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## 1.0 Introduction

Over the past several years, the materials used to construct the frame of a home have been subject to various forces that have contributed to upward pressures on home prices. Unpredictable fluctuations in the price of framing lumber, as well as concerns with its quality, have caused builders and other providers of affordable housing to seek alternative building products.

Since 1992, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has sponsored numerous successful studies to identify, evaluate, and implement innovative structural materials, such as cold-formed steel, in the residential market. For example, a comprehensive set of prescriptive construction guidelines was developed for residential cold-formed steel [1]. Similar to wood-framing, these guidelines are now accepted in current U.S. building codes [2]. However, the use of steel framing is still very limited, partly because steel is not being effectively “integrated” into conventional home construction. Cold-formed steel framing (CFS) is particularly suitable for residential floor systems, because thermal issues are minimal and most floors are currently constructed of more expensive, older growth lumber to meet the loading requirements. Therefore, it is appropriate to focus attention on improving the cost-effective use of steel in one of its most promising applications — residential floors.

One of the major barriers to the use of CFS floor joists is the impact it has on placement of large waste drains and ductwork installed in the floor system. Current requirements limit maximum hole (opening) sizes in CFS joists to about 2.5-inches (6.35 cm) in diameter. This limitation can accommodate short plumbing runs and electrical wiring, but restricts the use of larger and longer septic drains and ductwork.

Cold-formed steel C-sections are typically produced with standard web perforations or web openings ranging in size from 3/4-inch (1.91 cm) by 2-inch (5.08 cm) to 1-1/2-inch (3.81 cm) by 4-inch (10.16 cm). These holes are typically located along the centerline of the member with a spacing of 24 inches (61 cm) on center. The current AISI Design Specification does not explicitly address web perforations in flexural members [3]. The specification does address local buckling behavior of solid webs and webs with small circular holes. Thus, the advantage of being able to provide commodity CFS steel floor joists with larger sized holes is not realized.

The objectives of this test program are to:

- 1) develop an innovative preformed hole detail for CFS joists;
- 2) determine the structural performance of typical CFS joists with various hole dimensions and locations; and
- 3) provide substantiation for needed building code improvements.

CFS floor joist serviceability issues (such as vibration and noise) are not addressed in this report; however, the presence of large holes in CFS joists have not been shown to appreciably affect floor vibration characteristics [4].

Some of the practical benefits of this innovation in the design of CFS floor joists are as follows:

- availability as a commodity product,

- job site flexibility (i.e. constructability),
- allowance for larger HVAC ducts, plumbing, and electrical systems in the floor cavity,
- elimination of shrinkage problems occasionally experienced with wood frame floors,
- capability of long spans, and
- light weight.

This report begins with a brief literature review of relevant work followed by a detailed overview of the experimental and analytical approach. Next, experimental results are presented and analyzed in comparison to existing design specifications and guidelines. The report closes with practical conclusions that recommend adoption of the findings in residential and commercial applications. Appendices at the end of the report give detailed data and example calculations.

## 2.0 Literature Review

ICBO Evaluation Service, Inc. Acceptance Criteria AC46 [5] provides a method of calculating the allowable bending moment, allowable shear, and allowable web crippling strength for a perforated steel flexural member subject to the following limitations:

- Web perforations center-to-center spacing shall be no less than 24-inches (6.1 cm).
- Web perforation maximum width shall be the lesser of 0.5 times the member depth or 2-1/2-inches (6.4 cm).
- Web perforation length shall not exceed 4-1/2-inches (11.4 cm).
- Minimum distance between the end of the member and the near edge of the web hole shall be 10-inches (25.4 cm).
- All web holes shall be located along the centerline of the web.
- The section height-to-thickness ratio,  $h/t$ , shall not be greater than 200.

The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) published a design guide titled “Design Guide for Cold-Formed Steel Beams with Web Perforations” [6] that provides design recommendations for beams with web perforations. The design guide is based on studies conducted at the University of Missouri-Rolla, (UMR). The UMR design recommendations are based on full-scale C-section beams having web height-to-thickness ( $h/t$ ) ratios as high as 200 and hole depth-to-web depth ( $a/h$ ) ratios as high as 0.8. The test program considered rectangular and circular openings. Three hole diameters were studied: 2-inch (5.1 cm) and 4-inch (10.2 cm) holes in 6-inch (15.2 cm) deep C-section beams and 6-inch (15.2 cm) holes in 8-inch (20.3 cm) deep C-section beams. In the Design Guide, limit states of bending, shear, and web crippling as well as combinations of bending-and-shear and bending-and-web crippling were addressed.

Shan determined that the local buckling characteristics of a flexural member are slightly influenced by the presence of web perforations along the centerline of the web, a region of only minor bending stress [7] [8]. Shan recommended the following equation to determine the nominal moment (flexural) capacity,  $M_n$ , of a beam containing web punchouts:

$$M_n = S_{xe} F_y$$

$F_y$  is the yield stress of the steel and  $S_{xe}$  is the effective section modulus computed at  $F_y$ .  $S_{xe}$  is calculated utilizing the effective width approach of the AISI Design Specification [3]. The effective compression portion of the web is computed assuming the web element above the punchout to be an unstiffened compression element under uniform stress,  $F_y$ , with a plate buckling coefficient,  $k$ , of 0.43.

Schuster et al. also investigated the degradation in web shear strength due to the presence of a web perforation [9]. The findings were similar to those of UMR.

Langan investigated the effect of web perforations on the End-One-Flange (EOF) loading condition for web crippling and combined bending and web crippling [10]. The EOF loading condition is defined in Section C3.4 of the AISI Design Specification [3]. Langan introduced reduction factor equations that can be applied to AISI Equations C3.4-1 and C3.4-2. The reduction factor equations are applicable only to single web unreinforced sections when the web opening is not located above or below the EOF concentrated load. Langan's reduction factor equations ensure that limit states associated with web crippling and combined bending and web crippling are accommodated. Other failure modes, however, (i.e. shear, flexure, and combinations thereof) were not addressed by Langan.

Yu and Davis and Sivakumaran and Zielonka performed experimental studies on the web crippling behavior of cold-formed steel flexural members with web perforations [11] [12]. Both of these investigations were primarily concerned with the Interior-One-Flange (IOF) loading condition with the web perforation centered along the member's web as described in Section C3.4 of the AISI Design Specification [3]. As a result of these investigations, reduction factors were developed. LaBoube recommended modifications to Sivakumaran's and Zielonka's equations as an interim design recommendation [13].

### 3.0 Experimental Approach

As an initial step, a functional preformed hole detail was developed as shown in Figure 1, Figure 2, and Table 1. The holes were stiffened with cold-formed folded edges having a depth (across the web) up to 6-1/4-inches (15.9 cm) in 10- and 12-inch (25.4 and 30.5 cm) joists. These holes may be located anywhere along the centerline of the CFS joist span with a minimum center-to-center spacing of 24-inches (61 cm).

**Table 1**  
**Floor Joist and Opening Dimensions**

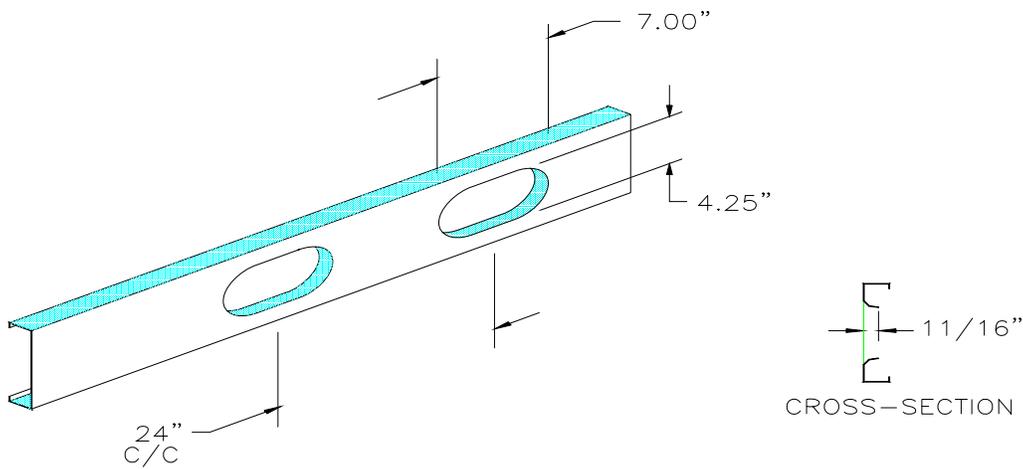
Nominal Joist Size	SSMA Designation <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Thickness "t" (in.)	Web Size "h" (in.)	Flange Width (in.)	Hole Depth <sup>2</sup> "a" (in.)	Hole Length <sup>3</sup> (in.)	Hole Bend Radius (in.)
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	0.043	8	1.625	4.25	7.00	2.21
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	0.054	8	1.625	4.25	7.00	2.21
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	0.054	10	1.625	6.25	9.00	3.21
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	0.054	12	1.625	6.25	9.00	3.21
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	0.068	12	1.625	6.25	9.00	3.21

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm.

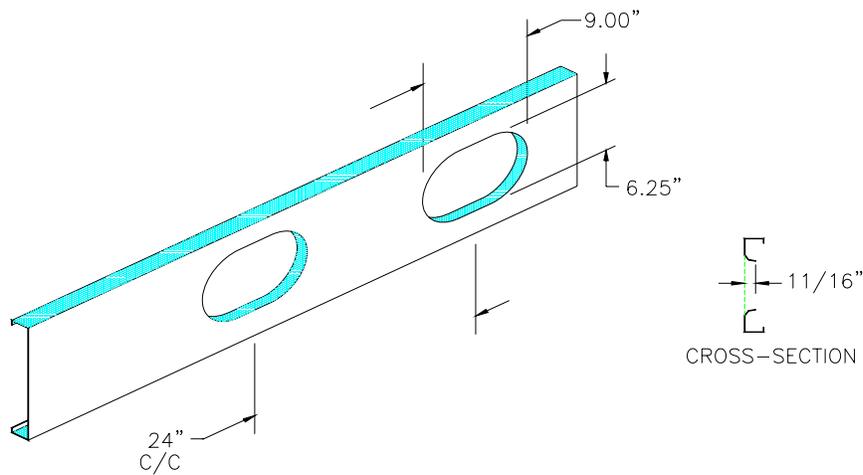
<sup>1</sup> This designation system is used by the Steel Stud Manufacturers' Association's (SSMA).

<sup>2</sup> Hole depth is the dimension of the hole measured across the depth of the joist.

<sup>3</sup> Hole length is the dimension of the hole measured along the length of the joist.



**Figure 1 - Joist with 8-inch Web Depth**



**Figure 2 - Joists with 10-inch and 12-inch Web Depths**

### 3.1 Test Plan and Specimens

A total of 67 CFS joists with the stiffened hole details were tested in a variety of configurations as shown in Table 2. All steel materials conformed to the dimensional requirements of Table 1 and had a minimum specified tensile strength of 33 or 50 ksi (228 and 345 MPa), which was verified by tensile tests in accordance with ASTM A370 [14]. Tensile tests were performed on a sample of three joists for each joist size and thickness. Base steel thicknesses were measured in accordance with ASTM A90 [15]. Mechanical properties were based on coupons cut longitudinally from the center of the specimen's web.

**Table 2**  
**Floor Joist Test Plan**

Nominal Joist Size	SSMA Designation	Thickness (Gauge)	Yield Strength (ksi)	Span Length (ft-in)	Test No.	Planned Failure Mode
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	33	2'-6"	1,2,3	Shear
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	33	2'-0"	7,8	Web Crippling (ETF)
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	33	2'-0"	9,10,11	Web Crippling (ITF)
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	33	2'-0"	12,13,14	Web Crippling (ETF Stiffened)
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	33	8'-0"	4,5,6	Combined Shear & Bending
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	33	12'-0"	15,16,17	Bending
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	50	2'-6"	18,19,20	Shear
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	50	8'-0"	21,22,23	Combined Shear & Bending
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	50	12'-0"	24,25,26	Bending
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	50	2'-6"	27,28,29	Shear
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	50	8'-0"	30,31,32	Combined Shear & Bending
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	50	20'-0"	33,34,35	Bending
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	50	2'-6"	36,37,38	Shear
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	50	2'-0"	45,46	Web Crippling (ETF)
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	50	2'-0"	47,48	Web Crippling (ITF)
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	50	2'-0"	49,50	Web Crippling (ETF Stiffened)
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	50	8'-0"	39,40,41	Combined Shear & Bending
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	50	20'-0"	42,43,44	Bending
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	50	2'-6"	51,52,53	Shear
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	50	2'-0"	61,62	Web Crippling (ETF)
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	50	2'-0"	63,64,65	Web Crippling (ITF)
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	50	2'-0"	66,67	Web Crippling (ETF Stiffened)
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	50	8'-0"	54,55,56, 57	Combined Shear & Bending
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	50	20'-0"	58,59,60	Bending
Total Number of Tests					67	

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 foot = 0.3 m, 1 ksi = 6.9 MPa.

### 3.2 Test Procedure

The specimens were tested in the NAHB Research Center's Universal Testing Machine (UTM) using the test method in ASTM D198-97 [16]. The ASTM standard requires specimens to be mounted in a testing apparatus capable of applying measurable loads at a constant load rate.

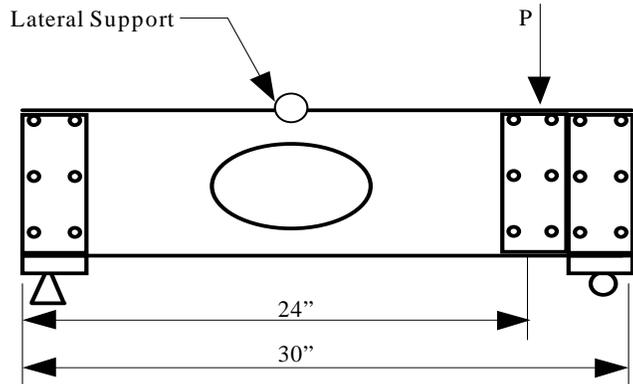
The cross-head of the UTM was fitted with an apparatus capable of applying the total load at one point or two points equidistant from the reactions. The locations of the two point loads and end reactions divide the specimen (bending test) into three equal sections. The load was applied by the UTM and transmitted to the load plates by a cross beam. The following information was recorded and reported for each test:

- Depth, width, return lip, and hole size of specimens (see Table A1 of Appendix A),
- Span length (see Table 2),
- Load, support mechanics, and any lateral supports used,
- Rate of load application,
- Actual physical and mechanical properties, including thickness, yield strength, ultimate strength (coupon tests), and a statistical measure of variability of these values (see Tables A1, A2, and A3 of Appendix A),
- Description of observed failure mode, and,
- Ultimate loads and deflections and a statistical measure of variability of these values (see Tables A4 and A5 of Appendix A).

When thin steel bending members with web openings are subjected to loads, three failure modes may occur: (a) bending, (b) shear, or (c) web crippling. Therefore, joists were tested to induce shear failure, bending failure, web crippling failure, and combined shear and bending interaction failure.

#### Shear Test

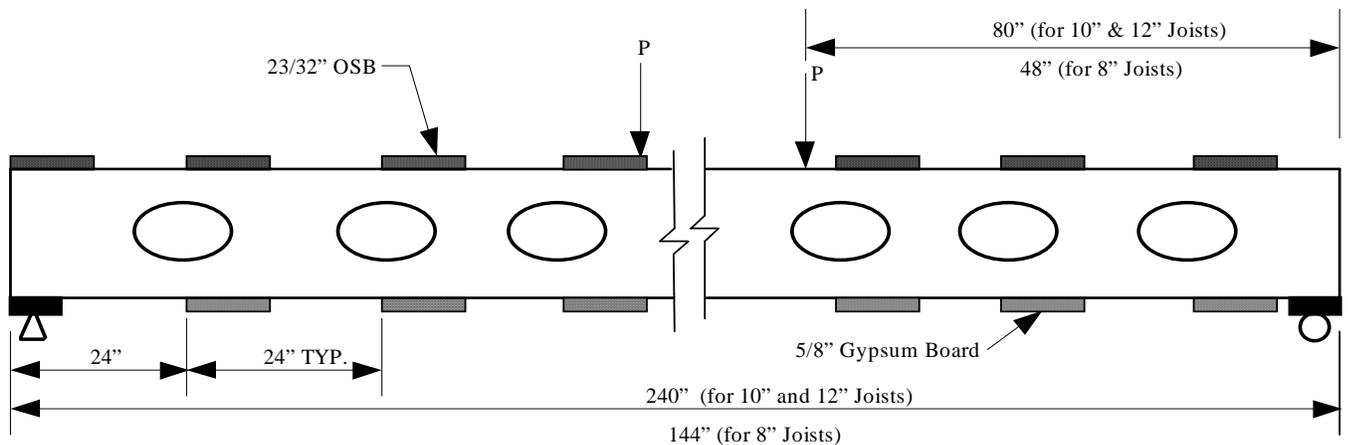
The purpose of this test was to investigate the behavior of a single web with openings when subjected to a constant shear force. To preclude web crippling at load point, stiffeners were attached vertically to the web. Short span members were used to minimize the influence of bending. Each test specimen utilized a single joist, simply supported, with a 30-inch (76.2 cm) long span. Rollers and bearing plates were used at each end. To prevent the beam from moving laterally and rotating, vertical rollers were positioned at both ends. In addition, lateral supports braced the central portion of the joist to prevent lateral movements at mid span. Both ends of each joist were reinforced to prevent web crippling failure. A small gap was provided between the joist and the web stiffeners and the stiffener screws were located closer to the center of the web to eliminate the web crippling failure mode without impacting the shear strength of the web. A concentrated load was applied near the joist support, as shown in Figure 3. A deflection gage was placed under the joist to measure the vertical deflection of the test specimen at mid-span.



**Figure 3 - Shear Test Setup**

Bending Test

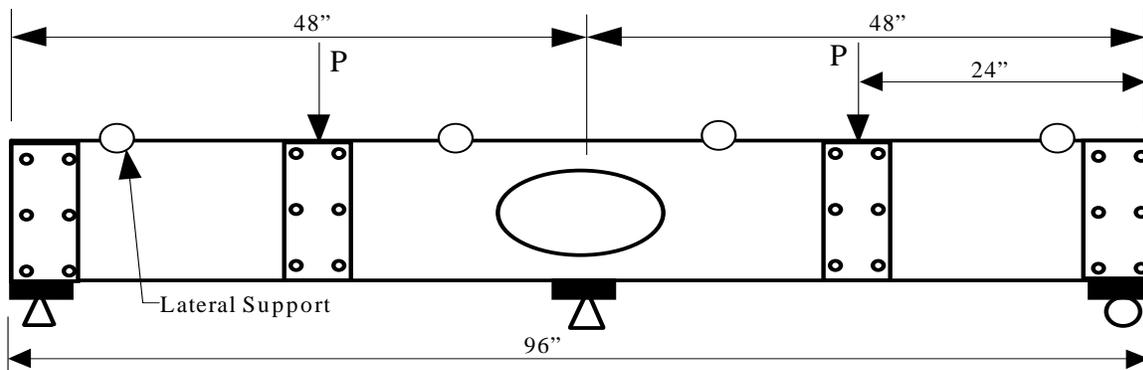
The purpose of this test was to investigate pure bending capacity of joists stabilized against lateral-torsional buckling. To stabilize the specimen against lateral-torsional buckling, each test specimen consisted of two C-shaped sections inter-connected by 23/32-inch (1.83 cm) thick oriented-strand-board (OSB) and 5/8-inch (1.6 cm) thick gypsum board strips. The 6-inch x 16-inch x 1/2-inch (15.2 cm x 40.6 cm x 1.3 cm) OSB strips were spaced at 24-inches (61 cm) on center and fastened to top flanges with #8 self-drilling, tapping screws (two screws per flange). The 5/8-inch (1.6 cm) gypsum board strips were also spaced at 24-inches (61 cm) on center and fastened to the bottom flanges with #6 self-drilling, tapping screws (two screws per flange). The test set up is shown in Figure 4. Vertical rollers were positioned at each end to prevent the joist from moving laterally and rotating. Rollers and bearing plates were used at each end of the assembly. Two concentrated loads were applied at third point locations of each specimen. This loading arrangement provided a pure moment region in the central portion of the beam while the two end sections experienced a linearly increasing bending moment with increasing distance from the ends. A deflection gage was placed under the assembly at mid-span to measure the vertical deflection of the test specimen.



**Figure 4 - Bending Tests Setup**

### Combined Shear and Bending (Interaction) Test

The purpose of this test is to investigate the behavior of a single joist with web openings when subjected to a combined shear force and bending moment. Each test specimen was tested as a continuous two-span beam subjected to two point loads. The continuous joist length was 8-feet (2.4 m), with each span 48-inches (122 cm) long. Point loads were applied at a distance of 24-inches (61 cm) from each end. Rollers and bearing plates were used at each end and a bearing plate was used at mid-span. Vertical rollers were positioned at both ends to prevent the beam from moving laterally or rotating. In addition, lateral supports were attached to the central portion of the beam to prevent lateral-torsional buckling of the test specimens. Web Stiffeners were installed at both load locations and at joist ends to prevent local buckling failure. Deflection gages were placed under each point load to measure the vertical deflection of the test specimen. The combined shear and bending test configuration is shown in Figure 5.

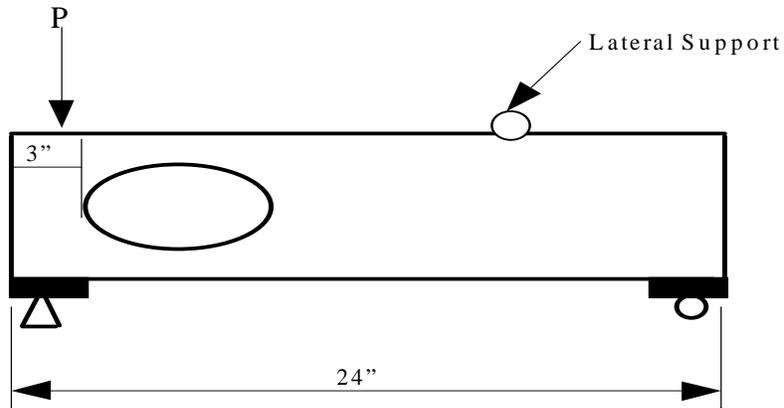


**Figure 5 - Combined Bending and Shear Test Setup**

### Web Crippling Test

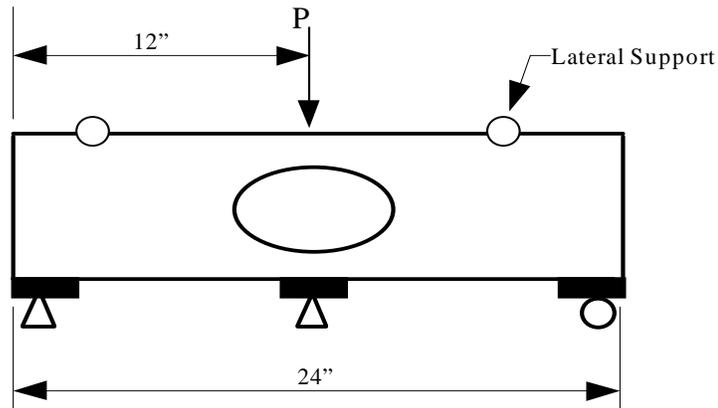
Web crippling tests were conducted utilizing single simply supported joists with 24-inch (61 cm) spans. Rollers and bearing plates were used at each end. Vertical rollers were positioned at each end to prevent the joist from moving laterally or rotating. In addition, braces were attached to the central portion of the joist. Three different loading configurations were investigated with respect to web crippling failure. They are described as follows:

- End-Two-Flange (ETF). The test specimens had the edge of the hole aligned with the edge of the bearing support but not less than 3-inches (7.6 cm) from the end of the joist. The load was applied at the bearing support. This configuration is shown in Figure 6. Bearing plates and rollers were placed at bearing reactions to achieve a simple support condition for the specimen.



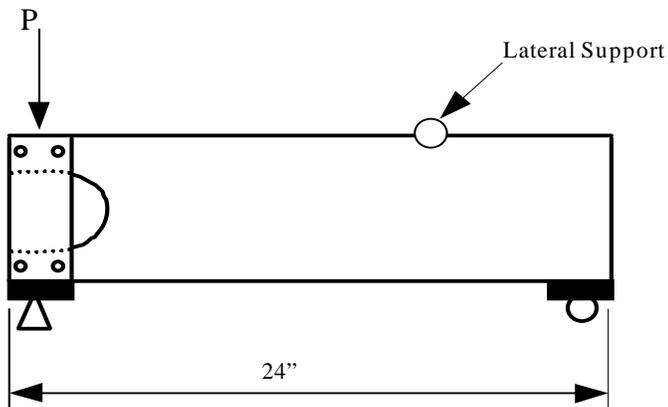
**Figure 6 - ETF Web Crippling Test Setup**

- Interior-Two-Flange (ITF). Each test specimen had the hole and the load centered on the joist span. A bearing support was located directly under the load point as shown in Figure 7. Lateral supports were provided at each end of the specimen.



**Figure 7 - ITF Web Crippling Test Setup**

- Stiffened End-Two-Flange (ETF) loading. Each test specimen had the hole centered at the edge of the joist span with the load applied at the center of the bearing location as shown in Figure 8. Lateral support was provided near one end of the specimen as shown in Figure 8.



**Figure 8 - Stiffened ETF Web Crippling Test Setup**

## 4.0 Analytical Approach

### 4.1 Web Elements without Openings

The AISI Design Specification [3] provides equations for the determination of a member's capacity (i.e. shear, bending, web crippling, etc.) based on a solid section (i.e. section with no holes). The design checks are as follows:

#### Bending Strength

According to the AISI Design Specification [3], the nominal moment capacity for a flexural member,  $M_n$ , is:

$$M_n = S_e f$$

Where  $S_e$  is the effective section modulus at some stress level  $f$ . This means that the flexural capacity of a C-joist is a function of the stress at the buckling load times the effective section modulus calculated at the buckling stress.

#### Shear Strength

The nominal shear capacity is given as a function of the flat portion of the web, the thickness of the web, and the shear buckling coefficient ( $k_v$ ). The nominal shear strength,  $V_n$ , at any section along the joist is calculated using Section C3.2 of the AISI Design Specification [3] as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } h/t \leq 0.96 \sqrt{\frac{Ek_v}{F_y}} & \Rightarrow V_n = 0.60F_y h t \\ \text{For } 0.96 \sqrt{\frac{Ek_v}{F_y}} < h/t \leq 1.415 \sqrt{\frac{Ek_v}{F_y}} & \Rightarrow V_n = 0.64t^2 \sqrt{F_y Ek_v} \\ \text{For } h/t > 1.415 \sqrt{\frac{Ek_v}{F_y}} & \Rightarrow V_n = \frac{\pi^2 Ek_v t^3}{12(1 - \mu^2)h} = 0.905Ek_v t^3 / h \end{aligned}$$

where:

$V_n$	=	nominal shear strength, lb. (N)
$t$	=	thickness of web, inches (cm)
$h$	=	depth of flat portion of web, inches (cm)
$k_v$	=	shear buckling coefficient = 5.34 for unreinforced webs.
$E$	=	modulus of elasticity, psi (kPa)
$F_y$	=	yield strength, psi (kPa)
$\mu$	=	poisson's ratio for steel = 0.30

## Combined Shear and Bending

Strength for combined bending and shear is calculated using Section C3.3 of the AISI Design Specification [3]. The applied moment,  $M$ , and applied shear,  $V$ , for beams with unreinforced webs must satisfy the following interaction equation:

$$\left(\frac{\Omega_b M}{M_{nxo}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Omega_v V}{V_n}\right)^2 \leq 1.0$$

where:

- $\Omega_b$  = Factor of safety for bending per Section C3.1.1.
- $\Omega_v$  = Factor of safety for shear per Section C3.2.
- $M_{nxo}$  = Nominal flexural strength about the centroidal x-axis determined in accordance with Section C3.1.1 of the AISI Design Specification, in.-lb. (N-cm)
- $V_n$  = Nominal shear force when shear alone exists, lb. (N).

## Web Crippling

Web crippling strength is calculated using Section C3.4 of the AISI Design Specification [3]. Specification equation C3.4-6 is used for End-Two-Flange (ETF) loading and equation C3.4-8 is used for Interior-Two-Flange (ITF) loading.

$$\text{ETF: } P_n = t^2 k C_3 C_4 C_9 C_\theta [244 - 0.57(h/t)][1 + 0.01(N/t)] \quad \text{Equation C3.4-6}$$

$$\text{ITF: } P_n = t^2 k C_1 C_2 C_9 C_\theta [771 - 2.26(h/t)][1 + 0.0013(N/t)] \quad \text{Equation C3.4-8}$$

where:

- $k$  =  $894F_y/E$  Equation C3.4-21
- $C_1$  =  $1.22 - 0.22k$  Equation C3.4-10
- $C_2$  =  $1.06 - 0.06R/t \leq 1.0$  Equation C3.4-11
- $C_3$  =  $1.33 - 0.33k$  Equation C3.4-12
- $C_4$  =  $1.15 - 0.15R/t \leq 1.0$  (not less than 0.5) Equation C3.4-13
- $C_9$  = 1.0 (for kips and inches)
- $C_\theta$  =  $0.7 + 0.3(\theta/90)^2$  Equation C3.4-20
- $N$  = Bearing length, inch (cm).
- $t$  = web thickness, inch (cm)
- $h$  = Depth of the flat portion of the web, inch (cm).
- $P_n$  = Nominal strength for concentrated load or reaction per web, kips (kN).
- $R$  = Inside bend radius, inch (cm).
- $\theta$  = Angle between the plane of the web and the plane of the bearing surface  $\geq 45^\circ$  but not more than  $90^\circ$ .

## 4.2 Web Elements with Openings

The *Design Guide for Cold-Formed Steel Beams with Web Penetrations* [6] provides reduction factors that are applied to the AISI Specification's equations to account for unstiffened web holes

that do not exceed 75 percent of the depth of the flat portion of the web and that are located along the centerline of the web. The following design checks are required:

### Bending Strength

For members subjected to bending alone, the AISI Design Guide [6] recommends the nominal cross-section moment capacity,  $M_n$ , to be evaluated as follows:  $M_n = S_e F_y$ , where  $S_e$  is the effective section modulus of the member.

When the ratio  $a/h$  (depth of the hole divided by the depth of the flat portion of the web) is smaller than 0.4, the Design Guide recommends that the hole be ignored and the gross web section be used in calculating  $S_e$ .

When  $a/h \geq 0.4$ , the effect of the hole must be considered by deducting the hole size from the web section in computing  $S_e$ . The effective section modulus,  $S_e$ , is determined using the effective width of the compression portion of the web above the penetration (hole) computed as an unstiffened compression element with  $k$  taken as 0.43 (for unstiffened hole).

### Shear Strength

The AISI Design Guide [6] recommends two reduction factors ( $q_{s1}$  and  $q_{s2}$ ) to be applied to the shear capacity of a section with web holes as follows:

$$V_{\text{allow}} = q_{s1} q_{s2} V_a$$

$$\text{When } c/t \geq 54 \quad \Rightarrow \quad q_{s1} = 1.0 \text{ and } q_{s2} = 1.0$$

$$\text{When } 5 \leq c/t \leq 54 \quad \Rightarrow \quad q_{s1} = c/54t \text{ and } q_{s2} = 1.5(V_1/V_2) - 0.5 \leq 1.3$$

where:  $c = h/2 - a/2.83$  for circular holes, inch (cm).

$c = h/2 - a/2$  for all other web holes, inch (cm).

$t =$  Steel base metal thickness, inch (cm).

$a =$  Depth of hole, inch (cm).

$h =$  depth of flat portion of web, inch (cm).

$V_1/V_2 =$  The variation in shear along the longitudinal axis of the web hole.  
 $V_1$  is the larger shear and  $V_2$  is the smaller shear at the edge of hole.

$V_a =$  Allowable shear strength calculated per Section C3.2 of the AISI Specification (with no holes), lb. (N).

$V_{\text{allow}} =$  Allowable shear strength of section with holes, lb. (N).

### Web Crippling

The web crippling capacity of flexural members with web holes subjected to concentrated load or reactions is reduced by a reduction factor,  $R_c$ . This reduction factor is applicable for End-One-Flange (EOF) and Interior-One-Flange (IOF) loading only. Tests in accordance with the Design Specification's Section F1 must be conducted on two-flange loading conditions.

The reduction factors recommended in the AISI Design Guide [6] are shown below:

$$P_{\text{allow}} = P_a R_c$$

For EOF loading when hole is not within the bearing length:

$$R_c = 1.01 - 0.325(a/h) + 0.083(x/h)$$

For IOF loading when hole is not within the bearing length:

$$R_c = 0.900 - 0.047(a/h) + 0.053(x/h)$$

where:

x = the nearest distance between hole & bearing edge, inch (cm).

a = depth of web hole, inch (cm).

h = depth of flat portion of web, inch (cm).

### Combined Shear and Bending

As required in the AISI Design Guide [6], the interaction equation for combined shear and bending must be checked with the reduced shear and moment allowable capacities.

## 5.0 Test Results

### 5.1 Tensile Coupon Tests

The mechanical properties of the steel used for the beam specimens were established by standard tensile coupon tests as described previously. Table A1 (Appendix A) lists the tensile test data for yield strength ( $F_y$ ), ultimate tensile strength ( $F_u$ ), uncoated steel thickness (t) and percent elongation in 2-inch (5.1 cm) gage length and 1/2-inch (1.3 cm) gage length. Mean property values shown in Table A2 of Appendix A were used for analytical purposes.

### 5.2 Shear Tests

Fifteen CFS joists with webs having openings were tested for shear strength. The results are tabulated in Table A4 of Appendix A. Table 3 shows the average shear capacity at peak loads per web,  $V_t$ .

**Table 3**  
**Shear Test Results**

Nominal Joist Size <sup>1</sup>	SSMA Designation	Span Length (in.)	h/t	a/h	$V_t$ (lb.)
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	30	174	0.5503	5,285
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	30	141	0.5538	9,979
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	30	173	0.6466	3,094
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	30	208	0.5359	2,688
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	30	164	0.5380	5,471

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 lb. = 4.5 N.

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

### 5.3 Bending Tests

A total of 15 CFS joist specimens with stiffened web openings were tested for bending strength. The results are tabulated in Table A4 of Appendix A. Joist mid-span deflections were also recorded and tabulated in Table A5 of Appendix A. The average ultimate capacity at peak load,  $P_{u(test)}$ , for each joist type is recorded in Table 4. Table 4 also lists the average ultimate moment capacity,  $M_t$ , for each test specimen computed on the basis of the average ultimate peak load,  $P_{u(test)}$ . An example of this calculation is provided in Section II of Appendix B.

**Table 4**  
**Bending Test Results**

Nominal Joist Size <sup>1</sup>	SSMA Designation	Span Length (in.)	h/t	a/h	$P_{u(test)}$ (lb.)	Deflection @ $P_{u(test)}$ <sup>2</sup> (in.)	$M_t$ (in-lb)
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	144	174	0.5503	1,918	0.97	46,030
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	144	141	0.5538	3,463	0.87	83,110
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	240	177	0.6462	2,502	1.42	100,080
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	240	215	0.5353	2,496	1.67	99,840
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	240	164	0.5380	4,766	1.54	190,640

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 lb. = 4.5 N, 1in-lb = 0.113 N-m.

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

<sup>2</sup>Deflection measurements were taken at mid-span.

### 5.4 Combined Shear and Bending Tests

A total of 16 CFS joist specimens with stiffened web openings were tested and failed in combined shear and bending. The results are tabulated in Table A4 of Appendix A. Table 5 shows the average ultimate capacity at peak load,  $P_{u(test)}$ , the ultimate shear load,  $V_t$ , computed as  $(0.69P_{u(test)}/2)$ , and the ultimate bending moment,  $M_t$ , computed on the basis of  $V_t$ . An example of this calculation is provided in Section III of Appendix B.

**Table 5**  
**Combined Shear and Bending Test Results**

Nominal Joist Size <sup>1</sup>	SSMA Designation	Span Length (in.)	h/t	a/h	$P_{u(test)}$ (lb.)	$V_t$ (lb.)	$M_t$ (in-lb)
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	96	174	0.5503	4,630	1,597	20,800
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	96	141	0.5538	8,531	2,943	38,300
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	96	173	0.6466	7,487	2,583	33,600
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	96	208	0.5359	6,419	2,215	28,800
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	96	164	0.5380	13,336	4,601	59,900

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 lb. = 4.5 N, 1in-lb = 0.113 N-m.

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

### 5.5 Web Crippling Tests

A total of 21 CFS joists with stiffened web openings were tested to failure by web crippling. Six failed in ETF loading, eight failed in ITF loading, and seven failed in a stiffened ETF loading.

The results are tabulated in Table A4 of Appendix A. Table 6 shows the average ultimate test capacity at load,  $P_{n(test)}$ .

**Table 6**  
**Web Crippling Test Results**

Nominal Joist Size <sup>1</sup>	SSMA Designation	Span Length (in.)	Loading Configuration	N <sup>2</sup> (in.)	h/t	a/h	P <sub>n(test)</sub> (lb.)
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	30	ETF	3.5	174	0.5503	543
		30	ITF	3.5	174	0.5503	1,543
		30	Stiffened ETF	3.5	174	0.5503	9,495
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	30	ETF	3.5	215	0.5353	879
		30	ITF	3.5	215	0.5353	2,681
		30	Stiffened ETF	3.5	215	0.5353	8,154
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	30	ETF	3.5	164	0.5380	1,502
		30	ITF	3.5	164	0.5380	3,342
		30	Stiffened ETF	3.5	164	0.5380	6,999

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 lb. = 4.5 N.

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

<sup>2</sup>N is bearing length.

## 5.6 Failure Modes

### Shear

The maximum shear stress occurs at mid-depth of the web. Where web material is removed as for a web opening, a stress concentration is created at the corners of the opening that typically creates premature shear failure of the joists with stiffened holes. This failure mode, however, was not observed in the shear tests. The actual failure occurred away from the opening. This is an indication that the web opening stiffened the web and increased its shear strength at the opening beyond the solid web itself. In all specimens tested for shear, the failure mode was not pure shear failure. Failure occurred mainly due to web buckling, flange curling, web rotation, and/or stiffener buckling. This is a clear indication that CFS joists will not typically fail in shear.

### Bending

For bending test specimens, the failure pattern is defined by either local buckling or mixed local and lateral-torsional buckling. The lateral-torsional buckling mode would typically result in premature web failure of test specimens. The test specimens did not show signs of lateral-torsional buckling. All test specimens failed in local buckling and yielding. The OSB and gypsum board strips provided adequate lateral strength to prevent the lateral-torsional mode of buckling. Deflections in the range of 0.84- to 1.70 inches (2.13- to 4.32 cm) were observed at mid-span (see Table A5). No deformation of the web opening was observed at failure of any of the specimens. Failed specimens were not severely deformed.

### Web Crippling

Deformations from web crippling failure were concentrated at the region of the applied load. No web crippling failure was observed at or in the vicinity of the stiffened web opening. Because of

the simply supported configuration of the test specimens, the web crippling failures occurred in the absence of significant bending degradation of the web crippling strength. Therefore, the web crippling strength could be considered directly without consideration of the combined behavior of bending and web crippling.

### Combined Bending and Shear

For test specimens that failed by the combined shear and bending behavior, the failure pattern occurred as a bending type failure at mid-span and a diagonal shear failure between the load points and the opening location. These two failure modes occurred simultaneously as the ultimate load was achieved. Web openings did not show any deformation at failure loads.

## 6.0 Analysis of Test Data

Nominal capacities of the joists were calculated in accordance with the AISI Design Specification [3] as described in the Analytical Approach Section of this report (Section 4.0). Tested capacities are compared to these values to determine the safety margin (ratio) relative to the AISI Design Specification applied to joists with no openings.

### Shear

The ratio of the average tested shear capacity ( $V_t$ ) to the nominal calculated shear capacities ( $V_n$  and  $V_{n1}$ ) of each test specimen are listed in Table 7.  $V_n$  is the nominal shear capacity calculated per Section C3.2 of the AISI Design Specification [3].  $V_{n1}$  is the nominal shear capacity calculated per the AISI Design Guide [6].

**Table 7**  
**Evaluation of Shear Test Data**

Nominal Joist Size <sup>1</sup>	SSMA Designation	h/t	a/h	$V_t$ (lb.)	$V_n$ (lb.)	$V_{n1}$ (lb.)	$V_t/V_n$	$V_t/V_{n1}$
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	174	0.5503	5,285	1,615	1,171	3.27	4.51
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	141	0.5538	9,979	2,979	1,695	3.35	5.89
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	173	0.6466	3,094	2,556	1,450	1.21	2.13
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	208	0.5359	2,688	2,152	1,926	1.25	1.40
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	164	0.5380	5,471	4,372	3,061	1.25	1.79
Mean Ratio							2.07	3.14
Standard Deviation							1.02	1.75

For SI: 1 lb. = 4.5 N.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

### Bending

The ratios of the average tested moment capacity ( $M_t$ ) to the nominal calculated moment capacities ( $M_n$  and  $M_{n1}$ ) of each test specimen are listed in Table 8.  $M_n$  is the nominal moment capacity calculated per Section C3.1 of the AISI Design Specification [3].  $M_{n1}$  is the nominal moment capacity calculated per the AISI Design Guide [6]. An example of this calculation is provided in Section II of Appendix B.

**Table 8**  
**Evaluation of Bending Test Data**

Nominal Joist Size <sup>1</sup>	SSMA Designation	h/t	a/h	M <sub>t</sub> (in-lb)	M <sub>n</sub> (in-lb)	M <sub>n1</sub> (in-lb)	M <sub>t</sub> /M <sub>n</sub>	M <sub>t</sub> /M <sub>n1</sub>
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	174	0.5503	46,030	43,350	36,380	1.06	1.27
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	141	0.5538	83,110	70,130	59,090	1.19	1.41
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	177	0.6462	100,080	86,300	76,030	1.16	1.32
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	215	0.5353	99,840	98,230	85,400	1.02	1.17
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	164	0.5380	190,640	160,680	127,320	1.19	1.50
Mean Ratio							1.12	1.37
Standard Deviation							0.07	0.11

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 in-lb. = 0.113 N-m.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

### Web Crippling

The ratios of the average tested web crippling strength ( $P_{n(test)}$ ) to the nominal calculated web crippling strengths ( $P_n$  and  $P_{n1}$ ) of each test specimen are listed in Table 9.  $P_n$  is the nominal web crippling strength calculated per Section C3.4 of the AISI Design Specification [3].  $P_{n1}$  is the nominal web crippling strength calculated per the AISI Design Guide [6]. An example of this calculation is provided in Section IV of Appendix B. It is to be noted that, the AISI Design Guide does not provide web crippling reduction factors for ITF and ETF loading. In Table 9, the recommended reduction factors for IOF and EOF loadings were used for the ITF and ETF conditions respectively.

**Table 9**  
**Evaluation of Web Crippling Test Data**

Nominal Joist Size <sup>1</sup>	SSMA Designation	Loading Configuration	h/t	a/h	P <sub>n(test)</sub> (lb.)	P <sub>n</sub> (lb.)	P <sub>n1</sub> <sup>2</sup> (lb.)	P <sub>n(test)</sub> /P <sub>n</sub>	P <sub>n(test)</sub> /P <sub>n1</sub>
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	ETF	174	0.5503	543	496	446	1.09	1.22
		ITF	174	0.5503	1,543	919	842	1.68	1.83
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	ETF	215	0.5353	879	642	564	1.37	1.56
		ITF	215	0.5353	2,681	1,177	1,062	2.28	2.52
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	ETF	164	0.5380	1,502	1,328	1,167	1.13	1.29
		ITF	164	0.5380	3,342	3,027	2,731	1.10	1.22
Mean Ratio for ETF Loading								1.20	1.36
Standard Deviation for ETF Loading								0.151	0.18
Mean Ratio for ITF Loading								1.69	1.86
Standard Deviation for ITF Loading								0.59	0.65

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 lb. = 4.5 N.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

<sup>2</sup> The IOF and EOF reduction factors from [6] were used for ITF and ETF conditions.

### Combined Bending and Shear

The ratios of the tested average ultimate shear capacity,  $V_t$ , (due to combined shear and bending) to the calculated nominal shear capacity,  $V_n$ , and the tested average moment capacity,  $M_t$ , to the nominal moment capacity,  $M_{nv}$ , of each test specimen are listed in Table 10. For each test specimen  $V_t$  was determined as  $0.69P_u/2$ , where  $P_u$  is the peak load in the combined shear and

bending tests and  $0.69 P_u$  is the maximum shear at the middle support for a continuous two-span simply supported beam. The tested ultimate bending moment,  $M_t$ , was computed on the basis of  $V_t$ . The unmodified nominal shear strength,  $V_n$ , and nominal moment capacity,  $M_{nv}$ , based on  $V_n$ , were calculated in accordance with the AISI Design Specification interaction equation [3].  $V_{np}$  is the nominal shear capacity for the tested joist configuration (simply supported two-span joist with two concentrated loads) per the AISI Design Specification.  $M_{np}$  is the nominal moment capacity based on  $V_{np}$ . An example of this calculation is provided in Section III of Appendix B.

**Table 10**  
**Evaluation of Combined Shear and Bending Test Data<sup>1</sup>**

Nominal Joist Size	SSMA Designation	Span (in.)	$V_t^2$ (lb.)	$M_t^3$ (in-lb)	$V_{n2}^4$ (lb.)	$M_{nv}^5$ (in-lb)	$V_{np}^6$ (lb.)	$M_{np}^7$ (in-lb)	$V_t/V_n$	$M_t/M_{nv}$
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	96	1,597	20,800	1,615	13,080	863	11,250	0.99	1.59
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	96	2,943	38,300	2,979	22,700	1,738	20,250	0.99	1.69
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	96	2,583	33,600	2,556	18,000	1,380	16,700	1.01	1.87
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	96	2,215	28,800	2,152	16,500	1,263	15,750	1.03	1.75
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	96	4,601	59,900	4,372	33,400	2,560	32,400	1.05	1.79
Mean ratio									1.01	1.74
Standard Deviation									0.023	0.094

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 lb. = 4.5 N, 1 in-lb = 0.113 N-m.

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

<sup>2</sup>The ultimate shear capacity is based on the tested ultimate capacity.

<sup>3</sup>The ultimate moment capacity is calculated based on  $V_t$ .

<sup>4</sup>The unmodified shear capacity for a joist section multiplied by a factor of safety from Section C3.2 of the AISI Specification [3].

<sup>5</sup>The ultimate moment capacity calculated based on  $V_{n2}$ .

<sup>6</sup>Unmodified maximum shear capacity for a continuous simply-supported two-span-beam (8-ft long) with a point load at the center of each span. A factor of safety from Section C3.2 of the AISI Specification [3] is used to convert the allowable shear capacity to an ultimate capacity.

<sup>7</sup>The ultimate moment capacity calculated based on  $V_{np}$ .

Table 11 summarizes the allowable tested values (using a factor of safety of 2.0 as calculated in Appendix C) and the allowable capacities calculated using the AISI Specification [3] and the AISI Design Guide [6] recommended equations. Tables 12 through 15 show the ratios between the tested allowable capacities (using a factor of safety of 2.0) and the calculated allowable capacities using the AISI Specification [3] and the Design Guide [6] equations. Table 16 compares the average measured deflection (at design load) for each joist specimen (bending tests) to the predicted (calculated) joist mid-span deflection at design load.

**Table 11**  
**Comparison of Tested and Calculated Allowable Loads**

Nominal Joist Size <sup>1</sup>	SSMA Designation	Failure Mode <sup>2</sup>	Tested Ultimate Load <sup>3</sup> lb.	Allowable Tested Load <sup>4</sup> lb.	Allowable Load per AISI Design Specification <sup>5</sup> lb.	Allowable Load per AISI Design Guide Equations <sup>6,7</sup> lb.
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	S	5,285	2,643	967	701
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	ETF	543	272	268	241
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	ITF	1,543	771	497	455
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	STIFF	9,495	4,748	-	-
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	B	1,919	960	948	886
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	S & B	4,631	2,315	2,480	1,835
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	S	9,979	4,989	1,738	1,015
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	B	3,463	1,731	1,747	1,427
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	S & B	8,531	4,265	4,460	2,805
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	S	3,094	1,547	1,530	862
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	B	2,502	1,251	1,244	1,006
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	S & B	7,487	3,743	3,900	2,422
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	S	2,688	1,344	1,289	1,153
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	ETF	879	439	347	305
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	ITF	2,681	1,341	636	574
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	STIFF	8,154	4,077	-	-
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	B	2,496	1,248	1200	1,142
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	S & B	6,419	3,210	3,480	3,174
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	S	5,471	2,736	2,618	1,833
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	ETF	1,502	751	718	631
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	ITF	3,342	1,671	1,636	1,476
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	STIFF	6,999	3,499	-	-
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	B	4,766	2,383	2,404	2,073
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	S & B	13,336	6,668	7,000	5,069

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 lb. = 4.5 N.

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

<sup>2</sup>“S” indicates shear, “B” indicates bending, “S&B” indicates shear and bending, “ITF” indicates interior-two- flange loading, “ETF” indicates exterior-two-flange loading, and “STIFF” indicates stiffened ETF.

<sup>3</sup>Values are based on an average of three tests (minimum) per configuration for shear, bending and combined shear and bending, and an average of two tests for web crippling tests.

<sup>4</sup>The allowable tested load is calculated as the tested “ultimate” load divided by a factor of safety of 2.0 (refer to Appendix C).

<sup>5</sup>The calculations are based on actual yield stress and thickness (reported in Appendix A) in accordance with the AISI Design Specification [3] with unpunched webs.

<sup>6</sup>The calculations are based on actual yield stress and thickness (reported in Appendix A) in accordance with the AISI Design Guide [6]. Maximum hole size is 4.25-inches (10.8 cm) for 8-inch (20.3 cm) joists and 6.25-inches (15.9 cm) for 10- and 12-inch (25.4 and 30.5 cm) joists.

<sup>7</sup>The EOF and IOF reduction factors are used for the ETF and ITF loading conditions, respectively.

**Table 12**  
**Ratio of Tested to Calculated Allowable Loads Due to Shear**

Nominal Joist Size	SSMA Designation	Failure Mode	Allowable Tested Load/AISI Specification Allowable Load	Allowable Tested Load/AISI Design Guide Allowable Load
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	S	2.73	3.77
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	S	2.87	4.92
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	S	1.01	1.78
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	S	1.04	1.17
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	S	1.05	1.49
Mean			1.74	2.63
Standard Deviation			0.867	1.463

**Table 13**  
**Ratio of Tested to Calculated Allowable Loads Due to Bending**

Nominal Joist Size	SSMA Designation	Failure Mode	Allowable Tested Load/AISI Specification Allowable Load	Allowable Tested Load/AISI Design Guide Allowable Load
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	B	1.01	1.08
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	B	0.99	1.21
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	B	1.01	1.24
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	B	1.04	1.09
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	B	0.99	1.15
Mean			1.01	1.15
Standard Deviation			0.018	0.063

**Table 14**  
**Ratio of Tested to Calculated Allowable Loads Due to Shear & Bending**

Nominal Joist Size	SSMA Designation	Failure Mode	Allowable Tested Load/AISI Specification Allowable Load	Allowable Tested Load/AISI Design Guide Allowable Load
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	S & B	0.93	1.26
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	S & B	0.96	1.52
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	S & B	0.96	1.55
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	S & B	0.92	1.01
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	S & B	0.95	1.32
Mean			0.94	1.32
Standard Deviation			0.016	0.20

**Table 15**  
**Ratio of Tested to Calculated Allowable Loads Due to Web Crippling**

Nominal Joist Size	SSMA Designation	Failure Mode	Allowable Tested Load/AISI Specification Allowable Load	Allowable Tested Load/AISI Design Guide Allowable Load
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	ETF	1.01	1.13
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	ITF	1.55	1.69
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	ETF	1.27	1.44
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	ITF	2.11	2.34
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-54	ETF	1.05	1.19
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	ITF	1.02	1.13
Mean			1.34	1.49
Standard Deviation			0.43	0.47

**Table 16**  
**Measured vs. Predicted Deflections<sup>1</sup>**

Nominal Joist Size <sup>2</sup>	SMSA Designation	Joist Span "L" (ft.)	Average Measured Deflection (in.)		Predicted Deflection @ Design Load (in.)	(Average Measured Deflection @ Design Load) ÷ (Predicted Deflection @ Design Load)
			@ Ultimate Load	@ Design Load <sup>3</sup>		
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	12.0	0.97	0.35	0.375	0.93
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	12.0	0.87	0.42	0.57	0.74
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	20.0	1.42	0.87	1.077	0.81
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	20.0	1.67	0.58	0.683	0.85
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	20.0	1.54	0.82	1.035	0.79

For SI: 1 in. = 2.54 cm, 1 ft = 0.3 m.

<sup>1</sup>Deflections measured at mid-span and taken from bending tests.

<sup>2</sup>Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

<sup>3</sup>Refer to Table 11 for design loads. Design loads are calculated in accordance with AISI Design Specification [3].

## 7.0 Summary

The objective of this investigation was to study the behavior of C-shaped joist members with elliptical shaped web openings with folded edges subjected to shear, bending, web crippling, and combined shear and bending. The elliptical web opening had folded edges that stiffened the web around the opening. A total of 67 tests were performed, and the tested capacities were compared to those computed using the AISI Design Specification [3] and the AISI Design Guide [6] equations. Based on the test results and analysis, the major findings are as follows:

## Shear

The AISI Design Specification [3] equations underestimated the shear strength of the 8-inch (20.3 cm) by 273% to 287% (see Table 12). The same equations accurately estimated the shear strength of the 12-inch (30.5 cm) joists. The AISI Design Guide [6] equations consistently underestimated the shear strength by 17% to nearly 400%. Therefore, the AISI Design Specification shear equations can be used to conservatively predict the shear strength of floor joists with stiffened web openings having folded edges and having an  $a/h$  ratio not larger than 0.65.

## Bending

The ratio of tested to calculated bending strength, using the AISI Design Specification [3] equations provided a reasonably accurate prediction of bending capacity with a ratio of 0.99 to 1.04 (see Table 13). The AISI Design Guide [6] equations underestimated the bending strength by 8% to 24%. Thus, the AISI Design Specification can be used to give a reasonably accurate design check for bending of floor joists with stiffened web openings having folded edges and an  $a/h$  ratio no greater than 0.65.

## Combined Shear and Bending

The AISI Design Specification [3] equations overestimated the shear and bending interaction capacity by approximately 4 to 8% (see Table 14). The AISI Design Guide [6], on the other hand, underestimated the shear and bending capacity by 1% to 55%. Comparing the nominal (ultimate) tested loads to the nominal (ultimate) calculated loads (see Table 10) resulted in load ratios ranging from 0.99 to 1.05 for nominal shear capacity and 1.59 to 1.87 for nominal moment capacity (calculated based on the nominal shear capacity). Therefore, the AISI Specification [3] interaction equation can be used to conservatively predict the bending moment and shear capacity of beams with web openings having folded edges, and having an  $a/h$  ratio not larger than 0.65, without any reductions to the shear and moment capacities.

## Web Crippling

The AISI Design Specification [3] web crippling equations underestimated the capacity by 2% to 111% (see Tables 9 and 15). The AISI Design Guide [6] equations (using IOF and EOF reduction factors) underestimated the web crippling capacity for ITF and ETF loadings by 13% to 134%. Thus, the AISI Design Specification's web crippling equations can be used to conservatively predict the web crippling strength for ITF and ETF loading of beams with web openings having folded edges, and having an  $a/h$  ratio not larger than 0.65.

## 8.0 Conclusions

The results of the cold-formed steel (CFS) floor joists tested for shear, bending, combined shear and bending, and web crippling are set out in this report. A total of 67 CFS joist specimens were tested, including 15 for pure bending, 15 for pure shear, 16 for combined bending and shear, and 21 for web crippling. Test results showed that the equations of the AISI Design Specification [3] can be used to conservatively predict the moment capacity, shear strength, web crippling strength, and combined bending and shear strength of CFS joist members (C-sections) with folded web openings. Based on the findings of this study, the following conclusions regarding the behavior of CFS floor joists with relatively large, stiffened openings (i.e. folded edges) under gravity loads can be made:

- The presence of web openings with folded edges did not reduce the ultimate shear, bending, Interior-Two-Flange (ITF) and End-Two-Flange (ETF) loading, and combined shear and bending strengths. Actually, the folded edge web openings resulted in an increase in the strength of CFS joist specimens investigated in this study.
- The presence of web openings did not promulgate any failure. All observed failures took place at a distance from the openings. None of the web openings experienced any deformation under any of the loading conditions examined.
- The current AISI Design Guide [6] equations, though more conservative than the AISI Design Specification [3], do provide an accurate estimation of bending and web crippling strength for End-Two-Flange and Interior-Two-Flange loading.
- Shear strength was not a controlling factor in the design of CFS joists with folded openings as identified in this report. Pure shear failure did not occur in any of the tested specimens.
- CFS joists with folded edge web openings (hole ratio  $a/h \leq 0.65$ ) can be safely used in residential construction to accommodate long septic drains, plumbing runs, routing of ductwork, and other trade installations.
- The results of this report can be reasonably applied to 2x7.25-inch (18.4 cm) joists (725S162-43, 725S162-54 and 725S162-68) with 4.25-inch (10.8 cm) folded web openings and to 2x9.25-inch (23.5 cm) joists (925S162-54 and 925S162-68) with 6.25-inch (15.9 cm) folded web openings.
- The floor joist span tables in the *Prescriptive Method for Residential Cold-Formed Steel Framing* [1] and the CABO One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code [2] can be safely (and conservatively) used for CFS joists with folded web openings (holes), as detailed in this report.

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APPENDIX A  
TEST RESULTS



**Table A1**  
**Physical and Mechanical Properties of Test Specimens**

Nominal Joist Size	SSMA Designation	Web Size (in.)	Flange Size (in.)	Lip Size (in.)	Yield Point <sup>1</sup> (ksi)	Tensile Strength <sup>1</sup> (ksi)	Uncoated Thickness <sup>2</sup> (in.)	Elongation <sup>3</sup> (percent)	
								2" gauge	1/2" gauge
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	8	1.625	0.5	43.05	50.67	0.04460	25	38
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	8	1.625	0.5	45.12	49.66	0.04430	26	38
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	8	1.625	0.5	40.63	49.66	0.04430	24	38
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	8	1.625	0.5	57.41	66.67	0.05400	21	38
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	8	1.625	0.5	55.15	66.18	0.05440	20	34
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	8	1.625	0.5	56.78	66.67	0.05460	21	38
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	10	1.625	0.5	50.36	64.75	0.05560	30	56
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	10	1.625	0.5	50.36	64.29	0.05600	19	31
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	10	1.625	0.5	48.53	64.69	0.05565	28	38
2 x 10 x 54 <sup>4</sup>	1000S162-54	10	1.625	0.5	55.68	69.60	0.05460	18	28
2 x 10 x 54 <sup>4</sup>	1000S162-54	10	1.625	0.5	56.51	69.72	0.05450	16	28
2 x 10 x 54 <sup>4</sup>	1000S162-54	10	1.625	0.5	56.47	69.22	0.05490	19	28
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	12	1.625	0.5	45.28	64.17	0.05610	30	50
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	12	1.625	0.5	46.39	62.80	0.05605	22	50
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	12	1.625	0.5	46.76	64.29	0.05600	28	47
2 x 12 x 54 <sup>4</sup>	1200S162-54	12	1.625	0.5	52.00	70.57	0.05385	21	44
2 x 12 x 54 <sup>4</sup>	1200S162-54	12	1.625	0.5	51.38	69.73	0.05450	21	44
2 x 12 x 54 <sup>4</sup>	1200S162-54	12	1.625	0.5	57.20	70.11	0.05420	19	31
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	12	1.625	0.5	62.24	70.45	0.07060	14	25
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	12	1.625	0.5	59.49	67.99	0.07060	14	25
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	12	1.625	0.5	58.82	67.23	0.07140	15	28

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 ksi = 6.9 MPa

<sup>1</sup>Tested per ASTM A 370 [14].

<sup>2</sup>Tested per ASTM A 90 [15].

<sup>3</sup>Tested per ASTM A 370 [14] for a 2-inch (5.1 cm) and ½-inch (1.3 cm) gauge length.

<sup>4</sup>Joists used for bending and web crippling tests (where required).

**Table A2**  
**Mean Physical and Mechanical Properties of Test Specimens<sup>1,2</sup>**

Nominal Joist Size	SSMA Designation	Web Size (in.)	Flange Size (in.)	Lip Size (in.)	Yield Point (ksi)	Tensile Strength (ksi)	Uncoated Thickness (in.)	Elongation <sup>4</sup> (percent)
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	8	1.625	0.5	56.44	66.50	0.05433	21
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	10	1.625	0.5	49.75	64.58	0.05575	26
2 x 10 x 54 <sup>3</sup>	1000S162-54	10	1.625	0.5	56.22	69.51	0.05467	18
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	12	1.625	0.5	46.15	63.75	0.05605	27
2 x 12 x 54 <sup>3</sup>	1200S162-54	12	1.625	0.5	53.52	70.13	0.05418	20
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	12	1.625	0.5	60.18	68.56	0.07087	14

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 ksi = 6.9 MPa

<sup>1</sup>Values shown represent the mean of three tests per specimen.

<sup>2</sup>Refer to Table A3 for standard deviation and coefficient of variation (COV).

<sup>3</sup>Joists were used for bending and web crippling tests.

<sup>4</sup>Average elongation in 2-inch (5.1 cm) gage length is shown.

**Table A3**  
**Standard Deviation and Coefficient of Variation of Physical and Mechanical Properties**

Nominal Joist Size	SSMA Designation	Standard Deviation ( $\sigma$ )		
		Yield Strength (ksi)	Tensile Strength (ksi)	Uncoated Thickness (in.)
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	2.26	0.58	0.00017
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	1.17	0.28	0.00031
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	1.06	0.25	0.00022
2 x 10 x 54 <sup>2</sup>	1000S162-54	0.47	0.26	0.00021
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	0.78	0.83	0.00005
2 x 12 x 54 <sup>2</sup>	1200S162-54	3.20	0.42	0.00033
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	1.81	1.69	0.00046
Nominal Joist Size	SSMA Designation	Coefficient Of Variation (COV) <sup>1</sup>		
		Yield Strength	Tensile Strength	Uncoated Thickness
2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	0.0526	0.0117	0.0039
2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	0.0207	0.0043	0.0056
2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	0.0213	0.0039	0.0039
2 x 10 x 54 <sup>2</sup>	1000S162-54	0.0083	0.0038	0.0038
2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	0.0169	0.0130	0.0009
2 x 12 x 54 <sup>2</sup>	1200S162-54	0.0597	0.0060	0.0060
2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	0.0300	0.0246	0.0065

For SI: 1 in. = 2.54 cm, 1 ksi = 6.9 MPa

<sup>1</sup>COV equals the standard deviation divided by the mean.

<sup>2</sup>Joists were used for bending and web crippling tests.

**Table A4**  
**Tested Ultimate Capacity of Floor Joists**

<b>Test No.</b>	<b>Nominal Joist Size <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>SMSA Designation</b>	<b>Joist Thickness (gauge)</b>	<b>Joist Span (ft.-in.)</b>	<b>Test Mode <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Ultimate Load <sup>3</sup> (lb)</b>
1	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	2'-6"	Shear	5,501
2	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	2'-6"	Shear	4,950
3	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	2'-6"	Shear	5,405
4	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	4,672
5	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	4,714
6	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	4,505
7	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	2'-0"	ETF	522
8	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	2'-0"	ETF	563
9	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	2'-0"	ITF	1,532
10	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	2'-0"	ITF	1,554
11	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	2'-0"	ITF	1,543
12	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	2'-0"	Stiffened	9,706
13	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	2'-0"	Stiffened	9,285
14	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	2'-0"	Stiffened	9,494
15	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	12'-0"	Bending	1,838
16	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	12'-0"	Bending	1,939
17	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	12'-0"	Bending	1,981
18	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	2'-6"	Shear	9,651
19	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	2'-6"	Shear	10,440
20	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	2'-6"	Shear	9,845
21	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	8,483
22	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	8,579
23	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	8,530
24	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	12'-0"	Bending	3,411
25	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	12'-0"	Bending	3,479
26	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	12'-0"	Bending	3,498
27	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	2'-6"	Shear	3,103
28	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	2'-6"	Shear	3,010
29	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	2'-6"	Shear	3,170
30	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	7,352
31	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	7,499
32	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	7,611
33	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	2,501
34	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	2,416
35	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	2,588
36	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	2'-6"	Shear	2,698
37	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	2'-6"	Shear	2,617
38	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	2'-6"	Shear	2,750
39	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	6,354
40	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	6,395
41	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	6,509

**Table A4**  
**Tested Ultimate Capacity of Floor Joists (continued)**

<b>Test No.</b>	<b>Nominal Joist Size <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>SMSA Designation</b>	<b>Joist Thickness (gauge)</b>	<b>Joist Span (ft-in.)</b>	<b>Test Mode <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Ultimate Load <sup>3</sup> (lb)</b>
42	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	2,441
43	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	2,498
44	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	2,550
45	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	2'-0"	ETF	919
46	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	2'-0"	ETF	839
47	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	2'-0"	ITF	2,704
48	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	2'-0"	ITF	2,659
49	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	2'-0"	Stiffened	8,198
50	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	2'-0"	Stiffened	8,110
51	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	2'-6"	Shear	5,417
52	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	2'-6"	Shear	5,530
53	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	2'-6"	Shear	5,468
54	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	12,690
55	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	13,378
56	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	13,408
57	2 x 12 x 68 <sup>(4)</sup>	1200S162-68	14	8'-0"	Shear & Bending	13,221
58	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	20'-0"	Bending	4,748
59	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	20'-0"	Bending	4,830
60	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	20'-0"	Bending	4,720
61	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	2'-0"	ETF	1,444
62	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	2'-0"	ETF	1,561
63	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	2'-0"	ITF	3,355
64	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	2'-0"	ITF	3,360
65	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	2'-0"	ITF	3,312
66	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	2'-0"	Stiffened	6,885
67	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	2'-0"	Stiffened	7,113

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 ft = 0.3 m, 1 lb = 4.5 N.

Notes to Table A4:

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

<sup>2</sup>“ETF” denotes end two-flange loading. “ITF” denotes interior two-flange loading, “Stiffened” denotes stiffened web hole at end of member for ETF web crippling tests.

<sup>3</sup>The ultimate capacity is the total vertical load applied to the joist at peak load.

<sup>4</sup>Joist was tested with damaged hole (folded steel around the hole is broken). The test results showed no impact on joist performance.

**Table A5**  
**Measured Mid-Span Deflections of Joists**

Test No.	Nominal Joist Size <sup>1</sup>	SMSA Designation	Joist Thickness (Gauge)	Joist Span "L" (ft-in.)	Test Mode	Mid-span Deflection <sup>2</sup> (in.)	
						@ Ultimate Load	@ Design Load
15	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	12'-0"	Bending	0.99	0.45
16	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	12'-0"	Bending	0.93	0.49
17	2 x 8 x 43	800S162-43	18	12'-0"	Bending	0.98	0.48
24	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	12'-0"	Bending	0.87	0.46
25	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	12'-0"	Bending	0.91	0.40
26	2 x 8 x 54	800S162-54	16	12'-0"	Bending	0.84	0.39
33	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	1.46	0.87
34	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	1.38	0.91
35	2 x 10 x 54	1000S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	1.42	0.83
42	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	1.67	0.53
43	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	1.64	0.60
44	2 x 12 x 54	1200S162-54	16	20'-0"	Bending	1.70	0.61
58	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	20'-0"	Bending	1.55	0.83
59	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	20'-0"	Bending	1.58	0.85
60	2 x 12 x 68	1200S162-68	14	20'-0"	Bending	1.49	0.77

For SI: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, 1 ft = 0.3 m.

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Table 1 for actual joist dimensions.

<sup>2</sup>Deflection measurements were taken at joist mid-span for bending tests.



APPENDIX B  
SAMPLE CALCULATIONS



## SAMPLE CALCULATIONS (for metric conversion, refer to Appendix F)

Calculate the allowable moment, shear, and web crippling capacity of a 1000S162-54 (2x10x54 mil) joist with 6-1/4 in. x 9 in. (15.9 cm x 22.9 cm) hole located along the centerline of the web for the spans shown below. Calculate also the allowable load due to the shear, bending, web crippling, and combined shear and bending capacity. Use the AISI Design Specification [3] and the AISI Design Guide [6].

### I. Allowable Shear Capacity:

Simply supported 2'-6" span:

a = 6.25 in. (hole depth across web), b = 24 in. (joist spacing)  
t = 0.0557 in. (thickness)  $F_y = 49.745$  ksi

#### a. AISI Design Specification (Section C3.2):

$$h = 10 - 2(0.0557 + 0.125) = 9.639 \text{ in.}$$

$$h/t = 9.639 / 0.0557 = 172.90$$

$$0.96[E_k_v / F_y]^{1/2} = 0.96[(29,500)(5.34) / 49.745]^{1/2} = 54.022$$

Where  $k_v = 5.34$  for un-reinforced webs

$$1.415[E_k_v / F_y]^{1/2} = 1.415[(29,500)(5.34) / 49.745]^{1/2} = 79.63$$

$$h/t > 1.415[E_k_v / F_y]^{1/2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad V_n = 0.905 E_k_v t^3/h \quad \text{Equation C3.2-3}$$

$$V_n = 0.905 (29,500,000)(5.34)(0.0557)^3 / 9.639 = 2,563 \text{ lb.}$$

$$\Omega_v = 1.67 \text{ (factor of safety)}$$

$$V_a = 2,563 / 1.67 = 1530 \text{ lb. (web with no holes)}$$

Maximum Load due to Allowable Shear:  $P = 1,530$  lb.

#### b. AISI Design Guide

Apply the reduction factors  $q_{s1}$  and  $q_{s2}$  to the allowable shear value.

$$c = h/2 - a/2 = 9.639/2 - 6.25/2 = 1.6945 \text{ in.}$$

$$c/t = 1.6945 / 0.05575 = 30.39$$

$$5 \leq c/t \leq 54$$

$$q_{s1} = c / 54t = 1.6945 / (54 \times 0.05575) = 0.5629$$

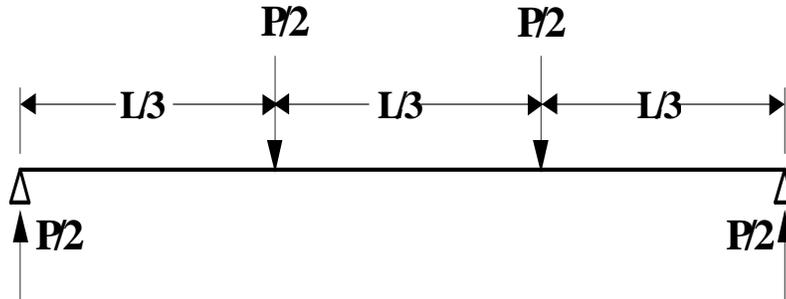
$$q_{s2} = 1.0$$

$$V_a = 1530 \times 0.5629 \times 1.0 = 862 \text{ lb.}$$

Maximum Load due to Allowable Shear for section with holes:  $P = 862$  lb.

## II. Allowable Moment Capacity:

Simply supported 20'-0" span. The top flanges are laterally supported.



### a. AISI Design Specification (Section C3.1):

$$M_n = S_e F_y$$

$S_e$  is calculated to be  $1.6697 \text{ in}^3$ ;  $\Omega = 1.67$

$$M_n = 1.6697 \times 49.745 = 83.06 \text{ in.-kips.}$$

$M_a = 83.06 / 1.67 = 49.74 \text{ in.-kips} = 4.145 \text{ ft.-kips.}$  (moment capacity for section with no holes)

Maximum load due to allowable bending moment = P

$$M_{\max} = PL/6 \Rightarrow P = 6 M_{\max} / L$$

$$P = 6(4.145)/20 = 1.243 \text{ kips} = 1,243 \text{ lb.}$$

### b. AISI Design Guide

$a/h = 6.25 / 9.639 = 0.65 > 0.4 \Rightarrow$  Web holes can not be ignored.

Check Compression Flange

$$R = 2 \times 0.0557 = 0.1114 \text{ in.}$$

$$w = 1.625 - 2(0.1114 + 0.0557) = 1.2908 \text{ in.}$$

$$w/t = 23.17 < 60$$

$$S = 1.28[E/f]^{1/2} = 1.28[29,500/49.745]^{1/2} = 31.17$$

$$S/3 = 10.39$$

$$S/3 = 10.39 < w/t = 23.17 < S = 31.17$$

Therefore, AISI Design Specification Section B4.2 case II applies.

$$I_a = 399t^4 \left\{ \frac{(w/t)}{S} - \left( \frac{k_u}{4} \right)^{1/2} \right\}^3 = 0.00028 \text{ in.}^4$$

Where  $k_u = 0.43$

Equation B4.2-4

$$d = 0.5 - 0.1115 - 0.0557 = 0.3328 \text{ in.}$$

$$I_s = d^3 t / 12 = 0.00017 \text{ in.}^4$$

$$I_s / I_a = 0.611$$

$$D/w = 0.387$$

$$k = C_2^n (K_a - K_u) + K_u$$

$$k_a = 5.25 - 5(D/w) \leq 4.0$$

$$k_a = 5.25 - 5(0.387) = 3.315 \leq 4.0$$

Equation B4.2-7

$$C_2^n = I_s / I_a \text{ but not greater than } 1.0$$

$$n = 1/2$$

$$k = 0.611(3.315 - 0.43) + 0.43 = 2.19$$

$$\lambda = 0.676 > 0.673$$

$$b = \rho w$$

$$\rho = (1 - 0.22/\lambda) / \lambda$$

$$\rho = 0.998$$

$$b = 0.998(1.2908) = 1.288 \text{ in.}$$

Equation B2.1-4

Equation B2.1-2

Equation B2.1-3

#### Compression Edge Stiffener

$$k = 0.43$$

$$d/t = 5.975$$

$$\lambda = 0.393 < 0.673$$

Therefore,  $d_s' = d$

$$d_s = d_s' (I_s / I_a) \leq d_s'$$

Therefore,  $d_s = d = 0.3328 \text{ in.}$

#### Compression Portion of the Web

The section modulus must be determined by assuming the area above the web hole is an unstiffened compression element.

$$k = 0.43$$

$$w = (h - a) / 2 = 1.708 \text{ in.}$$

$$w/t = 30.63$$

$$\lambda = 2.02 > 0.673$$

$$\rho = 0.44$$

$$b = 1.708 \times 0.44 = 0.75 \text{ in.}$$

Equation B2.1-3

Use the effective widths previously calculated (flange, lip, and web) to calculate the effective section modulus  $S_e$ .

Element	L	y (From Top)	Ly	Ly <sup>2</sup>	I <sub>1</sub> '
Web-compression	0.754	0.54	0.410	0.223	0.0357
Web-tension	1.708	8.98	15.334	137.679	0.4150
Upper Corners	0.438	0.084	0.037	0.003	0
Lower corners	0.438	9.972	4.364	43.520	0
Compression Flange	1.288	0.028	0.036	0.001	0
Tension Flange	1.288	9.972	12.844	128.08	0
Compression Stiffener	0.333	0.334	0.111	0.0370	0.0031
Tension Stiffener	0.333	9.834	3.272	32.177	0.0031
	6.580		36.408	341.72	0.457

$$Y_{cg} = 36.408 / 6.580 = 5.533 \text{ in.}$$

$$I_x = Ly^2 + I_1' - LY_{cg}^2 = 140.8 \text{ in.}^4$$

$$I_x = I_x' t = 7.84 \text{ in.}^4 \quad (t = 0.0557 \text{ in.})$$

$$S_e = I_x / Y_{cg} = 1.417 \text{ in.}^3$$

$$M_n = S_e F_y = 70.49 \text{ in.-kip}$$

$$M_a = M_n / \Omega = 70.49 / 1.67 = 42.21 \text{ in.-kip.}$$

Calculate maximum load due to bending moment:

$$M_{\max} = PL/6 \Rightarrow P = 6 M_{\max} / L$$

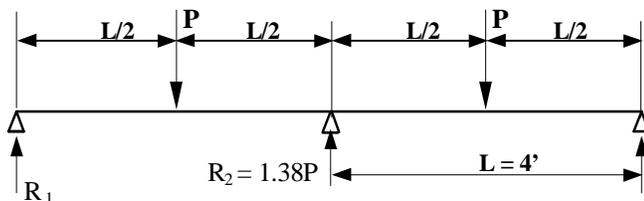
$$P = 6(42.21 \times 1000) / (20 \times 12'') = 1,305 \text{ lb.}$$

(Table 11 shows a value of 1244 lb. The difference is due to rounding up numbers)

### III. Combined Shear and Bending Capacity:

For two-span beam with one concentrated load at each mid-span

a. AISI Design Specification (Section C3.3):



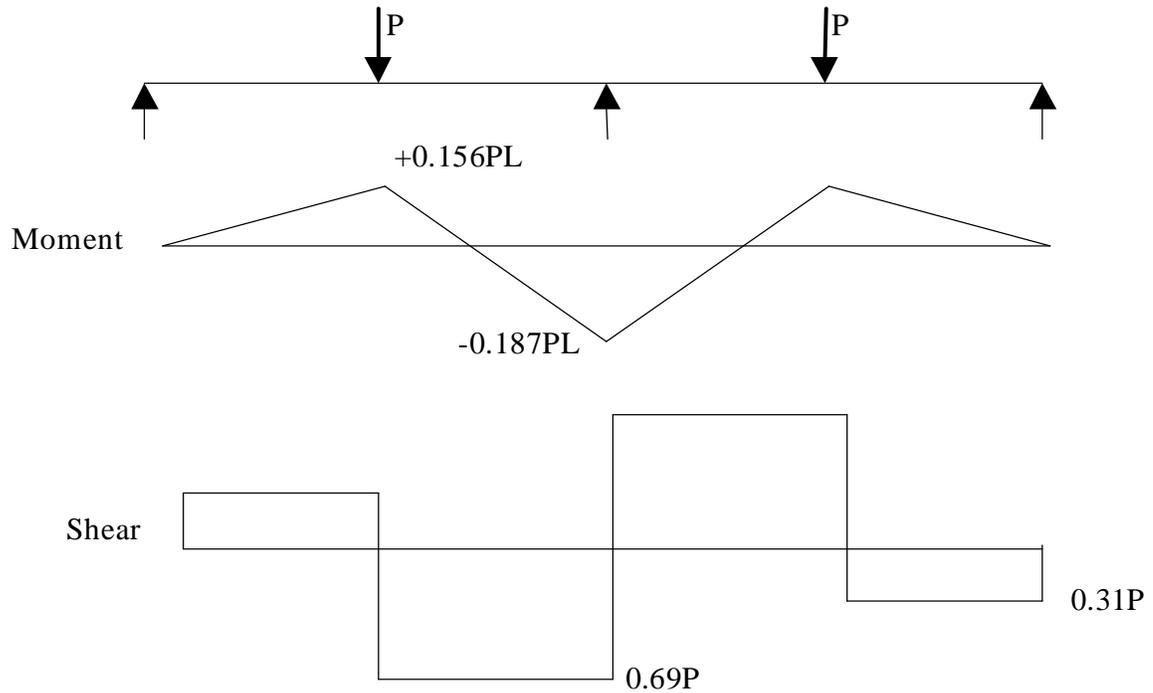
$$(M/M_a)^2 + (V/V_a)^2 \leq 1.0$$

Allowable shear and allowable moments were previously calculated to be:

$$V_a = 1,530 \text{ lb.}$$

$$M_a = 49.74 \text{ in.-kips} = 49,740 \text{ in.-lb.}$$

For the two-span simply supported beam:



$$M_{\max.} = 0.187 PL/2$$

$$V_{\max.} = 0.69 P$$

Substitute for  $M$ ,  $V$ ,  $M_a$ , and  $V_a$  in the above interaction equation:

$$P = 1,950 \text{ lbs.}$$

$$\text{Total Load} = 2P = 3,900 \text{ lb.}$$

#### b. AISI Design Guide

Use the AISI Design Specification interaction equation, with the modified shear and bending allowables.

$$V_a = 1,085 \text{ lb.}$$

$$M_a = 40.224 \text{ in.-kips} = 40,224 \text{ in.-lb.}$$

Substitute for  $M$ ,  $V$ ,  $M_a$ , and  $V_a$  in the above interaction equation:

$$P = 1,211 \text{ lbs.}$$

$$\text{Total Load} = 2P = 2,422 \text{ lb.}$$

#### IV. Web Crippling Capacity:

The web crippling capacity is checked for a 2'-0" simply supported span.

Three web crippling cases were investigated:

End-two-flange (ETF) loading  
 Interior-two-flange (ITF) loading, and  
 Stiffened end-two-flange (ETF) loading

##### a. AISI Design Specification (Section C3.4):

Web crippling equation C3.4-6 applies to the ETF loading condition and equation C3.4-8 applies to the ITF loading condition.

$$P_n = t^2 k C_3 C_4 C_9 C_\theta [244 - 0.57(h/t)][1 + 0.01(N/t)] \quad \text{Equation C3.4-6}$$

$$P_n = t^2 k C_1 C_2 C_9 C_\theta [771 - 2.26(h/t)][1 + 0.0013(N/t)] \quad \text{Equation C3.4-8}$$

$$k = 894F_y/E = 1.5075 \quad \text{Equation C3.4-21}$$

$$C_1 = 1.22 - 0.22k = 0.888 \quad \text{Equation C3.4-10}$$

$$C_2 = 1.06 - 0.06R/t = 0.94 \quad \text{Equation C3.4-11}$$

$$C_3 = 1.33 - 0.33k = 0.8325 \quad \text{Equation C3.4-12}$$

$$C_4 = 1.15 - 0.15R/t \leq 1.0 \text{ but not less than } 0.5 \quad \text{Equation C3.4-13}$$

$$C_9 = 1.0$$

$$C_\theta = 0.7 + 0.3(\theta/90)^2 = 1.0 \quad \text{Equation C3.4-20}$$

$$N/t \text{ (ETF)} = 26.91 \text{ (1.5 in. bearing length)}$$

$$N/t \text{ (ITF)} = 53.81 \text{ (3 in. bearing length)}$$

End-Two-Flange (ETF):  $P_n = 611 \text{ lb.}$   
 $P_a = 611 / 1.85 = 330 \text{ lb.}$

Interior-Two-Flange (ITF):  $P_n = 1,587 \text{ lb.}$   
 $P_a = 1587 / 1.85 = 858 \text{ lb.}$

##### b. AISI Design Guide

The AISI Design Guide does not address two-flange loading conditions. The reduction factors are provided only for one-flange loading cases (EOF and IOF). Although the reduction factors do not apply to the loading cases in this example, they will be used for comparison purposes only.

End-Two-Flange (ETF)  $P_a = 330 \text{ lb.}$

Interior-Two-Flange (ITF)  $P_a = 858 \text{ lb.}$

EOF:  $R_{c(\text{EOF})} = 1.01 - 0.325(a/h) + 0.083(x/h) \leq 1.0 \quad \text{Equation 6}$

IOF:  $R_{c(\text{IOF})} = 0.900 - 0.047(a/h) + 0.053(x/h) \leq 1.0 \quad \text{Equation 7}$

Where: a = hole size = 6.25 in.

$h$  = flat portion of the web

$x$  = nearest distance between the penetration edge and edge of bearing

$$R_{c(\text{EOF})} = 1.01 - 0.325(0.6466) + 0.083(6/9.67) = 0.851$$

$$R_{c(\text{IOF})} = 0.900 - 0.047(0.6466) + 0.053(6/9.67) = 0.902$$

Apply the  $R_{c(\text{EOF})}$  and  $R_{c(\text{IOF})}$  to the ETF and ITF web crippling loads.

$$P_{a(\text{ETF})} = 330 \times 0.851 = 281 \text{ lb.}$$

$$P_{a(\text{iTF})} = 858 \times 0.902 = 774 \text{ lb.}$$



## APPENDIX C

### SAFETY FACTOR CALCULATION



## SAFETY FACTOR CALCULATION

The factor of safety used in estimating the tested allowable loads from the tested ultimate loads, in Table 11 is calculated in accordance with Section F of the AISI Design Specification [3] as follows:

The allowable axial capacity  $R_a = R_n/\Omega$ .

Where:  $R_n$  = Average value of the test results.

$$\Omega = \text{Factor of safety} = 1.6/\phi$$

$$\phi = \text{Resistance factor} = 1.5(M_m F_m P_m) e^{-\beta_0 \sqrt{V_M^2 + V_F^2 + C_p V_P^2 + V_Q^2}}$$

$M_m$  = Mean value of the material factor = 1.10

$F_m$  = Mean value of the fabrication factor = 1.00

$P_m$  = Mean value of the professional factor for the tested component = 1.0

$\beta_0$  = Target reliability index = 2.5

$V_M$  = Coefficient of variation of the material factor = 0.10

$V_F$  = Coefficient of variation of the fabrication factor = 0.05

$C_p$  = Correction factor = 5.7

$V_P$  = Coefficient of variation of the test results = 5.5% (see note below)

$V_P$  = 6.5% (for  $V_p < 6.5\%$ , use 6.5%)

$m$  = Degree of freedom = 1

$V_Q$  = Coefficient of variation of the load effect = 0.21

$$\phi = 1.5(1.10 \times 1.00 \times 1.00) e^{-2.5 \sqrt{0.10^2 + 0.05^2 + 5.7 \times 0.065^2 + 0.21^2}} = 0.81$$

$$\phi = 0.81$$

$$\Omega = \text{Factor of safety} = 1.60/\phi = 1.60/0.81 = 1.975 \quad (\text{conservatively, use 2.0})$$

Note: The coefficient of variation (COV) of the test results is obtained by calculating the average COV of the individual COVs for each set of tests (minimum of two-test samples) and adding one standard deviation. The average COV is calculated to be 3.601 percent for all test groups. The standard deviation of all test group COVs is 1.937 percent. Therefore, the representative COV is  $3.6 + 1.9 = 5.5$ . This represents an upper 64 percentile (plus one standard deviation) of the COV experience in the tests. It does not represent the “global” COV that may be experienced by multiple producers in various production runs. Considering this source variance in real production may tend to increase the safety factor estimate. The conservative bias relation to specific minimum strength (i.e., 33 ksi or 50 ksi steel) versus actual strength is not considered in the safety factor determination. Considering this effect would tend to lower the safety factor estimate.



APPENDIX D  
TEST PHOTOGRAPHS



APPENDIX E

TEST PLOTS



APPENDIX F  
METRIC CONVERSION



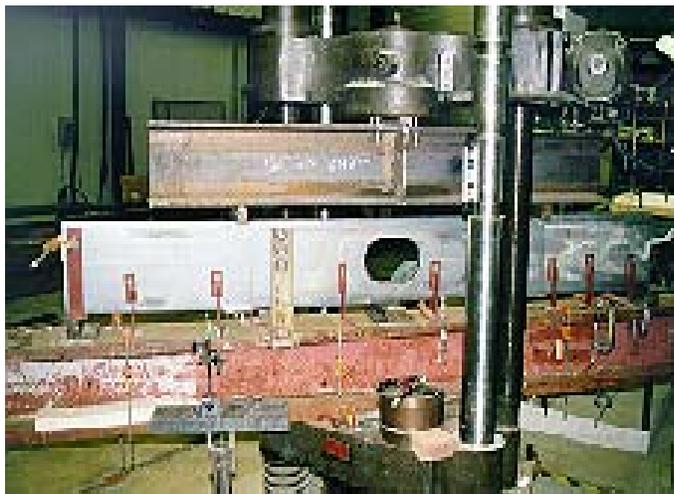
## METRIC CONVERSION FACTORS

The following list provides the conversion relationship between U.S. customary units and the International System (SI) units. A complete guide to the SI system and its use can be found in ASTM E 380, Metric Practice.

To convert from	to	multiply by	To convert from	to	multiply By
<b>Length</b>			<b>Mass (weight)</b>		
inch (in.)	micrometer (μm)	25,400	pound (lb.) avoirdupois	kilogram (kg)	0.4535924
inch (in.)	millimeter (mm)	25.4	ton, 2000 lb.	kilogram (kg)	907.1848
inch (in.)	centimeter (cm)	2.54	grain	kilogram (kg)	0.0000648
inch (in.)	meter (m)	0.0254	<b>Mass (weight) per length</b>		
foot (ft)	meter (m)	0.3048	kip per linear foot (klf)	kilogram per meter (kg/m)	0.001488
yard (yd)	meter (m)	0.9144	pound per linear foot (plf)	kilogram per meter (kg/m)	1.488
mile (mi)	kilometer (km)	1.6	<b>Moment</b>		
<b>Area</b>			1 foot-pound (ft-lb.)	Newton-meter (N-m)	1.356
square foot (sq. ft)	square meter (sq. m)	0.0929	<b>Mass per volume (density)</b>		
square inch (sq. in.)	square centimeter (sq. cm)	6.452	pound per cubic foot (pcf)	kilogram per cubic meter (kg/cu m)	16.01846
square inch (sq. in.)	square meter (sq. m)	0.00064516	pound per cubic yard (lb/cu yd)	kilogram per cubic meter (kg/cu m)	0.5933
square yard (sq. yd)	square meter (sq. m)	0.8391	<b>Velocity</b>		
square mile (sq. mi)	square kilometer (sq. km)	2.6	mile per hour (mph)	kilometer per hour (km/hr)	1.60934
<b>Volume</b>			mile per hour (mph)	kilometer per second (km/sec)	0.44704
cubic inch (cu in.)	cubic centimeter (cu cm)	16.387064	<b>Temperature</b>		
cubic inch (cu in.)	cubic meter (cu m)	0.00001639	degree Fahrenheit (°F)	degree Celsius (°C)	$t_C = (t_F - 32)/1.8$
cubic foot (cu ft)	cubic meter (cu m)	0.02831685	degree Fahrenheit (°F)	degree Kelvin (°K)	$t_K = (t_F + 59.7)/1.8$
cubic yard (cu yd)	cubic meter (cu m)	0.7645549	degree Kelvin (°F)	degree Celsius (°C)	$t_C = (t_K - 32)/1.8$
gallon (gal) Can. liquid	liter	4.546	* One U.S. gallon equals 0.8327 Canadian gallon		
gallon (gal) Can. liquid	cubic meter (cu m)	0.004546	** A pascal equals 1000 Newton per square meter.		
gallon (gal) U.S. liquid*	liter	3.7854118	The prefixes and symbols below are commonly used to form names and symbols of the decimal multiples and submultiples of the SI units.		
gallon (gal) U.S. liquid	cubic meter (cu m)	0.00378541	<b>Multiplication Factor</b>	<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
fluid ounce (fl oz)	milliliters (ml)	29.57353	1,000,000,000 = 10 <sup>9</sup>	giga	G
fluid ounce (fl oz)	cubic meter (cu m)	0.00002957	1,000,000 = 10 <sup>6</sup>	mega	M
<b>Force</b>			1,000 = 10 <sup>3</sup>	kilo	k
kip (1000 lb.)	kilogram (kg)	453.6	0.01 = 10 <sup>-2</sup>	centi	c
kip (1000 lb.)	Newton (N)	4,448.222	0.001 = 10 <sup>-3</sup>	milli	m
pound (lb.)	kilogram (kg)	0.4535924	0.000001 = 10 <sup>-6</sup>	micro	μ
pound (lb.)	Newton (N)	4.448222	0.000000001 = 10 <sup>-9</sup>	nano	n
<b>Stress or pressure</b>					
kip/sq. inch (ksi)	megapascal (Mpa)	6.894757			
kip/sq. inch (ksi)	kilogram/square centimeter (kg/sq. cm)	70.31			
pound/sq. inch (psi)	kilogram/square centimeter (kg/sq. cm)	0.07031			
pound/sq. inch (psi)	pascal (Pa) **	6,894.757			
pound/sq. inch (psi)	megapascal (Mpa)	0.00689476			
pound/sq. foot (psf)	kilogram/square meter (kg/sq. m)	4.8824			
pound/sq. foot (psf)	pascal (Pa)	47.88			



Joist Failure –Combined Shear and bending Test



Combined Shear and Bending Test Setup



Joist Failure – Combined Shear and Bending



Joist Failure – Shear Test



