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Course Description

Façade Attachments, Part 1
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Every type of facade system presents its own challenges for the design team. Where and how are the gravity and lateral loads supported? How much movement can the facade system accommodate? What is the jointing pattern? In this session, we will explore masonry cavity wall systems, aluminum-glass curtain wall systems and panelized systems such as precast concrete panels or prefabricated metal-framed panels with masonry or glass-fiber reinforced concrete facing to help answer these questions.

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Learning Objectives

- List the issues to consider when locating joints in masonry cavity walls.

- Describe how panelized façade systems are best supported.

- Explain the importance of allowing for field adjustments of aluminum curtain walls.

- Name the sources of vertical movement in façade systems.

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- Session R1
  - Fundamentals of Facades
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  - Traditional Masonry Cavity Walls
  - Panelized Facade Systems
  - Aluminum-Glass Curtain Walls
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Masonry Cavity Walls

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The strategy for supporting masonry cavity walls starts with the decision for the location of the horizontal movement joints.

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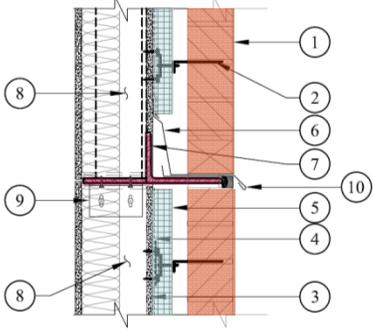
NOTES:

1. Veneer.
2. Veneer anchor.
3. Exterior sheathing, usually gypsum based.
4. Water barrier.
5. Insulation.
6. Through wall flashing.
7. Shelf angle.
8. Backup wall (metal stud shown).
9. Top of backup wall connection allows vertical movement between portion of wall above soft joint and portion below, plus allow in-plane movement.
10. Soft joint under shelf angle.

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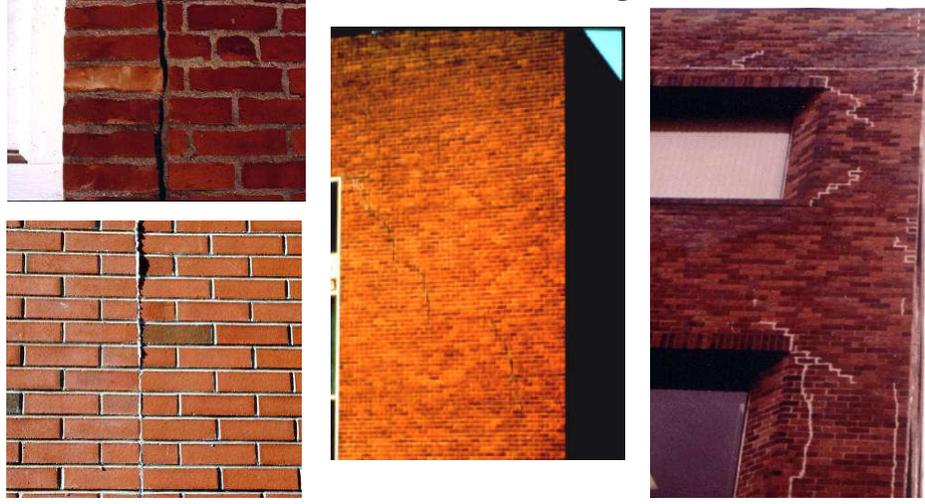
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Movement Joints

Floor

Floor

Vertical "Control" Joints

Building Corner

Horizontal "Soft" Joints

Window Opening, Typ.

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Punched Window Openings
Horizontal Joint at Window Head

Elevation

Block or Metal Stud Backup

Punched Window Opening

Cavity Wall. (Insulation, Membrane, and Flashing Not Shown for Clarity.)

NOTES:

1. Soft joint below shelf angle.

2. Movement joint between shelf angle assembly and backup wall below. The connection to underside of shelf angle assembly provides out-of-plane lateral support to the backup wall.

3. Movement joint between shelf angle assembly and window head. The window head connection provides out-of-plane support of the window.

4. Backup wall of block or metal studs below movement joint is supported on floor slab.

5. Backup wall above movement joint is supported on shelf angle assembly and anchored to underside of floor slab.

6. Hangers from plate brackets support the shelf angle assembly.

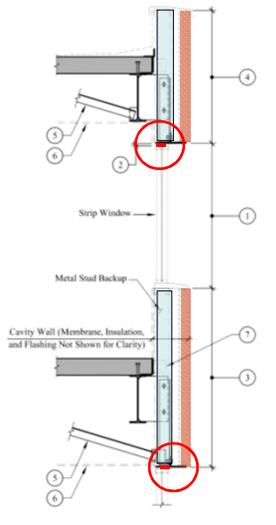7. Roll beams or kickers can resist the twist of the spandrel beam.

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Strip Windows

Elevation

NOTES:

1. Strip window. The shelf angle is at the window head.

2. Movement joint between shelf angle assembly and window head. The window head connection provides out-of-plane support of the window.

3. Metal stud backup wall is supported off of the hung shelf angle assembly. Studs are connected to the edge of the slab and cantilever up to provide vertical and out-of-plane support at the sill of the strip window.

4. At the roof, the metal studs cantilever up past the slab edge to form the parapet.

5. Kickers or roll beams can resist the twist of the spandrel beam.

6. The finish ceiling location may dictate the location of the kickers.

7. Lateral tie to slab so studs can cantilever by edge of slab up to sill of window for out-of-plane support of window.

Strip Window

Metal Stud Backup

Cavity Wall (Membrane, Insulation, and Flashing Not Shown for Clarity)

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Parameters Affecting Design

- Architecture Decisions
  - Fenestration
  - Horizontal Joint Patterns
  - Vertical Joint Patterns
- Dimensions
  - Story Heights
- Magnitude of Loads
- Field Adjustability
- Relative Movements
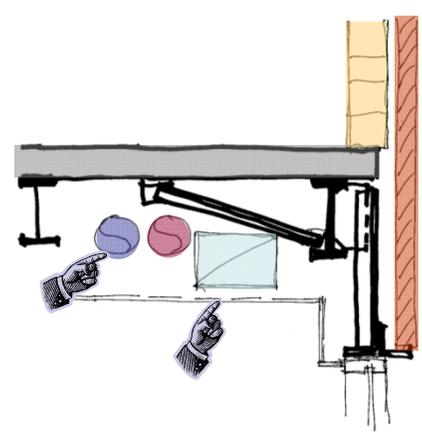- Durability
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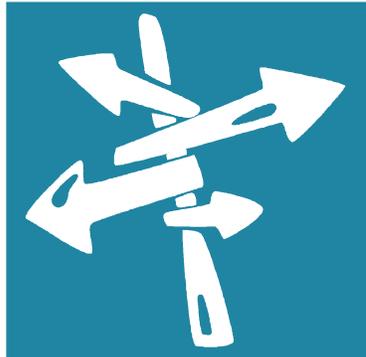
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Architectural Decisions

Ceilings, MEP

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Architectural Decisions

Vertical Control Joints

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(b)

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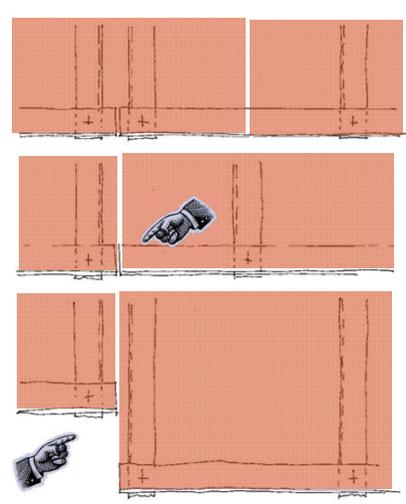
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Dimensions

NOTES:

1. Shelf angle made from standard rolled angle shape.
2. Structural spacer may be required for projects with thick insulation requirements in the cavity or with thick veneer in order to keep standard rolled angle as shelf.
3. Line of membrane and flashing.
4. A minimum of 2/3 of the veneer should bear on the shelf angle.
5. Continuous plate to support backup wall above.
6. Structural hangers behind membrane and within the thickness of the backup wall.

Horizontal Leg of Shelf

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Dimensions

Thickness of Backup

Relative Location of Column

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Field Adjustability

- Slab edge
- Backup wall
- Shelf angle

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Vertical Movements

Spandrel Deflection	Spandrel Rotation	Shelf Angle Rotation

Brick Volume Change

Design Vertical Movements

Note: Column shortening is important too for tall building's bottom story.

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Joint Compressibility

+/-30% **J**

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In-Plane Movements

Seismic or Wind Drift

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In-Plane Movements

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Top of Wall Connections

| CMU Backup Long Slab Overhang Angle at Slab | CMU Backup Short Slab Overhang Hung Angle | Metal Stud Backup Long Slab Overhang Hung Angle |

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Durability

Steel Hanger Assembly

Cavity and Insulation

Waterproof Membrane

Metal Flashing

Galvanized Shelf Angle

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Design of Shelf Angles

- Grimm and Yura (1989)
- Tide and Krogstad (1993)

SHELF ANGLES FOR MASONRY VENEER

By Clayford T. Grimm,[1] Fellow, ASCE, and Joseph A. Yura,[2] Member, ASCE

ABSTRACT: Inadequacies of design, construction, and maintenance associated with shelf angles supporting masonry veneer on structural frames often cause spalling, cracking, and staining of masonry veneer; yielding and slipping of shelf angles;

Raymond H. R. Tide,[1] Norbert V. Krogstad[2] ,

ECONOMICAL DESIGN OF SHELF ANGLES

REFERENCE: Tide, Raymond H. R., Krogstad, Norbert V., "Economical Design of Shelf Angles," Masonry: Design and Construction, Problems and Repair, ASTM STP 1180, John M. Melander and Lynn R. Lauersdorf, Eds., American Society for Testing and Materials, Philadelphia, 1993.

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Shelf Angle Tables

Table 7-1. Vertical Deflection at Tip of Shelf Angle, in. Supporting 10 Vertical Feet of Brick[1]

Angle	Thickness, in.	Spacing of Angle Attachment to Structure, in.								
		24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
L5x5	5/16	0.0258	0.0329	0.0399	0.0467	0.0534	0.0651	0.0788	0.0949	0.114
	3/8	0.0151	0.0193	0.0234	0.0274	0.0316	0.0386	0.0468	0.0565	0.0679
	7/16[6]	0.00965	0.0123	0.0149	0.0175	0.0204	0.0250	0.0304	0.0368	0.0444
	1/2	0.00653	0.00834	0.0101	0.0119	0.0140	0.0171	0.0209	0.0254	0.0307
	5/8	0.00340	0.00435	0.00527	0.00618	0.00743	0.00917	0.0113	0.0138	0.0168
	3/4	0.00200	0.00256	0.00311	0.00365	0.00448	0.00557	0.00689	0.00851	0.0105
L6x4 (LLH)	5/16	0.0491	0.0624	0.0755	0.0883	0.1008	0.117	0.142	0.171	–
	3/8	0.0286	0.0364	0.0441	0.0516	0.0589	0.0694	0.0842	0.102	0.122
	7/16[6]	0.0182	0.0232	0.0281	0.0328	0.0375	0.0447	0.0544	0.0659	0.0793
	1/2	0.0123	0.0156	0.0189	0.0222	0.0253	0.0305	0.0373	0.0452	0.0547
	9/16[6]	0.00870	0.0111	0.0134	0.0157	0.0179	0.0219	0.0268	0.0327	0.0397
	5/8	0.00639	0.00813	0.00985	0.0115	0.0132	0.0163	0.0200	0.0245	0.0299
	3/4	0.00374	0.00477	0.00578	0.00676	0.00793	0.00985	0.0122	0.0151	0.0186

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Hung Shelf Angle

(Note: Sheathing and Insulation Not Shown for Clarity, Typ.)

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Hung Shelf Angle

(See preceding slide)

NOTES:

(1) Veneer of cavity wall. Membrane, insulation, flashing, etc. not shown.

(2) Block or metal stud backup wall.

(3) Spandrel beam.

(4) Full depth stiffener plates provide brackets that project from the spandrel beam to pick up the hanger.

(5) Single angle hangers. Erection bolts in long horizontal slots in the angle and long vertical slots in the bracket plates allow for field adjustment prior to field welding.

(6) Shelf angle. May be shop welded if hangers have sufficient adjustment. Can have erection bolts in slotted holes with field welding after final placement for additional adjustment.

(7) Continuous plate to support backup wall above movement joint. Welded to hangers.

(8) Kickers or roll beams restrain twist of spandrel.

(9) Field application of light gage metal pour stop provides adjustment of slab edge location.

(10) Nominal overhang of the backup allows for field adjustment of the face of backup relative to the slab edge.

(11) Clearance is required between the inside edge of the hanger and the outside tips of the spandrel's flanges.

(12) Horizontal soft joint in the veneer.

(13) Backup connection to hanger assembly provides out-of-plane restraint only. Allows vertical and in-plane movement.

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Example Drawing Detail

Gusset Plate @ 4'-0" o.c. with Vertical Slots for Adjustment

Erection Bolts

L5x5x⅜ Shelf Hanger @ 4'-0" o.c. with Horizontal Slots for Adjustment, Adjustable Item.

2L3x3x¼ Kicker

¼" Plate

3-Sides

Touch-Up with Zinc-Rich Coating

Erection Bolts in Vert. Long Slotted Holes.

Cont. L7x4x⅜ LLH Shelf Angle (Galv.), Adjustable Item.

Continuous ⅜" x 6" Plate

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Example Drawing Detail

Thermal Isolation Pad

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Example Drawing Detail

Thermal
Isolation Pad

1 1/2"
1 1/2"
1 1/2"
1 1/2"
2"
4"
1 1/2"
3"
2"
1"

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Plan Locations of Hangers

NOTES:

1. Shelf angle.
2. Hangers.
3. Brackets from spandrel to hangers.
4. Allow clearance from last bracket hanger to column for column connection - 12 to 18 inches is usually sufficient.
5. Design shelf angle for cantilever past last hanger on spandrel. - 18 to 24 inches is not unusual.
6. Gap between shelf angles - ½ inch +/- ½ inch. Gaps in angles and vertical control joints need not align.
7. Field install adjustable brackets from column to support ends of shelf angles if cantilever from last bracket is too long.

Building Column

Spandrel Beam

Masonry Veneer

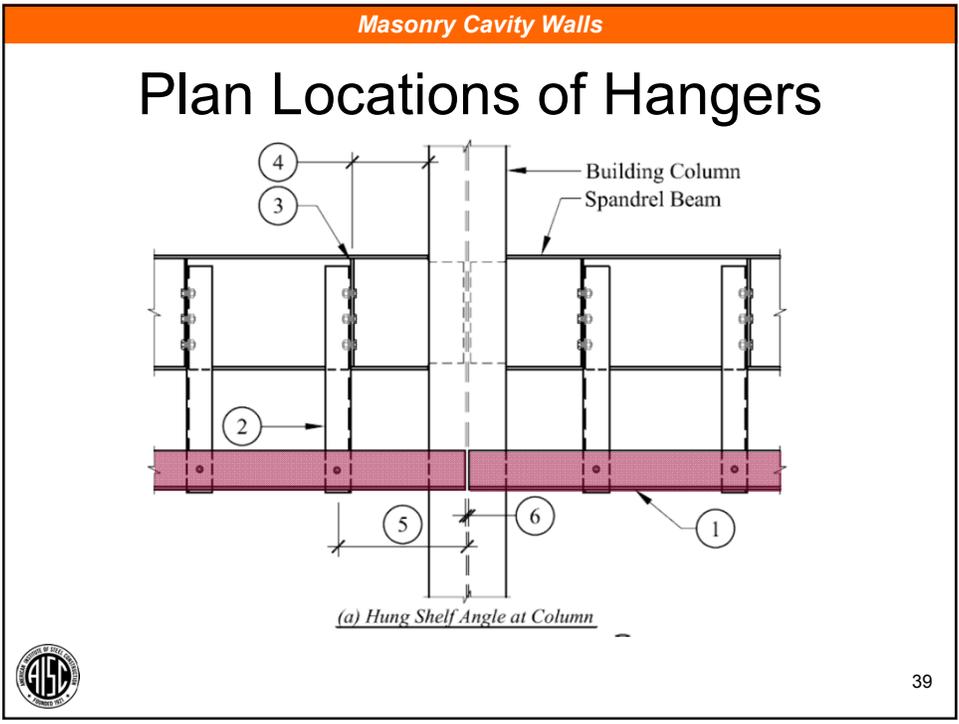(b) Hung Shelf Angle at Re-Entrant Corner

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Plan Locations of Hangers

Building Column

Spandrel Beam

Masonry Veneer

(c) Hung Shelf Angle at Building Corner

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Plan Locations of Hangers

(a) Hung Shelf Angle at Column

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Long Hangers

Finish Ceiling

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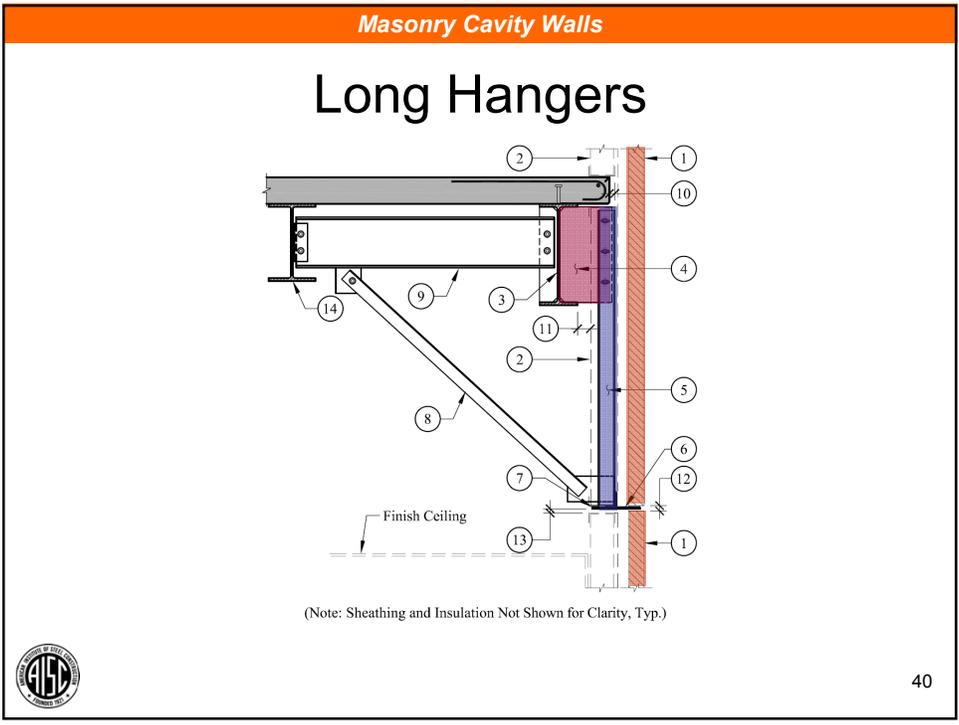
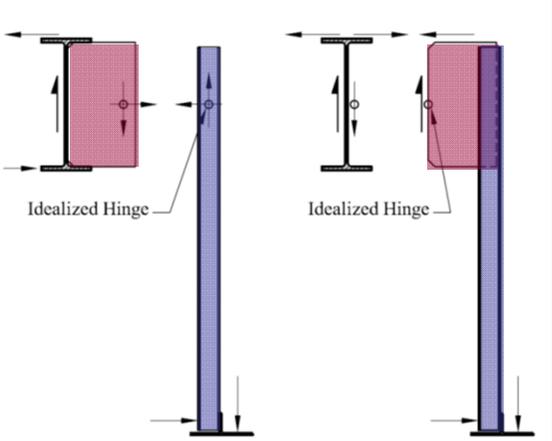## Masonry Cavity Walls

Long Hangers
(See preceding slide)

NOTES:

1. Veneer of cavity wall. Membrane, insulation, flashing, etc. not shown.

2. Block or metal stud backup wall.

3. Spandrel beam.

4. Full depth fitted stiffener plates provide brackets that project from the spandrel beam to pick up the hanger.

5. Hangers. Erection bolts in long horizontal slots in the angle and long vertical slots in the bracket plates allow for field adjustment prior to field welding.

6. Shelf angle. May be shop welded if hangers have sufficient adjustment. Can have erection bolts in slotted holes with field welding after final placement for additional adjustment.

7. Continuous plate to support backup wall above movement joint. Welded to hangers.

8. Kickers. Field weld to connection plates after adjustment of hangers.

9. Roll beam to restrain twist on spandrel due to eccentricity of hanger. Can also help get horizontal force from kicker into slab.

10. Nominal overhang of the backup allows for field adjustment of the face of backup relative to the slab edge.

11. Clearance is required between the inside edge of the hanger and the outside tips of the spandrel's flanges.

12. Horizontal soft joint in the veneer.

13. Backup connection to hanger assembly provides out-of-plane restraint only. Allows vertical and in-plane movement.

14. Interior beam resists vertical force from kicker. Consider bottom flange may go into compression and be unbraced if there is net uplift.

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Long Hangers

Idealized Hinge

Idealized Hinge

Idealized Model with Pin at Hanger

Idealized Model with Pin at Spandrel Beam Web

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Additional Rotation in Long Hangers

NOTES:

1. If connection of the kicker to the hanger is a pin, only the hanger resists rotation of the shelf angle. Check stiffness and strength of hanger.

2. If connection of the kicker to the hanger is rigid, the hanger and kicker resist rotation of the shelf angle. Check stiffness and strength of both.

3. There can be differential deflection between supports which will impact shelf angle deflection.

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Other Concepts for Long Hangers

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NOTES:

1. Fewer, heavier hangers. Perhaps at 1/4 or 1/3 span of the spandrel beam. Double angles or channels may be appropriate.

2. HSS + shelf angle assembly spans between hangers. HSS takes torsion from eccentric shelf angle. Support HSS at columns to avoid heavy hangers adjacent to columns.

3. Design connection between HSS and hangers for vertical and horizontal field adjustment. Consider erection bolts in slotted holes and field welding.

4. Kicker.

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Other Concepts for Long Hangers

NOTES:

4. Full depth stiffener plates provide brackets that project from the spandrel beam to pick up the hanger.

5. Hangers. Erection bolts in long horizontal slots in the angle and long vertical slots in the bracket plates allow for field adjustment prior to field welding.

6. Shelf angle. May be shop welded if hangers have sufficient adjustment. Can have erection bolts in slotted holes with field welding after final placement for additional adjustment.

7. Continuous girt spans between columns for out of plane wall loads and the horizontal force that results from eccentric load on hanger. Also supports the backup wall above movement joint. Welded to hangers for vertical support.

8. Kicker to resolve eccentric forces on spandrel beam.

NOTES:

1. Veneer of cavity wall. Membrane, insulation, flashing, etc. not shown.

2. Block or metal stud backup wall.

3. Finish may prevent the use of kickers down to shelf angle.

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Hung Angle – Back Up Runs By Slab

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Hung Angle – Back Up Runs By Slab
(See preceding slide)

NOTES:

(1) Veneer of cavity wall. Membrane, insulation, flashing, etc. not shown.

(2) Metal stud backup wall runs by edge of slab.

(3) Spandrel beam.

(4) Full depth stiffener plates provide brackets that project from the spandrel beam to pick up the hanger.

(5) Hangers. Erection bolts in long horizontal slots in the angle and long vertical slots in the bracket plates allow for field adjustment prior to field welding.

(6) Shelf angle. May be shop welded if hangers have sufficient adjustment. Can have erection bolts in slotted holes with field welding after final placement for additional adjustment.

(7) Continuous plate to support backup wall above movement joint. Welded to hangers.

(8) Kickers or roll beams to restrain twist on spandrel due to eccentricity of hanger.

(9) Metal studs have lateral anchor by means of a continuous clip to top of slab, or individual clips for each stud to edge of slab.

(10) Nominal gap by design between backup and slab edge allows for field adjustment of the face of backup relative to the slab edge.

(11) Clearance is required between the inside edge of the hanger and the outside tips of the spandrel's flanges.

(12) Windows can be strip windows in this detail as the studs sit on the hanger assembly and cantilever up by the edge of slab.

(13) Window head connection to hanger assembly provides out-of-plane restraint only. Allows vertical and in-plane movement.
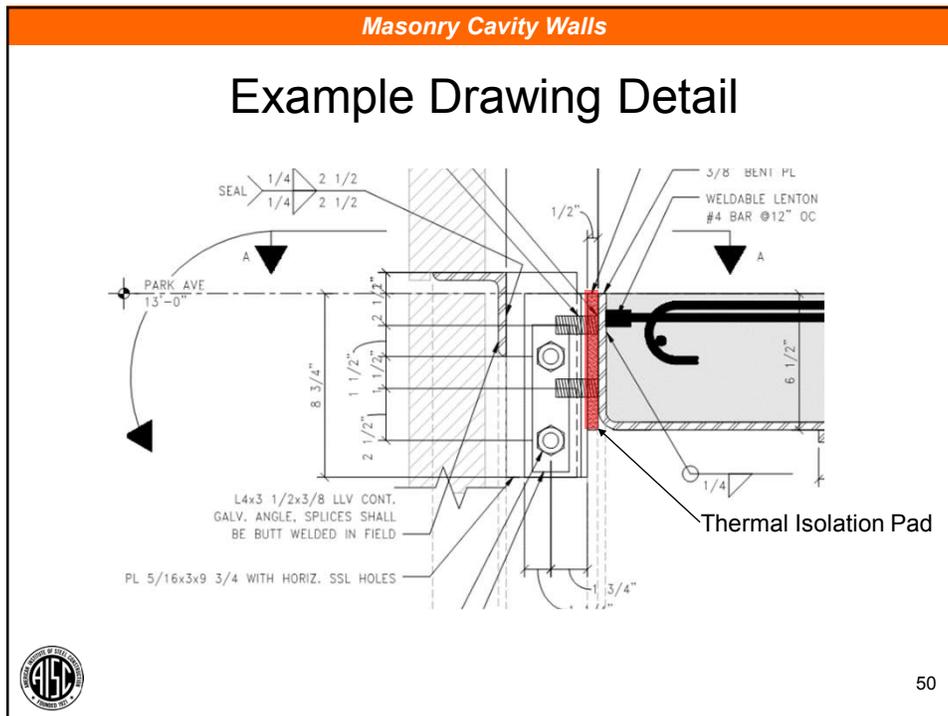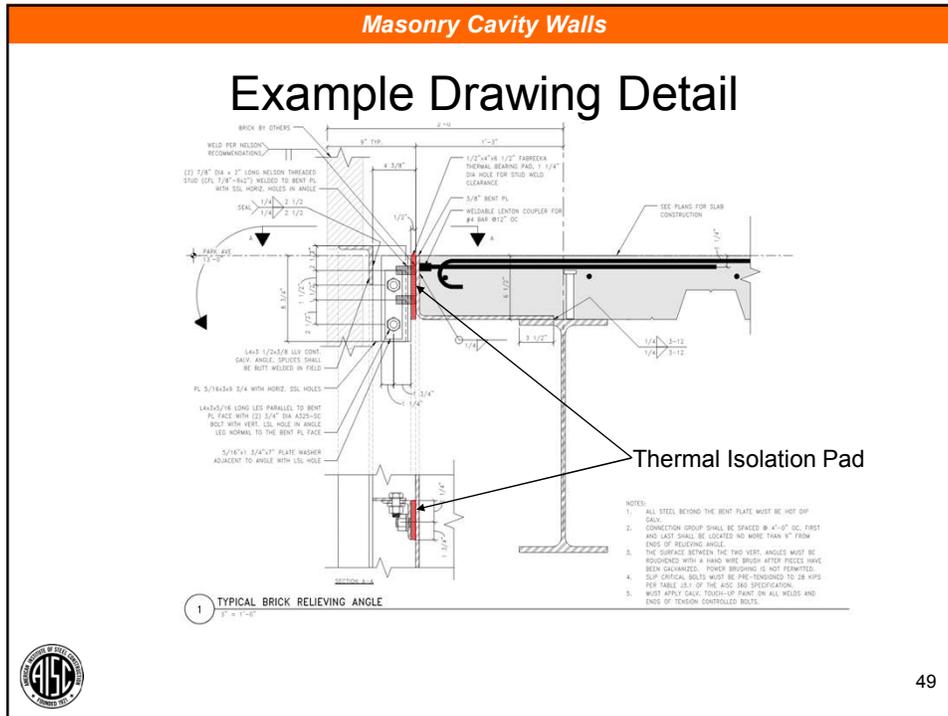
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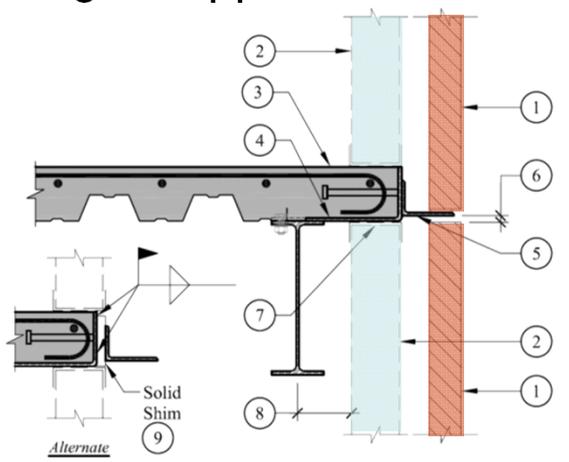
Shelf Angle Supported At Slab Edge

Solid Shim

Alternate (9)

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Example Drawing Detail

Thermal Isolation Pad

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Example Drawing Detail

Thermal Isolation Pad

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Shelf Angle Supported At Slab Edge

NOTES:
(See preceding slide)

(1) Veneer of cavity wall. Membrane, insulation, flashing, etc. not shown.

(2) Metal stud or block backup wall.

(3) Design the slab with adequate shear and flexure to overhang the spandrel and support the wall.

(4) Provide a steel angle or bent plate as a pour stop and as a means to connect the shelf angle to the slab edge with headed studs or deformed bar anchors. Design ample in-out field adjustment of this bent plate. For additional adjustment detail for single, solid shim between angle and slab edge.

(5) Field weld the shelf angle to the bent plate. If alternate shim detail is used, weld shim to bent plate and angle to shim.

(6) Soft joint in veneer.

(7) Anchorage of backup to slab. This connection needs to transfer out-of-plane forces from the wall to the slab but allow vertical movement between the slab and the lower backup wall, and in-plane movement of the wall relative to the slab for story drift of the frame.

(8) Provide clearance between the backup wall and the outside tips of the spandrel beam flanges to allow the backup wall to be connected to the underside of the bent plate at the slab overhang.

(9) Solid shims of varying thicknesses provide additional field in-plane/out-of-plane adjustment.

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Potential Problems

- Inadequate provisions for the shelf angle adjustment:
  - Too little masonry bearing on shelf angle
  - Cavity too wide for specified masonry ties
- Flashing design does not accommodate projection of bolts or fasteners into the cavity at the shelf angle.

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Potential Problems

- Inadequate sealant joint size
  - Thermal movement and brick growth
  - Spandrel beam deflections movements
- Support details at corners and atypical conditions are not clearly documented in the design.

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Panelized Facade Systems

Panelized Facade Systems

The most important strategy for
support of panelized facade systems
is to support the weight of each panel
on no more than two points.

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Panelized Facade Systems

Types of Panelized Facade Systems

EIFS Panels

GFRC Panels

Thin Stone Veneer

Panelized Brick on Studs

Precast Panels

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Panelized Facade Systems

General Description
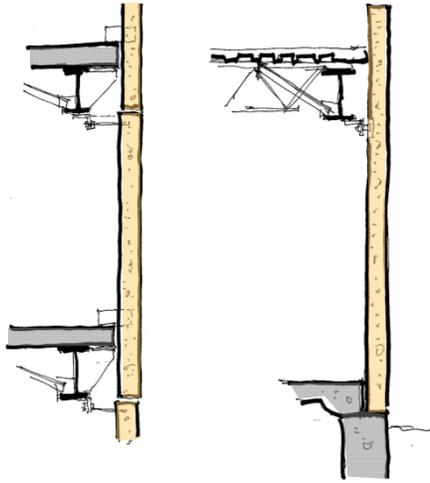
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Panelized Facade Systems

Strategies for Support
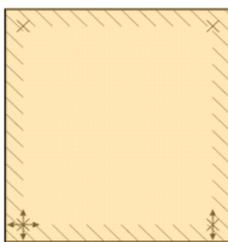
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✕ Indicates out-of-plane load resistance.

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Panelized Facade Systems

Support of Backup Frame

Two gravity support clips
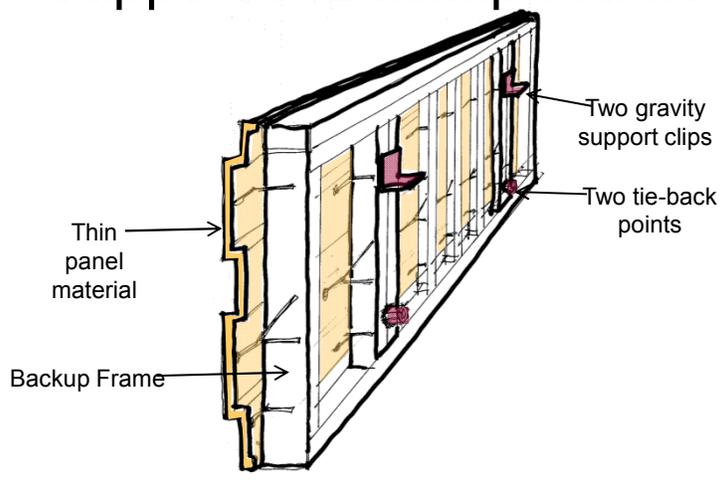
Two tie-back points

Thin panel material

Backup Frame

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Panelized Facade Systems

Parameters Affecting Design

- Architectural Layout
- Relative Movements
- Magnitude of Lateral Loads
- Field Adjustability
- Durability

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Panelized Facade Systems

Layout of Panels
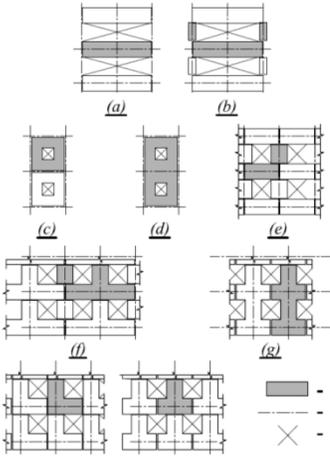
- Architectural
- Shipping and erection
- Economics

- Individual Panel
- Line of Structure
- Window Opening

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Movement
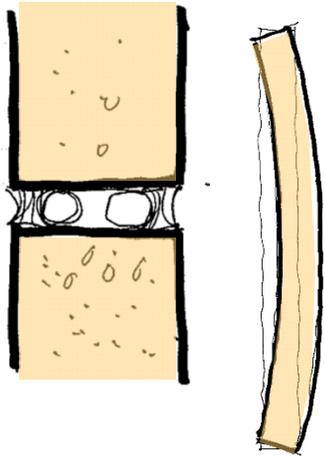
- Vertical
  - Horizontal soft joints
- Lateral
  - Volume change
- In-plane story drift
- Out-of-plane
  - Wind, seismic
  - Bowing

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Lateral Forces
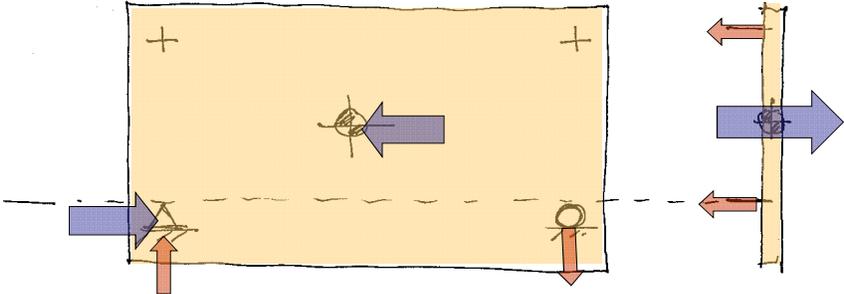
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Field Adjustability

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Fire Safing

- Approved materials
- Securely installed
- Prevents passage of flame and hot gases

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Bearing Connections

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Connection Types

Tie-back connections

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Connection Types

Tie-back connections for limited access.

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Connection Types

Large Plate Washers
and Angle with
Oversized Holes

Slotted Plate

Alignment Connections

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Connection Types

Embedded plate
on backside of
panel

Alignment
connections on
backside of panel

Section View

Elevation View

Alignment Connections

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Column-Supported Story-Tall Panels

NOTES:

1. Shim stack (or leveling bolt) bearing support at panel joint. Joint to allow differential vertical movement.

2. Steel bracket bearing connection. Typically designed by the SSE.

3. Tie-back connection at top of lower panel to allow vertical and horizontal relative movement.

4. Stiffener plates (as required). Consider impact of stiffeners on the out-of-plane spandrel beam connection.

5. Maximum allowable eccentricity (e_f) specified by the Structural Engineer of Record.

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Spandrel-Supported Panels

Detail at Composite Deck Floor Slab

NOTES:

1. Blockout in slab for bearing connection.

2. Bearing clip and connection to precast is typically specified by the SSE. Connection to panel is designed for moment to resolve eccentricity (e_f).

3. Panel joint allows relative movement between panels.

4. Slotted (or threaded) insert tie-back connection allows vertical and in-plane relative movement.

5. Steel shape hanger from spandrel to receive tie-back connection.

6. Steel shape kicker to resist tie-back alone and avoid torsion on spandrel.

7. Stiffener plates, if required, for local flange bending for bearing clip on hanger.

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Spandrel-Supported Panels

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Potential Problems

- Erection sequence may be complex when coordinating brackets, blockouts or recesses, and embedment plates.

- Cantilever brackets on panels without sufficient stiffness may deflect or rotate significantly during erection.

- Division of responsibilities for designing and providing attachment and support components may be unclear.

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Potential Problems

- Joints in architectural elevations are not coordinated with the points of load application to the primary structure as anticipated by the SER.

- Inadequate coordination and accommodation for adjustability results in greater eccentricities than anticipated by the SER, SSE, or both.

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Potential Problems

- Attachments designed by the SSE may inadvertently:
    - Deliver moments or otherwise load the primary structure with eccentric loads not anticipated by the SER designing the primary structure.
    - Resolve horizontal and vertical kicker loads to lightweight roof elements that are not designed for the kicker loads.
    - Apply loads to the bottom flange of the spandrel.

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Aluminum Curtain Wall Systems

Aluminum Curtain Walls

Often the most important part of the aluminum curtain wall design is anchorage adjustability to the base building structure.

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Aluminum Curtain Wall Systems

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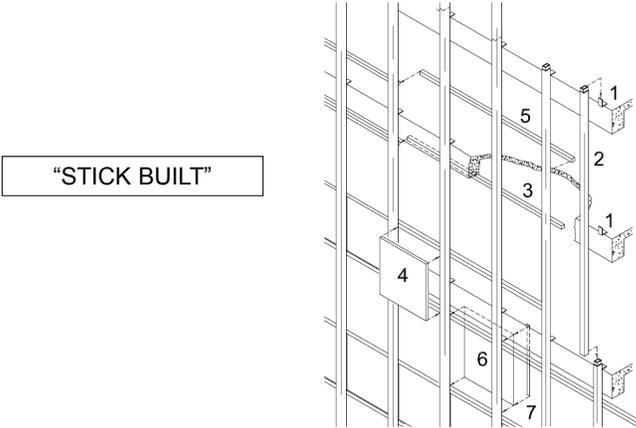
"STICK BUILT"

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General Description

"UNITIZED"

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Aluminum Curtain Wall Systems

General Description

"UNIT AND MULLION"

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Aluminum Curtain Wall Systems

Strategies for Support

- Easily accessible attachments
- Adjustability
- Limit eccentricity
- Block-outs of fire proofing
- Factory drilled bolt holes in curtain wall
- Field-welded connections

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Strategies for Support

Dead + Lateral Attachment

Lateral Attachment
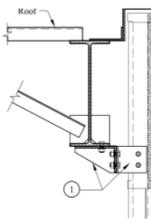
NOTES:

1. Dead load attachment. Curtain wall hangs from roof structure in this example. Attachment detail needs to provide vertical and horizontal adjustments.

2. Wind load attachment. Detail provides out-of-plane support of mullion and allows vertical movement relative to structure.
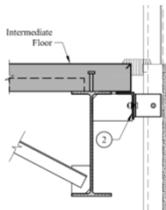
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Architectural Parameters

- Location of mullions
- Joints
- System type
- Story height
- Acceptable mullion size
- Direction of span

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Accommodating Thermal Movements

- Critical to performance
- Aluminum: $\alpha_{Al} \approx 13 \times 10^{-6}$ in/in/°F
- Steel: $\alpha_S \approx 6.5 \times 10^{-6}$ in/in/°F
- Concrete: $\alpha_C \approx 5.4 \times 10^{-6}$ in/in/°F

- Facade temperatures may be 4 times the interior temperature

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Accommodating Structural Movements
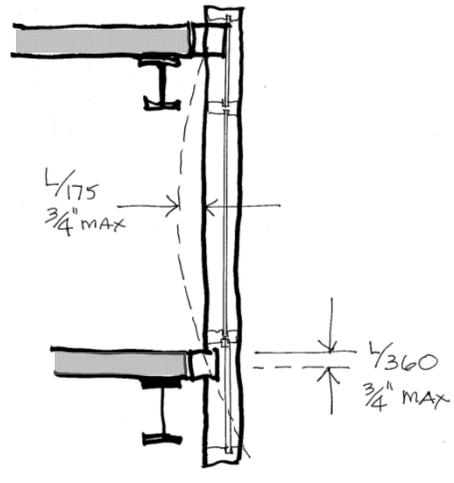
- Out-of-Plane:
  - L/175 for curtain wall
  - L/360 for members also supporting brittle finishes
  - Max. of 3/4 in.

- In-Plane:
  - L/360 common but may vary

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Field Adjustability – Gravity Anchor
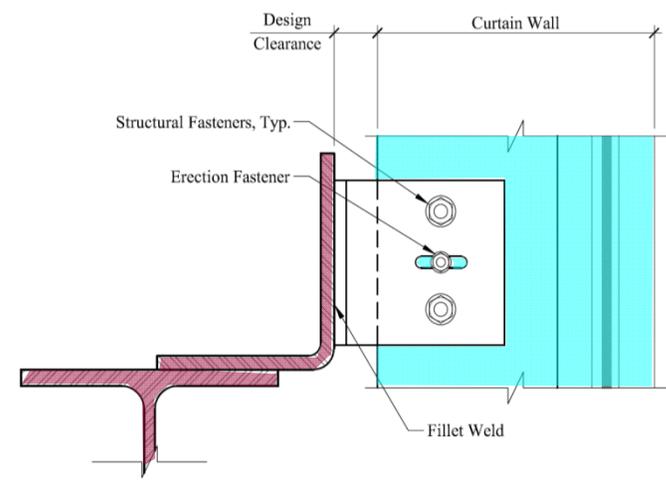
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Field Adjustability – Lateral Anchor

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Attachment to Spandrel Beam

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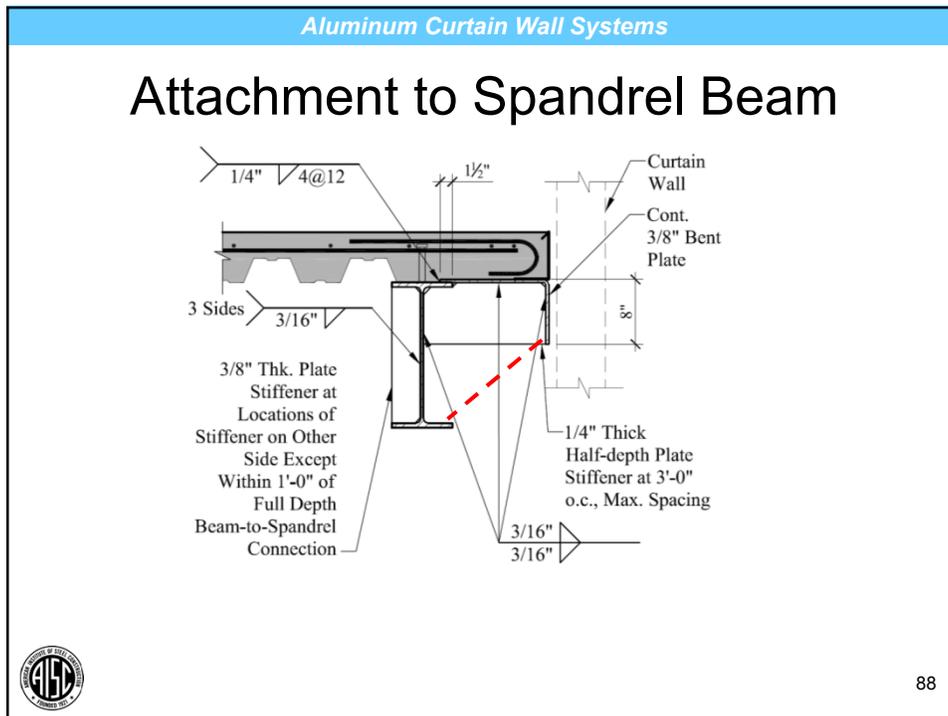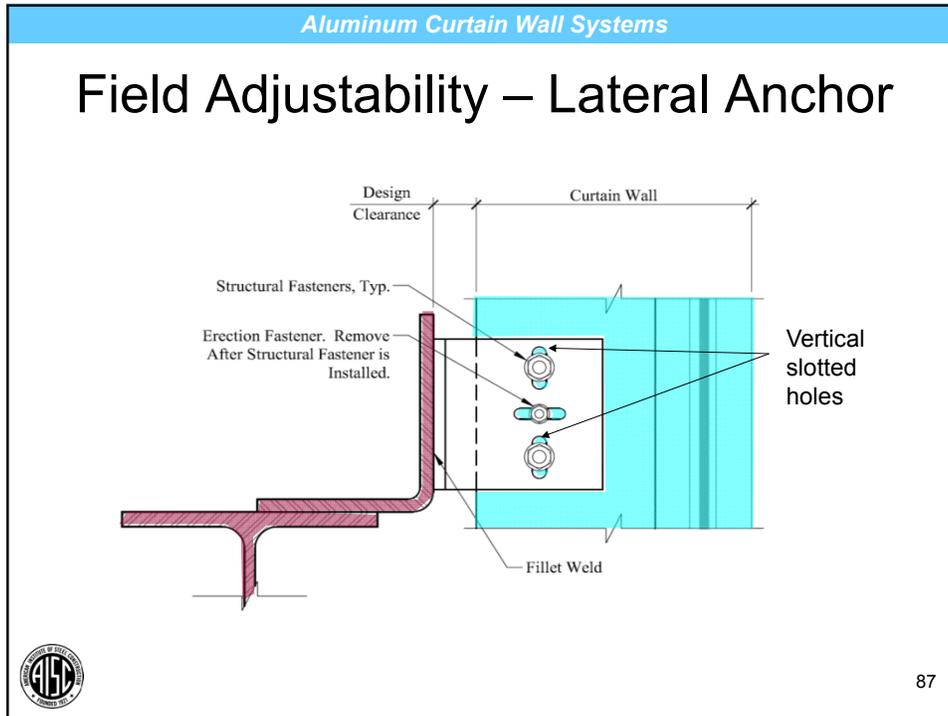
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Attachment to Spandrel Beam

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Attachment to Spandrel Beam

Movable anchor attached to face of spandrel beam

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Attachment to Top of Slab

Movable anchor located on top of floor slab

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Attachment to Top of Slab

Fixed anchor for top of mullion, movable anchor for bottom of mullion above, located in pocket cast in top of floor slab

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Attachment to Top of Slab

UPPER MULLION SECTION SLIPPED DOWN OVER ANCHOR STEM, WITH NO FIXED ATTACHMENT

EXTRUDED ALUMINUM ANCHOR OR ATTACHED STEM SHOP WELDED TO LOWER MULLION SECTION

PLATE WELDED TO BACK OF ANGLE AFTER ALIGNMENT

SLOTTED FIBER SHIM BETWEEN PLATE & ANCHOR STEM

BOLTS

WELDS

MULLION SPLICE SHOP WELDED OR ATTACHED & SEALED TO LOWER MULLION SECTION

FACE OF FLOOR SLAB LOWER MULLION SECTION

ANGLE SET FLUSH WITH SLAB SURFACE & EDGE

Fixed anchor for top of mullion, movable anchor for bottom of mullion above, located on top of floor slab

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Potential Problems

- Large gaps between the anchors and the primary building structure can result in excessive bending stresses.
- Coordination of locations for adjustment.
- Slotted holes must be long enough to accommodate adjustment.

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Potential Problems

- Coordination of bolted attachments to the primary building structure.
- Mullion splices should properly account for volume changes and movement of the primary building structure.

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Sizing Joints for Vertical Movement

Sizing Joints for Vertical Movement

Facade joints are building components just like mechanical or structural components and need to be explicitly **designed**.

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Sizing Joints for Vertical Movement

Joint Fundamentals

- Joints are necessary in facades.
- Joints accommodate movement and tolerances.
- Joints control air and water - especially in barrier systems.

Backer Rod

Sealant

J

$J/2$

Face of Facade
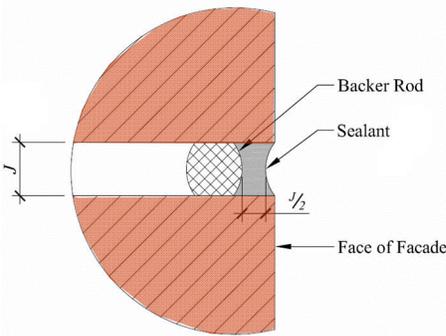
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Movement Types

- Dead (Self) Load
- Superimposed Dead Load
- Live Load
- Snow/Rain Load

- Wind Load Drifts
- Seismic (Earthquake) Drifts
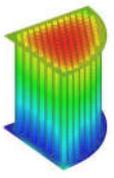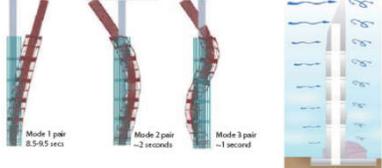
- Long-Term Shrinkage
- Differential Settlement
- Thermal Movements
- Moisture Movements

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Sizing Joints for Vertical Movement

Joint Movements

- Dead Load (Self-Weight) Deflections
- Superimposed Dead Load Deflections

Pre-Service Superstructure Movements → **DO NOT*** need to be considered in the facade joint design.

- Facade Weight Deflections

Superstructure Movements during Facade Installation → **MIGHT** need to be considered in the facade joint design, depending on the facade type and its ability to be adjusted after installation.

Facade Outboard of Slabs

Unitized panel vertical adjustment

Facade Between Slabs

Vertical adjustment not possible

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Sizing Joints for Vertical Movement

Joint Movements

- Live Load Deflections
- Snow/Rain Load Deflections
- Wind Load Deflections/Drift
- Seismic Deflections/Drift
- Long-Term Shrinkage
- Differential Settlement

In-Service Superstructure Movements → **MUST** be considered in the facade joint design.

- Thermal Movements
- Moisture Movements

In-Service Facade Movements → **MUST** be considered in the facade joint design.

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Vertical Joint Movements
Facade Loads

- Weight of facade causes spandrel beam to deflect vertically
- Spandrel beam may twist under weight of facade at slab edge
- Twisting motion translates to additional facade joint closure

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Vertical Joint Movements
Live, Snow, and Rain Loads

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Vertical Joint Movements
Live, Snow, and Rain Loads

Unloaded floor

Loaded floor
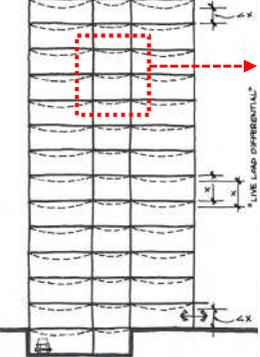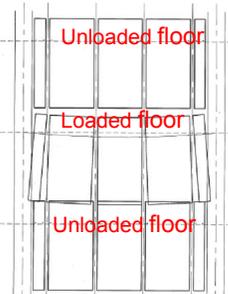
Unloaded floor

Potential "**pinch points**" include:

- Floors with different design live loads
- Unloaded floor beneath loaded floor
- Floor level immediately below the roof
- First level above foundation wall/base of facade

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Vertical Joint Movement
Creep and Column Shortening

- Creep deformations over time in concrete buildings
- Column shortening in tall buildings, particularly at lower floors

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Vertical Joint Movement
Differential Settlement

- Anticipated building foundation differential settlement (if any) must be accounted for in design of facade joints
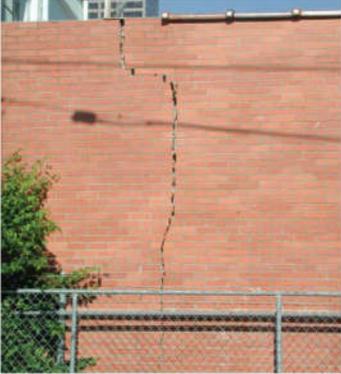
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Facade Movements
Thermal Changes

- Building superstructure typically is fully enclosed within building thermal envelope

- Facade elements must be designed to accommodate thermal movements:
  - Morning to Night
  - Winter to Summer

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Facade Movements
Thermal Changes

- Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion of Common Building Materials

$$M = \Delta T * L * \alpha$$

Thermal movement

Max Temperature Range

Length

Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion

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Facade Movements
Thermal Changes

- Thermally-broken curtainwall system will exhibit some differential thermal stresses.

- Slight bowing of the frame (dependent upon the thermal break's ability to transfer shear forces)

- For facade joint sizing, conservatively assume NO thermal break within curtainwall system.

downwards deflection

Alum. frame bowing due to thermal expansion

Alum. frame bowing due to thermal contraction

no deflection

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Facade Movements
Moisture Changes

- Most relevant for masonry and stone
- Brick masonry expands irreversibly due to water absorption by 0.02 – 0.07%.
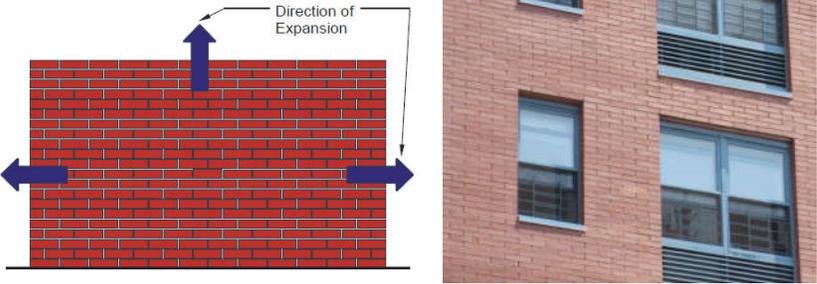
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Joint Types: Sealant

- **Medium Modulus Silicone Sealant**
  - +50% / -50% typical movement capacity
  - Not all sealant has the same movement capacity
  - Need to confirm with manufacturer's product data

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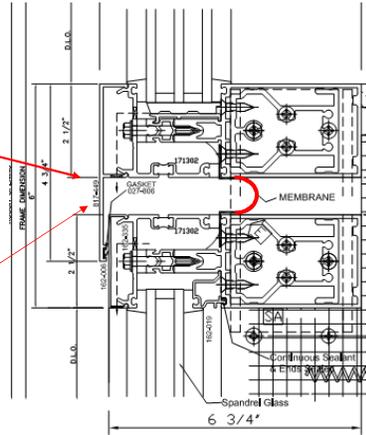
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Load Combinations
for Joint Design

- The building code provides some guidance on load combinations, but no specific requirements.
- Serviceability checks may allow lower forces and drifts; for example joint sealant movements.
- ASCE 7-16 Commentary suggests:

$$D + 0.5L + W_a$$

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Sizing Horizontal Facade Joints

$$J' = \frac{\alpha \Delta_T h + k_e h + \delta_{sil}}{M} + Tol + \delta_{ps}$$

- α = coeff. thermal exp.
- k_e = coeff. Moisture exp.
- Δ_T = design temp. change
- h = vertical spacing between joints
- δ_{sil} = deflection after sealant is installed

- M = compressibility of sealant material
- Tol = allowance for tolerance
- δ_{ps} = deflection prior to sealant installation

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Example 7.1: Determination of Deflections for Structures Supporting Brick Veneers
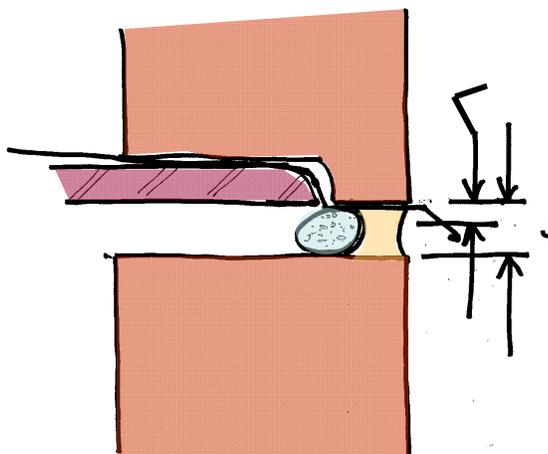
For the clay brick veneer on a building supported at each floor level by a shelf angle, determine the amount by which the brick will expand and the amount by which the spandrel beam can deflect before compressing the joint filler material to its maximum allowable compressibility.

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Example 7.1

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Example 7.1

Given:

The brick height between the shelf angles, h = 14 ft. The vertical as-built construction tolerance of the building, Tol = ⅛ in. The shelf angle deflection under the weight of the brick with respect to the floor below, δ_a = ¹⁄₁₆ in.

The brick veneer is installed at an ambient temperature of 40 °F. The exterior wall of the building may experience a change in temperature, Δ_T = 100 °F. The brick coefficient of thermal expansion, $\alpha = 4 \times 10^{-6}$ in./in./°F, and the brick coefficient of moisture expansion, $k_e = 3 \times 10^{-4}$ in./in.

The largest design gap width before sealant installation, J' = ⅞ in. The joint filler material is a high-performance sealant and the compressibility of the sealant material, M = 50%.

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Example 7.1

Step 1: Determine the amount by which the brick will expand.

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Width of sealant joint	$J = 0.875$ in.
Compressibility of sealant material	$M = 50\%$
Anticipated construction vertical tolerance	$Tol = 0.125$ in.
Shelf angle deflection	$\delta_a = 0.0625$ in.
Brick coefficient of thermal expansion	$\alpha = 4(10^{-6})$ in. / in.°F
Brick coefficient of moisture expansion	$k_e = 3(10^{-4})$ in./in.
Height of brick between shelf angles	$h = 14$ ft
Change in temperature	$\Delta_T = 100°F$

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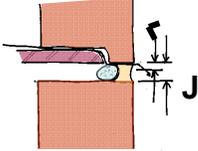
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Example 7.1

The design gap before sealant is installed with may be expressed by the following equation:
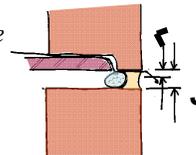
$$J' = J + Tol + \delta_{ps}$$

$$J' = \frac{\alpha \cdot \Delta_T \cdot h + k_e \cdot h + \delta_{sil}}{M} + Tol + \delta_{ps}$$

$$\delta_{sil} + M\delta_{ps} = M\left(J' - Tol\right) - \left(\alpha\Delta_T h + k_e h\right)$$

$$\delta_s = \delta_{sil} + M\delta_{ps}$$
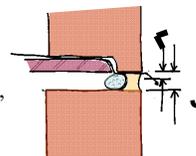
$$\delta_{vb} = k_e h + \alpha\Delta_T h$$

Note that the shelf angle deflection includes deflection of the horizontal leg of the angle as well as the deflection of the shelf angle between attachments to the building structure.

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Example 7.1

The volume change of the brick between the shelf angles is,

$$\delta_{vb} = k_e h + \alpha\Delta_T h$$

$$= (3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ in./in.})(14 \text{ ft})(12 \text{ in./ft})$$

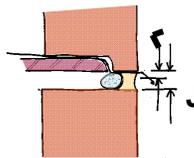$$+ (4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ in./in./°F})(100 \text{ °F})(14 \text{ ft})(12 \text{ in./ft})$$

$$= 0.118 \text{ in.}$$

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Sizing Joints for Vertical Movement

Example 7.1

The amount of movement that the joint can accommodate is,

$$\delta_{jm} = M\left(J' - Tol\right)$$
$$= 0.50\left(\tfrac{7}{8} \text{ in.} - \tfrac{1}{8} \text{ in.}\right)$$
$$= 0.375 \text{ in.}$$

Thus, the permissible structural deflection, including the deflection due to the loads applied prior to installation of the sealant joint is,

$$\delta_s = \delta_{jm} - \delta_{vb}$$
$$= 0.375 \text{ in.} - 0.118 \text{ in.}$$
$$= 0.257 \text{ in.}$$

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Sizing Joints for Vertical Movement

Example 7.1

The total structural deflection is $\delta_{sil} + M\delta_{ps}$, where

$$\delta_{ps} = \delta'_{sb} + \delta_a$$

The deflection of the spandrel beam, δ'_{sb}, due to the brick load and δ_a is the total deflection of the shelf angle due to the brick load. Substituting this quantity back into the equation for the total structural deflection, and limiting the total to not exceed δ_s,

$$\delta_{sil} + M\delta'_{sb} + M\delta_a \le \delta_s$$

The deflection of the spandrel beam is proportional to the load on it. Knowing that the uniformly distributed load due to the brick on the spandrel is w_{sb} and the superimposed load is w_{sil}, the deflection of the spandrel beam due to the uniformly distributed load due to the brick is,
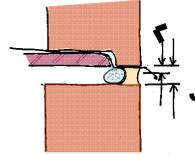
$$\delta'_{sb} = \delta_{sil}\,\frac{w_{sb}}{w_{sil}}$$
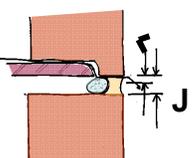
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Example 7.1

This ratio assumes that the interior beams are parallel to the spandrel beam and do not frame into the spandrel beam. The assumption may still be a reasonable approximation when floor beams frame to the spandrel beam. Substituting this relationship back into the equation for δ_s above gives,

$$\delta_{sil} + M\left(\delta_{sil}\frac{w_{sb}}{w_{sil}}\right) + M\delta_a \le \delta_s$$

Rearranging this for δ_{sil}, the amount the spandrel beam can deflect is,

$$\delta_{sil} \le \frac{\delta_s - M\delta_a}{1 + M\left(\frac{w_{sb}}{w_{sil}}\right)}$$

$$\le \frac{0.257 \text{ in.} - 0.50\left(\frac{1}{16}\text{ in.}\right)}{1 + 0.50(1)}$$

$$\le 0.151 \text{ in.}$$

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Sizing Joints for Vertical Movement

Example 7.1

This calculation requires the designer to make assumptions about the brick and superimposed loads on the beam, which may be difficult during preliminary design. In practice, it is conservative and often easier to use the total of the brick deflection and the superimposed load deflection such that:
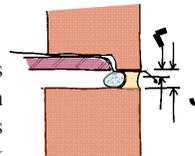
$$\delta_s = \delta_{ps} + \delta_{sil}$$

Note that at the first elevated floor level where the brick below the shelf angle is supported on a foundation wall, δ_{ps} may be significant. At upper floor levels, however, where the spandrel beam on the floor below the shelf angle may deflect approximately as much as the spandrel beam supporting the shelf angle in question, δ_{ps} may be small. Thus, one can often conservatively select a beam for which the total deflection associated with cladding loads, superimposed dead loads, and live loads is less than δ_s.

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Effects of Vertical Movements on Vertical Joints

Vertical Movements

Effect on **horizontal** joint due to **vertical** movement.

Effect on **vertical** joint due to **vertical** movement.

▼ Undeflected
▼ Deflected
▼ Undeflected

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Effects of Horizontal Movements on Vertical Joints

Horizontal Movements

Effect on **horizontal** joint due to horizontal movement.

Effect on **vertical** joint due to **horizontal** movement.

wind

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CEU / PDH Certificates

One certificate will be issued at the conclusion of the course.

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Attendance and PDH Certificates

- For Session R1, you must pass the quiz to receive credit for the session.
- For Sessions L1 – L3, you have two options to receive credit for the session.
    - Option 1: Watch the live session. Credit for live attendance will be displayed on the Course Resources table within two days of the session.
    - Option 2: Watch the recording and pass the associated quiz.

Videos and Quizzes

- Session R1 video recording and quiz access has been available since you registered.
- For Sessions L1 – L3, find access by the end of the day, Friday, after the live air date. (An email will be sent from webinars@aisc.org.)
- All video recordings and quizzes are available until 8:00 a.m. ET on June 17.
- Quiz scores are displayed in the Course Resources table.

Distribution of Certificates

All certificates will be issued after the course is completed (the week of June 17). Only the registrant will receive a certificate for the course.

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Course Resources

Find all your handouts, quizzes and quiz scores, recording access, and attendance information in one place!

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