Mid-Rise Engineering Considerations for Engineered Wood Products

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Course Description

Wood products take on a seemingly infinite variety of shapes and forms. While many designers are familiar with engineered wood products such as I-joists and structural composite lumber, it is important to understand the structural requirements associated with each in order to achieve proper performance—especially in mid-rise applications. With an emphasis on products used in commercial and multi-family buildings, this presentation will cover product overview, dimensional stability, lateral design, and fire resistance.

Learning Objectives

- 1. Review engineered wood product options for commercial and multifamily applications.
- 2. Dimension stability in regards to moisture content changes and the differences between EWP and solid wood products.
- 3. EWP Lateral design considerations, including information on I-joist diaphragm capacities and the detailing of rim board connections.
- 4. Fire resistance design, including wood I-joist assembly requirements and SCL char rate equivalency to solid wood.

What is EWP?





Engineered Wood Products (EWP)

Prefabricated Wood I-Joists

Structural Composite Lumber (SCL)

- Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL)
- Parallel Strand Lumber (PSL)
- Laminated Strand Lumber (LSL)





Other EWP Products

- Glulam
- Plywood
- Metal-Plate Wood Trusses
- Oriented Strand Board (OSB)
- Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)



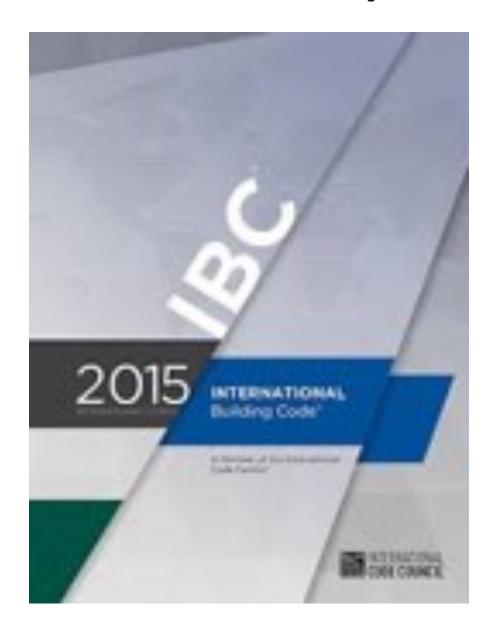








EWP Code Acceptance



104.11 Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment. The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been approved. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be approved where the building official finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and compiles with the imout of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, datability and safety.

104.11.1 Research reports. Supporting data, where necessary to assist in the approval of materials or assemblies not specifically provided for in this code, shall consist of valid research reports from approved sources.

2303.1.2 Prefabricated wood I-joists. Structural capacities and design provisions for prefabricated wood I-joists shall be established and monitored in accordance with ASTM D 5055.

2303.1.9 Structural composite lumber. Structural capacities for structural composite lumber shall be established and monitored in accordance with ASTM D 5456.

Wood I-Joists Product Acceptance

- ICC ES Evaluation Reports
- Allows proprietary product as an alternate building material in the code
- Based upon ASTM Standard D5055
- Approximately 600 tests to qualify one series of I-joists with 4 depths
- Third party certification required





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COMPOSITES Section: 06 17 33—Wood I-joists

REPORT HOLDER:

Compliance with the following codes:

- 2009 International Building Code® (2009 IBC)
- 2009 International Residential Code[®] (2009 IRC)
- 2006 International Building Code® (2006 IBC)
- 2006 International Residential Code® (2006 IRC)

Properties evaluated:

- Structural
- Sound ratings
- Fire-resistance ratings
- Floor and roof spans

3.2 Material Specifications:

Flanges: The flanges of the BCI I-joists are laminated veneer lumber that is currently recognized in the approved quality control manual. Flange width, depth and grade requirements are noted in Table 1.

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- 3.2.1 Web: OSB web material is either ³/₈-inch-thick (9.5 mm) or ⁷/₁₀-inch-thick (11 mm) Exposure I with a span rating of 24/0.
- 3.2.2 Adhesive: Adhesives used in the fabrication of the I-joists are exterior-type, heat durable adhesives complying with ASTM D 2559 and ASTM D 5055 and are specified in the approved quality control manual and the Boise Cascade Corporation manufacturing standards.

4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

4.1 General:

Design and installation of the BCI prefabricated wood I-joists described in this report must comply with the conditions discussed in Sections 4.2 through 4.13 of this report.

4.2 Allowable Capacity:

Table 2 specifies reference design moments, shears, deflection coefficients and I-joist stiffness (E). Reference design reactions are given in Table 3, and are based on a minimum bearing length of either 1½ or 1½ inches (38.1 mm or 44.5 mm) for end supports and 3½ inches (89 mm) at intermediate supports for continuous spans. Other bearing conditions are also shown in the table; linear

EWP Product Acceptance

Design Value Determination

- Lower 5th Percentile value
- Safety factor per ASTM
 - Bending = 2.1
 - Shear = 2.4
- MOE: Mean of test data (serviceability)

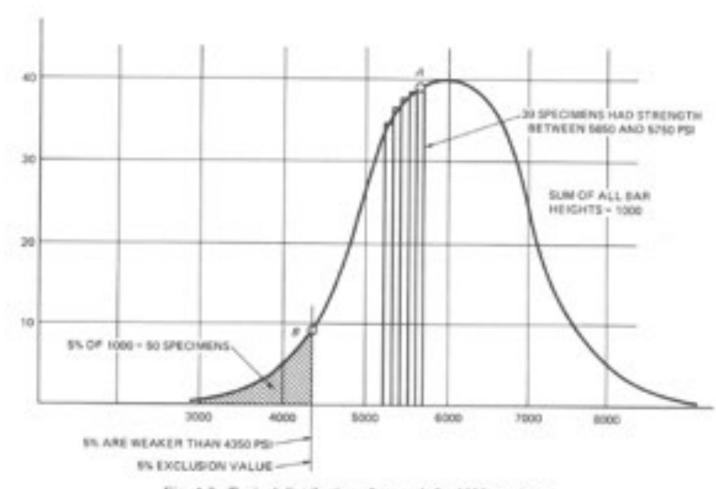


Fig. 4-8. Typical distribution of strength for 1000 specimens.

Wood I-Joists Features

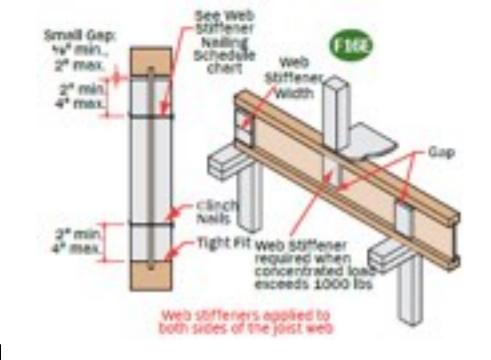
- Variety of flange sizes and joist depths
- Manufactured in 48' to 66' lengths
- Manufacturer technical staff to assist engineers, building officials
- Product warranty

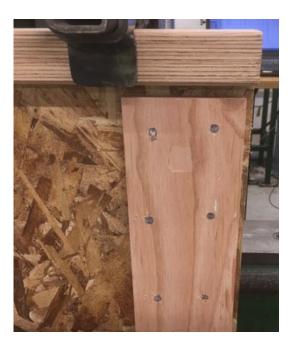


Wood I-Joists: Mid-Rise Features

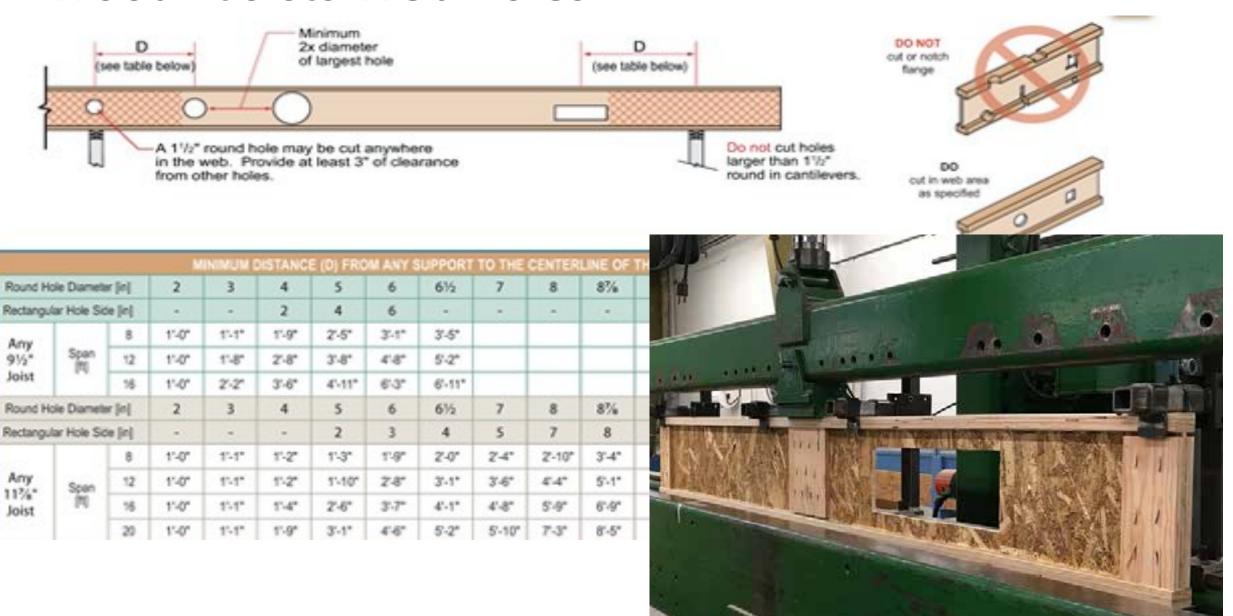
- Specific Commercial / Multi-Family Technical Literature
- Deep depths available (20"+)
- Web stiffener installation provides higher reaction values
- Large web hole allowances for mechanical







Wood I-Joists Web Holes



Structural Composite Lumber

- Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL)
 - Veneers all oriented in same direction
- Parallel Strand Lumber (PSL)
 - Long strips of veneer glued together
- Laminated Strand Lumber (LSL)
 - 12" long strands
- Oriented Strand Lumber (OSL)
 - 3'' 6'' long strands







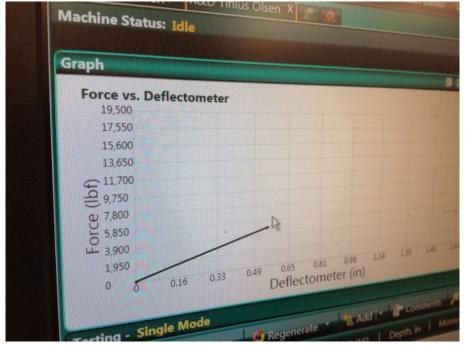
SCL Product Acceptance

ASTM D5456

- Strength & Stiffness
- Adhesives
- Durability
- Approximately 1000 tests to qualify a grade of SCL



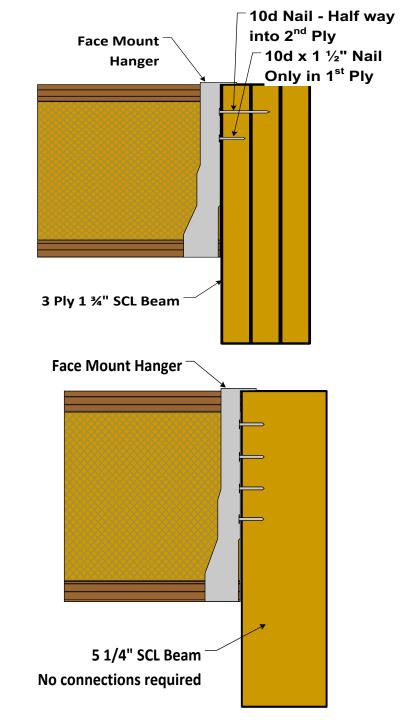




SCL Availability and Use

- Available in 1 ¾", 3 ½", 5 ¼", 7"
 thicknesses, 1 ¾" most common
- Multiple ply beams must be connected properly for load to be distributed evenly to each ply
- See manufacturer's literature for nail, self-driving screw, and bolt patterns

		Sid	e-Load	led Ap	plication	ons					
	Maximum Uniform Side Load [plf]										
Mambar	Nailed		√y" Dia. Through Bolt™			%" Dia. Through Bolt?"					
Number of Members	2 rows 16d Sinkers @ 12" o.c.	3 rows 16d Sinkers @ 12" a.c.	24" a.c. staggered	2 rows (2 12" o.c. staggered	2 rows @ 6" a.c. staggered	2 rows @ 24" a.c. staggered	2 rows @ 12" o.c. staggered	2 rows @ 6" a.c. staggered			
100		11/4"	LVL	(Depths	of 18" and	less)					
2	470	705	505	1010	2020	560	1120	2245			
300	360	525	375	756	1515	420	840	1685			
400	use bolt schedule		335	670	1345	370	745	1495			



EWP Use in Mid-Rise Structures





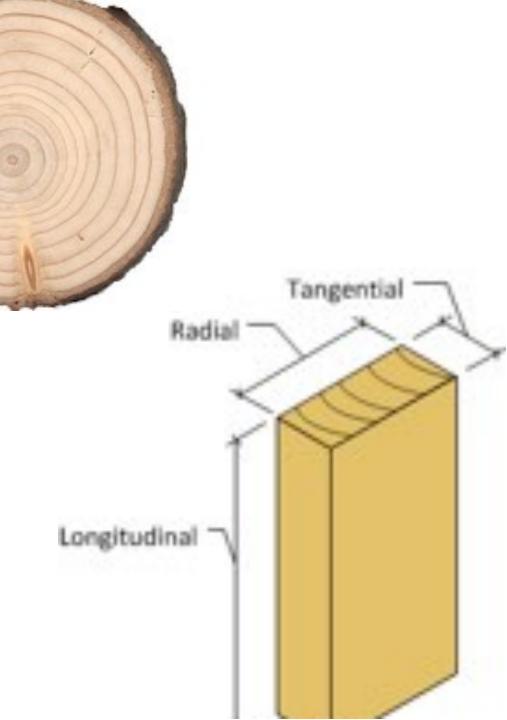
Wood Dimension Stability

- Engineered wood typically manufactured at low moisture content (5 - 7%)
- No shrinkage after installation if product kept dry in supply chain
- Slight swelling to equilibrium in most climates



Dimension Stability

- Orthotropic material
- Very little movement in longitudinal direction (log length)
- Shrink/swell ratios:
 - Tangential (along growth rings) / Radial (across growth rings) / Longitudinal = 20 / 10 / 1



Wood Dimension Stability

Example: Platform Framing

Shrinkage (19% to 12% EMC)

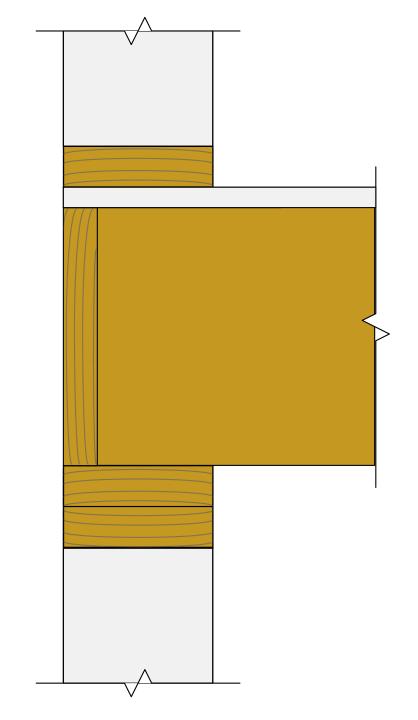
Joist, Rim: 0.21"

Plates: 0.04"

9' Studs: 0.09"

Total: 0.34"

Values per Forest Product Laboratory Wood Handbook, tangential direction for rim, radial direction for plates

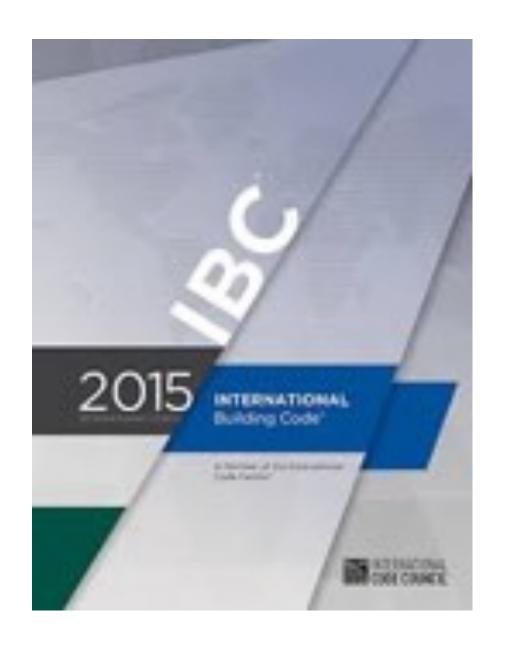


Wood Dimension Stability

Building Code Requirement

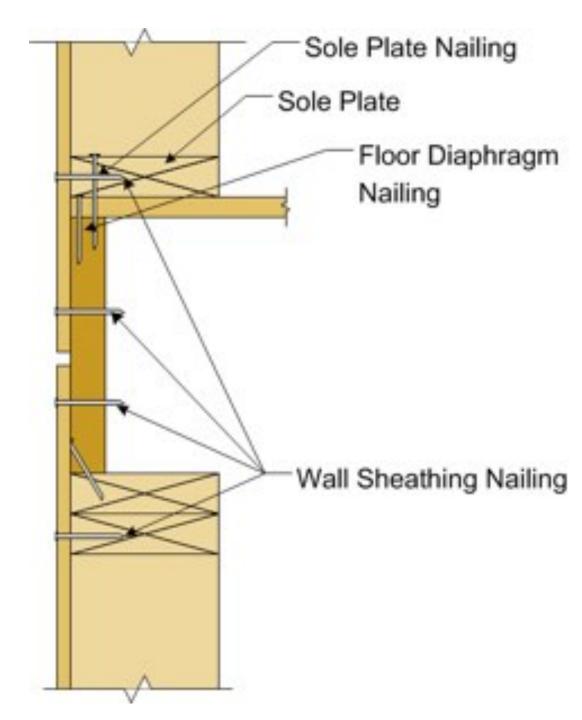
2404.3.3:

- Shrinkage analysis required for walls supporting more than 2 floors and roof
- Shrinkage of the wood shall not have adverse effects on the structure or any plumbing, electrical or mechanical systems...



Lateral Load Transfer Design

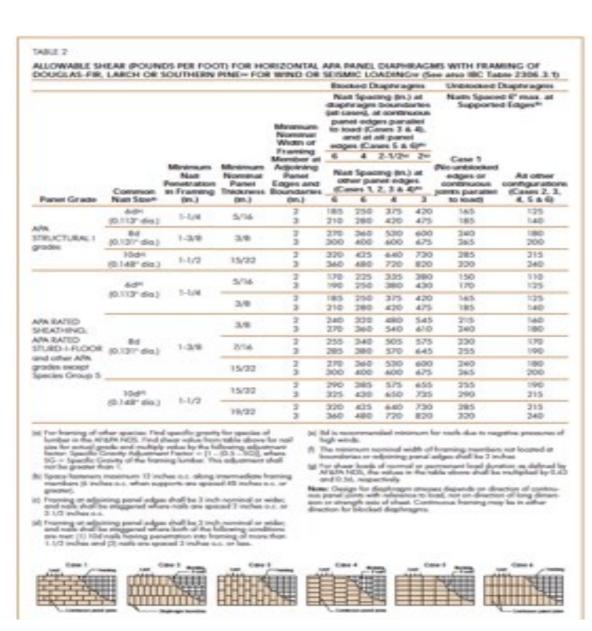




Wood I-Joist Diaphragms

Each manufacturer tests to establish equivalency to lumber joist diaphragms

- Original APA testing of lumber joists (1950's) – Current wood horizontal diaphragm tables in IBC
- Wood I-joist testing per ICC
 Acceptance Criteria (full and small scale testing)



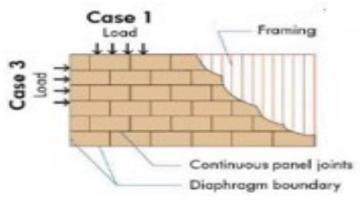
Wood Frame Diaphragms

Where is the wood frame floor diaphragm table now?

IBC & IRC reference the AWC SDPWS

	(Cases 3 & 4), and at a				2-1/2			2			
		-	Nail Spe	cing (in.)	at other	panel edg	es (Cases	1, 2, 3, &	4)		
	6			6			4			3	
v. (pH)	v, G,		(p#)		s/in.)	(p#)	v, G,		(p#)	(kips	
	058	PLY	1000	058	PLY		OSB	PLY		OSB	PLY
370	15	12	500	8.5	7.5	750	12	10	840	20	15
420	12	9.5	560	7.0	6.0	840	9.5	8.5	950	17	13
540	14	11	720	9.0	7.5	1060	13	10	1200	21	15
600	12	10	800	7.5	6.5	1200	10	9.0	1350	18	13
640	24	17	850	15	12	1280	20	15	1460	31	21
720	20	15	960	12	9.5	1440	16	13	1640	26	18
340	15	10	450	9.0	7.0	670	13	9.5	760	21	13
380	12	9.0	500	7.0	6.0	760	10	8.0	860	17	12
370	13	9.5	500	7.0	6.0	750	10	8.0	840	18	12
420	10	8.0	560	5.5	5.0	840	8.5	7.0	950	14	10
480	15	11	640	9,5	7,5	960	13	9,5	1090	21	13
540	12	9.5	720	7.5	6.0	1080	11	8.5	1220	18	12
510	14	10	680	8.5	7.0	1010	12	9.5	1150	20	13
570	11	9.0	760	7.0	6.0	1140	10	8.0	1290	17	12
540	13	9.5	720	7.5	6.5	1060	11	8.5	1200	19	13
600	10	8,5	800	6,0	5,5	1200	9.0	7.5	1350	15	11
580	25	15	770	15	11	1150	21	14	1310	33	18
650	21	14	860	12	9.5	1300	17	12	1470	28	16
640	21	14	850	13	9.5	1280	18	12	1460	28	17
720	17	12	960	10	8.0	1440	14	11	1640	24	15





I-Joist Diaphragms

Manufacturer Literature



Diaphragm Table (1)

	Joists							
3	Nailing Perp Glue Line ()	endicular to Wide Face)	Nailing Parallel to Glue Line (Narrow Face					
Nail Size	O.C. Spacing [inches]	End of Joist [inches]	O.C. Spacing [inches]	End of Joist [inches]				
8d Box	2	1%	4	1%				
8d Common	2	156	4	3				
10d & 12d Box	2	136	4	3				
16d Box	2	156	4	3				
10d & 12d Common	3	2	6	4				
16d Sinker	3	2	6	4				
16d Common	3	2	6	4				

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	must	be offs	et at	least
	35 inc	th.		

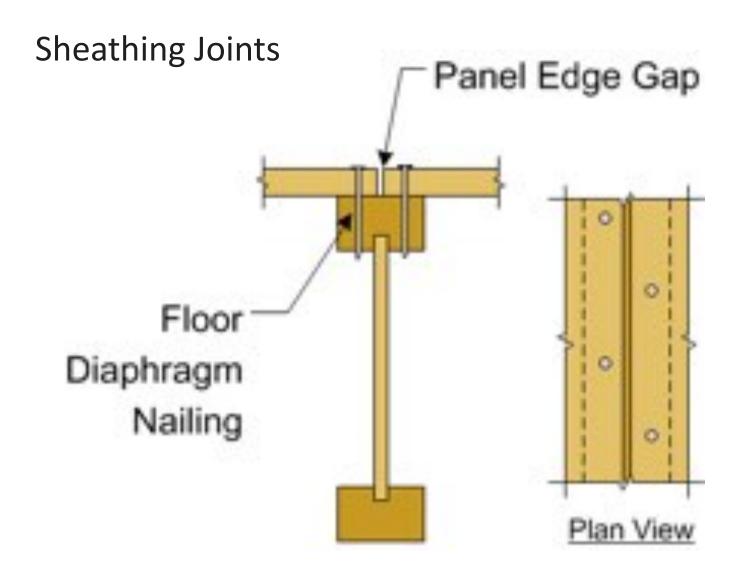
A35 connectors may be attached to the side of joist flanges only. Use nails as specified by ; do not attach connectors on both sides of a flange at the same location.

Flange Width		Disphragm Capacity in it [b/ft]						
rialige width	Unblocked	Blocked						
2"	As permitted for 2x framing	320 lb/ft for 6" o.c. nailing @ panel edges						
2"	in building code	425 lb/ft for 4" o.c. nalling, staggered, @ panel edges						
2 = /4 6 //	As permitted for 3x framing	360 bift for 6" o.c. nailing @ panel edges						
2 5/16"	in building code	480 bift for 4" o.c. nailing, staggered @ panel edg						
3 1/2"	As permitted for 3x training in hydring code	As permitted for 3x framing in building code with nail spacing no closer than 3" o.c.						

NOTES:

- (1) See table 6 of ICC ESR 1336.
- (2) joists may be substituted for solid sawn framing in horizontal wood diaphragms as shown in Table 2306.3.1 of the IBC.
- (3) Limits convolled by closest allowable nail spacing limits.

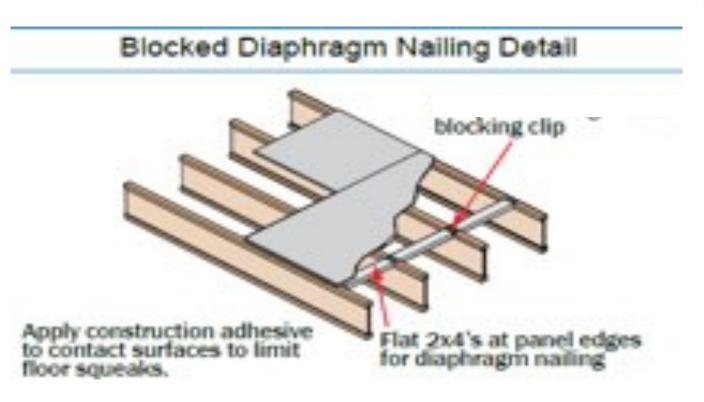
I-Joist Diaphragms

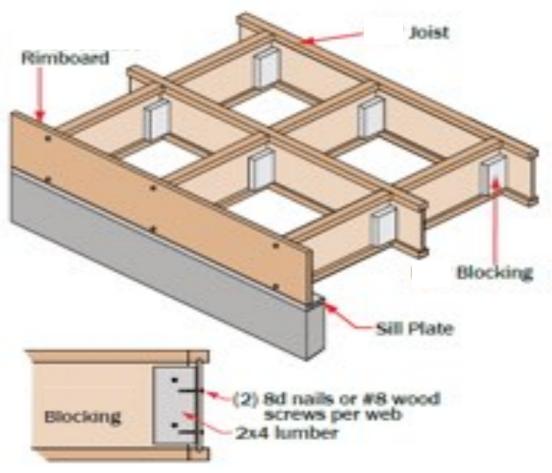


- Wider flange I-joists allow for more area at panel edges, easier to nail in field
- Consult with manufacturer on nail spacing limits, staggering, etc.

Blocked I-Joist Diaphragms

- Blocking: I-joists or flat 2x
- Check with manufacturer





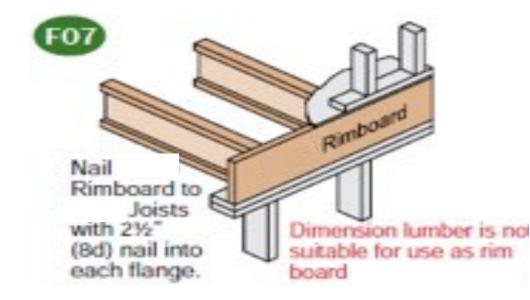
Alternate Diaphragm Fasteners

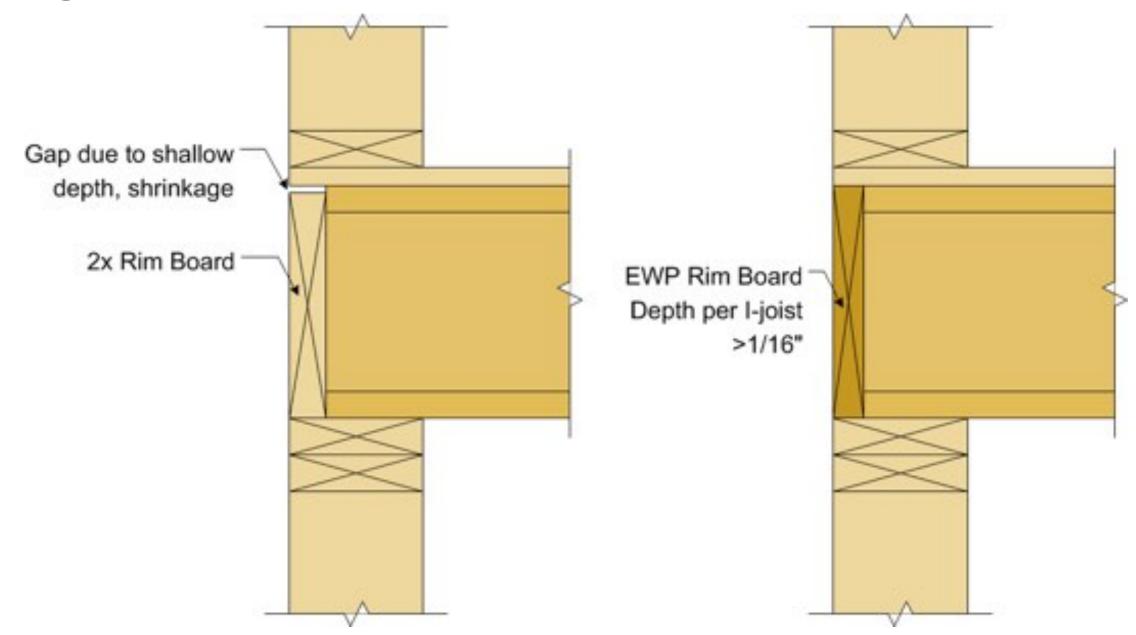
Proprietary Screws

- Typically less ductile failure compared to nails
- Manufacturer shall have evaluation report from accredited agency listing diaphragm values
- Marketed as a value-added product (improved floor performance, less squeaks, etc.)



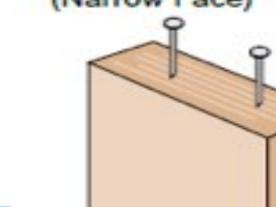
- Typical Rim Board Thickness for Mid-Rise:
 1 1/4" to 5 1/4" SCL
- Vertical load capacities and lateral design values for diaphragms
- ICC Acceptance Criteria for engineered rim board
- Dimension lumber should not be used as rim board with wood I-Joists





- Closest allowable nail spacing controls lateral design
- Thicker rim = tighter allowable spacing

Nailing Parallel to
Glue Lines
(Narrow Face)



		Closest Allowable Nail Spacing - Narrow Face [in]								
Product	8d Box	8d Common	10d & 12d 16d Box Box		10d, 12d Common & 16d Sinker	16d Common				
1 1/8" OSB	3	3	Not allowed with prescriptive rim board							
1 1/4" OSB	4	4	4	4	4	6				
1 1/4" – 1 1/2" LVL	3	3	3	3	4	6				
1 3/4" LVL	2	3	3	3	4	6				

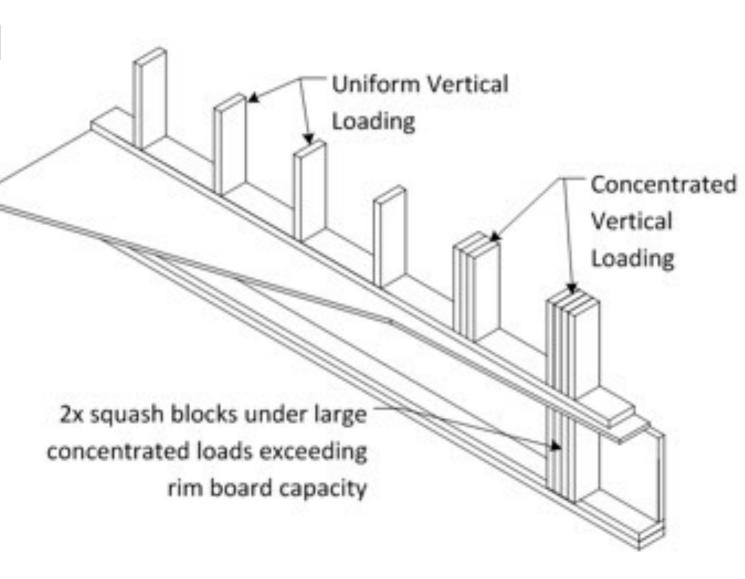


Vertical Load Capacities

- Uniform load values (lb/ft)
- Concentrated load values (lb)
 - Squash blocks (short studs) may be added for larger loads







1 1/4" & Thicker SCL Rim Board

Rim Board Allowable Design Values

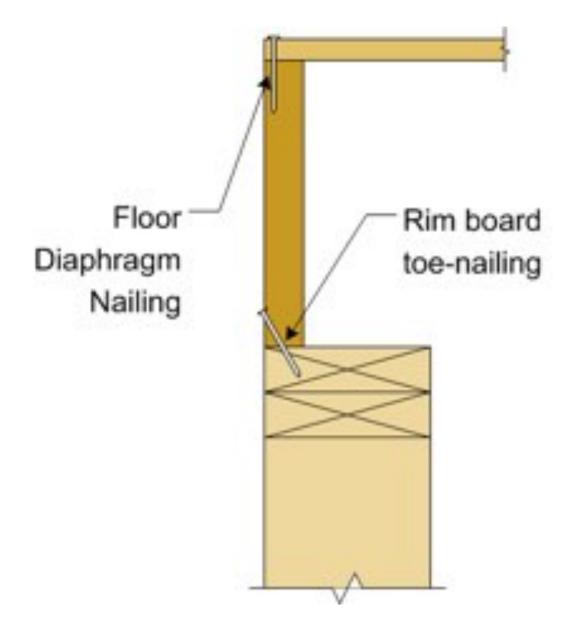
- Uniform Vertical Load: >6000 lb/ft
- Lateral Load: Equivalent to 2x lumber (Douglas fir SG = 0.5)



1 1/4" & Thicker SCL Rim Board

Edge Connection – Floor Diaphragm

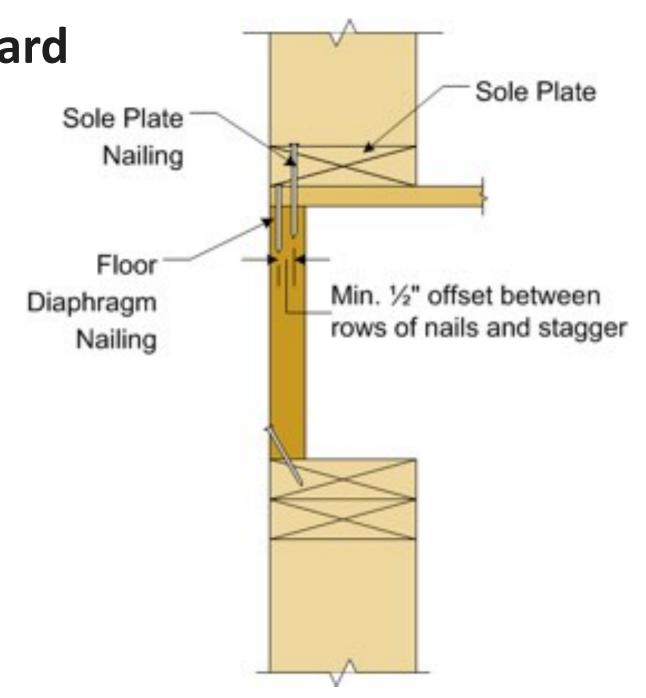
Nail Size & Spacing	Seismic/Wind			
	(1.6 Load Duration)			
8d Common @ 4" oc	360 lb/ft			
10d Common @ 4" oc	425 lb/ft			



1 1/4" & Thicker SCL Rim Board

Edge Connection – Sole Plate 16d common nails (225 lb) @ 5" o.c. = 540 lb/ft

Use of framing anchors, additional blocks, sheathing nailing possible for increased load transfer



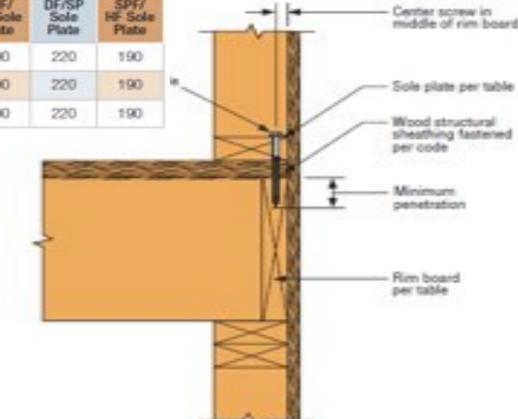
Proprietary Self-Driving Lag Screws

Edge Connection – Sole Plate



	Model No.			Allowable Loads (lb							
Size (in.)		Sole Plate Nominal	Minimum Penetration into	2x DF/SP Rim Board		2x SPF/HF Rim Board		1%" Min. LVL Rim Board		1 1%" Min. LSL Rim Board	
		Size	Rim Board (in.)	DF/SP Sole Plate	SPF/ HF Sole Plate	DF/SP Sole Plate	SPF/ HF Sole Plate	DF/SP Sole Plate	SPF/ HF Sole Plate	DF/SP Sole Plate	SPF/ HF Sole Plate
%×4.5	SDS25412	2x -	2	250	190	190	190	190	190	220	190
14 x 5	SDS25500	2x	2	250	190	190	190	190	190	220	190
14×6	SDS25600	2x or 3x	2	250	190	190	190	190	190	220	190

- Min. SCL rim thickness = 1 1/4"
- Closest spacing = 6" on-center
- Reduced values compared to 2x
- 2 rows of screws requires min. 2 5/8" thick rim



Additional Nailing from Wall Sheathing

3/8" Sheathing & 8d Common

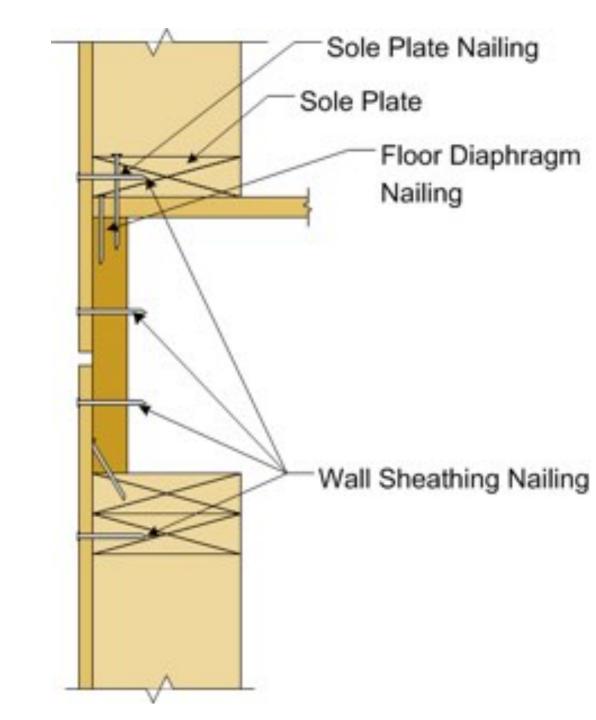
= 113 lb

@ 6" o.c. = 226 lb/ft

7/16" Sheathing & 8d Common

= 116 lb

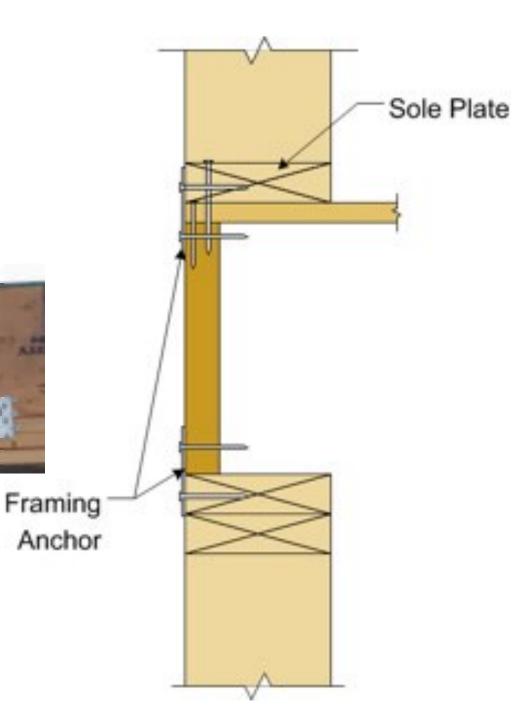
@ 6" o.c. = 232 lb/ft



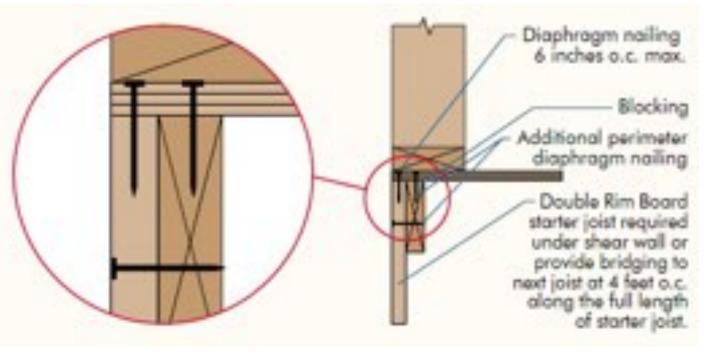
Engineered Design – Framing Anchors

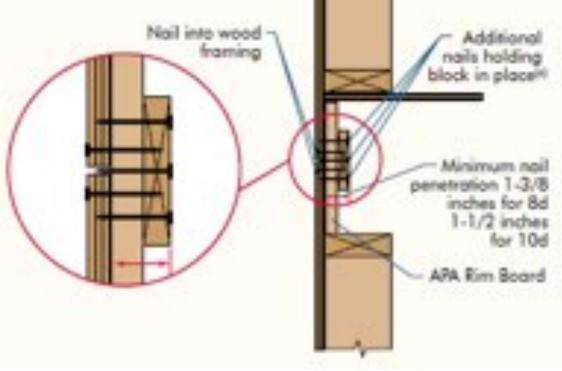
Typical connector w/ nails = 490 lb





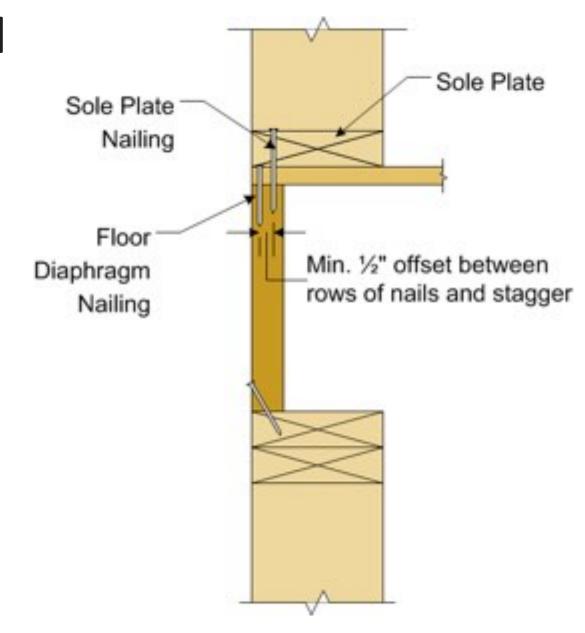
Alternate Connection Options: APA Shear Transfer at Engineered Wood Floors





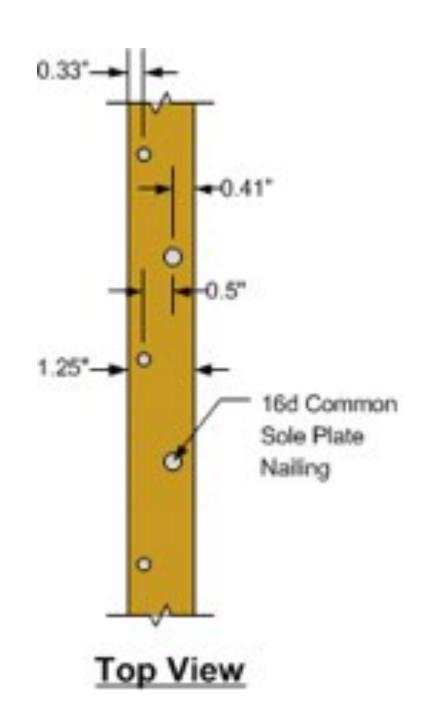
Required Rim Thickness

- Specified by EOR
- Min. Edge Distance for nailing = 2.5 x nail diameter
- Min. 0.5" offset between rows
- Multiple shear wall sole plate nail rows require thicker rim
- Additional rim thickness provides more area for nail placement variance



Required Rim Thickness: Example

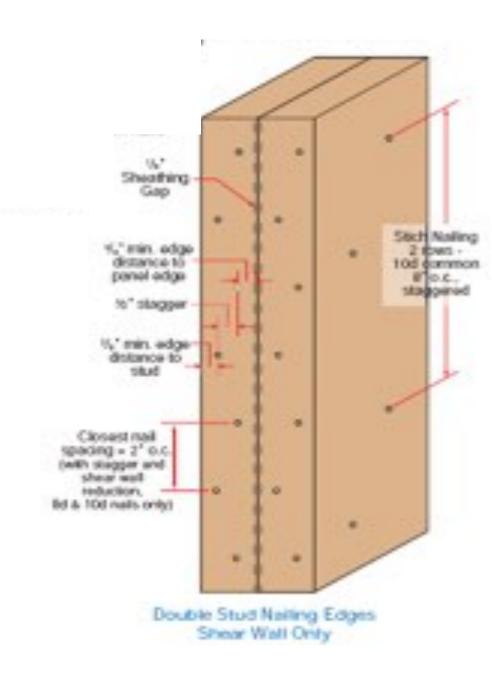
- 10d common diaphragm nail, 16d common sole plate nailing
- Min. Edge Distance
 - $10d \text{ cmn} = 0.131'' \times 2.5 = 0.33''$
 - 16d cmn = 0.162" x 2.5 = 0.41
- Min. 0.5" offset between rows
- Min. Rim Thickness = 0.33'' + 0.41'' + 0.5'' = 1.24''



Shear Walls

- SCL has limits for nail spacing into edge of product (similar to rim)
- Contact each manufacturers' engineering department for technical support





Fire Resistance

Flame Spread

- Surface flammability
- Required for exposed framing
- ASTM E84

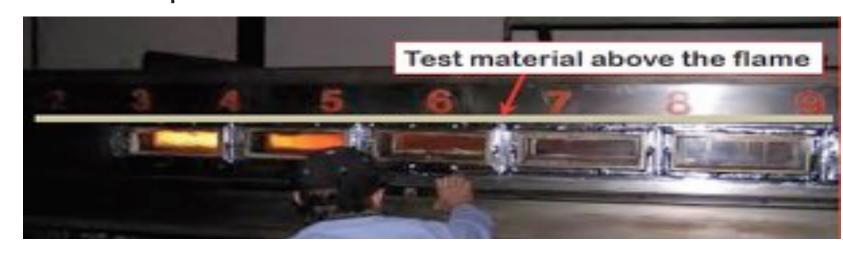
Fire Endurance

- System resistance for floor/ceiling assemblies
- Product char rate
- ASTM E119 Fire Tests
- Higher severity of fire exposure



Fire Resistance

Flame Spread – Steiner Tunnel Test – ASTM E84

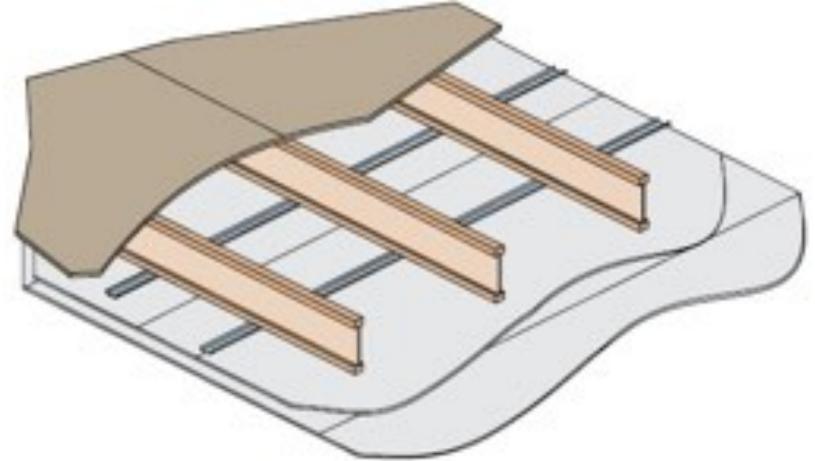


Fire Endurance – ASTM E119



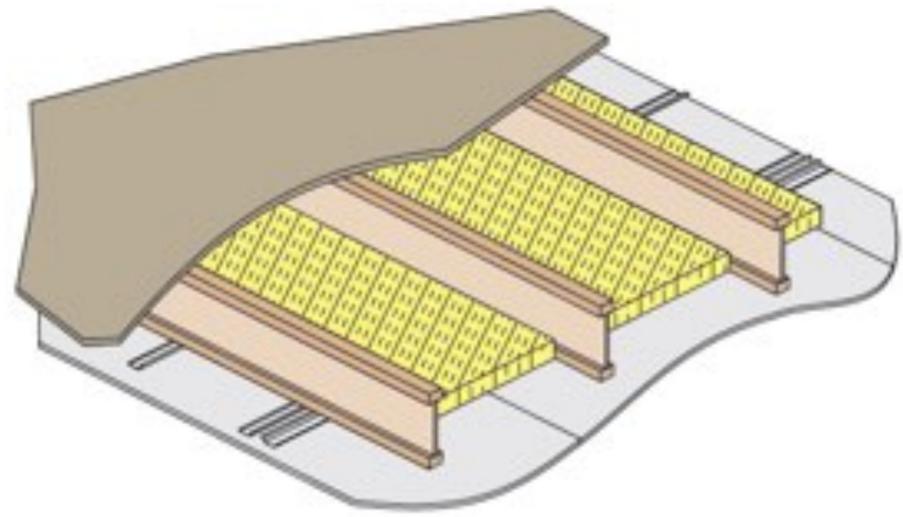
Wood I-Joist Fire Assemblies

- Floor/ceiling assembly per ASTM E-119 fire test
 - 1 Hour: Separation between occupancies
 - 2 Hour: Separation between garage/retail/residence
- Most common 1 hour assembly requires 2 layers of fire-rated gypsum board



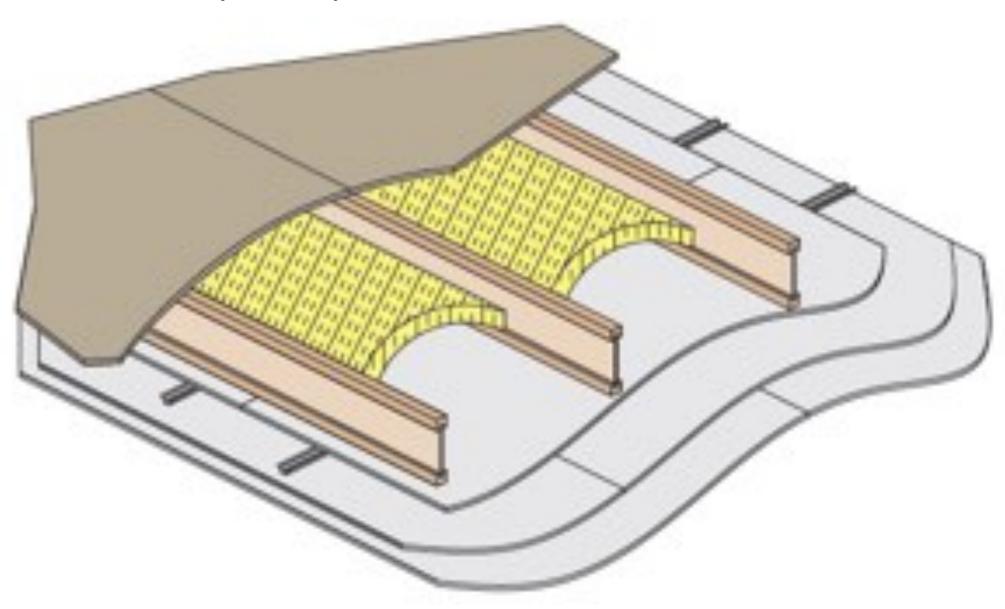
Wood I-Joist Fire Assemblies

- 1 Hour Assembly 1 Layer of Fire-Rated GWB
 - Require additional fire resistance mineral wool insulation
 - Require larger joist flanges



Wood I-Joist Fire Assemblies

• 2 Hour Assembly – 3 Layers of Fire-Rated GWB



Wood I-Joist Fire Assembly Components

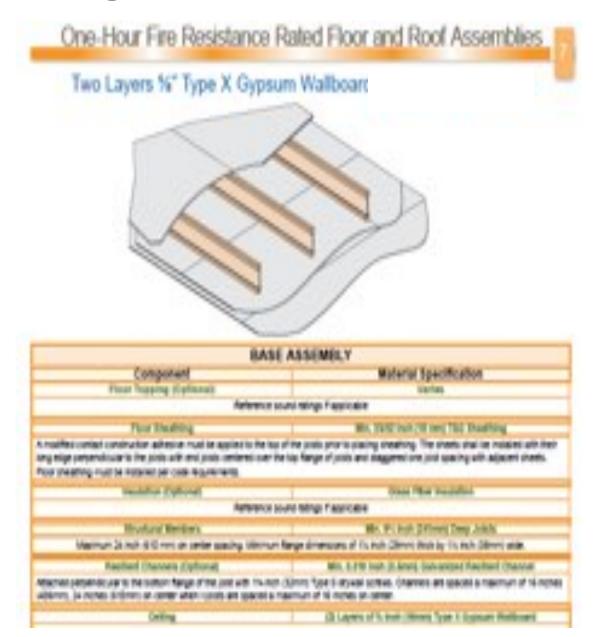
- Floor Sheathing: Typically 5/8" or 23/32" Plywood/OSB
- Resilient Channel: Required for sound transmission rating (decoupling joist from gypsum board)
- Insulation
 - Mineral wool Minimum thickness specified
 - Glass fiber Maximum thickness specified





Fire Resistance Assembly Listings

- IBC Chapter 7: Table 721.1(3), starting with assembly 23-1.1
- Manufacturers' ICC ES / APA evaluation reports
- American Wood Council
 DCA-3
- Gypsum Association: Fire Resistance & Sound Control Manual

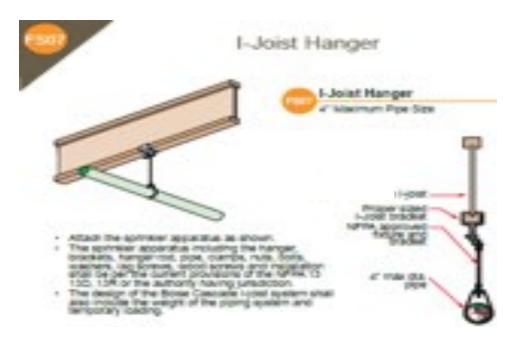


Fire Resistance Assembly – Sound Ratings

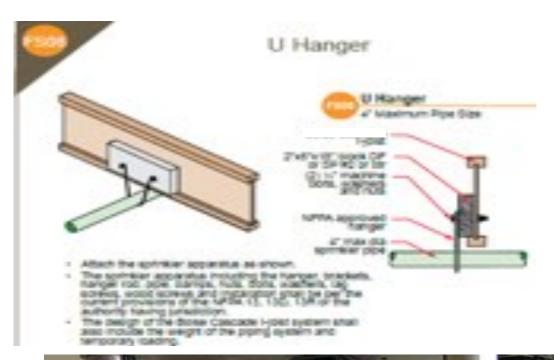
- STC (Sound Transmission Class): Resistance to airborne noise transfer (voice, music, etc.)
- IIC (Impact Isolation Class): Absorption of impact sound (footsteps)
- AWC TR 15 Calculation of Sound Transmission Parameters for Wood-Frame Assemblies

SOUND RATING (w/Resilient Channel)		
Components	STC	IIC
Base Assembly with Carpet and Padding	54	68
Base Assembly with 3½" (89mm) Insulation	55	46
Base Assembly with additional layer of %" Sheathing and 91/2" Insulation	61	50
Base Assembly with Tarkett "Acoustiflor" vinyl and 3½" Insulation	59	50
Base Assembly with cushioned vinyl, %" Gypsum Concrete and 31/2" Insulation	67	51

Wood I-Joist Fire Sprinkler Attachments









SCL Fire Design

- SCL has the same char rate as solid timber
- Design Methodology prescribed in NDS Chapter 16, calculate endurance time of a wood member exposed to standard fire based upon:
 - the size of wood beam or column
 - percent of maximum allowable design load applied.
- Solid SCL beams only, multiple ply require further analysis
- More information AWC TR 10

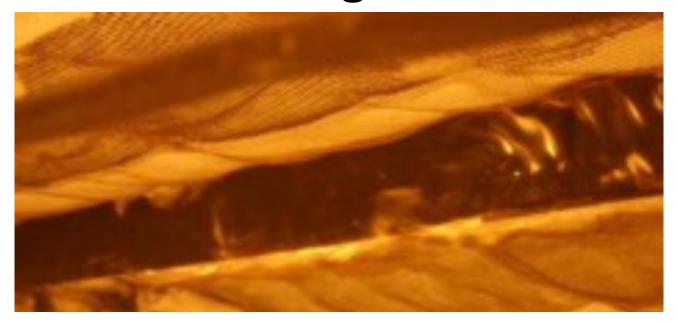


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SCL Fire Testing



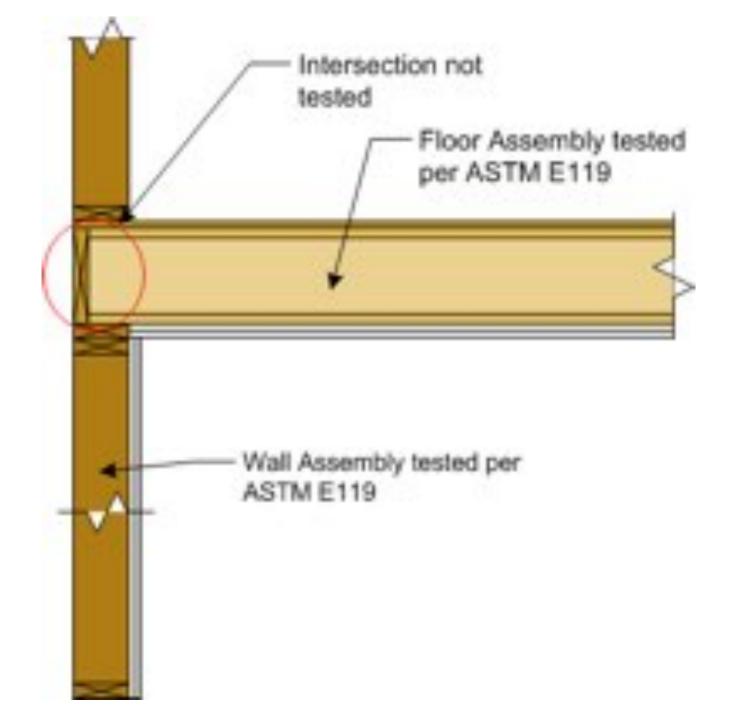




 No standardized fire test for intersection



ASTM Wall Test

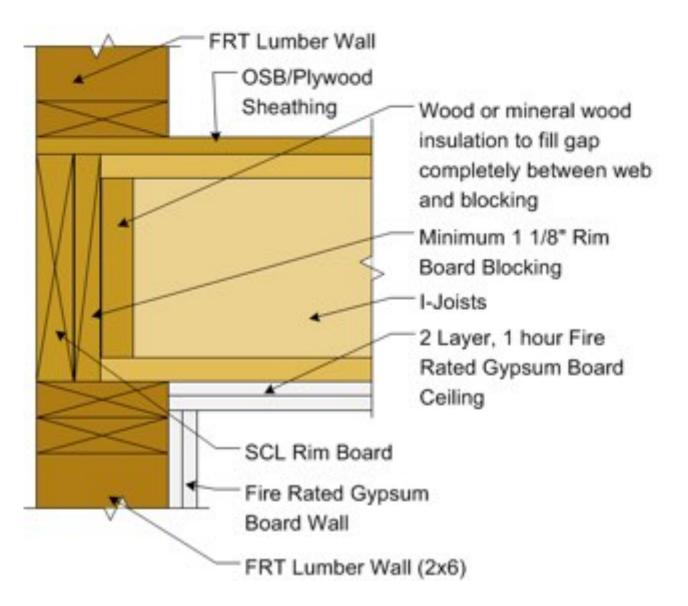


- Multiple SCL rim in lieu of FRT
- Methodology published in AWC

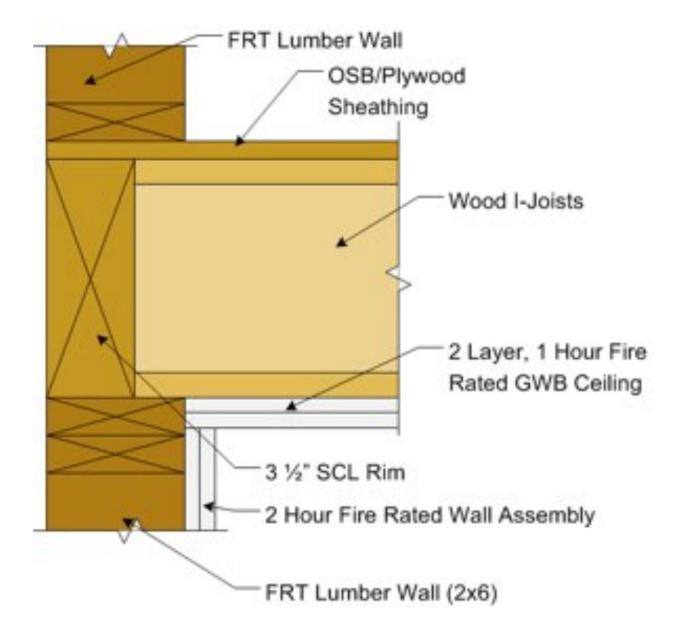
DCA3: Fire-Resistance-Rated

Wood-Frame Wall and

Floor/Ceiling Assemblies



- Thicker SCL rim in lieu of FRT
 - Advantageous for both connections and char
- Methodology published in AWC DCA3: Fire-Resistance-Rated Wood-Frame Wall and Floor/Ceiling Assemblies



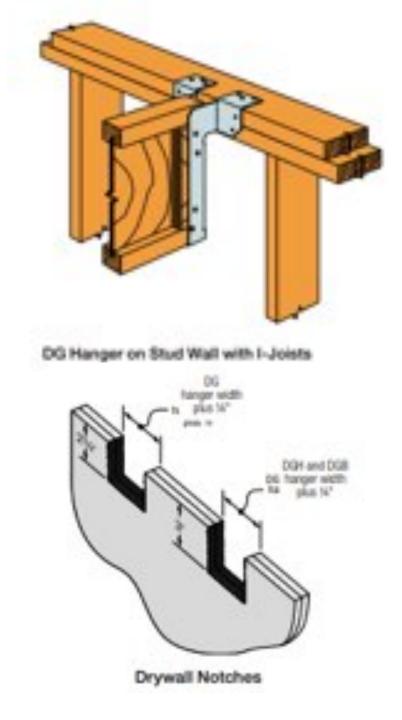
Fasten-Thru Hangers



DHU Installed (Drywall cutaway)

Cantilever Hangers





EWP Design Resources

- APA The Engineered Wood Association
 - Installation/Application Information
- Individual EWP manufacturers
 - Technical & Fire Design Literature
 - Design Software



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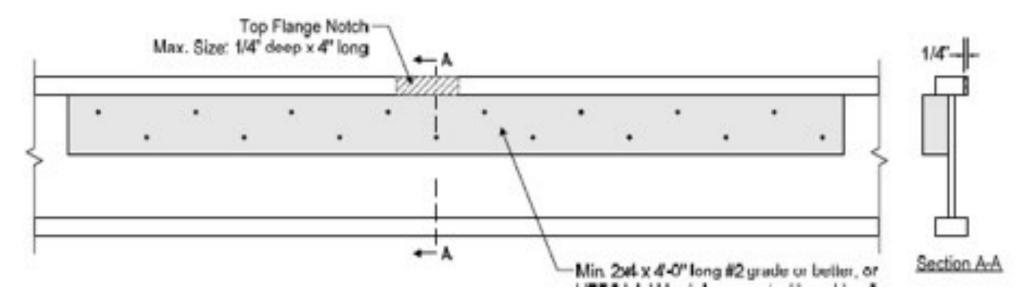
EWP Design Resources

- Wood Design 101: https://www.woodworks.org/wp-content/uploads/Wood-design-structural-properties-performance-fact-sheet.pdf
- Connection Design:
 - AWC Connector Calculator: https://awc.org/codes-standards/calculators-software/connectioncalc
 - ISANTA ICC-ES ESR Evaluation Report: https://www.icc-es.org/wp-content/uploads/report-directory/ESR-1539.pdf
 - Proprietary fasteners
- Fire Design: AWC TR-10 https://awc.org/codes-standards/publications/tr10

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