPa)
- f_t = axial stress = P/A, ksi (MPa)
- f_v = shear stress = V/bt, ksi (MPa)
- f_{vmod} = modified shear stress = $\left(\frac{1}{2} (f_t^2 + 4f_v^2) \right)^{1/2}$
- b = length of vertical part(s) of cross section, in. (mm)
- t = thickness of vertical part(s) of cross section, in. (mm)

It shall not be necessary to design the top chord and bottom chord for the modified shear stress when a round bar web member is continuous through a joint. The minimum required shear Section 4.4(b) (25 percent of the end reaction) shall not be required when evaluating Equation 4.4-9 or 4.4-10.

KCS Joist chords shall be designed for a flat positive bending moment envelope where the moment capacity is constant at all interior panels. The top chord end panel(s) is designed for an axial load based on the force in the first tension web resulting from the specified shear. A uniform load of 550 plf (8020 N/m) in ASD or 825 plf (12030 N/m) in LRFD shall be used to check bending in the end panel(s).

(b) Web

The vertical shears to be used in the design of the web members shall be determined from full uniform loading, but such vertical shears shall be not less than 25 percent of the end reaction. Due consideration shall be given to the effect of eccentricity. The effect of combined axial compression and bending shall be investigated using the provisions of Section 4.4(a), letting $C_m = 0.4$ when bending due to eccentricity produces reversed curvature.



Interior vertical web members used in modified Warren type web systems shall be designed to resist the gravity loads supported by the member plus an additional axial load of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1.0 percent of the top chord axial force.

KCS Joist web forces shall be determined based on a flat shear envelope. All webs shall be designed for a vertical shear equal to the specified shear capacity. In addition, all webs shall be designed for 100 percent stress reversal except for the first tension web which will remain in tension under all simple span gravity loads.

(c) Joist Extensions

Joist extensions are defined as one of three types, top chord extensions (TCX), extended ends, or full depth cantilevers.

Design criteria for joist extensions shall be specified using one of the following methods:

- (1) A Top chord extension (TCX), extended end, or full depth cantilevered end shall be designed for the load from the Standard Load Tables based on the design length and designation of the specified joist. In the absence of other design information, the joist manufacturer shall design the joist extension for this loading as a default.
- (2) A loading diagram shall be provided for the top chord extension, extended end, or full depth cantilevered end. The diagram shall include the magnitude and location of the loads to be supported, as well as the appropriate load combinations.
- (3) Joist extensions shall be specified using extension designations found in the Top Chord Extension Load Table (S Type) for TCXs or the Top Chord Extension Load Table (R Type) for extended ends.

Any deflection requirements or limits due to the accompanying loads and load combinations on the joist extension shall be provided by the **specifying professional**, regardless of the method used to specify the extension. Unless otherwise specified, the joist manufacturer shall check the extension for the specified deflection limit under uniform live load acting simultaneously on both the joist base span and the extension.

The joist manufacturer shall consider the effects of joist extension loading on the base span of the joist. This includes carrying the design bending moment due to the loading on the extension into the top chord end panel(s), and the effect on the overall joist chord and web axial forces. In the case of a K-Series Standard Type 'R' Extended End or 'S' TCX, the design bending moment is defined as the tabulated extension section modulus (S) multiplied by the appropriate allowable (ASD) or design (LRFD) flexural stress.

Bracing of joist extensions shall be clearly indicated on the structural drawings.

4.5 CONNECTIONS

(a) Methods

Joist connections and splices shall be made by attaching the members to one another by arc or resistance welding or other accredited methods.

(1) Welded Connections

- a) Selected welds shall be inspected visually by the manufacturer. Prior to this inspection, weld slag shall be removed.
- b) Cracks are not acceptable and shall be repaired.
- c) Thorough fusion shall exist between weld and base metal for the required design length of the weld; such fusion shall be verified by visual inspection.
- d) Unfilled weld craters shall not be included in the design length of the weld.
- e) Undercut shall not exceed 1/16 inch (2 mm) for welds oriented parallel to the principal stress.



- f) The sum of surface (piping) porosity diameters shall not exceed 1/16 inch (2 mm) in any 1 inch (25 mm) of design weld length.
- g) Weld spatter that does not interfere with paint coverage is acceptable.

(2) Welded Connections for Crimped-End Angle Web Members

The connection of each end of a crimped angle web member to each side of the chord shall consist of a weld group made of more than a single line of weld. The design weld length shall include, at minimum, an end return of two times the nominal weld size.

(3) Welding Program

Manufacturers shall have a program for establishing weld procedures and operator qualification, and for weld sampling and testing. (See Technical Digest 8 - Welding of Open Web Steel Joists and Joist Girders.)

(4) Weld Inspection by Outside Agencies (See Section 5.12 of this specification)

The agency shall arrange for visual inspection to determine that welds meet the acceptance standards of Section 4.5(a)(1) above. Ultrasonic, X-Ray, and magnetic particle testing are inappropriate for joists due to the configurations of the components and welds.

(b) Strength

- (1) Joint Connections - Joint connections shall develop the maximum force due to any of the design loads, but not less than 50 percent of the strength of the member in tension or compression, whichever force is the controlling factor in the selection of the member.
- (2) Shop Splices - Shop splices shall be permitted to occur at any point in chord or web members. Splices shall be designed for the member force, but not less than 50 percent of the member strength. All component parts comprising the cross section of the chord or web member (including reinforcing plates, rods, etc.) at the point of the splice, shall develop an ultimate tensile force of at least 1.2 times the product of the yield strength and the full design area of the chord or web. The "full design area" is the minimum required area such that the required stress will be less than the design (LRFD) or allowable (ASD) stress.

(c) Eccentricity

Members connected at a joint shall have their centroidal axes meet at a point whenever possible. Between joist ends where the eccentricity of a web member is less than 3/4 of the over-all dimension, measured in the plane of the web, of the largest member connected, the additional bending stress from this eccentricity shall be permitted to be neglected in the joist design. Otherwise, due consideration shall be given to the effect of eccentricity. The eccentricity of any web member shall be the perpendicular distance from the centroidal axis of that web member to the point on the centroidal axis of the chord which is vertically above or below the intersection of the centroidal axis of the web member(s) forming the joint. Joist ends shall be proportioned to resist bending produced by eccentricity at the support.



4.6 CAMBER

Joists shall have approximate camber in accordance with the following:

TABLE 4.6-1

<u>Top Chord Length</u>		<u>Approximate Camber</u>	
20'-0"	(6096 mm)	1/4"	(6 mm)
30'-0"	(9144 mm)	3/8"	(10 mm)
40'-0"	(12192 mm)	5/8"	(16 mm)
50'-0"	(15240 mm)	1"	(25 mm)
60'-0"	(18288 mm)	1 1/2"	(38 mm)

The **specifying professional** shall give consideration to coordinating joist camber with adjacent framing.

4.7 VERIFICATION OF DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE

(a) Design Calculations

Companies manufacturing **K-Series Joists** shall submit design data to the Steel Joist Institute (or an independent agency approved by the Steel Joist Institute) for verification of compliance with the SJI Specifications. Design data shall be submitted in detail and in the format specified by the Institute.

(b) Tests of Chord and Web Members

Each manufacturer shall, at the time of design review by the Steel Joist Institute, verify by tests that the design, in accordance with Sections 4.1 through 4.5 of this specification, will provide the theoretical strength of critical members. Such tests shall be evaluated considering the actual yield strength of the members of the test joists.

Material tests for determining mechanical properties of component members shall be conducted.

(c) Tests of Joints and Connections

Each manufacturer shall, at the time of design review by the Steel Joist Institute, verify by shear tests on representative joints of typical joists that connections will meet the provision of Section 4.5(b). Chord and web members shall be permitted to be reinforced for such tests.

(d) In-Plant Inspections

Each manufacturer shall verify their ability to manufacture **K-Series Joists** through periodic In-Plant Inspections. Inspections shall be performed by an independent agency approved by the Steel Joist Institute. The frequency, manner of inspection, and manner of reporting shall be determined by the Steel Joist Institute. The plant inspections are not a guarantee of the quality of any specific joists; this responsibility lies fully and solely with the individual manufacturer.



SECTION 5. **APPLICATION**

5.1 USAGE

This specification shall apply to any type of structure where floors and roofs are to be supported directly by steel joists installed as hereinafter specified. Where joists are used other than on simple spans under uniformly distributed loading as prescribed in Section 4.1, they shall be investigated and modified when necessary to limit the required stresses to those listed in Section 4.2.

When a rigid connection of the bottom chord is to be made to a column or other structural support, the joist is then no longer simply supported, and the system shall be investigated for continuous frame action by the **specifying professional**. The magnitude and location of all loads and forces shall be provided on the structural drawings. The **specifying professional** shall design the supporting structure, including the design of columns, connections, and moment plates*. This design shall account for the stresses caused by lateral forces and the stresses due to connecting the bottom chord to the column or other structural support.

The designed detail of a rigid type connection and moment plates shall be shown on the structural drawings by the **specifying professional**. The moment plates shall be furnished by other than the joist manufacturer.

*For further reference, refer to Steel Joist Institute Technical Digest 11, "Design of Lateral Load Resisting Frames Using Steel Joists and Joist Girders."

5.2 SPAN

The span of a joist shall not exceed 24 times its depth.

5.3 END SUPPORTS

(a) Masonry and Concrete

A K-Series Joist end supported by masonry or concrete shall bear on steel bearing plates and shall be designed as steel bearing. Due consideration of the end reactions and all other vertical or lateral forces shall be taken by the **specifying professional** in the design of the steel bearing plate and the masonry or concrete. The ends of K-Series Joists shall extend a distance of not less than 4 inches (102 mm) over the masonry or concrete support unless it is deemed necessary to bear less than 4 inches (102 mm) over the support. Special consideration shall then be given to the design of the steel bearing plate and the masonry or concrete by the **specifying professional**. K-Series Joists shall be anchored to the steel bearing plate and shall bear a minimum of 2 1/2 inches (64 mm) on the plate.

The steel bearing plate shall be located not more than 1/2 inch (13 mm) from the face of the wall, otherwise special consideration shall then be given to the design of the steel bearing plate and the masonry or concrete by the **specifying professional**. When the **specifying professional** requires the joist reaction to occur at or near the centerline of the wall or other support, then a note shall be placed on the contract drawings specifying this requirement and the specified bearing seat depth shall be increased accordingly. If the joist reaction is to occur more than 2 1/2 inches (64 mm) from the face of the wall or other support, the minimum seat depth shall be 2 1/2 inches (64 mm) plus a dimension equal to the distance the joist reaction is to occur beyond 2 1/2 inches (64 mm).

The steel bearing plate shall not be less than 6 inches (152 mm) wide perpendicular to the length of the joist. The plate is to be designed by the **specifying professional** and shall be furnished by other than the joist manufacturer.



(b) Steel

Due consideration of the end reactions and all other vertical and lateral forces shall be taken by the **specifying professional** in the design of the steel support. The ends of K-Series Joists shall extend a distance of not less than 2 ½ inches (64 millimeters) over the steel supports.

5.4 BRIDGING

Top and bottom chord bridging is required and shall consist of one or both of the following types.

(a) Horizontal

Horizontal bridging shall consist of continuous horizontal steel members. The ratio of unbraced length to least radius of gyration, ℓ/r , of the bridging member shall not exceed 300, where ℓ is the distance in inches (mm) between attachments, and r is the least radius of gyration of the bridging member.

(b) Diagonal

Diagonal bridging shall consist of cross-bracing with a ℓ/r ratio of not more than 200, where ℓ is the distance in inches (millimeters) between connections and r is the least radius of gyration of the bracing member. Where cross-bracing members are connected at their point of intersection, the ℓ distance shall be taken as the distance in inches (millimeters) between connections at the point of intersection of the bracing members and the connections to the chord of the joists.

(c) Quantity and Spacing

Bridging shall be properly spaced and anchored to support the decking and the employees prior to the attachment of the deck to the top chord. The maximum spacing of lines of bridging, ℓ_{brmax} shall be the lesser of,

$$\ell_{brmax} = \left(124 + 0.67 d_j + 28 \frac{d_j}{L} \right) r_y, \text{ in.} \tag{5.4-1a}$$

$$\ell_{brmax} = \left(124 + 0.026 d_j + 0.34 \frac{d_j}{L} \right) r_y, \text{ mm} \tag{5.4-1b}$$

or,
$$\ell_{brmax} = 170 r_y \tag{5.4-2}$$

Where:

d_j is the steel joist depth, in. (mm)

L is the Joist Span length, ft. (m)

r_y is the out-of-plane radius of gyration of the top chord, in. (mm)

The number of rows of top chord bridging shall not be less than as shown in Bridging Tables 5.4-1 and 5.4-2 and the spacing shall meet the requirements of Equations 5.4-1 and 5.4-2. The number of rows of bottom chord bridging, including bridging required per Section 5.11, shall not be less than the number of top chord rows. Rows of bottom chord bridging are permitted to be spaced independently of rows of top chord bridging. The spacing of rows of bottom chord bridging shall meet the slenderness requirement of Section 4.3 and any specified strength requirements.



TABLE 5.4-1

U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS					
NUMBER OF ROWS OF TOP CHORD BRIDGING**					
Refer to the K-Series Load Table and Specification Section 6 for required bolted diagonal bridging.					
Distances are Joist Span lengths in feet – See “Definition of Span” preceding Load Tables.					
Section Number*	Joist Depth	One Row	Two Rows	Three Rows	Four Rows
#1	All	Up thru 17	Over 17 thru 26	Over 26 thru 28	
#2	All	Up thru 21	Over 21 thru 30	Over 30 thru 32	
#3	All	Up thru 18	Over 18 thru 26	Over 26 thru 40	
#4	All	Up thru 20	Over 20 thru 30	Over 30 thru 41	Over 41 thru 48
#5	12K to 24K	Up thru 20	Over 20 thru 30	Over 30 thru 42	Over 42 thru 48
	26K	Up thru 28	Over 28 thru 41	Over 41 thru 52	
#6	14K to 24K	Up thru 20	Over 20 thru 31	Over 31 thru 42	Over 42 thru 48
	26K & 28K	UP thru 28	Over 28 thru 41	Over 41 thru 54	Over 54 thru 56
#7	16K to 24K	Up thru 23	Over 23 thru 34	Over 34 thru 48	
	26K to 30K	Up thru 29	Over 29 thru 44	Over 44 thru 60	
#8	24K	Up thru 25	Over 25 thru 39	Over 39 thru 48	
	26K to 30K	Up thru 29	Over 29 thru 44	Over 44 thru 60	
#9	16K to 24K	Up thru 22	Over 22 thru 34	Over 34 thru 48	
	26K to 30K	Up thru 29	Over 29 thru 44	Over 44 thru 60	
#10	18K to 24K	Up thru 22	Over 22 thru 38	Over 38 thru 48	
	26K to 30K	Up thru 29	Over 29 thru 48	Over 48 thru 60	
#11	22K	Up thru 24	Over 24 thru 39	Over 39 thru 44	
	30K	Up thru 34	Over 34 thru 49	Over 49 thru 60	
#12	24K	Up thru 25	Over 25 thru 43	Over 43 thru 48	
	26K to 30K	Up thru 29	Over 29 thru 47	Over 47 thru 60	

*Last digit(s) of joist designation shown in Load Table

**See Section 5.11 for additional bridging required for uplift design.



TABLE 5.4-2

METRIC UNITS					
NUMBER OF ROWS OF TOP CHORD BRIDGING**					
Refer to the K-Series Load Table and Specification Section 6 for required bolted diagonal bracing.					
Distances are Joist Span lengths in mm – See “Definition of Span” preceding Load Tables.					
Section Number*	Joist Depth	One Row	Two Rows	Three Rows	Four Rows
#1	All	Up thru 5182	Over 5182 thru 7925	Over 7925 thru 8534	
#2	All	Up thru 6401	Over 6401 thru 9144	Over 9144 thru 9754	
#3	All	Up thru 5486	Over 5486 thru 7925	Over 7925 thru 12192	
#4	All	Up thru 6096	Over 6096 thru 9144	Over 9144 thru 12497	Over 12497 thru 14630
#5	12K to 24K	Up thru 6096	Over 6096 thru 9144	Over 9144 thru 12802	Over 12802 thru 14630
	26K	Up thru 8534	Over 8534 thru 12497	Over 12497 thru 15850	
#6	14K to 24K	Up thru 6096	Over 6096 thru 9449	Over 9449 thru 12802	Over 12802 thru 14630
	26K & 28K	Up thru 8534	Over 8534 thru 12497	Over 12497 thru 16459	Over 16459 thru 17069
#7	16K to 24K	Up thru 7010	Over 7010 thru 10363	Over 10363 thru 14630	
	26K to 30K	Up thru 8839	Over 8839 thru 13411	Over 13411 thru 18288	
#8	24K	Up thru 7620	Over 7620 thru 11887	Over 11887 thru 14630	
	26K to 30K	Up thru 8839	Over 8839 thru 13411	Over 13411 thru 18288	
#9	16K to 24K	Up thru 6706	Over 6706 thru 10363	Over 10363 thru 14630	
	26K to 30K	Up thru 8839	Over 8839 thru 13411	Over 13411 thru 18288	
#10	18K to 24K	Up thru 6706	Over 6706 thru 11582	Over 11582 thru 14630	
	26K to 30K	Up thru 8839	Over 8839 thru 14630	Over 14630 thru 18288	
#11	22K	Up thru 7315	Over 7315 thru 11887	Over 11887 thru 13411	
	30K	Up thru 10363	Over 10363 thru 14935	Over 14935 thru 18288	
#12	24K	Up thru 7620	Over 7620 thru 13106	Over 13106 thru 14630	
	26K to 30K	UP thru 8839	Over 8839 thru 14326	Over 14326 thru 18288	

*Last digit(s) of joist designation shown in Load Table

**See Section 5.11 for additional bracing required for uplift design.



(d) Sizing of Bridging

Horizontal and diagonal bridging shall be capable of resisting the nominal unfactored horizontal compressive force, P_{br} given in Equation 5.4-3.

$$P_{br} = 0.0025 n A_t F_{construction}, \text{ lbs (N)} \tag{5.4-3}$$

Where:

$n = 8$ for horizontal bridging

$n = 2$ for diagonal bridging

A_t = cross sectional area of joist top chord, in.² (mm²)

$F_{construction}$ = assumed ultimate stress in top chord to resist construction loads

$$F_{construction} = \left(\frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{0.9 \ell_{brmax}}{r_y} \right)^2} \right) \geq 12.2 \text{ksi} \tag{5.4-4a}$$

$$F_{construction} = \left(\frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{0.9 \ell_{brmax}}{r_y} \right)^2} \right) \geq 84.1 \text{MPa} \tag{5.4-4b}$$

Where: E = Modulus of Elasticity of steel = 29,000 ksi (200,000 MPa) and $\frac{\ell_{brmax}}{r_y}$ is determined from

Equations 5.4-1a, 5.4-1b or 5.4-2

The bridging nominal unfactored horizontal compressive forces, P_{br} , are summarized in Table 5.4-3.

TABLE 5.4-3

*Section Number	Horizontal P_{br} (n=8)		Diagonal P_{br} (n=2)	
	lbs	(N)	lbs	(N)
#1 thru #8	340	(1512)	85	(378)
#9, #10	450	(2002)	113	(503)
#11, #12	560	(2491)	140	(623)
*Last digit(s) of joist designation shown in Load Table				



(e) Connections

Attachments to the joist chords shall be made by welding or mechanical means and shall be capable of resisting the nominal (unfactored) horizontal force, P_{br} , of Equation 5.4-3, but not less 700 pounds (3114 N).

(f) Bottom Chord Bearing Joists

Where bottom chord bearing joists are utilized, a row of diagonal bridging shall be provided near the support(s). This bridging shall be installed and anchored before the hoisting cable(s) is released.

5.5 INSTALLATION OF BRIDGING

Bridging shall support the top and bottom chords against lateral movement during the construction period and shall hold the steel joists in the approximate position as shown on the joist placement plans.

The ends of all bridging lines terminating at walls or beams shall be anchored thereto.

5.6 BEARING SEAT ATTACHMENTS

(a) Masonry and Concrete

Ends of **K-Series Joists** resting on steel bearing plates on masonry or structural concrete shall be attached thereto with a minimum of two 1/8 inch (3 mm) fillet welds 2 inches (51 mm) long, or with two 1/2 inch (13 mm) ASTM - A307 bolts, or the equivalent.

(b) Steel

Ends of **K-Series Joists** resting on steel supports shall be attached thereto with a minimum of two 1/8 inch (3 mm) fillet welds 2 inches (51 mm) long, or with two 1/2 inch (13 mm) ASTM – A307 bolts, or the equivalent. When **K-Series Joists** are used to provide lateral stability to the supporting member, the final connection shall be made by welding or as designated by the **specifying professional**.

(c) Uplift

Where uplift forces are a design consideration, roof joists shall be anchored to resist such forces (Refer to Section 5.11 Uplift).

5.7 JOIST SPACING

Joists shall be spaced so that the loading on each joist does not exceed the design load (LRFD or ASD) for the particular joist designation and span as shown in the applicable load tables.

5.8 FLOOR AND ROOF DECKS

(a) Material

Floor and roof decks shall be permitted to consist of cast-in-place or pre-cast concrete or gypsum, formed steel, wood, or other suitable material capable of supporting the required load at the specified joist spacing.



(b) Thickness

Cast-in-place slabs shall be not less than 2 inches (51 mm) thick.

(c) Centering

Centering for cast-in-place slabs shall be permitted to be ribbed metal lath, corrugated steel sheets, paper-backed welded wire fabric, removable centering or any other suitable material capable of supporting the slab at the designated joist spacing.

Centering shall not cause lateral displacement or damage to the top chord of joists during installation or removal of the centering or placing of the concrete.

(d) Bearing

Slabs or decks shall bear uniformly along the top chords of the joists.

(e) Attachments

The spacing for slab or deck attachments along the joist top chord shall not exceed 36 inches (914 mm), and shall be capable of resisting a nominal (unfactored) lateral force of not less than 300 pounds (1335 N), i.e., 100 plf (1.46 kN/m).

(f) Wood Nailers

Where wood nailers are used, such nailers in conjunction with deck or slab shall be attached to the top chords of the joists in conformance with Section 5.8(e).

(g) Joist With Standing Seam Roofing or Laterally Unbraced Top Chords

When the roof system does not provide lateral stability for the joists in accordance with Section 5.8 (e), (i.e. as may be the case with standing seam roofs or extended skylights and openings) sufficient stability shall be provided to brace the joists laterally under the full design load. The compression chord shall resist the chord axial design force in the plane of the joist (i.e., x-x axis buckling) and out of the plane of the joist (i.e., y-y axis buckling). In any case where the attachment requirement of Section 5.8(e) is not achieved, out-of-plane strength shall be achieved by adjusting the bridging spacing and/or increasing the compression chord area and the y-axis radius of gyration. The effective slenderness ratio in the y-direction equals $0.94 L/r_y$; where L is the bridging spacing in inches (millimeters). The maximum bridging spacing shall not exceed that specified in Section 5.4(c).

Horizontal bridging members attached to the compression chords and their anchorages shall be designed for a compressive axial force of $0.001nP + 0.004 P\sqrt{n} \geq 0.0025nP$, where n is the number of joists between end anchors and P is the chord design force in kips (Newtons). The attachment force between the horizontal bridging member and the compression chord shall be 0.01P. Horizontal bridging attached to the tension chords shall be proportioned so that the slenderness ratio between attachments does not exceed 300. Diagonal bridging shall be proportioned so that the slenderness ratio between attachments does not exceed 200.



5.9 DEFLECTION

The deflection due to the design nominal live load shall not exceed the following:

Floors: 1/360 of span.

Roofs: 1/360 of span where a plaster ceiling is attached or suspended.
1/240 of span for all other cases.

The **specifying professional** shall give consideration to the effects of deflection and vibration* in the selection of joists.

*For further reference, refer to Steel Joist Institute Technical Digest 5, "Vibration of Steel Joist-Concrete Slab Floors" and the Institute's Computer Vibration Program.

5.10 PONDING

The ponding investigation shall be performed by the **specifying professional**.

*For further reference, refer to Steel Joist Institute Technical Digest 3, "Structural Design of Steel Joist Roofs to Resist Ponding Loads" and the AISC Specification for Structural Steel Buildings.

5.11 UPLIFT

Where uplift forces due to wind are a design requirement, these forces shall be indicated on the contract drawings in terms of NET uplift in pounds per square foot (Pascals). The contract documents shall indicate if the net uplift is based upon LRFD or ASD. When these forces are specified, they shall be considered in the design of joists and/or bridging. A single line of **bottom chord** bridging shall be provided near the first bottom chord panel points whenever uplift due to wind forces is a design consideration.

*For further reference, refer to Steel Joist Institute Technical Digest 6, "Structural Design of Steel Joist Roofs to Resist Uplift Loads".

5.12 INSPECTION

Joists shall be inspected by the manufacturer before shipment to verify compliance of materials and workmanship with the requirements of these specifications. If the purchaser wishes an inspection of the steel joists by someone other than the manufacturer's own inspectors, he shall be permitted to reserve the right to do so in his "Invitation to Bid" or the accompanying "Job Specifications".

Arrangements shall be made with the manufacturer for such inspection of the joists at the manufacturing shop by the purchaser's inspectors at purchaser's expense.

5.13 PARALLEL CHORD SLOPED JOISTS

The span of a parallel chord sloped joist shall be defined by the length along the slope. Minimum depth, load-carrying capacity, and bridging requirements shall be determined by the sloped definition of span. The Standard Load Table capacity shall be the component normal to the joist.



SECTION 6.
**ERECTION STABILITY AND
HANDLING***

When it is necessary for the erector to climb on the joists, extreme caution shall be exercised since unbridged joists may exhibit some degree of instability under the erector's weight.

(a) Stability Requirements

- 1) Before an employee is allowed on the steel joist: BOTH ends of joists at columns (or joists designated as column joists) shall be attached to its supports. For all other joists a minimum of one end shall be attached before the employee is allowed on the joist. The attachment shall be in accordance with Section 5.6 - End Anchorage.

When a bolted seat connection is used for erection purposes, as a minimum, the bolts shall be snug tightened. The snug tight condition is defined as the tightness that exists when all plies of a joint are in firm contact. This shall be attained by a few impacts of an impact wrench or the full effort of an employee using an ordinary spud wrench.

- 2) On steel joists that do not require erection bridging as shown by the unshaded area of the Load Tables, only one employee shall be allowed on the steel joist unless all bridging is installed and anchored.
- 3) Where the span of the steel joist is within the red shaded area of the Load Table, the following shall apply:
 - a) The row of bridging nearest the mid span of the steel joists shall be bolted diagonal erection bridging; and
 - b) Hoisting cables shall not be released until this bolted diagonal erection bridging is installed and anchored, unless an alternate method of stabilizing the joist has been provided; and
 - c) No more than one employee shall be allowed on these spans until all other bridging is installed and anchored.
- 4) When permanent bridging terminus points cannot be used during erection, additional temporary bridging terminus points are required to provide stability.
- 5) In the case of bottom chord bearing joists, the ends of the joist shall be restrained laterally per Section 5.4(f).
- 6) After the joist is straightened and plumbed, and all bridging is completely installed and anchored, the ends of the joists shall be fully connected to the supports in accordance with Section 5.6 - End Anchorage.

(b) Landing and Placing Loads

- 1) Except as stated in paragraphs 6(b)(3) and 6(b)(4) of this section, no "construction loads"⁽¹⁾ shall be allowed on the steel joists until all bridging is installed and anchored, and all joist bearing ends are attached.
- 2) During the construction period, loads placed on the steel joists shall be distributed so as not to exceed the capacity of the steel joists.
- 3) The weight of a bundle of joist bridging shall not exceed a total of 1000 pounds (454 kilograms). The bundle of joist bridging shall be placed on a minimum of 3 steel joists that are secured at one end. The edge of the bridging bundle shall be positioned within 1 foot (0.30 m) of the secured end.



- 4) No bundle of deck shall be placed on steel joists until all bridging has been installed and anchored and all joist bearing ends attached, unless the following conditions are met:
 - a) The contractor 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;
 - b) The bundle of decking is placed on a minimum of 3 steel joists;
 - c) The joists supporting the bundle of decking are attached at both ends;
 - d) At least one row of bridging is installed and anchored;
 - e) The total weight of the decking does not exceed 4000 pounds (1816 kilograms); and
 - f) The edge of the decking shall be placed within 1 foot (0.30 meters) of the bearing surface of the joist end.
- 5) The edge of the construction load shall be placed within 1 foot (.30 meters) of the bearing surface of the joist end.

(c) Field Welding

- 1) All field welding shall be performed in accordance with the contract documents. Field welding shall not damage the joists.
- 2) On cold-formed members whose yield strength has been attained by cold working, and whose as-formed strength is used in the design, the total length of weld at any one point shall not exceed 50 percent of the overall developed width of the cold-formed section.

(d) Handling

Care shall be exercised at all times to avoid damage to the joists and accessories.

(e) Fall Arrest Systems

Steel joists shall not be used as anchorage points for a fall arrest system unless written direction to do so is obtained from a "qualified person" ⁽²⁾.

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

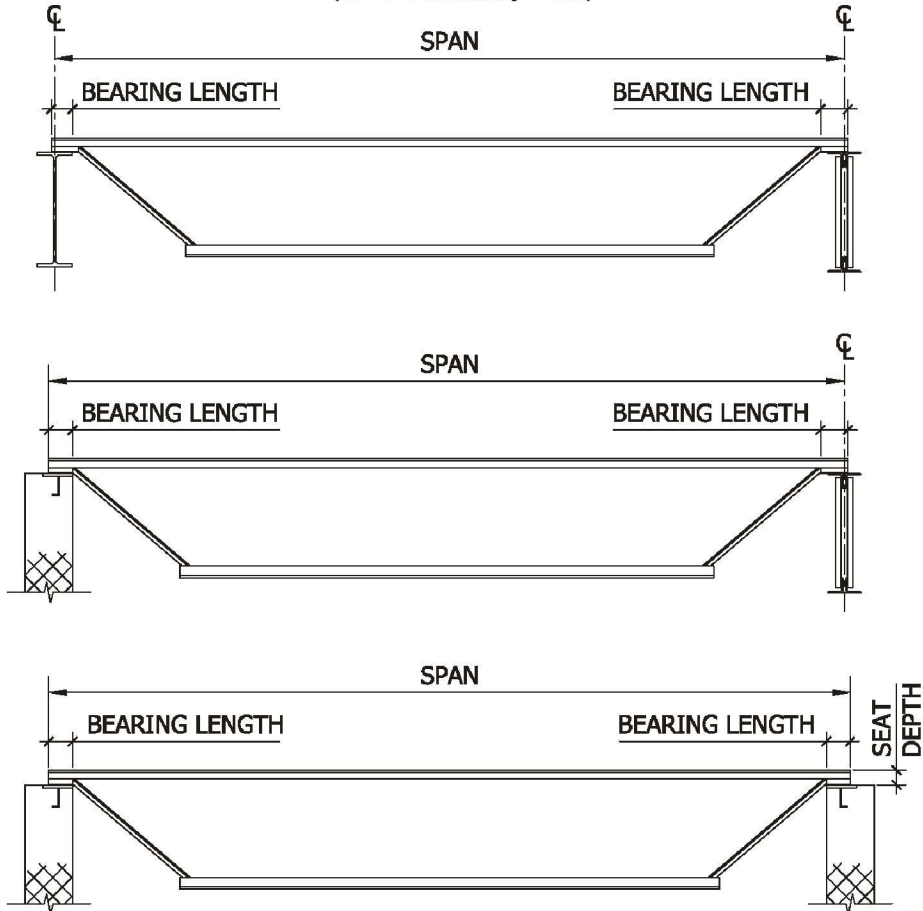
⁽¹⁾ See Federal Register, Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (2001), 29 CFR Part 1926 Safety Standards for Steel Erection; Final Rule, §1926.757 Open Web Steel Joists - January 18, 2001, Washington, D.C. for definition of "construction load".

⁽²⁾ 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".



DEFINITION OF SPAN

(U. S. Customary Units)



- NOTES:**
- 1) **DESIGN LENGTH = SPAN - 0.33 FT.**
 - 2) **BEARING LENGTH FOR STEEL SUPPORTS SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 2½ INCHES ; FOR MASONRY AND CONCRETE NOT LESS THAN 4 INCHES.**
 - 3) **PARALLEL CHORD JOISTS INSTALLED TO A SLOPE GREATER THAN ½ INCH PER FOOT SHALL USE SPAN DEFINED BY THE LENGTH ALONG THE SLOPE.**

STANDARD LRFD LOAD TABLE

OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS, K-SERIES

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength
Adopted by the Steel Joist Institute May 1, 2000
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The **BLACK** figures in the Load Table give the TOTAL safe factored uniformly distributed load-carrying capacities, in pounds per linear foot, of **LRFD K-Series Steel Joists**.

The approximate joist weights, in pounds per linear foot, given in the Load Table may be added to the other building weights to determine the unfactored DEAD load. In all cases the factored DEAD load, including the joist self-weight, must be deducted from the TOTAL load to determine the factored LIVE load. The approximate joist weights do not include accessories.

The **RED** figures in the Load Table represent the unfactored uniform load, in pounds per linear foot, which will produce an approximate joist deflection of 1/360 of the span. This load can be linearly prorated to obtain the unfactored uniform load for supplementary deflection criteria (i.e. an unfactored uniform load which will produce a joist deflection of 1/240 of the span may be obtained by multiplying the **RED** figures by 360/240). In no case shall the prorated, unfactored load exceed the unfactored TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist as given in the Standard **ASD** Load Table for Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series**.

Where the joist span is in the **RED SHADED** area of the Load Table, the row of bridging nearest the mid span shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and intersections. Hoisting cables shall not be released until this row of bolted diagonal bridging is completely installed. The **RED SHADED** area extends up through 60'-0".

The approximate gross moment of inertia (not adjusted for shear deformation), in inches⁴, of a standard joist listed in the Load Table may be determined as follows:

$$I_j = 26.767(W)(L^3)(10^{-6}), \text{ where } W = \text{RED figure in the Load Table, and}$$
$$L = (\text{span} - 0.33) \text{ in feet.}$$

The TOTAL safe factored uniformly distributed load-carrying capacities, in pounds per linear foot, of **LRFD K-Series Steel Joists** shall not exceed 825 plf for spans shorter than what is explicitly shown in the Load Table. The maximum prorated unfactored **RED** load shall not exceed 550 plf (the TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist as given in the Standard **ASD** Load Table for Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series**).

Loads for span increments not explicitly given in the Load Table may be determined using linear interpolation between the load values given in adjacent span columns.

For the proper handling of concentrated and/or varying loads, see Section 2.3 in the Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joist and Joist Girders.



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STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS, K-SERIES
Based On A 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown In Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	10K1	12K1	12K3	12K5	14K1	14K3	14K4	14K6	16K2	16K3	16K4	16K5	16K6	16K7	16K9
Depth (in.)	10	12	12	12	14	14	14	14	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Approx. Wt (lbs./ft.)	5.0	5.0	5.7	7.1	5.2	6.0	6.7	7.7	5.5	6.3	7.0	7.5	8.1	8.6	10.0
Span (ft.)															
10	825 550														
11	825 542														
12	825 455	825 550	825 550	825 550											
13	718 363	825 510	825 510	825 510											
14	618 289	750 425	825 463	825 463	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550							
15	537 234	651 344	814 428	825 434	766 475	825 507	825 507	825 507							
16	469 192	570 282	714 351	825 396	672 390	825 467	825 467	825 467	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550
17	415 159	504 234	630 291	825 366	592 324	742 404	825 443	825 443	768 488	825 526	825 526	825 526	825 526	825 526	825 526
18	369 134	448 197	561 245	760 317	528 272	661 339	795 397	825 408	684 409	762 456	825 490	825 490	825 490	825 490	825 490
19	331 113	402 167	502 207	681 269	472 230	592 287	712 336	825 383	612 347	682 386	820 452	825 455	825 455	825 455	825 455
20	298 97	361 142	453 177	613 230	426 197	534 246	642 287	787 347	552 297	615 330	739 386	825 426	825 426	825 426	825 426
21		327 123	409 153	555 198	385 170	483 212	582 248	712 299	499 255	556 285	670 333	754 373	822 405	825 406	825 406
22		298 106	373 132	505 172	351 147	439 184	529 215	648 259	454 222	505 247	609 289	687 323	747 351	825 385	825 385
23		271 93	340 116	462 150	321 128	402 160	483 188	592 226	415 194	462 216	556 252	627 282	682 307	760 339	825 363
24		249 81	312 101	423 132	294 113	367 141	442 165	543 199	381 170	424 189	510 221	576 248	627 269	697 298	825 346
25					270 100	339 124	408 145	501 175	351 150	390 167	469 195	529 219	576 238	642 263	771 311
26					249 88	313 110	376 129	462 156	324 133	360 148	433 173	489 194	532 211	592 233	711 276
27					231 79	289 98	349 115	427 139	300 119	334 132	402 155	453 173	493 188	549 208	658 246
28					214 70	270 88	324 103	397 124	279 106	310 118	373 138	421 155	459 168	510 186	612 220
29									259 95	289 106	348 124	391 139	427 151	475 167	570 198
30									241 86	270 96	324 112	366 126	399 137	444 151	532 178
31									226 78	252 87	304 101	342 114	373 124	415 137	498 161
32									213 71	237 79	285 92	321 103	349 112	388 124	466 147



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STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS, K-SERIES
Based On A 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown In Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	18K3	18K4	18K5	18K6	18K7	18K9	18K10	20K3	20K4	20K5	20K6	20K7	20K9	20K10	22K4	22K5	22K6	22K7	22K9	22K10	22K11
Depth (In.)	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Approx. Wt. (lbs./ft.)	6.4	7.2	7.7	8.4	8.9	10.1	11.6	6.5	7.2	7.7	8.4	8.9	10.1	11.6	7.3	7.7	8.5	9.0	10.2	11.7	11.9
Span (ft.)																					
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18	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550														
19	771 494	825 523	825 523	825 523	825 523	825 523	825 523	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550							
20	694 423	825 490	825 490	825 490	825 490	825 490	825 490	775 517	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550							
21	630 364	759 426	825 460	825 460	825 460	825 460	825 460	702 453	825 520	825 520	825 520	825 520	825 520	825 520	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550
22	573 316	690 370	777 414	825 438	825 438	825 438	825 438	639 393	771 461	825 490	825 490	825 490	825 490	825 490	825 548	825 548	825 548	825 548	825 548	825 548	825 548
23	523 276	630 323	709 362	774 393	825 418	825 418	825 418	583 344	703 402	793 451	825 468	825 468	825 468	825 468	777 491	825 518	825 518	825 518	825 518	825 518	825 518
24	480 242	577 284	651 318	709 345	789 382	825 396	825 396	535 302	645 353	727 396	792 430	825 448	825 448	825 448	712 431	804 483	825 495	825 495	825 495	825 495	825 495
25	441 214	532 250	600 281	652 305	727 337	825 377	825 377	493 266	594 312	669 350	729 380	811 421	825 426	825 426	657 381	739 427	805 464	825 474	825 474	825 474	825 474
26	408 190	492 222	553 249	603 271	672 299	807 354	825 361	456 236	549 277	618 310	673 337	750 373	825 405	825 405	606 338	682 379	744 411	825 454	825 454	825 454	825 454
27	378 169	454 198	513 222	558 241	622 267	747 315	825 347	421 211	508 247	573 277	624 301	694 333	825 389	825 389	561 301	633 337	688 367	768 406	825 432	825 432	825 432
28	351 151	423 177	477 199	519 216	577 239	694 282	822 331	391 189	472 221	532 248	579 269	645 298	775 353	825 375	522 270	588 302	640 328	712 364	825 413	825 413	825 413
29	327 136	394 159	444 179	483 194	538 215	646 254	766 298	364 170	439 199	495 223	540 242	601 268	723 317	825 359	486 242	547 272	597 295	664 327	798 387	825 399	825 399
30	304 123	367 144	414 161	451 175	502 194	603 229	715 269	340 153	411 179	462 201	504 218	561 242	675 286	799 336	453 219	511 245	556 266	619 295	745 349	825 385	825 385
31	285 111	343 130	387 146	421 158	469 175	564 207	669 243	318 138	384 162	433 182	471 198	525 219	631 259	748 304	424 198	478 222	520 241	580 267	697 316	825 369	825 369
32	267 101	322 118	363 132	396 144	441 159	529 188	627 221	298 126	360 147	406 165	442 179	492 199	592 235	702 276	397 180	448 201	489 219	544 242	654 287	775 337	823 355
33	252 92	303 108	342 121	372 131	414 145	498 171	589 201	280 114	339 134	381 150	415 163	463 181	556 214	660 251	373 164	421 183	459 199	511 221	615 261	729 307	798 334
34	237 84	285 98	321 110	349 120	390 132	468 156	555 184	264 105	318 122	358 137	391 149	435 165	523 195	621 229	352 149	397 167	432 182	481 202	579 239	687 280	774 314
35	223 77	268 90	303 101	330 110	367 121	441 143	523 168	249 96	300 112	339 126	369 137	411 151	493 179	585 210	331 137	373 153	408 167	454 185	546 219	648 257	741 292
36	211 70	253 82	286 92	312 101	348 111	417 132	495 154	235 88	283 103	319 115	348 125	388 139	466 164	553 193	313 126	354 141	385 153	429 169	516 201	612 236	700 269
37								222 81	268 95	303 106	330 115	367 128	441 151	523 178	297 116	334 130	364 141	406 156	487 185	579 217	663 247
38								211 74	255 87	286 98	312 106	348 118	418 139	496 164	280 107	316 119	345 130	384 144	462 170	549 200	628 228
39								199 69	241 81	271 90	297 98	330 109	397 129	471 151	267 98	300 110	327 120	364 133	438 157	520 185	595 211
40								190 64	229 75	258 84	282 91	313 101	376 119	447 140	253 91	285 102	310 111	346 123	417 146	495 171	565 195
41														241 85	271 95	295 103	330 114	396 135	471 159	538 181	
42														229 79	259 88	282 96	313 106	378 126	448 148	513 168	
43														219 73	247 82	268 89	300 99	360 117	427 138	489 157	
44														208 68	235 76	256 83	286 92	343 109	408 128	466 146	



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STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS, K-SERIES Based On A 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown In Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	24K4	24K5	24K6	24K7	24K8	24K9	24K10	24K12	26K5	26K6	26K7	26K8	26K9	26K10	26K12
Depth (In.)	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
Approx. Wt. (lbs./ft.)	7.8	7.9	8.5	9.0	9.4	10.3	11.7	13.5	8.1	8.6	9.0	9.7	10.4	11.8	13.7
Span (ft.)															
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23	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550							
24	780 516	825 544	825 544	825 544	825 544	825 544	825 544	825 544							
25	718 456	810 511	825 520	825 520	825 520	825 520	825 520	825 520	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550
26	663 405	748 453	814 493	825 499	825 499	825 499	825 499	825 499	813 535	825 541	825 541	825 541	825 541	825 541	825 541
27	615 361	693 404	754 439	825 479	825 479	825 479	825 479	825 479	753 477	820 519	825 522	825 522	825 522	825 522	825 522
28	571 323	643 362	700 393	781 436	825 456	825 456	825 456	825 456	699 427	762 464	825 501	825 501	825 501	825 501	825 501
29	531 290	600 325	652 354	727 392	804 429	825 436	825 436	825 436	651 384	709 417	790 463	825 479	825 479	825 479	825 479
30	496 262	559 293	609 319	679 353	750 387	816 419	825 422	825 422	607 346	661 377	738 417	816 457	825 459	825 459	825 459
31	465 237	523 266	570 289	636 320	702 350	765 379	825 410	825 410	568 314	619 341	690 378	763 413	825 444	825 444	825 444
32	435 215	490 241	535 262	595 290	658 318	717 344	823 393	823 393	534 285	580 309	648 343	715 375	778 407	823 431	823 431
33	409 196	462 220	502 239	559 265	619 289	673 313	798 368	798 368	501 259	546 282	609 312	672 342	732 370	798 404	798 404
34	385 179	435 201	472 218	526 242	582 264	634 286	753 337	774 344	472 237	514 257	573 285	633 312	688 338	774 378	774 378
35	363 164	409 184	445 200	496 221	549 242	598 262	709 308	751 324	445 217	484 236	540 261	597 286	649 310	751 356	751 356
36	343 150	387 169	421 183	469 203	519 222	565 241	670 283	730 306	420 199	457 216	510 240	564 263	613 284	729 334	730 334
37	324 138	366 155	399 169	444 187	490 205	534 222	634 260	711 290	397 183	433 199	483 221	534 242	580 262	690 308	711 315
38	307 128	346 143	378 156	421 172	465 189	507 204	601 240	691 275	376 169	411 184	457 204	505 223	550 241	654 284	691 299
39	292 118	328 132	358 144	399 159	441 174	480 189	570 222	673 261	357 156	390 170	433 188	480 206	522 223	619 262	673 283
40	277 109	312 122	340 133	379 148	420 161	456 175	541 206	657 247	340 145	370 157	412 174	456 191	496 207	589 243	657 269
41	264 101	297 114	324 124	361 137	399 150	435 162	516 191	640 235	322 134	352 146	393 162	433 177	472 192	561 225	640 256
42	252 94	283 106	309 115	343 127	379 139	414 151	490 177	625 224	307 125	336 136	373 150	412 164	450 178	534 210	625 244
43	240 88	270 98	294 107	328 118	363 130	394 140	468 165	609 213	294 116	319 126	357 140	394 153	429 166	508 195	610 232
44	229 82	258 92	280 100	313 110	346 121	376 131	447 154	580 199	280 108	306 118	340 131	376 143	409 155	486 182	597 222
45	219 76	246 86	268 93	298 103	330 113	360 122	427 144	555 185	268 101	291 110	325 122	360 133	391 145	465 170	583 212
46	208 71	235 80	256 87	286 97	316 106	345 114	408 135	531 174	256 95	279 103	310 114	343 125	375 135	444 159	570 203
47	199 67	225 75	246 82	274 90	303 99	330 107	391 126	508 163	246 89	267 96	298 107	328 117	358 127	426 149	553 192
48	192 63	216 70	235 77	262 85	291 93	316 101	375 118	487 153	235 83	256 90	285 100	315 110	343 119	408 140	529 180
49									225 78	246 85	274 94	303 103	330 112	391 131	508 169
50									216 73	235 80	262 89	291 97	316 105	375 124	487 159
51									208 69	226 75	252 83	279 91	304 99	361 116	469 150
52									199 65	217 71	243 79	268 86	292 93	346 110	451 142



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STANDARD LOAD TABLE/OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS, K-SERIES
Based On A 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown In Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	28K6	28K7	28K8	28K9	28K10	28K12	30K7	30K8	30K9	30K10	30K11	30K12
Depth (in.)	28	28	28	28	28	28	30	30	30	30	30	30
Approx. Wt. (lbs./ft.)	8.9	9.2	9.8	10.5	11.8	14.5	9.6	10.0	10.6	11.9	13.3	15.0
Span (ft.)												
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27	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550						
28	822 541	825 543	825 543	825 543	825 543	825 543						
29	766 486	825 522	825 522	825 522	825 522	825 522	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550	825 550
30	715 439	796 486	825 500	825 500	825 500	825 500	825 543	825 543	825 543	825 543	825 543	825 543
31	669 397	745 440	825 480	825 480	825 480	825 480	801 508	825 520	825 520	825 520	825 520	825 520
32	627 361	699 400	772 438	823 463	823 463	823 463	751 461	823 500	823 500	823 500	823 500	823 500
33	589 329	657 364	726 399	790 432	798 435	798 435	706 420	780 460	798 468	798 468	798 468	798 468
34	555 300	618 333	684 364	744 395	774 410	774 410	664 384	735 420	774 441	774 441	774 441	774 441
35	523 275	583 305	645 333	702 361	751 389	751 389	627 351	693 384	751 415	751 415	751 415	751 415
36	495 252	550 280	609 306	663 332	730 366	730 366	592 323	654 353	712 383	730 392	730 392	730 392
37	468 232	522 257	576 282	627 305	711 344	711 344	559 297	619 325	673 352	711 374	711 374	711 374
38	444 214	493 237	546 260	594 282	691 325	691 325	531 274	586 300	639 325	691 353	691 353	691 353
39	420 198	469 219	519 240	564 260	670 306	673 308	504 253	556 277	606 300	673 333	673 333	673 333
40	399 183	445 203	492 222	535 241	636 284	657 291	478 234	529 256	576 278	657 315	657 315	657 315
41	379 170	424 189	468 206	510 224	606 263	640 277	454 217	502 238	547 258	640 300	640 300	640 300
42	361 158	403 175	445 192	486 208	576 245	625 264	433 202	480 221	522 240	619 282	625 284	625 284
43	345 147	385 163	426 179	463 194	550 228	610 252	414 188	457 206	498 223	591 263	610 270	610 270
44	330 137	367 152	406 167	442 181	525 212	597 240	394 176	436 192	475 208	564 245	597 258	597 258
45	315 128	351 142	388 156	423 169	501 198	583 229	376 164	417 179	454 195	538 229	583 246	583 246
46	301 120	336 133	372 146	405 158	480 186	570 219	361 153	399 168	435 182	516 214	570 236	570 236
47	288 112	321 125	355 136	387 148	459 174	558 210	345 144	382 157	415 171	493 201	558 226	558 226
48	276 105	309 117	340 128	370 139	441 163	547 201	331 135	366 148	399 160	472 188	543 215	547 216
49	265 99	295 110	327 120	355 130	423 153	535 193	318 127	351 139	382 150	454 177	520 202	535 207
50	255 93	283 103	313 113	342 123	405 144	525 185	304 119	337 130	367 141	436 166	499 190	525 199
51	244 88	273 97	301 106	328 115	390 136	507 175	292 112	324 123	352 133	418 157	480 179	514 192
52	235 83	262 92	289 100	315 109	375 128	487 165	282 106	312 116	339 126	402 148	462 169	504 184
53	226 78	252 87	279 95	304 103	360 121	469 156	271 100	300 109	327 119	387 140	444 159	495 177
54	217 74	243 82	268 89	292 97	348 114	451 147	261 94	288 103	313 112	373 132	427 150	486 170
55	210 70	234 77	259 85	282 92	334 108	435 139	252 89	277 98	303 106	360 125	412 142	468 161
56	202 66	226 73	249 80	271 87	322 102	420 132	243 84	268 92	292 100	346 118	397 135	451 153
57							234 80	259 88	282 95	334 112	384 128	435 145
58							226 76	250 83	271 90	322 106	370 121	420 137
59							219 72	241 79	262 86	312 101	358 115	406 130
60							211 69	234 75	253 81	301 96	346 109	393 124



STANDARD **ASD** LOAD TABLE

OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS, K-SERIES

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength
Adopted by the Steel Joist Institute November 4, 1985
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The **BLACK** figures in the Load Table give the TOTAL safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacities, in pounds per linear foot, of **ASD K-Series Steel Joists**.

The approximate joist weights, in pounds per linear foot, given in the Load Table may be added to the other building weights to determine the DEAD load. In all cases the DEAD load, including the joist self-weight, must be deducted from the TOTAL load to determine the LIVE load. The approximate joist weights do not include accessories.

The **RED** figures in the Load Table represent the uniform load, in pounds per linear foot, which will produce an approximate joist deflection of 1/360 of the span. This load can be linearly prorated to obtain the uniform load for supplementary deflection criteria (i.e. a uniform load which will produce a joist deflection of 1/240 of the span may be obtained by multiplying the **RED** figure by 360/240). In no case shall the prorated load exceed the TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist.

Where the joist span is in the **RED SHADED** area of the Load Table, the row of bridging nearest the mid span shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and intersections. Hoisting cables shall not be released until this row of bolted diagonal bridging is completely installed. The **RED SHADED** area extends up through 60'-0".

The approximate gross moment of inertia (not adjusted for shear deformation), in inches⁴, of a standard joist listed in the Load Table may be determined as follows:

$$I_j = 26.767(W)(L^3)(10^{-6}), \text{ where } W = \text{RED figure in the Load Table, and}$$
$$L = (\text{span} - 0.33) \text{ in feet.}$$

The TOTAL safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacities, in pounds per linear foot, of **ASD K-Series Steel Joists** shall not exceed 550 plf for spans shorter than what is explicitly shown in the Load Table. The maximum prorated RED load shall not exceed 550 plf (the TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist as given in the Standard **ASD** Load Table for Open Web Steel Joists, K-Series).

Loads for span increments not explicitly given in the Load Table may be determined using linear interpolation between the load values given in adjacent span columns.

For the proper handling of concentrated and/or varying loads, see Section 2.3 in the Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joist and Joist Girders.





STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS, K-SERIES
Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown In Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	10K1	12K1	12K3	12K5	14K1	14K3	14K4	14K6	16K2	16K3	16K4	16K5	16K6	16K7	16K9
Depth (in.)	10	12	12	12	14	14	14	14	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Approx. Wt (lbs./ft.)	5.0	5.0	5.7	7.1	5.2	6.0	6.7	7.7	5.5	6.3	7.0	7.5	8.1	8.6	10.0
Span (ft.)															
10	550 550														
11	550 542														
12	550 455	550 550	550 550	550 550											
13	479 363	550 510	550 510	550 510											
14	412 289	500 425	550 463	550 463	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550							
15	358 234	434 344	543 428	550 434	511 475	550 507	550 507	550 507							
16	313 192	380 282	476 351	550 396	448 390	550 467	550 467	550 467	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550
17	277 159	336 234	420 291	550 366	395 324	495 404	550 443	550 443	550 488	550 526	550 526	550 526	550 526	550 526	550 526
18	246 134	299 197	374 245	507 317	352 272	441 339	530 397	550 408	456 409	508 456	550 490	550 490	550 490	550 490	550 490
19	221 113	268 167	335 207	454 269	315 230	395 287	475 336	550 383	408 347	455 386	547 452	550 455	550 455	550 455	550 455
20	199 97	241 142	302 177	409 230	284 197	356 246	428 287	525 347	368 297	410 330	493 386	550 426	550 426	550 426	550 426
21		218 123	273 153	370 198	257 170	322 212	388 248	475 299	333 255	371 285	447 333	503 373	548 405	550 406	550 406
22		199 106	249 132	337 172	234 147	293 184	353 215	432 259	303 222	337 247	406 289	458 323	498 351	550 385	550 385
23		181 93	227 116	308 150	214 128	268 160	322 188	395 226	277 194	308 216	371 252	418 282	455 307	507 339	550 363
24		166 81	208 101	282 132	196 113	245 141	295 165	362 199	254 170	283 189	340 221	384 248	418 269	465 298	550 346
25					180 100	226 124	272 145	334 175	234 150	260 167	313 195	353 219	384 238	428 263	514 311
26					166 88	209 110	251 129	308 156	216 133	240 148	289 173	326 194	355 211	395 233	474 276
27					154 79	193 98	233 115	285 139	200 119	223 132	268 155	302 173	329 188	366 208	439 246
28					143 70	180 88	216 103	265 124	186 106	207 118	249 138	281 155	306 168	340 186	408 220
29									173 95	193 106	232 124	261 139	285 151	317 167	380 198
30									161 86	180 96	216 112	244 126	266 137	296 151	355 178
31									151 78	168 87	203 101	228 114	249 124	277 137	332 161
32									142 71	158 79	190 92	214 103	233 112	259 124	311 147





STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS, K-SERIES
 Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown In Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	18K3	18K4	18K5	18K6	18K7	18K9	18K10	20K3	20K4	20K5	20K6	20K7	20K9	20K10	22K4	22K5	22K6	22K7	22K9	22K10	22K11
Depth (In.)	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Approx. Wt. (lbs./ft.)	6.4	7.2	7.7	8.4	8.9	10.1	11.6	6.5	7.2	7.7	8.4	8.9	10.1	11.6	7.3	7.7	8.5	9.0	10.2	11.7	11.9
Span (ft.)																					
18	550	550	550	550	550	550	550														
	550	550	550	550	550	550	550														
19	514	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550							
	494	523	523	523	523	523	523	550	550	550	550	550	550	550							
20	463	550	550	550	550	550	550	517	550	550	550	550	550	550							
	423	490	490	490	490	490	490	517	550	550	550	550	550	550							
21	420	506	550	550	550	550	550	468	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550
	364	426	460	460	460	460	460	453	520	520	520	520	520	520	550	550	550	550	550	550	550
22	382	460	518	550	550	550	550	426	514	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550
	316	370	414	438	438	438	438	393	461	490	490	490	490	490	548	548	548	548	548	548	548
23	349	420	473	516	550	550	550	389	469	529	550	550	550	550	518	550	550	550	550	550	550
	276	323	362	393	418	418	418	344	402	451	468	468	468	468	491	518	518	518	518	518	518
24	320	385	434	473	526	550	550	357	430	485	528	550	550	550	475	536	550	550	550	550	550
	242	284	318	345	382	396	396	302	353	396	430	448	448	448	431	483	495	495	495	495	495
25	294	355	400	435	485	550	550	329	396	446	486	541	550	550	438	493	537	550	550	550	550
	214	250	281	305	337	377	377	266	312	350	380	421	426	426	381	427	464	474	474	474	474
26	272	328	369	402	448	538	550	304	366	412	449	500	550	550	404	455	496	550	550	550	550
	190	222	249	271	299	354	361	236	277	310	337	373	405	405	338	379	411	454	454	454	454
27	252	303	342	372	415	498	550	281	339	382	416	463	550	550	374	422	459	512	550	550	550
	169	198	222	241	267	315	347	211	247	277	301	333	389	389	301	337	367	406	432	432	432
28	234	282	318	346	385	463	548	261	315	355	386	430	517	550	348	392	427	475	550	550	550
	151	177	199	216	239	282	331	189	221	248	269	298	353	375	270	302	328	364	413	413	413
29	218	263	296	322	359	431	511	243	293	330	360	401	482	550	324	365	398	443	532	550	550
	136	159	179	194	215	254	298	170	199	223	242	268	317	359	242	272	295	327	387	399	399
30	203	245	276	301	335	402	477	227	274	308	336	374	450	533	302	341	371	413	497	550	550
	123	144	161	175	194	229	269	153	179	201	218	242	286	336	219	245	266	295	349	385	385
31	190	229	258	281	313	376	446	212	256	289	314	350	421	499	283	319	347	387	465	550	550
	111	130	146	158	175	207	243	138	162	182	198	219	259	304	198	222	241	267	316	369	369
32	178	215	242	264	294	353	418	199	240	271	295	328	395	468	265	299	326	363	436	517	549
	101	118	132	144	159	188	221	126	147	165	179	199	235	276	180	201	219	242	287	337	355
33	168	202	228	248	276	332	393	187	226	254	277	309	371	440	249	281	306	341	410	486	532
	92	108	121	131	145	171	201	114	134	150	163	181	214	251	164	183	199	221	261	307	334
34	158	190	214	233	260	312	370	176	212	239	261	290	349	414	235	265	288	321	386	458	516
	84	98	110	120	132	156	184	105	122	137	149	165	195	229	149	167	182	202	239	280	314
35	149	179	202	220	245	294	349	166	200	226	246	274	329	390	221	249	272	303	364	432	494
	77	90	101	110	121	143	168	96	112	126	137	151	179	210	137	153	167	185	219	257	292
36	141	169	191	208	232	278	330	157	189	213	232	259	311	369	209	236	257	286	344	408	467
	70	82	92	101	111	132	154	88	103	115	125	139	164	193	126	141	153	169	201	236	269
37								148	179	202	220	245	294	349	198	223	243	271	325	386	442
								81	95	106	115	128	151	178	116	130	141	156	185	217	247
38								141	170	191	208	232	279	331	187	211	230	256	308	366	419
								74	87	98	106	118	139	164	107	119	130	144	170	200	228
39								133	161	181	198	220	265	314	178	200	218	243	292	347	397
								69	81	90	98	109	129	151	98	110	120	133	157	185	211
40								127	153	172	188	209	251	298	169	190	207	231	278	330	377
								64	75	84	91	101	119	140	91	102	111	123	146	171	195
41															161	181	197	220	264	314	359
															85	95	103	114	135	159	181
42															153	173	188	209	252	299	342
															79	88	96	106	126	148	168
43															146	165	179	200	240	285	326
															73	82	89	99	117	138	157
44															139	157	171	191	229	272	311
															68	76	83	92	109	128	146





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Joist Designation	24K4	24K5	24K6	24K7	24K8	24K9	24K10	24K12	26K5	26K6	26K7	26K8	26K9	26K10	26K12
Depth (In.)	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
Approx. Wt. (lbs./ft.)	7.8	7.9	8.5	9.0	9.4	10.3	11.7	13.5	8.1	8.6	9.0	9.7	10.4	11.8	13.7
Span (ft.)															
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23	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550							
24	520 516	550 544	550 544	550 544	550 544	550 544	550 544	550 544							
25	479 456	540 511	550 520	550 520	550 520	550 520	550 520	550 520	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550
26	442 405	499 453	543 493	550 499	550 499	550 499	550 499	550 499	542 535	550 541	550 541	550 541	550 541	550 541	550 541
27	410 361	462 404	503 439	550 479	550 479	550 479	550 479	550 479	502 477	547 519	550 522	550 522	550 522	550 522	550 522
28	381 323	429 362	467 393	521 436	550 456	550 456	550 456	550 456	466 427	508 464	550 501	550 501	550 501	550 501	550 501
29	354 290	400 325	435 354	485 392	536 429	550 436	550 436	550 436	434 384	473 417	527 463	550 479	550 479	550 479	550 479
30	331 262	373 293	406 319	453 353	500 387	544 419	550 422	550 422	405 346	441 377	492 417	544 457	550 459	550 459	550 459
31	310 237	349 266	380 289	424 320	468 350	510 379	550 410	550 410	379 314	413 341	460 378	509 413	550 444	550 444	550 444
32	290 215	327 241	357 262	397 290	439 318	478 344	549 393	549 393	356 285	387 309	432 343	477 375	519 407	549 431	549 431
33	273 196	308 220	335 239	373 265	413 289	449 313	532 368	532 368	334 259	364 282	406 312	448 342	488 370	532 404	532 404
34	257 179	290 201	315 218	351 242	388 264	423 286	502 337	516 344	315 237	343 257	382 285	422 312	459 338	516 378	516 378
35	242 164	273 184	297 200	331 221	366 242	399 262	473 308	501 324	297 217	323 236	360 261	398 286	433 310	501 356	501 356
36	229 150	258 169	281 183	313 203	346 222	377 241	447 283	487 306	280 199	305 216	340 240	376 263	409 284	486 334	487 334
37	216 138	244 155	266 169	296 187	327 205	356 222	423 260	474 290	265 183	289 199	322 221	356 242	387 262	460 308	474 315
38	205 128	231 143	252 156	281 172	310 189	338 204	401 240	461 275	251 169	274 184	305 204	337 223	367 241	436 284	461 299
39	195 118	219 132	239 144	266 159	294 174	320 189	380 222	449 261	238 156	260 170	289 188	320 206	348 223	413 262	449 283
40	185 109	208 122	227 133	253 148	280 161	304 175	361 206	438 247	227 145	247 157	275 174	304 191	331 207	393 243	438 269
41	176 101	198 114	216 124	241 137	266 150	290 162	344 191	427 235	215 134	235 146	262 162	289 177	315 192	374 225	427 256
42	168 94	189 106	206 115	229 127	253 139	276 151	327 177	417 224	205 125	224 136	249 150	275 164	300 178	356 210	417 244
43	160 88	180 98	196 107	219 118	242 130	263 140	312 165	406 213	196 116	213 126	238 140	263 153	286 166	339 195	407 232
44	153 82	172 92	187 100	209 110	231 121	251 131	298 154	387 199	187 108	204 118	227 131	251 143	273 155	324 182	398 222
45	146 76	164 86	179 93	199 103	220 113	240 122	285 144	370 185	179 101	194 110	217 122	240 133	261 145	310 170	389 212
46	139 71	157 80	171 87	191 97	211 106	230 114	272 135	354 174	171 95	186 103	207 114	229 125	250 135	296 159	380 203
47	133 67	150 75	164 82	183 90	202 99	220 107	261 126	339 163	164 89	178 96	199 107	219 117	239 127	284 149	369 192
48	128 63	144 70	157 77	175 85	194 93	211 101	250 118	325 153	157 83	171 90	190 100	210 110	229 119	272 140	353 180
49									150 78	164 85	183 94	202 103	220 112	261 131	339 169
50									144 73	157 80	175 89	194 97	211 105	250 124	325 159
51									139 69	151 75	168 83	186 91	203 99	241 116	313 150
52									133 65	145 71	162 79	179 86	195 93	231 110	301 142





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Joist Designation	28K6	28K7	28K8	28K9	28K10	28K12	30K7	30K8	30K9	30K10	30K11	30K12
Depth (in.)	28	28	28	28	28	28	30	30	30	30	30	30
Approx. Wt. (lbs./ft.)	8.9	9.2	9.8	10.5	11.8	14.5	9.6	10.0	10.6	11.9	13.3	15.0
Span (ft.)												
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27	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550						
28	548 541	550 543	550 543	550 543	550 543	550 543						
29	511 486	550 522	550 522	550 522	550 522	550 522	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550	550 550
30	477 439	531 486	550 500	550 500	550 500	550 500	550 543	550 543	550 543	550 543	550 543	550 543
31	446 397	497 440	550 480	550 480	550 480	550 480	534 508	550 520	550 520	550 520	550 520	550 520
32	418 361	466 400	515 438	549 463	549 463	549 463	501 461	549 500	549 500	549 500	549 500	549 500
33	393 329	438 364	484 399	527 432	532 435	532 435	471 420	520 460	532 468	532 468	532 468	532 468
34	370 300	412 333	456 364	496 395	516 410	516 410	443 384	490 420	516 441	516 441	516 441	516 441
35	349 275	389 305	430 333	468 361	501 389	501 389	418 351	462 384	501 415	501 415	501 415	501 415
36	330 252	367 280	406 306	442 332	487 366	487 366	395 323	436 353	475 383	487 392	487 392	487 392
37	312 232	348 257	384 282	418 305	474 344	474 344	373 297	413 325	449 352	474 374	474 374	474 374
38	296 214	329 237	364 260	396 282	461 325	461 325	354 274	391 300	426 325	461 353	461 353	461 353
39	280 198	313 219	346 240	376 260	447 306	449 308	336 253	371 277	404 300	449 333	449 333	449 333
40	266 183	297 203	328 222	357 241	424 284	438 291	319 234	353 256	384 278	438 315	438 315	438 315
41	253 170	283 189	312 206	340 224	404 263	427 277	303 217	335 238	365 258	427 300	427 300	427 300
42	241 158	269 175	297 192	324 208	384 245	417 264	289 202	320 221	348 240	413 282	417 284	417 284
43	230 147	257 163	284 179	309 194	367 228	407 252	276 188	305 206	332 223	394 263	407 270	407 270
44	220 137	245 152	271 167	295 181	350 212	398 240	263 176	291 192	317 208	376 245	398 258	398 258
45	210 128	234 142	259 156	282 169	334 198	389 229	251 164	278 179	303 195	359 229	389 246	389 246
46	201 120	224 133	248 146	270 158	320 186	380 219	241 153	266 168	290 182	344 214	380 236	380 236
47	192 112	214 125	237 136	258 148	306 174	372 210	230 144	255 157	277 171	329 201	372 226	372 226
48	184 105	206 117	227 128	247 139	294 163	365 201	221 135	244 148	266 160	315 188	362 215	365 216
49	177 99	197 110	218 120	237 130	282 153	357 193	212 127	234 139	255 150	303 177	347 202	357 207
50	170 93	189 103	209 113	228 123	270 144	350 185	203 119	225 130	245 141	291 166	333 190	350 199
51	163 88	182 97	201 106	219 115	260 136	338 175	195 112	216 123	235 133	279 157	320 179	343 192
52	157 83	175 92	193 100	210 109	250 128	325 165	188 106	208 116	226 126	268 148	308 169	336 184
53	151 78	168 87	186 95	203 103	240 121	313 156	181 100	200 109	218 119	258 140	296 159	330 177
54	145 74	162 82	179 89	195 97	232 114	301 147	174 94	192 103	209 112	249 132	285 150	324 170
55	140 70	156 77	173 85	188 92	223 108	290 139	168 89	185 98	202 106	240 125	275 142	312 161
56	135 66	151 73	166 80	181 87	215 102	280 132	162 84	179 92	195 100	231 118	265 135	301 153
57							156 80	173 88	188 95	223 112	256 128	290 145
58							151 76	167 83	181 90	215 106	247 121	280 137
59							146 72	161 79	175 86	208 101	239 115	271 130
60							141 69	156 75	169 81	201 96	231 109	262 124



STANDARD LRFD LOAD TABLE

FOR KCS JOISTS

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength
Adopted by the Steel Joist Institute May 1, 2000
Revised to May 18, 2010 – Effective December 31, 2010

The figures in the following table give the Moment Capacity (kip-in.) and Shear Capacity (lbs). The maximum uniformly distributed load capacity in **LRFD** shall not exceed 825 plf and a single concentrated load cannot exceed the shear capacity. Sloped parallel-chord **KCS** Joists shall use the appropriate moment and shear capacity for the span as defined by the length along the slope.

The approximate **KCS** Joist weights per linear foot shown in this table do not include accessories.

The **KCS** Joist designation is not used to establish bridging requirements. The Bridging Table Section Numbers given in the **KCS** Standard Load Table indicate the equivalent **K-Series** joist of the same depth to be used for determination of the number of bridging rows, the size of horizontal bridging, and the need for erection stability bridging. While the need for erection stability bridging (diagonal bridging with bolted connections at the chords and intersections), can be determined from the **RED** shaded portion of the Standard Load Table, Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series**, for convenience the **KCS** Load Table also includes a column for erection stability bridging. Where the span of the **KCS** Joist designation exceeds the length in ft. listed, the row of bridging nearest the joist midspan shall be erection stability bridging. Where “NA” is listed in the column, the **KCS** Joist designation does not require bolted diagonal erection bridging regardless of span.

For the proper handling of concentrated and/or varying loads, see Section 2.3 in the Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joists and Joist Girders.





STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR KCS OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength

JOIST DESIGNATION	DEPTH (in.)	MOMENT CAPACITY (k-in.)	SHEAR CAPACITY* (lbs)	APPROX. WEIGHT** (lbs/ft.)	GROSS MOMENT OF INERTIA (in. ⁴)	ERECTION STABILITY BRIDGING REQ'D (ft.)	BRIDGING TABLE SECTION NUMBER
10KCS1	10	258	3000	6.0	29	NA	1
10KCS2	10	337	3750	7.5	37	NA	1
10KCS3	10	444	4500	10.0	47	NA	1
12KCS1	12	313	3600	6.0	43	NA	3
12KCS2	12	411	4500	8.0	55	NA	5
12KCS3	12	543	5250	10.0	71	NA	5
14KCS1	14	370	4350	6.5	59	NA	4
14KCS2	14	486	5100	8.0	77	NA	6
14KCS3	14	642	5850	10.0	99	NA	6
16KCS2	16	523	6000	8.5	99	NA	6
16KCS3	16	705	7200	10.5	128	NA	9
16KCS4	16	1080	7950	14.5	192	NA	9
16KCS5	16	1401	8700	18.0	245	NA	9
18KCS2	18	592	7050	9.0	127	35-0	6
18KCS3	18	798	7800	11.0	164	NA	9
18KCS4	18	1225	8550	15.0	247	NA	10
18KCS5	18	1593	9300	18.5	316	NA	10
20KCS2	20	663	7800	9.5	159	36-0	6
20KCS3	20	892	9000	11.5	205	39-0	9
20KCS4	20	1371	11850	16.5	308	NA	10
20KCS5	20	1786	12600	20.0	396	NA	10
22KCS2	22	732	8850	10.0	194	36-0	6
22KCS3	22	987	9900	12.5	251	40-0	9
22KCS4	22	1518	11850	16.5	377	NA	11
22KCS5	22	1978	12900	20.5	485	NA	11
24KCS2	24	801	9450	10.0	232	39-0	6
24KCS3	24	1080	10800	12.5	301	44-0	9
24KCS4	24	1662	12600	16.5	453	NA	12
24KCS5	24	2172	13350	20.5	584	NA	12
26KCS2	26	870	9900	10.0	274	39-0	6
26KCS3	26	1174	11700	12.5	355	44-0	9
26KCS4	26	1809	12750	16.5	536	NA	12
26KCS5	26	2364	13800	20.5	691	NA	12
28KCS2	28	939	10350	10.5	320	40-0	6
28KCS3	28	1269	12000	12.5	414	45-0	9
28KCS4	28	1954	12750	16.5	626	53-0	12
28KCS5	28	2556	13800	20.5	808	53-0	12
30KCS3	30	1362	12000	13.0	478	45-0	9
30KCS4	30	2100	12750	16.5	722	54-0	12
30KCS5	30	2749	13800	21.0	934	54-0	12

*Maximum uniformly distributed load capacity is 825 plf and single concentrated load cannot exceed shear capacity

**Does not include accessories



STANDARD ASD LOAD TABLE

FOR KCS JOISTS

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength
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The figures in the following table give the Moment Capacity (kip-in.) and Shear Capacity (lbs). The maximum uniformly distributed load capacity in **ASD** shall not exceed 550 plf and a single concentrated load cannot exceed the shear capacity. Sloped parallel-chord **KCS** Joists shall use the appropriate moment and shear capacity for the span as defined by the length along the slope.

The approximate **KCS** Joist weights per linear foot shown in the table do not include accessories.

The **KCS** Joist designation is not used to establish bridging requirements. The Bridging Table Section Numbers given in the **KCS** Standard Load Table indicate the equivalent **K-Series** joist of the same depth to be used for determination of the number of bridging rows, the size of horizontal bridging, and the need for erection stability bridging. While the need for erection stability bridging (diagonal bridging with bolted connections at the chords and intersections), can be determined from the **RED** shaded portion of the Standard Load Table, Open Web Steel Joists, **K-Series**, for convenience the **KCS** Load Table also includes a column for erection stability bridging. Where the span of the **KCS** Joist designation exceeds the length in ft. listed, the row of bridging nearest the joist midspan shall be erection stability bridging. Where "NA" is listed in the column, the **KCS** Joist designation does not require bolted diagonal erection bridging regardless of span.

For the proper handling of concentrated and/or varying loads, see Section 2.3 in the Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joists and Joist Girders.





STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR KCS OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength

JOIST DESIGNATION	DEPTH (in.)	MOMENT CAPACITY (k-in.)	SHEAR CAPACITY* (lbs)	APPROX. WEIGHT** (lbs/ft.)	GROSS MOMENT OF INERTIA (in ⁴)	ERECTION STABILITY BRIDGING REQ'D (ft.)	BRIDGING TABLE SECTION NUMBER
10KCS1	10	172	2000	6.0	29	NA	1
10KCS2	10	225	2500	7.5	37	NA	1
10KCS3	10	296	3000	10.0	47	NA	1
12KCS1	12	209	2400	6.0	43	NA	3
12KCS2	12	274	3000	8.0	55	NA	5
12KCS3	12	362	3500	10.0	71	NA	5
14KCS1	14	247	2900	6.5	59	NA	4
14KCS2	14	324	3400	8.0	77	NA	6
14KCS3	14	428	3900	10.0	99	NA	6
16KCS2	16	349	4000	8.5	99	NA	6
16KCS3	16	470	4800	10.5	128	NA	9
16KCS4	16	720	5300	14.5	192	NA	9
16KCS5	16	934	5800	18.0	245	NA	9
18KCS2	18	395	4700	9.0	127	35-0	6
18KCS3	18	532	5200	11.0	164	NA	9
18KCS4	18	817	5700	15.0	247	NA	10
18KCS5	18	1062	6200	18.5	316	NA	10
20KCS2	20	442	5200	9.5	159	36-0	6
20KCS3	20	595	6000	11.5	205	39-0	9
20KCS4	20	914	7900	16.5	308	NA	10
20KCS5	20	1191	8400	20.0	396	NA	10
22KCS2	22	488	5900	10.0	194	36-0	6
22KCS3	22	658	6600	12.5	251	40-0	9
22KCS4	22	1012	7900	16.5	377	NA	11
22KCS5	22	1319	8600	20.5	485	NA	11
24KCS2	24	534	6300	10.0	232	39-0	6
24KCS3	24	720	7200	12.5	301	44-0	9
24KCS4	24	1108	8400	16.5	453	NA	12
24KCS5	24	1448	8900	20.5	584	NA	12
26KCS2	26	580	6600	10.0	274	39-0	6
26KCS3	26	783	7800	12.5	355	44-0	9
26KCS4	26	1206	8500	16.5	536	NA	12
26KCS5	26	1576	9200	20.5	691	NA	12
28KCS2	28	626	6900	10.5	320	40-0	6
28KCS3	28	846	8000	12.5	414	45-0	9
28KCS4	28	1303	8500	16.5	626	53-0	12
28KCS5	28	1704	9200	20.5	808	53-0	12
30KCS3	30	908	8000	13.0	478	45-0	9
30KCS4	30	1400	8500	16.5	722	54-0	12
30KCS5	30	1833	9200	21.0	934	54-0	12

*Maximum uniformly distributed load capacity is 550 plf and single concentrated load cannot exceed shear capacity

**Does not include accessories



ECONOMY LOAD TABLES

OPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS, K-SERIES

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength
Adopted by the Steel Joist Institute November 4, 1985
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The tables on the following pages are provided as an aid to the designer in selecting the most economical K-Series Joists for the loads and spans required. Although considerable care has been taken in developing this chart, it must be realized that each joist manufacturer has his own unique cost; consequently, the Steel Joist Institute cannot guaranty the accuracy of this Table.

The K-Series Joists are arranged in accordance with their weight per foot; where two or more joists weigh the same, they are arranged according to their depth.

To utilize these tables, determine the span (ft) and load (plf) required; go to the required span in the left hand column, then read across until a load equal to or greater than the required load is reached. The first joist that satisfies this loading is the most economical joist for those conditions. If this joist is too deep or too shallow, or does not satisfy the deflection limitations, continue on horizontally to the right until a joist is found that satisfies the depth requirements as well as the load and deflection requirements.

ASD EXAMPLE:

Floor joists @ 2'-6" on center, supporting a structural concrete slab. (Section 5.9 of the K-Series Specifications limits the deflection due to the design live load to 1/360 of the span).

Span = 30'- 0"

Maximum joist depth allowed = 20"

DL = 48 psf (includes joist weight)

LL = 100 psf

TL = 148 psf

$$W_{TL} = 148 \times 2.5 = 370 \text{ plf}$$

$$W_{LL} = 100 \times 2.5 = 250 \text{ plf}$$

A 22K6 at a span of 30 feet can carry 371 plf of Total Load and possesses a RED figure of 266 plf (RED figure load produces a deflection of approximately 1/360 of span). However, it exceeds the maximum depth limitation of 20 inches. A 20K7 fulfills the Total Load requirement but possesses a RED figure of only 242 plf. It is then found that a 20K9 is the most economical joist that satisfies all the requirements of Total Load, Live Load deflection, and maximum depth limitation.

Where the joist span exceeds the unshaded area of the table, the row of bridging nearest the midspan shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and midspan.



LRFD EXAMPLE:

Floor joists @ 2'-6" on center, supporting a structural concrete slab. (Section 5.9 of the K-Series Specifications limits the deflection due to the design live load to 1/360 of the span).

Span = 30'- 0"

Load factors per ASCE 7-Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

Maximum joist depth allowed = 20"

Factored DL = $48 \times 1.2 = 58$ psf (includes joist weight)

Factored LL = $100 \times 1.6 = 160$ psf

Factored TL = 218 psf

$$\text{Factored } W_{TL} = 218 \times 2.5 = 545 \text{ plf}$$

$$\text{Unfactored } W_{LL} = 100 \times 2.5 = 250 \text{ plf}$$

A 22K6 at a span of 30 feet can carry 566 plf of Factored Total Load and possesses a RED figure of 266 plf (RED figure load produces a deflection of approximately of 1/360 of span). However, it exceeds the maximum depth limitation of 20 inches. A 20K7 fulfills the Factored Total Load requirement but possesses a RED figure of only 242 plf. It is then found that a 20K9 is the most economical joist that satisfies all the requirements of Factored Total Load, Live Load deflection, and maximum depth limitation.

Where the joist span exceeds the unshaded area of the table, the row of bridging nearest the midspan shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and midspan.



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Joist Designation	10K1	12K1	14K1	16K2	12K3	14K3	16K3	18K3	20K3	14K4	16K4	12K5	18K4	20K4	22K4	16K5
Depth (In.)	10	12	14	16	12	14	16	18	20	14	16	12	18	20	22	16
Approx. Wt. (lbs./ft)	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.5
Span (ft)																
10	825 550															
11	825 542															
12	825 455	825 550			825 550							825 550				
13	718 363	825 510			825 510							825 510				
14	618 289	750 425	825 550		825 463	825 550				825 550		825 463				
15	537 234	651 344	766 475		814 428	825 507				825 507		825 434				
16	469 192	570 282	672 390	825 550	714 351	825 467	825 550			825 467	825 550	825 396				825 550
17	415 159	504 234	592 324	768 488	630 291	742 404	825 526			825 443	825 526	825 366				825 526
18	369 134	448 197	528 272	684 409	561 245	661 339	762 456	825 550		795 397	825 490	760 317	825 550			825 490
19	331 113	402 167	472 230	612 347	502 207	592 287	682 386	771 494	825 550	712 336	820 452	681 269	825 523	825 550		825 465
20	298 97	361 142	426 197	552 297	453 177	534 246	615 330	694 423	775 517	642 287	739 386	613 230	825 490	825 550		825 426
21		327 123	385 170	499 255	409 153	483 212	556 285	630 364	702 453	582 248	670 333	555 198	759 426	825 520	825 550	754 373
22		298 106	351 147	454 222	373 132	439 184	505 247	573 316	639 393	529 215	609 289	505 172	690 370	771 461	825 548	687 323
23		271 93	321 128	415 194	340 116	402 160	462 216	523 276	583 344	483 188	556 252	462 150	630 323	703 402	777 491	627 282
24		249 81	294 113	381 170	312 101	367 141	424 189	480 242	535 302	442 165	510 221	423 132	577 284	645 353	712 431	576 248
25			270 100	351 150		339 124	390 167	441 214	493 266	408 145	469 195		532 250	594 312	657 381	529 219
26			249 88	324 133		313 110	360 148	408 190	456 236	376 129	433 173		492 222	549 277	606 338	489 194
27			231 79	300 119		289 98	334 132	378 169	421 211	349 115	402 155		454 198	508 247	561 301	453 173
28			214 70	279 106		270 88	310 118	351 151	391 189	324 103	373 138		423 177	472 221	522 270	421 155
29				259 95			289 106	327 136	364 170		232 124		394 159	439 199	486 242	391 139
30				241 86			270 96	304 123	340 153		216 112		367 144	411 179	453 219	366 126
31				226 78			252 87	285 111	318 138		203 101		343 130	384 162	424 198	342 114
32				213 71			237 79	267 101	298 126		190 92		322 118	360 147	397 180	321 103
33								252 92	280 114				303 108	339 134	373 164	
34								237 84	264 105				285 98	318 122	352 149	
35								223 77	249 96				268 90	300 112	331 137	
36								211 70	235 88				253 82	283 103	313 126	
37									222 81					268 95	297 116	
38									211 74					255 87	280 107	
39									199 69					241 81	267 98	
40									190 64					229 75	253 91	
41															241 85	
42															229 79	
43															219 73	
44															208 68	



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Joist Designation	14K6	18K5	20K5	22K5	24K4	24K5	16K6	26K5	18K6	20K6	22K6	24K6	16K7	26K6	18K7	20K7
Depth (In.)	14	18	20	22	24	24	16	26	18	20	22	24	16	26	18	20
Approx. Wt. (lbs./ft)	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.9	8.9
Span (ft)																
14	825															
15	825															
16	825						825						825			
17	825						825						825			
18	825	825					825	825					825		825	
19	825	825	825				825	825	825				825	825	825	825
20	825	825	825				825	825	825				825	825	825	825
21	825	825	825	825			825	825	825	825			825	825	825	825
22	825	825	825	825			825	825	825	825			825	825	825	825
23	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
24	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
25	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
26	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
27	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
28	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
29	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
30	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
31	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
32	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
33	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
34	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
35	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
36	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
37	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
38	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
39	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
40	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
41	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
42	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
43	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
44	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
45	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
46	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
47	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
48	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
49	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
50	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
51	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825
52	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825	825



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Joist Designation	28K6	22K7	24K7	26K7	28K7	24K8	30K7	26K8	28K8	16K9	30K8	18K9	20K9	22K9	24K9	26K9	
Depth (In.)	28	22	24	26	28	24	30	26	28	16	30	18	20	22	24	26	
Approx. Wt (lbs./ft.)	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4	
Span (ft.)																	
16										825 550							
17										825 526							
18										825 490		825 550					
19										825 466		825 623	825 550				
20										825 426		825 490	825 550				
21		825 550								825 406		825 460	825 520	825 550			
22		825 548								825 385		825 438	825 490	825 548			
23		825 518	825 550				825 550			825 363		825 418	825 468	825 518	825 550		
24		825 496	825 544				825 544			825 346		825 396	825 448	825 496	825 544		
25		825 474	825 520	825 550			825 520		825 550	771 311		825 377	825 426	825 474	825 520	825 550	
26		825 454	825 499	825 541			825 499		825 541	711 276		807 354	825 406	825 454	825 499	825 541	
27	825 550	768 406	825 479	825 522	825 550		825 479		825 522	658 246		825 315	825 389	825 432	825 479	825 522	
28	822 541	712 364	781 436	825 501	825 543		825 466		825 501	612 220		825 282	825 353	825 413	825 456	825 501	
29	766 486	664 327	727 392	790 463	825 522		804 429	825 550	825 479	570 198	825 550	646 254	723 317	798 387	825 436	825 479	
30	715 439	619 295	679 353	738 417	796 486		760 387	825 543	816 457	532 178	825 543	603 229	675 286	745 349	816 419	825 459	
31	669 397	580 267	636 320	690 378	746 440		702 350	801 508	763 413	498 161	825 520	564 207	631 259	697 316	765 379	825 444	
32	627 361	544 242	595 290	648 343	699 400		658 318	751 461	715 375	772 438	466 147	823 500	529 188	592 235	664 287	717 344	778 407
33	589 329	511 221	569 265	609 312	657 364		619 289	706 420	672 342	726 399		780 460	498 171	556 214	615 261	673 313	732 370
34	555 300	481 202	526 242	573 285	618 333		582 264	664 384	633 312	684 364		735 420	468 156	523 195	579 239	634 286	688 338
35	523 275	454 185	496 221	540 261	583 305		549 242	627 351	597 286	645 333		693 384	441 143	493 179	546 219	598 262	649 310
36	495 262	429 169	469 203	510 240	550 280		519 222	592 323	564 263	609 306		664 363	417 132	466 164	516 201	565 241	613 284
37	468 232	406 156	444 187	483 221	522 257		490 205	559 297	534 242	576 282		619 326	487 151	534 186	580 222	634 262	684 226
38	444 214	384 144	421 172	467 204	493 237		465 189	531 274	505 223	546 260		586 300	418 139	462 170	507 204	550 241	600 284
39	420 198	364 133	399 169	433 188	469 219		441 174	504 253	480 206	519 240		556 277	397 129	438 167	480 189	522 223	570 266
40	399 183	346 123	379 148	412 174	445 203		420 161	478 234	456 191	492 222		529 256	376 119	417 146	456 175	496 207	536 256
41	379 170	330 114	361 137	393 162	424 189		399 150	454 217	433 177	468 206		502 238	396 135	435 162	472 192	508 238	548 286
42	361 158	313 106	343 127	373 150	403 175		379 139	433 202	412 164	445 192		480 221	378 126	414 151	450 178	486 216	522 266
43	345 147	300 99	328 118	357 140	385 163		363 130	414 188	394 163	426 179		467 206	360 117	394 140	429 166	465 216	501 266
44	330 137	286 92	313 110	340 131	367 152		346 121	394 176	376 143	406 167		436 192	343 109	376 131	409 155	444 205	480 255
45	315 128		298 103	325 122	351 142		330 113	376 164	360 133	388 156		417 179					
46	301 120		286 97	310 114	336 133		316 106	361 153	343 125	372 146		399 168					
47	288 112		274 90	298 107	321 125		303 99	345 144	328 117	355 136		382 157					
48	276 106		262 85	285 100	309 117		291 93	331 135	315 110	340 128		366 148					
49	266 99			274 94	295 110			318 127	303 103	327 120		361 139					
50	255 93			262 89	283 103			304 119	291 97	313 113		337 130					
51	244 88			252 83	273 97			292 112	279 91	301 106		324 123					
52	235 83			243 79	262 92			282 106	268 86	289 100		312 116					
53	226 78				252 87			271 100		279 95		300 109					
54	217 74				243 82			261 94		268 89		288 103					
55	210 70				234 77			252 89		259 85		277 98					
56	202 66				226 73			243 84		249 80		268 92					
57								234 80				269 88					
58								226 76				250 83					
59								219 72				241 79					
60								211 69				234 75					



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Joist Designation	28K9	30K9	18K10	20K10	22K10	24K10	26K10	28K10	22K11	30K10	30K11	24K12	26K12	28K12	30K12
Depth (In.)	28	30	18	20	22	24	26	28	22	30	30	24	26	28	30
Approx. Wt. (lbs/ft)	10.5	10.6	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	13.3	13.5	13.7	14.5	15.0
Span (ft.)															
18			825 550												
19			825 523	825 550											
20			825 490	825 550											
21			825 460	825 520	825 550				825 550						
22			825 438	825 490	825 548				825 548						
23			825 418	825 468	825 518	825 550			825 518			825 550			
24			825 396	825 448	825 495	825 544			825 495			825 544			
25			825 377	825 426	825 474	825 520	825 550		825 474			825 520	825 550		
26			825 361	825 405	825 454	825 499	825 541		825 454			825 499	825 541		
27	825 550		825 347	825 389	825 432	825 479	825 522	825 560	825 432			825 479	825 522	825 550	
28	825 543		822 331	825 375	825 413	825 456	825 501	825 543	825 413			825 456	825 501	825 543	
29	825 522	825 550	766 298	825 359	825 399	825 436	825 479	825 522	825 399	825 550	825 550	825 436	825 479	825 522	825 550
30	825 500	825 543	715 269	799 336	825 385	825 422	825 459	825 500	825 385	825 543	825 543	825 422	825 459	825 500	825 543
31	825 480	825 520	669 243	748 304	825 369	825 410	825 444	825 480	825 369	825 520	825 520	825 410	825 444	825 480	825 520
32	823 463	823 500	627 221	702 276	775 337	823 393	823 431	823 463	823 365	823 500	823 500	823 393	823 431	823 463	823 500
33	790 432	798 468	589 201	660 251	729 307	798 368	798 404	798 435	798 334	798 468	798 468	798 368	798 404	798 435	798 468
34	744 395	774 441	565 184	621 229	687 280	753 337	774 378	774 410	774 314	774 441	774 441	774 344	774 378	774 410	774 441
35	702 361	761 415	523 168	585 210	648 257	709 308	761 356	761 389	741 292	751 415	751 415	751 324	751 356	751 389	751 415
36	663 332	712 383	495 154	553 193	612 236	670 283	729 334	730 366	700 269	730 392	730 392	730 306	730 334	730 366	730 392
37	627 305	673 352		523 178	579 217	634 260	690 308	711 344	663 247	711 374	711 374	711 290	711 315	711 344	711 374
38	594 282	639 325		496 164	549 200	601 240	654 284	691 325	628 228	691 353	691 353	691 275	691 299	691 325	691 353
39	564 260	606 300		471 151	520 185	570 222	619 262	670 306	595 211	673 333	673 333	673 261	673 283	673 308	673 333
40	535 241	576 278		447 140	495 171	541 206	589 243	636 284	565 195	657 315	657 315	657 247	657 269	657 291	657 315
41	510 224	547 258			471 159	516 191	561 225	606 263	538 181	640 300	640 300	640 235	640 256	640 277	640 300
42	486 208	522 240			448 148	490 177	534 210	576 245	513 168	619 282	625 284	625 224	625 244	625 264	625 284
43	463 194	498 223			427 138	468 165	508 195	550 228	489 157	591 263	610 270	609 213	610 232	610 252	610 270
44	442 181	475 208			408 128	447 154	486 182	525 212	466 146	564 245	597 258	580 199	597 222	597 240	597 258
45	423 169	454 195				427 144	465 170	501 198		538 229	565 246	555 185	583 212	583 229	583 246
46	405 158	435 182				408 135	444 159	480 186		516 214	570 236	531 174	570 203	570 219	570 236
47	387 148	415 171				391 126	426 149	459 174		493 201	558 226	508 163	553 192	558 210	558 226
48	370 139	399 160				375 118	408 140	441 163		472 188	543 215	487 163	529 180	547 201	547 216
49	365 130	382 150					391 131	423 153		454 177	520 202		508 169	535 193	535 207
50	342 123	367 141					375 124	405 144		436 166	499 190		487 159	525 185	525 199
51	328 115	352 133					361 116	390 136		418 157	480 179		469 150	507 175	514 192
52	315 109	339 125					346 110	375 128		402 148	462 169		451 142	487 165	504 184
53	304 103	327 119						360 121		387 140	444 169			469 156	495 177
54	292 97	313 112						348 114		373 132	427 150			451 147	486 170
55	282 92	303 106						334 108		360 125	412 142			435 139	468 161
56	271 87	292 100						322 102		346 118	397 135			420 132	451 153
57		282 95								334 112	384 128				435 145
58		271 90								322 106	370 121				420 137
59		262 86								312 101	358 115				406 130
60		253 81								301 96	346 109				393 124



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Joist Designation	10K1	12K1	14K1	16K2	12K3	14K3	16K3	18K3	20K3	14K4	16K4	12K5	18K4	20K4	22K4	16K5
Depth (in.)	10	12	14	16	12	14	16	18	20	14	16	12	18	20	22	16
Approx. Wt. (lbs./ft)	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.5
Span (ft)																
10	550															
	550															
11	550															
	542															
12	550	550			550							550				
	455	550			550							550				
13	479	550			550							550				
	363	510			510							510				
14	412	500	550		550	550				550		550				
	289	425	550		463	550				550		463				
15	358	434	511		543	550				550		550				
	234	344	475		428	507				507		434				
16	313	380	448	550	476	550	550			550	550	550				550
	192	282	390	550	351	467	550			467	550	396				550
17	277	336	395	512	420	495	550			550	550	550				550
	159	234	324	488	291	404	526			443	526	366				526
18	246	299	352	456	374	441	508	550		530	550	507	550			550
	134	197	272	409	245	339	456	550		397	490	317	550			490
19	221	268	315	408	335	395	455	514	550	475	547	454	550	550		550
	113	167	230	347	207	287	386	494	550	336	452	269	523	550		465
20	199	241	284	368	302	356	410	463	517	428	493	409	550	550		550
	97	142	197	297	177	246	330	423	517	287	386	230	490	550		426
21		218	257	333	273	322	371	420	468	388	447	370	506	550	550	503
		123	170	255	153	212	285	364	453	248	333	198	426	520	550	373
22		199	234	303	249	293	337	382	426	353	406	337	460	514	550	458
		106	147	222	132	184	247	316	393	215	289	172	370	461	548	323
23		181	214	277	227	268	308	349	389	322	371	308	420	469	518	418
		93	128	194	116	160	216	276	344	188	252	150	323	402	491	282
24		166	196	254	208	245	283	320	357	295	340	282	385	430	475	384
		81	113	170	101	141	189	242	302	165	221	132	284	353	431	248
25			180	234		226	260	294	329	272	313		365	396	438	353
			100	150		124	167	214	266	145	195		250	312	381	219
26			166	216		209	240	272	304	251	289		328	366	404	326
			88	133		110	148	190	236	129	173		222	277	338	194
27			154	200		193	223	252	281	233	268		303	339	374	302
			79	119		98	132	169	211	115	155		198	247	301	173
28			143	186		180	207	234	261	216	249		282	315	348	281
			70	106		88	118	151	189	103	138		177	221	270	155
29				173			193	218	243		232		263	293	324	261
				95			106	136	170		124		159	199	242	139
30				161			180	203	227		216		245	274	302	244
				86			96	123	153		112		144	179	219	126
31				151			168	190	212		203		229	256	283	228
				78			87	111	138		101		130	162	198	114
32				142			158	178	199		190		215	240	265	214
				71			79	101	126		92		118	147	180	103
33								168	187				202	226	249	
								92	114				108	134	164	
34								158	176				190	212	235	
								84	105				98	122	149	
35								149	166				179	200	221	
								77	96				90	112	137	
36								141	157				169	189	209	
								70	88				82	103	126	
37									148					179	198	
									81					95	116	
38									141					170	187	
									74					87	107	
39									133					161	178	
									69					81	98	
40									127					153	169	
									64					75	91	
41															161	
															85	
42															153	
															79	
43															146	
															73	
44															139	
															68	





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Joist Designation	14K6	18K5	20K5	22K5	24K4	24K5	16K6	26K5	18K6	20K6	22K6	24K6	16K7	26K6	18K7	20K7
Depth (In.)	14	18	20	22	24	24	16	26	18	20	22	24	16	26	18	20
Approx. Wt. (lbs./ft)	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.9	8.9
Span (ft)																
14	550															
	550															
	507															
16	550						550						550			
	467						550						550			
17	550						550						550			
	443						526						526			
18	550	550					550	550					550		550	
	408	550					490	550					490		550	
19	550	550	550				550	550	550				550		550	550
	383	523	550				455	523	550				455		523	550
20	525	550	550				550	550	550				550		550	550
	347	490	550				426	490	550				426		490	550
21	475	550	550	550			548	550	550	550			550		550	550
	299	460	520	550			405	460	520	550			406		460	520
22	432	518	550	550			498	550	550	550			550		550	550
	259	414	490	548			351	438	490	548			385		438	490
23	395	473	529	550	550	550	455	516	550	550	550	550	507		550	550
	226	362	451	518	550	550	307	393	468	518	550	339			418	468
24	362	434	485	536	520	550	418	473	528	550	550	465			526	550
	199	318	396	483	516	544	269	345	430	495	544	298			382	448
25	334	400	446	493	479	540	384	435	486	537	550	428	550	485	541	541
	175	281	350	427	456	511	238	305	380	464	520	263	550	337	421	421
26	308	369	412	455	442	499	355	402	449	496	543	395	550	448	500	500
	156	249	310	379	405	453	211	271	337	411	493	233	541	299	373	373
27	285	342	382	422	410	462	329	372	416	459	503	366	547	415	463	463
	139	222	277	337	361	404	188	241	301	367	439	208	519	267	333	333
28	265	318	355	392	381	429	306	346	386	427	467	340	508	385	430	430
	124	199	248	302	323	362	168	216	269	328	393	186	464	239	298	298
29		296	330	365	354	400	285	322	360	398	435	317	473	359	401	401
		179	223	272	290	325	151	194	242	295	354	167	417	215	268	268
30		276	308	341	331	373	266	301	336	371	406	296	441	335	374	374
		161	201	245	262	293	137	175	218	266	319	151	377	194	242	242
31		258	289	319	310	349	249	281	314	347	380	277	413	313	350	350
		146	182	222	237	266	124	158	198	241	289	137	341	175	219	219
32		242	271	299	290	327	233	264	295	326	357	259	387	294	328	328
		132	165	201	215	241	112	144	179	219	262	124	309	159	199	199
33		228	254	281	273	308		334	248	277	306	335		364	276	309
		121	150	183	196	220		259	131	163	199	239		282	145	181
34		214	239	265	257	290		315	233	261	288	315		343	260	290
		110	137	167	179	201		237	120	149	182	218		257	132	165
35		202	226	249	242	273		297	220	246	272	297		323	245	274
		101	126	153	164	184		217	110	137	167	200		236	121	151
36		191	213	236	229	258		280	208	232	257	281		305	232	259
		92	115	141	150	169		199	101	125	153	183		216	111	139
37			202	223	216	244		265		220	243	266		289		245
			106	130	138	155		183		115	141	169		199		128
38			191	211	205	231		251		208	230	252		274		232
			98	119	128	143		169		106	130	156		184		118
39			181	200	195	219		238		198	218	239		260		220
			90	110	118	132		156		98	120	144		170		109
40			172	190	185	208		227		188	207	227		247		209
			84	102	109	122		145		91	111	133		157		101
41				181	176	198		215			197	216		235		
				95	101	114		134			103	124		146		
42				173	168	189		205			188	206		224		
				88	94	106		125			96	115		136		
43				165	160	180		196			179	196		213		
				82	88	98		116			89	107		126		
44				157	153	172		187			171	187		204		
				76	82	92		108			83	100		118		
45				146	164			179				179		194		
				76	86			101				93		110		
46				139	157			171				171		186		
				71	80			95				87		103		
47				133	150			164				164		178		
				67	75			89				82		96		
48				128	144			157				157		171		
				63	70			83				77		90		
49								150						164		
								78						85		
50								144						157		
								73						80		
51								139						151		
								69						75		
52								133						145		
								65						71		



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Joist Designation	28K6	22K7	24K7	26K7	28K7	24K8	30K7	26K8	28K8	16K9	30K8	18K9	20K9	22K9	24K9	26K9
Depth (In.)	28	22	24	26	28	24	30	26	28	16	30	18	20	22	24	26
Approx. Wt (lbs./ft.)	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4
Span (ft.)																
16										550						
17										550						
18										550		550				
19										550		550	550			
20										550		550	550			
21		550								550		550	550	550		
22		550								550		550	550	550		
23		550	550			550				550		550	550	550	550	
24		550	550			550				550		550	550	550	550	
25		550	550	550		550		550		514		550	550	550	550	550
26		550	550	550		550		550		474		538	550	550	550	550
27	550	512	550	550	550	550		550	550	439		498	550	550	550	550
28	548	475	521	550	550	550		550	550	408		463	517	550	550	550
29	511	443	485	527	550	536	550	550	550	380	550	431	482	532	550	550
30	477	413	453	492	531	500	550	544	550	355	550	402	450	497	544	550
31	446	387	424	460	497	468	534	509	550	332	550	376	421	465	510	550
32	418	363	397	432	466	439	501	477	515	311	549	353	395	436	478	519
33	393	341	373	406	438	413	471	448	484		520	332	371	410	449	488
34	370	321	351	382	412	388	443	422	456		490	312	349	386	423	459
35	349	303	331	360	389	366	418	398	430		462	294	329	364	399	433
36	330	286	313	340	367	346	395	376	406		436	278	311	344	377	409
37	312	271	296	322	348	327	373	356	384		413	294	325	356	387	
38	296	256	281	305	329	310	354	337	364		391	279	308	338	367	
39	280	243	266	289	313	294	336	320	346		371	265	292	320	348	
40	266	231	253	275	297	280	319	304	328		353	251	278	304	331	
41	253	220	241	262	283	266	303	289	312		335	264	290	315		
42	241	209	229	249	269	253	289	275	297		320	252	276	300		
43	230	200	219	238	257	242	276	263	284		305	240	263	286		
44	220	191	209	227	245	231	263	251	271		291	229	251	273		
45	210		199	217	234	220	251	240	259		278	210	230	250		
46	201		191	207	224	211	241	229	248		266	200	220	240		
47	192		183	199	214	202	230	219	237		255	180	200	220		
48	184		175	190	206	194	221	210	227		244	160	180	200		
49	177			183	197		212	202	218		234	140	160	180		
50	170			175	189		203	194	209		225	120	140	160		
51	163			168	182		195	186	201		216	100	120	140		
52	157			162	175		188	179	193		208	80	100	120		
53	151			156	168		181	171	185		200	60	80	100		
54	145			151	162		174	164	178		192	40	60	80		
55	140			146	156		168	158	172		185	20	40	60		
56	135			141	151		162	152	166		179		30	50		
57							156				173					
58							80				88					
59							151				167					
60							146				161					
							141				156					
							69				75					



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Joist Designation	28K9	30K9	18K10	20K10	22K10	24K10	26K10	28K10	22K11	30K10	30K11	24K12	26K12	28K12	30K12
Depth (In.)	28	30	18	20	22	24	26	28	22	30	30	24	26	28	30
Approx. Wt. (lbs/ft)	10.5	10.6	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	13.3	13.5	13.7	14.5	15.0
Span (ft.)															
18			550												
			550												
19			523	550											
			550	550											
20			490	550											
			550	550											
21			460	520	550				550						
			550	550	550				550						
22			438	490	548				548						
			550	550	550				550						
23			418	468	518	550			518			550			
			550	550	550	550			550			550			
24			396	448	495	544			495			544			
			550	550	550	550	550		550			550	550		
25			377	426	474	520	550		474			520	550		
			550	550	550	550	550		550			550	550		
26			361	405	454	499	541		454			499	541		
			550	550	550	550	550	550	550			550	550	550	
27	550		347	389	432	479	522	550	432			479	522	550	
	550		548	550	550	550	550	550	550			550	550	550	
28	543		331	375	413	456	501	543	413			456	501	543	
	550	550	511	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550
29	522	550	298	359	399	436	479	522	399	550	550	436	479	522	550
	500	543	269	336	385	422	459	500	385	543	543	422	459	500	543
30	480	520	243	304	369	410	444	480	369	520	520	410	444	480	520
	549	549	418	468	517	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549
31	463	500	221	276	337	393	431	463	355	500	500	393	431	463	500
	527	532	393	440	486	532	532	532	532	532	532	532	532	532	532
32	432	468	201	251	307	368	404	435	334	468	468	368	404	435	468
	496	516	370	414	458	502	516	516	516	516	516	516	516	516	516
33	395	441	184	229	280	337	378	410	314	441	441	344	378	410	441
	468	501	349	390	432	473	501	501	494	501	501	501	501	501	501
34	361	415	168	210	257	308	356	389	292	415	415	324	356	389	415
	442	475	330	369	408	447	486	487	467	487	487	487	487	487	487
35	332	383	154	193	236	283	334	366	269	392	392	306	334	366	392
	418	449		349	386	423	460	474	442	474	474	474	474	474	474
36	305	352		178	217	260	308	344	247	374	374	290	315	344	374
	396	426		331	366	401	436	461	419	461	461	461	461	461	461
37	282	325		164	200	240	284	325	228	353	353	275	299	325	353
	376	404		314	347	380	413	447	397	449	449	449	449	449	449
38	260	300		151	185	222	262	306	211	333	333	261	283	308	333
	357	384		298	330	361	393	424	377	438	438	438	438	438	438
39	241	278		140	171	206	243	284	195	315	315	247	269	291	315
	340	365			314	344	374	404	359	427	427	427	427	427	427
40	224	258			159	191	225	263	181	300	300	235	256	277	300
	324	348			299	327	356	384	342	413	417	417	417	417	417
41	208	240			148	177	210	245	168	282	284	224	244	264	284
	309	332			285	312	339	367	326	394	407	406	407	407	407
42	194	223			138	165	195	228	157	263	270	213	232	252	270
	295	317			272	298	324	350	311	376	398	387	398	398	398
43	181	208			128	154	182	212	146	245	258	199	222	240	258
	282	303				285	310	334		359	389	370	389	389	389
44	169	195				144	170	198		229	246	185	212	229	246
	270	290				272	296	320		344	380	354	380	380	380
45	158	182				135	159	186		214	236	174	203	219	236
	258	277				261	284	306		329	372	339	369	372	372
46	148	171				126	149	174		201	226	163	192	210	226
	247	266				250	272	294		315	362	325	353	365	365
47	139	160				118	140	163		188	215	153	180	201	216
	237	255					261	282		303	347		339	357	357
48	130	150					131	153		177	202		169	193	207
	228	245					250	270		291	333		325	350	350
49	123	141					124	144		166	190		159	185	199
	219	235					241	260		279	320		313	338	343
50	115	133					116	136		157	179		150	175	192
	210	226					231	250		268	308		301	325	336
51	109	126					110	128		148	169		142	165	184
	203	218						240		258	296			313	330
52	103	119						121		140	159			156	177
	195	209						232		249	285			301	324
53	97	112						114		132	150			147	170
	188	202						223		240	275			290	312
54	92	106						108		125	142			139	161
	181	195						215		231	265			280	301
55	87	100						102		118	135			132	153
		188								223	256				290
56		95								112	128				145
		181								215	247				280
57		90								106	121				137
		175								208	239				271
58		86								101	115				130
		169								201	231				262
59		81								96	109				124



STANDARD ASD LOAD TABLE

STANDARD LRFD LOAD TABLE

FOR TOP CHORD EXTENSIONS (S TYPE) and (R TYPE)

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength
 ASD Load Table adopted by the Steel Joist Institute November 15, 1989
 LRFD Load Table adopted by the Steel Joist Institute May 1, 2000
 Revised to May 18, 2010 – Effective December 31, 2010

Joist extensions are commonly furnished to support a variety of overhang conditions. Two types are pictured below. The first is the TOP CHORD EXTENSION or "S" TYPE, which has only the top chord angles extended. The second is the EXTENDED END or "R" TYPE in which the standard 2½, (64 mm) end bearing depth is maintained over the entire length of the extension. The "S" TYPE extension is so designated because of its Simple nature whereas the "R" TYPE involves Reinforcing the top chord angles. The **specifying professional** should be aware that an "S" TYPE is more economical and should be specified whenever possible.

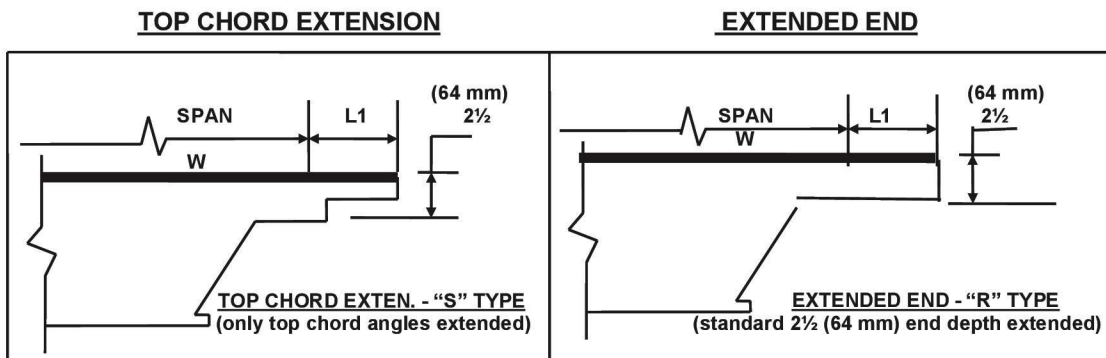
The following load tables are for K-Series TOP CHORD EXTENSIONS and EXTENDED ENDS for **ASD** and **LRFD** methods of design. The tabulated values are the maximum allowable uniform load in pounds per linear foot (kiloNewton/meter). The "S" and "I" numbers shown in the load tables are the Elastic Section Modulus and Moment of Inertia of the extension (Section) number with which they are associated.

In cases where it is not possible to meet specific job requirements with a 2½" (64 mm) deep "R" type extension (refer to "S" and "I" values in the Extended End Load Table), the depth of the extension must be increased to provide greater load-carrying capacity.

The "S" and "R" extension numbers are intended to be associated with Standard K-Series Joist Sizes of matching Section Number. When possible, the extension number should be limited to no more than the Standard K-Series Joist Section Number, for optimum economy.

When TOP CHORD EXTENSIONS or EXTENDED ENDS are specified the bracing requirements must be considered by the specifying professional.

It should be noted that an "R" TYPE extension must be specified when building details dictate a 2½, (64 mm) depth at the end of the extension. In the absence of specific instructions, the joist manufacturer may provide either type.



W = Uniform Load L1 = Length of Extension SPAN = See K-Series Standard Specification for Definition of Span



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TOP CHORD EXTENSION LOAD TABLE (R TYPE)
Based on a Yield Strength of 50 ksi
Pounds Per Linear Foot

TYPE	"S" (in. ³)	"I" (in. ⁴)	LENGTH (L1)											
			0'-6"	1'-0"	1'-6"	2'-0"	2'-6"	3'-0"	3'-6"	4'-0"	4'-6"	5'-0"	5'-6"	6'-0"
R1	0.895	1.119	550	550	550	550	550	446	332	257	205	167	139	117
R2	0.923	1.157	550	466	228	550	550	460	343	265	211	172	143	121
R3	1.039	1.299	550	550	550	550	550	518	386	299	238	194	161	136
R4	1.147	1.433	550	550	550	550	550	550	426	330	263	214	178	150
R5	1.249	1.561	550	550	550	550	550	550	464	359	286	233	194	164
R6	1.352	1.690	550	550	550	550	550	550	502	389	310	253	210	177
R7	1.422	1.802	550	550	550	550	550	550	528	409	326	266	221	186
R8	1.558	1.948	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	448	357	291	242	204
R9	1.673	2.091	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	481	384	313	260	219
R10	1.931	2.414	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	443	361	300	253
R11	2.183	2.729	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	501	408	339	287
R12	2.413	3.016	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	451	375	317

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TOP CHORD EXTENSION LOAD TABLE (S TYPE)
Based on a Maximum Yield Strength of 50 ksi
Pounds Per Linear Foot

TYPE	"S" (in. ³)	"I" (in. ⁴)	LENGTH (L1)									
			0'-6"	1'-0"	1'-6"	2'-0"	2'-6"	3'-0"	3'-6"	4'-0"	4'-6"	
S1	0.099	0.088	550	363	178	105						
S2	0.127	0.138	550	466	228	135						
S3	0.144	0.156	550	529	259	153						
S4	0.160	0.172	550	550	288	170	112					
S5	0.176	0.188	550	550	316	187	123					
S6	0.192	0.204	550	550	345	204	135					
S7	0.241	0.306	550	550	433	256	169	120				
S8	0.266	0.332	550	550	478	283	187	132				
S9	0.288	0.358	550	550	518	306	202	143	107			
S10	0.380	0.544	550	550	550	404	267	189	141	109		
S11	0.438	0.622	550	550	550	466	307	218	162	126	100	
S12	0.494	0.696	550	550	550	526	347	246	183	142	113	



LRFD

TOP CHORD EXTENSION LOAD TABLE (R TYPE)
Based on a Yield Strength of 50 ksi
Pounds Per Linear Foot

TYPE	"S" (in. ³)	"I" (in. ⁴)	LENGTH (L1)											
			0'-6"	1'-0"	1'-6"	2'-0"	2'-6"	3'-0"	3'-6"	4'-0"	4'-6"	5'-0"	5'-6"	6'-0"
R1	0.895	1.119	825	544	825	157	825	669	498	385	307	250	208	175
R2	0.923	1.157	825	700	343	202	825	690	514	399	318	259	216	181
R3	1.039	1.299	825	793	388	229	825	777	579	448	358	292	243	205
R4	1.147	1.433	825	825	825	825	825	825	639	495	394	321	267	225
R5	1.249	1.561	825	825	825	280	184	825	696	538	429	349	291	246
R6	1.352	1.690	825	825	517	825	202	825	753	583	465	379	315	265
R7	1.422	1.802	825	825	649	825	253	825	792	613	489	399	331	279
R8	1.558	1.948	825	825	825	424	280	825	825	672	535	436	363	306
R9	1.673	2.091	825	825	825	825	825	214	160	721	576	469	390	328
R10	1.931	2.414	825	825	825	825	400	283	211	163	664	541	450	379
R11	2.183	2.729	825	825	825	825	460	825	825	825	751	612	508	430
R12	2.413	3.016	825	825	825	825	520	825	274	825	169	676	562	475

LRFD

TOP CHORD EXTENSION LOAD TABLE (S TYPE)
Based on a Yield Strength of 50 ksi
Pounds Per Linear Foot

TYPE	"S" (in. ³)	"I" (in. ⁴)	LENGTH (L1)											
			0'-6"	1'-0"	1'-6"	2'-0"	2'-6"	3'-0"	3'-6"	4'-0"	4'-6"			
S1	0.099	0.088	825	544	267	157								
S2	0.127	0.138	825	700	343	202								
S3	0.144	0.156	825	793	388	229								
S4	0.160	0.172	825	825	432	255	168							
S5	0.176	0.188	825	825	474	280	184							
S6	0.192	0.204	825	825	517	306	202							
S7	0.241	0.306	825	825	649	384	253	180						
S8	0.266	0.332	825	825	717	424	280	198						
S9	0.288	0.358	825	825	777	459	303	214	160					
S10	0.380	0.544	825	825	825	606	400	283	211	163				
S11	0.438	0.622	825	825	825	699	460	327	243	189	150			
S12	0.494	0.696	825	825	825	789	520	369	274	213	169			



STANDARD ASD LOAD TABLE

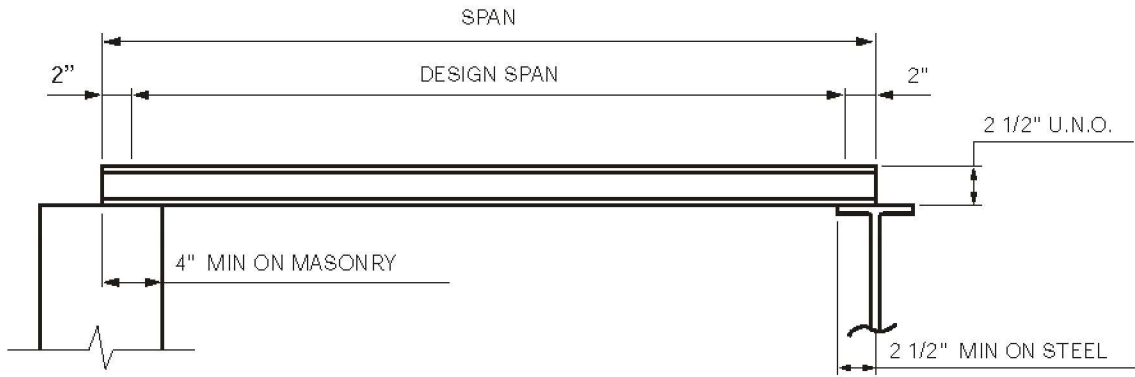
STANDARD LRFD LOAD TABLE

FOR JOIST SUBSTITUTES AND OUTRIGGERS

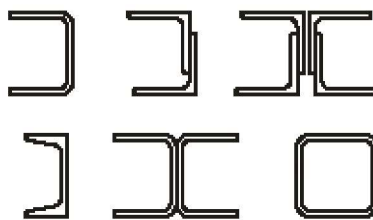
Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength
 LRFD Load Table adopted by the Steel Joist Institute May 1, 2001
 Revised to May 18, 2010 – Effective December 31, 2010

JOIST SUBSTITUTES, SIMPLE SPAN LOAD TABLES

Joist substitutes are 2.5 inch (64 mm) deep sections intended for use in very short spans (less than 10 feet (3.05 m)) where Open Web Steel Joists are impractical. They are commonly specified to span over hallways and short spans in skewed bays.



Joist substitutes are solid members that can be manufactured from material conforming to the Steel Joist Institute Standard Specifications and can be made of hot rolled or cold-formed channels or HSS as shown below.



Full lateral support to the compressive flange is provided by attachments to the deck. Caution must be exercised during erection since joist substitutes exhibit some degree of instability. After erection and before loads of any description are placed on the joist substitutes, the ends must be attached to the supports per the SJI Standard Specification for Open Web Steel Joists, K-Series and the deck installed and attached to the top flange.



The Simple Span Joist Substitutes Load Tables list uniform loads based on **LRFD** and **ASD** methods of design and are shown in U.S. Customary Units.

The **BLACK** figures in the **LRFD** Load Table gives the TOTAL safe factored uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity in pounds per linear foot, of 2.5 Inch Joist Substitutes. The **BLACK** figures in the **ASD** Load Table gives the TOTAL safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity in pounds per linear foot, of 2.5 Inch Joist Substitutes.

The **RED** figures in the Load Table represent the unfactored, uniform load, in pounds per linear foot, which will produce an approximate joist substitute deflection of 1/360 of the span. This load can be linearly prorated to obtain the unfactored, uniform load for supplementary deflection criteria (i.e. an unfactored uniform load which will produce a joist substitute deflection of 1/240 of the span may be obtained by multiplying the **RED** figure by 360/240). In no case shall the prorated, unfactored load exceed the unfactored TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist substitute as given in the **ASD** Load Table for 2.5 Inch Simple Span Joist Substitutes, K-Series.

Minimum section properties shall be provided for the particular 2.5K type specified even at shorter spans where the developed load capacity may exceed 550 plf (**ASD**) or 825 plf (**LRFD**).

2.5K JOIST SUBSTITUTES PROPERTIES			
2.5K TYPE	2.5K1	2.5K2	2.5K3
S in ³	0.62	0.86	1.20
I in ⁴	0.77	1.07	1.50
Approximate weight (lbs/ft)	3.0	4.2	6.4

LRFD

LOAD TABLES FOR 2.5 INCH SIMPLE SPAN JOIST SUBSTITUTES, K-SERIES			
Based on a Maximum Yield Strength of 50 ksi			
Designation	2.5K1	2.5K2	2.5K3
Span (ft-in)	Pounds per Linear foot		
4'-0"	825	825	825
	550	550	550
5'-0"	825	825	825
	326	452	550
6'-0"	579	804	825
	182	253	354
7'-0"	418	580	810
	112	155	218
8'-0"	316	439	612
	73	102	143
9'-0"	0	343	480
	0	71	99
10'-0"	0	0	385
	0	0	71

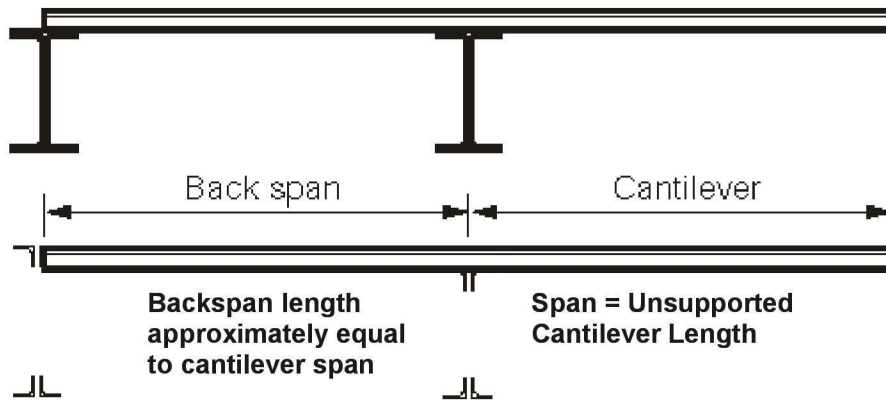
ASD

LOAD TABLES FOR 2.5 INCH SIMPLE SPAN JOIST SUBSTITUTES, K-SERIES			
Based on a Maximum Yield Strength of 50 ksi			
Designation	2.5K1	2.5K2	2.5K3
Span (ft-in)	Pounds per Linear Foot		
4'-0"	550	550	550
	550	550	550
5'-0"	550	550	550
	326	452	550
6'-0"	386	536	550
	182	253	354
7'-0"	279	387	540
	112	155	218
8'-0"	211	293	408
	73	102	143
9'-0"	0	229	320
	0	71	99
10'-0"	0	0	257
	0	0	71



JOIST SUBSTITUTES, OUTRIGGERS LOAD TABLES

Joist substitutes may be used in an outrigger condition where the member is overhanging one support as illustrated below where a portion is the back span and the remainder is the cantilever span or outrigger. Joist substitutes used in this configuration are 2.5 inch (64 mm) deep sections.



The Joist Outriggers Load Tables list uniform loads based on **LRFD** and **ASD** methods of design and are shown in U.S. Customary

The **BLACK** figures in the **LRFD** Load Table gives the TOTAL safe factored uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity in pounds per linear foot, of 2.5 Inch Joist Outriggers. The **BLACK** figures in the **ASD** Load Table gives the TOTAL safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity in pounds per linear foot, of 2.5 Inch Joist Outriggers.

Serviceability requirements must be checked by the specifying professional. When calculating the actual live load deflection at the end of the cantilever it is necessary to consider the length of the back span.

Minimum section properties shall be provided for the particular 2.5K type specified even at shorter spans where the developed load capacity may exceed 550 plf (**ASD**) or 825 plf (**LRFD**).



LRFD

LOAD TABLES FOR 2.5 INCH JOIST OUTRIGGERS, K-SERIES									
OUTRIGGER TYPE	TOTAL ALLOWABLE LOAD FOR UNSUPPORTED CANTILEVER PLF								
	SPAN ft-in								
	2'-0"	2'-6"	3'-0"	3'-6"	4'-0"	4'-6"	5'-0"	5'-6"	6'-0"
2.5K1	825	744	516	379	291	229	186	153	129
2.5K2	825	825	717	526	403	318	258	213	179
2.5K3	825	825	825	735	562	444	360	297	250

ASD

LOAD TABLES FOR 2.5 INCH JOIST OUTRIGGERS, K-SERIES									
OUTRIGGER TYPE	TOTAL ALLOWABLE LOAD FOR UNSUPPORTED CANTILEVER PLF								
	SPAN ft-in								
	2'-0"	2'-6"	3'-0"	3'-6"	4'-0"	4'-6"	5'-0"	5'-6"	6'-0"
2.5K1	550	496	344	253	194	153	124	102	86
2.5K2	550	550	478	351	269	212	172	142	119
2.5K3	550	550	550	490	375	296	240	198	167



Notes:



STANDARD SPECIFICATION

FOR LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, LH-SERIES AND DEEP LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, DLH-SERIES

Adopted by the Steel Joist Institute May 10, 2006
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SECTION 100.

SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

100.1 SCOPE

The *Standard Specification for Longspan Steel Joists, LH-Series and Deep Longspan Steel Joists, DLH-Series*, hereafter referred to as the Specification, covers the design, manufacture, application, and erection stability and handling of Longspan Steel Joists LH-Series, and Deep Longspan Steel Joists, DLH-Series in buildings or other structures, where other structures are defined as those structures designed, manufactured, and erected in a manner similar to buildings.. LH- and DLH-Series joists shall be designed using Allowable Stress Design (ASD) or Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) in accordance with this Specification. Steel joists shall be erected in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor, Code of Federal Regulations 29CFR Part 1926 Safety Standards for Steel Erection. The erection of LH- and DLH-Series joists 144 ft. (43.9 m) or less is governed by Section 1926.757 Open Web Steel Joists and joists over this length by Section 1926.756 Beams and Columns.

This Specification includes Sections 100 through 105.

100.2 DEFINITION

The term "Longspan Steel Joists LH-Series and Deep Longspan Steel Joists DLH-Series", as used herein, refers to open web, load-carrying members utilizing hot-rolled or cold-formed steel, including cold-formed steel whose yield strength has been attained by cold working, suitable for the direct support of floors and roof slabs or decks. The LH-Series joists have been standardized in depths from 18 inches (457 mm) through 48 inches (1219 mm), for spans up through 96 feet (29260 mm). The DLH-Series joists have been standardized in depths from 52 inches (1321 mm) through 120 inches (3048 mm), for spans up through 240 feet (73150 mm).

The LH- and DLH-Series standard joist designations are determined by their nominal depth at the center of the span, followed by the letters LH or DLH as appropriate, and then by the chord size designation assigned. The chord size designations range from 02 to 25. Therefore, as a performance based specification, the LH- and DLH-Series standard joist designations listed in the following Standard Load Tables shall support the uniformly distributed loads as provided in the appropriate tables:

- Standard LRFD Load Table Longspan Steel Joists, LH-Series – U.S. Customary Units
- Standard ASD Load Table Longspan Steel Joists, LH-Series – U.S. Customary Units
- Standard LRFD Load Table Deep Longspan Steel Joists, DLH-Series – U.S. Customary Units
- Standard ASD Load Table Deep Longspan Steel Joists, DLH-Series – U.S. Customary Units



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And the following Standard Load Tables published electronically at www.steeljoist.org/loadtables

Standard LRFD Load Table Longspan Steel Joists, **LH-Series** – S.I. Units
Standard ASD Load Table Longspan Steel Joists, **LH-Series** – S.I. Units
Standard LRFD Load Table Deep Longspan Steel Joists, **DLH-Series** – S.I. Units
Standard ASD Load Table Deep Longspan Steel Joists, **DLH-Series** – S.I. Units

An alternate method of specifying a standard **LH-Series** joist is to provide the designation in a “load/load” sequence. The format used is ddLHt/l where:

dd is the nominal depth of the joist in inches (mm)
t is the total uniformly distributed load applied to the joist top chord, plf (kN/m)
l is the uniform live load for which the deflection shall be checked and limited as required by the Specification, plf (kN/m)

The load/load **LH-Series** joists can be specified in depths from 14 inches (356 mm) through 120 inches (3048 mm) and spans from 14 feet (4267 mm) up through 240 feet (73152 mm). The maximum uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity of 2400 plf (35.03 kN/m) in ASD and 3600 plf (52.54 kN/m) in LRFD has been established for this alternate **LH-Series** format. The maximum capacity for any given load/load **LH-Series** joist is a function of span, depth and chord size.

Six standard types of **LH-** and **DLH-Series** joists are designed and manufactured. These types are underslung (top chord bearing) or square-ended (bottom chord bearing), with parallel chords or with single or double pitched top chords. A pitch of the joist top chord up to 1/2 inch per foot (1:24) is allowed. The standard joist designation depth shall be the depth at mid-span.

100.3 STRUCTURAL DESIGN DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The design drawings and specifications shall meet the requirements in the *Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joists and Joist Girders*, except for deviations specifically identified in the design drawings and/or specifications.

SECTION 101. **REFERENCED SPECIFICATIONS, CODES AND STANDARDS**

101.1 REFERENCES

American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. (AISC)

ANSI/AISC 360-10 *Specification for Structural Steel Buildings*

American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI)

ANSI/AISI S100-2007 *North American Specification for Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members*

ANSI/AISI S100-07/S1-09 , *Supplement No. 1 to the North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members*, 2007 Edition

ANSI/AISI S100-07/S2-10 , *Supplement No. 2 to the North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members*, 2007 Edition



American Society of Testing and Materials, ASTM International (ASTM)

ASTM A6/A6M-09, Standard Specification for General Requirements for Rolled Structural Steel Bars, Plates, Shapes, and Sheet Piling

ASTM A36/A36M-08, Standard Specification for Carbon Structural Steel

ASTM A242/242M-04 (2009), Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel

ASTM A307-07b, Standard Specification for Carbon Steel Bolts and Studs, 60 000 PSI Tensile Strength

ASTM A325/325M-09, Standard Specification for Structural Bolts, Steel, Heat Treated, 120/105 ksi [830 MPa] Minimum Tensile Strength

ASTM A370-09ae1, Standard Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

ASTM A500/A500M-07, Standard Specification for Cold-Formed Welded and Seamless Carbon Steel Structural Tubing in Rounds and Shapes

ASTM A529/A529M-05, Standard Specification for High-Strength Carbon-Manganese Steel of Structural Quality

ASTM A572/A572M-07, Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Columbium-Vanadium Structural Steel

ASTM A588/A588M-05, Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel, up to 50 ksi [345 MPa] Minimum Yield Point, with Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance

ASTM A606/A606M-09, Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet and Strip, High-Strength, Low-Alloy, Hot-Rolled and Cold-Rolled, with Improved Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance

ASTM A992/A992M-06a, Standard Specification for Structural Steel Shapes

ASTM A1008/A1008M-09, Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy and High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, Solution Hardened, and Bake Hardenable

ASTM A1011/A1011M-09a, Standard Specification for Steel, Sheet and Strip, Hot-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, and Ultra-High Strength

American Welding Society (AWS)

AWS A5.1/A5.1M-2004, Specification for Carbon Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding

AWS A5.5/A5.5M:2006, Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding

AWS A5.17/A5.17M-97:R2007, Specification for Carbon Steel Electrodes and Fluxes for Submerged Arc Welding

AWS A5.18/A5.18M:2005, Specification for Carbon Steel Electrodes and Rods for Gas Shielded Arc Welding

AWS A5.20/A5.20M:2005, Specification for Carbon Steel Electrodes for Flux Cored Arc Welding

AWS A5.23/A5.23M:2007, Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes and Fluxes for Submerged Arc Welding

AWS A5.28/A5.28M:2005, Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes and Rods for Gas Shielded Arc Welding

AWS A5.29/A5.29M:2005, Specification for Low Alloy Steel Electrodes for Flux Cored Arc Welding

101.2 OTHER REFERENCES

The following references are non-ANSI Standard documents and as such, are provided solely as sources of commentary or additional information related to topics in this Specification:

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

SEI/ASCE 7-10 *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*

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.



Steel Joist Institute (SJI)

SJI-COSP-2010, *Code of Standard Practice for Steel Joists and Joist Girders*

Technical Digest No. 3 (2007), *Structural Design of Steel Joist Roofs to Resist Ponding Loads*

Technical Digest No. 5 (1988), *Vibration of Steel Joist-Concrete Slab Floors*

Technical Digest No. 6 (2011), *Structural Design of Steel Joist Roofs to Resist Uplift Loads*

Technical Digest No. 8 (2008), *Welding of Open Web Steel Joists and Joist Girders*

Technical Digest No. 9 (2008), *Handling and Erection of Steel Joists and Joist Girders*

Technical Digest No. 10 (2003), *Design of Fire Resistive Assemblies with Steel Joists*

Technical Digest No. 11 (2007), *Design of Lateral Load Resisting Frames Using Steel Joists and Joist Girders*

Technical Digest No. 12 (2007), *Evaluation and Modification of Open Web Steel Joists and Joist Girders*

Steel Structures Painting Council (SSPC) (2000), *Steel Structures Painting Manual, Volume 2, Systems and Specifications*, Paint Specification No. 15, Steel Joist Shop Primer, May 1, 1999, Pittsburgh, PA.

SECTION 102.
MATERIALS

102.1 STEEL

The steel used in the manufacture of **LH-** and **DLH-**Series joists shall conform to one of the following ASTM Specifications:

- Carbon Structural Steel, ASTM A36/A36M.
- High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel, ASTM A242/A242M.
- Cold-Formed Welded and Seamless Carbon Steel Structural Tubing in Rounds and Shapes, ASTM A500/A500M.
- High-Strength Carbon-Manganese Steel of Structural Quality, ASTM A529/A529M.
- High-Strength Low-Alloy Columbium-Vanadium Structural Steel, ASTM A572/A572M.
- High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel up to 50 ksi [345 MPa] Minimum Yield Point with Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance, ASTM A588/A588M.
- Steel, Sheet and Strip, High-Strength, Low-Alloy, Hot-Rolled and Cold-Rolled, with Improved Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance, ASTM A606/A606M.
- Structural Steel Shapes, ASTM A992/A992M.
- Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, Solution Hardened, and Bake Hardenable, ASTM A1008/A1008M.
- Steel, Sheet and Strip, Hot-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, and Ultra High Strength, ASTM A1011/A1011M.

or shall be of suitable quality ordered or produced to other than the listed specifications, provided that such material in the state used for final assembly and manufacture is weldable and is proved by tests performed by the producer or manufacturer to have the properties specified in Section 102.2.



102.2 MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Steel used for **LH-** and **DLH-**Series joists shall have a minimum yield strength determined in accordance with one of the procedures specified in this section, which is equal to the yield strength* assumed in the design.

*The term "Yield Strength" as used herein shall designate the yield level of a material as determined by the applicable method outlined in paragraph 13.1 "Yield Point", and in paragraph 13.2 "Yield Strength", of ASTM A370, *Standard Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products*, or as specified in paragraph 102.2 of this specification.

Evidence that the steel furnished meets or exceeds the design yield strength shall, if requested, be provided in the form of an affidavit or by witnessed or certified test reports.

For material used without consideration of increase in yield strength resulting from cold forming, the specimens shall be taken from as-rolled material. In the case of material, the mechanical properties of which conform to the requirements of one of the listed specifications, the test specimens and procedures shall conform to those of such specifications and to ASTM A370.

In the case of material, the mechanical properties of which do not conform to the requirements of one of the listed specifications, the test specimens and procedures shall conform to the applicable requirements of ASTM A370, and the specimens shall exhibit a yield strength equal to or exceeding the design yield strength and an elongation of not less than (a) 20 percent in 2 inches (51 millimeters) for sheet and strip, or (b) 18 percent in 8 inches (203 millimeters) for plates, shapes and bars with adjustments for thickness for plates, shapes and bars as prescribed in ASTM A36/A36M, A242/A242M, A500/A500M, A529/A529M, A572/A572M, A588/A588M, A992/A992M whichever specification is applicable, on the basis of design yield strength.

The number of tests shall be as prescribed in ASTM A6/A6M for plates, shapes, and bars; and ASTM A606/A606M, A1008/A1008M and A1011/A1011M for sheet and strip.

If as-formed strength is utilized, the test reports shall show the results of tests performed on full section specimens in accordance with the provisions of the AISI North American Specifications for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members. They shall also indicate compliance with these provisions and with the following additional requirements:

- a) The yield strength calculated from the test data shall equal or exceed the design yield strength.
- b) Where tension tests are made for acceptance and control purposes, the tensile strength shall be at least 8 percent greater than the yield strength of the section.
- c) Where compression tests are used for acceptance and control purposes, the specimen shall withstand a gross shortening of 2 percent of its original length without cracking. The length of the specimen shall be not greater than 20 times the least radius of gyration.
- d) If any test specimen fails to pass the requirements of the subparagraphs (a), (b), or (c) above, as applicable, two retests shall be made of specimens from the same lot. Failure of one of the retest specimens to meet such requirements shall be the cause for rejection of the lot represented by the specimens.

102.3 WELDING ELECTRODES

The following electrodes shall be used for arc welding:

- a) For connected members both having a specified minimum yield strength greater than 36 ksi (250 MPa).

AWS A5.1: E70XX
 AWS A5.5: E70XX-X
 AWS A5.17: F7XX–EXXX, F7XX–ECXXX flux electrode combination
 AWS A5.18: ER70S-X, E70C-XC, E70C-XM



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AWS A5.20: E7XT-X, E7XT-XM
AWS A5.23: F7XX-EXXX-XX, F7XX-ECXXX-XX
AWS A5.28: ER70S-XXX, E70C-XXX
AWS A5.29: E7XTX-X, E7XTX-XM

- b) For connected members both having a specified minimum yield strength of 36 ksi (250 MPa) or one having a specified minimum yield strength of 36 ksi (250 MPa), and the other having a specified minimum yield strength greater than 36 ksi (250 MPa).

AWS A5.1: E60XX
AWS A5.17: F6XX-EXXX, F6XX-ECXXX flux electrode combination
AWS A5.20: E6XT-X, E6XT-XM
AWS A5.29: E6XTX-X, E6XTX-XM
or any of those listed in Section 102.3(a).

Other welding methods, providing equivalent strength as demonstrated by tests, shall be permitted to be used.

102.4 PAINT

The standard shop paint is intended to protect the steel for only a short period of exposure in ordinary atmospheric conditions and shall be considered an impermanent and provisional coating.

When specified, the standard shop paint shall conform to one of the following:

- a) Steel Structures Painting Council Specification, SSPC No. 15.
b) Or, shall be a shop paint which meets the minimum performance requirements of the above listed specification.

SECTION 103.

DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE

103.1 METHOD

Joists shall be designed in accordance with this specification as simply-supported trusses supporting a floor or roof deck so constructed as to brace the top chord of the joists against lateral buckling. Where any applicable design feature is not specifically covered herein, the design shall be in accordance with the following specifications:

- a) Where the steel used consists of hot-rolled shapes, bars or plates, use the American Institute of Steel Construction, *Specification for Structural Steel Buildings*.
b) For members which are cold-formed from sheet or strip steel, use the American Iron and Steel Institute, *North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members*.

Design Basis:

Steel joist designs shall be in accordance with the provisions in this Standard Specification using Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) or Allowable Strength Design (ASD) as specified by the **specifying professional** for the project.

Loads, Forces and Load Combinations:

The loads and forces used for the steel joist design shall be calculated by the **specifying professional** in accordance with the applicable building code and specified and provided on the contract drawings.



The load combinations shall be specified by the **specifying professional** on the contract drawings in accordance with the applicable building code or, in the absence of a building code, the load combinations shall be those stipulated in SEI/ASCE 7. For LRFD designs, the load combinations in SEI/ASCE 7, Section 2.3 apply. For ASD designs, the load combinations in SEI/ASCE 7, Section 2.4 apply.

103.2 DESIGN AND ALLOWABLE STRESSES

Design Using Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD)

Joists shall have their components so proportioned that the required stresses, f_u , shall not exceed ϕF_n where:

- f_u = required stress ksi (MPa)
- F_n = nominal stress ksi (MPa)
- ϕ = resistance factor
- ϕF_n = design stress

Design Using Allowable Strength Design (ASD)

Joists shall have their components so proportioned that the required stresses, f , shall not exceed F_n / Ω where:

- f = required stress ksi (MPa)
- F_n = nominal stress ksi (MPa)
- Ω = safety factor
- F_n / Ω = allowable stress

Stresses:

For Chords: The calculation of design or allowable stress shall be based on a yield strength, F_y , of the material used in manufacturing equal to 50 ksi (345 MPa).

For all other joist elements: The calculation of design or allowable stress shall be based on a yield strength, F_y , of the material used in manufacturing, but shall not be less than 36 ksi (250 MPa) or greater than 50 ksi (345 MPa).

Note: Yield strengths greater than 50 ksi shall not be used for the design of any joist members.

(a) Tension: $\phi_t = 0.90$ (LRFD), $\Omega_t = 1.67$ (ASD)

$$\text{Design Stress} = 0.9F_y \text{ (LRFD)} \tag{103.2-1}$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = 0.6F_y \text{ (ASD)} \tag{103.2-2}$$

(b) Compression: $\phi_c = 0.90$ (LRFD), $\Omega_c = 1.67$ (ASD)

$$\text{Design Stress} = 0.9F_{cr} \text{ (LRFD)} \tag{103.2-3}$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = 0.6F_{cr} \text{ (ASD)} \tag{103.2-4}$$

For members with $k\ell/r \leq 4.71\sqrt{E/QF_y}$

$$F_{cr} = Q \left[0.658 \left(\frac{QF_y}{F_e} \right) \right] F_y \tag{103.2-5}$$



For members with $k\ell/r > 4.71\sqrt{E/QF_y}$

$$F_{cr} = 0.877F_e \quad (103.2-6)$$

Where F_e = Elastic buckling stress determined in accordance with Equation 103.2-7

$$F_e = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(k\ell/r\right)^2} \quad (103.2-7)$$

In the above equations, ℓ is taken as the distance in inches (millimeters) between panel points for the chord members and the appropriate length for a compression or tension web member, and r is the corresponding least radius of gyration of the member or any component thereof. E is equal to 29,000 ksi (200,000 MPa).

For hot-rolled sections and cold formed angles, Q is the full reduction factor for slender compression members as defined in the AISC *Specification for Structural Steel Buildings*, except that when the first primary compression web member is a crimped-end angle member, whether hot-rolled or cold formed:

$$Q = [5.25/(w/t)] + t \leq 1.0 \quad (103.2-8)$$

Where: w = angle leg length, inches
 t = angle leg thickness, inches

or,

$$Q = [5.25/(w/t)] + (t/25.4) \leq 1.0 \quad (103.2-9)$$

Where: w = angle leg length, millimeters
 t = angle leg thickness, millimeters

For all other cold-formed sections the method of calculating the nominal compression strength is given in the AISI, *North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members*.

(c) Bending: $\phi_b = 0.90$ (LRFD), $\Omega_b = 1.67$ (ASD)

Bending calculations are to be based on using the elastic section modulus.

For chords and web members other than solid rounds: $F_n = F_y$

$$\text{Design Stress} = \phi_b F_n = 0.9F_y \quad (\text{LRFD}) \quad (103.2-10)$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = F_n/\Omega_b = 0.6F_y \quad (\text{ASD}) \quad (103.2-11)$$

For web members of solid round cross section: $F_n = 1.6 F_y$

$$\text{Design Stress} = \phi_b F_n = 1.45F_y \quad (\text{LRFD}) \quad (103.2-12)$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = F_n/\Omega_b = 0.95F_y \quad (\text{ASD}) \quad (103.2-13)$$



For bearing plates used in joist seats: $F_n = 1.5 F_y$

$$\text{Design Stress} = \phi_b F_n = 1.35 F_y \quad (\text{LRFD}) \quad (103.2-14)$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = F_n / \Omega_b = 0.90 F_y \quad (\text{ASD}) \quad (103.2-15)$$

(d) Weld Strength:

Shear at throat of fillet welds, flare bevel groove welds, partial joint penetration groove welds, and plug/slot welds:

$$\text{Nominal Shear Stress} = F_{nw} = 0.6 F_{\text{exx}} \quad (103.2-16)$$

LRFD: $\phi_w = 0.75$

$$\text{Design Shear Strength} = \phi R_n = \phi_w F_{nw} A = 0.45 F_{\text{exx}} A_w \quad (103.2-17)$$

ASD: $\Omega_w = 2.0$

$$\text{Allowable Shear Strength} = R_n / \Omega_w = F_{nw} A / \Omega_w = 0.3 F_{\text{exx}} A_w \quad (103.2-18)$$

Made with E70 series electrodes or F7XX-EXXX flux-electrode combinations $F_{\text{exx}} = 70$ ksi (483 MPa)

Made with E60 series electrodes or F6XX-EXXX flux-electrode combinations $F_{\text{exx}} = 60$ ksi (414 MPa)

A_w = effective throat area, where:

For fillet welds, A_w = effective throat area, (other design methods demonstrated to provide sufficient strength by testing shall be permitted to be used);

For flare bevel groove welds, the effective weld area is based on a weld throat width, T, where:

$$T \text{ (inches)} = 0.12D + 0.11 \quad (103.2-19)$$

Where: D = web diameter, inches

or,

$$T \text{ (mm)} = 0.12D + 2.8 \quad (103.2-20)$$

Where: D = web diameter, mm

For plug/slot welds, A_w = cross-sectional area of the hole or slot in the plane of the faying surface provided that the hole or slot meets the requirements of the American Institute of Steel Construction *Specification for Structural Steel Buildings* (and as described in SJI Technical Digest No. 8, "Welding of Open-Web Steel Joists and Joist Girders").

Strength of resistance welds and complete-joint-penetration groove or butt welds in tension or compression (only when the stress is normal to the weld axis) is equal to the base metal strength:

$$\phi_t = \phi_c = 0.90 \quad (\text{LRFD}) \quad \Omega_t = \Omega_c = 1.67 \quad (\text{ASD})$$

$$\text{Design Stress} = 0.9 F_y \quad (\text{LRFD}) \quad (103.2-21)$$

$$\text{Allowable Stress} = 0.6 F_y \quad (\text{ASD}) \quad (103.2-22)$$



103.3 MAXIMUM SLENDERNESS RATIOS

The slenderness ratios, $1.0\ell/r$ and $1.0\ell_s/r$ of members as a whole or any component part shall not exceed the values given in Table 103.3-1, Parts A.

The effective slenderness ratio, $k\ell/r$ to be used in calculating the nominal stresses, F_{cr} and F'_e , is the largest value as determined from Table 103.3-1, Parts B and C.

In compression members when fillers or ties are used, they shall be spaced so that the ℓ_s/r_z ratio of each component does not exceed the governing ℓ/r ratio of the member as a whole. The terms used in Table 103.3-1 are defined as follows:

- ℓ = length center-to-center of panel points, except $\ell = 36$ inches (914 millimeters) for calculating ℓ/r_y of top chord member, in. (mm).
- ℓ_s = maximum length center-to-center between panel point and filler (tie), or between adjacent fillers (ties), in. (mm).
- r_x = member radius of gyration in the plane of the joist, in. (mm).
- r_y = member radius of gyration out of the plane of the joist, in. (mm).
- r_z = least radius of gyration of a member component, in. (mm).

Compression web members are those web members subject to compressive axial loads under gravity loading.

Tension web members are those web members subject to tension axial loads under gravity loading, and which may be subject to compressive axial loads under alternate loading conditions, such as net uplift.

For top chords, the end panel(s) are the panels between the bearing seat and the first primary interior panel point comprised of at least two intersecting web members.



**TABLE 103.3-1
MAXIMUM AND EFFECTIVE SLENDERNESS RATIOS**

Description	$k\ell/r_x$	$k\ell/r_y$	$k\ell/r_z$	$k\ell_s/r_z$	
I TOP CHORD INTERIOR PANELS					
A.	The slenderness ratios, $1.0\ell/r$ and $1.0\ell_s/r$, of members as a whole or any component part shall not exceed 90.				
B.	The effective slenderness ratio, $k\ell/r$, to determine F_{cr} where k is:				
1.	With fillers or ties	0.75	0.94	---	1.0
2.	Without fillers or ties	---	---	0.75	---
3.	Single component members	0.75	0.94	---	---
C.	For bending, the effective slenderness ratio, $k\ell/r$, to determine F'_e where k is:				
		0.75	---	---	---
II TOP CHORD END PANELS, ALL BOTTOM CHORD PANELS					
A.	The slenderness ratios, $1.0\ell/r$ and $1.0\ell_s/r$, of members as a whole or any component part shall not exceed 120 for Top Chords, or 240 for Bottom Chords.				
B.	The effective slenderness ratio, $k\ell/r$, to determine F_{cr} where k is:				
1.	With fillers or ties	1.0	0.94	---	1.0
2.	Without fillers or ties	---	---	1.0	---
3.	Single component members	1.0	0.94	---	---
C.	For bending, the effective slenderness ratio, $k\ell/r$, to determine F'_e where k is:				
		1.0	---	---	---
III TENSION WEB MEMBERS					
A.	The slenderness ratios, $1.0\ell/r$ and $1.0\ell_s/r$, of members as a whole or any component part shall not exceed 240.				
B.	For end web members subject to compression, the effective slenderness ratio, $k\ell/r$, to determine F_{cr} where k is:				
1.	With fillers or ties	0.75	1.0	---	1.0
2.	Without fillers or ties	---	---	1.0	---
3.	Single component members	0.75	0.8	---	---
IV COMPRESSION WEB MEMBERS					
A.	The slenderness ratios, 1.0 and $1.0\ell_s/r$, of members as a whole or any component part shall not exceed 200.				
B.	The effective slenderness ratio, $k\ell/r$, to determine F_{cr} where k is:				
1.	With fillers or ties	0.75	1.0	---	1.0
2.	Without fillers or ties	---	---	1.0	---
3.	Single component members	0.75	1.0	---	---



103.4 MEMBERS

(a) Chords

The bottom chord shall be designed as an axially loaded tension member.

The radius of gyration of the top chord about its vertical axis shall not be less than:

$$r_y \geq \ell_{br} / \left(124 + 0.67 d_j + 28 \frac{d_j}{L} \right), \text{ in.} \quad (103.4-1a)$$

$$r_y \geq \ell_{br} / \left(124 + 0.026 d_j + 0.34 \frac{d_j}{L} \right), \text{ mm} \quad (103.4-1b)$$

or,

$$r_y \geq \ell_{br} / 170 \quad (103.4-2)$$

Where:

d_j is the steel joist depth, in. (mm)

L is the joist span length, ft. (m)

r_y is the out-of-plane radius of gyration of the top chord, in. (mm)

ℓ_{br} is the spacing in inches (millimeters) between lines of bridging as specified in Section 104.5(d).

The top chord shall be considered as stayed laterally by the floor slab or roof deck provided the requirements of Section 104.9(e) of this specification are met.

The top chord shall be designed as a continuous member subject to combined axial and bending stresses and shall be so proportioned that:

For **LRFD**:

at the panel point:

$$f_{au} + f_{bu} \leq 0.9F_y \quad (103.4-3)$$

at the mid panel:

for, $\frac{f_{au}}{\phi_c F_{cr}} \geq 0.2$,

$$\frac{f_{au}}{\phi_c F_{cr}} + \frac{8}{9} \left[\frac{C_m f_{bu}}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{f_{au}}{\phi_c F'_e} \right) \right] Q \phi_b F_y} \right] \leq 1.0 \quad (103.4-4)$$



for, $\frac{f_{au}}{\phi_c F_{cr}} < 0.2$,

$$\left(\frac{f_{au}}{2\phi_c F_{cr}} \right) + \left[\frac{C_m f_{bu}}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{f_{au}}{\phi_c F'_e} \right) \right] Q\phi_b F_y} \right] \leq 1.0 \quad (103.4-5)$$

- f_{au} = P_u/A = Required compressive stress, ksi (MPa)
- P_u = Required axial strength using LRFD load combinations, kips (N)
- f_{bu} = M_u/S = Required bending stress at the location under consideration, ksi (MPa)
- M_u = Required flexural strength using LRFD load combinations, kip-in. (N-mm)
- S = Elastic Section Modulus, in.³ (mm³)
- F_{cr} = Nominal axial compressive stress in ksi (MPa) based on ℓ/r as defined in Section 103.2(b),
- C_m = $1 - 0.3 f_{au}/\phi F'_e$ for end panels
- C_m = $1 - 0.4 f_{au}/\phi F'_e$ for interior panels
- F_y = Specified minimum yield strength, ksi (MPa)
- $F'_e = \frac{\pi^2 E}{(K\ell/r_x)^2}$, ksi (MPa)

Where ℓ is the panel length, in inches (millimeters), as defined in Section 103.2(b) and r_x is the radius of gyration about the axis of bending.

- Q = Form factor defined in Section 103.2(b)
- A = Area of the top chord, in.² (mm²)

For ASD:

at the panel point:

$$f_a + f_b \leq 0.6F_y \quad (103.4-6)$$

at the mid panel:

for, $\frac{f_a}{F_a} \geq 0.2$,

$$\frac{f_a}{F_a} + \frac{8}{9} \left[\frac{C_m f_b}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{1.67f_a}{F'_e} \right) \right] QF_b} \right] \leq 1.0 \quad (103.4-7)$$



for $\frac{f_a}{F_a} < 0.2$,

$$\left(\frac{f_a}{2F_a}\right) + \left[\frac{C_m f_b}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{1.67f_a}{F'_e}\right)\right] QF_b} \right] \leq 1.0 \quad (103.4-8)$$

- f_a = P/A required compressive stress, ksi (MPa)
- P = Required axial strength using ASD load combinations, kips (N)
- f_b = M/S = required bending stress at the location under consideration, ksi (MPa)
- M = Required flexural strength using ASD load combinations, k-in. (N-mm)
- F_a = Allowable axial compressive stress based on ℓ/r as defined in Section 103.2(b), ksi (MPa)
- F_b = Allowable bending stress; $0.6F_y$, ksi (MPa)
- C_m = $1 - 0.50 f_a/F'_e$ for end panels
- C_m = $1 - 0.67 f_a/F'_e$ for interior panels

The top chord and bottom chord shall be designed such that at each joint:

$$f_{vmod} \leq \phi_v f_n \quad (\text{LRFD, } \phi = 1.00) \quad (103.4-9)$$

$$f_{vmod} \leq f_n / \Omega_v \quad (\text{ASD, } \Omega = 1.50) \quad (103.4-10)$$

- f_n = nominal shear stress = $0.6F_y$, ksi (MPa)
- f_t = axial stress = P/A, ksi (MPa)
- f_v = shear stress = V/bt, ksi (MPa)
- f_{vmod} = modified shear stress = $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(f_t^2 + 4f_v^2)^{1/2}$
- b = length of vertical part(s) of cross section, in. (mm)
- t = thickness of vertical part(s) of cross section, in. (mm)

It shall not be necessary to design the top chord and bottom chord for the modified shear stress when a round bar web member is continuous through a joint. The minimum required shear of Section 103.4(b) (25 percent of the end reaction) shall not be required when evaluating Equation 103.4-9 or 103.4-10.

(b) Web

The vertical shears to be used in the design of the web members shall be determined from full uniform loading, but such vertical shears shall be not less than 25 percent of the end reaction.

Interior vertical web members used in modified Warren type web systems shall be designed to resist the gravity loads supported by the member plus an additional axial load of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1.0 percent of the top chord axial force.

(c) Joist Extensions

Joist extensions are defined as one of three types, top chord extensions (TCX), extended ends, or full depth cantilevers.



Design criteria for joist extensions shall be specified using one of the following methods:

- (1) A joist extension shall be designed for the load from the Standard Load Tables based on the design length and designation of the specified joist. In the absence of other design information, the joist manufacturer shall design the joist extension for this loading as a default.
- (2) A loading diagram shall be provided for the joist extension. The diagram shall include the magnitude and location of the loads to be supported, as well as the appropriate load combinations.

Any deflection requirements or limits due to the accompanying loads and load combinations on the joist extension shall be provided by the **specifying professional**, regardless of the method used to specify the extension. Unless otherwise specified, the joist manufacturer shall check the extension for the specified deflection limit under uniform live load acting simultaneously on both the joist base span and the extension.

The joist manufacturer shall consider the effects of joist extension loading on the base span of the joist. This includes carrying the design bending moment due to the loading on the extension into the top chord end panel(s), and the effect on the overall joist chord and web axial forces.

Bracing of joist extensions shall be clearly indicated on the structural drawings.

103.5 CONNECTIONS

(a) Methods

Joist connections and splices shall be made by attaching the members to one another by arc or resistance welding or other accredited methods.

(1) Welded Connections

- a) Selected welds shall be inspected visually by the manufacturer. Prior to this inspection, weld slag shall be removed.
- b) Cracks are not acceptable and shall be repaired.
- c) Thorough fusion shall exist between weld and base metal for the required design length of the weld; such fusion shall be verified by visual inspection.
- d) Unfilled weld craters shall not be included in the design length of the weld.
- e) Undercut shall not exceed 1/16 inch (2 mm) for welds oriented parallel to the principal stress.
- f) The sum of surface (piping) porosity diameters shall not exceed 1/16 inch (2 mm) in any 1 inch (25 mm) of design weld length.
- g) Weld spatter that does not interfere with paint coverage is acceptable.

(2) Welded Connections for Crimped-End Angle Web Members

The connection of each end of a crimped angle web member to each side of the chord shall consist of a weld group made of more than a single line of weld. The design weld length shall include, at minimum, an end return of two times the nominal weld size.

(3) Welding Program

Manufacturers shall have a program for establishing weld procedures and operator qualification, and for weld sampling and testing. (See Technical Digest 8 - Welding of Open Web Steel Joists and Joist Girders.)

(4) Weld Inspection by Outside Agencies (See Section 104.13 of this specification)

The agency shall arrange for visual inspection to determine that welds meet the acceptance standards of Section 103.5(a)(1) above. Ultrasonic, X-ray, and magnetic particle testing are inappropriate for joists due to the configurations of the components and welds.



(b) Strength

- (1) **Joint Connections** – Joint connections shall develop the maximum force due to any of the design loads, but not less than 50 percent of the strength of the member in tension or compression, whichever force is the controlling factor in the selection of the member.
- (2) **Shop Splices** – Shop splices shall be permitted to occur at any point in chord or web members. Splices shall be designed for the member force, but not less than 50 percent of the member strength. All component parts comprising the cross section of the chord or web member (including reinforcing plates, rods, etc.) at the point of the splice, shall develop an ultimate tensile force of at least 1.2 times the product of the yield strength and the full design area of the chord or web. The “full design area” is the minimum required area such that the required stress will be less than the design (LRFD) or allowable (ASD) stress.

(c) Field Splices

Field Splices shall be designed by the manufacturer and shall be either bolted or welded. Splices shall be designed for the member force, but not less than 50 percent of the member strength.

(d) Eccentricity

Members connected at a joint shall have their center of gravity lines meet at a point, if practical. Eccentricity on either side of the neutral axis of chord members shall be permitted to be neglected when it does not exceed the distance between the neutral axis and the back of the chord. Otherwise, provision shall be made for the stresses due to eccentricity. Ends of joists shall be proportioned to resist bending produced by eccentricity at the support.

In those cases where a single angle compression member is attached to the outside of the stem of a tee or double angle chord, due consideration shall be given to eccentricity.

103.6 CAMBER

Joists shall have approximate camber in accordance with the following:

TABLE 103.6-1

Top Chord Length		Approximate Camber	
20'-0"	(6096 mm)	1/4"	(6 mm)
30'-0"	(9144 mm)	3/8"	(10 mm)
40'-0"	(12192 mm)	5/8"	(16 mm)
50'-0"	(15240 mm)	1"	(25 mm)
60'-0"	(18288 mm)	1 1/2"	(38 mm)
70'-0"	(21336 mm)	2"	(51 mm)
80'-0"	(24384 mm)	2 3/4"	(70 mm)
90'-0"	(27432 mm)	3 1/2"	(89 mm)
100'-0"	(30480 mm)	4 1/4"	(108 mm)

For joist lengths exceeding 100'-0" a camber equal to Span/300 shall be used. The **specifying professional** shall give consideration to coordinating joist camber with adjacent framing.



103.7 VERIFICATION OF DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE

(a) Design Calculations

Companies manufacturing any **LH-** or **DLH-**Series Joists shall submit design data to the Steel Joist Institute (or an independent agency approved by the Steel Joist Institute) for verification of compliance with the SJI Specifications. Design data shall be submitted in detail and in the format specified by the Institute.

(b) In-Plant Inspections

Each manufacturer shall verify his ability to manufacture **LH-** and **DLH-**Series Joists through periodic In-Plant Inspections. Inspections shall be performed by an independent agency approved by the Steel Joist Institute. The frequency, manner of inspection, and manner of reporting shall be determined by the Steel Joist Institute. The plant inspections are not a guarantee of the quality of any specific joists; this responsibility lies fully and solely with the individual manufacturer.

SECTION 104. **APPLICATION**

104.1 USAGE

This specification shall apply to any type of structure where floors and roofs are to be supported directly by steel joists installed as hereinafter specified. Where joists are used other than on simple spans under uniformly distributed loading as prescribed in Section 103.1, they shall be investigated and modified when necessary to limit the required stresses to those listed in Section 103.2.

When a rigid connection of the bottom chord is to be made to a column or other structural support, the joist is then no longer simply supported, and the system shall be investigated for continuous frame action by the **specifying professional**. The magnitude and location of all loads and forces shall be provided on the structural drawings. The **specifying professional** shall design the supporting structure, including the design of columns, connections, and moment plates*. This design shall account for the stresses caused by lateral forces and the stresses due to connecting the bottom chord to the column or other structural support.

The designed detail of a rigid type connection and moment plates shall be shown on the structural drawings by the **specifying professional**. The moment plates shall be furnished by other than the joist manufacturer.

*For further reference, refer to Steel Joist Institute Technical Digest No. 11, "Design of Lateral Load Resisting Frames Using Steel Joists and Joist Girders"

104.2 SPAN

The span of a longspan or deep longspan joist shall not exceed 24 times its depth.

104.3 DEPTH

Joists shall have either parallel chords or a top chord pitch of up to 1/2 inch per foot (1:24). The joist designation depth shall be the depth at mid-span.



104.4 END SUPPORTS

(a) Masonry and Concrete

A **LH-** or **DLH-**Series Joist end supported by masonry or concrete shall bear on steel bearing plates and shall be designed as steel bearing. Due consideration of the end reactions and all other vertical or lateral forces shall be taken by the **specifying professional** in the design of the steel bearing plate and the masonry or concrete. The ends of **LH-** and **DLH-**Series Joists shall extend a distance of not less than 6 inches (152 mm) over the masonry or concrete support unless it is deemed necessary to bear less than 6 inches (152 mm) over the support. Special consideration shall then be given to the design of the steel bearing plate and the masonry or concrete by the **specifying professional**. **LH-** and **DLH-**Series Joists shall be anchored to the steel bearing plate and shall bear a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) on the plate.

The steel bearing plate shall be located not more than 1/2 inch (13 mm) from the face of the wall, otherwise special consideration shall be given to the design of the steel bearing plate and the masonry or concrete by the **specifying professional**. When the **specifying professional** requires the joist reaction to occur at or near the centerline of the wall or other support, then a note shall be placed on the contract drawings specifying this requirement and the specified bearing seat depth shall be increased accordingly. If the joist reaction is to occur more than 4 inches (102 mm) from the face of the wall or other support, the required bearing seat depth shall be the minimum seat depth plus a dimension at least equal to the distance the joist reaction is to occur beyond 4 inches (102 mm).

The steel bearing plate shall not be less than 9 inches (229 mm) wide perpendicular to the length of the joist. The plate is to be designed by the **specifying professional** and shall be furnished by other than the joist manufacturer.

(b) Steel

Due consideration of the end reactions and all other vertical and lateral forces shall be taken by the **specifying professional** in the design of the steel support. The ends of **LH-** and **DLH-**Series Joists shall extend a distance over the steel supports not less than that shown in Table 104.4-1.

TABLE 104.4-1

JOIST SECTION NUMBER*	MINIMUM BEARING LENGTH
02 to 06 incl	2 ½" (64 mm)
07 to 17 incl	4" (102 mm)
18 to 25 incl	6" (152 mm)
*Last two digits of joist designation shown in Load Table.	

Where deemed necessary to butt opposite joists over a narrow steel support with bearing less than that noted above, special ends shall be specified, and such ends shall have positive attachment to the support, either by bolting or welding.

104.5 BRIDGING

Top and bottom chord bridging is required and shall consist of one or both of the following types:

(a) Horizontal

Horizontal bridging lines shall consist of continuous horizontal steel members. The ℓ/r ratio of the bridging member shall not exceed 300, where ℓ is the distance in inches (millimeters) between attachments and r is the least radius of gyration of the bridging member.



(b) Diagonal

Diagonal bridging lines shall consist of cross-bracing with a ℓ/r ratio of not more than 200, where ℓ is the distance in inches (millimeters) between connections and r is the least radius of gyration of the bracing member. Where cross-bracing members are connected at their point of intersection, the ℓ distance shall be taken as the distance in inches (millimeters) between connections at the point of intersection of the bridging members and the connections to the chords of the joists.

(c) Bridging Lines

For spans up through 60 feet (18288 mm), welded horizontal bridging shall be permitted except where the row of bridging nearest the center is required to be bolted diagonal bridging as indicated by the **Red shaded area** in the Load Table.

For spans over 60 feet (18288 mm) bolted diagonal bridging shall be used as indicated by the **Blue and Gray shaded areas** of the Load Table. When the joist spacing is less than 0.70 x joist depth, bolted horizontal bridging shall be used in addition to bolted diagonal bridging.

(d) Quantity and Spacing

Bridging shall be properly spaced and anchored to support the decking and the employees prior to the attachment of the deck to the top chord. The maximum spacing of lines of bridging, ℓ_{bmax} shall be the lesser of,

$$\ell_{bmax} = \left(124 + 0.67 d_j + 28 \frac{d_j}{L} \right) r_y, \text{ in.} \quad (104.5-1a)$$

$$\ell_{bmax} = \left(124 + 0.026 d_j + 0.34 \frac{d_j}{L} \right) r_y, \text{ mm} \quad (104.5-1b)$$

or,

$$\ell_{bmax} = 170 r_y \quad (104.5-2)$$

Where:

d_j is the steel joist depth, in. (mm)

L is the joist span length, ft. (m)

r_y is the out-of-plane radius of gyration of the top chord, in. (mm)

The number of rows of top chord bridging shall not be less than as shown in Bridging Table 104.5-1 and the spacing shall meet the requirements of Equations 104.5-1 and 104.5-2. The number of rows of bottom chord bridging, including bridging required per Section 104.12, shall not be less than the number of top chord rows. Rows of bottom chord bridging are permitted to be spaced independently of rows of top chord bridging. The spacing of rows of bottom chord bridging shall meet the slenderness requirement of Section 103.4(a) and any specified strength requirements. For joist Section Number 21 and greater, bridging shall be installed near a bottom chord panel point or an extra web member shall be furnished to brace the bottom chord for the vertical component of the bridging force equal to the horizontal bracing force.



(e) Sizing of Bridging

Horizontal and diagonal bridging shall be capable of resisting the nominal unfactored horizontal compressive force, P_{br} given in Equation 104.5-3.

$$P_{br} = 0.0025 n A_t F_{\text{construction}}, \text{ lbs (N)} \quad (104.5-3)$$

Where:

$n = 8$ for horizontal bridging

$n = 2$ for diagonal bridging

A_t = cross sectional area of joist top chord, in.² (mm²)

$F_{\text{construction}}$ = assumed ultimate stress in top chord to resist construction loads

$$F_{\text{construction}} = \left(\frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{0.9 \ell_{brmax}}{r_y} \right)^2} \right) \geq 12.2 \text{ ksi} \quad (104.5-4a)$$

$$F_{\text{construction}} = \left(\frac{\pi^2 E}{\left(\frac{0.9 \ell_{brmax}}{r_y} \right)^2} \right) \geq 84.1 \text{ MPa} \quad (104.5-4b)$$

Where:

E = Modulus of Elasticity of steel = 29,000 ksi (200,000 MPa)

and $\frac{\ell_{brmax}}{r_y}$ is determined from Equations 104.5-1a, 104.5-1b or 104.5-2

The bridging nominal horizontal unfactored compressive forces, P_{br} , are summarized in Table 104.5-1.



TABLE 104.5-1

JOIST SECTION NUMBER*	MAXIMUM SPACING OF LINES OF TOP CHORD BRIDGING	NOMINAL HORIZONTAL BRACING FORCE**	
		lbs	(N)
02 to 03 incl	10'-0" (3048 mm)	400	(1779)
04 to 05 incl	11'-0" (3353 mm)	550	(2447)
06 to 08 incl	13'-0" (3962 mm) up to 39'-0" (11.89 m), then 15'-0" (4572 mm)	750	(3336)
09	13'-0" (3962 mm) up to 39'-0" (11.89 m), then 16'-0" (4877 mm)	850	(3781)
10	14'-0" (4267 mm) up to 42'-0" (12.80 m), then 18'-0" (5486 mm)	900	(4003)
11	15'-0" (4572 mm) up to 45'-0" (13.72 m), then 18'-0" (5486 mm)	950	(4226)
12	17'-0" (5182 mm) up to 51'-0" (15.54 m), then 18'-6" (5639 mm)	1100	(4893)
13	18'-0" (5486 mm) up to 54'-0" (16.46 m), then 21'-0" (6400 mm)	1200	(5338)
14	19'-0" (5791 mm) up to 57'-0" (17.37 m), then 21'-6" (6553 mm)	1300	(5783)
15	21'-0" (6400 mm) up to 63'-0" (19.20 m), then 24'-6" (7468 mm)	1450	(6450)
16 to 17 incl	22'-0" (6706 mm) up to 66'-0" (20.12 m), then 25'-0" (7620 mm)	1850	(8229)
18 to 20 incl	26'-0" (7924 mm)	2000	(8896)
21 to 22 incl	30'-0" (9144 mm)	2500	(11120)
23 to 24 incl	30'-0" (9144 mm)	3100	(13789)
25	30'-0" (9144 mm)	3500	(15569)

Number of lines of bridging is based on joist span dimensions.
 *Last two digits of joist designation shown in load table.
 **Nominal bracing force is unfactored and shown value is for horizontal bridging only. For horizontal bracing force for X bridging divide value shown by 4.

(f) Connections

Connections to the joist chords shall be made by welding or mechanical means and shall be capable of resisting the nominal (unfactored) horizontal force, P_{br} , of Equation 104.5-3.

(g) Bottom Chord Bearing Joists

Where bottom chord bearing joists are utilized, a row of diagonal bridging shall be provided near the support(s). This bridging shall be installed and anchored before the hoisting cable(s) is released.

104.6 INSTALLATION OF BRIDGING

Bridging shall support the top and bottom chords against lateral movement during the construction period and shall hold the steel joists in the approximate position as shown on the joist placement plans.

The ends of all bridging lines terminating at walls or beams shall be anchored thereto.

104.7 BEARING SEAT ATTACHMENTS

(a) Masonry and Concrete

Ends of LH- and DLH-Series Joists resting on steel bearing plates on masonry or structural concrete shall be attached thereto, as shown in Table 104.7-1, with a minimum of two fillet welds, or with two bolts, or the equivalent.



(b) Steel

Ends of **LH-** and **DLH-**Series Joists resting on steel supports shall be attached thereto, as shown in Table 104.7-1, with two fillet welds, or with two 3/4 inch (19 mm) bolts, or the equivalent. When **LH-** and **DLH-**Series Joists are used to provide lateral stability to the supporting member, the final connection shall be made by welding or as designated by the **specifying professional**.

TABLE 104.7-1

JOIST SECTION NUMBER*	FILLET WELD	BEARING SEAT BOLTS FOR ERECTION
02 to 06 incl.	2– 3/16" x 2" (5 x 51 mm)	2– 3/4" (19 mm) A307
07 to 17 incl	2– 1/4" x 2" (6 x 51 mm)	2– 3/4" (19 mm) A307
18 to 25 incl	2– 1/4" x 4" (6 x 102 mm)	2– 3/4" (19 mm) A325
*Last two digits of joist designation shown in load table.		

(c) Uplift

Where uplift forces are a design consideration, roof joists shall be anchored to resist such forces (Refer to Section 104.12 Uplift).

104.8 JOIST SPACING

Joists shall be spaced so that the loading on each joist does not exceed the design load (LRFD or ASD) for the particular joist designation and span as shown in the applicable load tables.

104.9 FLOOR AND ROOF DECKS

(a) Material

Floor and roof decks shall be permitted to consist of cast-in-place or pre-cast concrete or gypsum, formed steel, wood, or other suitable material capable of supporting the required load at the specified joist spacing.

(b) Thickness

Cast-in-place slabs shall be not less than 2 inches (51 millimeters) thick.

(c) Centering

Centering for cast-in-place slabs shall be permitted to be ribbed metal lath, corrugated steel sheets, paper-backed welded wire fabric, removable centering or any other suitable material capable of supporting the slab at the designated joist spacing.

Centering shall not cause lateral displacement or damage to the top chord of joists during installation or removal of the centering or placing of the concrete.



(d) Bearing

Slabs or decks shall bear uniformly along the top chords of the joists.

(e) Attachments

The spacing of attachments along the joist top chord shall not exceed 36 inches (914 millimeters). Such attachments of the slab or deck to the top chords of joists shall be capable of resisting the forces given in Table 104.9-1.

TABLE 104.9-1

JOIST SECTION NUMBER*	NOMINAL FORCE REQUIRED**
02 to 04 incl.	120 lbs/ft. (1.75 kN/m)
05 to 09 incl.	150 lbs/ft. (2.19 kN/m)
10 to 17 incl.	200 lbs/ft. (2.92 kN/m)
18 and 19	250 lbs/ft. (3.65 kN/m)
20 and 21	300 lbs/ft. (4.38 kN/m)
22 to 24 incl.	420 lbs/ft. (6.13 kN/m)
25	520 lbs/ft. (7.59 kN/m)
*Last two digits of joist designation shown in Load Table.	
**Nominal bracing force is unfactored.	

(f) Wood Nailers

Where wood nailers are used, such nailers in conjunction with deck or slab shall be firmly attached to the top chords of the joists in conformance with Section 104.9(e).

(g) Joist With Standing Seam Roofing or Laterally Unbraced Top Chords

When the roof systems do not provide lateral stability for the joists in accordance with Section 104.9(e), i.e. as may be the case with standing seam roofs or skylights and openings, sufficient stability shall be provided to brace the joists laterally under the full design load. The compression chord shall resist the chord axial design force in the plane of the joist (i.e., x-x axis buckling) and out of the plane of the joist (i.e., y-y axis buckling). In any case where the attachment requirement of Section 104.9(e) is not achieved, out-of-plane strength shall be achieved by adjusting the bridging spacing and/or increasing the compression chord area and the y-axis radius of gyration. The effective slenderness ratio in the y-direction equals $0.94 L/r_y$; where L is the bridging spacing in inches (millimeters). The maximum bridging spacing shall not exceed that specified in Section 104.5(d).

Horizontal bridging members attached to the compression chords and their anchorages shall be designed for a compressive axial force of $0.001nP + 0.004P \sqrt{n} \geq 0.0025nP$, where n is the number of joists between end anchors and P is the chord design force in kips (Newtons). The attachment force between the horizontal bridging member and the compression chord shall be 0.01P. Horizontal bridging attached to the tension chords shall be proportioned so that the slenderness ratio between attachments does not exceed 300. Diagonal bridging shall be proportioned so that the slenderness ratio between attachments does not exceed 200.



104.10 DEFLECTION

The deflection due to the design live load shall not exceed the following:

Floors: 1/360 of span.

Roofs: 1/360 of span where a plaster ceiling is attached or suspended.
1/240 of span for all other cases.

The **specifying professional** shall give consideration to the effects of deflection and vibration* in the selection of joists.

*For further reference, refer to Steel Joist Institute Technical Digest 5, "Vibration of Steel Joist-Concrete Slab Floors" and the Institute's Computer Vibration Program.

104.11 PONDING

The ponding investigation shall be performed by the **specifying professional**.

*For further reference, refer to Steel Joist Institute Technical Digest 3, "Structural Design of Steel Joist Roofs to Resist Ponding Loads" and the AISC Specification for Structural Steel Buildings.

104.12 UPLIFT

Where uplift forces due to wind are a design requirement, these forces shall be indicated on the contract drawings in terms of NET uplift in pounds per square foot (Pascals). The contract documents shall indicate if the net uplift is based upon LRFD or ASD. When these forces are specified, they shall be considered in the design of joists and/or bridging. A single line of **bottom chord** bridging shall be provided near the first bottom chord panel points whenever uplift due to wind forces is a design consideration.

*For further reference, refer to Steel Joist Institute Technical Digest 6, "Structural Design of Steel Joist Roofs to Resist Uplift Loads."

104.13 INSPECTION

Joists shall be inspected by the manufacturer before shipment to verify compliance of materials and workmanship with the requirements of these specifications. If the purchaser wishes an inspection of the steel joists by someone other than the manufacturer's own inspectors, they shall be permitted to reserve the right to do so in their "Invitation to Bid" or the accompanying "Job Specifications".

Arrangements shall be made with the manufacturer for such inspection of the joists at the manufacturing shop by the purchaser's inspectors at purchaser's expense.

104.14 PARALLEL CHORD SLOPED JOISTS

The span of a parallel chord sloped joist shall be defined by the length along the slope. Minimum depth, load-carrying capacity, and bridging requirements shall be determined by the sloped definition of span. The Load Table capacity shall be the component normal to the joist.



SECTION 105.
**ERECTION STABILITY
AND HANDLING***

When it is necessary for the erector to climb on the joists, extreme caution shall be exercised since unbridged joists exhibit some degree of instability under the erector's weight.

(a) Stability Requirements

- 1) Before an employee is allowed on the steel joist: BOTH ends of joists at columns (or joists designated as column joists) shall be attached to its supports. For all other joists a minimum of one end shall be attached before the employee is allowed on the joist. The attachment shall be in accordance with Section 104.7 – End Anchorage.

When a bolted seat connection is used for erection purposes, as a minimum, the bolts shall be snug tightened. The snug tight condition is defined as the tightness that exists when all plies of a joint are in firm contact. This shall be attained by a few impacts of an impact wrench or the full effort of an employee using an ordinary spud wrench.

- 2) On steel joists that do not require erection bridging as shown by the unshaded area of the Load Tables, only one employee shall be allowed on the steel joist unless all bridging is installed and anchored.
- 3) Where the span of the steel joist is within the Red shaded area of the Load Table, the following shall apply:
 - a) The row of bridging nearest the mid span of the steel joist shall be bolted diagonal erection bridging; and
 - b) Hoisting cables shall not be released until this bolted diagonal erection bridging is installed and anchored, unless an alternate method of stabilizing the joist has been provided; and
 - c) No more than one employee shall be allowed on these spans until all other bridging is installed and anchored.
- 4) Where the span of the steel joist is within the Blue shaded area of the Load Table, the following shall apply:
 - a) All rows of bridging shall be bolted diagonal bridging; and
 - b) Hoisting cables shall not be released until the two rows of bolted diagonal erection bridging nearest the third points of the steel joist are installed and anchored; and
 - c) No more than two employees shall be allowed on these spans until all other bridging is installed and anchored.
- 5) Where the span of the steel joist is in the Gray shaded area of the Load Table, the following shall apply:
 - a) All rows of bridging shall be bolted diagonal bridging; and
 - b) Hoisting cables shall not be released until all bridging is installed and anchored; and
 - c) No more than two employees shall be allowed on these spans until all other bridging is installed and anchored.
- 6) When permanent bridging terminus points cannot be used during erection, additional temporary bridging terminus points are required to provide lateral stability.
- 7) In the case of bottom chord bearing joists, the ends of the joist shall be restrained laterally per Section 104.5(g) before releasing the hoisting cables.
- 8) After the joist is straightened and plumbed, and all bridging is completely installed and anchored, the ends of the joists shall be fully connected to the supports in accordance with Section 104.7 - End Anchorage.



(b) Landing and Placing Loads

- 1) Except as stated in paragraph 105(b)(3) of this section, no "construction loads"⁽¹⁾ shall be allowed on the steel joists until all bridging is installed and anchored, and all joist bearing ends are attached.
- 2) During the construction period, loads placed on the steel joists shall be distributed so as not to exceed the capacity of the steel joists.
- 3) The weight of a bundle of joist bridging shall not exceed a total of 1000 pounds (454 kilograms). The bundle of joist bridging shall be placed on a minimum of 3 steel joists that are secured at one end. The edge of the bridging bundle shall be positioned within 1 foot (0.30 m) of the secured end.
- 4) No bundle of deck shall be placed on steel joists until all bridging has been installed and anchored and all joist bearing ends attached, unless the following conditions are met:
 - a) The contractor has first determined from a "qualified person"⁽²⁾ and documented in a site-specific erection plan that the structure or portion of the structure is capable of supporting the load;
 - b) The bundle of decking is placed on a minimum of 3 steel joists;
 - c) The joists supporting the bundle of decking are attached at both ends;
 - d) At least one row of bridging is installed and anchored;
 - e) The total weight of the decking does not exceed 4000 pounds (1816 kilograms); and
 - f) The edge of the bundle of decking shall be placed within 1 foot (0.30 meters) of the bearing surface of the joist end.
- 5) The edge of the construction load shall be placed within 1 foot (0.30 meters) of the bearing surface of the joist end.

(c) Field Welding

- 1) All field welding shall be performed in accordance with the contract documents. Field welding shall not damage the joists.
- 2) On cold-formed members whose yield strength has been attained by cold working, and whose as-formed strength is used in the design, the total length of weld at any one point shall not exceed 50 percent of the overall developed width of the cold-formed section.

(d) Handling

Particular attention shall be considered for the handling and erection of **LH-** and **DLH-**Series steel joists. Care shall be exercised at all times to avoid damage to the joists and accessories. Hoisting cables shall be attached at panel point locations and those locations shall be selected to minimize erection stresses.

Each joist shall be adequately braced laterally before any loads are applied. If lateral support is provided by bridging, the bridging lines as defined in Section 105(a), paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall be anchored to prevent lateral movement.



(e) Fall Arrest Systems

Steel joists shall not be used as anchorage points for a fall arrest system unless written direction to do so is obtained from a "qualified person" ⁽²⁾.

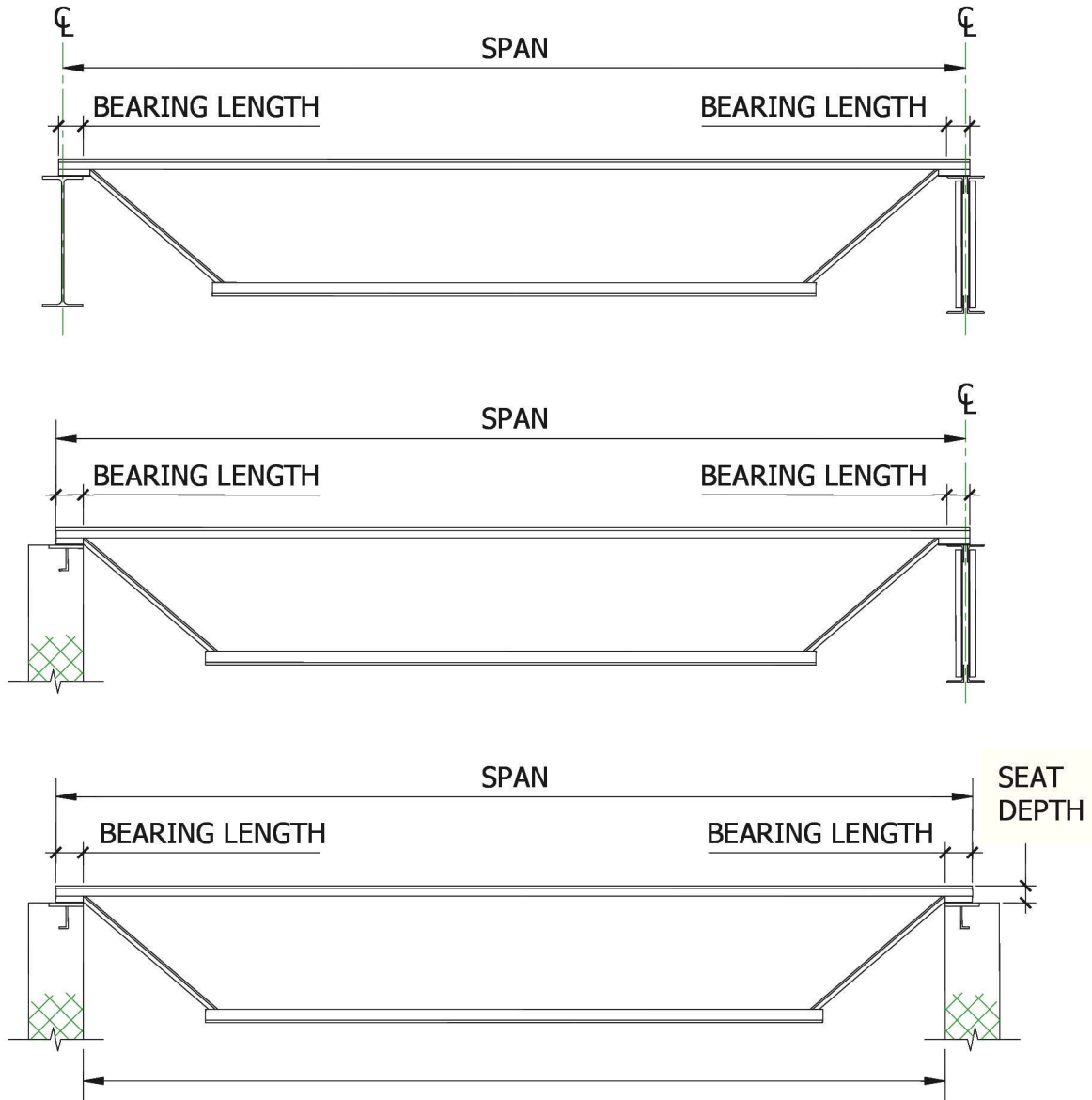
*For further reference, refer to Steel Joist Institute Technical Digest 9, "Handling and Erection of Steel Joists and Joist Girders."

- ⁽¹⁾ 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 "construction load".
- ⁽²⁾ 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".



DEFINITION OF SPAN

(U. S. Customary Units)



- NOTES:**
- 1) **DESIGN LENGTH = SPAN - 0.33 FT**
 - 2) **BEARING LENGTH FOR STEEL SUPPORTS SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN SHOWN IN TABLE 104.4-1; FOR MASONRY AND CONCRETE NOT LESS THAN 6 INCHES**
 - 3) **PARALLEL CHORD JOISTS INSTALLED TO A SLOPE GREATER THAN 1/2 INCH PER FOOT SHALL USE SPAN DEFINED BY THE LENGTH ALONG THE SLOPE.**

STANDARD LRFD LOAD TABLE

LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, LH-SERIES

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength
Adopted by the Steel Joist Institute May 1, 2000
Revised to May 18, 2010 – Effective December 31, 2010

The **BLACK** figures in the Load Table give the TOTAL safe factored uniformly distributed load-carrying capacities, in pounds per linear foot, of **LRFD LH-Series** Steel Joists.

The approximate joist weights, in pounds per linear foot, given in the Load Table may be added to the other building weights to determine the unfactored DEAD load. In all cases the factored DEAD load, including the joist self-weight, must be deducted from the TOTAL load to determine the factored LIVE load. The approximate joist weights do not include accessories.

The **RED** figures in the Load Table represent the unfactored, uniform load, in pounds per linear foot, which will produce an approximate joist deflection of 1/360 of the span. This load can be linearly prorated to obtain the unfactored, uniform load for supplementary deflection criteria (i.e. an unfactored uniform load which will produce a joist deflection of 1/240 of the span may be obtained by multiplying the **RED** figures by 360/240). In no case shall the prorated, unfactored load exceed the unfactored TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist as given in the Standard **ASD** Load Table for Longspan Steel Joists, **LH-Series**.

The Load Table applies to joists with either parallel chords or pitched top chords. Joists can have a top chord pitch up to 1/2 inch per foot. If the pitch exceeds this limit, the Load Table does not apply. When top chords are pitched, the load-carrying capacities are determined by the nominal depth of the joists at the center of the span. Sloped parallel-chord joists shall use span as defined by the length along the slope.

Where the joist span is in the **RED SHADED** area of the Load Table, the row of bridging nearest the mid span shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and intersections. Hoisting cables shall not be released until this row of bolted diagonal bridging is completely installed. The **RED SHADED** area extends up through 60'-0".

Where the joist span is in the **BLUE SHADED** area of the Load Table, all rows of bridging shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and intersections. Hoisting cables shall not be released until the two rows of bridging nearest the third points are completely installed. The **BLUE SHADED** area starts after 60'-0" and extends up through 100'-0".

The approximate gross moment of inertia (not adjusted for shear deformation), in inches⁴, of a standard joist listed in the Load Table may be determined as follows:

$$I_j = 26.767(W)(L^3)(10^{-6}), \text{ where } W = \text{RED figure in the Load Table, and}$$
$$L = (\text{span} - 0.33) \text{ in feet.}$$

Loads for span increments not explicitly given in the Load Table may be determined using linear interpolation between the load values given in adjacent span columns.

*The safe factored uniform load for the spans shown in the SAFE LOAD Column is equal to (SAFE LOAD) / (span). The TOTAL safe factored uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity, for spans less than those shown in the SAFE LOAD Column are given in the MAX LOAD Column.

To solve for an unfactored RED figure for spans shown in the SAFE LOAD Column (or lesser spans), multiply the unfactored RED figure of the shortest span shown in the Load Table by (the shortest span shown in the Load Table – 0.33 feet)² and divide by (the actual span – 0.33 feet)². In no case shall the calculated unfactored load exceed the unfactored TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist as determined from the Standard **ASD** Load Table for Longspan Steel Joists, **LH-Series**.



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STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, LH-SERIES

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown in Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	Approx. Wt in Lbs. Per Linear Ft. (Joists only)	Depth in inches	Max Load (plf) < 22	SAFE LOAD* in Lbs. Between	SPAN IN FEET															
					22-25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36				
					18LH02	10	18	829	18240	702 313	663 284	627 259	586 234	550 212	517 193	486 175	459 160	433 147	409 135	388 124
18LH03	11	18	919	20220	781 348	739 317	700 289	657 262	613 236	573 213	538 194	505 177	475 161	448 148	424 136					
18LH04	12	18	1070	23550	906 403	856 367	802 329	750 296	703 266	660 242	619 219	582 200	547 182	516 167	487 153					
18LH05	15	18	1210	26610	1026 454	972 414	921 378	871 345	814 311	762 282	714 256	672 233	631 212	595 195	562 179					
18LH06	15	18	1430	31470	1213 526	1123 469	1044 419	972 377	907 340	849 307	796 280	748 254	705 232	664 212	627 195					
18LH07	17	18	1485	32670	1260 553	1213 513	1170 476	1089 428	1017 386	952 349	892 317	838 288	789 264	744 241	703 222					
18LH08	19	18	1548	34050	1314 577	1264 534	1218 496	1176 462	1137 427	1075 387	1020 351	961 320	906 292	856 267	810 246					
18LH09	21	18	1658	36480	1404 616	1351 571	1302 527	1257 491	1215 458	1174 418	1138 380	1069 346	1006 316	949 289	897 266					
			< 23	23-25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	
20LH02	10	20	747	17190	663 306	655 303	646 298	615 274	582 250	547 228	516 208	487 190	460 174	436 160	412 147	393 136	373 126	355 117	337 108	
20LH03	11	20	793	18240	703 337	694 333	687 317	678 302	651 280	621 258	592 238	558 218	528 200	499 184	474 169	448 156	424 143	403 133	382 123	
20LH04	12	20	972	22350	861 428	849 406	837 386	792 352	744 320	700 291	660 265	624 243	589 223	558 205	529 189	502 174	477 161	454 149	433 139	
20LH05	14	20	1045	24030	924 459	913 437	903 416	892 395	856 366	816 337	769 308	726 281	687 258	651 238	616 219	585 202	556 187	529 173	504 161	
20LH06	15	20	1394	32070	1233 606	1186 561	1144 521	1084 477	1018 427	952 386	894 351	840 320	790 292	745 267	703 246	666 226	631 209	598 192	568 178	
20LH07	17	20	1487	34200	1317 647	1267 599	1221 556	1179 518	1140 484	1066 438	1000 398	940 362	885 331	834 303	789 278	745 256	706 236	670 218	637 202	
20LH08	19	20	1534	35280	1362 669	1309 619	1263 575	1219 536	1177 500	1140 468	1083 428	1030 395	981 365	931 336	882 309	837 285	795 262	754 242	718 225	
20LH09	21	20	1679	38610	1485 729	1429 675	1377 626	1329 581	1284 542	1242 507	1203 475	1167 437	1132 399	1068 366	1009 336	954 309	904 285	858 264	816 244	
20LH10	23	20	1810	41640	1602 786	1542 724	1486 673	1434 626	1386 585	1341 545	1297 510	1258 479	1221 448	1186 411	1122 377	1060 346	1005 320	954 296	906 274	



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STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, LH-SERIES
Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown in Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	Approx. Wt in Lbs. Per Linear Ft. (Joists only)	Depth in inches	Max Load (plf) < 29	SAFELOAD* in Lbs. Between	SPAN IN FEET															
					29-33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
24LH03	11	24	601	17430	513	508	504	484	460	439	418	400	382	366	351	336	322	310	298	
24LH04	12	24	737	21360	628	597	568	540	514	490	468	447	427	409	393	376	361	346	333	
24LH05	13	24	789	22890	673	669	660	628	598	570	544	520	496	475	456	436	420	403	387	
24LH06	16	24	1061	30780	906	868	832	795	756	720	685	655	625	598	571	546	522	501	480	
24LH07	17	24	1166	33810	997	957	919	882	847	811	774	736	702	669	639	610	583	559	535	
24LH08	18	24	1243	36060	1060	1015	973	933	895	858	817	780	745	719	692	662	635	607	576	
24LH09	21	24	1464	42450	1248	1212	1177	1146	1096	1044	994	948	903	861	822	786	751	720	690	
24LH10	23	24	1547	44850	1323	1284	1248	1213	1182	1152	1105	1053	1002	955	912	873	834	799	766	
24LH11	25	24	1630	47280	1390	1350	1312	1276	1243	1210	1180	1152	1101	1051	1006	963	924	885	850	
			< 34	34-41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	
28LH05	13	28	623	21180	505	484	465	445	429	412	397	382	367	355	342	330	319	309	298	
28LH06	16	28	828	28140	672	643	618	592	568	546	525	505	486	469	451	436	421	406	393	
28LH07	17	28	934	31770	757	726	696	667	640	615	591	568	547	528	508	490	474	457	442	
28LH08	18	28	1001	34020	810	775	744	712	684	657	630	604	580	556	535	516	496	478	462	
28LH09	21	28	1232	41880	1000	958	918	879	844	810	778	748	721	694	669	645	622	601	580	
28LH10	23	28	1347	45810	1093	1056	1018	976	937	900	864	831	799	769	742	715	690	666	643	
28LH11	25	28	1445	49140	1170	1143	1104	1066	1023	982	943	907	873	841	810	781	753	727	702	
28LH12	27	28	1587	53970	1285	1255	1227	1200	1173	1149	1105	1063	1023	984	948	913	880	849	819	
28LH13	30	28	1654	56250	1342	1311	1281	1252	1224	1198	1173	1149	1126	1083	1041	1002	964	930	897	
			< 39	39-46	47-49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	
32LH06	14	32	647	25230	507	489	472	456	441	426	412	399	385	373	363	351	340	330	321	
32LH07	16	32	728	28380	568	549	529	511	493	477	462	447	432	418	406	393	381	370	360	
32LH08	17	32	790	30810	616	595	574	553	535	517	499	483	468	453	439	426	412	400	388	
32LH09	21	32	992	38670	774	747	720	694	670	648	627	606	586	568	550	534	517	502	487	
32LH10	21	32	1096	42750	856	825	796	768	742	717	693	667	645	624	603	583	564	546	529	
32LH11	24	32	1201	46830	937	903	870	840	811	783	757	732	709	687	664	643	624	604	585	
32LH12	27	32	1409	54960	1101	1068	1032	996	961	928	897	867	838	811	786	762	738	715	694	
32LH13	30	32	1572	61320	1225	1201	1177	1156	1113	1072	1035	999	964	931	900	871	843	816	790	
32LH14	33	32	1618	63120	1264	1239	1215	1192	1170	1149	1107	1069	1032	997	964	933	903	874	846	
32LH15	35	32	1673	65250	1305	1279	1255	1231	1207	1186	1164	1144	1125	1087	1051	1017	984	952	924	
			< 43	43-46	47-56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	
36LH07	16	36	590	25350	438	424	411	399	387	376	366	355	345	336	327	318	310	301	294	
36LH08	18	36	649	27900	481	466	453	439	426	414	402	390	379	369	358	349	340	331	322	
36LH09	21	36	832	35760	616	597	579	561	544	528	513	499	484	471	459	445	433	423	412	
36LH10	21	36	916	39390	681	660	639	619	601	583	567	550	535	520	507	492	480	466	454	
36LH11	23	36	1000	42990	742	720	697	676	657	637	618	601	583	567	552	537	522	508	495	
36LH12	25	36	1197	51450	889	862	835	810	784	762	739	717	696	675	655	636	618	600	583	
36LH13	30	36	1407	60510	1045	1012	981	951	922	894	868	843	819	796	774	753	732	712	694	
36LH14	36	36	1551	66690	1152	1132	1093	1059	1024	991	961	931	903	876	850	826	802	780	757	
36LH15	36	36	1635	70320	1213	1192	1171	1153	1116	1081	1047	1015	984	955	927	900	874	850	826	



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STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, LH-SERIES
Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown In Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	Approx. Wt in Lbs. Per Linear Ft. (Joists Only)	Depth in inches	Max Load (plf) < 48	SAFELOAD* in Lbs. Between		SPAN IN FEET																
				48-59	60-65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80		
				40LH08	16	40	521	25020	25020	381	370	361	351	342	333	325	316	309	301	294	288	280
40LH09	21	40	685	32880	32880	498	484	472	459	447	436	424	414	403	394	384	375	366	358	349		
40LH10	21	40	754	36180	36180	550	535	520	507	493	481	469	457	445	435	424	414	403	393	382		
40LH11	22	40	823	39510	39510	598	582	567	552	537	523	510	498	484	472	462	450	439	429	418		
40LH12	25	40	1002	48090	48090	729	708	688	670	652	636	619	603	588	573	559	546	532	519	507		
40LH13	30	40	1181	56700	56700	859	835	813	792	771	750	730	712	694	676	660	643	628	613	598		
40LH14	35	40	1351	64830	64830	984	957	930	904	880	856	834	813	792	772	753	735	717	699	682		
40LH15	36	40	1511	72510	72510	1101	1068	1036	1006	978	949	924	898	874	850	828	807	786	766	747		
40LH16	42	40	1665	79920	79920	1212	1194	1176	1158	1141	1126	1095	1065	1036	1009	982	957	933	909	886		
			< 53	53-59	60-73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88		
44LH09	19	44	569	30150	30150	408	397	388	379	370	363	354	346	339	331	324	316	310	303	297		
44LH10	21	44	628	33300	33300	450	439	429	418	408	399	390	381	373	364	357	349	342	334	327		
44LH11	22	44	679	36000	36000	487	475	465	453	442	433	423	414	403	396	387	378	370	363	354		
44LH12	25	44	842	44610	44610	603	589	574	561	547	534	520	508	496	484	472	462	450	439	430		
44LH13	30	44	998	52890	52890	715	699	681	666	649	634	619	606	592	579	565	553	541	529	519		
44LH14	31	44	1148	60870	60870	823	801	780	759	739	721	703	685	669	654	637	622	609	594	580		
44LH15	36	44	1336	70830	70830	958	934	912	889	868	847	826	805	786	768	750	732	714	699	682		
44LH16	42	44	1541	81660	81660	1105	1078	1051	1026	1002	978	955	933	912	891	870	852	832	814	796		
44LH17	47	44	1655	87690	87690	1185	1170	1153	1138	1125	1098	1072	1048	1024	1000	978	957	936	915	895		
			< 57	57-59	60-81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96		
48LH10	21	48	528	30120	30120	369	361	354	346	339	331	325	318	312	306	300	294	288	282	277		
48LH11	22	48	573	32670	32670	399	390	382	373	366	358	351	343	337	330	324	318	312	306	300		
48LH12	25	48	724	41250	41250	504	493	483	472	462	451	442	433	424	415	408	399	391	384	376		
48LH13	29	48	867	49410	49410	603	589	576	564	552	540	529	517	507	498	487	477	468	459	450		
48LH14	32	48	1023	58290	58290	712	696	681	666	651	637	624	610	598	585	574	562	550	540	529		
48LH15	36	48	1176	67020	67020	817	799	781	765	748	732	717	702	687	672	658	645	633	619	607		
48LH16	42	48	1355	77250	77250	943	922	901	882	864	844	826	810	792	777	760	745	730	715	702		
48LH17	47	48	1522	86760	86760	1059	1035	1012	990	969	948	928	909	889	871	853	837	820	804	787		



STANDARD ASD LOAD TABLE

LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, LH-SERIES

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength
Adopted by the Steel Joist Institute May 25, 1983
Revised to May 18, 2010 – Effective December 31, 2010

The **BLACK** figures in the Load Table give the TOTAL safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacities, in pounds per linear foot, of **ASD LH-Series Steel Joists**.

The approximate joist weights, in pounds per linear foot, given in the Load Table may be added to the other building weights to determine the DEAD load. In all cases the DEAD load, including the joist self-weight, must be deducted from the TOTAL load to determine the LIVE load. The approximate joist weights do not include accessories.

The **RED** figures in the Load Table represent the uniform load, in pounds per linear foot, which will produce an approximate joist deflection of 1/360 of the span. This load can be linearly prorated to obtain the uniform load for supplementary deflection criteria (i.e. a uniform load that will produce a joist deflection of 1/240 of the span may be obtained by multiplying the **RED** figures by 360/240). In no case shall the prorated load exceed the TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist.

The Load Table applies to joists with either parallel chords or pitched top chords. Joists can have a top chord pitch up to 1/2 inch per foot. If the pitch exceeds this limit, the Load Table does not apply. When top chords are pitched, the load-carrying capacities are determined by the nominal depth of the joists at the center of the span. Sloped parallel-chord joists shall use span as defined by the length along the slope.

Where the joist span is in the **RED SHADED** area of the Load Table, the row of bridging nearest the mid span shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and intersections. Hoisting cables shall not be released until this row of bolted diagonal bridging is completely installed. The **RED SHADED** area extends up through 60'-0".

Where the joist span is in the **BLUE SHADED** area of the Load Table, all rows of bridging shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and intersections. Hoisting cables shall not be released until the two rows of bridging nearest the third points are completely installed. The **BLUE SHADED** area starts after 60'-0" and extends up through 100'-0".

The approximate gross moment of inertia (not adjusted for shear deformation), in inches⁴, of a standard joist listed in the Load Table may be determined as follows:

$$I_j = 26.767(W)(L^3)(10^{-6}), \text{ where } W = \text{RED figure in the Load Table, and} \\ L = (\text{span} - 0.33) \text{ in feet.}$$

Loads for span increments not explicitly given in the Load Table may be determined using linear interpolation between the load values given in adjacent span columns.

*The safe uniform load for the spans shown in the SAFE LOAD Column is equal to (SAFE LOAD) / (span). The TOTAL safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity, for spans less than those shown in the SAFE LOAD Column are given in the MAX LOAD Column.

To solve for a **RED** figure for spans shown in the SAFE LOAD Column (or lesser spans), multiply the RED figure of the shortest span shown in the Load Table by (the shortest span shown in the Load Table – 0.33 feet)² and divide by (the actual span – 0.33 feet)². In no case shall the calculated load exceed the TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist.





STANDARD LOAD TABLE FOR LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, LH-SERIES
Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown In Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	Approx. Wt in Lbs. Per Linear Ft. (Joists only)	Depth in inches	Max Load (plf) < 22	SAFE LOAD* in Lbs. Between	SPAN IN FEET															
					22-25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36				
18LH02	10	18	553	12160	468	442	418	391	367	345	324	306	289	273	259					
					313	284	259	234	212	193	175	160	147	135	124					
18LH03	11	18	613	13480	521	493	467	438	409	382	359	337	317	299	283					
					348	317	289	262	236	213	194	177	161	148	136					
18LH04	12	18	714	15700	604	571	535	500	469	440	413	388	365	344	325					
					403	367	329	296	266	242	219	200	182	167	153					
18LH05	15	18	806	17740	684	648	614	581	543	508	476	448	421	397	375					
					454	414	378	345	311	282	256	233	212	195	179					
18LH06	15	18	954	20980	809	749	696	648	605	566	531	499	470	443	418					
					526	469	419	377	340	307	280	254	232	212	195					
18LH07	17	18	990	21780	840	809	780	726	678	635	595	559	526	496	469					
					553	513	476	428	386	349	317	288	264	241	222					
18LH08	19	18	1032	22700	876	843	812	784	758	717	680	641	604	571	540					
					577	534	496	462	427	387	351	320	292	267	246					
18LH09	21	18	1105	24320	936	901	868	838	810	783	759	713	671	633	598					
					616	571	527	491	458	418	380	346	316	289	266					
			< 23	23-25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	
20LH02	10	20	498	11460	442	437	431	410	388	365	344	325	307	291	275	262	249	237	225	
					306	303	298	274	250	228	208	190	174	160	147	136	126	117	108	
20LH03	11	20	529	12160	469	463	458	452	434	414	395	372	352	333	316	299	283	269	255	
					337	333	317	302	280	258	238	218	200	184	169	156	143	133	123	
20LH04	12	20	648	14900	574	566	558	528	496	467	440	416	393	372	353	335	318	303	289	
					428	406	386	352	320	291	265	243	223	205	189	174	161	149	139	
20LH05	14	20	697	16020	616	609	602	595	571	544	513	484	458	434	411	390	371	353	336	
					459	437	416	395	366	337	308	281	258	238	219	202	187	173	161	
20LH06	15	20	930	21380	822	791	763	723	679	635	596	560	527	497	469	444	421	399	379	
					606	561	521	477	427	386	351	320	292	267	246	226	209	192	178	
20LH07	17	20	991	22800	878	845	814	786	760	711	667	627	590	556	526	497	471	447	425	
					647	599	556	518	484	438	398	362	331	303	278	256	236	218	202	
20LH08	19	20	1023	23520	908	873	842	813	785	760	722	687	654	621	588	558	530	503	479	
					669	619	575	536	500	468	428	395	365	336	309	285	262	242	225	
20LH09	21	20	1119	25740	990	953	918	886	856	828	802	778	755	712	673	636	603	572	544	
					729	675	626	581	542	507	475	437	399	366	336	309	285	264	244	
20LH10	23	20	1207	27760	1068	1028	991	956	924	894	865	839	814	791	748	707	670	636	604	
					786	724	673	626	585	545	510	479	448	411	377	346	320	296	274	





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Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown In Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	Approx. Wt in Lbs. Per Linear Ft. (Joists Only)	Depth in inches	Max Load (plf) < 29	SAFELOAD* in Lbs. Between	SPAN IN FEET																
					29-33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	
24LH03	11	24	401	11620	342	339	336	323	307	293	279	267	255	244	234	224	215	207	199		
					235	228	218	204	188	175	162	152	141	132	124	116	109	102	96		
24LH04	12	24	491	14240	419	398	379	360	343	327	312	298	285	273	262	251	241	231	222		
					288	265	246	227	210	195	182	169	158	148	138	130	122	114	107		
24LH05	13	24	526	15260	449	446	440	419	399	380	363	347	331	317	304	291	280	269	258		
					308	297	285	264	244	226	210	196	182	171	160	150	141	132	124		
24LH06	16	24	708	20520	604	579	555	530	504	480	457	437	417	399	381	364	348	334	320		
					411	382	356	331	306	284	263	245	228	211	197	184	172	161	152		
24LH07	17	24	777	22540	665	638	613	588	565	541	516	491	468	446	426	407	389	373	357		
					452	421	393	367	343	320	297	276	257	239	223	208	195	182	171		
24LH08	18	24	829	24040	707	677	649	622	597	572	545	520	497	475	455	435	417	400	384		
					480	447	416	388	362	338	314	292	272	254	238	222	208	196	184		
24LH09	21	24	976	28300	832	808	785	764	731	696	663	632	602	574	548	524	501	480	460		
					562	530	501	460	424	393	363	337	313	292	272	254	238	223	209		
24LH10	23	24	1031	29900	882	856	832	809	788	768	737	702	668	637	608	582	556	533	511		
					596	559	528	500	474	439	406	378	351	326	304	285	266	249	234		
24LH11	25	24	1087	31520	927	900	875	851	829	807	787	768	734	701	671	642	616	590	567		
					624	588	555	525	498	472	449	418	388	361	337	315	294	276	259		
			< 34	34-41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56		
28LH05	13	28	415	14120	337	323	310	297	286	275	265	255	245	237	228	220	213	206	199		
					219	205	192	180	169	159	150	142	133	126	119	113	107	102	97		
28LH06	16	28	552	18760	448	429	412	395	379	364	350	337	324	313	301	291	281	271	262		
					289	270	253	238	223	209	197	186	175	166	156	148	140	133	126		
28LH07	17	28	623	21180	505	484	464	445	427	410	394	379	365	352	339	327	316	305	295		
					326	305	285	267	251	236	222	209	197	186	176	166	158	150	142		
28LH08	18	28	667	22680	540	517	496	475	456	438	420	403	387	371	357	344	331	319	308		
					348	325	305	285	268	252	236	222	209	196	185	175	165	156	148		
28LH09	21	28	821	27920	667	639	612	586	563	540	519	499	481	463	446	430	415	401	387		
					428	400	375	351	329	309	291	274	258	243	228	216	204	193	183		
28LH10	23	28	898	30540	729	704	679	651	625	600	576	554	533	513	495	477	460	444	429		
					466	439	414	388	364	342	322	303	285	269	255	241	228	215	204		
28LH11	25	28	964	32760	780	762	736	711	682	655	629	605	582	561	540	521	502	485	468		
					498	475	448	423	397	373	351	331	312	294	278	263	249	236	223		
28LH12	27	28	1058	35980	857	837	818	800	782	766	737	709	682	656	632	609	587	566	546		
					545	520	496	476	454	435	408	383	361	340	321	303	285	270	256		
28LH13	30	28	1103	37500	895	874	854	835	816	799	782	766	751	722	694	668	643	620	598		
					569	543	518	495	472	452	433	415	396	373	352	332	314	297	281		
			< 39	39-46	47-49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	
32LH06	14	32	431	16820	338	326	315	304	294	284	275	266	257	249	242	234	227	220	214		
					211	199	189	179	169	161	153	145	138	131	125	119	114	108	104		
32LH07	16	32	485	18920	379	366	353	341	329	318	308	298	288	279	271	262	254	247	240		
					235	223	211	200	189	179	170	162	154	146	140	133	127	121	116		
32LH08	17	32	527	20540	411	397	383	369	357	345	333	322	312	302	293	284	275	267	259		
					255	242	229	216	205	194	184	175	167	159	151	144	137	131	125		
32LH09	21	32	661	25780	516	498	480	463	447	432	418	404	391	379	367	354	345	335	325		
					319	302	285	270	256	243	230	219	208	198	189	180	172	164	157		
32LH10	21	32	731	28500	571	550	531	512	495	478	462	445	430	416	402	389	376	364	353		
					352	332	315	297	282	267	254	240	228	217	206	196	186	178	169		
32LH11	24	32	801	31220	625	602	580	560	541	522	505	488	473	458	443	429	416	403	390		
					385	363	343	325	308	292	277	263	251	239	227	216	206	196	187		
32LH12	27	32	939	36640	734	712	688	664	641	619	598	578	559	541	524	508	492	477	463		
					450	428	406	384	364	345	327	311	295	281	267	255	243	232	221		
32LH13	30	32	1048	40880	817	801	785	771	742	715	690	666	643	621	600	581	562	544	527		
					500	480	461	444	420	397	376	354	336	319	304	288	275	262	249		
32LH14	33	32	1079	42080	843	826	810	795	780	766	738	713	688	665	643	622	602	583	564		
					515	495	476	458	440	417	395	374	355	337	321	304	290	276	264		
32LH15	35	32	1115	43500	870	853	837	821	805	791	776	763	750	725	701	678	656	635	616		
					532	511	492	473	454	438	422	407	393	374	355	338	322	306	292		
			< 43	43-46	47-56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
36LH07	16	36	393	16900	292	283	274	266	258	251	244	237	230	224	218	212	207	201	196		
					177	168	160	153	146	140	134	128	122	117	112	107	103	99	95		
36LH08	18	36	433	18600	321	311	302	293	284	276	268	260	253	246	239	233	227	221	215		
					194	185	176	168	160	153	146	140	134	128	123	118	113	109	104		
36LH09	21	36	554	23840	411	398	386	374	363	352	342	333	323	314	306	297	289	282	275		
					247	235	224	214	204	195	186	179	171	163	157	150	144	138	133		
36LH10	21	36	611	26260	454	440	426	413	401	389	378	367	357	347	338	328	320	311	303		
					273	260	248	236	225	215	206	197	188	180	173	165	159	152	146		
36LH11																					



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Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown In Pounds Per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	Approx. Wt in Lbs. Per Linear Ft. (Joists Only)	Depth in inches	Max Load (plf) < 48	SAFELOAD* in Lbs. Between		SPAN IN FEET															
				48-59	60-65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	
				40LH08	16	40	348	16680	16680	254	247	241	234	228	222	217	211	206	201	196	192
40LH09	21	40	457	21920	21920	332	323	315	306	298	291	283	276	269	263	256	250	244	239	233	
40LH10	21	40	503	24120	24120	367	357	347	338	329	321	313	305	297	290	283	276	269	262	255	
40LH11	22	40	549	26340	26340	399	388	378	368	358	349	340	332	323	315	308	300	293	286	279	
40LH12	25	40	668	32060	32060	486	472	459	447	435	424	413	402	392	382	373	364	355	346	338	
40LH13	30	40	788	37800	37800	573	557	542	528	514	500	487	475	463	451	440	429	419	409	399	
40LH14	35	40	900	43220	43220	656	638	620	603	587	571	556	542	528	515	502	490	478	466	455	
40LH15	36	40	1007	48340	48340	734	712	691	671	652	633	616	599	583	567	552	538	524	511	498	
40LH16	42	40	1110	53280	53280	808	796	784	772	761	751	730	710	691	673	655	638	622	606	591	
			< 53	53-59	60-73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	
44LH09	19	44	379	20100	20100	272	265	259	253	247	242	236	231	226	221	216	211	207	202	198	
44LH10	21	44	419	22200	22200	300	293	286	279	272	266	260	254	249	243	238	233	228	223	218	
44LH11	22	44	453	24000	24000	325	317	310	302	295	289	282	276	269	264	258	252	247	242	236	
44LH12	25	44	561	29740	29740	402	393	383	374	365	356	347	339	331	323	315	308	300	293	287	
44LH13	30	44	665	35260	35260	477	466	454	444	433	423	413	404	395	386	377	369	361	353	346	
44LH14	31	44	766	40580	40580	549	534	520	506	493	481	469	457	446	436	425	415	406	396	387	
44LH15	36	44	891	47220	47220	639	623	608	593	579	565	551	537	524	512	500	488	476	466	455	
44LH16	42	44	1027	54440	54440	737	719	701	684	668	652	637	622	608	594	580	568	555	543	531	
44LH17	47	44	1103	58460	58460	790	780	769	759	750	732	715	699	683	667	652	638	624	610	597	
			< 57	57-59	60-81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	
48LH10	21	48	352	20080	20080	246	241	236	231	226	221	217	212	208	204	200	196	192	188	185	
48LH11	22	48	382	21780	21780	266	260	255	249	244	239	234	229	225	220	216	212	208	204	200	
48LH12	25	48	482	27500	27500	336	329	322	315	308	301	295	289	283	277	272	266	261	256	251	
48LH13	29	48	578	32940	32940	402	393	384	376	368	360	353	345	338	332	325	318	312	306	300	
48LH14	32	48	682	38860	38860	475	464	454	444	434	425	416	407	399	390	383	375	367	360	353	
48LH15	36	48	784	44680	44680	545	533	521	510	499	488	478	468	458	448	439	430	422	413	405	
48LH16	42	48	904	51500	51500	629	615	601	588	576	563	551	540	528	518	507	497	487	477	468	
48LH17	47	48	1015	57840	57840	706	690	675	660	646	632	619	606	593	581	569	558	547	536	525	



STANDARD LRFD LOAD TABLE

DEEP LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, DLH-SERIES

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength
Spans up to and including 144 ft. adopted by the Steel Joist Institute May 1, 2000
Spans greater than 144 ft. up to and including 240 ft. adopted by the Steel Joist Institute May 18, 2010
Revised to May 18, 2010 – Effective December, 31, 2010

The **BLACK** figures in the Load Table give the TOTAL safe factored uniformly distributed load-carrying capacities, in pounds per linear foot, of **LRFD DLH-Series** Steel Joists.

The approximate joist weights, in pounds per linear foot, given in the Load Table may be added to the other building weights to determine the unfactored DEAD load. In all cases the factored DEAD load, including the joist self-weight, must be deducted from the TOTAL load to determine the factored LIVE load. The approximate joist weights do not include accessories.

The **RED** figures in the Load Table represent the unfactored, uniform load, in pounds per linear foot, which will produce an approximate joist deflection of 1/360 of the span. This load can be linearly prorated to obtain the unfactored, uniform load for supplementary deflection criteria (i.e. the unfactored uniform load which will produce a joist deflection of 1/240 of the span may be obtained by multiplying the **RED** figures by 360/240). In no case shall the prorated, unfactored load exceed the unfactored TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist as given in the Standard **ASD** Load Table for Deep Longspan Steel Joists, **DLH-Series**.

The Load Table applies to joists with either parallel chords or pitched top chords. Joists can have a top chord pitch up to 1/2 inch per foot. If the pitch exceeds this limit, the Load Table does not apply. When top chords are pitched, the load-carrying capacities are determined by the nominal depth of the joists at the center of the span. Sloped parallel-chord joists shall use span as defined by the length along the slope.

Where the joist span is in the **BLUE SHADED** area of the Load Table, all rows of bridging shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and intersections. Hoisting cables shall not be released until the two rows of bridging nearest the third points are completely installed. The **BLUE SHADED** area starts after 60'-0" and extends up through 100'-0".

Where the joist span is in the **GRAY SHADED** area of the Load Table, all rows of bridging shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and intersections. Hoisting cables shall not be released until all rows of bridging are completely installed. The **GRAY SHADED** area starts after 100'-0" and extends up through 240'-0".

The approximate gross moment of inertia (not adjusted for shear deformation), in inches⁴, of a standard joist listed in the Load Table may be determined as follows:

$$I_j = 26.767(W)(L^3)(10^{-6}), \text{ where } W = \text{RED figure in the Load Table, and} \\ L = (\text{span} - 0.33) \text{ in feet.}$$

Loads for span increments not explicitly given in the Load Table may be determined using linear interpolation between the load values given in adjacent span columns.

*The safe factored uniform load for the spans shown in the SAFE LOAD Column is equal to (SAFE LOAD) / (span). The TOTAL safe factored uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity, for spans less than those shown in the SAFE LOAD Column are given in the MAX LOAD Column.

To solve for an unfactored **RED** figure for spans shown in the SAFE LOAD Column (or lesser spans), multiply the unfactored **RED** figure of the shortest span shown in the Load Table by (the shortest span shown in the Load Table - 0.33 feet)² and divide by (the actual span - 0.33 feet)². In no case shall the calculated unfactored load exceed the unfactored TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist as determined from the Standard **ASD** Load Table for Deep Longspan Steel Joists, **DLH-Series**.



STANDARD LOAD TABLE LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, DLH-SERIES

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown in Pounds per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	Approx. Wt in Lbs. Per Linear Ft (Joists only)	Depth in inches	Max Load plf	SAFE LOAD* in Lbs. Between	SPAN IN FEET																
					< 62	62-89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104
					< 67	67-97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112
52DLH10	25	52	648	40200	447	436	427	418	409	400	391	384	376	369	361	354	346	340	334		
					171	165	159	154	150	145	140	136	132	128	124	120	116	114	110		
					187	181	174	169	164	158	153	149	144	140	135	132	128	124	120		
52DLH11	26	52	712	44130	490	480	469	459	448	439	430	421	412	405	396	388	381	373	366		
					204	197	191	185	179	173	168	163	158	153	149	144	140	135	132		
					247	239	231	224	216	209	203	197	191	185	180	174	170	164	159		
52DLH12	29	52	794	49230	547	535	523	513	501	490	480	471	460	451	442	433	426	417	409		
					204	197	191	185	179	173	168	163	158	153	149	144	140	135	132		
					247	239	231	224	216	209	203	197	191	185	180	174	170	164	159		
52DLH13	34	52	964	59760	664	649	636	621	609	595	583	571	559	549	537	526	516	507	496		
					247	239	231	224	216	209	203	197	191	185	180	174	170	164	159		
					276	266	258	249	242	234	227	220	213	207	201	194	189	184	178		
52DLH14	39	52	1103	68370	760	745	729	714	699	685	670	657	645	631	619	607	595	585	573		
					276	266	258	249	242	234	227	220	213	207	201	194	189	184	178		
					311	301	291	282	272	264	256	247	240	233	226	219	213	207	201		
52DLH15	42	52	1239	76800	853	835	817	799	783	766	750	735	720	705	691	676	664	651	639		
					311	301	291	282	272	264	256	247	240	233	226	219	213	207	201		
					346	335	324	314	304	294	285	276	267	260	252	245	237	230	224		
52DLH16	45	52	1335	82800	921	901	882	862	844	826	810	792	777	760	745	730	717	702	688		
					346	335	324	314	304	294	285	276	267	260	252	245	237	230	224		
					395	381	369	357	346	335	324	315	304	296	286	279	270	263	255		
52DLH17	52	52	1537	95310	1059	1036	1014	991	970	951	930	912	892	874	858	840	823	808	792		
					395	381	369	357	346	335	324	315	304	296	286	279	270	263	255		
					98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112		
56DLH11	26	56	631	42300	432	424	415	408	400	393	385	379	372	366	358	352	346	340	334		
					169	163	158	153	149	145	140	136	133	129	125	122	118	115	113		
					184	178	173	168	163	158	153	150	145	141	137	133	130	126	123		
56DLH12	30	56	725	48600	496	486	477	468	459	450	442	433	426	417	409	402	394	388	381		
					184	178	173	168	163	158	153	150	145	141	137	133	130	126	123		
					223	216	209	204	197	191	186	181	175	171	166	161	157	152	149		
56DLH13	34	56	879	58860	601	591	579	568	558	547	537	526	516	507	496	487	478	471	462		
					223	216	209	204	197	191	186	181	175	171	166	161	157	152	149		
					249	242	234	228	221	214	209	202	196	190	186	181	175	171	167		
56DLH14	39	56	993	66540	679	666	652	640	628	616	604	594	582	571	562	552	541	532	523		
					249	242	234	228	221	214	209	202	196	190	186	181	175	171	167		
					281	272	264	256	248	242	234	228	221	215	209	204	198	192	188		
56DLH15	42	56	1135	76020	777	762	747	732	717	703	690	676	664	651	639	628	616	604	594		
					281	272	264	256	248	242	234	228	221	215	209	204	198	192	188		
					313	304	294	285	277	269	262	254	247	240	233	227	221	214	209		
56DLH16	46	56	1224	82020	838	822	805	789	774	759	744	730	717	703	690	678	666	654	642		
					313	304	294	285	277	269	262	254	247	240	233	227	221	214	209		
					356	345	335	325	316	306	298	289	281	273	266	258	251	245	238		
56DLH17	51	56	1411	94530	964	945	927	907	891	873	856	840	823	808	793	780	765	751	738		
					356	345	335	325	316	306	298	289	281	273	266	258	251	245	238		
					106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120		
60DLH12	29	60	659	46800	442	433	426	418	411	405	397	391	384	378	372	366	360	354	348		
					166	163	158	154	150	146	142	138	134	131	128	124	121	118	115		
					203	197	191	187	181	176	171	167	163	158	154	151	147	143	139		
60DLH13	35	60	801	56880	537	526	517	508	499	490	483	474	466	459	451	444	436	429	423		
					203	197	191	187	181	176	171	167	163	158	154	151	147	143	139		
					216	210	205	199	193	189	183	178	173	170	165	161	156	152	146		
60DLH14	40	60	890	63210	587	586	574	564	555	544	534	525	516	507	498	490	481	474	465		
					216	210	205	199	193	189	183	178	173	170	165	161	156	152	146		
					255	248	242	235	228	223	218	210	205	200	194	190	185	180	175		
60DLH15	43	60	1045	74190	700	687	675	663	651	640	628	618	607	597	588	577	568	559	550		
					255	248	242	235	228	223	218	210	205	200	194	190	185	180	175		
					285	277	269	262	255	247	241	235	228	223	217	211	206	201	196		
60DLH16	46	60	1149	81570	769	756	741	727	714	702	690	676	666	654	642	631	621	610	600		
					285	277	269	262	255	247	241	235	228	223	217	211	206	201	196		
					885	868	853	837	822	807	793	778	765	751	739	726	714	702	690		
60DLH17	52	60	1320	93750	824	815	806	796	786	776	765	755	744	734	724	714	704	694	684		
					824	815	806	796	786	776	765	755	744	734	724	714	704	694	684		
					856	845	835	825	815	805	795	785	775	765	755	745	735	725	715		
60DLH18	59	60	1524	108180	1021	1002	984	966	948	931	915	898	883	867	852	838	823	810	796		
					1021	1002	984	966	948	931	915	898	883	867	852	838	823	810	796		
					356	357	346	337	327	319	310	303	294	286	279	272	266	259	252		
					114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128		
64DLH12	31	64	594	45120	396																

STANDARD LOAD TABLE LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, LRFD DLH-SERIES

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown in Pounds per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	Approx. Wt in Lbs. Per Linear Ft (Joists only)	Depth in inches	Max Load (plf)	SAFE LOAD* in Lbs. Between		SPAN IN FEET																
				< 81	81-99	100-111	112	115	118	121	124	127	130	133	136	139	142	145	148	151	155	160
				80DLH15	40	80	966	78240	78240	699	663	632	602	575	549	525	503	482	461	443	425	408
80DLH16	46	80	1161	94020	94020	840	802	763	727	691	658	628	600	574	549	525	504	483	463	439	411	
80DLH17	53	80	1341	108630	108630	971	926	881	839	800	765	731	699	669	641	615	590	567	545	517	485	
80DLH18	60	80	1518	122760	122760	1097	1044	993	947	903	863	825	789	756	723	695	666	641	615	584	548	
80DLH19	67	80	1768	143220	143220	1280	1218	1160	1104	1052	1005	960	918	878	840	806	774	743	714	677	635	
80DLH20	75	80	1987	160980	160980	1446	1382	1323	1268	1211	1157	1104	1056	1011	968	927	891	855	821	780	731	
			< 89	89-99	100-120	121	124	127	130	133	136	139	142	145	148	151	155	160	165	170	175	
88DLH16	46	88	1048	93270	93270	771	735	701	671	642	615	591	567	545	524	503	477	448	422	398	376	
88DLH17	51	88	1185	105450	105450	871	830	789	753	719	687	659	630	605	579	557	528	495	465	437	412	
88DLH18	58	88	1359	120930	120930	1001	953	908	866	827	791	756	725	695	666	639	607	569	535	503	474	
88DLH19	65	88	1572	139890	139890	1157	1101	1049	999	954	912	873	836	801	770	738	701	657	617	580	542	
88DLH20	76	88	1808	160950	160950	1334	1281	1232	1184	1133	1085	1041	998	959	921	885	841	790	743	700	660	
88DLH21	89	88	2231	198540	198540	1649	1568	1494	1425	1361	1301	1244	1191	1143	1097	1053	999	936	880	827	779	
			< 97	97-99	100-129	130	133	136	139	142	145	148	151	155	160	165	170	175	180	185	190	
96DLH17	52	96	1085	105270	105270	810	776	744	711	684	657	632	608	578	542	509	480	452	427	404	382	
96DLH18	58	96	1222	118500	118500	912	875	839	803	770	740	713	686	653	615	579	546	516	488	463	438	
96DLH19	66	96	1460	141660	141660	1091	1046	1001	957	917	878	842	809	768	720	676	636	601	566	536	507	
96DLH20	74	96	1644	159420	159420	1236	1184	1131	1083	1037	993	952	915	868	815	766	721	680	642	607	574	
96DLH21	90	96	2062	200010	200010	1541	1473	1410	1350	1296	1243	1196	1149	1093	1026	965	908	856	809	765	721	
96DLH22	102	96	2310	224070	224070	1725	1662	1601	1542	1487	1436	1382	1329	1264	1188	1118	1054	995	941	890	843	
			< 105	105-138		139	142	145	148	151	155	160	165	170	175	180	185	190	195	200	205	
104DLH18	59	104	1100	115470		831	798	768	734	708	674	635	601	568	537	508	482	458	435	414	394	
104DLH19	67	104	1337	140430		1011	971	933	897	861	819	770	727	686	648	613	581	552	524	497	473	
104DLH20	75	104	1504	157890		1146	1107	1071	1032	992	944	886	833	784	739	698	660	626	593	563	535	
104DLH21	90	104	1890	198480		1434	1376	1322	1271	1220	1160	1091	1028	970	917	866	821	779	740	703	668	
104DLH22	104	104	2119	222540		1607	1551	1499	1449	1401	1340	1261	1189	1121	1059	1001	949	901	855	812	774	
104DLH23	109	104	2334	245100		1772	1712	1644	1578	1514	1437	1348	1267	1192	1125	1062	1004	952	902	857	814	
			< 113	113-147		148	151	155	160	165	170	175	180	185	190	195	200	205	210	215	220	
112DLH19	67	112	1223	138150		935	900	857	805	759	716	677	643	610	579	549	523	498	476	454	433	
112DLH20	76	112	1384	156360		1065	1032	985	927	873	824	780	740	702	667	632	603	574	547	522	500	
112DLH21	91	112	1743	196950		1337	1287	1223	1150	1083	1022	966	915	867	823	782	744	709	676	645	616	
112DLH22	104	112	1956	221010		1499	1451	1392	1321	1250	1181	1117	1057	1002	952	904	860	820	782	745	712	
112DLH23	110	112	2155	243540		1653	1601	1535	1454	1369	1288	1214	1147	1086	1030	977	928	882	839	800	763	
112DLH24	131	112	2555	286660		1956	1895	1818	1727	1631	1539	1455	1379	1307	1241	1179	1123	1070	1019	972	928	
			< 121	121-165		166	170	175	180	185	190	195	200	205	210	215	220	225	230	235	240	
120DLH20	77	120	1229	148650		896	856	808	766	726	691	658	627	598	570	544	521	498	477	457	439	
120DLH21	92	120	1528	184860		1122	1072	1012	959	908	864	821	782	745	710	678	648	620	593	569	545	
120DLH22	104	120	1751	211920		1283	1235	1169	1106	1049	997	949	903	860	821	783	749	716	686	657	629	
120DLH23	111	120	1938	234480		1415	1361	1287	1219	1157	1099	1046	995	948	903	862	822	786	751	719	689	
120DLH24	132	120	2298	278070		1676	1610	1522	1441	1367	1300	1237	1177	1122	1070	1022	977	934	894	857	821	
120DLH25	152	120	2633	318630		1926	1847	1748	1656	1571	1492	1418	1350	1287	1228	1173	1122	1073	1026	983	943	



Notes:



STANDARD ASD LOAD TABLE

DEEP LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, DLH-SERIES

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength
Spans up to and including 144 ft. adopted by the Steel Joist Institute May 25, 1983
Spans greater than 144 ft. up to and including 240 ft. adopted by the Steel Joist Institute May 18, 2010
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The **BLACK** figures in the Load Table give the TOTAL safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacities, in pounds per linear foot, of **ASD DLH-Series** Steel Joists.

The approximate joist weights, in pounds per linear foot, given in the Load Table may be added to the other building weights to determine the DEAD load. In all cases the DEAD load, including the joist self-weight, must be deducted from the TOTAL load to determine the LIVE load. The approximate joist weights do not include accessories.

The **RED** figures in the Load Table represent the uniform load, in pounds per linear foot, which will produce an approximate joist deflection of 1/360 of the span. This load can be linearly prorated to obtain the uniform load for supplementary deflection criteria (i.e. a uniform load which will produce a joist deflection of 1/240 of the span may be obtained by multiplying the **RED** figures by 360/240). In no case shall the prorated load exceed the TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist.

The Load Table applies to joists with either parallel chords or pitched top chords. Joists can have a top chord pitch up to 1/2 inch per foot. If the pitch exceeds this limit, the Load Table does not apply. When top chords are pitched, the load-carrying capacities are determined by the nominal depth of the joists at the center of the span. Sloped parallel-chord joists shall use span as defined by the length along the slope.

Where the joist span is in the **BLUE SHADED** area of the Load Table, all rows of bridging shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and intersections. Hoisting cables shall not be released until the two rows of bridging nearest the third points are completely installed. The **BLUE SHADED** area starts after 60'-0" and extends up through 100'-0".

Where the joist span is in the **GRAY SHADED** area of the Load Table, all rows of bridging shall be diagonal bridging with bolted connections at chords and intersections. Hoisting cables shall not be released until all rows of bridging are completely installed. The **GRAY SHADED** area starts after 100'-0" and extends up through 240'-0".

The approximate gross moment of inertia (not adjusted for shear deformation), in inches⁴, of a standard joist listed in the Load Table may be determined as follows:

$$I_j = 26.767(W)(L^3)(10^{-6}), \text{ where } W = \text{RED figure in the Load Table, and} \\ L = (\text{span} - 0.33) \text{ in feet.}$$

Loads for span increments not explicitly given in the Load Table may be determined using linear interpolation between the load values given in adjacent span columns.

*The safe uniform load for the spans shown in the SAFE LOAD Column is equal to (SAFE LOAD) / (span). The TOTAL safe uniformly distributed load-carrying capacity, for spans less than those shown in the SAFE LOAD Column are given in the MAX LOAD Column.

To solve for a **RED** figure for spans shown in the SAFE LOAD Column (or lesser spans), multiply the **RED** figure of the shortest span shown in the Load Table by (the shortest span shown in the Load Table - 0.33 feet)² and divide by (the actual span - 0.33 feet)². In no case shall the calculated load exceed the TOTAL load-carrying capacity of the joist.





STANDARD LOAD TABLE LONGSPAN STEEL JOISTS, DLH-SERIES

Based on a 50 ksi Maximum Yield Strength - Loads Shown in Pounds per Linear Foot (plf)

Joist Designation	Approx. Wt in Lbs. Per Linear Ft (Joists only)	Depth in inches	Max Load plf	SAFE LOAD* in Lbs. Between	SPAN IN FEET																		
					< 62	62-69	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104		
					52DLH10	25	52	432	26800	298	291	285	279	273	267	261	256	251	246	241	236	231	227
					171	165	159	154	150	145	140	136	132	128	124	120	116	114	110				
52DLH11	26	52	475	29420	327	320	313	306	299	293	287	281	275	270	264	259	254	249	244				
					187	181	174	169	164	158	153	149	144	140	135	132	128	124	120				
52DLH12	29	52	529	32820	365	357	349	342	334	327	320	314	307	301	295	289	284	278	273				
					204	197	191	185	179	173	168	163	158	153	149	144	140	135	132				
52DLH13	34	52	643	39840	443	433	424	414	406	397	389	381	373	366	358	351	344	338	331				
					247	239	231	224	216	209	203	197	191	185	180	174	170	164	159				
52DLH14	39	52	735	45580	507	497	486	476	466	457	447	438	430	421	413	405	397	390	382				
					276	266	258	249	242	234	227	220	213	207	201	194	189	184	178				
52DLH15	42	52	826	51200	569	557	545	533	522	511	500	490	480	470	461	451	443	434	426				
					311	301	291	282	272	264	256	247	240	233	226	219	213	207	201				
52DLH16	45	52	890	55200	614	601	588	575	563	551	540	528	518	507	497	487	478	468	459				
					346	335	324	314	304	294	285	276	267	260	252	245	237	230	224				
52DLH17	52	52	1025	63540	706	691	676	661	647	634	620	608	595	583	572	560	549	539	528				
					395	381	369	357	346	335	324	315	304	296	286	279	270	263	255				
			<67	67-97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112				
56DLH11	26	56	421	28200	288	283	277	272	267	262	257	253	248	244	239	235	231	227	223				
					169	163	158	153	149	145	140	136	133	129	125	122	118	115	113				
56DLH12	30	56	484	32400	331	324	318	312	306	300	295	289	284	278	273	268	263	259	254				
					184	178	173	168	163	158	153	150	145	141	137	133	130	126	123				
56DLH13	34	56	586	39240	401	394	386	379	372	365	358	351	344	338	331	325	319	314	308				
					223	216	209	204	197	191	186	181	175	171	166	161	157	152	149				
56DLH14	39	56	662	44360	453	444	435	427	419	411	403	396	388	381	375	368	361	355	349				
					249	242	234	228	221	214	209	202	196	190	186	181	175	171	167				
56DLH15	42	56	756	50680	518	508	498	488	478	469	460	451	443	434	426	419	411	403	396				