

# The Steel Framing Industry Association

**SFIA 102: Cold-Formed  
Steel and Mid-Rise  
Construction**



- Welcome & housekeeping
- A word about SFIA
- Speaker introduction
- Presentation
- Q&A

# Agenda

# Welcome & Housekeeping

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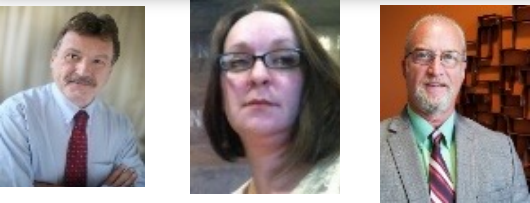
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	Q1'19	Q2'19	Q3'19	Q4'19	2019
East	51,100	52,368	-	-	103,468
North Central	18,368	20,529	-	-	38,897
South Central	27,605	28,445	-	-	56,050
West	34,441	35,854	-	-	70,295
Total					

	NonStructural Tons Reported				Total
	Q1'19	Q2'19	Q3'19	Q4'19	2019
East	64,593	65,000	-	-	130,593
North Central	21,539	23,172	-	-	44,711
South Central	22,240	24,899	-	-	47,139
West	24,017	27,806	-	-	51,823
Total	132,389	141,877	0	0	274,266



### SFIA Staff




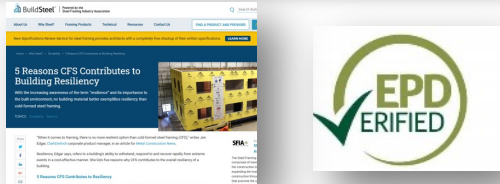
### Architectural Services




### Educational Programs




### Sustainability




### Research and Innovation



### Advocacy



### Certification





# Introducing our Speaker!

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## SFIA 102: Cold-Formed Steel and Mid-Rise Construction

Presenter: Patrick Ford, PE, SE

Date: February 15, 2023



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# Course Description

This program will explore the use of cold-formed steel assemblies in mid-rise construction. It is intended to provide instruction on the capacity of cold-formed steel framed assemblies in both structural and non-structural applications found in mid-rise buildings.



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# Learning Objectives

1. Participants will explore the **capacity** of cold-formed steel structures to meet the requirements for Mid-Rise Construction
2. Participants will investigate the **building codes requirements** for cold-formed steel in Mid-Rise Construction
3. Participants will learn some basic **detailing** techniques for designing cold-formed steel assemblies
4. Participants will examine actual **examples** of Mid-Rise structures using cold-formed steel assemblies



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- Cold-Formed Steel Background
- Cold-Formed Steel Capacity
- Building Codes
- Basic Details
- Case Studies

## Topics

# Cold-Formed Steel Background



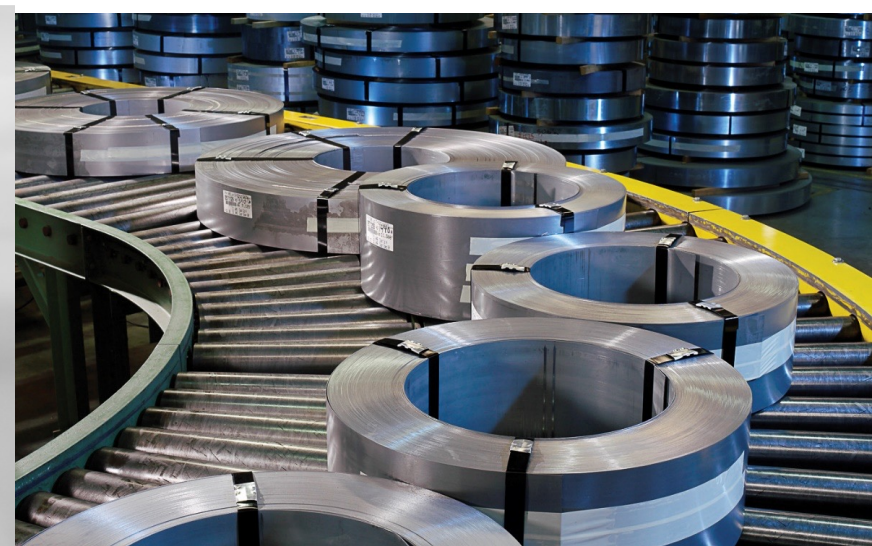
# Hot Dip Galvanized Coils





# Slit to Width

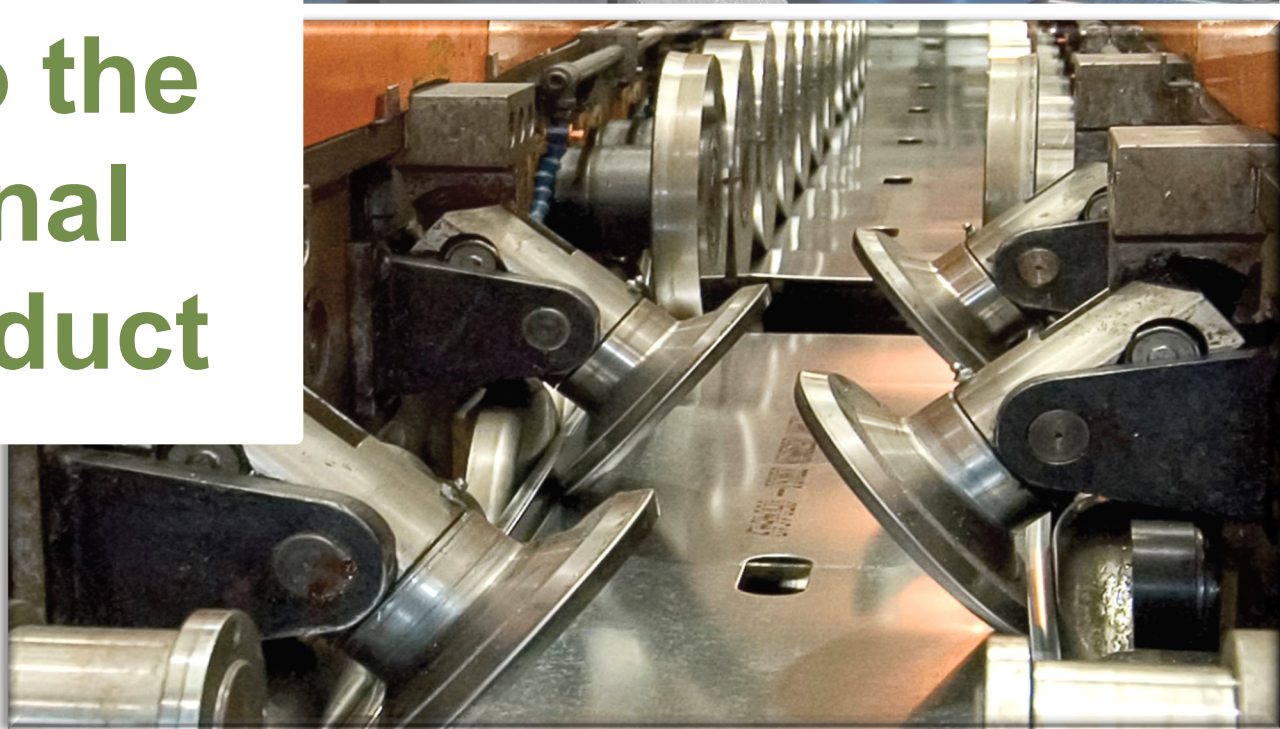
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# Cold-Formed Steel Background

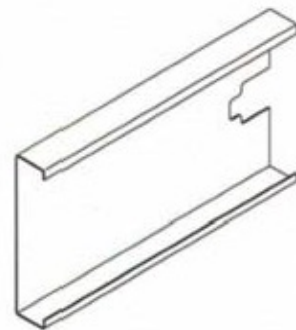
Typical Design Thicknesses:

0.0346"; 0.0451"; 0.0566"; 0.0713" & 0.1017"

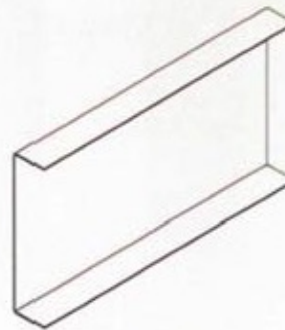
Nominal Thicknesses -

(MINIMUM base steel thickness – exclusive of coating):

33 Mils=20ga    43 Mils=18ga    54 Mils=16ga



C-STUD / JOIST  
**S-SECTIONS**



TRACK  
**T-SECTIONS**



CHANNEL  
**U-SECTIONS**



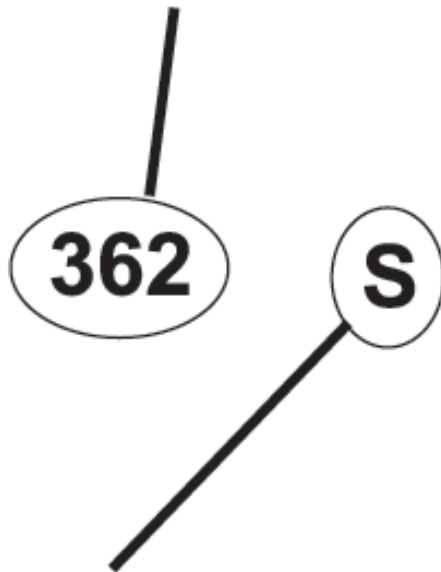
FURRING CHANNEL  
**F-SECTIONS**

68 Mils=14ga    97 Mils=12ga

# Cold-Formed Steel Background

## MEMBER DEPTH:

(Example:  $3\text{-}5/8" = 3.625" \sim 362 \times 1/100$  inches) All member depths are taken in 1/100 inches. For all "T" Sections, member depth is the inside- to- inside dimension.

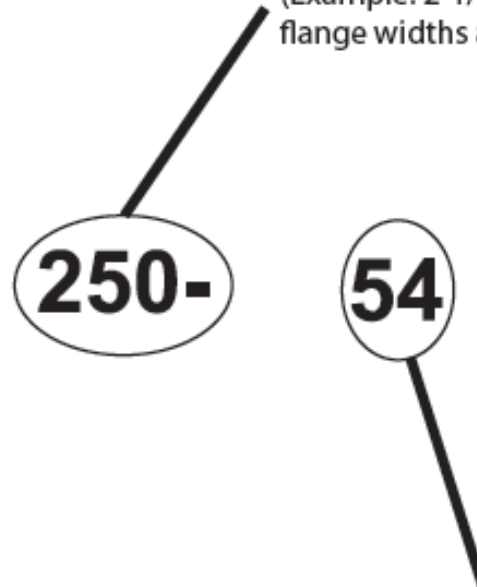


## STYLE:

(Example: Stud or Joist section = S)  
The four alpha characters utilized by the designator system are:  
S = Stud or Joist Sections  
T = Track Sections  
U = Channel Sections  
F = Furring Channel Sections

## FLANGE WIDTH:

(Example:  $2\text{-}1/2" = 2.5" \sim 250 \times 1/100$  inches) All flange widths are taken in 1/100 inches.



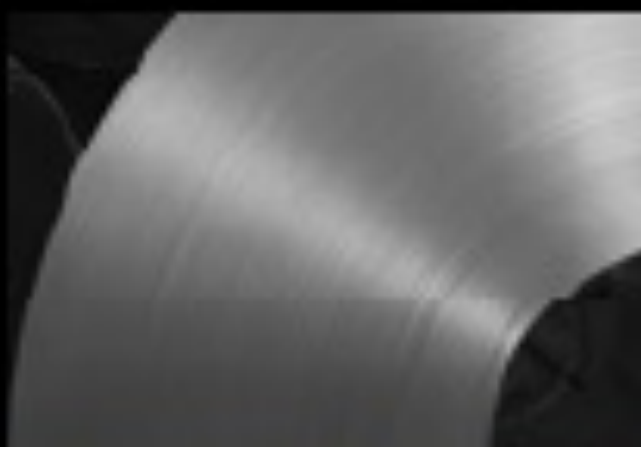
## MATERIAL THICKNESS:

(Example: 0.054 in = 54 mils; 1 mil = 1/1000 in.) Material thickness is the minimum base steel thickness in mils.



# Cold-formed Steel Capacity

- Walls Systems
- Floor Systems
- Wind Loads and Drift
- Fire Performance
- Acoustical Performance
- Matsen Tower





# Wall Systems

- A six inch deep stud framing assembly has the capacity to support a six story structure



# Floor Systems

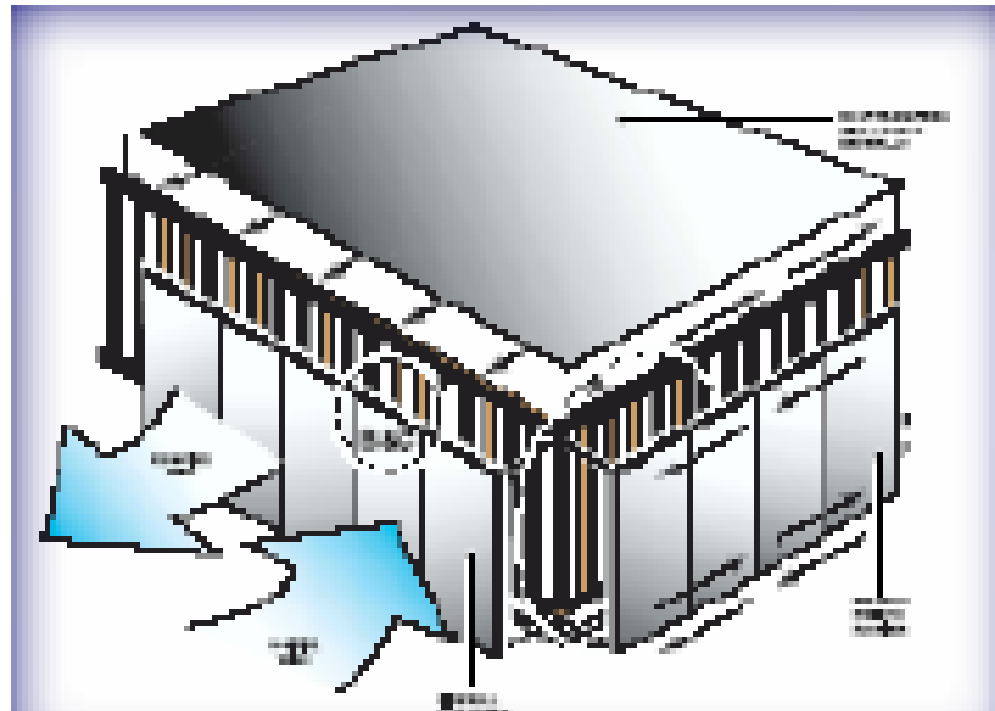
- Many variations available to meet many design requirements.
- Structural capacity to accommodate live and dead loads of multi-family applications.





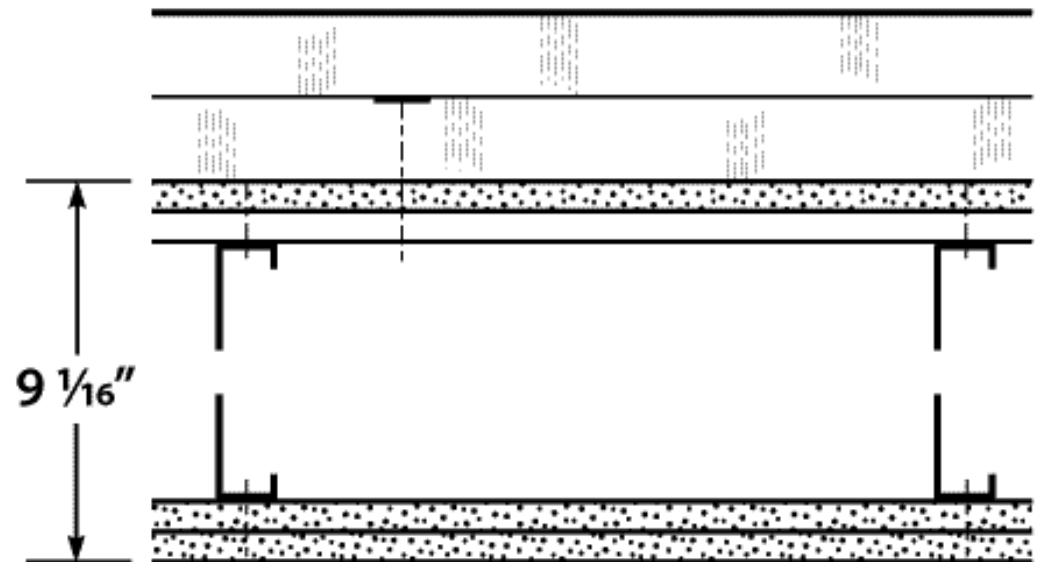
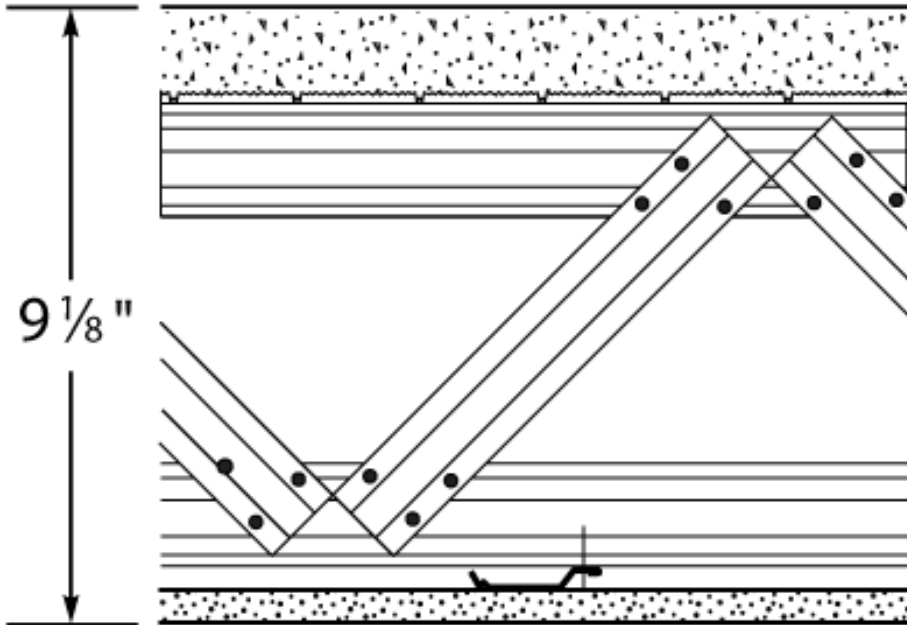
# Wind Loads and Allowable Drift

- Exterior walls designed for lateral wind loads
- Shear walls can be designed to meet wind loads and drift



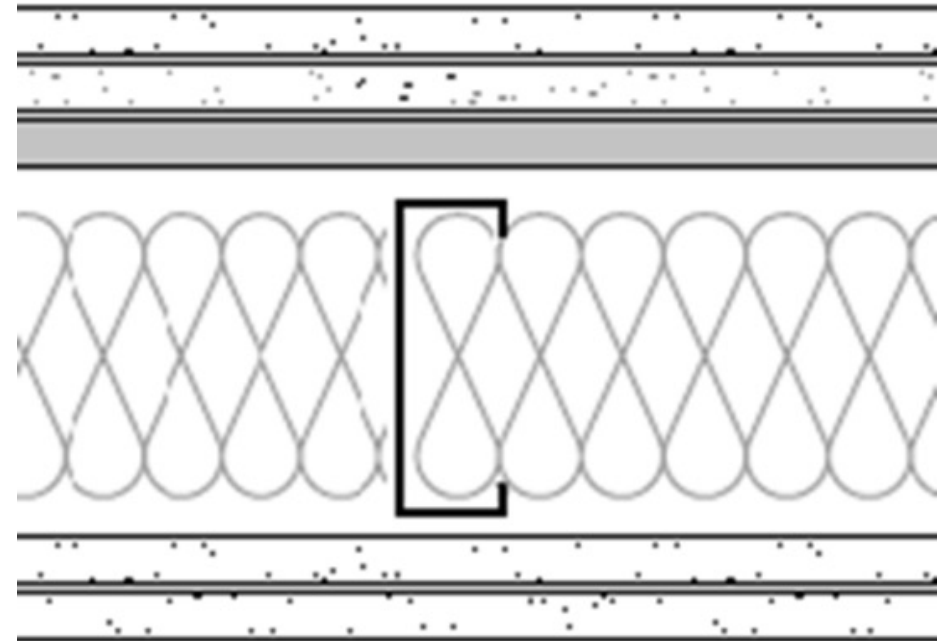
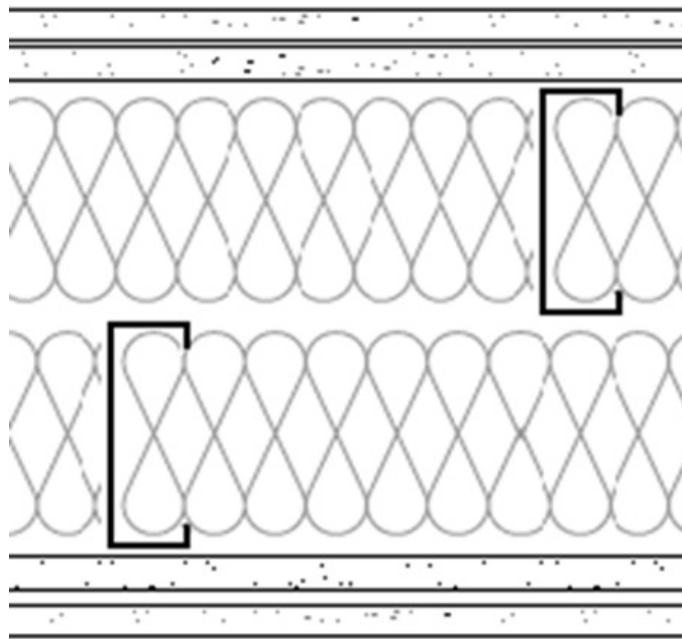
# Fire Resistance

- Non-combustible construction
- Fire Resistant Walls
  - 1-4 hours load bearing and non-load bearing
- Fire Resistant Floors and Roofs



# High Performance Acoustics

- Walls – STC up to 66
- Floor Systems
  - STC
  - IIC



# Matsen Tower

- How tall could CFS go overall?
- Conceptual Design
- Type R-3 Apartment Tower
- Conventional Materials
- Generic SFIA cold-formed steel profiles





# Matsen Tower

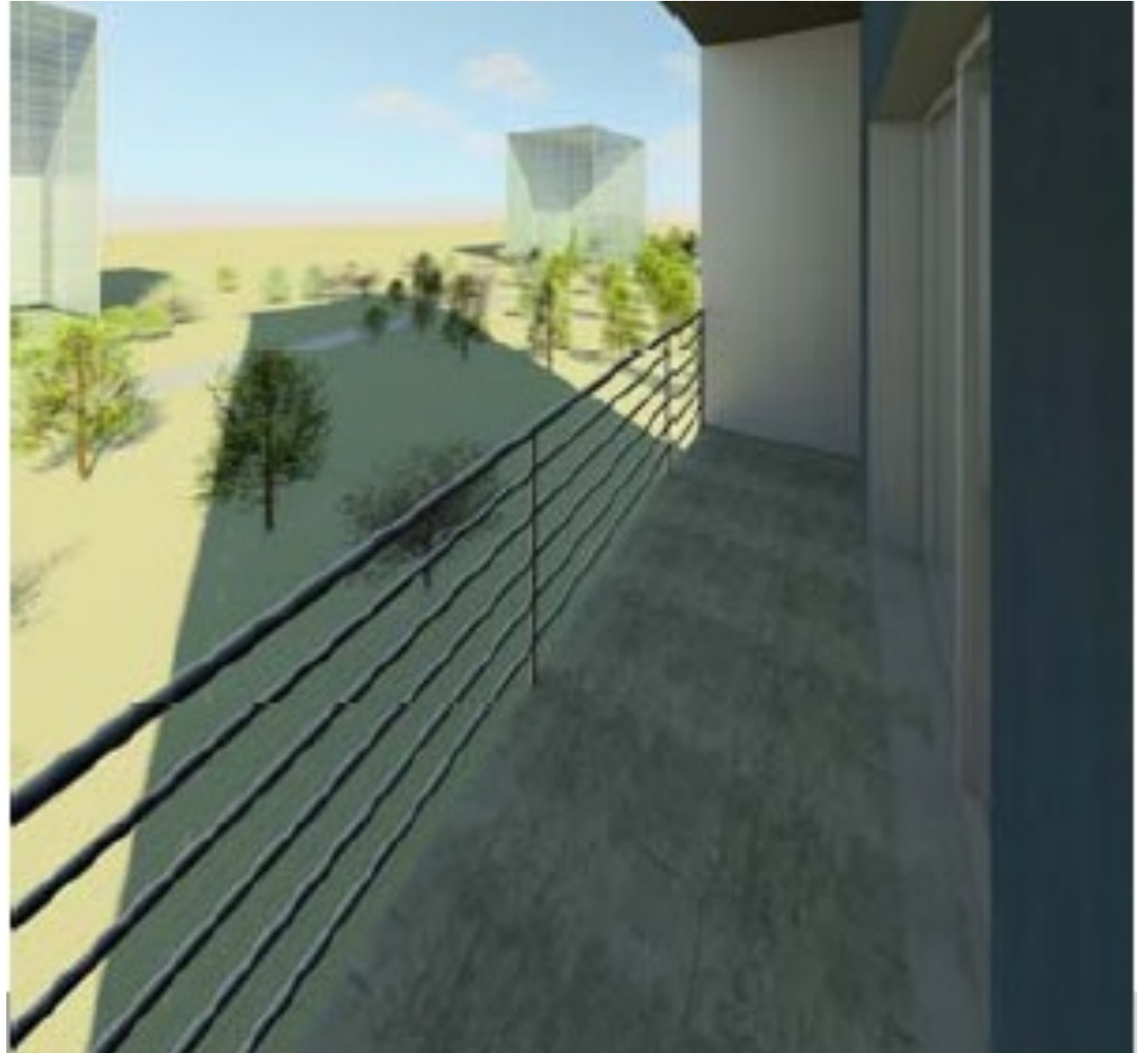
- Physical description
  - 10'-0" story heights
  - 25'- 6" c-c demising walls
  - 2 stairwells (CIP)
  - 4 elevator central core (also CIP)
  - Central corridor





# Matsen Tower

- 6" C Studs
- 12" C Joists
- 12", 16", 24" spacing
- Lightweight EPDM on metal roof deck
- 1-1/2" gypsum concrete on metal deck floors
- Lightweight exterior finishes
- Aluminum post balconies each floor



# Building Codes & Standards

- North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structures (AISI)
- ANSI Accredited Standards
- Height and Area Tables – Chapter 5 IBC
  - Tables 504.3 & 4 and 506.2



GROUP		TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION								
		TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V	
		A	B	A	B	A	B	HT	A	B
	HEIGHT (feet)	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	50	40
	STORIES(S) AREA (A)									
M	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 21,500	2 12,500	4 18,500	2 12,500	4 20,500	3 14,000	1 9,000
R-1	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 20,500	3 12,000	2 7,000
R-2	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 20,500	3 12,000	2 7,000
R-3	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 UL	4 UL	4 UL	4 UL	4 UL	3 UL	3 UL
R-4	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 24,000	4 16,000	4 20,500	3 12,000	2 7,000
S-1	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 48,000	2 26,000	3 17,500	2 26,000	4 17,500	3 25,500	1 14,000
S-2	S A	UL UL	11 UL	5 79,000	3 39,000	4 26,000	3 39,000	5 26,000	4 38,500	2 21,000
U	S A	UL UL	5 UL	4 35,500	2 19,000	3 8,500	2 14,000	4 8,500	2 18,000	1 9,000



# Basic Details

- C-shaped wall studs
  - 12", 16", or 24" on center
- Top and bottom tracks
  - Similar to top and bottom plates in wood frame constructions
- Bracing
  - Either channel shape through the punchout
  - Or flat strap on the flanges





# Basic Details

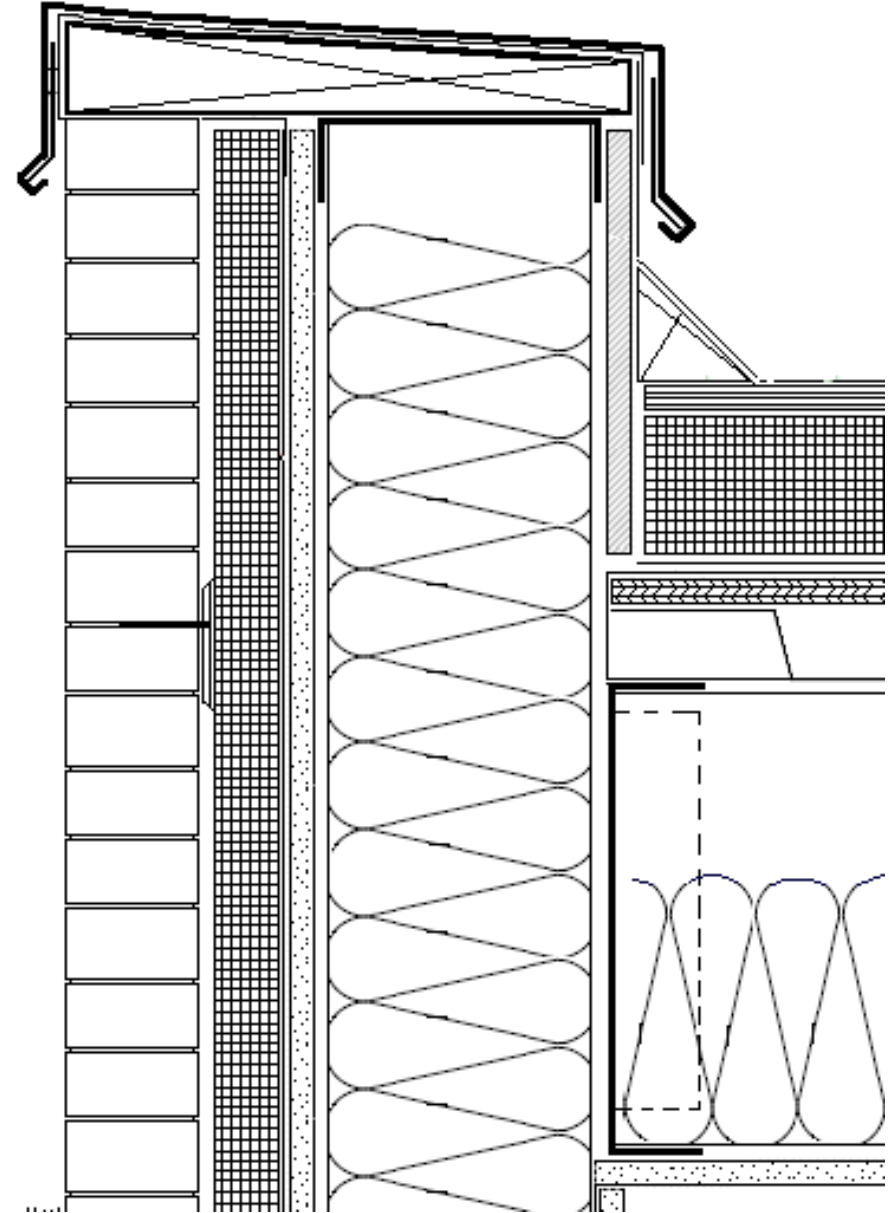
- Brick Veneer Details
  - Roof Parapet
  - Window Head
  - Window Jamb
  - Window Sill
  - Intermediate Floor
  - Foundation





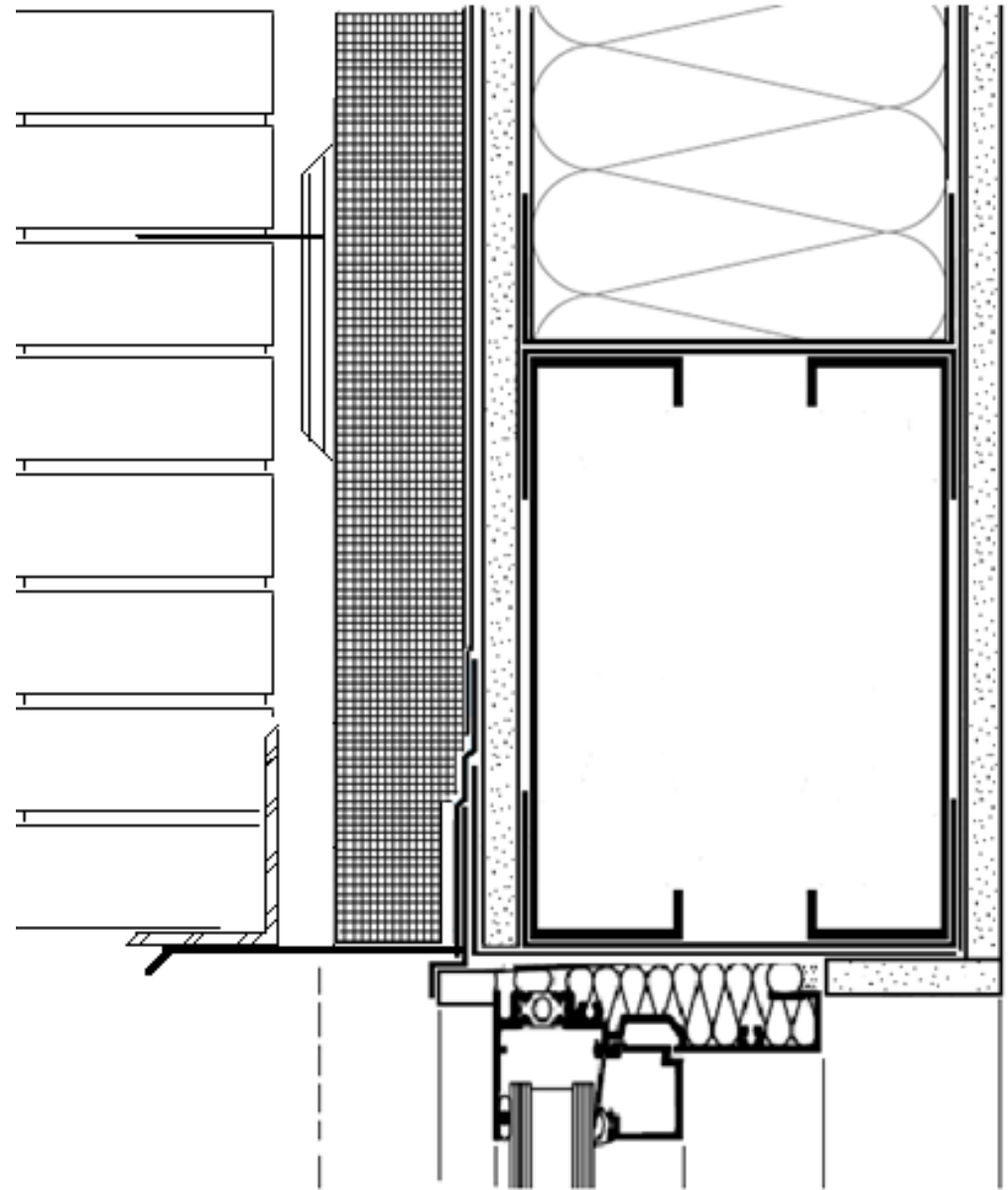
# Basic Details

- Roof Parapet
  - Although expansion and contraction properties of the brick and steel are very good, the blocking for the top coping should not be fastened to the brick in any way



# Basic Details

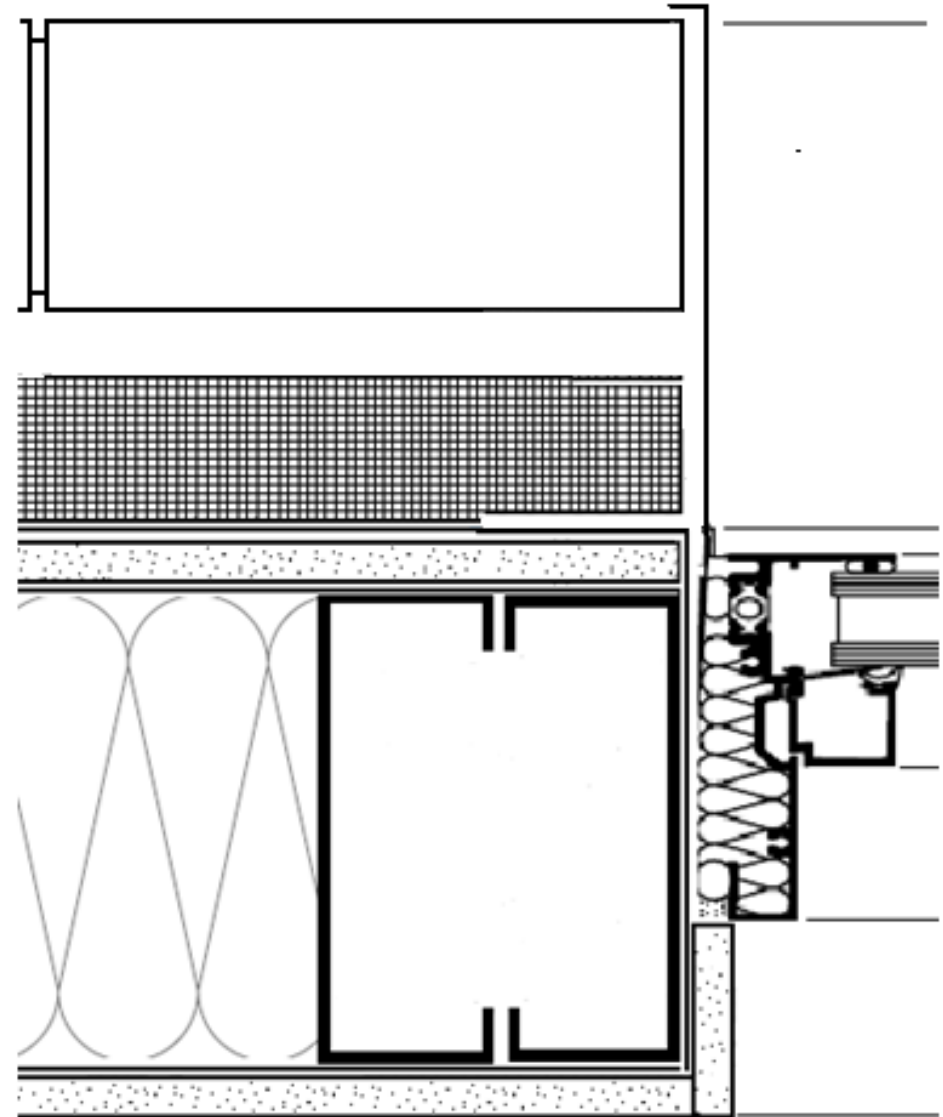
- Window head
  - Based on loose lintels (supported by the brick jambs, not the CFS jambs in all possible cases).





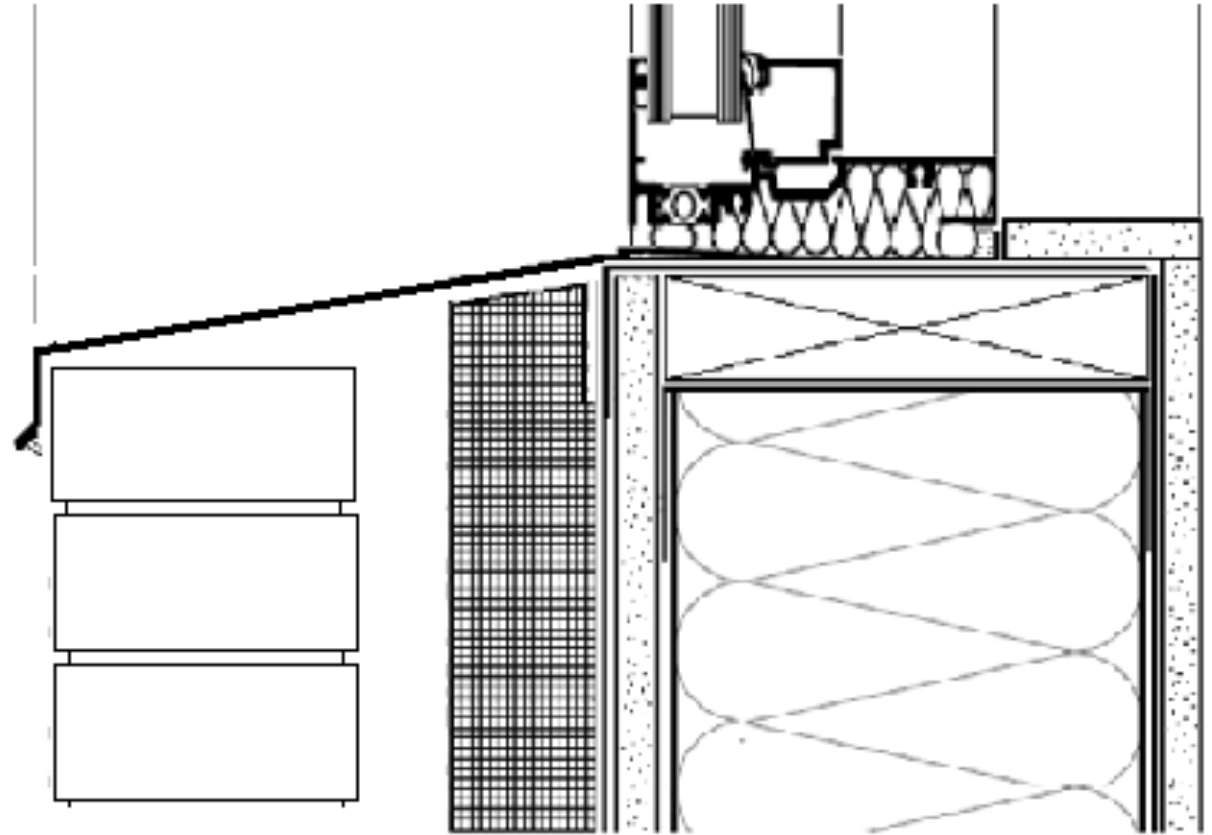
# Basic Details

- Window jamb
  - Flashings and/or a brick return detail must close off the opening at the windows.



# Basic Details

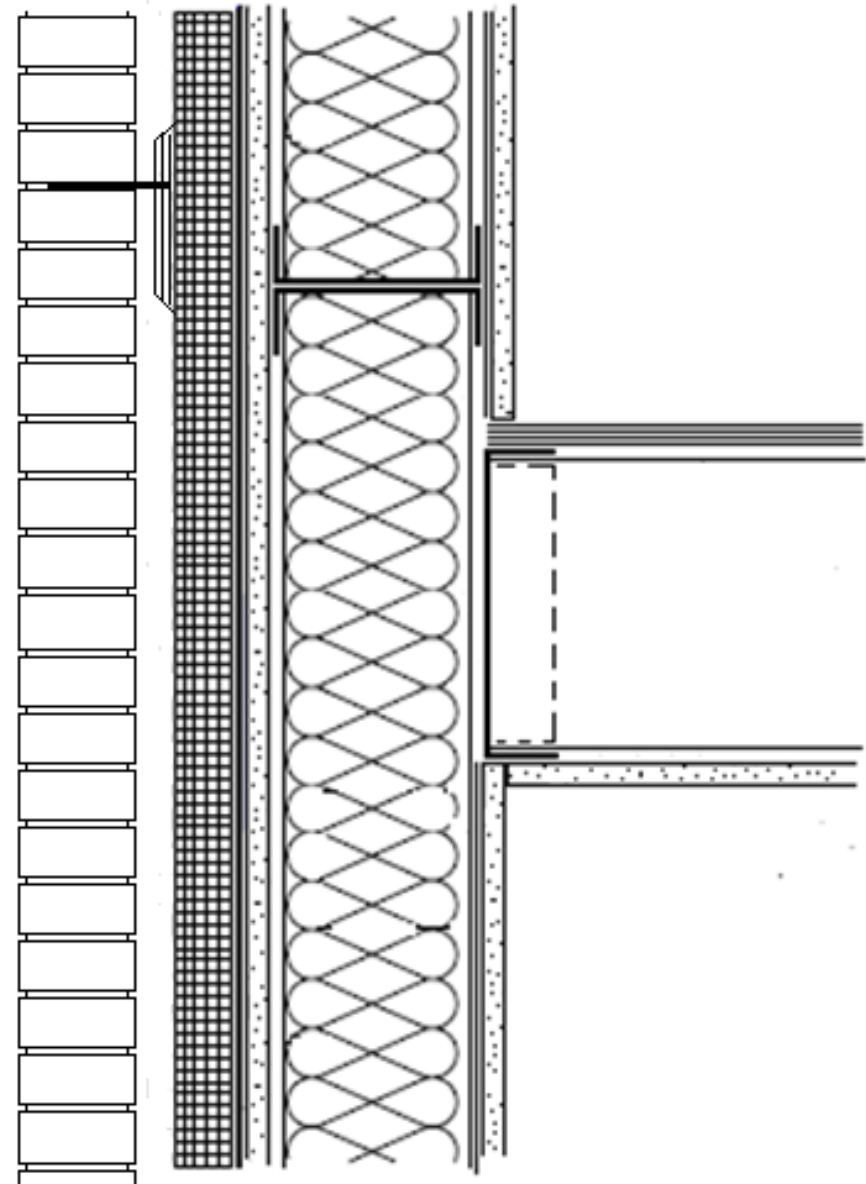
- Window sill
  - Again, no blocking should bridge the CFS and brick. In this detail, the flashing will weatherproof the junction and allow for any slight amount of differential movement.





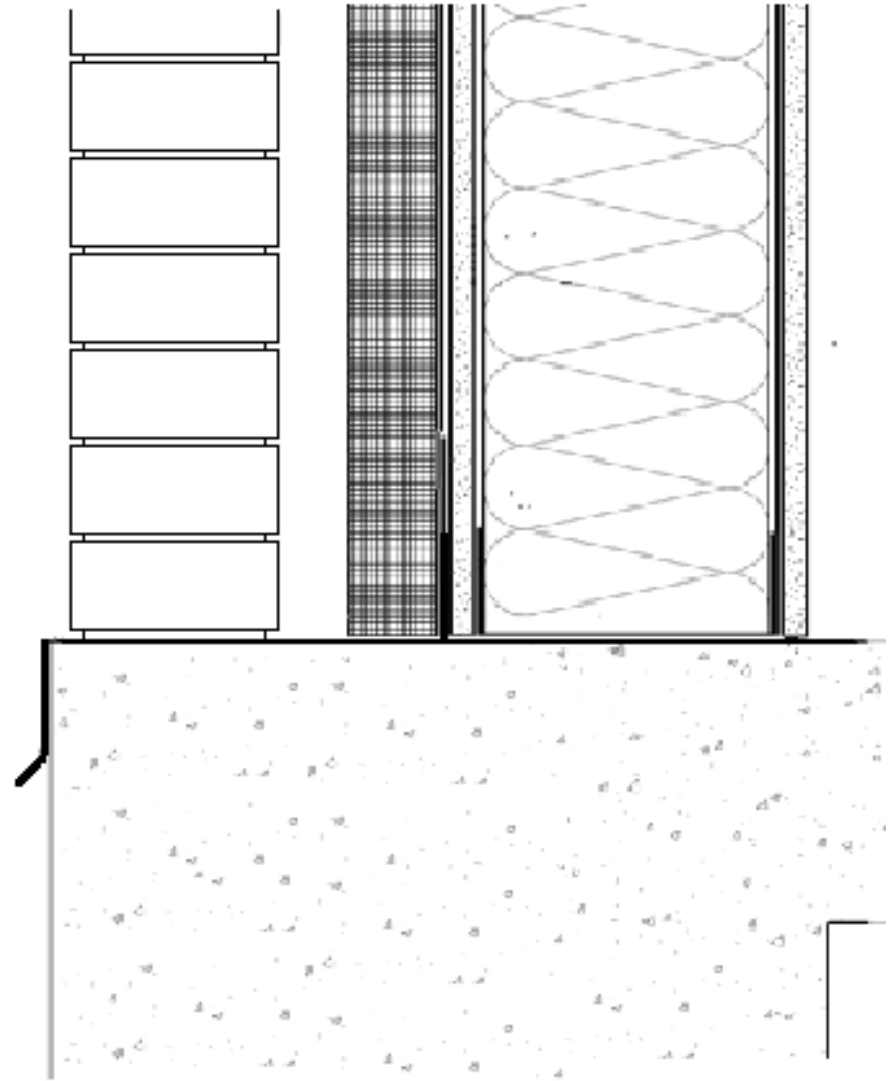
# Basic Details

- Intermediate floor
  - Notice the lack of a brick relief angle, thanks to the engineered brick solution.
  - If required, the relief angle detail can become onerous, and nearly always requires welding.



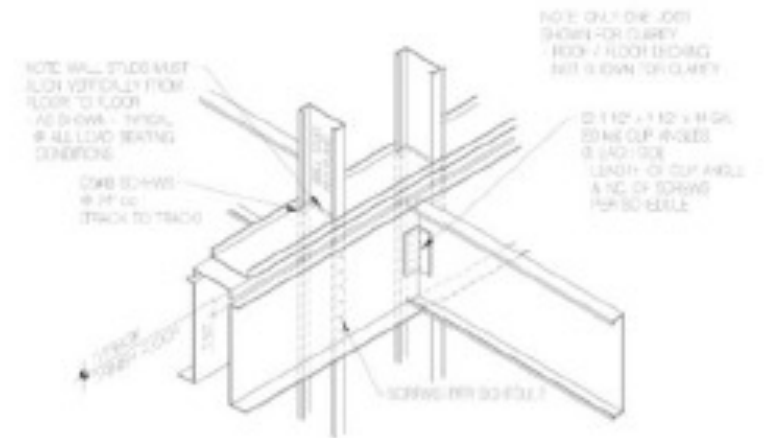
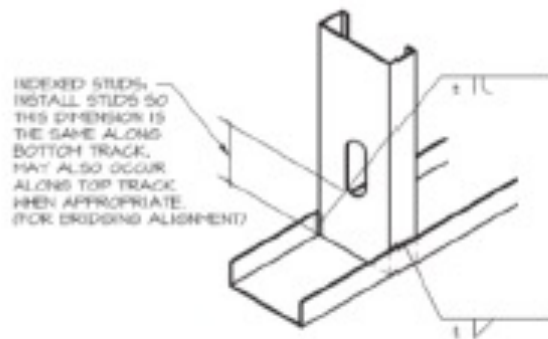
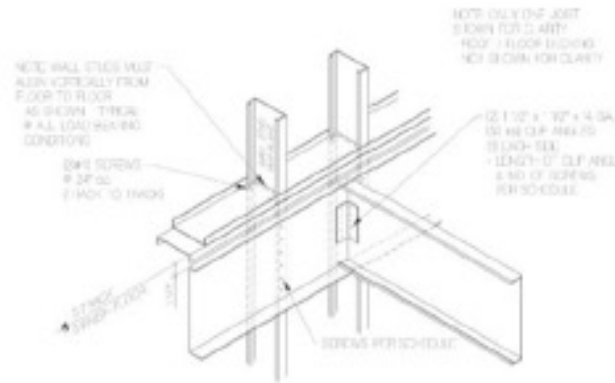
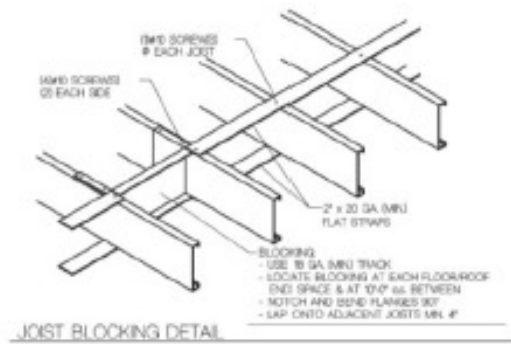
# Basic Details

- Foundation
  - This location, or the podium level, provides the bearing for the entire brick veneer façade in this instance.



# Basic Details

- Some sample structural CFS details:





# Construction Basics — Track to Slab Connection

- Pneumatic and Powder Driven Pins



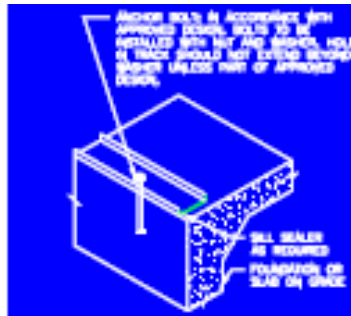
- Threaded Anchor



- Epoxy or Expansion



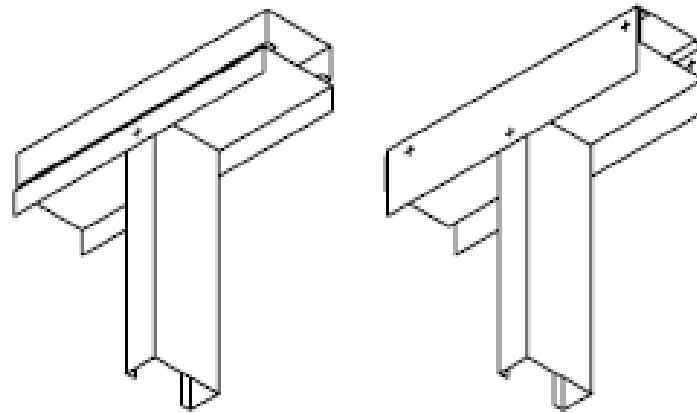
- Anchor Bolts





# Construction Basics — Top Plate

- Floor Joists and Trusses or Rafters must bear directly over wall stud members (in-line framing) or incorporate a load distribution top track to transfer forces to adjacent studs (typical mid-rise detail).



# Construction Basics — Back-to-Back Headers

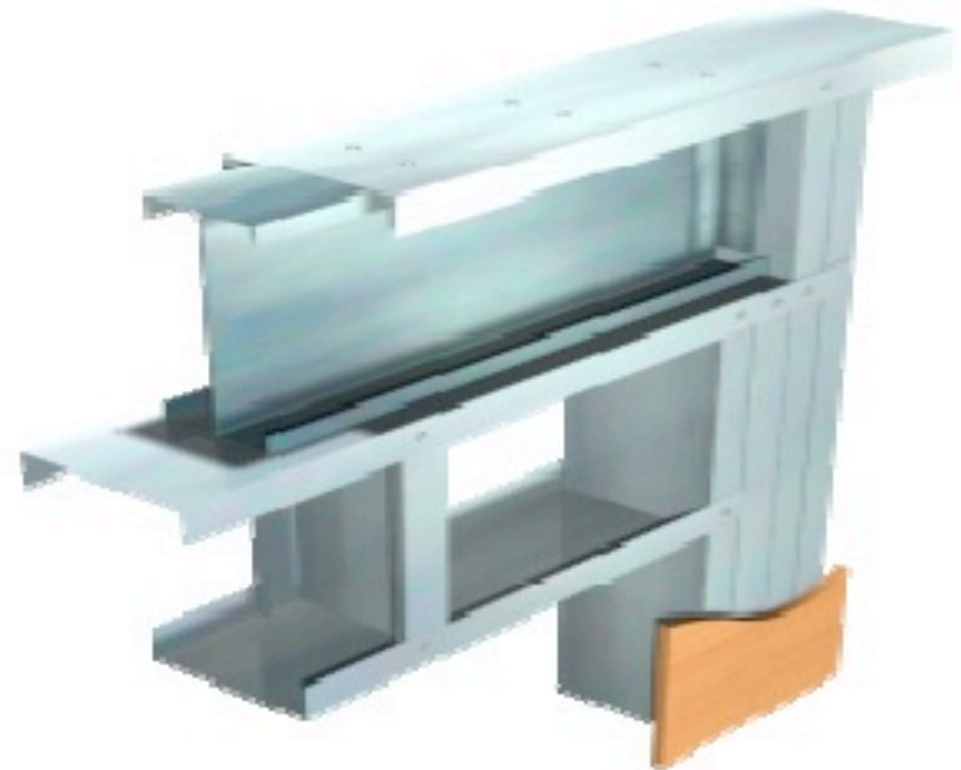
MIN (2) — #8 SCREWS @ 24" O.C.  
(2 SCREWS THRU TOP FLANGES  
& 2 SCREWS THRU BOT FLANGES)

TRACK

BACK TO BACK C-SHAPES

MIN (2) — #8 SCREWS @ 24" O.C.

TRACK (TRACK MAY FACE UP  
OR DOWN)



# Construction Basics — Lateral Systems

Plywood, OSB, Gypsum



Flat Strap Steel X Bracing



Sheet Steel



Proprietary Panels



# Construction Basics — Roof Systems



Pre-Engineered Truss

C Section Rafter & Joist



# Construction Basics — Floor Systems



Generic C Section  
Joist and Track



Proprietary Sections:

Large Openings for  
Plumbing and HVAC

# Construction Basics — Floor Systems



Steel Floor Truss



# Construction Basics — Common Floor Toppings

## Combustible

- Plywood
- OSB
- Fire Retardant Treated Wood



## Noncombustible

- Corrugated Metal Deck  
Poured Cementitious Toppings
- Cementitious Sheathing



# Construction Basics — Alternate Floor System



Composite Steel Deck  
with Poured Concrete







# Case studies



# Poly Canyon Village Student Housing — California Polytechnic State University

- Project Design-Build Team
  - Niles Bolton, MVE Institutional of Irvine, Clark Construction
- Steel Framing Installer
  - KHS&S
- Largest Cold-Formed Steel Project In California
- Housing for 2,700 Students on 30 Acre Site
- 820,000 Sq. Ft. 11,000 load-Bearing Panels
- 20 Month Schedule Shorten to 14 With CFS
- Earned LEED Points for Recycled Content & Regional Content



# Poly Canyon Village Student Housing — California Polytechnic State University

“I would absolutely use the system again, especially for these kinds of projects. The manpower on site along with faster construction schedule makes the system with cold-formed steel ideal for low-rise and mid-rise multi-family construction projects.”

Mark Blackmon, Clark Design/Build of California, Inc.





# Sheridan College Student Residence Oakville, Ontario Canada

- Owner: Campus Living Centres, Toronto, ON
- Architect: Malhota Architects, London, ON
- CFS Steel Engineer & Contractor: Magest Building Systems
- CFS Fabricator: Nucor Steel





# Sheridan College Student Residence Oakville, Ontario Canada

- 6 Stories, 186,000 sf
- Housing for 250 students
- \$25 million construction cost
- 33-97 mil stud / track
- Panelized exterior walls
- Hollow core concrete floors



# Summary

- Cold-Formed Steel Background
- Cold-Formed Steel Capacity
- Building Codes
- Basic Details
- Case Studies



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