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Learning Objectives

• Understand the requirements for joist and Joist Girder anchorage to supports.
• Review bridging connections and connections that are part of lateral load resisting systems.
• Understand the options for hanging loads from joists, either from structural or trade elements.
• Identify the deck to support connection types and details.
• Summarize deck connection patterns and applications.
• Review deck hanging load connections.
Simple Joist Connection Topics

- Joist to Support
- Joist Girder to Support
- Bridging Connections
- Lateral Load Connections
- Structural Elements Connected to Joists
- Trade Elements Connected to Joists
Joist to Support

Structurally, a welded joist seat to support connection is adequate, but OSHA requires bolts in certain cases – tie joists and spans over 40 feet on steel supports.

Bolts in slotted holes may not provide adequate lateral support to the compression chord/flange of the supporting member.

Hence, bolted and welded joist end anchorage is common.
Joist to Support
**Joist to Support**

SJI requirements – weld lengths have increased to engage seat length for uplift resistance (prying action).

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(¹)Last digit(s) of joist designation shown in load table.
(²)Joist Girders with a self weight greater than 50 plf (0.73 kN/m).

**Suggestion:** While end anchorage is reduced for LH02-06, it may be easiest to combine them with LH07-17.
Joist to Support

Joist bearing seat bolts only need to be “snug tight”.

BEARING SEAT CONNECTION
WELDS AND BOLTS
Joist to Joist Girder Support

Typical joist girder web member configurations limit access for the use of power tools for bolt tensioning.
Joist to Support

OSHA rule for bolted seats

(8) Field-bolted joists.

(i) Except for steel joists that have been pre-assembled into panels, connections of individual steel joists to steel structures in bays of 40 feet (12.2 m) or more shall be fabricated to allow for field bolting during erection.

(ii) These connections shall be field-bolted unless constructability does not allow.

So, while a bolted connection must be detailed, it may or may not be actually used.
Joist to Support

Where a joist seat has been detailed for a bolted connection, and for any reason the bolt is not utilized, the empty slot in the bearing seat leg severely diminishes uplift capacity. In such a condition, the weld should be applied within the empty slot.

Figure 2.10-1
Joist to Support

Typical drawing note and detail

ERECTOR NOTE:
WHERE JOIST ARE FABRICATED TO ALLOW FOR FIELD BOLTING TO THE SUPPORTING STRUCTURE, THE BOLTED CONNECTIONS ARE FOR INITIAL ATTACHMENT ONLY, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER OF RECORD. SNUG-TIGHTENED BOLTS SHALL REMAIN IN THE BEARING SEAT SLOTS AFTER FINAL CONNECTION IS MADE VIA WELDING PER THE CONTRACT STRUCTURAL DOCUMENTS. IF A BOLTED CONNECTION IS NOT USED, OR THE BOLTS ARE REMOVED AFTER ERECTION, JOIST SEATS MUST BE WELDED ALONG THE INSIDE EDGE OF SEAT SLOTS.
Joist to Support – Skewed Bearing

Where the angle of intersection between a joist and supporting beam would be less than 15 degrees, use alternates to avoid an eccentric connection to the beam.
Joist to Support – Skewed Bearing

Consider skewing the joist. (The deck is not likely to lap on this joist anyway.)
Or a header can be used to support the joist end, between the skewed beam and the next joist.
Simple Joist Connection Topics

- ✓ Joist to Support
- ☐ Joist Girder to Support
- ☐ Bridging Connections
- ☐ Lateral Load Connections
- ☐ Structural Elements Connected to Joists
- ☐ Trade Elements Connected to Joists
Joist Girder to Support

SJI requirements for Joist Girder end anchorage vary based upon the Joist Girder self weight.

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² Joist Girders with a self weight greater than 50 plf (0.73 kN/m).

Suggestions: Use A325 bolts for all Joist Girder end anchorage. Use the reduced weld length only if ALL Joist Girders on the project are less than 50 plf.
Joist Girder to Support

Use the Joist Girder Weight Tables to find joist girders that weigh over 50 plf.
Joist Girder to Support

The Joist Girder uplift reaction could exceed the capacity of the SJI minimum bolts.

Two bolts, $\frac{3}{4}$” A325, have a limit of about 24 kips with prying action considered, or 39 kips max tension capacity with a stiffened seat.
Simple Joist Connection Topics

- Joist to Support
- Joist Girder to Support
- Bridging Connections
- Lateral Load Connections
- Structural Elements Connected to Joists
- Trade Elements Connected to Joists
Bridging Connections - Welded

Bridging connection weld requirements are now provided in the SJI SPEC

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² Or other connection type designed for the required force.
Bridging Connections - Bolted

Bridging connection bolt requirements are tabulated in the SJI COSP

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*REFER TO LAST DIGIT(S) OF JOIST DESIGNATION

NOTE: WASHERS SHALL BE USED WITH SLOTTED OR OVERSIZED HOLES. BOLTS SHALL BE TIGHTENED TO A MINIMUM SNUG TIGHT CONDITION.
Bridging Connections

Diagonal bridging must be connected at the intersection.

- Diagonal bridging must resist compressive axial loads and the design presumes a connection at the center of the “X”, so the unbraced length is taken as the distance from the chord attachment to the center intersection.

- The center connection can be made either by welding or bolting.
While the bridging weld requirements are often minimal, the material is thin and care must be exercised in making the welds.
Simple Joist Connection Topics

- ✓ Joist to Support
- ✓ Joist Girder to Support
- ✓ Bridging Connections
- □ Lateral Load Connections
- □ Structural Elements Connected to Joists
- □ Trade Elements Connected to Joists
Lateral Load Connections

All top chord axial loads and end moments should be transmitted directly via tie plates or tie angles. The eccentricity of horizontal forces transferred through the bearing seats is then avoided.
Lateral Load Connections

A tie plate creates an effective axial load path, without significant disruption for the deck above.
Lateral Load Connections

Tie angles can be tucked below the top chord, with the horizontal legs pointed in towards the joist axis.
Lateral Load Connections

Tie plates should be narrow enough to allow downward, rather than overhead, welds. For greater capacity, the nominal 1” chord/seat gap can be held clear for a plate to be placed in the gap.
Lateral Load Connections

Weld of diaphragm edge angle to top chord should not control top chord size.
Lateral Load Connections

Fillet weld practical limits:

At toes:
- K-Series: 1/8”
- LH-Series: 3/16”
- Girders: 1/4”

At legs:
- 4/3 of “toe” limits
Lateral Load Connections

To transfer large shear forces from deck to structural members, and to avoid large joist seat rollover forces, a simple shear collector can be used.

HSS 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 3/16 CENTER BETWEEN JOISTS

ROOF DECK

PER SIDE LAP DIAPHRAGM REQUIREMENTS

5/8" DIA.
Lateral Load Connections

Here is a similar detail, for use with LH/DLH-Series joists.

ROOF DECK

3/16"

5/8" DIA.

CHANNEL C5 x 6.7
CENTER BETWEEN JOISTS

PER SIDE LAP DIAPHRAGM REQUIREMENTS

JOIST GIRDER

5"

54
Lateral Load Connections

• But maybe C5 x 6.7 is not the best choice.

• To make it simpler for the shear collector to coincide with a low deck flute, 5” HSS might be a better option.
• Once the joists, Joist Girders, and bridging are installed, the connection work may not be complete!
Simple Joist Connection Topics

- ✓ Joist to Support
- ✓ Joist Girder to Support
- ✓ Bridging Connections
- ✓ Lateral Load Connections
- ❏ Structural Elements Connected to Joists
- ❏ Trade Elements Connected to Joists
Structural Elements Connected to Joists

For structural members perpendicular to joists, such as an angle collector element, simply cope the angle and bear on top of the top chord.
Structural Elements Connected to Joists

This is a similar approach with HSS and a top plate.
Structural Elements Connected to Joists

The next option is a hanger angle butted to the end of the structural element.

Avoid "cope to fit" connections.
Structural Elements Connected to Joists

For larger vertical WF beam connections to joists, a shear tab plate can be provided on the joist chord.
Structural Elements Connected to Joists

Where a WF beam frames to a Joist Girder, a coped, seated beam end is simplest.
Structural Elements Connected to Joists

For more significant beam end reactions, a full depth connection plate or angle can be provided – shop or field installed.
Structural Elements Connected to Joists

This is an example of a beam connection at mid height on a deep longspan joist.
Structural Elements Connected to Joists

While bearing a structural element across the top of the bottom chord seems like a simple connection, it is not simple to coordinate the joist geometry to avoid interference.
Structural Elements Connected to Joists

Wind column connections at midspan of a bottom chord require a vertically slotted connection.
Structural Elements Connected to Joists

Joists simply cannot take out-of-plane torsional loads.

For a wind screen, it is best to extend the post and attach to both the top and bottom chord, resolving the overturning moment with bracing members below the roof.
Structural Elements Connected to Joists

- Where a wind screen post is not braced, and the screen is perpendicular to the joists, extending the post and attaching to both the top and bottom chord is simpler than a large local top chord overturning moment.
Simple Joist Connection Topics

- Joist to Support
- Joist Girder to Support
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Trade Elements Connected to Joists

Added struts for point loads not located at panel points.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

SJI allows an exception for loads that meet certain conditions.

For nominal concentrated loads between panel points, which have been accounted for in the specified uniform design loads, a “strut” to transfer the load to a panel point on the opposite chord shall not be required, provided the sum of the concentrated loads within a chord panel does not exceed 100 pounds and the attachments are concentric to the chord.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

Additional capacity for trade elements can be specified, as Add-Loads, Bend-Check Loads, or a combination of both.

**Add-Load.** A single vertical concentrated load that occurs at any one panel point along the joist chord. This load is in addition to any other gravity loads specified.

**Bend-Check Load.** A vertical concentrated load used to design the joist chord for the additional bending stresses resulting from this load being applied at any location between the joist panel points. This load shall already be accounted for in the specified joist designation load, uniform load, or Add-Load and is used only for the additional bending check in the chord and does not contribute to the overall axial forces within the joist. An ideal use of this is for incidental loads which have already been accounted for in the design loading but may induce additional bending stress due to this load occurring at any location along the chord.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

Add-Load - Traveling Loads at Panel Points

Magnitude of Concentrated Load, lbs

Top Chord, Bottom Chord, Either

Off Panel Point Loads Must Have Field Installed Webs

Uniform Loading, plf

P, lbs
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

A Bend-Check Load will check the localized bending between panel points, while not adding to the global moment and shear.

Uniform Loading, plf

2 psf sprinkler branch lines
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

Do not field drill holes in joist members to attach trade elements.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

This is a simple, concentric hanger.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

Hanger auxiliary steel example, across bottom of bottom chords.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

Cross section view.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

Attachment detail.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

Hanger auxiliary steel across top of bottom chord chords (okay when field located).
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

Cross section view.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

Attachment detail.

Diagram showing the connection of a bar joist with a channel nut, flat plate, lock washer, flat washer, and hex nut.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

A beam clamp hanger is not concentric, and must be used with discretion, only for small loads.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

This trapeze detail limits the torsional effects of the beam clamps, but the attachment is still to only one chord angle and discretion is required.
Trade Elements Connected to Joists

• Wrapped wire for a light weight
• miscellaneous hanger – good!
• Hung from bridging – bad!
Polling Question 1

Welded connections to/from steel joists are simplest if:

a) The weld is as thick as possible, to minimize length.

b) The weld is positioned such that it is done overhead.

c) The weld is lengthened as required, to limit thickness.

d) A multi-pass weld can be utilized.
Simple Joist Connections Simplified
Simple Deck Connections Simplified
Simple Deck Connection Topics

- Connection Types
- Connection Details
- Connection Patterns
- Connection Applications
- Hanging Load Connections
- Design Resources
Deck Connection Types

- **Support Fasteners**
  - (36/4 Shown)

- **Edge Fasteners**
  - (2 Per Span Shown)

- **Sidelap Fasteners**
  - (3 Per Span Shown)

- **Support Fastener Pattern**
- **Edge Fastener Spacing**
- **Support Steel Thickness, \( t_2 \)**
- **Deck Thickness, \( t_1 \)**
- **Span, \( L \)**
Support Connection Choices

**Welds**

- Strength: ●●●●●
- Installation Speed: ○○○○○
- Installed Cost: ●●●●●
- Aesthetics: ●○○○○

**PAF’s**

- Strength: ●●●○○
- Installation Speed: ●●●●●
- Installed Cost: ●●●○○
- Aesthetics: ●●●●○

**Self-Drilling Screws**

- Strength: ●●●○○
- Installation Speed: ●●●●○
- Installed Cost: ●○○○○
- Aesthetics: ●●●○○
Simply Different
Support Weld Sizes

Arc-Spot (Puddle) Welds

- Effective φ
  - 1/2" → 3/4"
- Visible φ
  - 3/8" ← 5/8"

Arc Seam Welds

- Effective φ
  - 1" → 1/2"
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## Support Connection Application Ranges

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- **Arc Spot Weld**: 0.135” Unlimited to 0.500”
- **Self Drilling Screws**: 0.0385” 0.210” to 0.500”
- **Hilti High Shear Nails**: 1/8” 3/8” to Unlimited
- **Pneutek Fasteners**: 0.113” 0.155” to 0.312” Unlimited
Concrete Filled Deck Connections

Proprietary Shear Connectors

Steel Headed Stud Anchors

Weld Washer

Arc spot weld through 3/8” hole in weld washer
Deck Sidelap Styles

Interlocking Sidelap

Interlocking Sidelap for Screw Connection

Nested Sidelap
Nested Sidelap Connection Choices

**Screws**

- **Strength**: ●●●●
- **Installation Speed**: ●●●●
- **Installed Cost**: ●●●●
- **Aesthetics**: ●●●●
- **Ease of Inspection**: ●●●●

**Welds**

- **Strength**: ●●●●●
- **Installation Speed**: ●●●●
- **Installed Cost**: ●●●●
- **Aesthetics**: ●●●●
- **Ease of Inspection**: ●●●●
## Interlocking Sidelap Connection Choices

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Sidelap Strength Comparison

![Sidelap Connection Strength Comparison Graph]

- 1½” Arc Top Seam Weld
- Nucor PunchLok System
- #10 Screw
- Button Punch
Deck Connection Aesthetics

- Top Seam Weld
- Proprietary Crimped Connection

Post Painting
Deck Connection Topics

- Connection Types
- Connection Details
- Connection Patterns
- Connection Applications
- Hanging Load Connections
- Design Resources
Attachment Patterns at Supports

@ INTERIOR PANEL SUPPORTS

@ END PANEL SUPPORTS

36/4

36/5

36/7/4

36/7

36/9
36/7/4 Support Attachment Pattern

36/7/4 Pattern = 37 Fasteners over 6 Spans

4 Fasteners @ Interior Supports
7 Fasteners @ End Supports

36/7/4 Pattern Provides:
- Strength ≈ 36/7 Pattern, with
- Cost ≈ 36/5 Pattern.
Support Connection at Sidelap

36/7

36/7

Nested

Interlocking
Sidelap Connection Specification

- Approaches to Presenting Tabular Data:
  - # of sidelap connections / span
  - Spacing of sidelap connections

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Deck Connection Topics

- Connection Types
- Connection Details
- Connection Patterns
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- Connection of Hanging Loads
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Deck Connection Design Considerations

Net Wind Uplift
- Wind
- Roof Live
- Dead

Hanging Load

Wall Anchorage

Diaphragm Shear

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Connection Shear / Tension Interaction

Fastener Loads

A = Axial
S_n = Shear
T = Tension
Parallel Collector Attachment

Note:
Fastener spacing based on shear capacity of fasteners being used.
Wall Anchorage Connections

Deck Perpendicular to Wall

Deck Parallel to Wall
Support Connection Detailing – OWJ

2” lap

Center 2” lap over chord

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Simple Deck Connection Topics

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Hanging Loads – Historical Industry Guidance

per SDI Publication No. 30 (2000), Roof Deck Specification, Section 1. Scope:

“Commentary: Suspended ceilings, light fixtures, ducts, or other utilities shall not be supported by the steel deck.”
“2.4 A.6. Concentrated and Suspended Loads: All concentrated and suspended loads shall be included in the analysis and calculations for strength and deflection.”

“User Note: The designer must take into account the sequence of loading. Suspended loads may include ceilings, light fixtures, ducts or other utilities. The designer should consider that loads could be applied directly to the deck rather than the support framing.”

“User Note: Concentrated loads are resisted by a distribution width. A “rule of thumb” 1½ inch deck is to use the load footprint width plus 12 inches (300 mm) but not less than 18 inches (460 mm) distribution width for loads in the middle of the span.”
Hanging Loads – Connection Options

Roof Deck Options:

- Self Drilling Screw
- Ceiling Wire Hangers
- Rolled In Hanger Tabs
- SAMMY X-PRESS from ITW
- Wedge Style Hangers
- Self Drilling Screw
- Ceiling Wire Hangers
- Wedge Style Hangers
Hanging Loads – Connection Options

Additional Roof Deck Options:

- Rebar Spreader
- Fender Washer
- Strut Spreader
Hanging Loads – Connection Options

Additional Concrete Filled Deck Options:

- PAF Ceiling Wire Hangers
- Expansion Anchors
- Cast-In-Place
Hanging Loads – Connection Options

Additional Concrete Filled Deck Options:

Wedge Style Hangers
Hanging Loads – Connection Options

Additional Concrete Filled Deck Options:
Hanging Load Design Considerations

Determination of Allowable Hanging Loads:

- Deck gage and span
- Deck width resisting the load
- Connection capacity and spacing
- Web crippling
Hanging Loads – Cautionary Tale
Deck Connection Design Resources

- SDI Literature
  - DDM
  - SDCFSFDM
  - RDDM
  - FDDM
  - On-Line Tool (Coming soon)

- Deck and Fastener Manufacturer
  - Catalogs
  - Evaluation Reports (IAPMO, ICC, etc.)
  - On-Line Tools

- AISI Standards
  - S100
  - S310
Simple Deck Connections Simplified
Polling Question #2

Which deck connection types are appropriate for attaching to open web joist?

a) PAF’s

b) Screws

c) Welds

d) All of the above
Polling Question Answers

Welded connections to/from steel joists are simplest if:

\[c\) The weld is lengthened as required, to limit thickness.\]

Which deck connection types are appropriate for attaching to open web joist?

\[d\) All of the above. Based on chord thickness, any one of the these connections could be appropriate, but not all choices work for every situation.\]
THANK YOU

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