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steel connections:  
bolts, welds &  
tension members



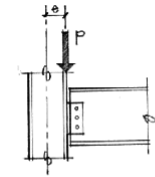
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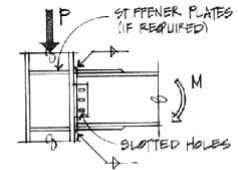
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## Connections

- needed to:
  - support beams by columns
  - connect truss members
  - splice beams or columns
- transfer load
- subjected to
  - tension or compression
  - shear
  - bending



(a) Framed beam (shear) connection.  
 $e$  = Eccentricity;  $M = P \times e$



(b) Moment connection (rigid frame).  
 $M$  = Moment due to beam bending

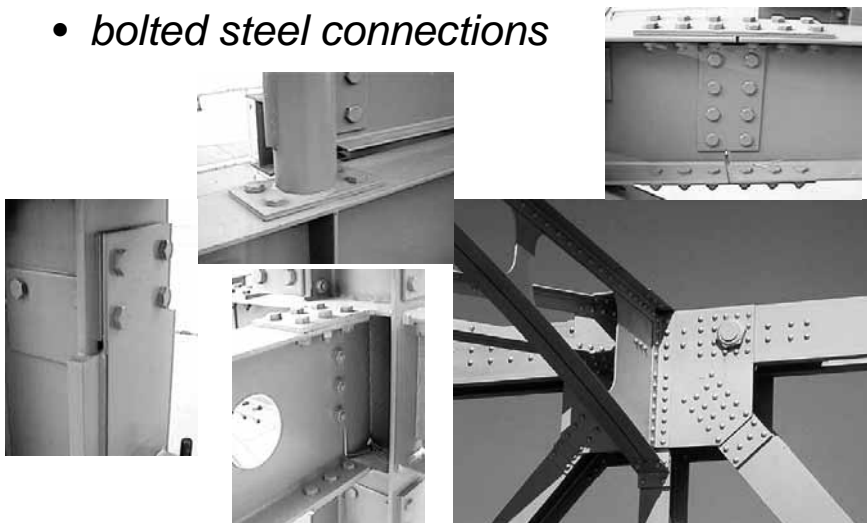
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## Bolts

- bolted steel connections



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## Welds

- welded steel connections



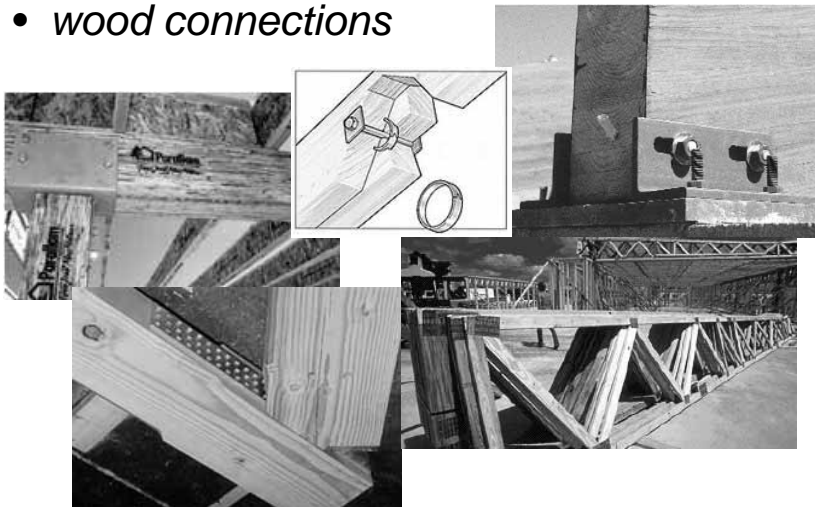
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# Fasteners

- wood connections



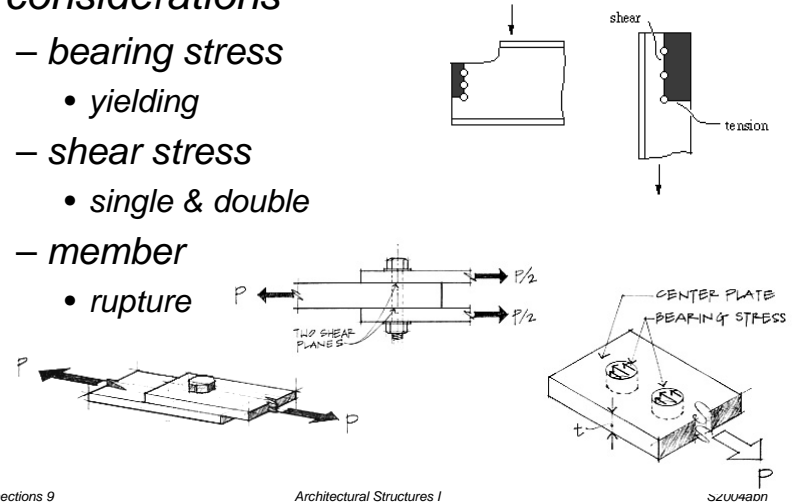
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# Bolted Connection Design

- considerations
  - bearing stress
    - yielding
  - shear stress
    - single & double
  - member
    - rupture



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# Bolted Connection Design

- ASD steel
  - shear:

$$f_v \leq F_v$$

- bolt strengths
- single & double
- bolt types
  - A325-SC, A490-SC
  - A325-N, A490-N
  - A325-X, A490-X

BOLTS, THREADED PARTS AND RIVETS  
Shear  
Allowable load in kips

		TABLE SHEAR		Nominal Diameter d, in.											
ASTM Designation	Connection Type <sup>a</sup>	Hole Type <sup>b</sup>	F <sub>v</sub> , ksi	Lap <sup>c</sup> , in.	Area (Based on Nominal Diameter) in. <sup>2</sup>										
					3/8	1/2	5/8	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 3/4	2	2 1/2	
A307	STD	10D	S	3.98	14.18	20.5	28.34	39.61	52.77	68.65	87.27	108.6	132.7	160.5	192.1
		NSL	D	5.1	8.8	12.0	15.7	19.9	24.5	29.7	35.3	41.4	47.9	54.8	62.0
	STD	17.0	S	3.22	7.51	10.2	13.4	16.8	20.9	25.2	30.0	35.2	40.8	46.8	53.1
		NSL	D	10.4	15.0	20.4	26.7	33.6	41.7	50.2	59.1	68.4	78.1	88.1	98.4
	OVS, SSL	15.0	S	4.60	6.63	9.02	11.8	14.9	18.4	22.3	26.5	31.0	35.8	40.9	46.3
		D	9.20	13.3	18.0	23.9	29.9	36.8	44.6	53.0	61.8	71.0	80.6	90.5	
	LSL	12.0	S	3.68	5.30	7.22	9.42	11.9	14.7	17.8	21.2	24.9	28.8	32.9	37.2
		D	7.36	10.6	14.4	18.8	23.9	29.4	35.6	42.4	49.4	56.6	64.0	71.6	
	STD	21.0	S	8.4	12.6	16.8	22.0	27.2	32.6	38.2	43.9	49.7	55.6	61.6	67.6
		NSL	D	12.8	18.6	25.3	33.4	41.7	51.3	62.4	74.2	86.6	99.5	112.9	126.7
	A490	STD	30.0	S	9.2	13.5	18.0	23.4	29.6	36.8	44.5	52.6	61.1	70.0	79.2
			NSL	D	18.4	26.9	36.1	47.1	58.6	71.6	86.0	101.8	119.0	137.4	156.4
STD	21.0	S	6.44	9.26	12.6	16.5	20.9	25.6	31.2	37.1	43.2	49.5	56.0		
	NSL	D	12.9	18.6	25.3	33.4	41.7	51.3	62.4	74.2	86.6	99.5	112.9		
OVS, SSL	18.0	S	5.52	7.69	10.6	14.1	17.9	22.1	26.7	31.6	36.8	42.3	48.0		
	D	11.0	15.9	21.6	28.9	36.8	44.2	53.0	63.0	74.2	86.6	99.5			
LSL	15.0	S	4.60	6.63	9.02	11.8	14.9	18.4	22.3	26.5	31.0	35.8	40.9		
	D	9.20	13.3	18.0	23.9	29.9	36.8	44.6	53.0	61.8	71.0	80.6	90.5		
STD	28.0	S	8.6	12.4	16.6	22.0	27.8	34.4	41.6	49.2	57.0	65.0	73.1		
	NSL	D	17.2	24.8	33.2	44.0	55.7	68.7	83.2	99.0	116.2	134.8	154.8		
STD	40.0	S	12.3	17.7	24.1	31.4	39.6	49.1	59.4	70.7	82.9	96.1	110.3		
	NSL	D	24.5	35.3	48.1	62.8	79.6	98.2	119.0	141.0	164.0	188.0	213.0		
A502-1	STD	17.5	S	5.4	7.7	10.6	13.7	17.4	21.8	26.3	31.0	35.9	41.0		
		D	10.7	15.5	21.0	27.6	34.6	42.8	52.0	61.8	72.4	83.6	95.4		
A502-3	STD	22.0	S	6.7	9.7	13.2	17.3	21.9	27.0	32.7	38.9	45.6	52.7		
		D	13.3	19.4	26.5	34.6	43.7	54.0	65.3	77.7	91.0	105.2	120.4		
A36 (F <sub>y</sub> = 36 ksi)	STD	8.9	S	3.0	4.4	6.0	7.9	10.1	12.7	15.7	19.1	22.9	27.0		
		D	5.1	8.7	11.9	15.6	19.7	24.3	29.4	35.0	41.1	47.6	54.5		
A36 (F <sub>y</sub> = 58 ksi)	STD	12.8	S	3.9	5.7	7.7	10.1	12.7	15.7	19.1	22.9	27.0	31.1		
		D	6.5	10.1	13.7	18.1	22.9	28.9	35.9	43.4	51.4	59.9	68.8		

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# Bolted Connection Design

- ASD steel
  - bearing:
- bolts rarely fail by bearing
- other part fails first

BOLTS AND THREADED PARTS  
Bearing  
Allowable loads in kips

Material Thickness	TABLE BEARING											
	Slip-critical and Bearing-type Connections											
	F <sub>v</sub> = 58 ksi Bolt dia.			F <sub>v</sub> = 65 ksi Bolt dia.			F <sub>v</sub> = 70 ksi Bolt dia.			F <sub>v</sub> = 100 ksi Bolt dia.		
	3/4	7/8	1	3/4	7/8	1	3/4	7/8	1	3/4	7/8	1
1/4	6.5	7.6	8.7	7.3	8.5	9.8	7.9	9.2	10.5	11.3	13.1	15.0
5/16	9.8	11.4	13.1	11.0	12.8	14.6	11.8	13.6	15.6	16.9	19.7	22.5
3/8	13.1	15.2	17.4	14.6	17.1	19.5	15.8	18.4	21.0	22.6	26.3	30.0
1/2	18.3	19.0	21.8	18.3	21.3	24.4	19.7	23.0	26.3	28.1	32.8	37.5
5/8	19.5	22.8	26.1	21.9	25.6	29.3	23.9	27.6	31.5	33.8	39.4	45.0
3/4	22.8	26.6	30.5	25.9	29.9	34.1	27.0	32.2	36.8	45.9	52.6	60.5
1	28.1	30.5	34.8	29.3	34.1	39.0	31.5	36.8	42.0	50.0	57.0	65.0
5/8	29.4	34.3	39.2	32.9	38.4	43.9	41.3	47.3	53.3	61.0	69.0	78.0
3/4	32.9	38.1	43.5	36.1	42.7	49.8	45.8	52.5	59.5	68.0	77.0	87.0
1 1/4	41.5	47.9	54.3	46.9	53.8	60.7	57.8	64.7	71.6	80.0	89.0	99.0
1 1/2	45.7	52.2	58.7	51.5	58.5	65.5	62.5	69.5	76.5	85.0	94.0	104.0
1 3/4	50.0	56.5	63.0	55.5	62.5	69.5	66.5	73.5	80.5	89.0	98.0	108.0
2	55.2	60.9	66.6	58.5	65.3	72.0	69.0	75.5	82.0	90.0	99.0	109.0

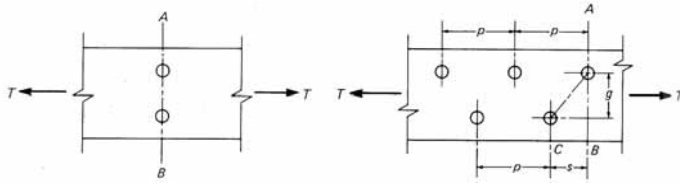
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## Tension Members

- steel members can have holes
- reduced area
- increased stress



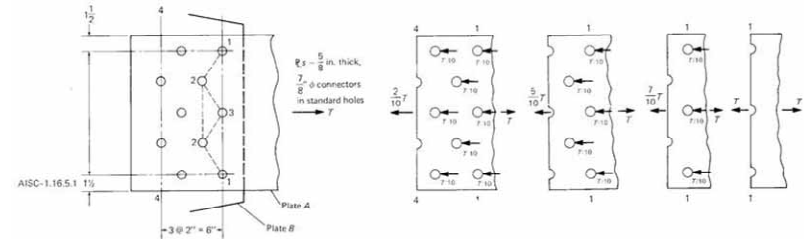
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## Effective Net Area

- likely path to “rip” across
- bolts divide transferred force too



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## ASD – Tension Members

- non-pin connected members:
  - $F_t = 0.60F_y$  on gross area
  - $F_t = 0.50F_u$  on net area
- pin connected members:
  - $F_t = 0.45F_y$  on net area
- threaded rods of approved steel:
  - $F_t = 0.33F_u$  on major diameter
  - (for static loading only)



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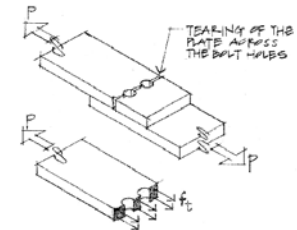
## LRFD - Tension Members

- limit states for failure  $P_u \leq \phi_t P_n$

1. yielding  $\phi_t = 0.9$   $P_n = F_y A_g$

2. rupture\*  $\phi_t = 0.75$   $P_n = F_u A_e$

$A_g$  - gross area  
 $A_e$  - effective net area  
 $F_u$  - tensile strength of the steel (ultimate)



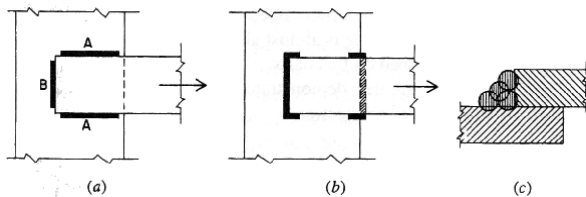
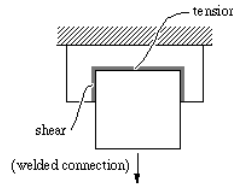
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# Welded Connection Design

- considerations
  - shear stress
  - yielding
  - rupture



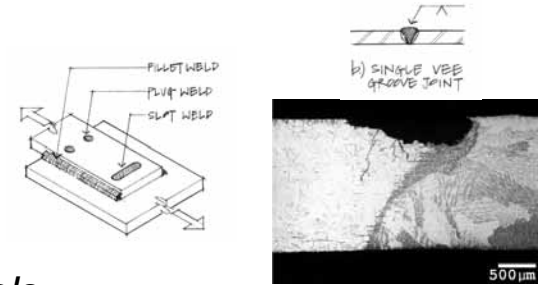
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# Welded Connection Design

- weld terms
  - butt weld
  - fillet weld
  - plug weld
  - throat
- weld materials
  - E60XX
  - E70XX
$$F_{EXX} = 70 \text{ ksi}$$



Material Thickness of Thicker Part Joined, in. (mm)	Minimum Size of Fillet Weld(a) in. (mm)
To 1/4 (6) inclusive	1/4 (3)
Over 1/4 (6) to 1/2 (13)	3/8 (5)
Over 1/2 (13) to 3/4 (19)	1/2 (6)
Over 3/4 (19)	3/4 (8)

(a) Leg dimension of fillet welds. Single pass welds must be used.  
(b) See Section J2.25 for maximum size of fillet welds.

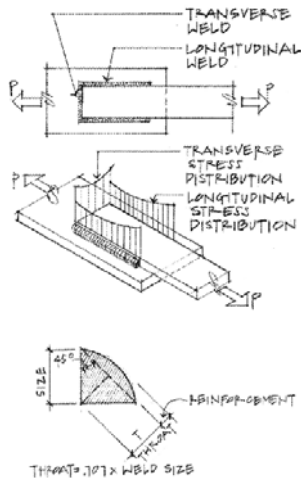
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# Welded Connection Design

- ASD
  - shear  $f_v \leq F_v$ 
    - $F_v = 0.30F_{weld}$
  - throat
    - $T = 0.707 \times \text{weld size}$
  - area
    - $A = T \times \text{length of weld}$
  - weld metal generally stronger than base metal (ex.  $F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}$ )



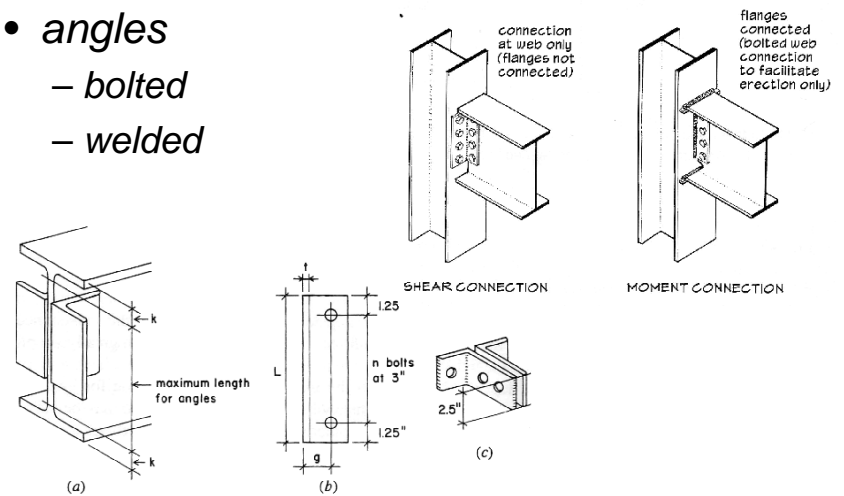
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# Framed Beam Connections

- angles
  - bolted
  - welded



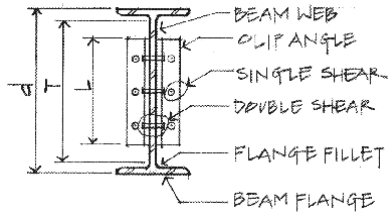
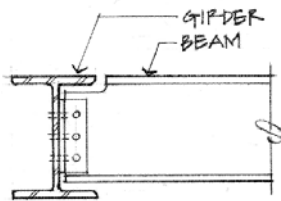
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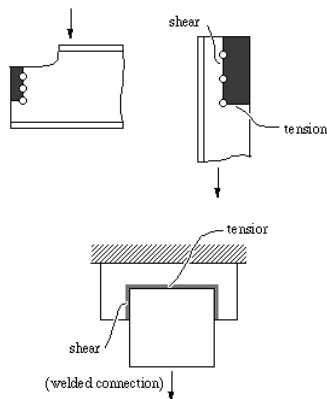
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- terms
  - coping



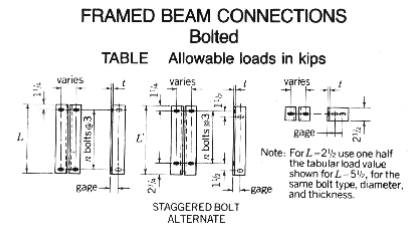
# Beam Connections

- LRFD provisions
  - shear yielding
  - shear rupture
  - block shear rupture
  - tension yielding
  - tension rupture
  - local web buckling
  - lateral torsional buckling



# Framed Beam Connections

- tables for standard bolt holes & spacings
- $n = \# \text{ bolts}$
- angle leg thickness
- length needed



**TABLE Bolt Shear<sup>a</sup>**  
For bolts in bearing-type connections with standard or slotted holes.

Bolt Type	A325-N			A490-N			A325-X			A490-X					
	F, Ksi			21.0			28.0			30.0			40.0		
Bolt Dia., d In.	3/4	1	1 1/4	3/4	1	1 1/4	3/4	1	1 1/4	3/4	1	1 1/4	3/4	1	1 1/4
Angle Thickness t, in.	3/16	1/4	5/16	3/16	1/4	5/16	3/16	1/4	5/16	3/16	1/4	5/16	3/16	1/4	5/16
L In.	L'	n													
29 1/2	31	10	186	253	330	247	337	440 <sup>b</sup>	285	361	<sup>c</sup>	353	481	<sup>c</sup>	
26 1/2	28	9	167	227	297	223	303	396 <sup>b</sup>	239	325	<sup>c</sup>	318	433	<sup>c</sup>	
23 1/2	25	8	148	202	264	198	269	352 <sup>b</sup>	212	289	<sup>c</sup>	283	385	<sup>c</sup>	
20 1/2	22	7	130	177	231	173	236	308 <sup>b</sup>	186	253	<sup>c</sup>	247	337	<sup>c</sup>	
17 1/2	19	6	111	152	198	148	202	264 <sup>b</sup>	159	216	<sup>c</sup>	212	289	<sup>c</sup>	377
14 1/2	16	5	92.8	128	165	124	168	220 <sup>b</sup>	133	180	<sup>c</sup>	177	242	<sup>c</sup>	314
11 1/2	13	4	74.2	101	132	99.0	135	178 <sup>b</sup>	106	144	<sup>c</sup>	141	192	<sup>c</sup>	251

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# Beam Connections

- block shear rupture
- tension rupture



Figure 2-2. Block Shear Rupture. (From: Manual of Steel Construction, 9th Edition, Copyright © 2001, American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc.)



Figure 2-14. Tension Rupture. (From: Manual of Steel Construction, 9th Edition, Copyright © 2001, American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc.)