

# **Steel Joists, Joist Girders and Steel Deck**

## **Diaphragm Design**

**Presented by NUCOR/Vulcraft  
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# Topics

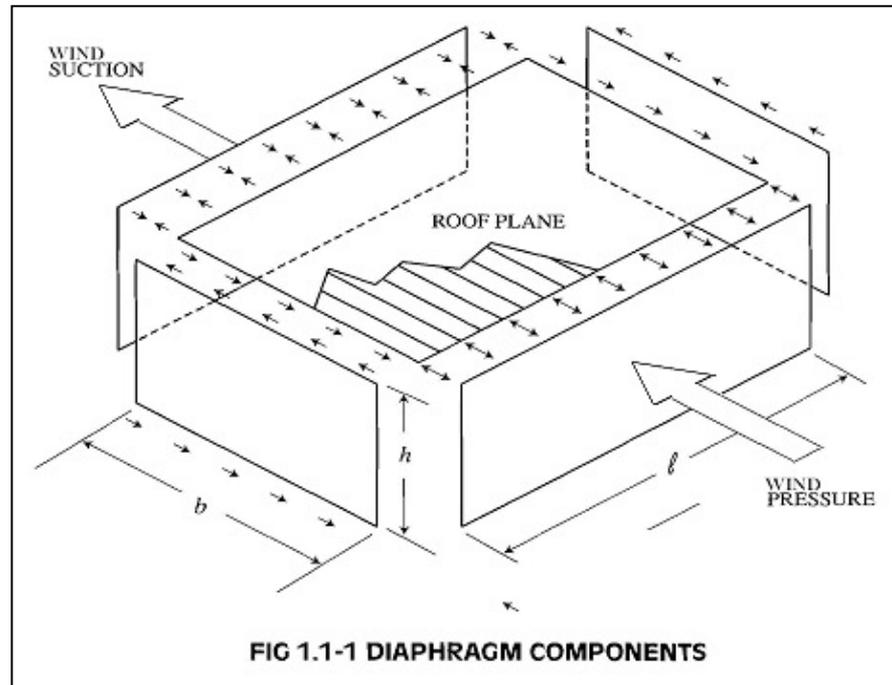
- Diaphragm Definitions
- Roof Deck Types
- Deck Connections
- Design Example
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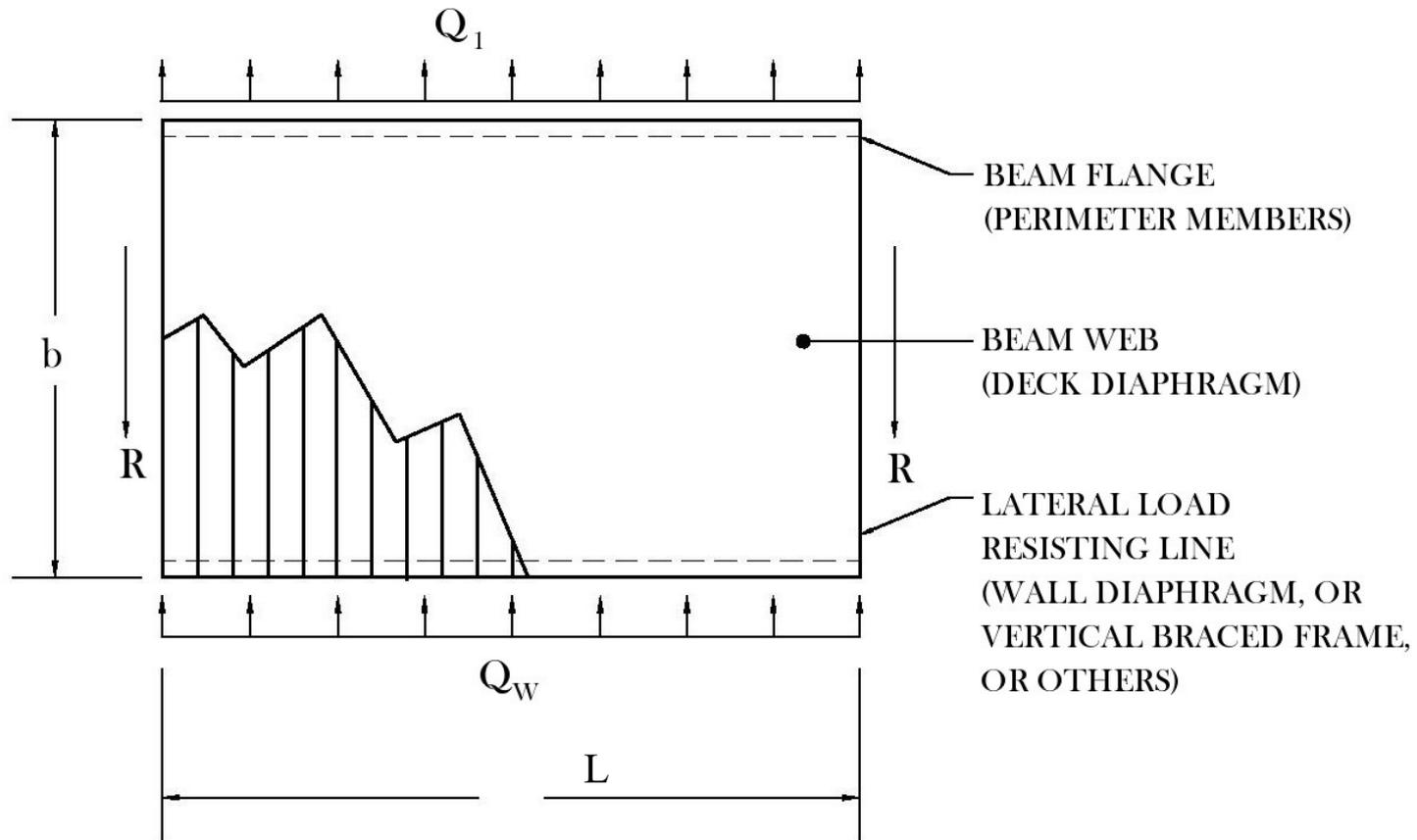


# Definitions and Uses

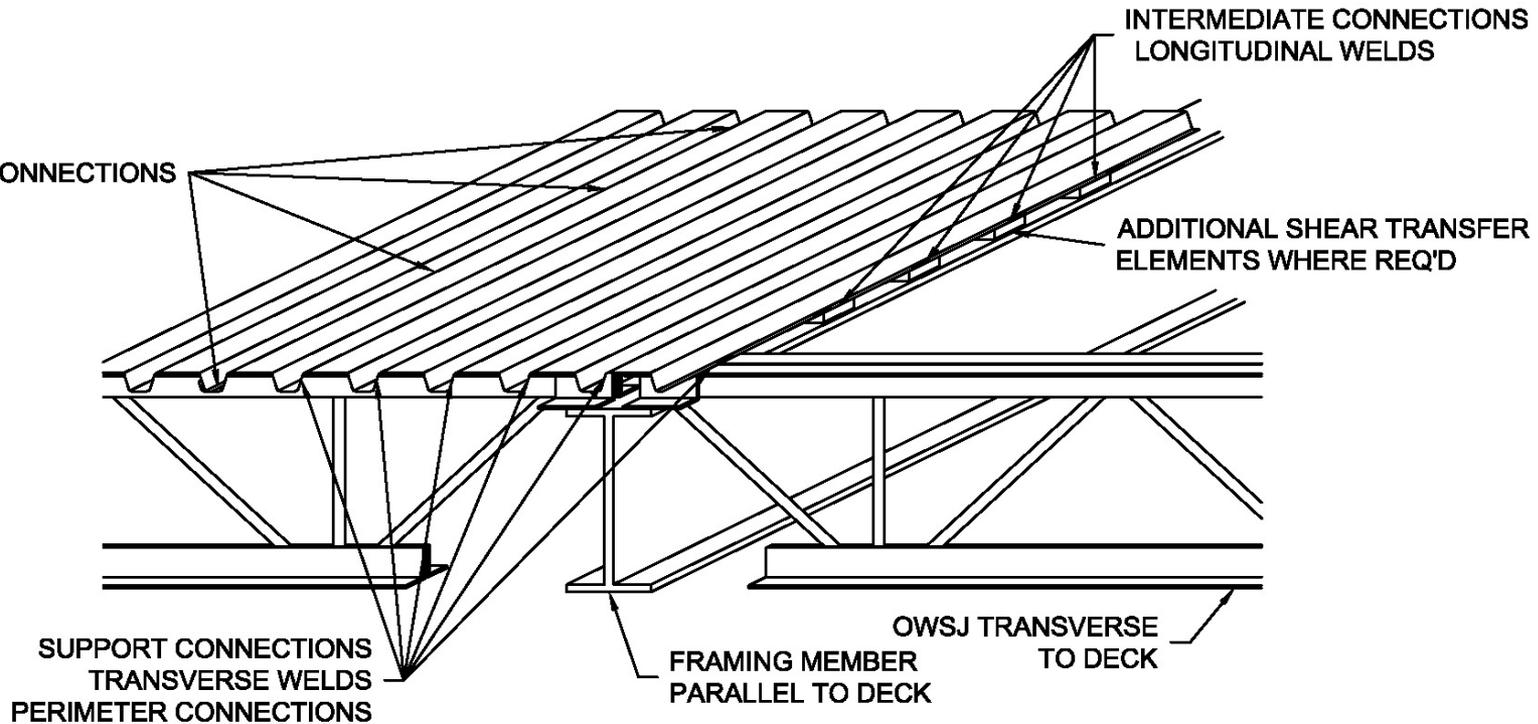
- Each deck sheet is interconnected by (side lap fasteners)
- The deck is attached to supporting members (support fasteners)
- The deck provides in-plane shear strength and stiffness (transfer in-plane forces)



# Diaphragm Analogous to a Deep Girder with Deck as Web

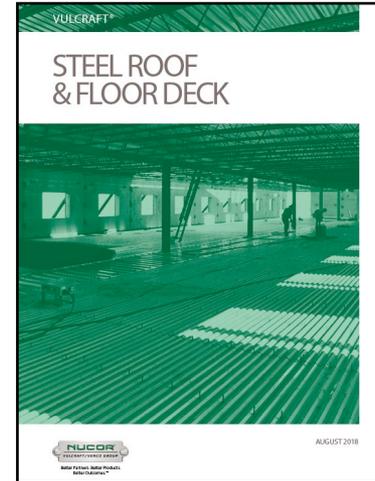


# Typical Connections



# Roof Decks

Reference Vulcraft catalog  
(Nucor, 2018a)  
[www.vulcraft.com](http://www.vulcraft.com)



## ROOF DECKS

### 1.5B ROOF DECKS

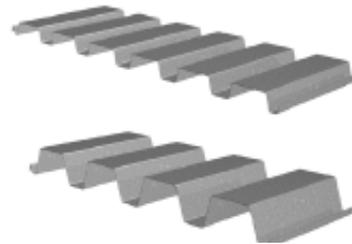
COVER WIDTHS: 30", 36"

GAGES: 24, 22, 20, 19, 18, 16

### 32" WIDE 3N ROOF DECKS

COVER WIDTH: 32"

GAGES: 22, 20, 19, 18, 16

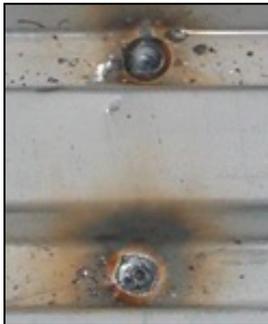


Use 1.5B, 22 or 20 gage deck is very common



# Connections

- Support Fasteners
  - Arc spot weld / Weld with washer (for  $t \leq 0.028$  in.)
  - Screw (self-drilling & self-tapping)
  - Power-driven fasteners
- Side-lap fasteners
  - PunchLok II
  - Weld (not recommended for  $t \leq 0.028$  in.)
  - Screw
  - Button punch (stabilize panels, small strength)

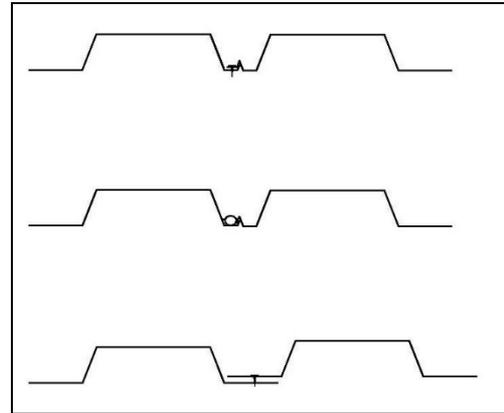


# Support Fastening Patterns

Attachment Patterns 1.5B-36	
36/4	
36/5	
36/7	
36/9	
36/11	
36/14	
Attachment Patterns 1.5B-30	
30/3	
30/6	
Attachment Patterns 3N-24	
24/4	
24/8	



# Side-Lap Fastening



Number of fasteners per span in the load tables

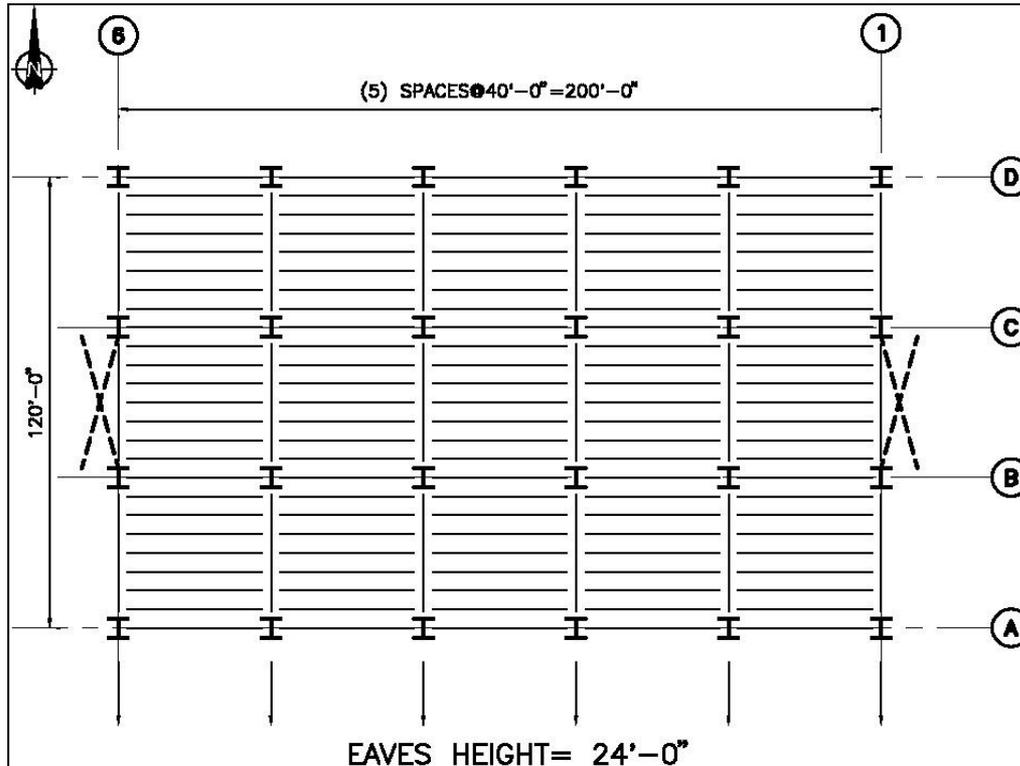


# Diaphragm Design Procedure

- Determination of forces
- Selection of deck type and fastening
  - Steel Deck Institute (SDI)
  - ICC-ES reports
  - IAPMO reports
  - Vulcraft catalog (Nucor, 2018a)
- Evaluation of deflections
- Analysis of chord forces
- Force transfer details



# Example: Roof Diaphragm



## DESIGN DATA (service loads)

Dead Load	26 psf
Live Load	20 psf
Wind Load	20 psf
Uplift	30 psf
22K7 joists	
1.5B22 deck	
(t = 0.0295 in.)	

The building is constructed using a metal wall system and is located in a warm climate where snow load is negligible.



# Diaphragm Design

Determine shear at each wall

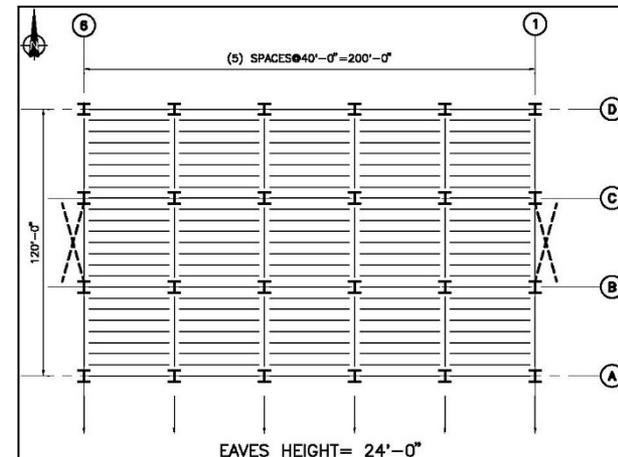
The shear force at each end wall equals the wind pressure times one-half of the building height and one-half of the length of the wind loaded wall.

Lines 1 and 6:

$$V_1 = V_6 = (\text{Wind Pressure}) \left( \frac{\text{Bldg. Ht.}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{\text{Windward Wall Length}}{2} \right)$$
$$= \frac{(20 \text{ psf}) \left( \frac{24 \text{ ft}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{200 \text{ ft}}{2} \right)}{1000 \text{ lb/kip}} = 24.0 \text{ kips}$$

Line A and D:

$$V_A = V_D = \frac{(20 \text{ psf}) \left( \frac{24 \text{ ft}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{120 \text{ ft}}{2} \right)}{1000 \text{ lb/kip}} = 14.4 \text{ kips}$$



# Diaphragm Design (continued)

Determine maximum linear diaphragm shear

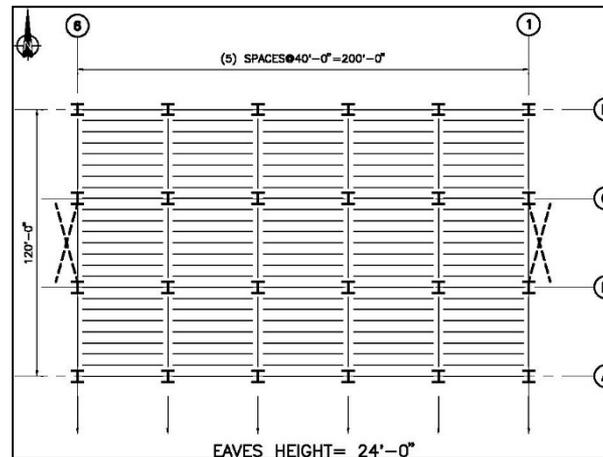
The linear diaphragm shear equals the wall shear divided by the wall length.

Lines 1 and 6:

$$S_1 = S_6 = \frac{(24.0 \text{ kips})(1000 \text{ lb/kip})}{120 \text{ ft}} = 200 \text{ plf}$$

Line A and D:

$$S_A = S_D = \frac{(14.4 \text{ kips})(1000 \text{ lb/kip})}{200 \text{ ft}} = 72.0 \text{ plf}$$



# Diaphragm Design (continued)

Try fastening pattern:

Steel deck:	1.5B22 (0.0295 in. thickness)
Support fasteners:	5/8 in. puddle weld, 36/4 pattern
Side-laps:	(1) #10 Tek screw side-lap connection per span
Deck support:	Joists spaced at 5 ft center-to-center

Load and execute Vulcraft 2018 IBC Diaphragm Tool  
(Nucor, 2018b) [Vulcraft Tools](#)



# Vulcraft /Verco Diaphragm Design Tool 2018 IBC

## 22 ga 1.5B-36 Grade 50 Roof Deck

### Diaphragm Shear & Wind Uplift Interaction

with MWFRS Allowable Net Wind Uplift (ASD) of 30 psf

5/8" Visible Dia. Arc Spot Weld Connections to Supports  
36 / 7 / 4 Perpendicular Connection Pattern to Supports  
#10 Screw Sidelap Connections



A572 GR50 Support Member or Equivalent  
0.25 ≤ Support Thickness (in.)  
2 in. Minimum Deck End Bearing Length

### ASD Allowable Combined Wind Uplift & Diaphragm Shear Strength $S_n/\Omega$ (plf)

Generic 3 Span Condition

Sidelap Connections per Span	Span								
	5'-0"	5'-0"	5'-0"	5'-0"	5'-0"	5'-0"	5'-0"	5'-0"	5'-0"
1	339	339	339	339	339	339	339	339	339
2	395	395	395	395	395	395	395	395	395
3	451	451	451	451	451	451	451	451	451
4	505	505	505	505	505	505	505	505	505
5	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	553
6	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
7	645	645	645	645	645	645	645	645	645

200 plf ≤ 339 plf      **O.K.**



# Check Diaphragm Chord Forces

## Diaphragm chord force calculation

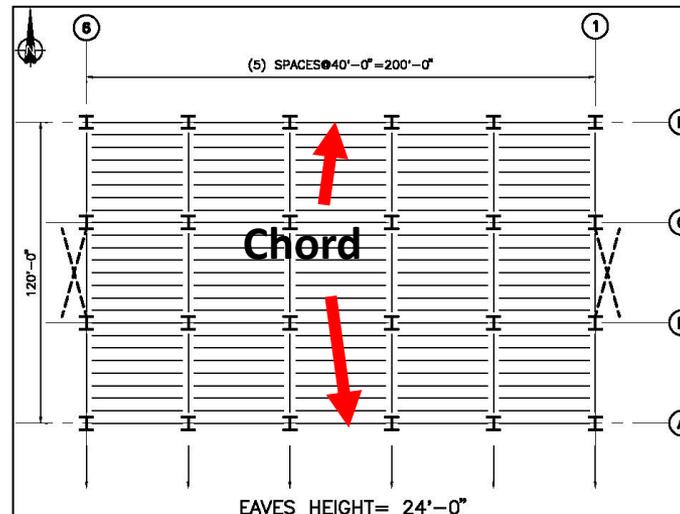
Considering the edge joists to resist the diaphragm chord force,

$$M_{A\&D} = \frac{wL^2}{8} = \frac{(20.0 \text{ psf}) \left( \frac{24 \text{ ft}}{2} \right) (200 \text{ ft})^2}{8(1000 \text{ lb/kip})} = 1200 \text{ kip-ft}$$

$$P_{chord} = \frac{M_{A\&D}}{\text{Diaphragm depth}}$$

The edge member should be continuous.

$$= \frac{1200 \text{ kip-ft}}{120 \text{ ft}} = 10 \text{ kips}$$



# Check Diaphragm Chord Forces (continued)

## Diaphragm chord force calculation

The diaphragm chord force is combined with forces due to dead and live loads. The edge joist top chord is designed for the combined force

$$P_{chord} + P_{chord(D+L)}$$

where

$$M_{D+L} = \frac{w_{(D+L)} L_{joist}^2}{8} = \frac{(46.0 \text{ psf})(2.50 \text{ ft})(40 \text{ ft})^2}{8(1000 \text{ lb/kip})} = 23.0 \text{ kip-ft}$$

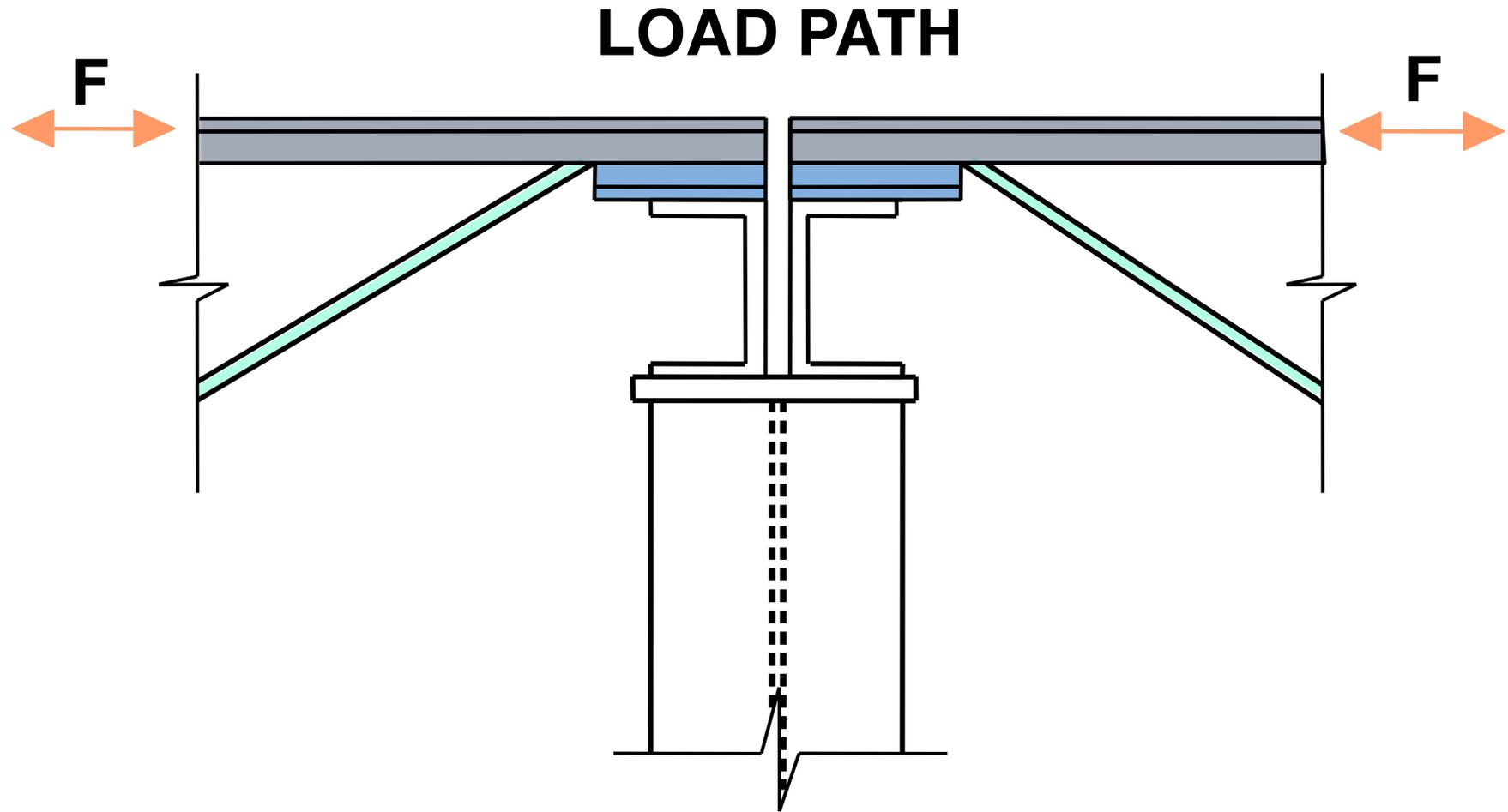
$$P_{chord(D+L)} = \frac{M_{(D+L)}}{\text{Joist chord centroid distance}} = \frac{23.0 \text{ kip-ft}}{1.75 \text{ ft}} = 13.1 \text{ kips}$$

$$P_{chord} + P_{chord(D+L)} = 10.0 \text{ kips} + 13.1 \text{ kips} = 23.1 \text{ kips}$$

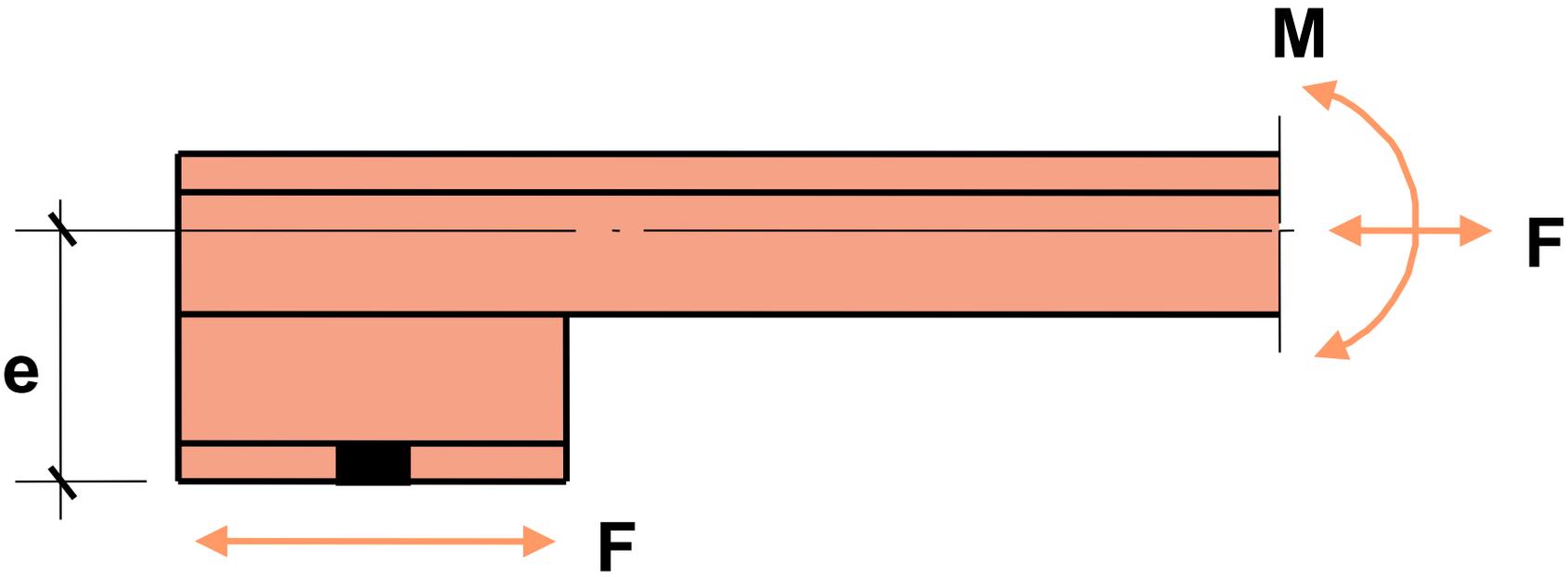
Specify the minimum chord force equal to 23.1 kips.



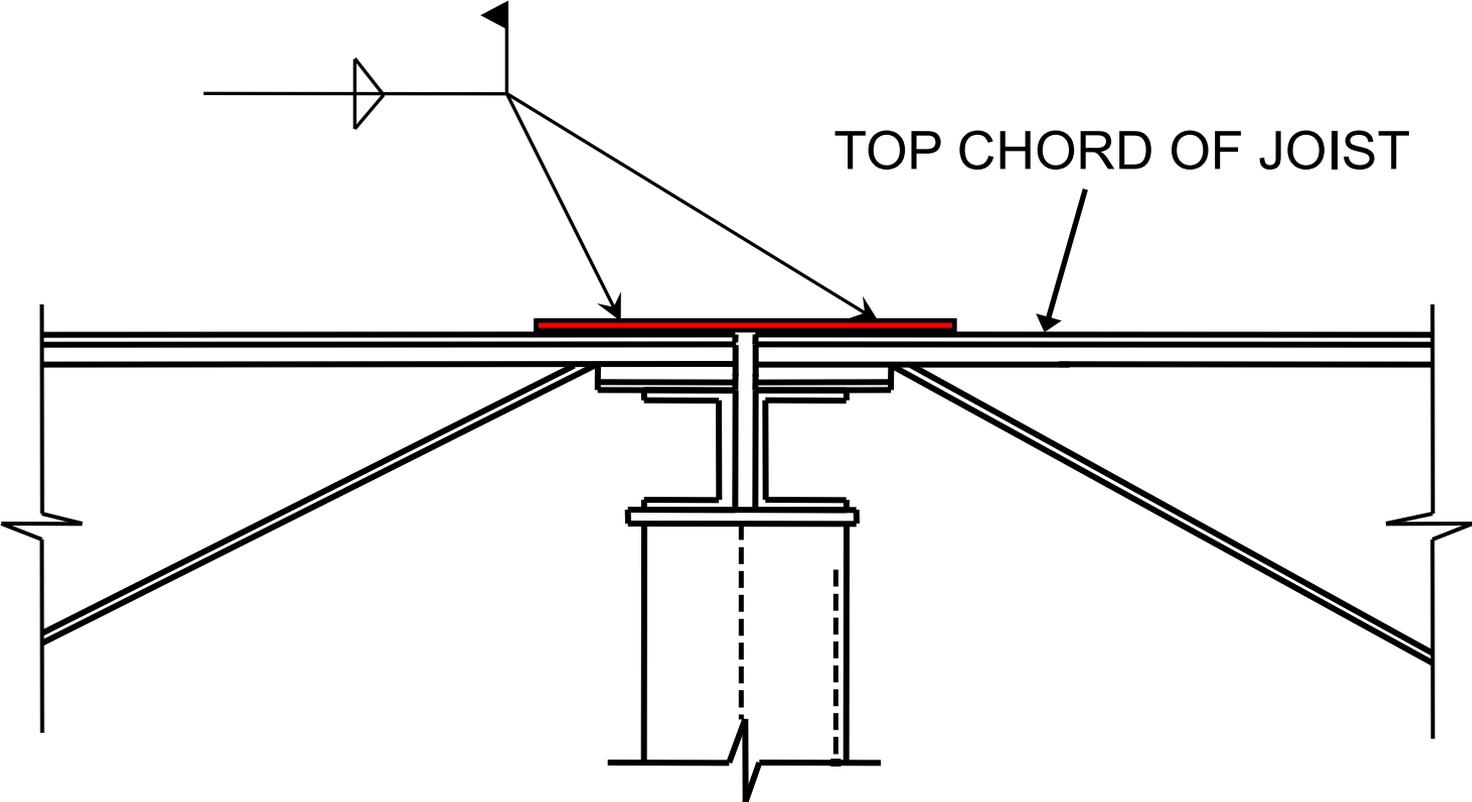
# Diaphragm Chord Force Transfer



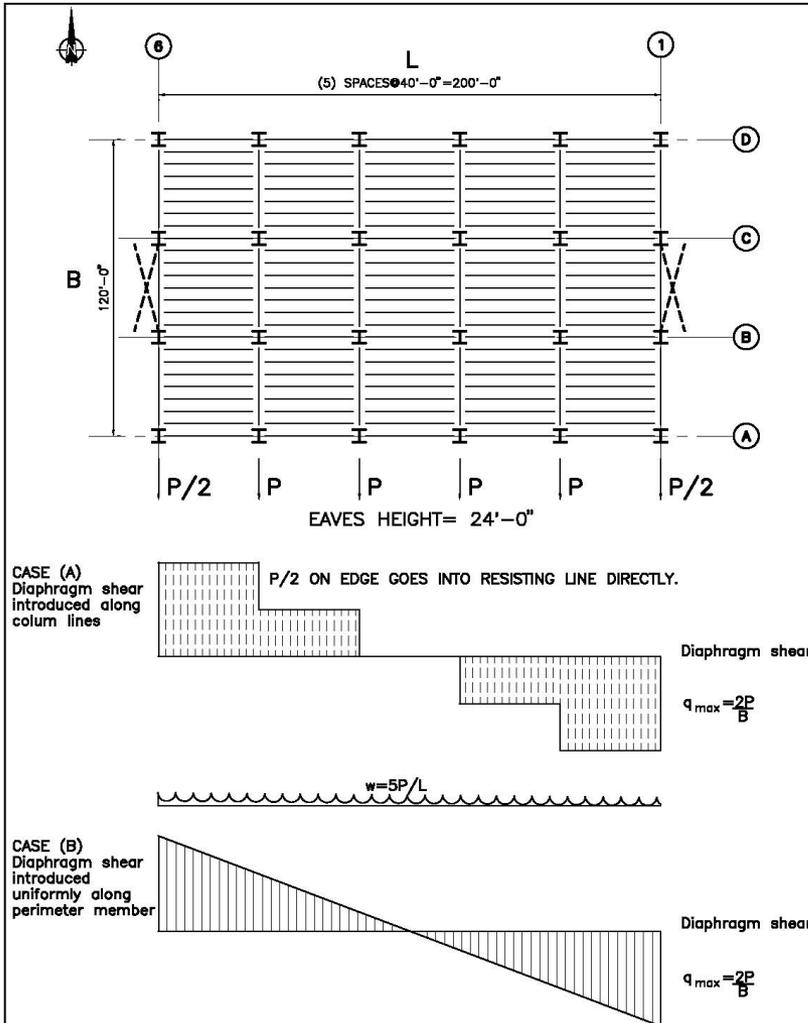
# Joist Chord Bending



# Joist Tie Plate (For Load Path)



# Connections for Shear Transfer



At lines where exterior horizontal loads are introduced into the diaphragm, a sufficient number of fasteners should be provided to transfer the load from structure up to the diaphragm.

Shear collectors may be used.

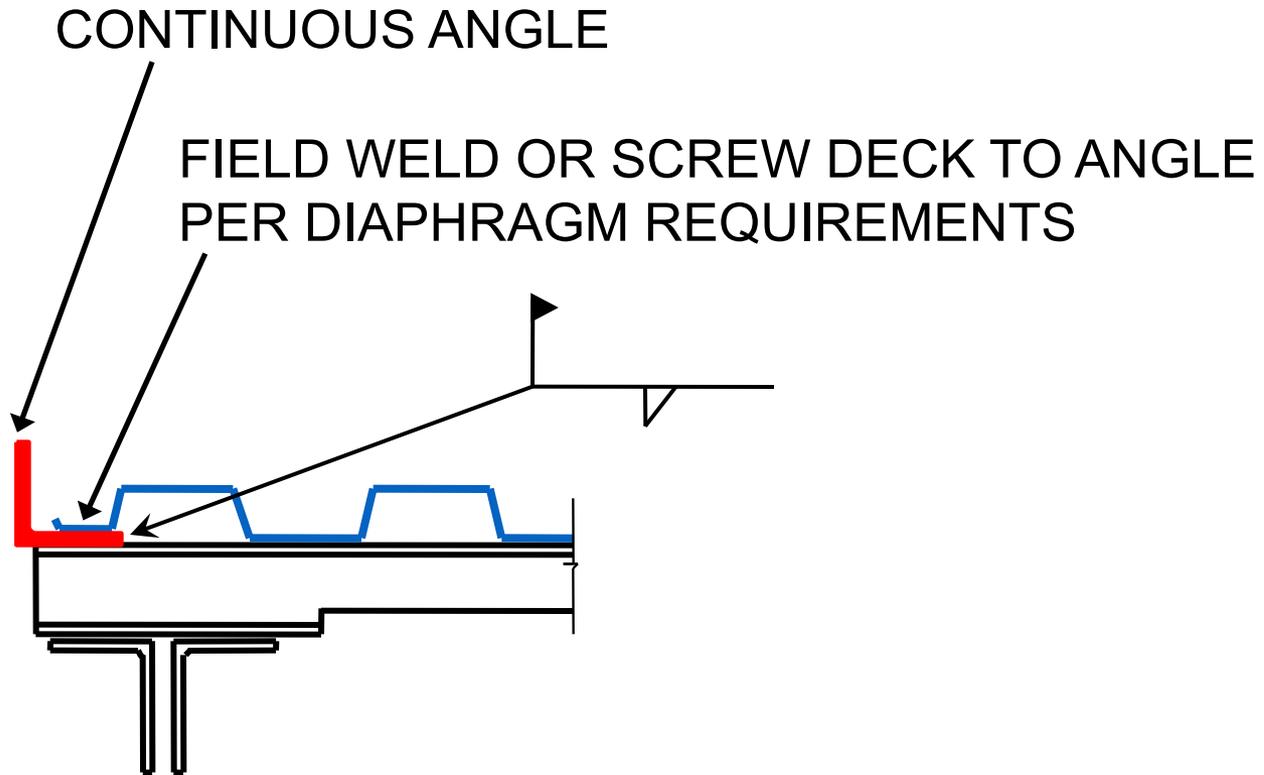
# Shear Transfer Grid Lines 1 and 6

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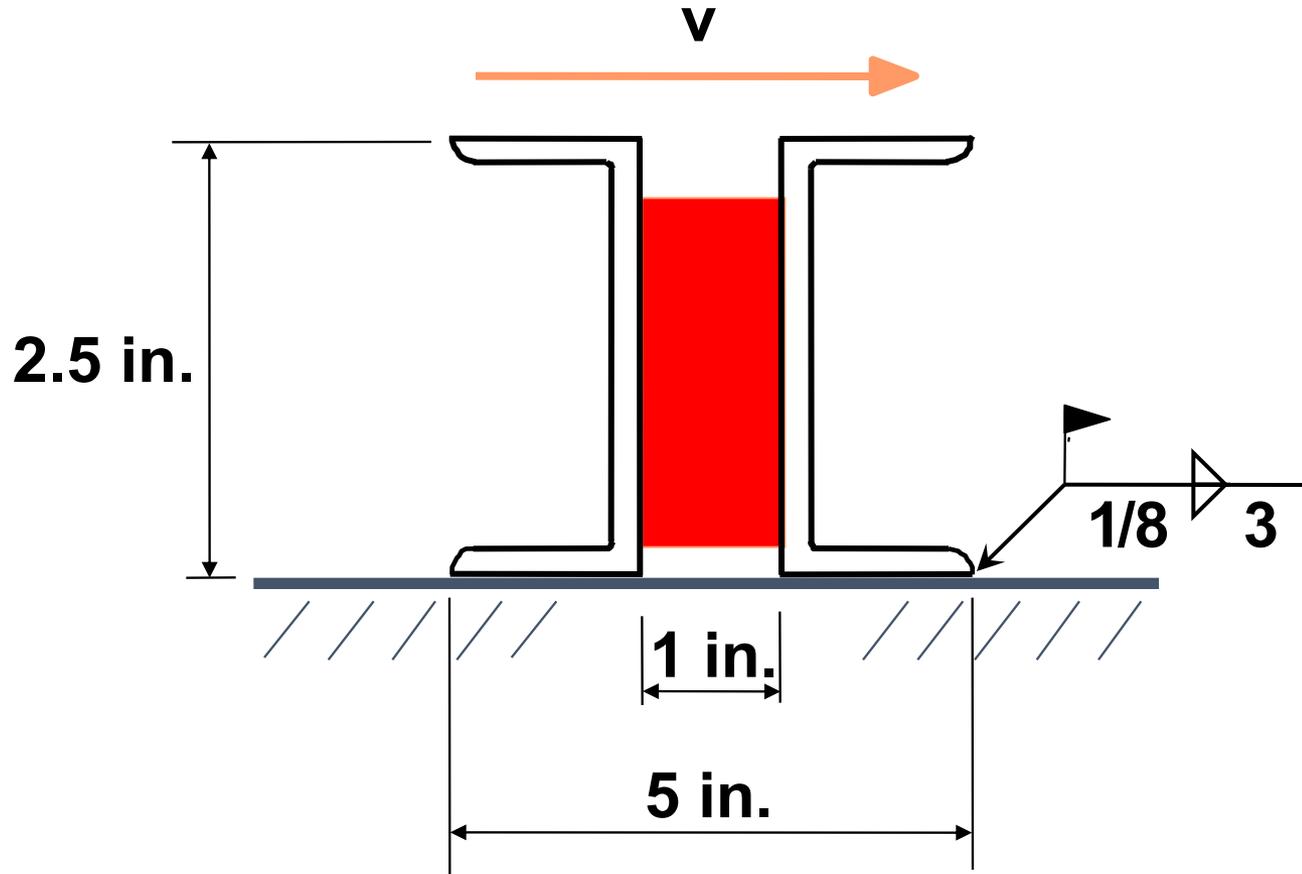
- Deck support angles
- Joist seat rollover
- Shear collectors



# Deck Support Angle



# Joist Seat Rollover Strength



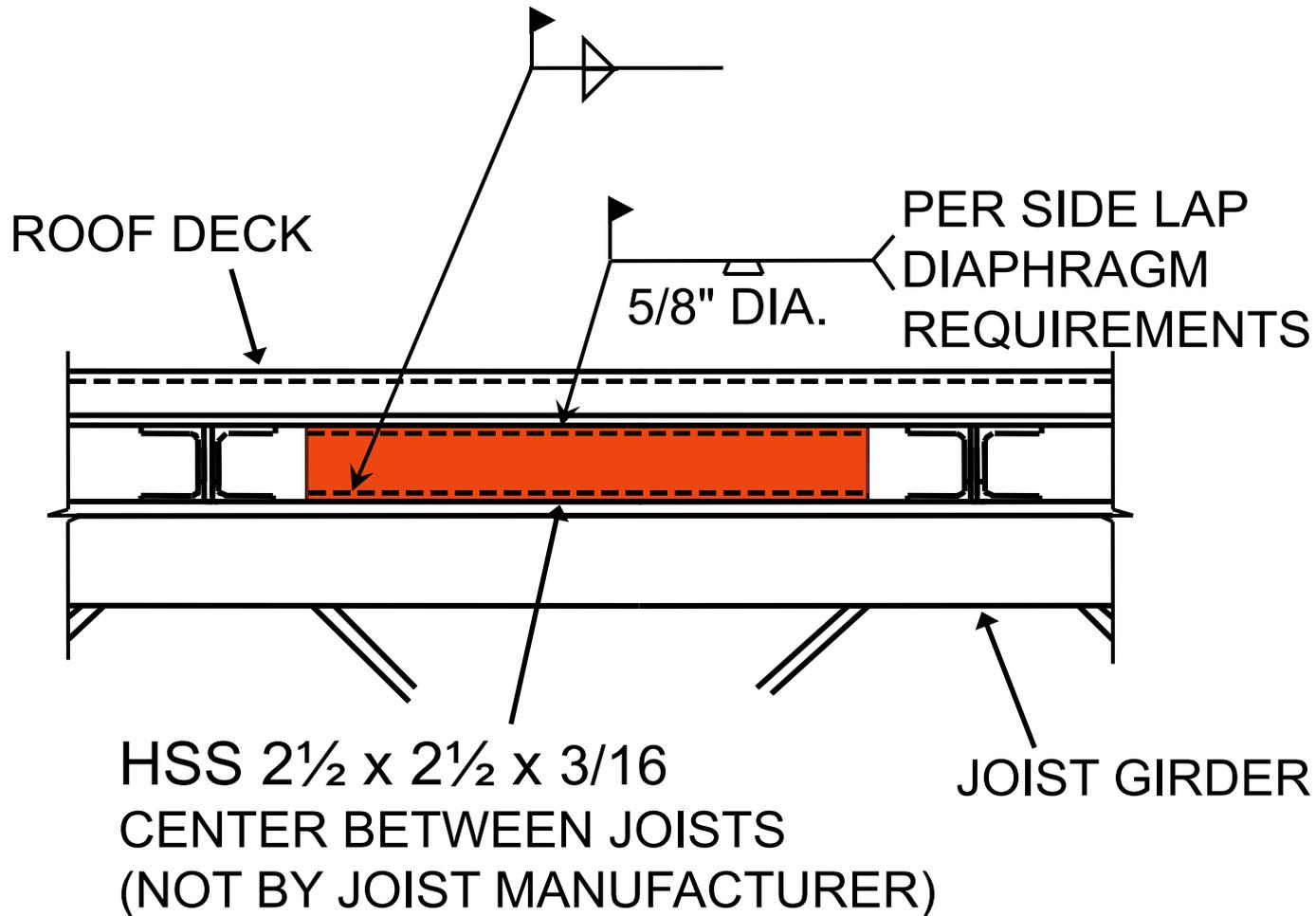
Maximum Roll over Strength = 1.82 kips (ASD), 2.64 kips (LRFD)  
(Fisher and Van de Pas, 2019)

# Deck Support Angle and Joist Seat Rollover

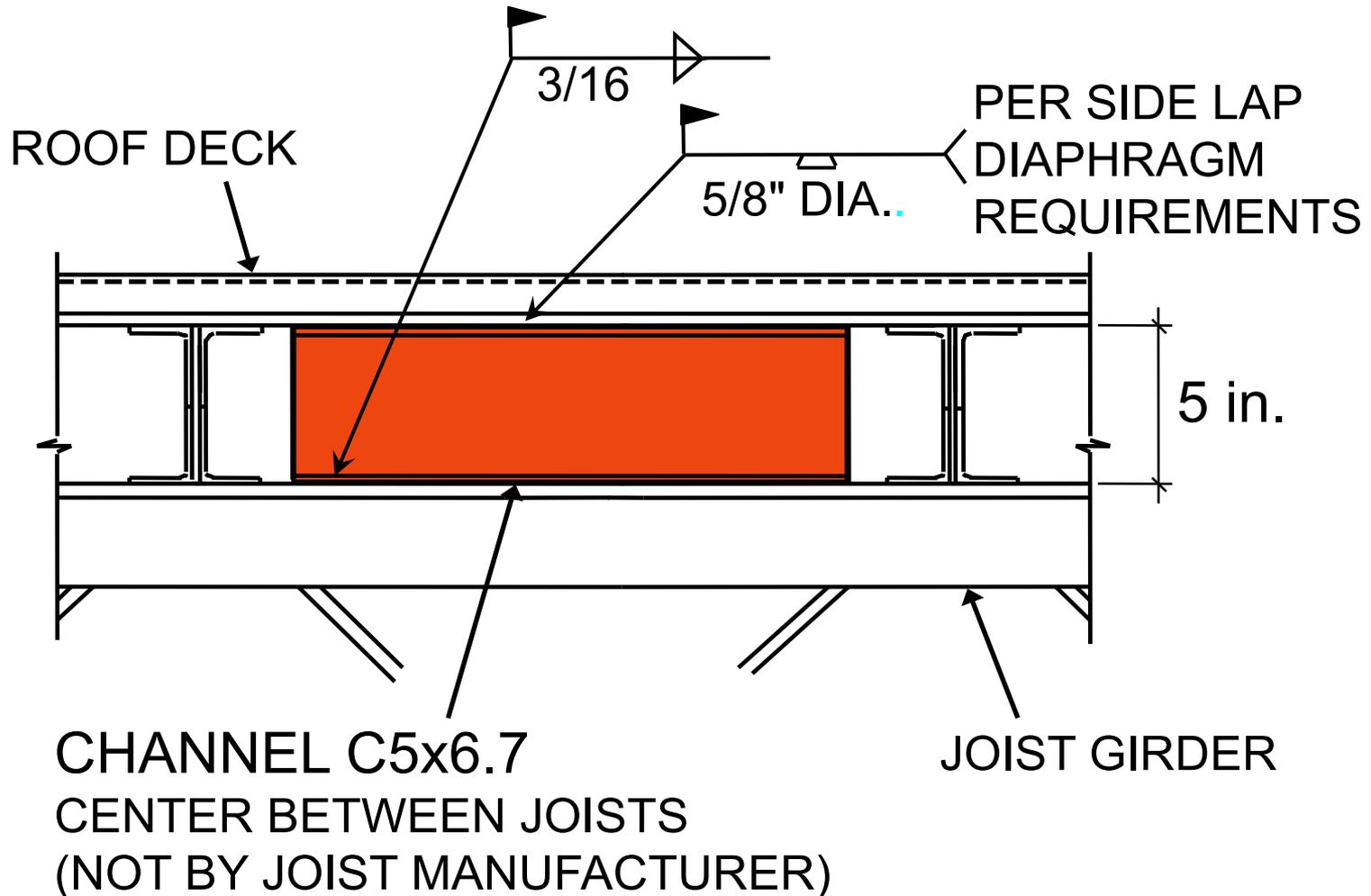


# Shear Collector for K-Series Joist

Use if joist seat rolover force is not adequate



# Shear Collector for LH-Series Joist



# Deck Support Angle and Joist Seat Rollover

Calculate the rollover force on the joist

The shear per foot at gridlines 1 and 6 is 200 plf (see slide 13)

With joists spaced at 5 ft center-to-center, the rollover force on the joist seat is

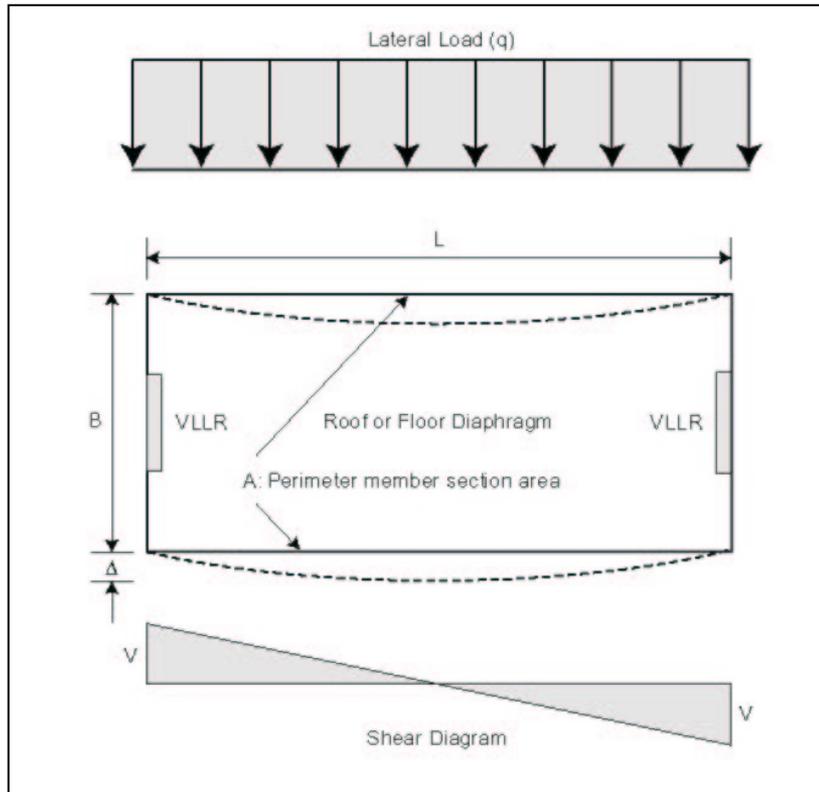
$$F_{\text{rollover}} = \frac{(200 \text{ plf})(5 \text{ ft})}{1000 \text{ lb/kip}} = 1.00 \text{ kips}$$

1.00 kips  $\leq$  1.82 kips

Shear collectors are not required.



# Diaphragm Stiffness (deflection calculation)



$$\Delta = \frac{5qL^4}{384EI} + \frac{qL^2}{8BG'}$$

1<sup>st</sup> part: area of the edge members determine moment of inertia

2<sup>nd</sup> part: deck type and attachment pattern determine value  $G'$

# Diaphragm Deflection

Calculate the diaphragm deflection

Using the wind load from slide 11,

$$q = (20.0 \text{ psf}) \left( \frac{24.0 \text{ ft}}{2} \right) = 240 \text{ plf}$$

The length of the building normal to the wind pressure,  $L$ , is 200 ft.

The width of the building parallel to the wind pressure,  $B$ , is 120 ft.

$$I = 2(A_{chord}) \left( \frac{B}{2} \right)^2 = 2(0.773 \text{ in.}^2) \left[ \frac{(120 \text{ ft})(12 \text{ in./ft})}{2} \right]^2$$
$$= 801,000 \text{ in.}^4$$

where

$$A_{chord} \approx \frac{\text{Chord Force}}{0.60F_y} = \frac{23.2 \text{ kips}}{0.60(50 \text{ ksi})} = 0.773 \text{ in.}^2$$

From the Vulcraft IBC 2018 diaphragm tool,  $G' = 54 \text{ kips/in.}$



# Diaphragm Deflection (continued)

Calculate the diaphragm deflection

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= \frac{5qL^4}{384EI} + \frac{qL^2}{8BG'} \\ &= \frac{5(0.240 \text{ klf})(200 \text{ ft})^4 (1728 \text{ in.}^3/\text{ft}^3)}{384(29,000 \text{ ksi})(801,000 \text{ in.}^4)} + \frac{(0.240 \text{ klf})(200 \text{ ft})^2}{8(120 \text{ ft})(54 \text{ kips/in.})} \\ &= 0.372 \text{ in.} + 0.185 \text{ in.} = 0.557 \text{ in.}\end{aligned}$$

From AISC Design Guide 3 (West *et al.*, 2003), the serviceability criteria for deflection considering a metal wall system is

$$\Delta_{\max} = \frac{H}{100} = \frac{(24 \text{ ft})(12 \text{ in./ft})}{100} = 2.88 \text{ in.}$$

Since 0.557 in. < 2.88 in., the diaphragm meets deflection criteria.



# Conclusion to Steel Deck Diaphragms

- How diaphragm works
  - Deep girder with deck as web
- Fasteners and attachment patterns
  - control strength and stiffness
- Design methods and limit states
  - ASD and LRFD
- Diaphragm stiffness
  - Part bending plus part shear



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