

**The Ultimate Civil PE Review
Course
Construction – Depth**

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I. Earthwork Construction and Layout

- A. Excavation and embankment (cut and fill)
- B. Borrow pit volumes
- C. Site layout and control
- D. Earthwork mass diagrams

II. Estimating Quantities and Costs

- A. Quantity take-off methods
- B. Cost estimating
- C. Engineering economics
 - 1. Value engineering and costing

III. Construction Operations and Methods

- A. Lifting and rigging
- B. Crane selection, erection, and stability
- C. Dewatering and pumping
- D. Equipment production
- E. Productivity analysis and improvement
- F. Temporary erosion control

IV. Scheduling

- A. Construction sequencing
- B. CPM network analysis
- C. Activity time analysis
- D. Resource scheduling
- E. Time-cost trade-off

(10%) V. Material Quality Control and Production

- A. Material testing (e.g., concrete, soil, asphalt)
- B. Welding and bolting testing
- C. Quality control process (QA/QC)
- D. Concrete mix design

17.5% VI. Temporary Structures

- A. Construction loads
- B. Formwork
- C. Falsework and scaffolding
- D. Shoring and reshoring
- E. Concrete maturity and early strength evaluation
- F. Bracing
- G. Anchorage
- H. Cofferdams (systems for temporary excavation support)
- I. Codes and standards

[e.g., American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE 37), American Concrete Institute (ACI 347), American Forest and Paper Association-NDS, Masonry Wall Bracing Standard]

17.5%

VII. Worker, Health

VIII. Other Topics

10%

12.5%

7.5%

10%

→ “The knowledge areas here are not exclusive or exhaustive...” NCEES

V. Material Quality Control and Production

→ C. Quality Control Process (QA/ QC)

Quality: “The fulfillment of a series of actions and considerations during an engineering project” (As per AASTHO/ FHWA)

Quality Assurance: “All planned and systematic actions necessary to provide confidence that a product or facility will perform satisfactorily in its role
(As per AASTHO/ FHWA)

Aspects falling under the umbrella of Quality Assurance:

- Quality Control — *TYPICALLY BY CONTRACTOR*
- Third Party Assessment —
- Acceptance — *AHS*

Activities in a QA/QC program:

- ✓ Inspections
- ✓ Testing

Processes & Procedures in a QA/QC Program:

- Tracking
- Documentation
- Analysis

V. B. Welding and Bolting Testing

Welding is the process of fusing two metal pieces under the action of heat, with or without the contribution of metal material, in order to create a connection between the pieces. (Ref. Steel Structures by Nunziata & Richardson)

Advantages of Welding:

- NO NET LOSS OF STN - CAN BE CHEAPER
- LESS SPACE - AESTHETIC

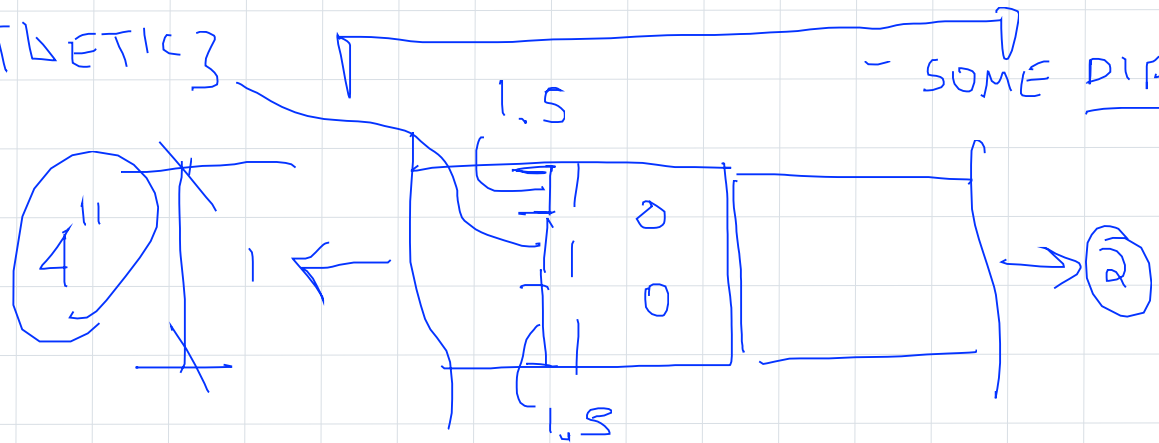
Disadvantages:

SKILLED WELDERS
- TESTING

SOME DIFF.

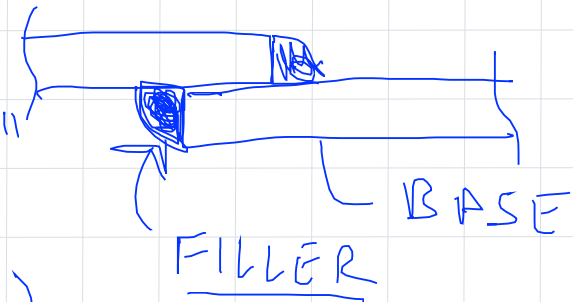
Process of Welding requires:

- ✓ - Base Metal
- ✓ - Filler Material
- ✓ - Heat Source
- ✓ - Protection of Weld Pool



Processes:

- Oxy-Acetylene (not common structurally)
- Shielded metal-arc welding (SMAW) "STICK"
- Submerged arc welding (SAW) "SHOP"
- Gas-shielded metal arc welding (GMAW) (MIG)
- Tungsten inert gas welding (TIG)



Welding Processes, Continued:

- Shielded metal-arc welding (SMAW)

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\rightarrow HOW ELEC. USED
 $F_u = 70 \text{ KSI}$
 \rightarrow ELECTRODE

Electrode

Weld bead

Electrode holder

Base metal

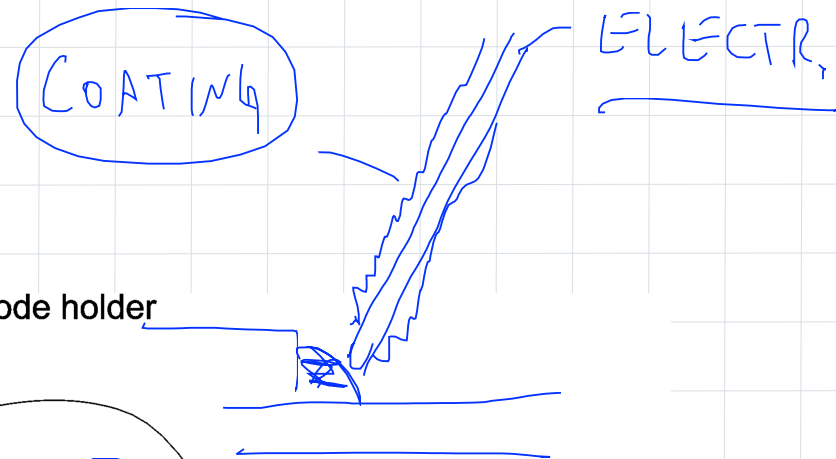
$F_y = 36 \text{ KSI}$
 $F_u = 58$

+ positive

Electric power supply

- negative

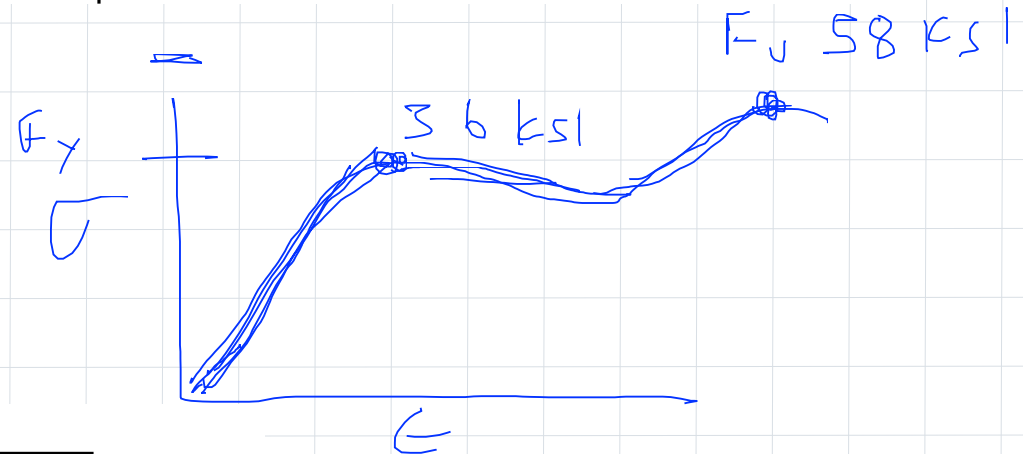
Ground clamp



- Submerged arc welding (SAW)

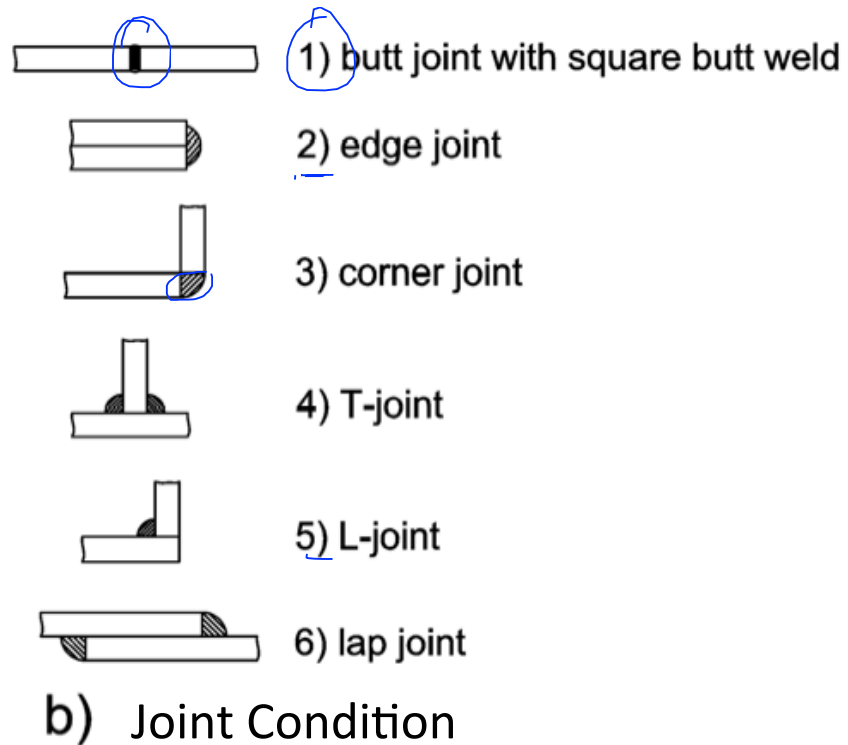
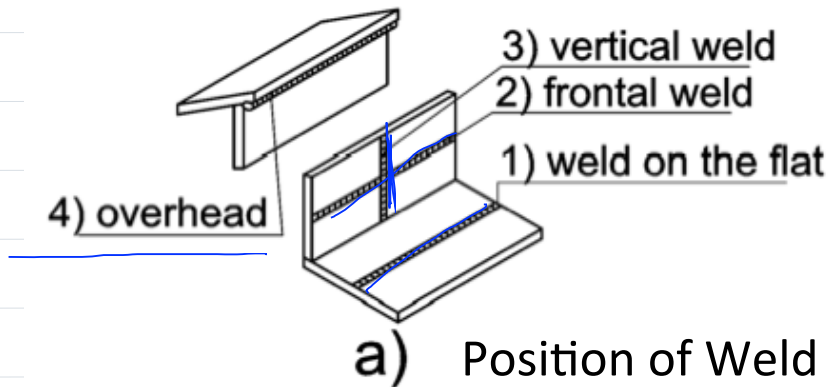
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\rightarrow 70 KSI
 \rightarrow FLUX

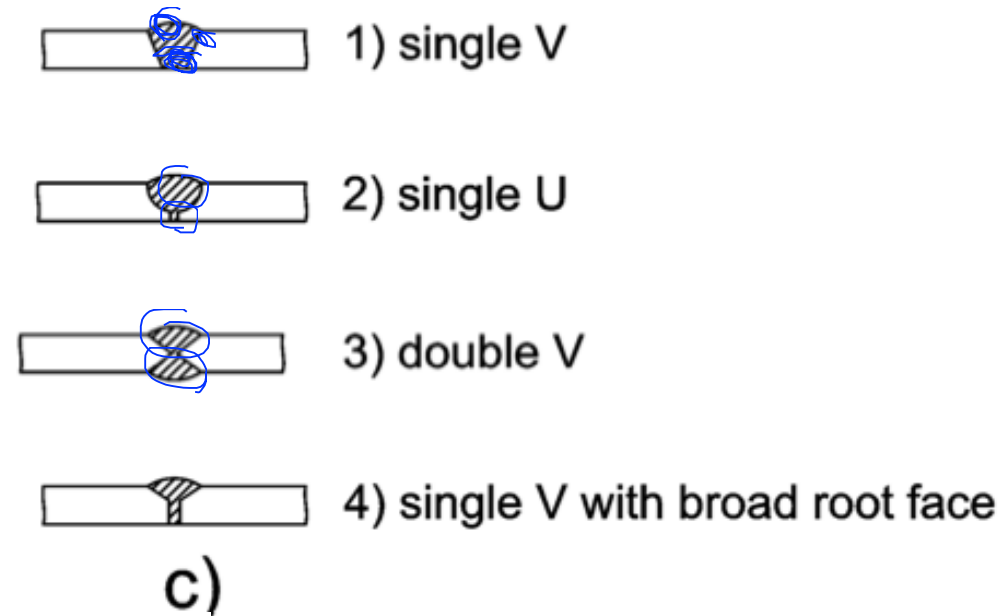


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Types of Welded Joints

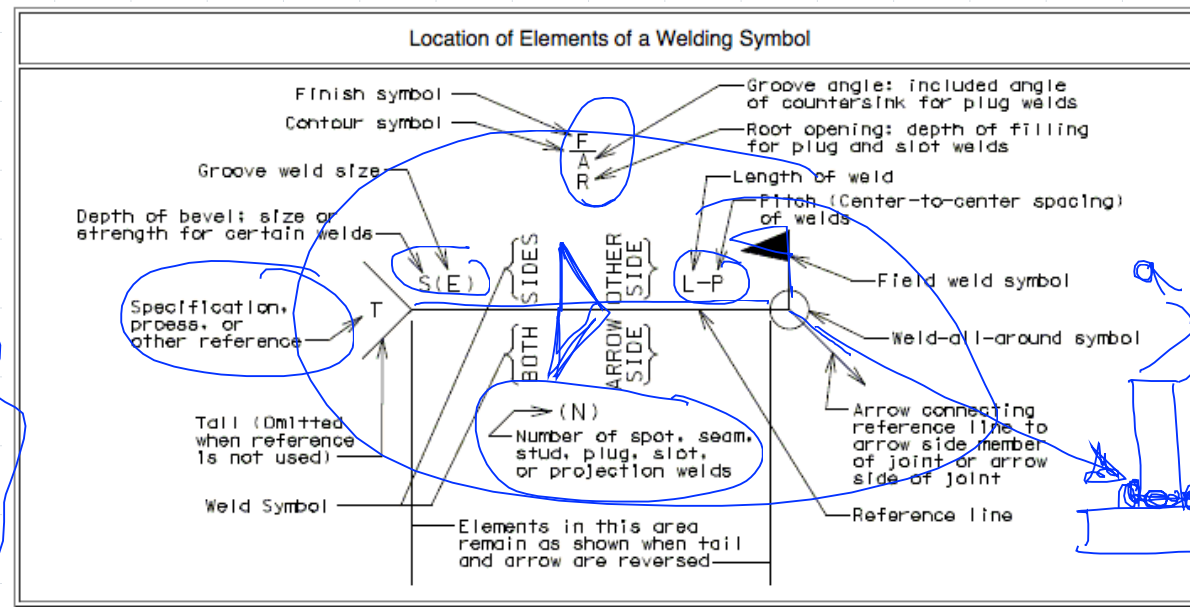


Butt Weld Types



Welding Symbols

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Standard Welding Symbols and Application of Symbols

Basic Welding Symbols and Their Location Significance

Location Significance	Fillet	Plug or Slot	Spot or Projection	Stud	Seam	Back or Baking	Surfacing	Flange Corner	Flange Edge
Arrow Side									
Other Side				Not Used			Not Used		

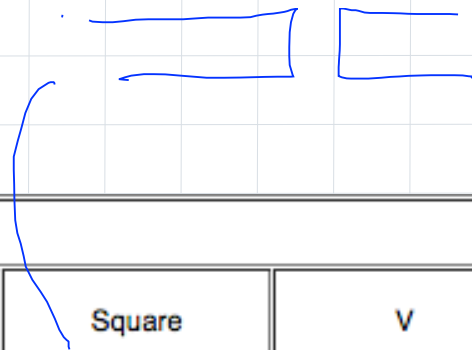
Supplementary Symbols

	Weld-All Around	Field Weld	Melt-Thru	Consumable Insert	Backing Spacer	Contour		
						Flush	Convex	Concave
Symbols								

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Welding Symbols

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Groove					
Location Significance	Square	V	Bevel	U	J
Arrow Side					
Other Side					
Both Sides					
No Arrow Side or Other Side Significance	(*)	Not Used	Not Used	Not Used	Not Used

Weld Defects

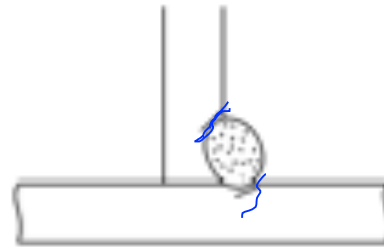
Cold Cracks

Hot Cracks

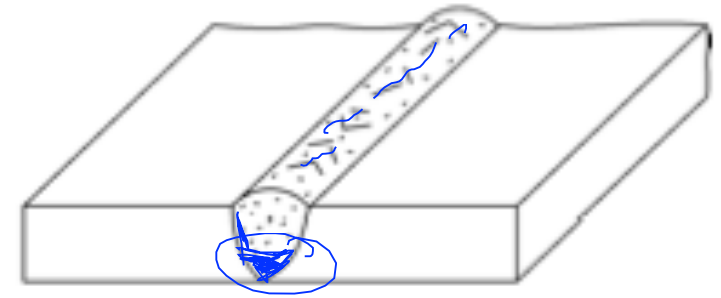
Lack of Penetration

Slag Inclusions

BlowHoles



a)



b)



• VISUAL

• LIQUID PENETRANT

• MAGNETIC PARTICLE

• ULTRASONIC (UT)

• X RAY

SURFACE/
NEAR
SURFACE

Bolting and Welding Inspections in the IBC

IBC references AISC 360 “Specification for Structural Steel Buildings” for Inspections requirements”

Note: IBC is not a reference for the PE Construction Depth, but this is noted for your knowledge.

The following table provides a good summary of bolting and welding inspections. (ref 2)

- *Welding inspections is dependent on*
- *Certification of Fabricator*
- *Seismic Design Category*
- *Whether an item is a seismic component*

SPECIAL INSPECTION, MATERIAL TESTING & STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION ITEMS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 17 OF THE 2012 IBC

Indicate items requiring special inspection, structural testing, or structural observations by checking the appropriate box. All items not requiring inspection/testing should be removed from the form. For items requiring continuous inspection, a special inspector must be present on-site during the performance of that task. In most cases "periodic" inspections/tests shall be performed prior to commencing the task, intermittently during the task, and at the completion of the task. The "Detailed Instructions & Frequencies" provides a description of the presumed requirements for tasks requiring "periodic" inspections. The design professional in responsible should revise the requirements as needed on a project-specific basis.

FABRICATORS (IBC 1704.2.5)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved Fabricator	Yes	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unapproved Fabricator	Yes	No
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Fabricators Name: _____
Fabricators plant location: _____
Required to plant inspections: ☐ Steel Construction ☐ Cold-formed Construction ☐ Concrete Construction ☐ Wood Construction ☐ Other: _____

STRUCTURAL STEEL (IBC 1705.2.1, 1705.11.1 & 1705.12.2)

Item: _____ Detailed Instructions and Frequencies

Item	Continuous	Periodic	Detailed Instructions and Frequencies
PRIOR TO WELDING (TABLE NS-4.1, AISC 360-10):			
Verify welding procedures (WPS) and consumable certificates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	
Material identification	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify type and grade of material.
Welder identification	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	A system shall be maintained by which a welder who has welded a joint or member can be identified.
Fit-up groove welds	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify joint preparation, dimensions, cleanliness, tacking, and backing.
Access holes	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify configuration and finish.
Fit-up of fillet welds	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify alignment, gaps or root, cleanliness of steel surfaces, and tack weld quality and location.
DURING WELDING (TABLE NS-4.2, AISC 360-10):			
Use of qualified welders	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify that welders are appropriately qualified.
Control and handling of welding consumables	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify packaging and exposure control.
Cracked tack welds	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify that welding does not occur over cracked tack welds.
Environmental conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify that welding is within limits as well as precipitation and temperature.
WPS followed	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify items such as settings on welding equipment, travel speed, welding materials, shielding gas type/flow rate, preheat applied, interpass temperature maintained, and proper position.
Welding techniques	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify interpass and final cleaning, each pass is within profile limitations, and quality of each pass.

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Fabricators Name:			
Fabricators plant location			
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Cold-formed Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

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AFTER WELDING (TABLE N5.4-3, AISC 360-10):			
Welds cleaned	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify that welds have been propyl cleaned.
Size, length, and location of welds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	
Welds meet visual acceptance criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	
Arc strikes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	
k-area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	
Backing & weld tabs removed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	
Repair activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	
Document acceptance or rejection of welded joint/member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	
NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING (SECTION N5.5, AISC 360-10):			
CJP welds (Risk Cat. II)	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Ultrasonic testing shall be performed on 10% of CJP groove welds in butt, T- and corner joints subject to transversely applied tension loading in materials 5/16-inch thick or greater. Testing rate must be increased if > 5% of welds tested have unacceptable defects.
CJP welds (Risk Cat. III or IV)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	A reduction in the rate of ultrasonic testing is allowed per Section N5.5e.
Access holes (flange > 2")	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	
Welded joints subject to fatigue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	

PRIOR TO BOLTING (TABLE N5.6-1, AISC 360-10):

➤ Not required if only snug-tight joints are specified [per Section N5.6(1) of AISC 360-10].

Certifications of fasteners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	
Fasteners marked	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify that fasteners have been marked in accordance with ASTM requirements.
Proper fasteners for joint	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify grade, type, and bolt length if threads are excluded from the shear plane.
Proper bolting procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify proper procedure is used for the joint detail.
Connecting elements	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify appropriate faying surface condition and hole preparation, if specified, meet requirements.
Pre-installation verification testing	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Observe and document verification testing by installation personnel for fastener assemblies and methods used.
Proper storage	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify proper storage of bolts, nuts, washers, and other fastener components.

DURING BOLTING (TABLE N5.6-2, AISC 360-10):

➤ Not required if only snug-tight joints are specified [per Section N5.6(1) of AISC 360-10].

➤ Not required for pretensioned joints using turn-of-the-nut method with match-marking, direct-tension-indicators, or twist-off type tension control method [per Section N5.6(2) of AISC 360-10].

Fastener assemblies	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify that fastener assemblies are of suitable condition, paced in all holes, and washers are positioned as required.
Snug-tight prior to pretensioning	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify that joints are brought to snug-tight condition prior to pretensioning operation.
Fastener component	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify that fastener component is not turned by wrench prevented from rotating.
Pretensioned fasteners	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic	Verify that fasteners are Pretensioned in accordance with RCSC Specification, progressing systematically from the most rigid point toward the free edges.

AFTER BOLTING (TABLE N5.6-3, AISC 360-10):

Document acceptance or rejection of bolted connections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic	
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Problem 151

A weld is performed using a SMAW process, and the base material cooled too quickly. Which defect is most likely to occur?

- A) Blowholes
- B) Slag Inclusions
- C) Hot Crack
- D) Cold Crack

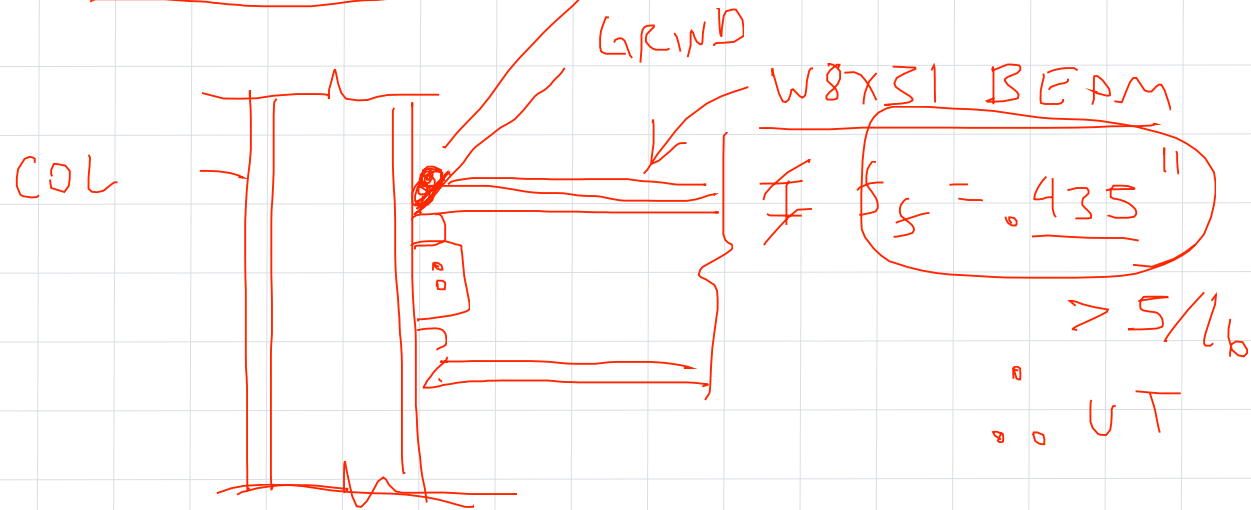


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Problem 152

A weld is being performed in an area with a Seismic Design Category of D, and Full Penetration weld is used on a W8x31 steel beam to column connection. What type of inspection is required?

- A) None
- B) Visual
- C) Radiographic
- D) Ultrasonic

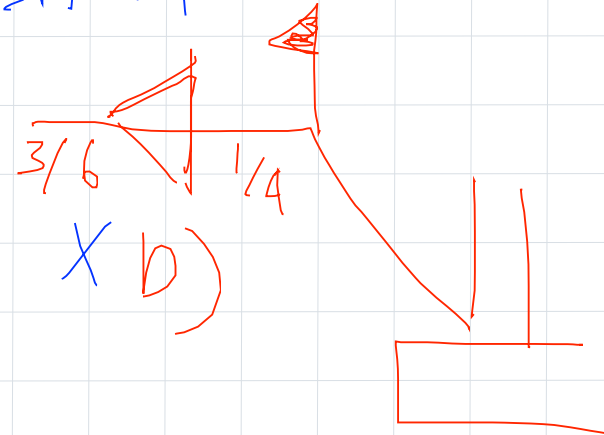
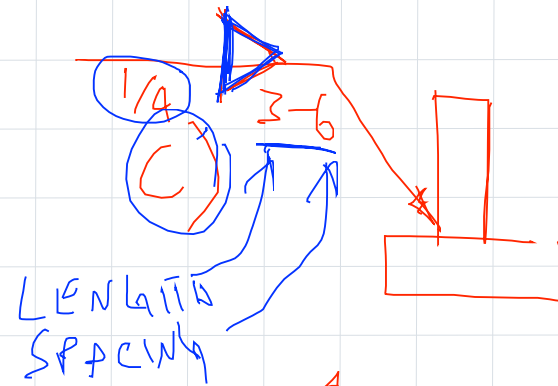
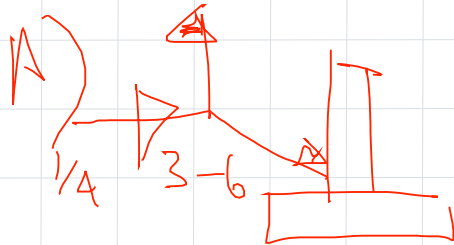


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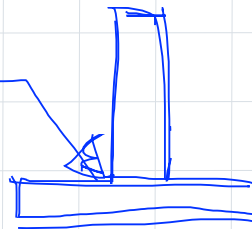
1/4" FILLET BOTH SIDES 6" ON CENTER
3" LONG

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PROBLEM 154

SAW



BEVEL WELD

A) SUBMERGED ARC WELD

B)

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References

1. Theory and Practice of Steel Structures; 2013 Nunziata & Richardson.
2. [State of Utah](#)
3. [Missouri DOT](#)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi R_n &= (3 t_e F_u R_{op}) L \\ &= (3)(.707)(1/4)(70)(4) \\ &= (3.71)(4) \\ &= 14.84 \text{ KIPS} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{R_n}{\Omega} \geq T_{all}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi R_n &= 928 \text{ DL} \\ &= (3.71)(4) \\ &= 14.84 \end{aligned}$$

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