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## Session Description

### **Session 5: Façade Fundamentals** **July 16, 2018**

Attaching modern facades to buildings requires an understanding of how facade systems perform—from moisture and thermal performance to structural performance. Developing successful facade attachments requires consensus among a number of different parties about the objectives for the facade system. The project team needs to establish who is responsible for various portions of the design and also establish the criteria against which the system's performance will be compared. In this session, we will explore these issues in depth to set projects up for success.





## Learning Objectives

- Identify issues to consider when creating design criteria for the loading and serviceability of façade systems.
- Describe the roles and responsibilities of project team members for the design and construction of façade attachments.
- Define thermal bridges and thermal breaks, and describe their importance to a building system.
- List the various accumulated tolerances that can affect the installation and performance of façade systems.



There's always a solution in steel.

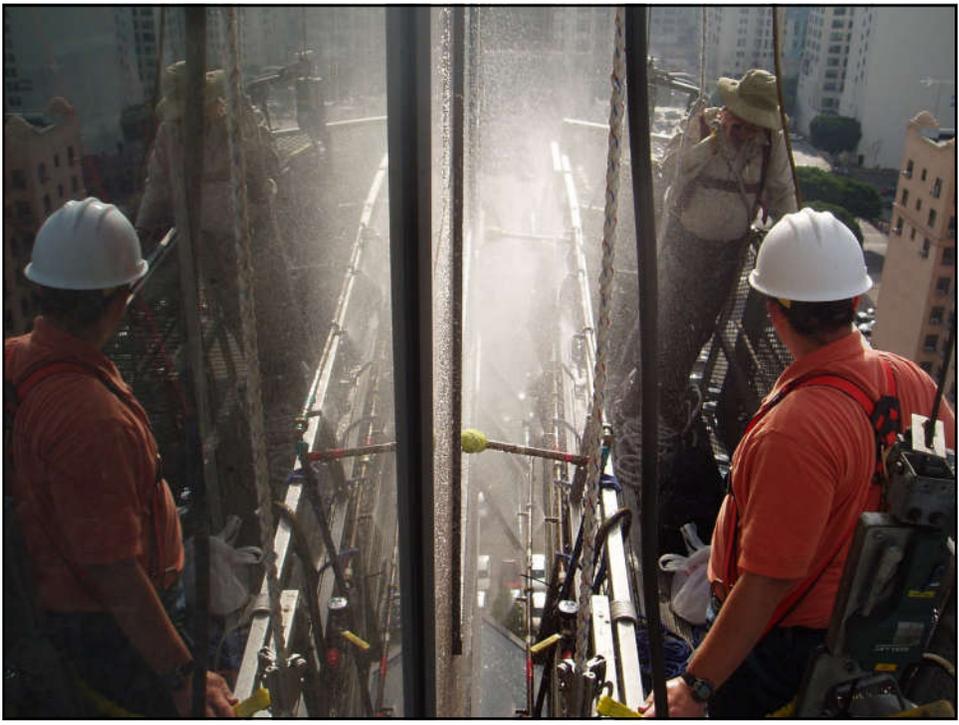
## AISC Night School Behind the Façade: Guidance for Supporting Facades on Steel-Framed Buildings



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## Attachments: What's the Problem?

- Design Coordination
- RFIs
- Delays in the shop drawing process
- Delays in erection
- Out-of-tolerance erection
- Failures
  - Envelope Performance
  - Structural

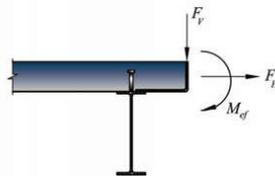


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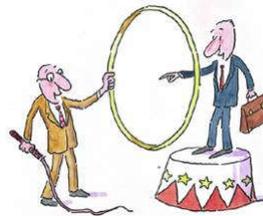


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## Design Guide Objective



- To assist the practicing structural engineer in achieving slab edge and spandrel beam details for steel frames that are:
  - Structurally sound
  - Durable
  - Economical
  - Accommodating of facade requirements



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## Design Guide Scope



- Focus on attachment strategies and their effect on the design, fabrication, and erection of steel frames.
- Guidance for the structural engineer of record responsible for the design of the steel frame.
- Attachment concepts and performance characteristics – not “preferred” details.
- Not design of the facade systems, just attachments to the steel frame.



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  - Panelized Façade Systems
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  - Sizing Joints for Vertical Movement
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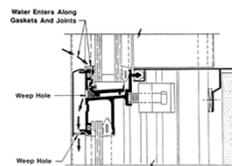
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### Fundamentals of Façade Performance

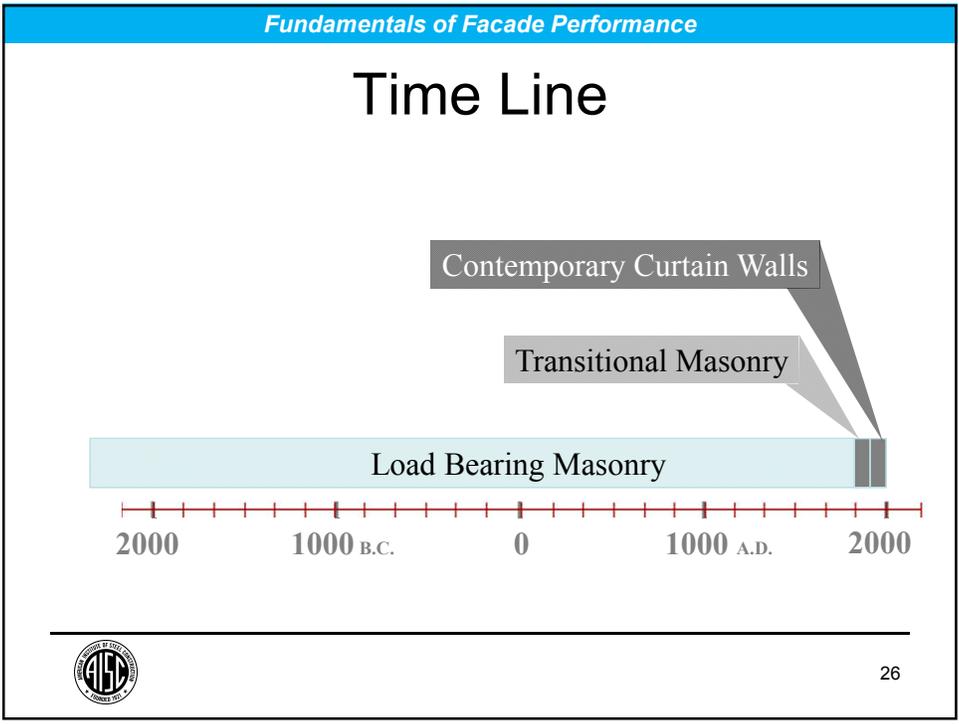
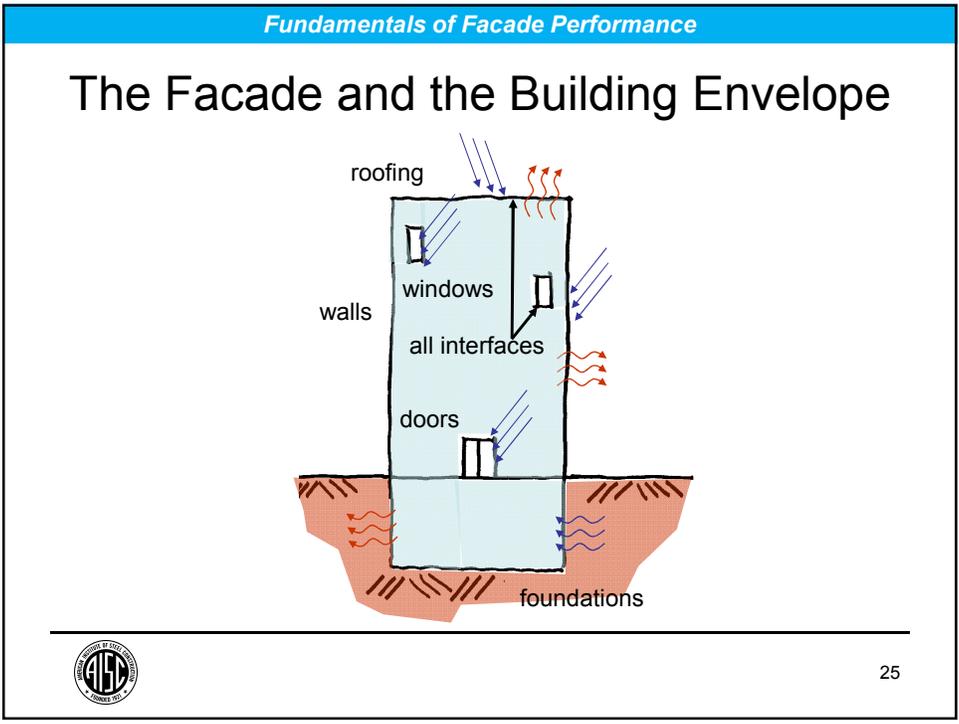
## Fundamentals of Façade Performance



The building envelope encloses the building, controlling the transmission of air, water, heat, sound, and light both into and out of the building.



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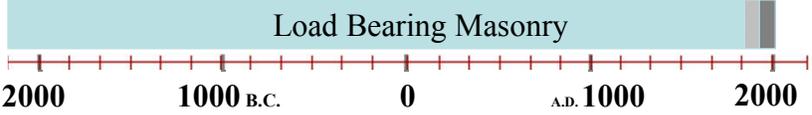


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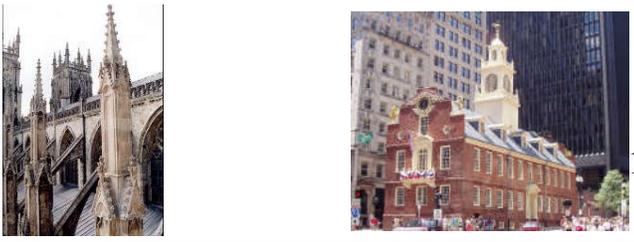


Load Bearing Masonry



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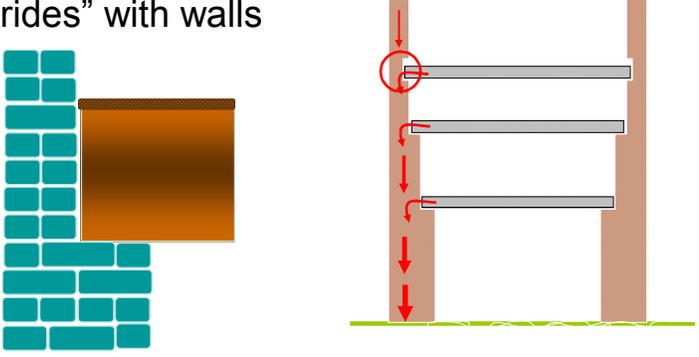


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**Fundamentals of Façade Performance**

# Load Bearing Masonry

- Walls are thick
- Walls support all loads
- Floor “rides” with walls

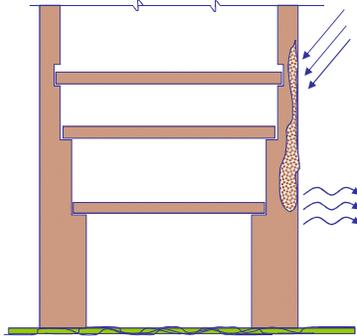


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## Load Bearing Masonry

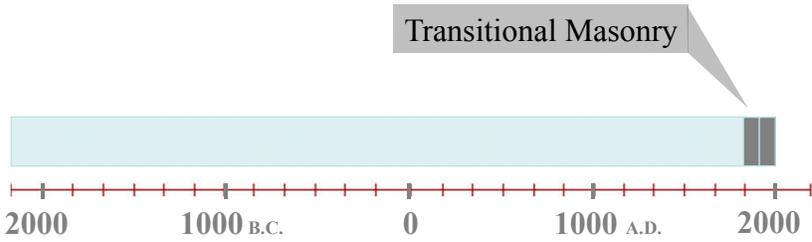
- Walls manage moisture as a reservoir



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## Time Line

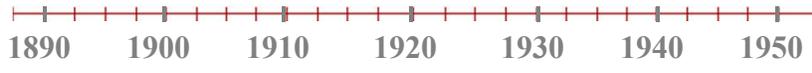


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**Fundamentals of Façade Performance**



**Transitional Masonry Buildings**



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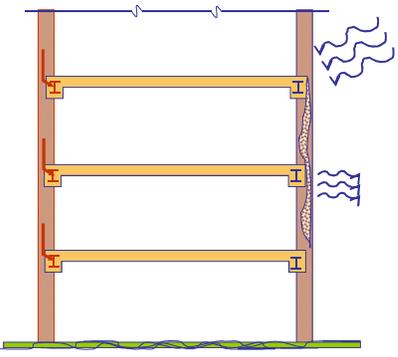


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**Fundamentals of Façade Performance**

## Transitional Masonry Buildings

- Masonry walls still thick
- Floor & wall loads supported by steel or iron frame
- Wall still functions as a reservoir
- Masonry is tight against frame



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**Fundamentals of Façade Performance**

## Transitional Masonry Buildings

(Ref. Good Practice in Construction, by Phillip G Knobloch, The Pencil Point Press, 1923.)


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## Transitional Masonry Buildings

Plaster  
 Base  
 Fill  
 Concrete  
 Hanger  
 Flat bar  
 Hanging ceiling

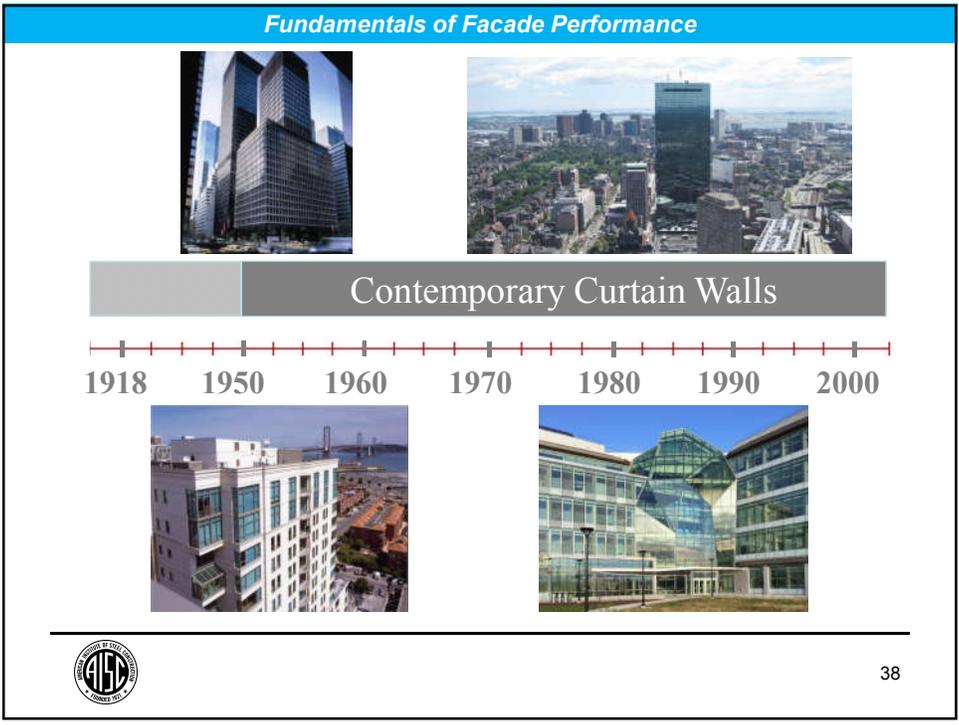
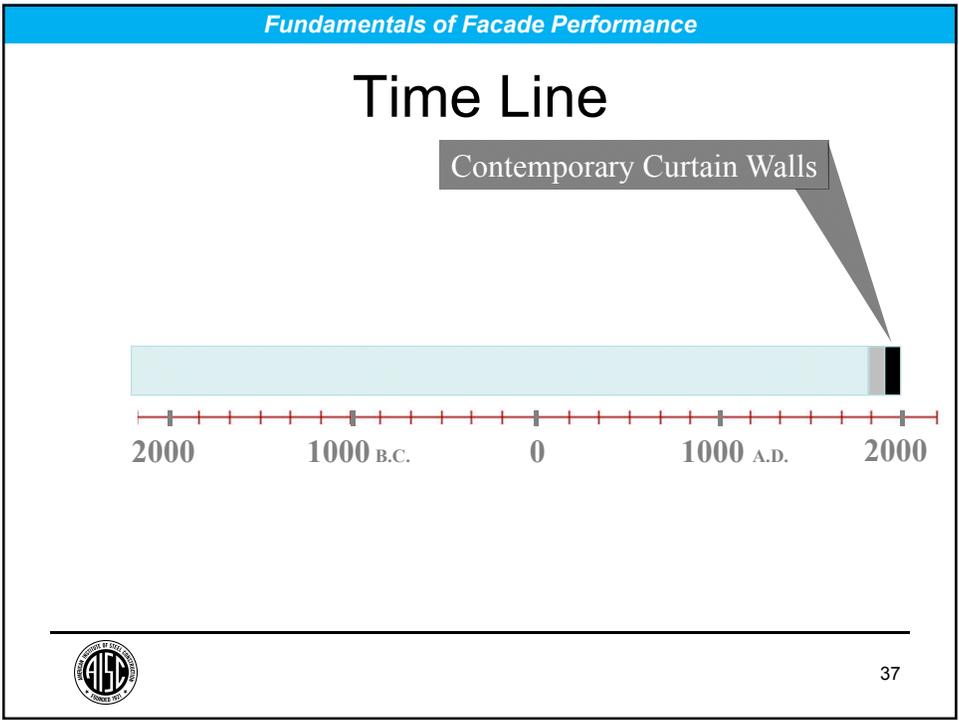
Plate may be used if desired, though not absolutely necessary.

slab.

the wall to be rough coat and damp-proofing.


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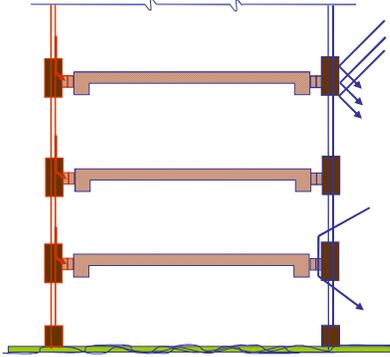




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## Contemporary Curtain Walls

- Floor loads carried by frame
- “Skin” transfers wind loads to the frame
- “Skin” typically employs a drainage plane and back-up waterproofing



The diagram illustrates a cross-section of a curtain wall system. It shows a vertical frame of columns and horizontal mullions. The skin is attached to the mullions. A drainage plane is shown behind the skin, with arrows indicating water being collected and drained away. A back-up waterproofing layer is also shown behind the drainage plane. The floor structure is shown at the bottom, with the frame resting on it.

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*Exterior Wall System*

## Performance Requirements of the Exterior Wall System

- Accommodates loads and deformations
- Minimizes water and air flow (vapor movement)
- Controls heat gain and/or loss



The photograph shows a modern building with a glass and metal exterior wall system. The building has a curved facade with large glass windows and metal panels. The sky is blue, and there are some vehicles parked in front of the building.

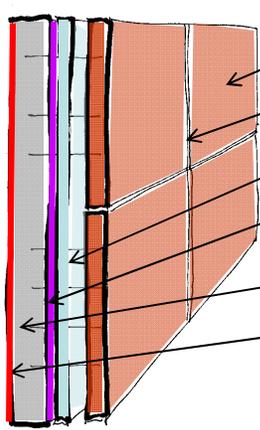
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*Exterior Wall System*

## Functional Components of the Exterior Wall System



- Cladding
- Joints
- Insulation
- Water barriers and air barriers
- Back-up structure
- Interior finishes

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*Exterior Wall System*

## Insulation and Thermal Performance

- Building codes demanding better performance
- Structural attachments can create thermal bridges
- Thermal and moisture modeling can assess consequences of bridges



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*Exterior Wall System*

## Façade Design Criteria



- Structural Integrity
- Provisions for Movement
- Envelope Performance

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*Attachment Criteria*

## Criteria for Façade Attachment

- Structural Integrity
- Accommodating Movement
- Durability
- Accounting for Tolerances and Clearances
- Constructability
- Economy



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## Structural Integrity

Redundancy                      Ductility

Strength

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## Conflicting Ideas

TWO SUPPORT POINTS                      REDUNDANCY

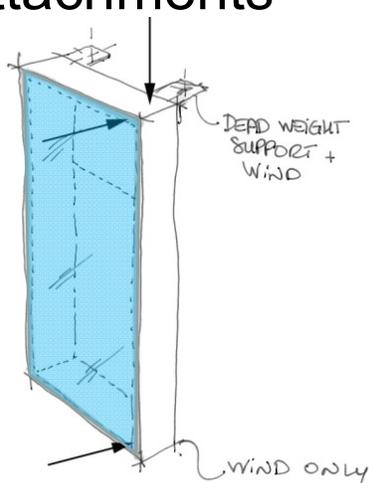
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## Loads on Attachments

The role of the facade attachment is to provide a reliable **LOAD PATH** from the building enclosure to the building frame for each of the load types acting on the facade.



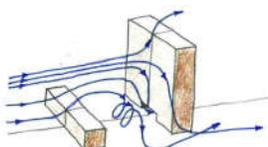
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## Loads on Attachments

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**Dead Loads**  
Weight of the wall system
- 

**Seismic Loads**  
Perpendicular OR parallel to the wall
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**Wind Loads**  
Perpendicular OR parallel to the wall
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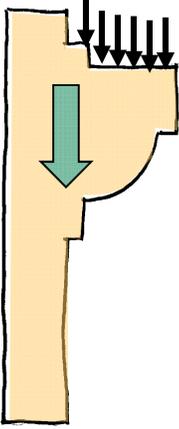
**Thermal Loads**  
Facade expansion/contraction

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## Gravity Loads

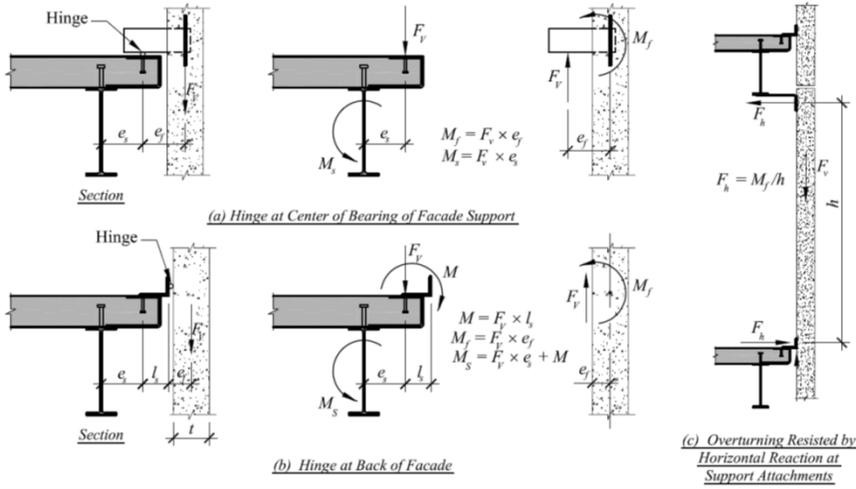
- Facade dead load
  - Need to understand materials and system
- Facade live loads
  - Horizontal projections
- SER usually needs to estimate before wall is designed
- Window washing activities




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## Gravity Load Eccentricities



**(a) Hinge at Center of Bearing of Facade Support**

$$M_f = F_v \times e_f$$

$$M_s = F_v \times e_s$$

**(b) Hinge at Back of Facade**

$$M = F_v \times l_s$$

$$M_f = F_v \times e_f$$

$$M_s = F_v \times e_s + M$$

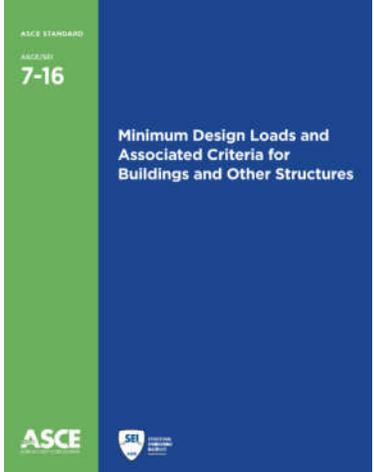
**(c) Overturning Resisted by Horizontal Reaction at Support Attachments**

$$F_h = M_f / h$$

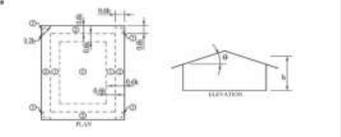

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## Wind Loads

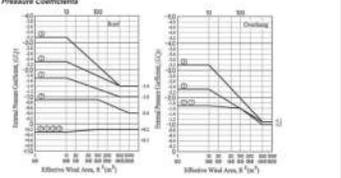


**Diagrams**



**Notation**  
 $D$  = Horizontal dimension of building measured normal to wind direction, in ft (m);  
 $H$  = Storm height, shall be used for  $H \leq 100'$ ;  
 $\theta$  = Angle of slope of roof from horizontal, in degrees.

**External Pressure Coefficients**



**Notes**  
 1. Vertical wind direction  $\theta$  (Cpe) is the same with  $\theta$ .  
 2. Horizontal wind direction effective wind area, in ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>).  
 3. The wind stress shall specify pressure acting inward and away from the surface, respectively.  
 4. Each component shall be designed for hurricane positive and negative pressures.  
 5. If a parapet equal to or higher than 1.0 ft (0.3 m) is provided around the perimeter of the roof with  $H \leq 10'$ , the negative values of  $C_{pe}$  (Cpe) shall be equal to those for  $C_{pe}$  and  $C_{pi}$  and positive values of  $C_{pe}$  (Cpe) in Zones 1 and 2 shall be increased by those for wind Zones 4 and 5, respectively, in Fig. 16.3-1.  
 6. Values of roof overhang wind loadings include pressure contributions from both upper and lower surfaces.  
 7. Windage loads, the basic horizontal dimension of the building shall not include any overhang dimensions, but the edge distance, it shall be measured from the outside edge of the overhang.

FIGURE 16.3-2 External Pressure Coefficients, (Cpe), for Windward and Paralel-Ends Buildings—Zone 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.


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## Wind Tunnel Testing

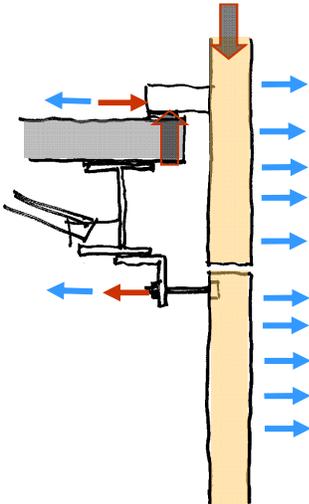



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## Wind Loads

- Negative pressures combined with gravity eccentricities often control.
- For the base building components, the SER can often be simple and conservative when planning for attachments without undue cost.



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## Seismic Requirements

- Seismic Forces
- Relative Displacements
- Ductility



*Christchurch, New Zealand, February 2011  
Photo: Ronald Mayes / SGH*

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## Seismic Design Category

- ASCE 7-16: “A classification assigned to a structure based on its *Risk Category* and the severity of the design earthquake ground motion at the site...”

A	Least restrictive design category, not common
B	Common in low seismic areas
C	Common for higher risk buildings in eastern US and lower risk building in CA
D	Common design category for California and other high seismic areas; highly restrictive design
E	Special category for mapped spectral response acceleration parameters ( $S_1$ ) greater than 0.75
F	Special category for Risk Category IV structures in Seismic Design Category E


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## Seismic Design Applicability

Seismic Design Category	Seismic Design Applicability per ASCE 7-16, Section 13.1.4
A and B	All architectural components with $I_p = 1.0$ are exempt except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parapets</li> <li>Storage cabinets</li> </ul>
C, D, E, F	Architectural components are <b>not</b> exempt
ALL	Temporary or moveable equipment


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## Seismic Loads

$$F_p = \frac{0.4a_p S_{DS} W_p}{\left(\frac{R_p}{I_p}\right)} \left(1 + 2\frac{z}{h}\right)$$

**Table 13.5-1 Coefficients for Architectural Components**

Architectural Component	$a_p^a$	$R_p$	$\Omega_0^b$
Exterior nonstructural wall elements and connections <sup>b</sup>			
Wall element	1	2½	NA
Body of wall panel connections	1	2½	NA
Fasteners of the connecting system	¼	1	1
Veneer			
Limited deformability elements and attachments	1	2½	2
Low-deformability elements and attachments	1	1½	2



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## Seismic Loads

**13.3.2 Seismic Relative Displacements.** The effects of seismic relative displacements shall be considered in combination with displacements caused by other loads as appropriate. Seismic relative displacements,  $D_{pI}$ , shall be determined in accordance with Eq. (13.3-6):

$$D_{pI} = D_p I_e \quad (13.3-6)$$


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## Limit States for Design

- Attachments must safely accommodate forces.
- Joints must prevent hazardous damage; falling hazards.



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## Limit States for Design

- 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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## Wind Deflections (IBC 2015)

CONSTRUCTION	L	S or W <sup>f</sup>	D + L <sup>g</sup>
Roof members: <sup>1</sup>			
Supporting plaster or stucco ceiling	l/360	l/360	l/240
Supporting nonplaster ceiling	l/240	l/240	l/180
Not supporting ceiling	l/180	l/180	l/120
Floor members	l/360	—	l/240
Exterior walls:			
With plaster or stucco finishes	—	l/360	—
With other brittle finishes	—	l/240	—
With flexible finishes	—	l/120	—
Interior partitions: <sup>2</sup>			
With plaster or stucco finishes	l/360	—	—
With other brittle finishes	l/240	—	—
With flexible finishes	l/120	—	—
Farm buildings	—	—	l/180
Greenhouses	—	—	l/120

**Footnote f:**  
*The wind load is permitted to be taken as 0.42 times the “component and cladding” loads for the purpose of determining deflection limits herein. Where members support glass in accordance with Section 2403 using the deflection limit therein, the wind load shall be no less than 0.6 times the “component and cladding” loads for the purpose of determining deflection.*

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

a. For structural roofing and siding made of formed metal sheets, the total load deflection shall not exceed l/90. For secondary roof structural members supporting formed metal roofing, the live load deflection shall not exceed l/150. For secondary wall members supporting formed metal siding, the design wind load deflection shall not exceed l/90. For roofs, this exception only applies when the metal sheets have no roof covering.

b. Flexible, folding and portable partitions are not governed by the provisions of this section. The deflection criterion for interior partitions is based on the horizontal load defined in Section 1607.14.

c. See Section 2403 for glass supports.

d. The deflection limit for the D+L load combination only applies to the deflection due to the creep component of long-term dead load deflection plus the short-term live load deflection. For wood structural members that are dry at time of installation and used under dry conditions in accordance with the ANSI/AWC NDS, the creep component of the long-term deflection shall be permitted to be estimated as the immediate dead load deflection resulting from 0.5D. For wood structural members at all other moisture conditions, the creep component of the long-term deflection is permitted to be estimated as the immediate dead load deflection resulting from D. The value of 0.5D shall not be used in combination with ANSI/AWC NDS provisions for long-term loading.

e. The above deflections do not ensure against ponding. Roofs that do not have sufficient slope or camber to ensure adequate drainage shall be investigated for ponding. See Section 1611 for rain and ponding requirements and Section 1503.4 for roof drainage requirements.

f. The wind load is permitted to be taken as 0.42 times the “component and cladding” loads for the purpose of determining deflection limits herein. Where members support glass in accordance with Section 2403 using the deflection limit therein, the wind load shall be no less than 0.6 times the “component and cladding” loads for the purpose of determining deflection.

g. For steel structural members, the dead load shall be taken as zero.

h. For aluminum structural members or aluminum panels used in skylights and sloped glazing framing, roofs or walls of sunroom additions or patio covers not supporting edge of glass or aluminum sandwich panels, the total load deflection shall not exceed l/60. For continuous aluminum structural members supporting edge of glass, the total load deflection shall not exceed l/175 for each glass lite or l/60 for the entire length of the member, whichever is more stringent. For aluminum sandwich panels used in roofs or walls of sunroom additions or patio covers, the total load deflection shall not exceed l/120.

i. For cantilever members, l shall be taken as twice the length of the cantilever.

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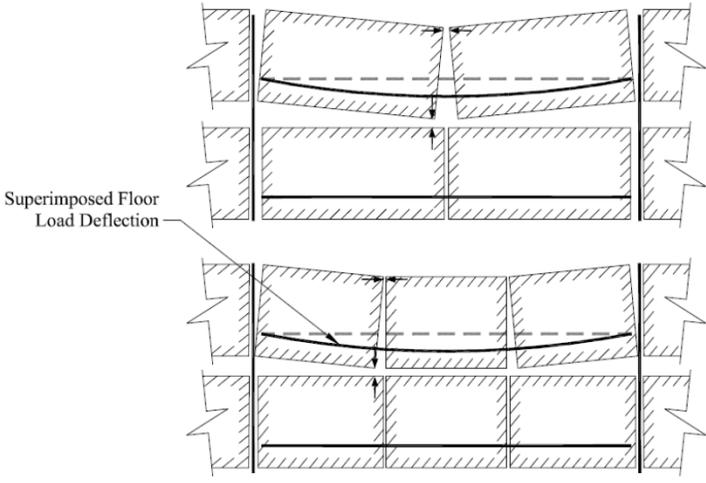
## Accommodating Relative Movement

- Spandrel deflections, rotations, column shortening, bracket deflections.

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## Accommodating Relative Movement



Fewer panels mean larger joint movements for a given span and support stiffness.

Superimposed Floor Load Deflection



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## Accommodating Relative Movement

- Rules of thumb and code provisions for flexural stiffness to limit facade material cracking.
  - $L/360$ ?
  - $L/600$ ?
  - $L/720$ ?
  - 0.31 in.?
  - 3/4 in.?



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## Accommodating Relative Movement

- Joint sealant compression or extension may control the design of spandrel beams
- **Example:** Limiting compression of a sealant joint to 1/4 in. for a 30 ft long beam is  $L/1440$


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## Accommodating Relative Movement

### Inter-Story Drift from Lateral Loads

- Common drift limits:
  - Wind
    - $H/400$  (0.0025H) to  $H/500$  (0.002H)
  - Inelastic Seismic Drift
    - $0.025 H$  (10 times wind!)
- For a 12 ft story height:
  - Wind – 0.36 inches
  - Seismic – 3.6 inches

ASCE 7-16 13.5.3.1 Requires that panel connections and joints accommodate at least 1/2 in. interstory movement.


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## Accommodating Relative Movement

(a) Rotation at Attachments     
 (b) Flexure of Façade Element     
 (c) Increased Rotations at Façade Sub-Element Such as a Window

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## Forces from Restraint

- Best to avoid restraint altogether
- Predicting restraint forces inexact
  - Cracking
  - Creep
  - Attachment stiffness
- Watch out for inadvertent restraint

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*Attachment Criteria*

## Durability of the Attachment

- Attachments are usually hard to inspect.
- Consider what happens if the wall leaks.
- Consider how likely the wall is to leak over time.
- Special attention to thin steel parts or steel fasteners.



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## Galvanized or Stainless?

- HDG Advantages:
  - Less expensive
  - More readily available
  - Field welding uses more common procedures
- HDG Disadvantages:
  - Zinc coating defects may allow rust product to stain facade
  - Zinc coating is sacrificial and has a defined life
  - Field-welds require touch-up after welding



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## Problems Associated with Support and Anchorage

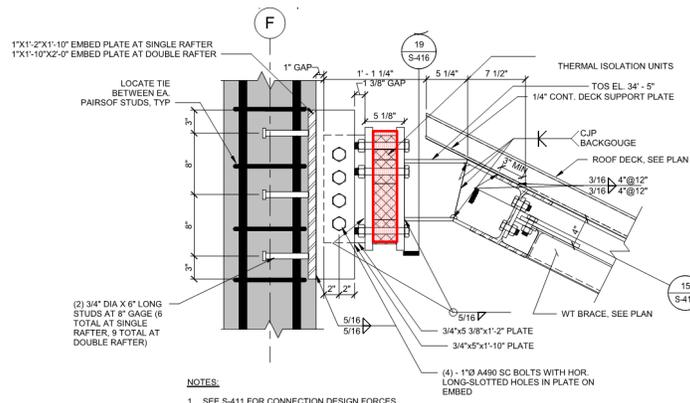
- Anchors contributing to poor drainage
- Anchors not stiff enough to prevent differential movement that tears barriers
- Damage to barriers during erection and installation
- Constructability
- Coordination of trades



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**Attachment Criteria**

## Constructability and Economy

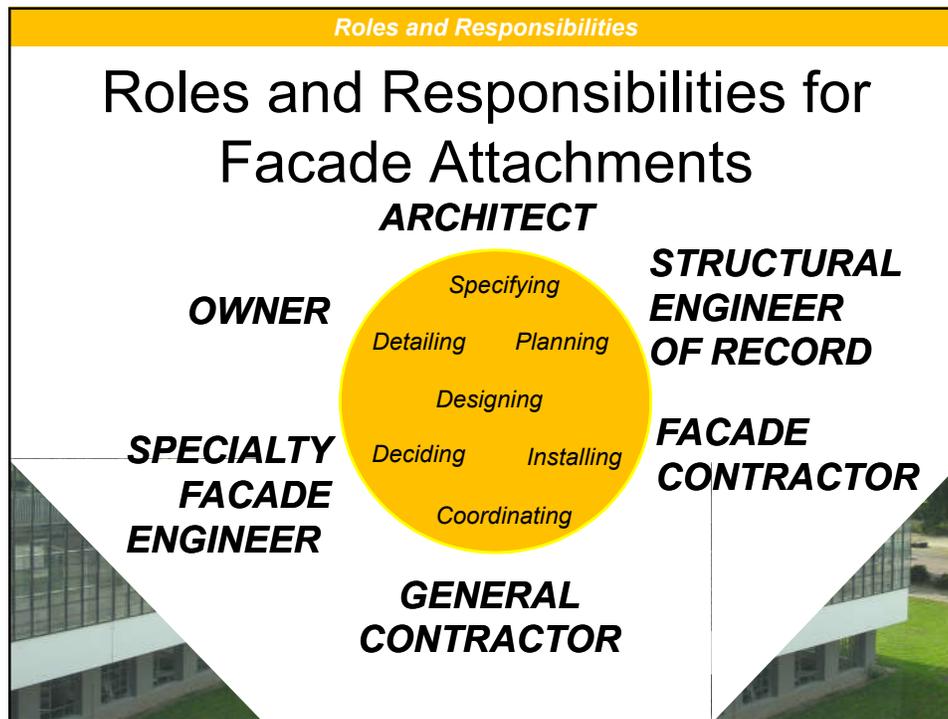


13 SECTION: RAFTER TO CONC COLUMN CONNECTION  
 1 1/2" = 1'-0"



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*Roles and Responsibilities*

## Owner

- Contributes to facade requirements
  - Performance, aesthetics, budget
- Controls contractual relationships
- Maintenance
- Periodic inspections per local regulations

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*Roles and Responsibilities*

## Architect (or PDP)

- Selects the system that can meet the project's requirements
- Fundamental building design decisions that effect facade attachments (materials, jointing patterns, thermal performance, etc.)
- Selects and defines attachment strategy in consultation with others
  - Structural engineer of record, facade engineer(s) and facade consultants, manufacturers, facade specialty contractors.



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*Roles and Responsibilities*

## Structural Engineer of Record

- Must understand the facade system and the **strategy** for attachment to design the primary structure
- Provides anticipated structural movements
- Designs frame and slab edge consistent with attachment strategy



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## Structural Engineer of Record

- Delineates the structural steel elements from the attachment items by the SSE
- Indicates the assumptions/limitations of the facade attachments
- Indicates the tolerances of the steel frame
- Provides sufficient adjustability in structural frame details



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## Contractors

- General Contractor/Construction Manager
  - Coordinates trades and submittals
  - Reviews for conformance with project specifications
- Facade Contractor
  - Coordinates with the manufacturer of facade elements
  - Usually hires Specialty Structural Engineer
  - Responsible for fabrication and erection



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## Specialty Structural Engineer

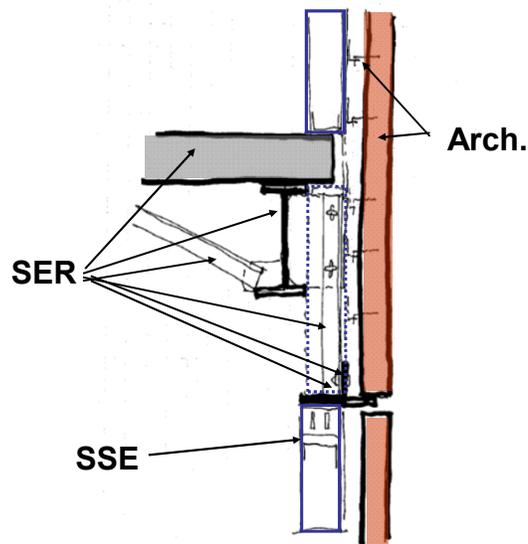
- Design professional responsible for the design of the facade and its attachments
  - Usually under contract to the contractor
- There may be one SSE for the facade elements itself and another SSE for the attachments.
- May be responsible for inspection during construction as delegated by the PDP or SER



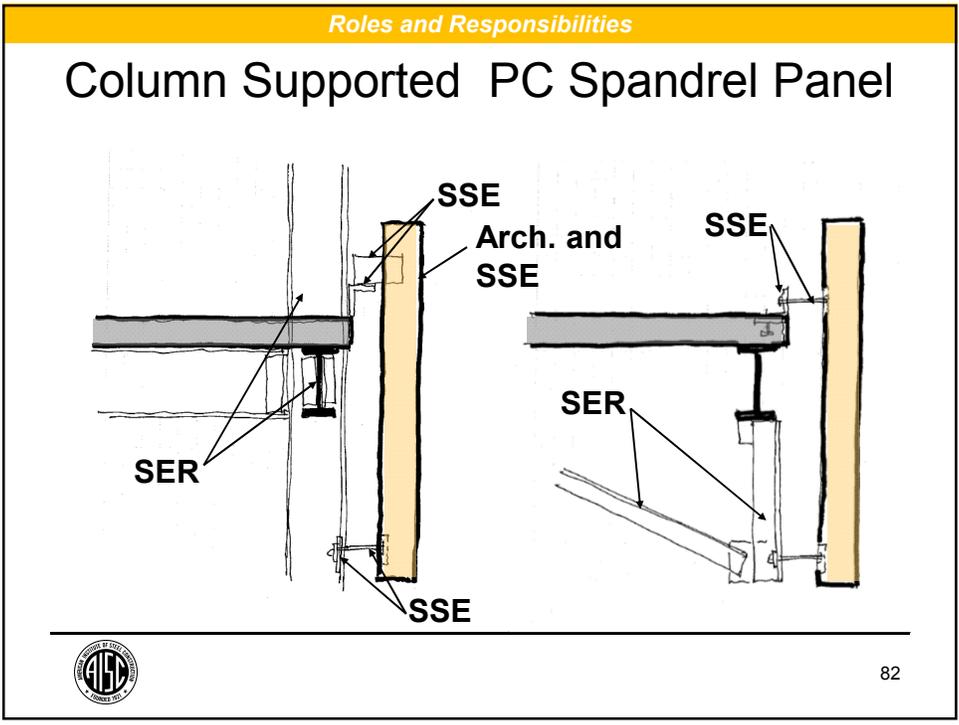
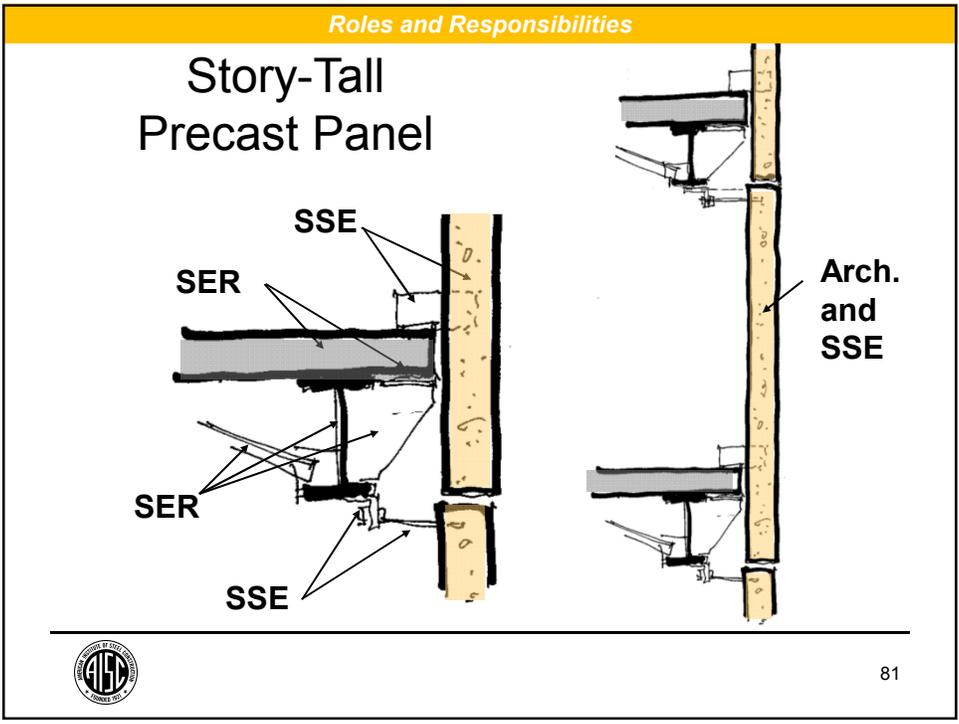
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## Masonry Veneer



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**Aluminum/Glass  
Curtain Wall**

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**Case Study: Dormitory Project**

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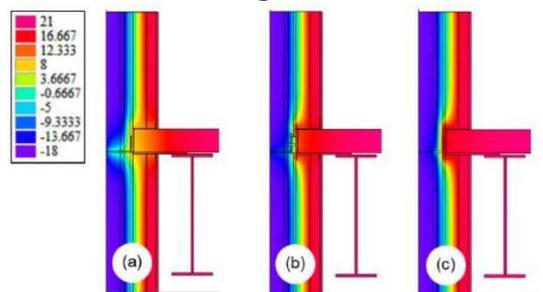
- Communicate!
- Façade attachments are difficult because every member of the design team has a significant role in the planning, designing and coordination.



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### Thermal Bridges and Breaks

## Thermal Bridges and Breaks



Peterman et al, "Thermal Break Strategies for Cladding Systems in Building Structures" (2017)

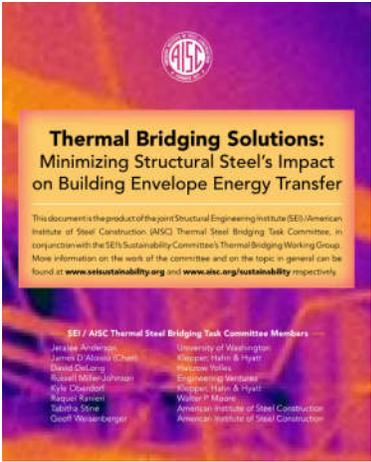
As the state of building design evolves to improve thermal efficiency, the need to accommodate thermal breaks in façade attachments continues to develop.



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## Two Good Resources



**Thermal Bridging Solutions:  
Minimizing Structural Steel's Impact  
on Building Envelope Energy Transfer**

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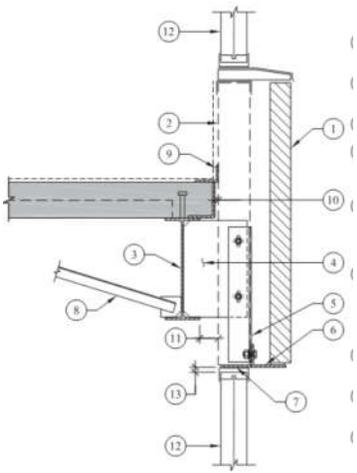
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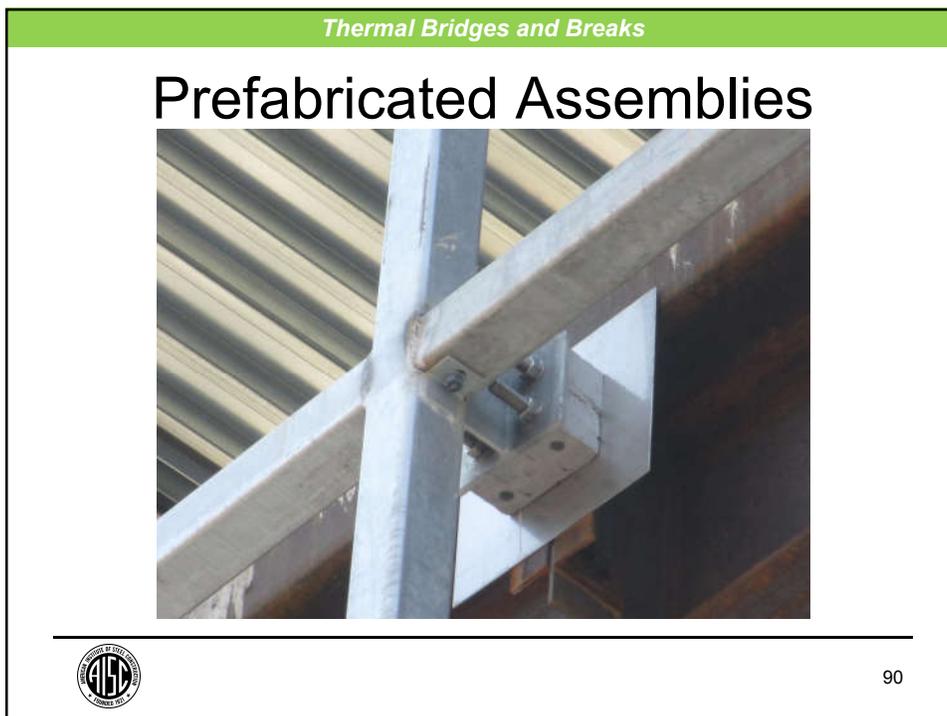
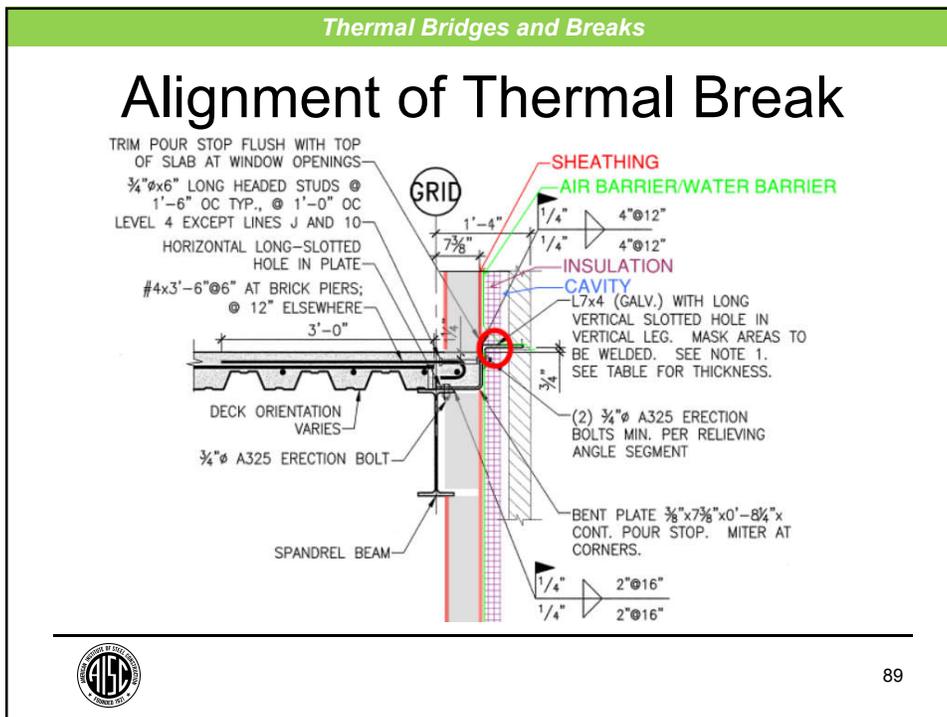
## Risks of Thermal Bridges

- Energy loss
- Occupant comfort
- Condensation
  - Corrosion
  - Mold growth



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## Built-Up Assemblies

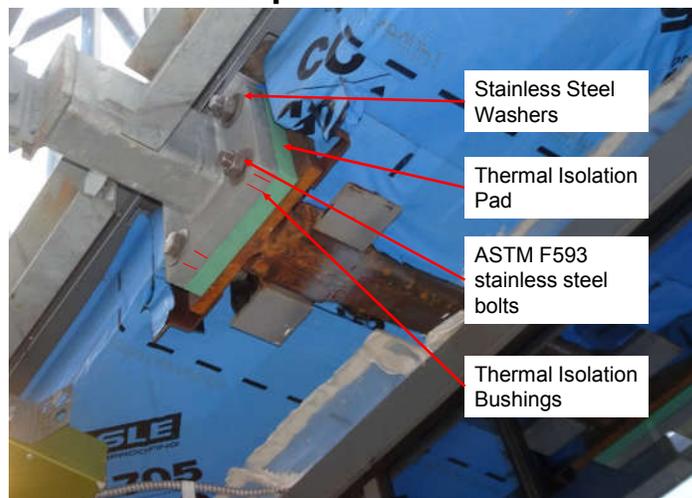
- Thermal Isolation Pads
- Thermal Isolation Bushings
- Thermal Isolation Washers or Stainless Washers
- Stainless Steel Bolts



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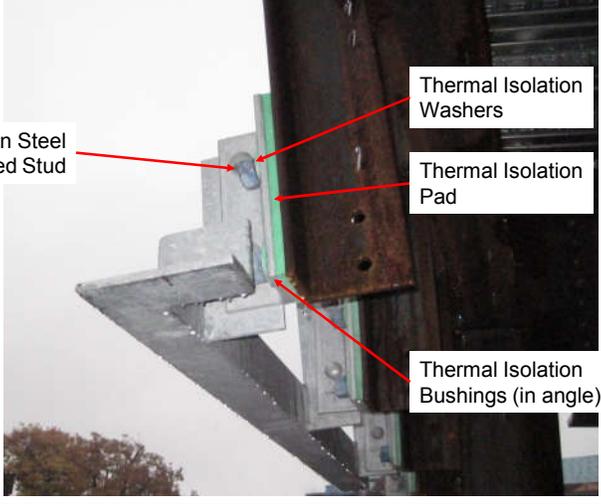
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## Built-Up Assemblies



Carbon Steel Welded Stud

Thermal Isolation Washers

Thermal Isolation Pad

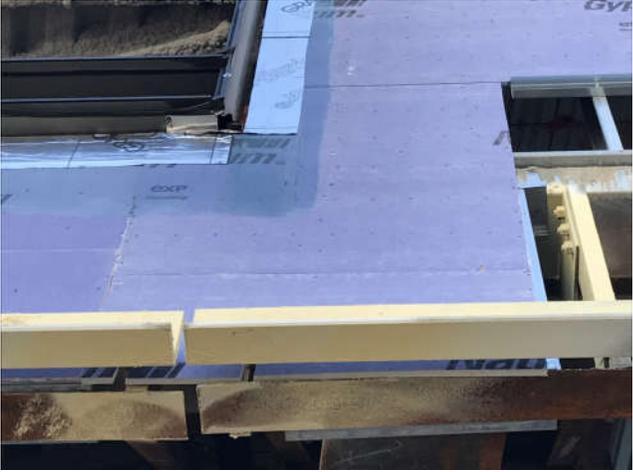
Thermal Isolation Bushings (in angle)



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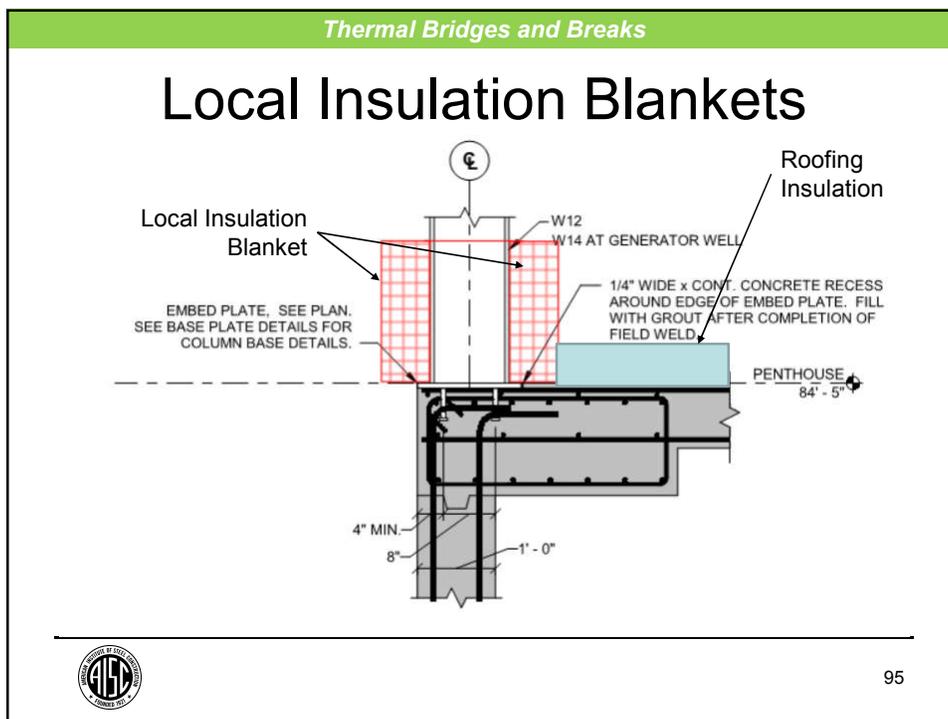
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## Thermal Insulating Coatings



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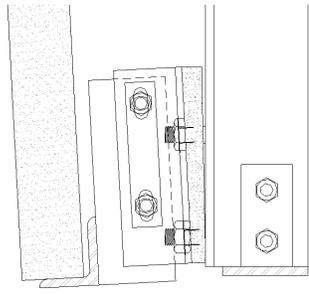




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## Additional Deflection and Rotation in the Connection

- Unlike a conventional steel-to-steel connection, a thermally-broken connection will include additional deflection and rotation due to:
  - Oversize in the bolt holes
  - Bending and compression in the thermal break material
  - Bolt flexural deformation
  - Bolt shear deformation




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## Bending in Bolts / Studs

- Borrowing approach from AISC Design Guide 1, Second Edition, Example 4.11:

$$\phi F'_{nt} = \phi \left[ 1.3F_{nt} - \frac{F_{nt}}{\phi F_{nv}} f_{rv} \right] \leq \phi F_{nt} \quad \text{AISC 360-16 (J-3.3a)}$$

$$f_t = f_{ta} + f_{tb}$$

$$f_{ta} = \frac{2M_u}{d \times n \times A} + \frac{T_u}{n \times A}$$

$$f_{tb} = \frac{V_u \times l}{n \times Z}$$

$$Z = \frac{d^3}{6}$$

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## Northeastern University Study Conclusions

- Using non-conductive shims is a thermally effective means of mitigating thermal bridges. This strategy is especially effective for continuous thermal bridges...*
- FRP structural members are very effective at thermal bridge mitigation, in continuous and discrete cladding details.*
- Stainless steel bolts offer significant improvement in thermal transmittance...*
- Recommendation to cap compressive stress in FRP isolation pads to 0.3 to 0.35 of ultimate stress

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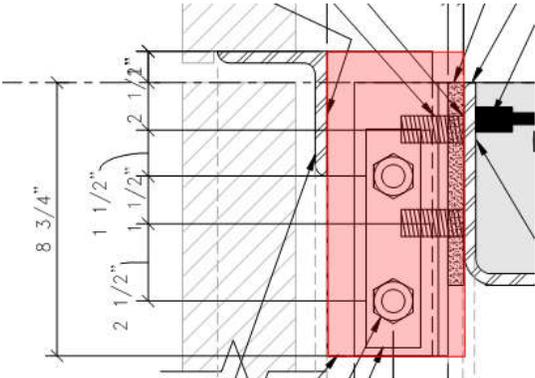
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## Future Studies: Stainless Steel Thermal Performance

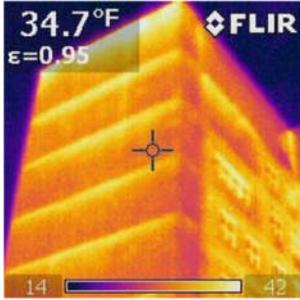


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## Future Studies: Fire Ratings and Thermal Breaks

- Influence of temperature on polymers used as thermal separators has not been studied thoroughly
- Strength and stiffness of polymers is compromised at elevated temperatures



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## Cost-Benefit Analysis

- Do the benefits to the owner justify the potential detailing challenges and construction costs?



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## Accommodating Construction Tolerances and Clearances



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Adjustability must be provided between the structural details and facade attachment details to achieve a facade erected within acceptable tolerances relative to the theoretical plane.



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## Tolerances and Clearances

- Tolerances:
  - Permissible amount of deviation from a specified criterion: dimension, shape, location.



- Clearances:
  - Space purposely provided between two parts to allow for movement, accommodate tolerances and provide access.

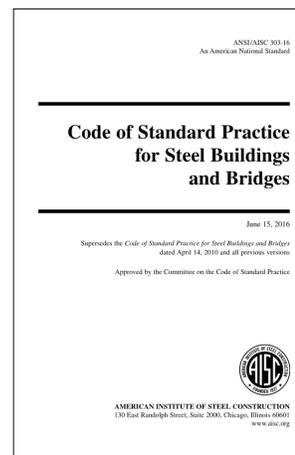


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## Specifying Frame Tolerances

- Unreasonable for designers to disregard the realities of construction practice
- Note adjustable items on construction documents



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## Types of Tolerances

- Material Production Tolerances
- Fabrication and Assembly Tolerances
- Erection and Installation Tolerances
- Accumulated Tolerances

*Design Guide 22 includes summaries of major facade materials and components.*



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## Accumulated Tolerances

- Unlikely that all tolerances will vary to the maximum allowed and all occur in the same direction.
- However, no statistical data is usually available to the designer about the distribution of variation.

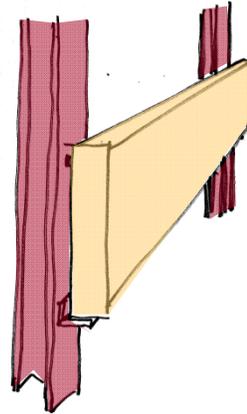


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## Accumulated Tolerances

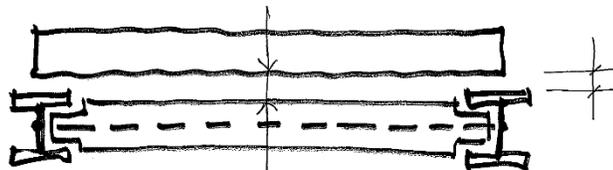
- Example:
  - PC panel supported on columns at 10<sup>th</sup> story
  - 40 ft span
  - Column plumbness:
    - -2 in. inward; +1 in. outward
  - Steel beam sweep:
    - +/- 1/2 in.
  - PC plan location at each end:
    - +/- 1/2 in.
  - PC bow:  $L/360 = +/- 1.33$  in.



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## Accumulated Tolerances



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## Accumulated Tolerances

- Maximum change in planned gaps if using all tolerance maximums:
  - At columns:
    - Open:  $2 + .5 = 2.5$  in.
    - Close:  $1 + .5 = 1.5$  in.
  - At mid span:
    - Open:  $2 + .5 + .5 + 1.33 = 4.33$  in.
    - Close:  $1 + .5 + .5 + 1.33 = 3.33$  in.



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## Accumulated Tolerances

- If you started with a theoretical 2 in. gap at the columns:
  - Largest gap =  $2 + 2.5 = 4.5$  in.
  - Smallest gap =  $2 - 1.5 = 0.5$  in.
- If you started with a theoretical 4 in. gap at the midspan:
  - Largest gap =  $4 + 4.33 = 8.33$  in.
  - Smallest gap =  $4 - 3.33 = 0.67$  in.



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## Accumulated Tolerances


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## SRSS Values

- Change in gap at column line
  - $-\sqrt{(1^2+0.5^2)}$  to  $+\sqrt{(2^2+0.5^2)} = -1.1$  in. to  $+2.1$  in.
- Change in gap at middle of panel
  - $-\sqrt{(1^2+0.5^2+0.5^2+1.33^2)}$  to  $+\sqrt{(2^2+0.5^2+0.5^2+1.33^2)}$
  - $= -1.8$  in. to  $+2.5$  in.

For change in gap at middle of panel:  
 For uncorrelated case, 3% is below -1.8 in. and 6% is above +2.5 in. (total of about 9%)  
 For correlated case, 5% is below -1.8 in. and 9% is above +2.5 in. (total of about 14%)


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## Recommendations for Accumulated Tolerances

- Understand the sources of variability
  - Steel frame sources, facade sources
- Understand the consequence of exceeding the tolerance provisions in the details
- Understand the costs associated with providing means to accommodate the variability



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## Recommendations for Accumulated Tolerances

- For each project, the team should develop a design criteria for addressing facade accumulated tolerances. For example:
  - Decide the target amount of adjustability
    - SRSS
    - AISC steel frame erection tolerances
    - Qualitative/quantitative probability analysis
    - Experience and judgment
  - Decide what elements will be adjustable and by how much.



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# Sizing Joints



Designation: C1472 - 16

## Standard Guide for Calculating Movement and Other Effects When Establishing Sealant Joint Width<sup>1</sup>

This standard is issued under the fixed designation C1472; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last reapproval. A superscript epsilon ( $\epsilon$ ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

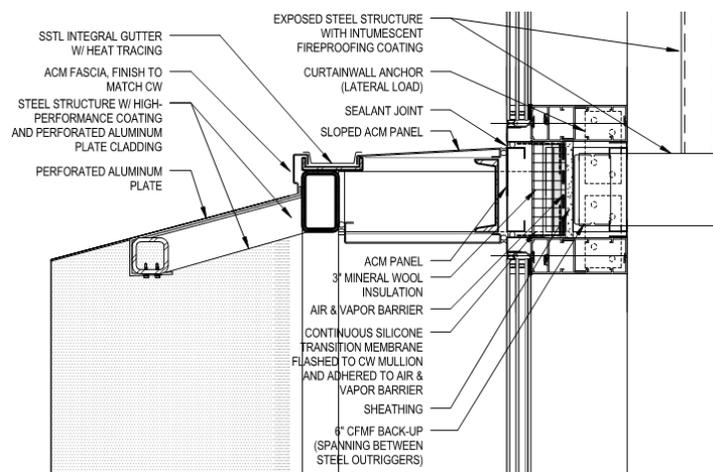
**7.7.2 Negative Tolerance**—A negative tolerance is one that has a tendency to cause a joint opening to become smaller. This has serious technical concerns in that, if not considered, a joint becomes too small to accommodate anticipated movements within the movement capacity of the sealant. The sealant in these circumstances can become stressed beyond its manufacturer's rating and subject to failure.



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# Case Study: Sunshade



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## **Case Study: Sunshade**

The technical drawing illustrates a cross-section of a sunshade attachment. Key components and dimensions include:

- HSS5x3x3/8**: A vertical steel section on the left.
- 1"x7"x8" PLATE WITH STANDARD HOLES**: A horizontal plate connecting the vertical section to the main structure.
- WT7x34x0'-7" long**: A wide flange steel beam extending horizontally.
- HSS6X4**: A vertical steel section on the right.
- 1/4"xCONT. BENT PLATE**: A bent plate connecting the HSS5x3x3/8 section to the main structure.
- TOS EL. 1066'-4"**: Top of steel elevation.
- BENT PLATE TO HSS**: A plate connecting the HSS5x3x3/8 section to the main structure.
- HSS5x3**: A vertical steel section below the main structure.
- L3x3x5/16x0'-3"**: An angle section below the main structure.
- 3 SIDES TO HSS**: Three sides of the angle section.
- 3 SIDES**: Three sides of the angle section.
- ALL STEEL TO EXTERIOR OF THERMAL ISOLATION PAD IS GALV.**: A note indicating that all steel to the exterior of the thermal isolation pad is galvanized.
- TC-U4A BOT., TYP.**: A note indicating the bottom of the TC-U4A is typical.
- C6 SEE PLAN FOR EXTENTS**: A note indicating that the C6 section is detailed in the plan view.
- 1/4" R=1/4" α=45°**: A note indicating a 1/4" radius with a 45-degree angle.
- 1/4" 2" T&B**: A note indicating a 1/4" thickness and 2" width for the T&B section.

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## **Case Study: Sunshade**

The photograph shows a close-up view of the sunshade attachment. The steel components are galvanized, and the thermal isolation pad is visible. The attachment is mounted on a concrete structure. The sunshade is a horizontal panel supported by a steel beam. The thermal isolation pad is a white, fibrous material that is applied to the exterior of the steel components to prevent heat transfer.

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## Key “Take-Aways”



1. The design team needs to develop a **strategy**, or strategies, for supporting the facade elements from the primary frame.
2. Given this **strategy**, the team needs to communicate responsibilities and scope.
  - Architect, SER, SSE, Contractor(s)
3. The SER needs to know the facade attachment **strategy** and needs enough information from the facade designer to anticipate the impact on the primary frame.
4. The SER needs to communicate the relevant frame performance characteristics (principally deformations).



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## Key “Take-Aways”



5. The SER should strive to develop slab edge and spandrel beam designs that are consistent with the facade attachment **strategy**.
6. Tolerances, facade movements and frame movements need to be considered in total. Strategy and responsibility need to be clearly communicated and accepted.
7. The SER’s documents for the primary structure should indicate pertinent assumptions about facade attachment loads.
8. The Project Documents should indicate who is responsible for facade design and attachment and all performance requirements.



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## Key “Take-Aways”



9. Consider that the steel frame will often be fabricated ahead of final facade attachment design, and detail the primary frame accordingly.
10. The steel frame detailers and fabricators are NOT the coordinators of the facade attachment details. The design team needs to develop and coordinate the strategy for the facade and its attachments so that shop drawings for the frame can be completed, sometimes ahead of deferred facade engineering by others.



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There's always a solution in steel.

## Question time



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L2: Façade Attachments Part 2	May 28 2019 1:30PM EDT	Available 05/13/2019 5pm EDT	Available 05/18/2019 5:00PM EDT	Available 05/18/2019 5:00PM EDT	Pending
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