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Course Description

Façade Attachments, Part 2
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Many multi-story structural-steel-framed buildings support the facade's gravity and lateral loads from the spandrel beams or the slab edges. In this session, we will examine the pros and cons of connections to spandrel beams and slab edges along with methods for designing these elements for facade loads. The session will include a series of example problems that address issues of strength and stiffness.

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Learning Objectives

- List the detailing options for supporting building facades at cantilever slabs.

- Explain the role of pour stops and bent plates in supporting slab edges and building facades.

- Identify the structural elements that can be added to the system to control the twist of spandrel beams supporting building facades.

- Describe two methods for calculating torsional stresses and rotations of spandrel beams by hand.

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Slab Edge Conditions

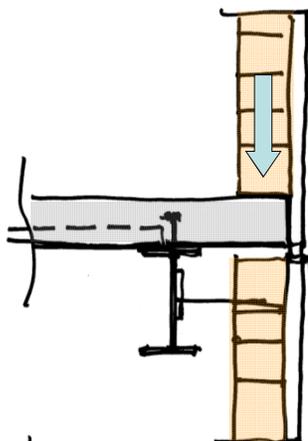The slab edge detail is an important consideration when designing for facade attachments.

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Factors that
Influence the Design

- Type, weight, and location of facade
- Amount of slab overhang
- Slab or deck capacity
- Application of facade loads
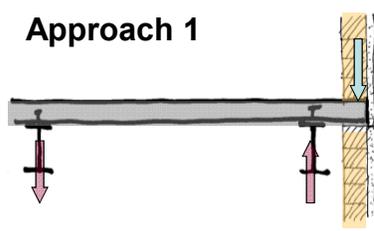- Consistent conditions
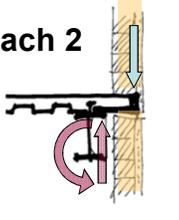
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Two Fundamental Approaches

- The slab or deck cantilever acts as a beam with a cantilever end to support the facade load.

Approach 1

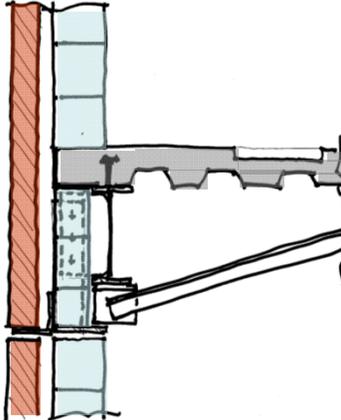- The designer does not count on the slab or deck to support the facade loads.

Approach 2

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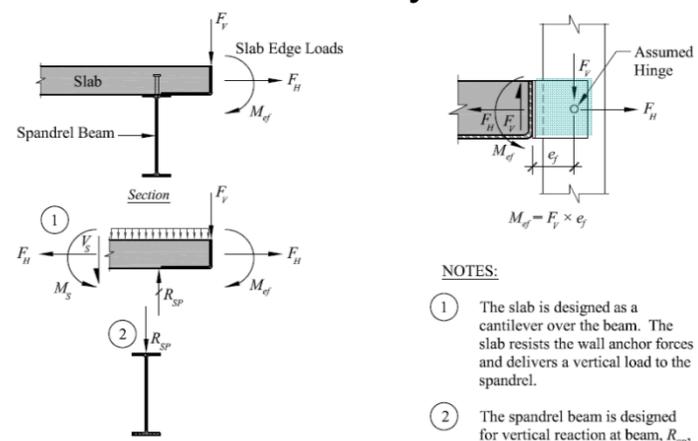
Project Conditions
Affecting Choice of Approach

- Does the typical slab have the capacity?
- Concrete slab?
- Quality control concerns with concrete?
- Slab depressions or openings near the spandrel beam?
- Attachment details need thick plate?

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Approach 1: Slab Cantilever Resolves Eccentricity

NOTES:

① The slab is designed as a cantilever over the beam. The slab resists the wall anchor forces and delivers a vertical load to the spandrel.

② The spandrel beam is designed for vertical reaction at beam, R_{SP}, no torsion.

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Design of Slab Overhang

Negative moment due to facade loads

Positive moment due to interior loads on floor

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Design of Slab Overhang

Slab Reactions
Facade Load
Pour Stop
Spandrel Beam

Metal Deck Perpendicular to Spandrel

Slab Reactions
Facade Load
Pour Stop
Spandrel Beam

Metal Deck Parallel to Spandrel

NOTES:

1. The full slab depth is effective when the deck is perpendicular to the spandrel. The effective width is reduced by the presence of the flutes in the deck.

2. Only the slab depth above the deck is effective when the deck is parallel to the spandrel. The effective width, however, is not reduced.

3. The façade load is transferred directly to the slab. The light-gage metal pour stop is not effective as a means of façade attachment.

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Design of Slab Overhang

Plan at Slab Edge

NOTES:

1. Effective width at tip of flange at slab overhang.

2. Effective width at critical section for slab back span. Note that if the deck is perpendicular to the spandrel, the effective width is reduced by the presence of the flutes in the deck. Use the sum of the rib widths within the effective strip.

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Design Aids in Design Guide

Table 5-4. Cantilevered Slab Flexural Strength, ϕM_n, kip-in. / ft Concrete Compressive Strength f'_c = 3,000 psi 3-in. Composite Floor Deck Parallel to Spandrel Beam											
Slab Reinforcement		**Composite Floor Slab Total Thickness (in.)**									
Bars	**in.²/ft**	**5**	**$5^1/_2$**	**6**	**$6^1/_4$[6]**	**$6^1/_2$**	**7**	**$7^3/_{16}$[8]**	**$7^1/_2$[7]**	**8**	**$8^1/_4$[9]**	**$8^1/_2$**
#3@18[5]	0.07	2.92	4.89	6.86	7.8	8.83	10.8	11.5	12.8	14.7	15.7	16.7
#3@16[5]	0.08	3.28	5.52	7.76	8.9	10.0	12.2	13.1	14.5	16.7	17.8	19.0
#3@12	0.11	4.18	7.15	10.1	11.6	13.1	16.1	17.2	19.0	22.0	23.5	25.0
#4@18[5]	0.13	4.19	8.04	11.6	13.4	15.2	18.8	20.2	22.4	26.0	27.8	29.6

	Table 5-8. Cantilevered Slab Flexural Strength, ϕM_n, kip-in. / ft Concrete Compressive Strength f'_c = 3,000 psi 3-in. Composite Floor Deck Perpendicular to Spandrel Beam											
Slab Reinforcement		**Composite Floor Slab Total Thickness (in.)**									
Bars	**in.²/ft**	**5**	**$5^1/_2$**	**6**	**$6^1/_4$[7]**	**$6^1/_2$**	**7**	**$7^3/_{16}$[9]**	**$7^1/_2$[8]**	**8**	**$8^1/_4$[10]**	**$8^1/_2$**
#3@18[6]	0.07	14.5	16.5	18.5	19.5	20.5	22.4	23.2	24.4	26.4	27.4	28.4
#3@16[6]	0.08	16.4	18.6	20.8	22.0	23.1	25.3	26.2	27.6	29.8	30.9	32.0
#3@12	0.11	21.4	24.3	27.3	28.8	30.3	33.2	34.4	36.2	39.2	40.7	42.2
#4@18[6]	0.13	25.1	28.6	32.2	34.0	35.8	39.4	40.8	43.0	46.6	48.4	50.2

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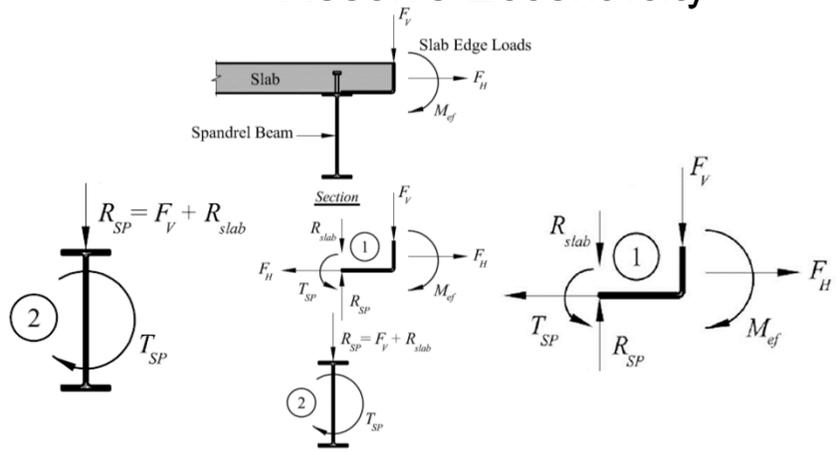**Slab Edge Conditions**

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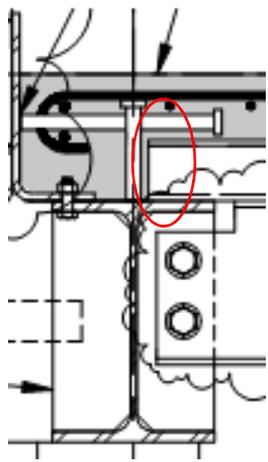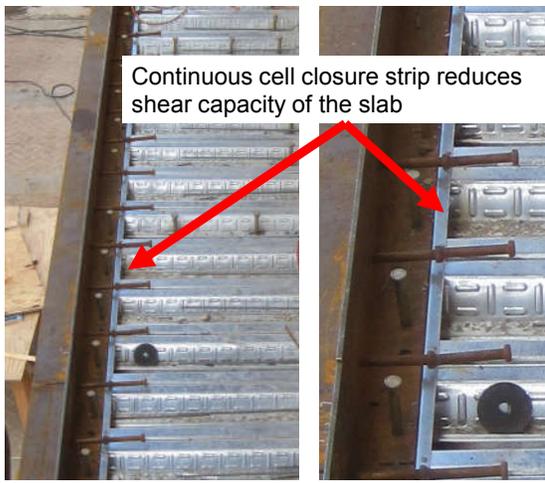
Continuous cell closure strip reduces shear capacity of the slab

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Approach 2: Slab Cantilever Does Not Resolve Eccentricity

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Slab Edge Conditions

(See previous slide)

NOTES:

1. The steel edge member is designed to transfer the forces to spandrel. The moment and shear resistance of the slab is ignored. However, the slab or deck may be designed for in-plane horizontal forces.

2. The spandrel is designed for vertical load and torsion. The torsion is resolved at columns, roll beams, or kickers.

NOTE:
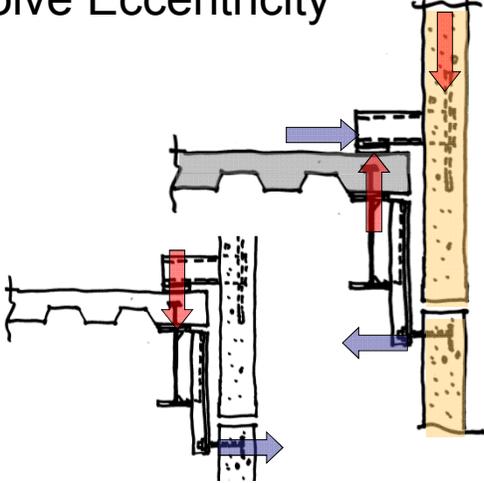A kicker at the point of vertical load eliminates torsion in spandrel beam.

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Approach 2: Slab Cantilever Does Not Resolve Eccentricity

- Some strategies:
  - Rigid facade brackets help reduce eccentricity
  - Kickers
  - Roll beams
  - Torsion in spandrel

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Slab Edge Conditions

Slab Edges with Light Gage Metal Pour Stops

2" min.

1@12

½" min.

① Pour Stop

② Slab is designed for self weight and all superimposed loads.

Overhang ③

③ Overhang is generally less than 12 inches.

NOTES:

① Pour stop is designed for wet weight of concrete, concrete fluid pressure on vertical leg, and 20 psf live load.

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Slab Edge Conditions

Use of Light Gage Metal Pour Stops at Slab Edge

- Inexpensive and simple to adjust and erect.
- Clear overhang less than 12 inches.
- Slab will have strength to support all superimposed loads.
- Facade attachment loads go directly into slab (or directly into spandrel) and not through the pour stop.
- Must consider support of pour stops at columns and corners.

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Design of Light Gage Metal Pour Stops

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SDI Pour Stop Selection Table

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Case Study: *Flat Plate Slab Edge*

Flat plate

14 Gage Pourstop

Curtain wall mullion

Full-depth stiffener

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Slab Edge Conditions

Slab Edges with Structural Steel Bent Plates

- Case 1
  - Simply a pour stop with large overhang.
  - Slab takes superimposed loads and resolves eccentricity, Approach 1.

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Bent Plate Case 1:
Pour Stop Only

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Slab Edge Conditions

Design Aids in Design Guide 22

Table 5-10. Minimum Thickness of Bent Plate, in.
Used as a Pour Stop for Normal-Weight Concrete

| Slab Thickness, in. | Slab Overhang, in. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 4 | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ¼ | ¼ | ¼ | ⁵⁄₁₆ | ⁵⁄₁₆ |
| 4¼ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ¼ | ¼ | ¼ | ⁵⁄₁₆ | ⁵⁄₁₆ |
| 4½ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ¼ | ¼ | ¼ | ⁵⁄₁₆ | ⁵⁄₁₆ |
| 4¾ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ¼ | ¼ | ¼ | ⁵⁄₁₆ | ⁵⁄₁₆ |
| 5 | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ¼ | ¼ | ¼ | ⁵⁄₁₆ | ⁵⁄₁₆ | ⁵⁄₁₆ |
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| 6 | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ¼ | ¼ | ¼ | ⁵⁄₁₆ | ⁵⁄₁₆ | ⅜ |
| 6¼ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ³⁄₁₆ | ¼ | ¼ | ⁵⁄₁₆ | ⁵⁄₁₆ | ⁵⁄₁₆ | ⅜ |
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Slab Edges with Structural Steel Bent Plates
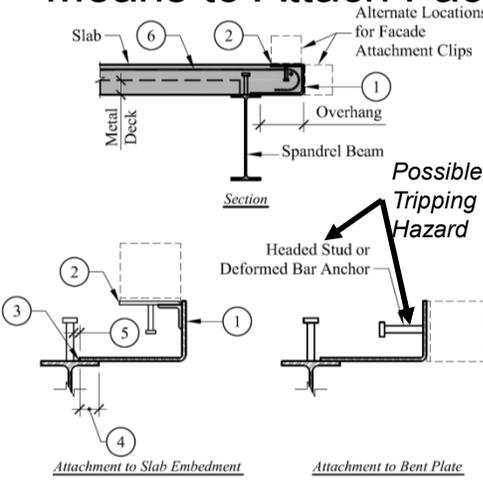
- Case 2
  - A pour stop plus means to attach facade.
  - Slab takes superimposed loads and resolves eccentricity, Approach 1
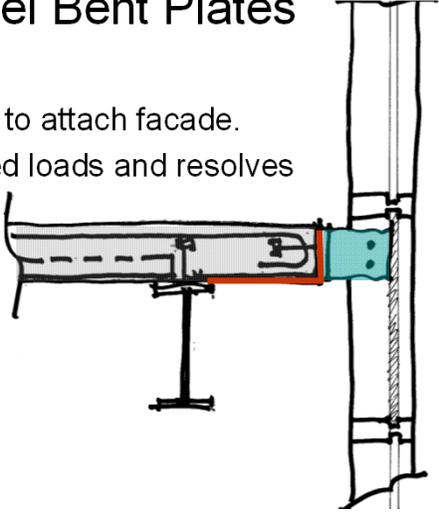
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Bent Plate Case 2 – Pour Stop Plus Means to Attach Facade Elements

NOTES:

1. Design bent steel plate as pour stop. Commonly 3/16 inch min. and 1/2 inch max. thickness. Consider steel plate over light gage metal pour stop for large overhangs and/or embedment plates.

2. Example of embedment plate for facade attachment. Field weld or otherwise field anchor to steel closure plate. Design to transfer facade attachment loads to slab.

3. Shop weld pour stop to spandrel beam if tolerances are accomodated in the facade attachment details; otherwise field weld.

4. Overlap as necessary for weld design.

5. Maintain minimum clearance for headed studs.

6. Design slab to cantilever over spandrel and support loads from facade attachment.

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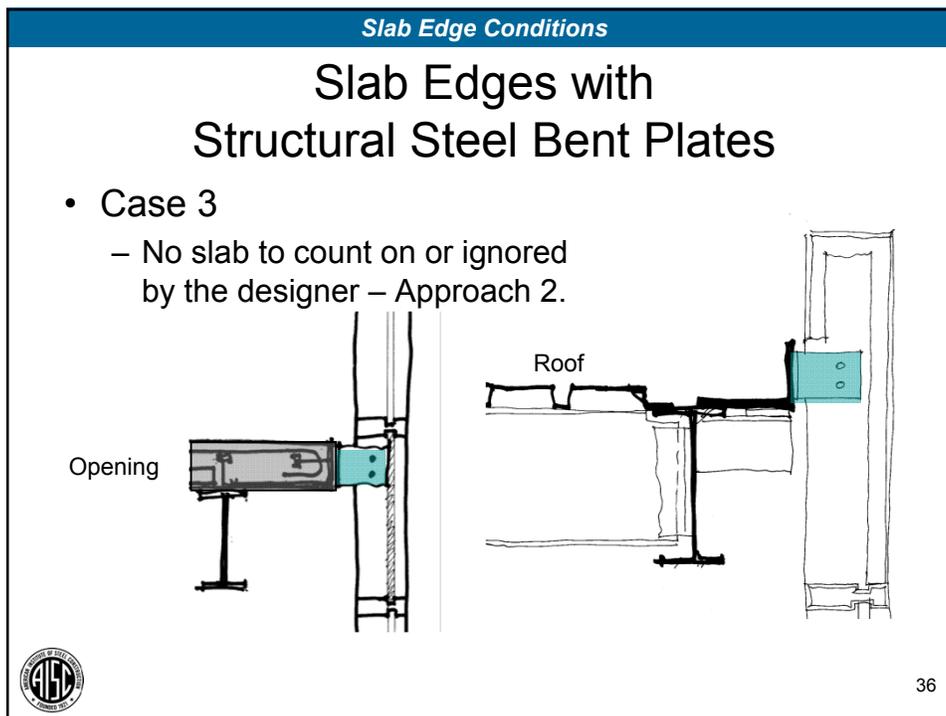
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Table 5-12. Headed Stud Tensile Strength, ϕN_n, kips
4,000 psi Normal-Weight Concrete Slab Edges

Headed Stud Diameter, in.	Embedment Depth, in.	Total Slab Height, h_s, in.									
		4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7	7¼	7½	8¼
½	6	2.66	3.03	3.40	3.78	4.16	4.56	4.96	5.16	5.30	5.99
	8	3.01	3.41	3.82	4.24	4.66	5.09	5.30	5.74	5.30	6.64
	10	3.32	3.75	4.20	4.65	5.11	5.30	5.30	6.27	5.30	7.23
⅝	6	2.66	3.03	3.40	3.78	4.16	4.56	4.96	5.16	5.37	5.99
	8	3.01	3.41	3.82	4.24	4.66	5.09	5.52	5.74	5.96	6.64
	10	3.32	3.75	4.20	4.65	5.11	5.57	6.04	6.27	6.51	7.23
¾	6	2.66	3.03	3.40	3.78	4.16	4.56	4.96	5.16	5.37	5.99
	8	3.01	3.41	3.82	4.24	4.66	5.09	5.52	5.74	5.96	6.64
	10	3.32	3.75	4.20	4.65	5.11	5.57	6.04	6.27	6.51	7.23

Design Guide 22 includes separate tables for shear capacities. Design Guide 22 does not consider the interaction of shear and tension.

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Slab Edges with
Structural Steel Bent Plates

- Case 3
    – No slab to count on or ignored
      by the designer – Approach 2.

Opening

Roof

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Slab Edge Conditions

Bent Plate Case 3 – Ignoring Slab Except for In-Plane Forces from Facade

NOTES:

(1) When only the slab in-plane strength is considered, the steel plate (or assembly) must deliver the vertical load F_V to the spandrel beam.

(2) The steel plate and headed stud (or deformed bar dowel) transfers the horizontal facade force F_H to the slab.

(3) The slab reinforcement is designed for the tension from the horizontal façade force plus the horizontal force from the couple resulting from the kicker.

(4) The spandrel beam is designed for the vertical loads and reactions, plus torsion between the kickers if the façade loads are applied between kickers.

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Transfer of In-Plane Forces to the Slab

NOTES:

(1) Develop slab reinforcement with 180° hook within embedment of headed stud.

(2) Deformed bar dowel threaded into bar coupler welded to bent plate. Lap with slab reinforcement.

(a) Headed Stud Welded to Bent Plate

(b) Dowel Bar Coupler Welded to Bent Plate

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Bent Plate Fabrication and Attachment

a) Shop-welded (No Field Adjustment)

b) Field-welded (Some Field Adjustment)

c) Shop or Field-bolted (Min. Field Adjustment)

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Slab Edge Conditions

Bent Plate Fabrication and Attachment

(See previous slides)

NOTES:

1. Indicate design overlap with minimum and maximum for tolerance and adjustment. Design should consider minimum flange widths for minimum overlap, minimum deck bearing, and room for headed studs.

2. Provide nominal amount of weld to resist incidental uplift during erection.

3. Provide weld as required to resist loads on plate.

4. Field adjustment is usually modest due to geometry of flange width and bolt hole edge distances.

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Clearance Issues and Flange Widths

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Studs on Bent Plate Pour Stops
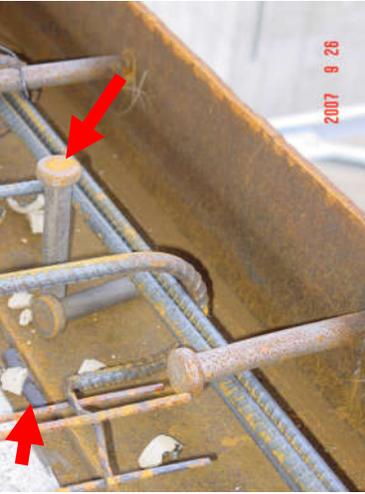
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Large Overhangs

Steel Angle
for Bearing

Full Depth
Stiffener
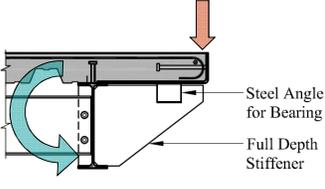
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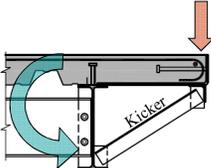
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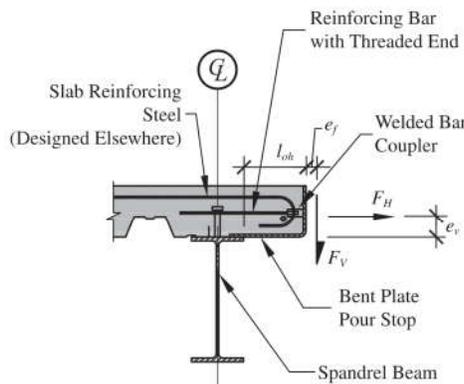
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- **Example 5.2** – Concrete Slab Overhanging a Spandrel Beam
- **Example 5.3** – Bent Plate as a Pour Stop
- **Example 5.4** – Slab Edge With Bent Plate as Pour Stop and Facade Anchorage Plate
- **Example 5.5** – Slab Edge, Bent Plate Supports Facade Loads
- **Example 5.6** – Slab Edge, Welded Bar Coupler Transfers Facade Loads

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Example 5.6: Bent Plate Design

Bent plate pour stop supporting a facade with the slab flexural and shear capacity ignored, except for resisting out-of-plane forces. Excerpted from Design Guide 22. See Design Guide for complete, detailed example.

Fig. 5-33. Section of slab edge with bent plate as pour stop with welded bar coupler.

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Example 5.6

Determine the required plate thickness and verify that the vertical deflection of the bent plate does not exceed 3/16 in. for Condition C:
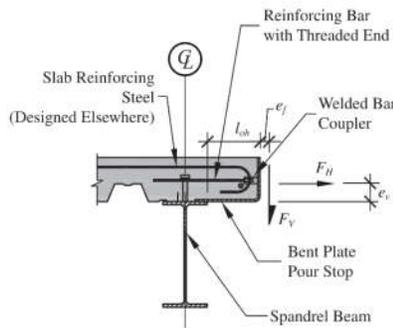

Fig. 5-33. Section of slab edge with bent plate as pour stop with welded bar coupler.

The vertical load, F_V = 1.8 kip, is applied at e_f = 5 in. from the face of the bent plate
The horizontal load, F_H = 1.8 kips, is applied at eccentricity, e_v = $3^1/_2$ in., above the bottom of the bent plate. The bent plate cantilever beyond the beam flange is l_{oh} = 9 in.

Also determine the required weld size between the plate and the beam flange.

In all cases, design the bent plate to resist all of the facade loads without relying on the concrete slab flexural strength. Use ASTM A36 plate material.

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Slab Edge Conditions

Example 5.6

Given:
For this example, assume that the controlling strength load combination is ~~1.4D (D for deflection) for Conditions A and B, and~~ $1.2D + 1.6W$ ($D + W$ for deflection) for Condition C. F_V is the cladding dead load and F_H is the wind load. The bent plate pour stop is adequate to resist the wet weight of concrete. The spandrel beam is adequate to resist the torsional loads from the bent plate. Once cured, the concrete slab is adequate to support its own weight and superimposed floor loads.

The architect has set the slab edge such that the distance from the slab edge to the tip of the spandrel beam flange, l_{oh} = 9 in. The total slab height, h_s = 7½ in. Thus, the length of the vertical leg of the bent plate, l_{vert} = 7½ in. The overlap of the bent plate to the weld on the beam flange, s_{weld} = 2½ in.

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Slab Edge Conditions

Example 5.6

The horizontal force, F_H, acting on the vertical leg of the bent plate is transferred directly to the slab by the welded bar coupler and threaded reinforcing bar. A moment, M_{ef}, exists due to the horizontal eccentricity, e_f, between the vertical load, F_V, and the face of the plate.

$$M_{ef} = F_V e_f$$
$$= 1.8 \text{ kips}(5 \text{ in.})$$
$$= 9.00 \text{ kip-in.}$$

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Slab Edge Conditions

Example 5.6

With the welded bar coupler located at the mid-depth of the slab, the moment arm for this couple, $e_v = 3\frac{3}{4}$ in. Thus, the bent plate can be designed for the flexure due to F_v applied at its tip only.
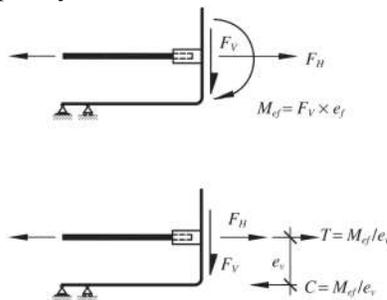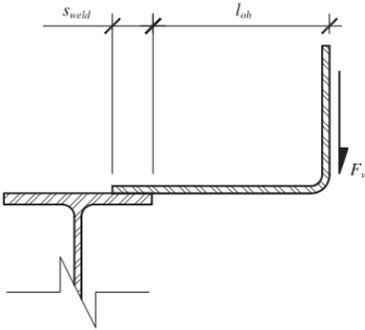

Fig. 5-34. Analysis model for plate design.

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Slab Edge Conditions

Example 5.6

For the strength load combination 1.4D, the required flexural strength is,

$$M_u = 1.4 F_V l_{oh}$$

$$= 1.4 (1.8 \text{ kips})(9 \text{ in.})$$

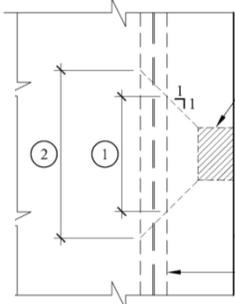$$= 22.7 \text{ kip-in.}$$

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Slab Edge Conditions

Example 5.6

Try a $\frac{7}{16}$-in. bent plate thickness. The effective width, b_{eff}, of the bent plate that resists the effects of F_V is determined assuming that the load spreads at a 45° angle in both directions (see Figure 5-28). Thus,

$$b_{eff} = 2 \tan(45°) l_{oh}$$

$$= 2 \tan(45°)(9 \text{ in.})$$

$$= 18.0 \text{ in.}$$

$$\phi_b M_n = \phi_b F_y Z$$

$$= 0.90 (36 \text{ ksi})(0.861 \text{ in.}^3)$$

$$= 27.9 \text{ kip-in.} \geq M_u \quad \textbf{o.k.}$$

$$Z = \frac{1}{4} b_{eff} t^2$$

The 1.6$F_y S$ limit need not be checked because $Z/S = 1.5$ for a rectangular plate in bending.

Plan at Slab Edge

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Slab Edge Conditions

Example 5.6

For deflection, using AISC Manual Table 3-23, case 26,

$$\Delta_V = \frac{F_V l_{oh}^2}{3EI}\left(l_{oh} + s_{weld}\right)$$

$$\boxed{I = \frac{1}{12}b_{eff}t^3}$$

$$= \frac{1.8 \text{ kips}(9 \text{ in.})^2}{3(29{,}000 \text{ ksi})(0.126 \text{ in.}^4)}\left(9 \text{ in.} + 2\tfrac{1}{2} \text{ in.}\right)$$

$$= 0.153 \text{ in.} \leq \tfrac{3}{16} \text{ in. } \textbf{o.k.}$$

Use a ⁷⁄₁₆-in. bent plate thickness.

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Slab Edge Conditions

Example 5.6

Try a ³⁄₁₆-in. fillet weld with $F_{EXX} = 70$ ksi between the bent plate pour stop and the spandrel beam flange. As developed previously in Example 5.3, the required length of fillet weld per ft of width is,

$$l_{min} = \frac{M_u}{1.392 \text{ kip/in.}(1.5)\,D\,s_{weld}}$$

$$= \frac{22.7 \text{ kip-in.}}{1.392 \text{ kip/in.}(1.5)(3)(2\tfrac{1}{2} \text{ in.})}$$

$$= 1.45 \text{ in.}$$

The minimum permissible fillet weld length is 1½ in. per Specification Section J2.2b.

Use intermittent ³⁄₁₆-in. fillet welds, 1½-in. long at 12 in. on center.

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Slab Edge Conditions

Example 5.6

Comments:

Using a welded bar coupler and threaded reinforcing bar to resist the out-of-plane forces can reduce the required thickness of the bent plate pour stop, even in instances where the slab is not designed to resist the flexure as a cantilever. As illustrated in Figure 5-34, the welded bar coupler and threaded reinforcing bar must be designed for the effects of the tension forces. If the applicable load combination were $1.2D + 1.6W$, the corresponding required strength is,

$$T_u + F_{uH} = \frac{1.2F_V e_f}{e_v} + 1.6F_H$$

$$= \frac{1.2(1.8 \text{ kips})(5 \text{ in.})}{3\frac{3}{4} \text{ in.}} + 1.6(1.8 \text{ kips})$$

$$= 5.76 \text{ kips}$$

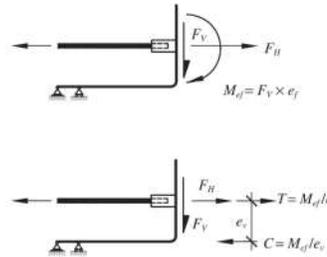Headed studs can also be used for this purpose, as illustrated in Example 5.4.
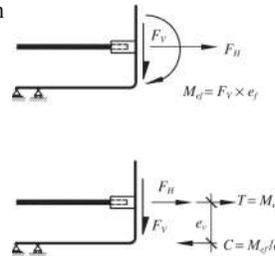
Fig. 5-34. Analysis model for plate design.

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Slab Edge Conditions

Example 5.6

As illustrated in Figure 5-34, there is also a compression component equal to,

$$C_u = \frac{1.2F_V e_f}{e_v}$$

$$= \frac{1.2(1.8 \text{ kips})(5 \text{ in.})}{3\frac{3}{4} \text{ in.}}$$

$$= 2.88 \text{ kips}$$

It is assumed that this force is resisted by bearing of the bent plate on the concrete. When this is not the case, or the concrete compressive strength is not adequate, the bent plate thickness can be selected based upon interaction of the moment and compressive force.

Analysis model for plate design.

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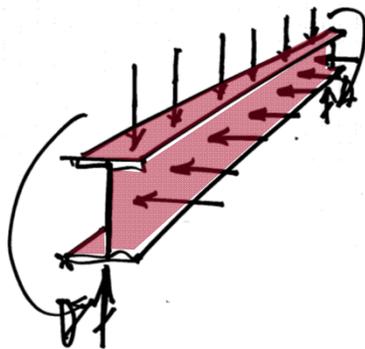
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The design of the spandrel beam is more than selecting a wide flange shape that meets flexural strength and stiffness criteria.

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General Design Considerations

- Flexural Strength
  - Composite or Noncomposite?
  - Part of a Moment Frame?
  - Any weak axis bending?

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General Design Considerations

- Flexural Stiffness
  - Precomposite DL
  - Post-composite DL
    - Facade load
    - Superimposed DL
  - Superimposed LL
  - Floor vibrations
  - Creep, long-term
  - Weak axis loads
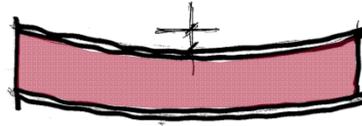
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General Design Considerations

- Torsion
  - Accounted for in strength design?
  - Resolved at columns?
  - Kickers?
  - Roll beams?
  - Rotation and projected translations?
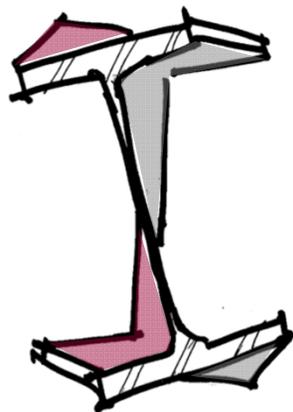
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General Design Considerations
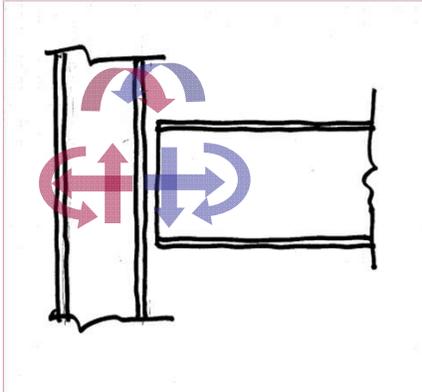
- **Connection to Columns**
  - Simple shear?
  - Special copes, non standard?
  - Horizontal forces?
  - Torsional forces?

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General Design Considerations
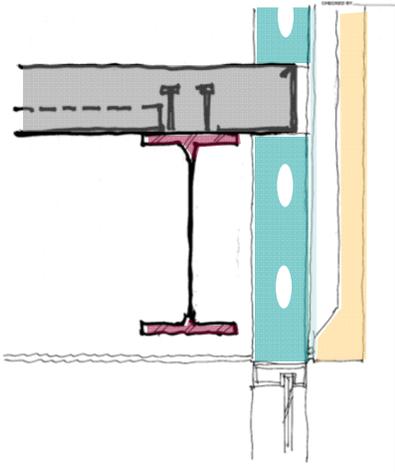
- **Spandrel dimensions**
  - Depth
  - Flange width
  - Flange thickness
  - Project consistency

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General Design Considerations
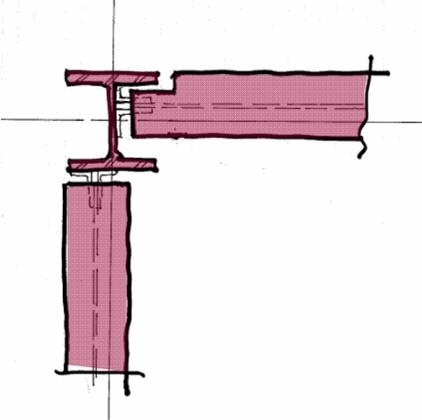
- Centerline location
  - Column connections?
  - Minimize facade eccentricities?
  - Clearances for adjustments?

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General Design Considerations

- Fabrication and erection
  - Accounted for?
  - Weight versus complexity?
  - Weight versus erection efficiency?

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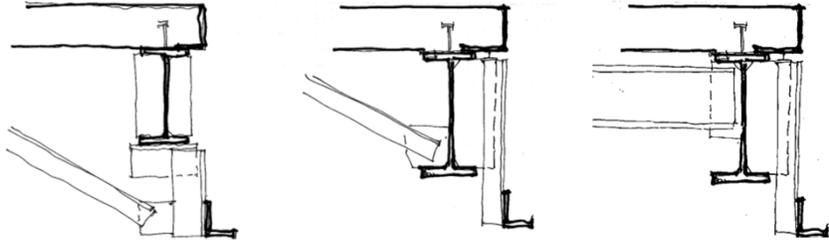
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Design for Vertical Loads

- Stiffness usually controls, but:
  - Check combined stresses
  - Local stresses
    - Flanges
    - Web
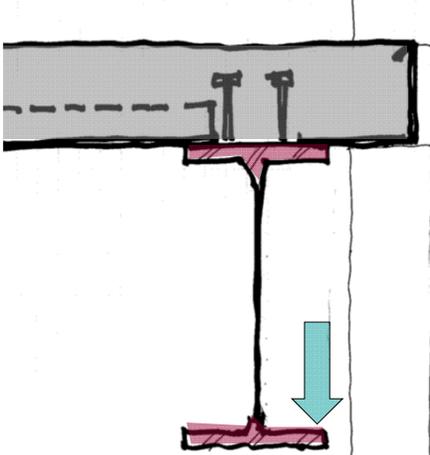
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Deflection and Movement Limits

- Curvature
  - L/360, L/400, L/600, etc.
- Absolute magnitude for joints
- Must consider rotation as well as vertical deformations

Undeformed Shape
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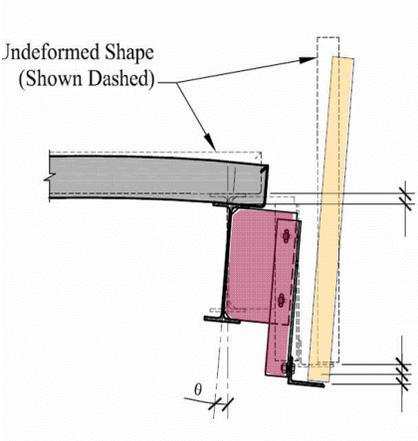
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Sequence of Loading for Serviceability

- When do the deflections occur relative to the construction of the facade?
  - Which loads close joints in the back-up?
  - Which loads close joints in the facade?
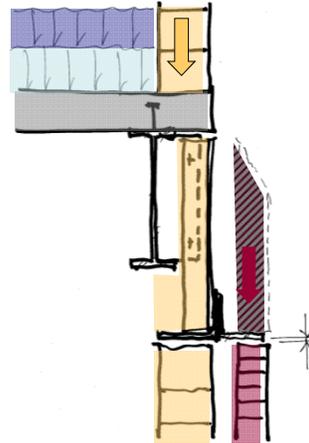
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Case Study: Deflection Design

- Framing Parameters:
  - 30 ft span
  - SIDL: 10 psf
  - LL: 100 psf
  - Story height: 12 ft
  - Spandrel trib. width: 5.5 ft
  - 6-1/4 in. LWC on 3 in. deck
  - Deck parallel to beam
  - Ignore torsion…for now…

- Example Walls:
  - BV + CMU Backup
  - BV + SS Backup
  - 6" PC Wall Panel
  - Aluminum Curtain Wall

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Case Study: Deflection Design

Table 6-1. Example Composite Spandrel Beam Deflections Brick Veneer Cladding 8 in. CMU Back-Up (Grouted 32 in. o.c.)	Deflection Restriction		
	no δ restriction	$\delta_{NTD} = {}^L/_{240}$ $\delta_{LL} = {}^L/_{360}$	$\delta_{LL+SIDL} = {}^3/_{16}$ in.
Required spandrel size	W16x26	W16x31	W21x62
Pre-composite deflection, in.	0.606	0.494	0.154
Deflection due to back-up, in.	0.424	0.356	0.165
Deflection due to brick, in.	0.339	0.284	0.132
Deflection due to SIDL, in.	0.0389	0.0326	0.015
Deflection due to LL, in.	0.389	0.326	0.151
Camber, in.	none	none	none
Net Total Deflection, in.	1.798	1.494	0.617
$\delta_{LL+SIDL}$, in.	0.429	0.359	0.166
$M_u / \phi_b M_n$	0.934	0.774	0.421

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Case Study: Deflection Design

Table 6-2. Example Composite Spandrel Beam Deflections Brick Veneer Cladding with 6 in. Steel Stud Back-Up (16-in. Spacing)	Deflection Restriction		
	no δ restriction	$\delta_{NTD} = {}^L/_{240}$ $\delta_{LL} = {}^L/_{360}$	$\delta_{LL+SIDL} = {}^3/_{16}$ in.
Required spandrel size	W12x19	W16x26	W21x62
Pre-composite deflection, in.	1.369	0.606	0.154
Deflection due to back-up, in.	0.113	0.081	0.0279
Deflection due to brick, in.	0.501	0.359	0.132
Deflection due to SIDL, in.	0.0574	0.041	0.0151
Deflection due to LL, in.	0.574	0.411	0.151
Camber, in.	none	none	none
Net Total Deflection, in.	2.614	1.499	0.482
$\delta_{LL+SIDL}$, in.	1.132	0.811	0.166
$M_u / \phi_b M_n$	0.937	0.754	0.327

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Case Study: Deflection Design

Table 6-3. Example Composite Spandrel Beam Deflections 6 in. Precast Concrete Panel Cladding			
	Deflection Restriction		
	no δ restriction	$\delta_{NTD} = L/_{240}$ $\delta_{LL} = L/_{360}$	$\delta_{LL+SIDL} = 3/_8$ in.
Required spandrel size	W14x22	W16x26	W18x40
Pre-composite deflection, in.	0.903	0.606	0.312
Deflection due to precast, in.	0.735	0.533	0.457
Deflection due to SIDL, in.	0.0449	0.0326	0.0297
Deflection due to LL, in.	0.449	0.326	0.297
Camber, in.	none	none	none
Net Total Deflection, in.	2.133	1.497	1.076
$\delta_{LL+SIDL}$, in.	1.229	0.892	0.307
$M_u/\phi_b M_n$	0.930	0.736	0.621

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Case Study: Deflection Design

Table 6-4. Example Composite Spandrel Beam Deflections Aluminum Curtain Wall Cladding System			
	Deflection Restriction		
	no δ restriction	$\delta_{NTD} = L/_{240}$ $\delta_{LL} = L/_{360}$	$\delta_{LL+SIDL+CW} = 3/_4$ in.
Required spandrel size	W12x14	W16x26	W16x26
Pre-composite deflection, in.	1.973	0.606	0.606
Deflection due to curtain wall, in.	0.243	0.151	0.151
Deflection due to SIDL, in.	0.0744	0.0462	0.0462
Deflection due to LL, in.	0.744	0.462	0.462
Camber, in.	1.25	none	none
Net Total Deflection, in.	1.786	1.266	1.266
$\delta_{LL+SIDL+CW}$, in.	1.061	0.659	0.659
$M_u/\phi_b M_n$	0.930	0.633	0.633

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Kickers to Mitigate Torsion

Kickers eliminate torsion

Plan View

Section View

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Kickers to Mitigate Torsion

Kickers reduce torsion – torsion in spandrel between kickers.

Plan View

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Kickers to Mitigate Torsion

NOTES:

① The steel edge member is designed to transfer the forces to the spandrel. The slab is neglected.

② The spandrel beam is designed for the vertical reactions and torsion between kicker locations.

③ Kicker reaction results in both horizontal and vertical load to bottom flange of spandrel.

④ The force couple at the top and bottom flange resolves accumulated torsion from spandrel. The top flange of the spandrel must be restrained by the deck/slab or a supplemental member.

⑤ The kicker applies a vertical and horizontal force to an interior beam and/or slab.

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Roll Beams to Mitigate Torsion

Roll beam reduces torsion.

Torsion in spandrel between roll beam and columns.

"Moment" connection

Plan View

Section View

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Roll Beams to Mitigate Torsion

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(See previous slide)

NOTES:

1 The steel edge member is designed to transfer the forces to the spandrel. The slab is neglected, except for horizontal forces.

2 The spandrel beam is designed for the vertical reactions and torsion between roll beams. The roll beams restrain twist of the spandrel at intermittent locations.

3 A full-depth stiffener or other connection is designed for moment and resulting vertical reactions. The reactions may include floor loads if the roll beam is also a floor beam.

4 The moment in the roll beam is determined as the accumulated torsion from the spandrel.

5 The moment applied to the end of the roll beam is resolved by vertical shears at each end.

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Designing for Torsion

- Detailed guidance on torsional stresses and rotations of bare steel wide-flange shapes.
- Rotation about center of shape.
- Considers warping normal stresses and torsional shear stresses.

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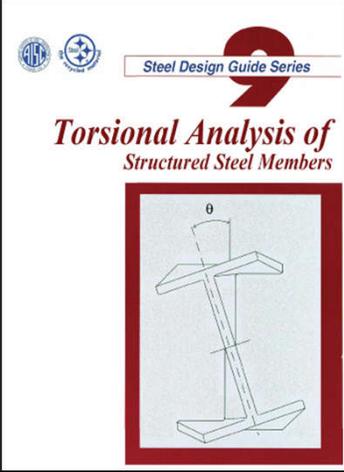
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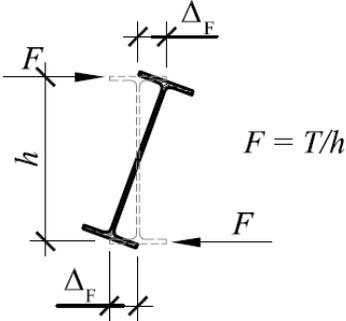
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Center of Rotation

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Slab Only Restrains Translation

Slab changes center of rotation and reduces the amount of rotation by forcing the center of rotation up.

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Effects of Rotation at Slab
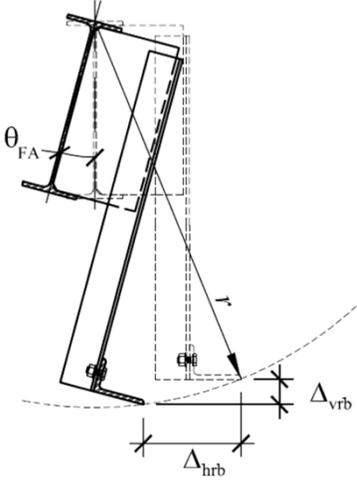
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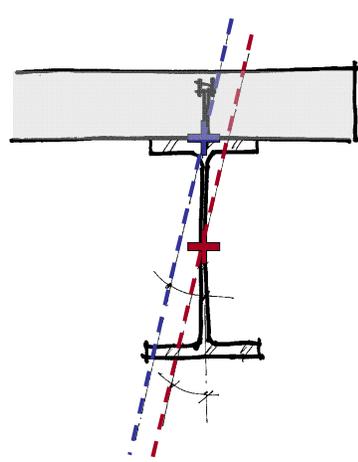
Use DG #9 Method to get rotation and then assume rotation occurs at top of beam at slab.

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Modified Flexural Analogy

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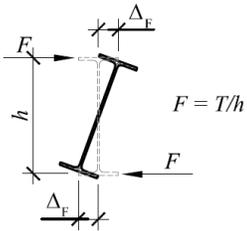
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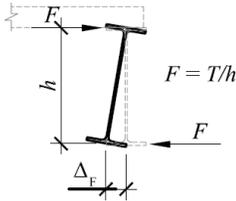
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Appendix A Study

- Three models
  - FEM
  - Modified DG #9
  - Modified Flex. Analogy
- Two spans
  - 10 ft
  - 30 ft
- Two load shapes
  - Concentrated
  - Uniform
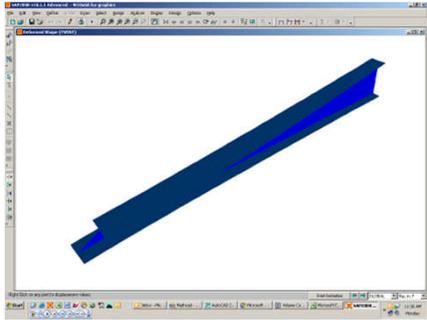
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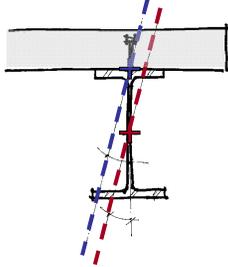
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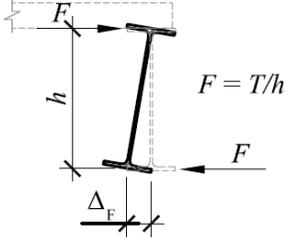
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Appendix A Study

	Rotation (rad.)			Ratio		
Beam	Finite Element Model (FEM)	Modified Design Guide Method (MDGM)	Modified Flexural Analogy Method (MFAM)	MDGM/ FEM	MFAM/ FEM	MDGM/ MFAM
W14×30	0.417	0.807	0.477	1.93	1.14	1.69
W14×43	0.178	0.349	0.209	1.97	1.18	1.67
W18×40	0.242	0.468	0.291	1.93	1.20	1.61
W18×60	0.0879	0.175	0.107	1.99	1.22	1.63
W24×62	0.0791	0.158	0.0923	2.00	1.17	1.71
W24×117	0.00865	0.020	0.0101	2.31	1.17	1.97

Table A-1. Top Flange Rotation for 10-ft Span with Distributed Twist

On shorter spans, the MFAM more closely matches FEM results.

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Appendix A Study

Table A-2. Top Flange Rotation for 10-ft Span with Concentrated Mid-Span Twist					
	Rotation (rad.)			Ratio		
Beam	Finite Element Model (FEM)	Modified Design Guide Method (MDGM)	Modified Flexural Analogy Method (MFAM)	MDGM/ FEM	MFAM/ FEM	MDGM/ MFAM
W14×30	0.333	0.648	0.382	1.95	1.15	1.70
W14×43	0.141	0.281	0.168	1.99	1.19	1.68
W18×40	0.193	0.377	0.233	1.96	1.21	1.62
W18×60	0.0699	0.140	0.0858	2.01	1.23	1.64
W24×62	0.0629	0.127	0.0738	2.02	1.17	1.72
W24×117	0.00684	0.016	0.00811	2.34	1.19	1.97

On shorter spans, the MFAM more closely matches FEM results.

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Appendix A Study

Table A-3. Top Flange Rotation for 30-ft Span with Distributed Twist					
	Rotation (rad.)			Ratio		
Beam	Finite Element Model (FEM)	Modified Design Guide Method (MDGM)	Modified Flexural Analogy Method (MFAM)	MDGM/ FEM	MFAM/ FEM	MDGM/ MFAM
W14×30	20.1	25.4	42.4	1.26	2.11	0.599
W14×43	8.37	9.83	17.2	1.17	2.06	0.571
W18×40	10.7	12.9	24.3	1.21	2.27	0.531
W18×60	3.90	4.81	8.72	1.23	2.24	0.551
W24×62	4.11	5.27	7.50	1.28	1.82	0.703
W24×117	0.603	0.961	0.821	1.59	1.36	1.17

On longer spans, the MFAM is excessively conservative.

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Appendix A Study

	Rotation (rad.)			Ratio		
Beam	Finite Element Model (FEM)	Modified Design Guide Method (MDGM)	Modified Flexural Analogy Method (MFAM)	MDGM/ FEM	MFAM/ FEM	MDGM/ MFAM
W14×30	5.43	6.98	10.4	1.29	1.91	0.674
W14×43	2.25	2.71	4.53	1.21	2.01	0.599
W18×40	2.88	3.56	6.29	1.24	2.18	0.566
W18×60	1.05	1.33	2.32	1.27	2.21	0.574
W24×62	1.11	1.44	1.99	1.31	1.80	0.724
W24×117	0.161	0.259	0.219	1.61	1.36	1.18

Table A-4. Top Flange Rotation for 30-ft Span with Concentrated Mid-Span Twist

On longer spans, the MFAM is excessively conservative.

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Appendix A Study - Conclusion

- For most practical cases where torsional spans need to be kept short (on the range of 10 ft) to limit deflections the Modified Flexural Analogy Method better reflects actual conditions and is easier to implement.
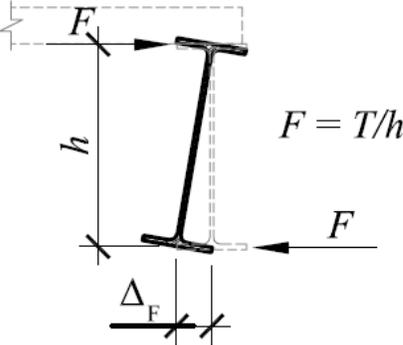
$F = T/h$

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Other Conditions with Torsion

Spandrel Beam

Section 1

Framing Part-Plan

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Other Options for Increasing Rotational Resistance

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

(a) Wide-Flange Beam with Cover Plate

(b) HSS

(c) Wide-Flange Beam/HSS Combination

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Chapter 6 Examples

- **Example 6.1** - Roof Spandrel Beam with Eccentric Curtain Wall Load

- **Example 6.2** - Roof Spandrel Beam with Eccentric Curtain Wall Load – Torsion Restrained with Roll Beams

- **Example 6.3** - Roof Spandrel Beam with Eccentric Curtain Wall Load – Torsion Avoided with HSS and Roll Beams

- **Example 6.4** - Roof Spandrel Beam with Eccentric Curtain Wall – Torsion on Spandrel Avoided by Kickers

- **Example 6.5** - Floor Spandrel Beam with Eccentric Precast Panel Loads

- **Example 6.6** - Floor Spandrel Beam with Eccentric Precast Panel Loads at Floor Opening

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Example 6.1: Roof Spandrel Beam

Excerpts from Design Guide. See Design Guide 22 for complete, detailed example.
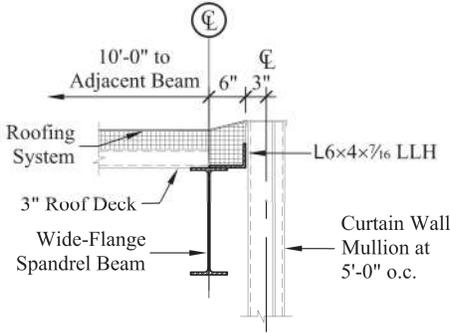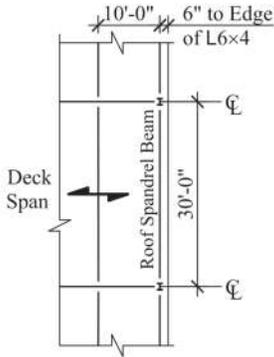
Fig. 6-7. Section of roof spandrel beam with eccentric curtain wall load.

Fig. 6-8. Roof plan at spandrel beam.

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Example 6.1

Design Assumptions:
1. The beam can be assumed to be flexurally pinned and torsionally restrained at the supporting columns.
2. The roof deck braces the compression flange of the beam against lateral torsional buckling. The roof deck also resists the lateral wind load.
3. Assume the following load combinations control:
   Strength: 1.2D + 1.6S + 0.8W
   Deflection: D + S + W
4. Acceptable deflection limit is 0.90 in.

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Example 6.1

Note that wind loads are omitted for clarity.

Each curtain wall point load on the beam is,

$$P_{cw} = w_{curt} h_c s_c$$
$$= 0.015 \text{ kip/ft}^2 (28 \text{ ft})(5 \text{ ft})$$
$$= 2.10 \text{ kips}$$
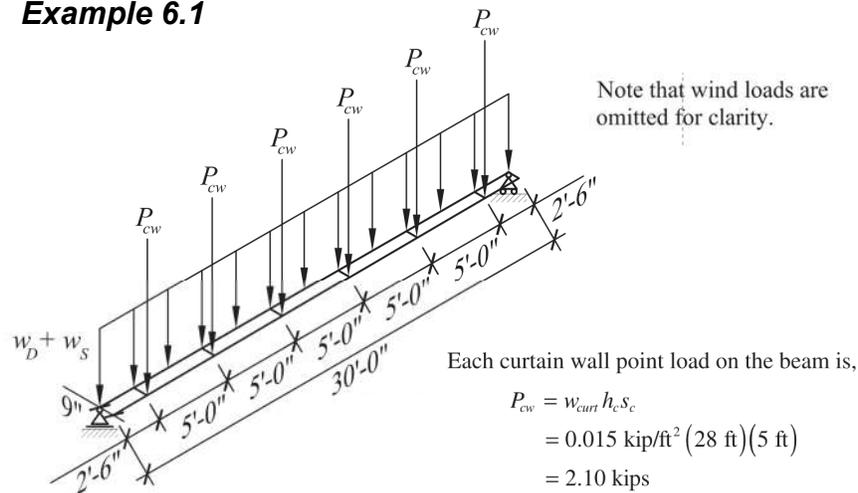
Fig. 6-9. Loads on roof spandrel beam.

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Example 6.1

Try W18×35, ASTM A992

Step 1: Design Beam Neglecting Torsion.

A. Design the beam for strength

Demand-to-capacity ratio

$$\frac{M_u}{\phi_b M_n} = \frac{102 \text{ kip-ft}}{249 \text{ kip-ft}} = 0.410 \leq 1.0 \quad \textbf{o.k.}$$

Demand-to-capacity ratio

$$\frac{V_u}{\phi_v V_n} = \frac{13.7 \text{ kips}}{159 \text{ kips}}$$

$$= 0.0862 \leq 1.0 \quad \textbf{o.k.}$$

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Example 6.1

The total deflection includes both the deflection of the L6×4×7/16 edge angle and the deflection of the spandrel beam.
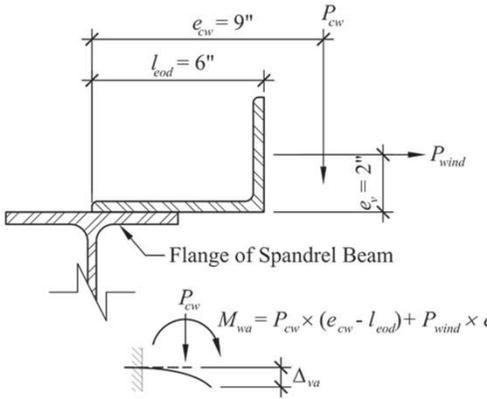
$$M_{wa} = P_{cw} \times (e_{cw} - l_{eod}) + P_{wind} \times e_v$$

Fig. 6-10. Loads on curtain wall support angle.

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Example 6.1

Because the tip of the angle leg is at the beam flange center-line, the distance from the heel of the angle to the tip of the beam flange, $l_{oh} = 3$ in. Thus,

$$b_{eff} = 2\tan(45°)(l_{oh} + e_v) + b_{cw}$$

$$= 2\tan(45°)(3 \text{ in.} + 2 \text{ in.}) + 2 \text{ in.}$$

$$= 12.0 \text{ in.}$$

> b_{eff} is effective width
> e_v is vertical eccentricity
> l_{oh} is angle cantilever

The edge angle moment of inertia is,

$$I = \frac{b_{eff}\,t^3}{12}$$

$$= \frac{12.0 \text{ in.}\,(\frac{7}{16} \text{ in.})^3}{12}$$

$$= 0.0837 \text{ in.}^4$$

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Example 6.1

For the angle deflection, each point load on the edge angle is,

$$P_{wind} = p_w s_c \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)$$

$$= 0.030 \text{ kips/ft}^2 (5 \text{ ft})\left(\frac{14 \text{ ft}}{2}\right)$$

$$= 1.05 \text{ kips}$$

> p_w is wind pressure
> s_c is curtain wall spacing
> h is story height

The wind point load acts at the center of the vertical angle leg; thus, $e_v = 2$ in. The moment at the base of the vertical leg of the edge angle due to the wind point load is,

$$M_{wa} = P_{cw}(e_{cw} - l_{eod}) - P_{wind}\,e_v$$

$$= 2.10 \text{ kips } (9 \text{ in.} - 6 \text{ in.}) - 1.05 \text{ kip } (2 \text{ in.})$$

$$= 8.4 \text{ kip-in.}$$

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Example 6.1

The total vertical deflection of the angle tip (using AISC Manual Table 3-23, case 22, and an additional term to account for the effect of moment M_{wa}), is

$$\Delta_{va} = \frac{P_{cw} l_{oh}^3}{3EI} + \frac{M_{wa} l_{oh}^2}{2EI}$$

$$= \frac{2.10 \text{ kips } (3 \text{ in.})^3}{3(29,000 \text{ ksi})(0.0837 \text{ in.}^4)}$$

$$+ \frac{8.4 \text{ kip-in } (3 \text{ in.})^2}{2(29,000 \text{ ksi})(0.0837 \text{ in.}^4)}$$

$$= 0.0234 \text{ in.}$$

Note that this neglects torsional effects on the spandrel.

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Example 6.1

For the spandrel beam deflection, the uniform service load is,

$$w = w_D + w_S$$
$$= 0.118 \text{ kip/ft} + 0.165 \text{ kip/ft}$$
$$= 0.283 \text{ kip/ft}$$

The corresponding deflection at midspan is,

$$\Delta_w = \frac{5wL^4}{384EI_x}$$

$$= \frac{5(0.283 \text{ kip/ft})(30 \text{ ft})^4 (12 \text{ in./ft})^3}{384(29,000 \text{ ksi})(510 \text{ in.}^4)}$$

$$= 0.349 \text{ in.}$$

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Example 6.1

Using AISC Manual Table 3-23, case 9, the midspan deflections due to the curtain wall point loads along the beam span are as follows. For the pair of loads at 2½ ft from the beam end ($a_1 = 2½$ ft),

$$\Delta_{p1} = \frac{P_{cw} a_1}{24 E I_x}\left(3L^2 - 4a_1^2\right)$$

$$= \frac{2.10 \text{ kips} \left(2½ \text{ ft}\right)\left(12 \text{ in./ft}\right)^3}{24\left(29,000 \text{ ksi}\right)\left(510 \text{ in.}^4\right)}\left[3\left(30 \text{ ft}\right)^2 - 4\left(2½ \text{ ft}\right)^2\right]$$

$$= 0.0684 \text{ in.}$$

Repeat at 7 ½ ft ($\Delta = 0.190$ in) and 12 ½ ft ($\Delta = 0.265$ in)

Total Deflection = 0.0234 + 0.349 + 0.0684 + 0.190 + 0.265

= 0.896 < 0.9 inches which was given as the acceptable total deflection at mid-span

Note that this neglects torsional effects on the spandrel.

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Example 6.1

For Condition B with a W21×50 spandrel beam, the torsional analysis method presented in AISC Design Guide No. 9, *Torsional Analysis of Structural Steel Members* (Seaburg and Carter, 1997), will be used.
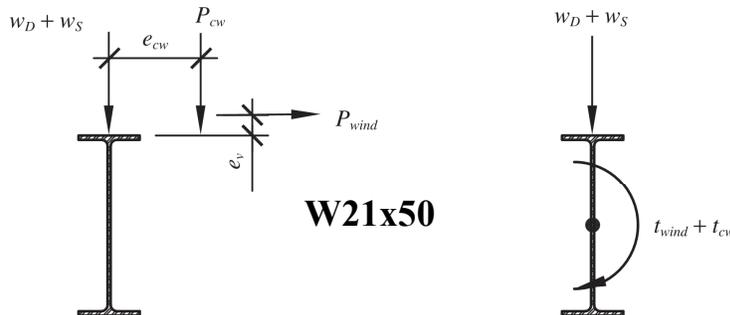

Fig. 6-11. Vertical and torsional loads on spandrel beam.

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Example 6.1

Using AISC Design Guide No. 9 Equation 4-16a, the interaction of combined normal stresses assuming the predominant limit state is yielding is,

$$\frac{M_u}{\phi_b F_y S_x} + \frac{\sigma_{wsu}}{0.9 F_y} = \frac{104 \text{ kip-ft}}{354 \text{ kip-ft}} + \frac{24.8 \text{ ksi}}{0.9(50 \text{ ksi})}$$

$$= 0.845 \leq 1.0 \quad \textbf{o.k.}$$

> σ_{wsu} is warping normal stress *(See DG9)*

The interaction of pure torsion shear stress and direct shear is,

$$\frac{V_u}{\phi_v V_n} + \frac{\tau_t}{0.9\left(0.6 F_y\right)} = \frac{13.9 \text{ kips}}{237 \text{ kips}} + \frac{13.6 \text{ ksi}}{0.9\left(0.6\right)\left(50 \text{ ksi}\right)}$$

$$= 0.562 \leq 1.0 \quad \textbf{o.k.}$$

> τ_t is torsional shear stress *(See DG9)*

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Example 6.1

Check Deflection at Mid-Span Flexural Deformation of W21x50
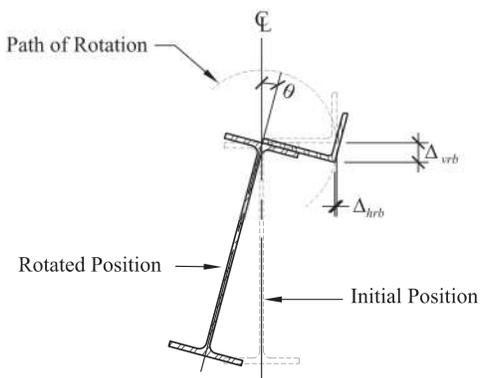
Vertical deflection = 0.473 in. (see example)

Fig. 6-12. Rigid body rotation about center of top flange.

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Example 6.1

For the rotational components of the deflection calculations,

$$t = t_{cw} + t_{wind}$$

$$= 0.315 \text{ kip-ft/ft} + 0.0350 \text{ kip-ft/ft}$$

$$= 0.350 \text{ kip-ft/ft}$$

t_{cw} is torsion due to curtain wall
t_{wind} is torsion due to wind

The rotation of the beam at midspan is based on the service level torsion,

$$\theta = 0.97 \text{ rad.} \left(\frac{t}{GJ}\right) 2a^2$$

Refer to DG9, Appendix B, Case 4 for this calculation

$$= 0.97 \text{ rad.} \frac{(0.350 \text{ kip-ft/ft})}{(11,200 \text{ ksi})(1.14 \text{ in.}^4)} (2)(76.4 \text{ in.})^2$$

$$= 0.310 \text{ rad. (or } 17.8°)$$

The heel of the angle will deflect vertically by,

$$\Delta_{vrb} = l_{eod} \sin(17.8°)$$

$$= (6.00 \text{ in.}) \sin(17.8°)$$

$$= 1.83 \text{ in.}$$

Total vertical deflection of the beam is,

$$\Delta_{total} = 0.473 \text{ in.} + 1.83 \text{ in.}$$
$$= 2.30 \text{ in.}$$

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Example 6.1

This total vertical deflection substantially exceeds the deflection limit, primarily due to the torsional effects. In fact, the torsional effects alone for this beam exceed the stated deflection limit for the curtain wall system.

Thus, even a spandrel beam as heavy as a W21×50 has substantial torsional rotations. In the following examples, a system that uses roll beams to reduce the torsion on the spandrel beam will be designed.

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Example 6.1

Modified Flexural Analogy Method

The weak-axis moment of inertia of the bottom half of the W21×50 beam is,

$$I_{y\,FA} = \frac{I_y}{2}$$
$$= \frac{24.9 \text{ in.}^4}{2}$$
$$= 12.5 \text{ in.}^4$$

The equivalent uniform load applied laterally to the bottom flange to generate the torsional moment is,

$$w_{FA} = \frac{t}{d}$$
$$= \frac{0.350 \text{ kip-ft/ft} (12 \text{ in./ft})}{20.8 \text{ in.}}$$
$$= 0.202 \text{ kip/ft}$$

The corresponding deflection of the bottom flange is,

$$\Delta_{bf\,FA} = \frac{5 w_{FA} L^4}{384 E I_{y\,FA}}$$
$$= \frac{5 (0.202 \text{ kip/ft})(30 \text{ ft})^4 (12 \text{ in./ft})^3}{384 (29,000 \text{ ksi})(12.5 \text{ in.}^4)}$$
$$= 10.2 \text{ in.}$$

Because the beam is forced to rotate about its top flange, the full beam depth can be used when calculating the angle of rotation, which is,

$$\theta_{FA} = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\Delta_{bf\,FA}}{d}\right)$$
$$= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{10.2 \text{ in.}}{20.8 \text{ in.}}\right)$$
$$= 29.4°$$

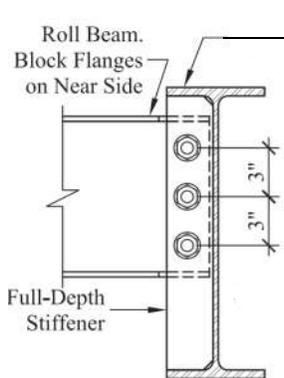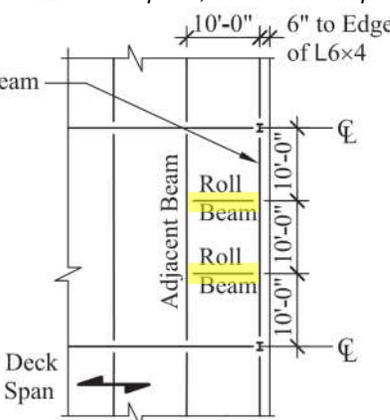*MFAM is excessively conservative for longer spans*

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Example 6.2: *Roof Spandrel Beam with Roll Beams*

Excerpts from Design Guide. See Design Guide 22 for complete, detailed example.

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Example 6.2

W10x12 Roll Beam

$M_{RB} = T$

10'-0"

R_T R_T

R_{RB} R_{RB}

$R_T - R_{RB}$ Spandrel Beam $R_T + R_{RB}$

Adjacent Roof
Framing Beam

Fig. 6-17. Loads on and reactions due to roll beam.

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Example 6.2

The rotation of the spandrel beam at midspan (between roll beams) is,

$$\theta = \frac{2F_T t a^2}{GJ} = \frac{2(0.037\,\text{rad.})(0.350\,\text{kip-ft/ft})(67.8\,\text{in.})^2}{(11,200\,\text{ksi})(0.810\,\text{in.}^4)}$$

$= 0.0131$ rad. (or 0.751°)

> F_T = Torsional rotation function from DG9, Appendix B, Case 4

Using AISC Design Guide No. 9 Equation 4-16a, the interaction of combined normal stresses assuming the predominant limit state is yielding is,

$$\frac{M_u}{\phi_b M_n} + \frac{\sigma_{wsu}}{0.9F_y} = \frac{109\,\text{kip-ft}}{257\,\text{kip-ft}} + \frac{8.10\,\text{ksi}}{0.9(50\,\text{ksi})}$$

$$= 0.604 \leq 1.0 \quad \textbf{o.k.}$$

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Example 6.2

> T = torsion on spandrel beam to be resisted by the roll beam.

$$M_{RB} = 2 \times T = 2 \times t\left(\frac{L_T}{2}\right)$$

$$\theta_{RB} = \frac{M_{RB}L_{RB}}{3EI_{xRB}}$$

Fig. 6-18. Rotation of roll beam.

The rotation of the roll beam (see Figure 6-18) is,

$$\theta_{RB} = \frac{2TL_{RB}}{3EI_{xRB}} = \frac{2(1.75\,\text{kip-ft})(10\,\text{ft})(12\,\text{in./ft})^2}{3(29,000\,\text{ksi})(53.8\,\text{in.}^4)}$$

$$= 0.00108\,\text{rad} \ \ (\text{or } 0.0617°)$$

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Example 6.2

The rotation of spandrel beam at midspan including the rotation contribution from the end of the roll beams is,

$$\theta_{total} = \theta + \theta_{RB}$$
$$= 0.751° + 0.0617°$$
$$= 0.813°$$

$$y_f = r\sin(\theta)$$
$$= (6.00\,\text{in.})\sin(-0.813°)$$
$$= -0.0851\,\text{in.}$$

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Example 6.2

The total vertical movement at the curtain wall attachment point (the sum of the flexural and rotational deflections) is,

$$\Delta_v = \Delta_f + \Delta_{vrb}$$
$$= 0.770 + 0.0851$$
$$= 0.855 \text{ in.} \leq 0.90 \text{ in.} \quad \textbf{o.k.}$$

Note that Δ_f is comprised of flexural deformations due to the uniform load on the beam, the point loads from the curtain wall attachments and the roll beam reactions on the spandrel beam

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Example 6.2

Moment of inertia of bottom flange

$$I_{y\_FA} = \frac{I_y}{2}$$

$$I_{y\_FA} = 9.55 \text{ in}^4$$

Modified Flexural Analogy

Equivalent force to apply to bottom flange.

$$w_{FA} = \frac{t}{d}$$

$$w_{FA} = 235 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}}$$

Deflection of bottom flange

$$\Delta_{bf\ FA} = \frac{5w_{FA}L_T^{\ 4}}{384EI_{y\ FA}}$$

$$= \frac{5(0.235)(10)^4(1728)}{384(29,000)(9.55)} = 0.191 \text{ in.}$$

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Example 6.2

Because the beam is forced to rotate about its top flange the full beam depth can be used when calculating θ.

Equivalent rotation about the top flange using flexural analogy

$$\theta_{FA} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\Delta_{bf\ FA}}{d}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{0.191\ \text{in.}}{17.9\ \text{in.}}\right) = 0.610°$$

In this case the rotation predicted by the flexural analogy is approximately 75-percent of the rotation from the design guide method. The actual rotation of the beam, as determined by finite element analysis, is approximately two thirds of the rotation predicted by the Design Guide 9 method and 84-percent of that predicted by the flexural analogy. This illustrates that for shorter spans, the flexural analogy is not only easier to calculate, but provides a more realistic rotation than the Design Guide 9 method.

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Supporting Facades
Away from Floor Levels

At atrium and lobby spaces, it is frequently necessary to provide intermediate gravity and lateral load support for cladding system

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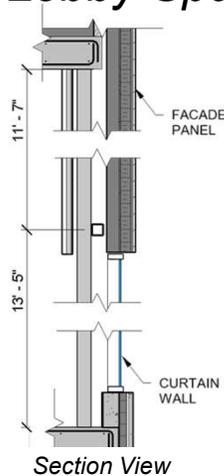**Supporting Facades Away from Floor Levels**

Design Criteria

- For curtain wall, typically limit deflections to:
  - L/360
  - 3/4 in. max
- Frequently architecturally exposed (AESS)
- May need hangers to support gravity loads

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Supporting Facades Away from Floor Levels

Case Study: Curtain Wall Transition at Lobby Space

Section View

Problem:
A building has a panelized façade system. A double height space has curtain wall from the ground floor up to mid-height of the space and the façade panel extends down from the floor above. Typically, the façade panels are self supporting but the specialty engineer for the façade system indicates that at this location structural steel is required for the façade to laterally support the top of the curtain wall and the bottom of the panels. .

Design the structural steel required to support the façade and curtain wall attachment. Deflection at the top of the curtain wall must be limited to ¾" to avoid damaging the glass. Deflection of the façade panel does not govern.

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Case Study: Curtain Wall Transition at Lobby Space

Elevation View

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