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STEEL BUILDING ERECTION MANUAL



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Safety Warning

IMPORTANT!

READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS PAGE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ANY WORK OR FURTHER READING

SAFETY FIRST

GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS has a commitment to detail, design and engineer quality building components that are designed to meet the structural requirements of the building. However, the safety commitment and jobsite practices of the erector are beyond the control of GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS.

It is urgently recommended that the safe working conditions and accident prevention practices be the top priority on the jobsite and that local, state and federal safety and health standards always be followed to help ensure worker safety. These points cannot be stressed enough.

Jobsite safety is a joint responsibility of all parties present on the jobsite, including owners, architects, engineers, contractors, subcontractors, delivery personnel, and employees of all the above, among others. All should be watchful to avoid hazards which might cause damage to property or injury to any person, including themselves.

Always make certain all employees know the safest and most productive way of erecting a building along with emergency telephone numbers, location of first aid stations and emergency procedures. Avoid working during inclement periods when personnel are at risk due to high winds, lightning, precipitations, etc. GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS recommends daily meetings highlighting safety procedures, the use of hard hats, rubber sole shoes for roof work, proper equipment for handling material and appropriate safety gear, including nets where necessary.

This manual should be interpreted and administered with sound judgement consistent with good safety practices. Its information is to be distributed to all workers on the jobsite. Where any doubt exists as to language or direction of this manual, do not take a risk, "play it safe."

ALL DETAILS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS IN THIS MANUAL ARE FOR GENERAL GUIDELINES ONLY, AND NOT MEANT TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE. INDUSTRY ACCEPTED INSTALLATION PRACTICES WITH REGARDS TO ALL AREAS NOT SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED IN THIS MANUAL SHOULD BE FOLLOWED. ONLY EXPERIENCED, KNOWLEDGEABLE ERECTORS FAMILIAR WITH ACCEPTED PRACTICES SHOULD BE USED TO ASSURE A QUALITY PROJECT.



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Introduction

GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS details, designs and engineers high quality, pre-engineered metal building packages. Quality erection is essential to complete the structure to the satisfaction of the customer.

This manual has been prepared to help guide the erection process and reflects the techniques in use in the metal building industry believed to be most representative of good erection practices. These procedures and methods are, by necessity, general in nature. The erector should always, especially in special circumstances, use proven and safe erection methods.

This erection manual is intended as a support to the erection drawings that are furnished with each building. The erection drawings show the customer's building as engineered and fabricated according to his/her requirements. The building erection drawings will always govern with regard to construction details and specific building parts. **In case of conflict between this installation manual and the erection drawings, the erection drawings will take precedence.** Contact customer service to resolve any matters not addressed.

The information contained in this manual is believed to be reliable, however, GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS disclaims any responsibility for damages which may result from use of this manual since the actual erection operations and conditions are beyond GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS' control. Only experienced, knowledgeable erectors with trained crews and proper equipment should be engaged to do the erection.

It is emphasized that GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS is only a supplier of metal buildings and components and is not engaged in the erection of its products. Opinions expressed by GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS about erection practices are intended to present only a guide as to how the components could be assembled to create a building. The experience, expertise and skills of the erection crews as well as the equipment available for handling the materials determines the quality and safety of erection and the ultimate customer satisfaction with the completed building.

The MBMA's "CODE OF STANDARD PRACTICE" shall govern with respect to the fabrication tolerances, erection methods, and all field work associated with the project in question.

The erector should familiarize themselves with the contents of this document. Additional copies may be requested for an additional cost.

NOTE!

COMPLETE SETS OF ERECTION DRAWINGS ARE FURNISHED WITH EVERY BUILDING. EACH PLAN IS SPECIALLY PREPARED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL BUILDING AND SHOULD BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO, THEREFORE GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS DOES NOT FURNISH "AS-BUILT" DRAWINGS.

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF AND CREW WITH THESE DRAWINGS PRIOR TO START-UP.

PREVIOUS SETS OF DRAWINGS MARKED "APPROVAL," "PERMIT" OR "CONSTRUCTION" ARE NOT TO BE REFERENCED FOR ERECTION.



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Recommended Tools

When buying or renting tools for building erection, it is recommended that only industrial rated, top quality tools be purchased. Experience shows that lighter duty tools, although cheaper initially, will not hold up satisfactorily, and in the long run, will cost more, not only in repairs, but also in lost time. High speed drill bits are always recommended since carbon steel bits will not provide satisfactory service. Most erectors find that short jobber length bits are more economical and rugged than standard length bits.

Smaller hand tools are particularly difficult to maintain because of breakage, losses, theft, etc. Some erectors require the workers on the crew to furnish their own tools in this category. Others issue the tools to individuals or foreman who are held responsible and liable for them. Since work rules and customs differ according to localities, each erector should establish a definite policy which is acceptable to his workers while protecting their property.

Maintaining equipment and tools in a safe, clean condition reduces injuries, lowers replacement expense, and stimulates workers to take better care of equipment and greater pride in their work.

SAFETY NOTE!

MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE CORRECT TOOL IS AVAILABLE AND USED FOR EACH PHASE OF BUILDING ERECTION. IMPROPER TOOL USAGE MAY RESULT IN INJURY. ALL TOOLS SHOULD BE OSHA APPROVED FOR COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION USE. **SAFETY FIRST!**



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Recommended Tools

RECOMMENDED TOOL LIST

Ball Peen Hammer	Spreader Bar, 20 feet long, 1 set of 3/4" Diameter, Center Eye, With Hooks
Box Knife	Staple Gun and Staples
Bridge Reamer	Staple Gun, Plier
Broom, Push	Square, Framing
Brush, Wire	Square, Try
Cable, 1/2" Diameter	Tape Measure
Cable Clamps	20 to 30 feet long
Caulking Gun, Open Barrel	100 feet long
Chalk Line, 100 feet long with Chalk	Tarps (Plastic Covers)
Channel Locks	Vise Grips, Sheet Metal
Cable Chokers	Vise Grips, Standard
1/2" Cable, 6 feet long, eyes both ends	Vise Grips, Welding Clamp
5/8" Cable, 6 feet long, eyes both ends	Wedge, Steel
1/2" Cable, 10 to 14 feet long, eyes both ends	Wrecking Bar (Crow Bar)
Chisel	Wrenches
Come-a-long	Adjustable
Dolly	Open or Box End Wrenches, Various Sizes
Drift Pin (Spud Wrench, Barrel Pin, Bull Pin)	Socket Wrench Set
Extension Cords	Cutting Torch, with 100 foot hose, bottle cart
16 gauge wire, 100 feet maximum cord length	Power Drill and Drill Bits
14 gauge wire, 200 feet maximum cord length	Hammer Drill with 6 bits
12 gauge wire, 300 feet maximum cord length	Impact Wrench and Sockets
Ladders	Power Nibbler
Extension, 20 to 40 feet long	Power Shears
Step, 6 to 8 feet high	
Laser Level	
Load Binders	Screw Gun
Pliers, Side Cutters	1700-2000 RPM Electric Screw Gun, with Torque Adjustable Clutch for Self-Drillers Screws
Plumb Bob	500-600 RPM Electric Screw Gun, with Torque Adjustable Clutch for Self-Tapping Screws
Pop Rivet Gun Manual or Electric	Welding Unit
Punch, Center	
Rope, 1/2" – 5/8" Diameter, 40 to 60 feet long with hooks	
Sawzall	
Scaffold, with wheels	
Screwdrivers, Flat and Phillips	
Sledge Hammer	
Slings, Nylon, 4" wide, 10 to 12 feet long	
Snips, Aviation (1 Right-hand, 1 Left-Hand, 1 Straight Cut)	
Snips, Large (Bulldogs)	
Soapstone Pencil	
Spirit Level, 6 feet long	

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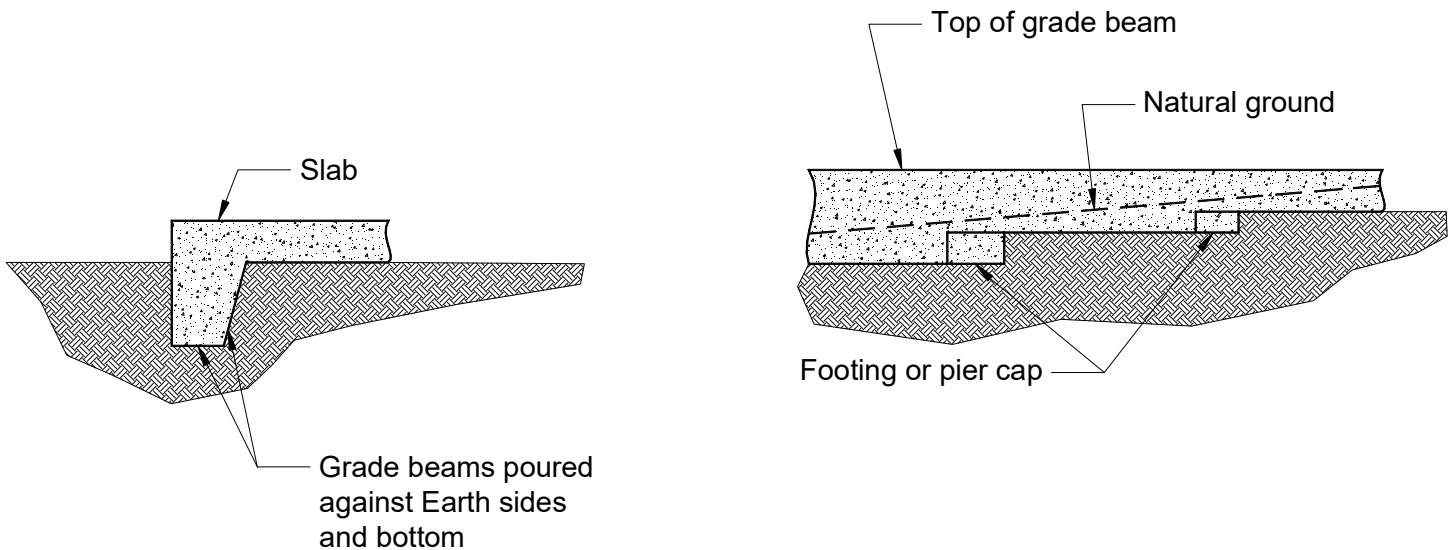


1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS recommends that all building foundations, including pier sizes, grade beams and floor slabs, be designed by an experienced local foundation engineer. The engineer can also recommend excavation procedures, drainage practices, form work, reinforcing steel requirements and concrete proportioning. This will assure proper designs, expedited work and reduced costs. All information that is required for the foundation engineer is in the Permit/Construction drawings.

Proven construction techniques should be adhered to in the foundation work. The bottoms of all excavations should be level and smooth, and care should be taken to prevent cave-ins when utilizing the walls of the excavations for concrete forms. Strict adherence to OSHA and other local codes or laws governing shoring of excavation to prevent accidental cave-ins is critical. Where the ground surface is not level, the bottoms of the foundations should be in steps coinciding with the piers (as shown). Fill areas should be properly compacted to prevent settling cracks. Footing should extend below any fill material.

Take care to obtain a good finish on the floor slab and to maintain the correct elevation throughout the slab. Shrinkage cracks can be minimized by pouring the slab in alternate sections, "checker board fashion." The outer corners of the foundation walls and piers should be sharply formed with straight sides and level tops. This will allow neat seating and good alignment of the base angle.

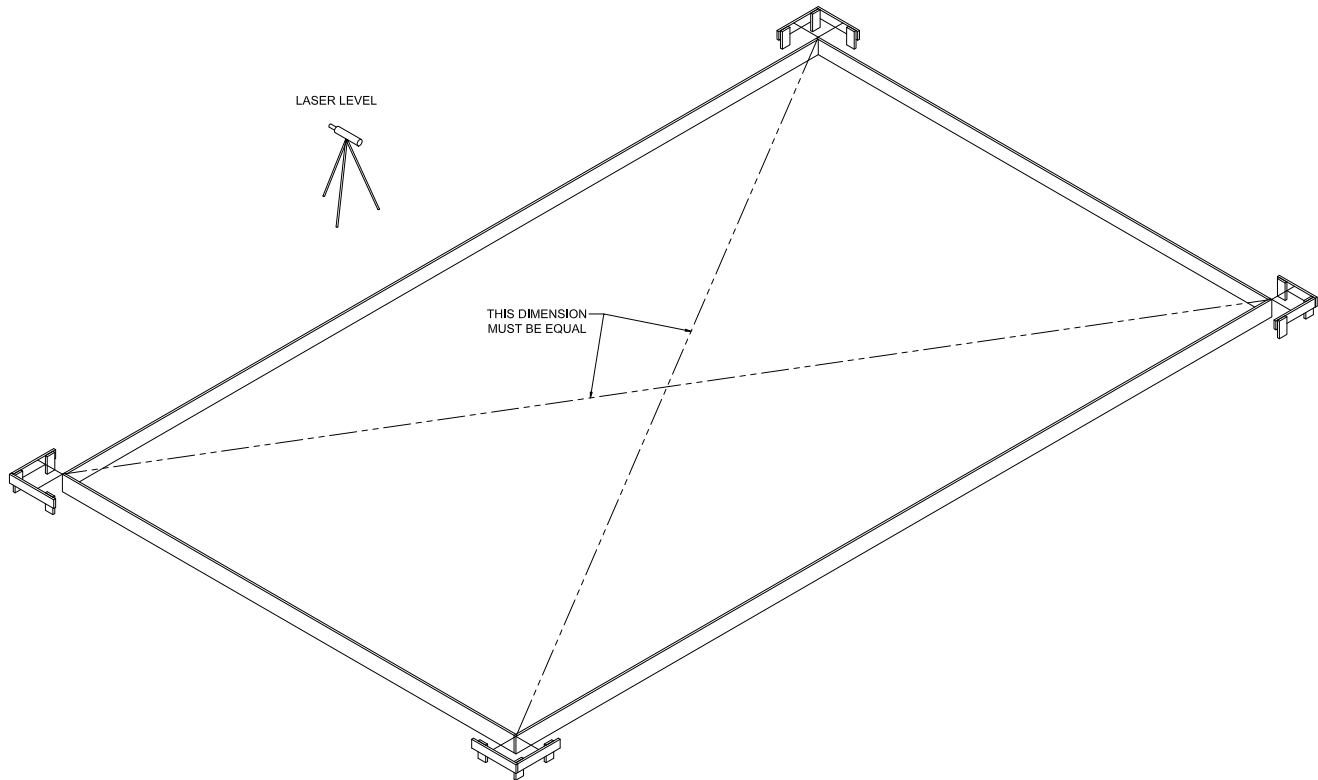


NOTE!

GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS DOES NOT PROVIDE ANCHOR BOLTS OR ENGINEERING FOR FOUNDATIONS.

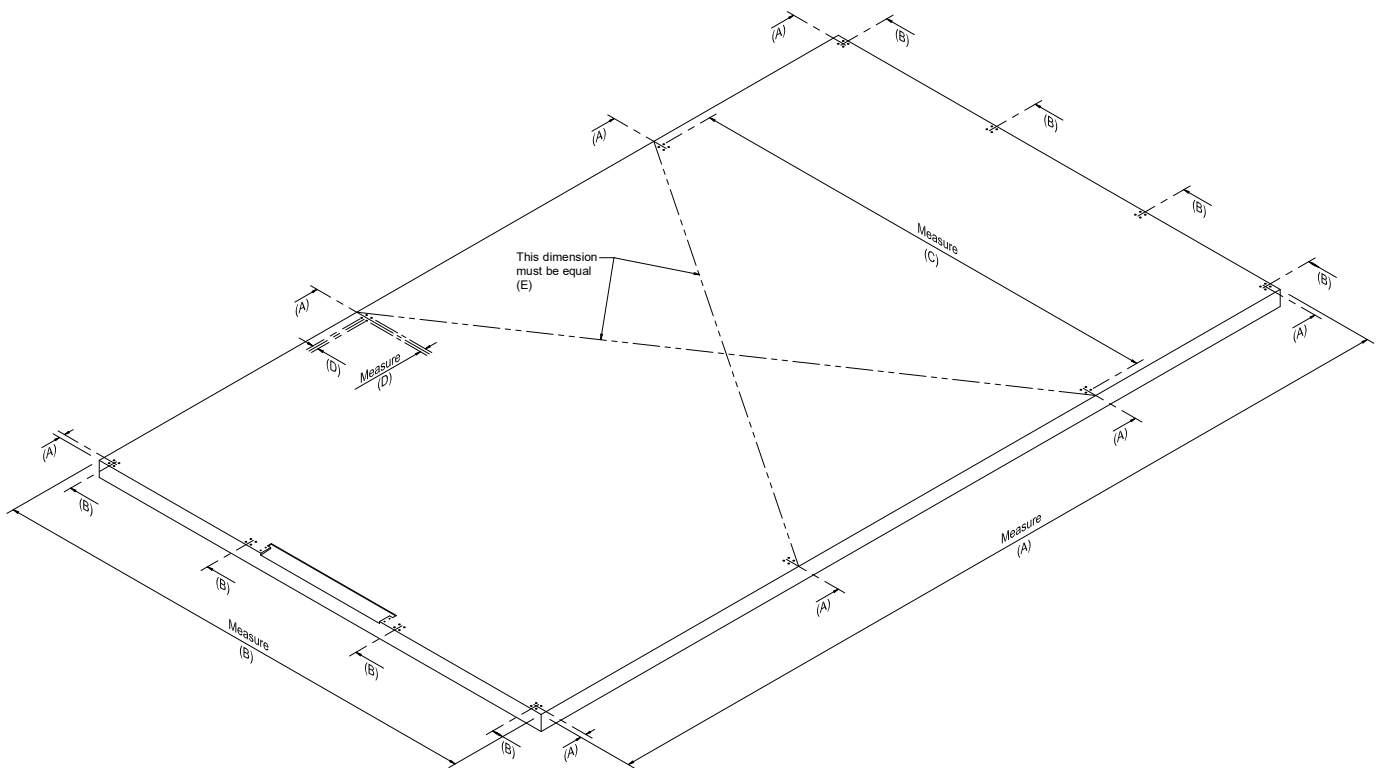
1.2 FOUNDATION CHECKING PROCEDURE

The importance of accurate foundation construction and anchor bolt settings cannot be overemphasized. Foundation errors and misplacement of anchor bolts are among the most frequent and troublesome errors made in metal building construction. The following procedures and methods should help to minimize these costly errors and delays.



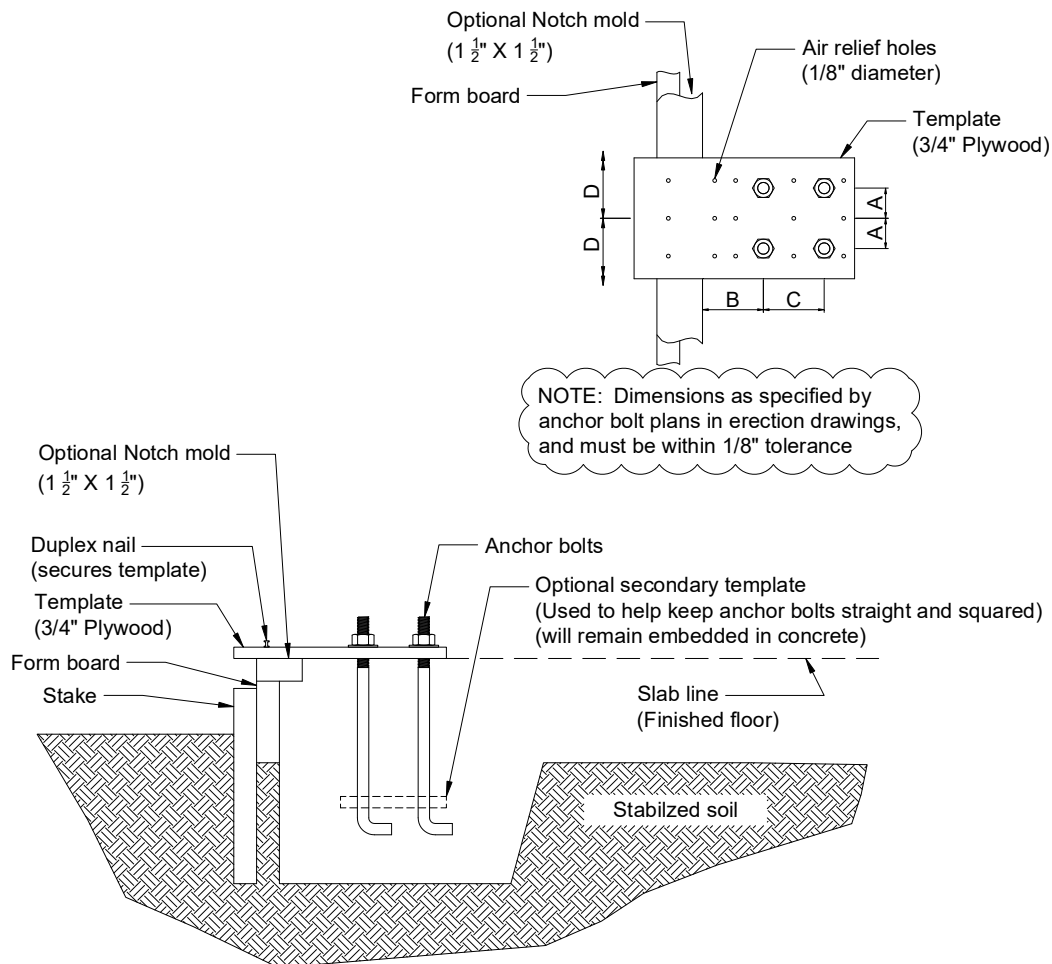
1. To determine that the foundation is square, measure diagonal dimensions to be sure they are of equal length.
2. To determine that the foundation is level, set up a laser level to obtain the elevation at all columns and post locations.

3. To determine that the anchor bolts are in the correct location, use the following procedure to check all anchor bolts against the "Anchor Bolt" drawing furnished by GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS. All dimensions must be identical to ensure proper start-up. The procedure is as follows:
- A. Start at one end of the foundation and measure the distance to the centerline of each frame column and the out to out dimensions of the foundation at both sides.
 - B. Start at one side of the foundation and measure the distance to the centerline of each endwall column and the out to out dimensions of the foundation at both ends and interior partitions.
 - C. Measure the distance across the building between outside anchor bolts as shown on erection drawings.
 - D. Measure the distance from outside of the foundation and from the centerline of each column to the anchor bolts.
 - E. Measure the distance across, from center of column at edge of concrete, to next column opposite side, then for both columns.



1.3 ANCHOR BOLT SETTINGS

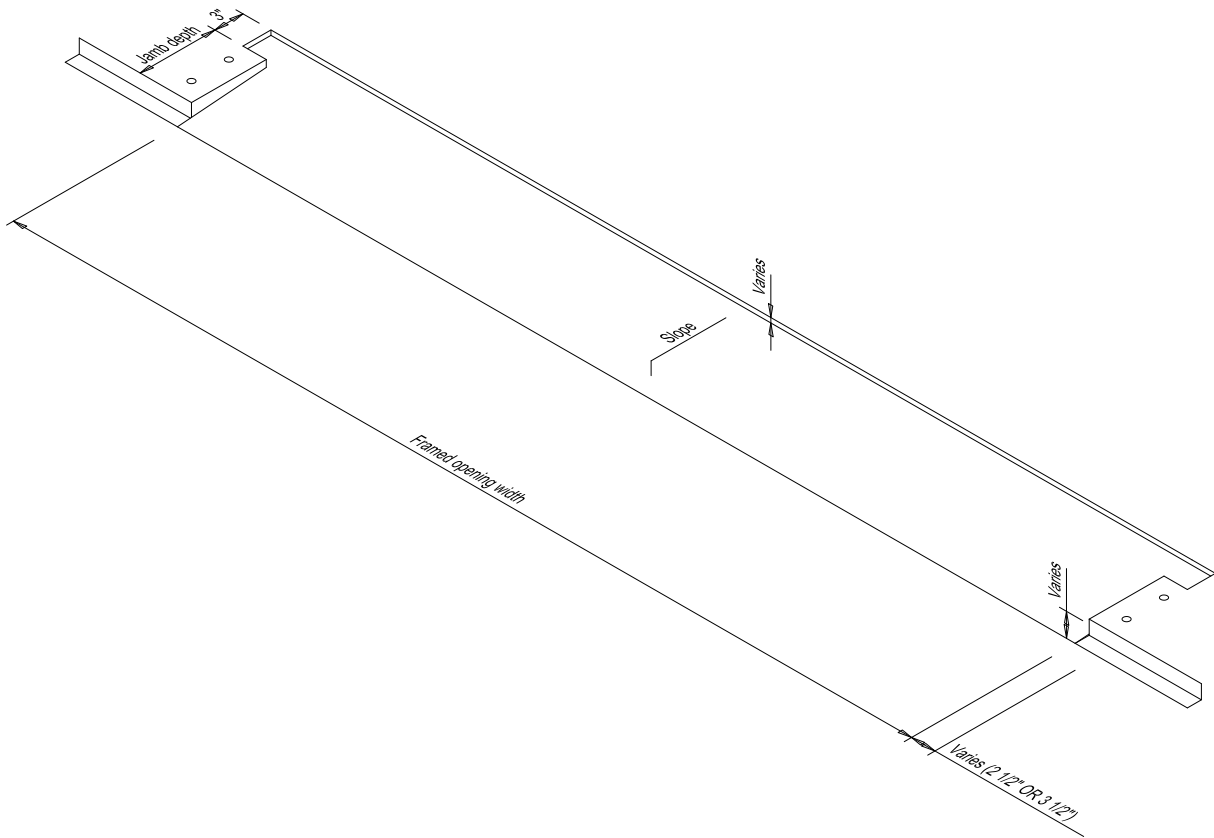
It is extremely important that anchor bolts be placed accurately in accordance with the anchor bolt plan. All anchor bolts should be held in place with a template or similar means, so that they will remain plumb and in the correct location during placing of the concrete. Unless specified otherwise on the erection drawings, all anchor bolts are grade F1554 or A307. All templates should be prepared in advance so they can be quickly nailed in place. For this reason, epoxy anchors or expansion anchors should never be used. Whether you decide to have the optional concrete notch for your wall panels or not, this will not affect the design of the foundation or any materials for the building. Drill air relief holes in the template to allow trapped air to escape. When finishing or "floating" concrete, vibrate until wet concrete seeps through the top of the air relief holes. Check the concrete forms and anchor bolt locations prior to the pouring of the concrete. Prior to pouring the concrete use duct tape to wrap and protect the anchor bolt threads. **A person responsible to the builder should check the concrete forms and the anchor bolt locations prior to the pouring of the concrete. A final check should be made after the completion of the concrete work and prior to the steel erection.** This will allow any necessary corrections to be made, once GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS is properly notified, and before the costly erection labor and equipment arrives.



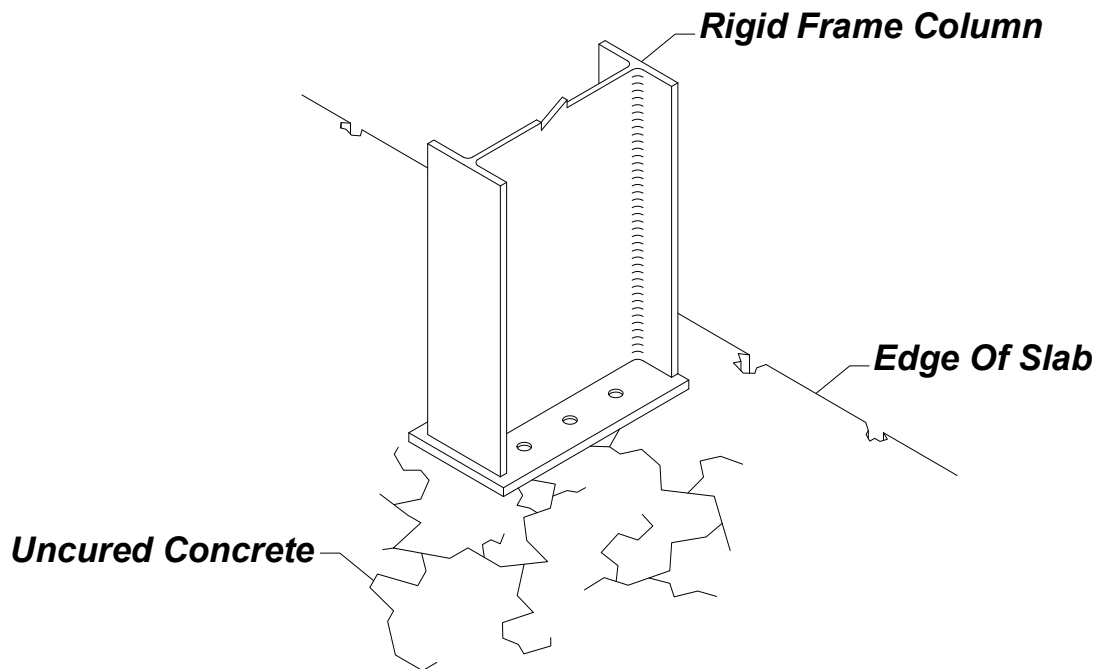


1.4 FRAMED OPENING CONCRETE NOTCH

In order to keep water from entering your building, consider creating a sloping concrete notch in your foundation, at large framed openings. When water hits your closed door, it will run down and normally back into your building. It is always best to verify with the door provider how far this notch should extend into your building. Normally 3" from the back of your door jamb is sufficient. This notch is also recommended to have some slope to it as well.



1.5 UNCURED CONCRETE WARNING



NOTE!

NEVER STORE MATERIAL OR BEGIN BUILDING ERECTION ON GREEN CONCRETE. ANCHOR BOLTS MAY PULL LOOSE, CONCRETE SPALL (CHIP OUT ALONG EDGES) MAY OCCUR AND EQUIPMENT MAY CRUSH OR CRACK SLAB. NORMAL PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE SHOULD CURE AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS AND HIGH-EARLY-STRENGTH CONCRETE AT LEAST THREE DAYS BEFORE THE STRUCTURAL COLUMNS ARE ERECTED. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES MAY REQUIRE EVEN LONGER CURING PERIODS, SO CONSULT THE PROJECT ENGINEER, NOT GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS ON FOUNDATION QUESTIONS. BUILDING ON GREEN CONCRETE WILL ALSO CAUSE EXCESSIVE CONDENSATION INSIDE OF THE BUILDING.



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2.1 ACCESS TO SITE

The vehicle transporting your building parts will be hauling an 80-foot load, and must gain access to the building site from the adjacent highway or road. Such access should be studied and prepared in advance of arrival. All obstructions, overhead and otherwise, must be removed and the access route graveled or planked if the soil will not sustain the heavy wheel loads. If a full size semi cannot safely navigate in and out of the jobsite, an alternate delivery address must be designated. Materials must be offloaded adjacent to the truck.

Ensure there is enough room to physically perform the tasks required to erect the building. Application of sheeting and trim can be expensive when there is not sufficient working space because of the proximity of adjacent buildings or other obstructions.

The availability of any required utilities should also be considered in advance. Take careful note of any overhead electric lines or other utilities to avoid hazards and damage (Notify your utility company when necessary).

Develop a comprehensive safety awareness program in advance to familiarize the work force with the unique conditions of the site, and the building materials, along with the appropriate "Safe Work" practices that will be utilized.

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2.2 OFFLOADING CONSIDERATIONS

Offloading considerations are an important part of the erection procedure. This involves careful, safe and orderly storage of all materials. Detailed planning is required at the jobsite where storage space is restricted. Here, a planned separation of materials in the order of the erection process is necessary to minimize the costly double handling of materials. While set procedures are not possible in all cases, special attention should be given to the following items found on the next two pages.

GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS ships most loads consolidated or via community freight. This means, unless you are the final drop, that some of the materials on the truck may not be for your project. It is important to handle all materials with care. Prior to unloading, the truck driver will provide a Bill of Lading (BOL) outlining your materials loaded on that particular truck. Review the BOL and confirm that it is for your order. Your BOL will provide a list of all materials and bundles that belong to you. The BOL will have a job or load number used by the factory – All of your materials will have this number on the label identifying individual pieces and/or bundles. This job/load number is not always the same as your GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS' project number.

When multiple orders are shipped together certain items like trim boxes, warehouse items and other easily damaged items are placed on top of the load. You will have to remove these items from the truck to reach the structural and heavier components of your building. It is required that any materials removed from the truck that are not for your project be safely re-loaded. While some drivers may help in this operation most will not. The driver is not required to provide any assistance, they are only required to re-strap the load.

NOTE!

YOU WILL BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY MATERIALS TAKEN OR DAMAGED BY YOU THAT ARE NOT FOR YOUR PROJECT. IT IS IMPERATIVE TO USE CAUTION AND DOUBLE CHECK ALL ITEMS AT YOUR JOBSITE PRIOR TO THE TRUCKS DEPARTURE. THIS INCLUDES COSTS INCURRED BY GREAT AMERICAN TO RE-FABRICATE AND/OR TRANSPORT WRONGFULLY TAKEN MATERIALS.

NOTE!

GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS' ARE SHIPPED TO MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCY, MAXIMIZE TRAILER WEIGHT, AND TO ENSURE SAFETY. BECAUSE OF THIS GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS CAN NOT LOAD TRUCKS PER CUSTOMER REQUEST.

NOTE!

YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RE-FABRICATION AND/OR SHIPPING COSTS FOR ANY MATERIALS OF YOURS THAT ARE LEFT ON THE TRUCK.



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NOTE!

GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS PROVIDES A 24/7 ERECTION HELP LINE. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHAT MATERIALS ARE YOURS, OR IF YOU NEED TELEPHONIC ASSISTANCE PLEASE DIAL INTO THE OFFICE AND SELECT THE APPROPRIATE OPTION TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE ONCALL STAFF MEMBER.

NOTE!

YOU HAVE A TWO HOUR WINDOW TO OFFLOAD – THIS IS ADEQUATE TIME TO PROPERLY AND SAFELY UNLOAD YOUR MATERIALS, PERFORM A BUNDLE INVENTORY AND RELOAD ANY NECESSARY ITEMS. YOU WILL BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY RETENTION FEES FOR UNTIMELY UNLOADING. RETENTION FEES ARE ASSESSED BY THE HOUR AT A RATE OF \$100 DOLLARS PER HOUR.

NOTE!

IN THE EVENT THAT A DISCREPANCY OR ERROR ARISES WITH MATERIALS SHIPPED FOR ANY PROJECT OR ON ERECTION DRAWINGS, THE ERECTOR/INSTALLER MUST NOTIFY GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS PRIOR TO CORRECTING. IF GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS IS NOT NOTIFIED, GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS WILL NOT HONOR CLAIMS BY ANY PARTY INVOLVED.

NOTE!

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT AND THE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TO SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY UNLOAD THE TRUCK. THIS EQUIPMENT SHOULD HAVE A 14' REACH AND A 4000 LBS. CAPACITY. GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS RECOMMENDS A 5K TELEHANDLER AT A MINIMUM. FOR LARGER PROJECTS WITH PARTICULARLY HEAVY OR LONG ITEMS A CRANE AND A SPREADER BAR MAY BE NECESSARY.



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<<< THINK SAFETY AT ALL TIMES >>>

1. Location of carrier vehicle during offloading (If accessible)

Offload material near their usage points to minimize lifting, travel and re-handling during building assembly.

2. Prepare necessary ramp for lifting equipment

The edges of the concrete slab should be protected to minimize the danger of chipping or cracking from lifting equipment traffic if the materials are to be laid out on the slab. One important safety consideration is the fact that materials stored on the slab may subject the workers to possible injury from falling objects.

3. Schedule lifting equipment (not done by GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS)

A forklift or equivalent equipment with a 4,000 lbs. tip capacity, 14 foot high, with an operator are required for offloading. Lifting equipment costs are usually minimized by combining the offloading process with building erection. As soon as the truck is offloaded, the lifting equipment should start erecting the columns and raising the assembled rafters into position.

4. Consideration of overhead electric wires or utilities

Overhead power lines are an ongoing source of danger. Extreme care must be used in locating and using lifting equipment to avoid contact with power lines. Loads can be up to 13'-6" high.

5. Schedule crew

Depending on the crew size, valuable time can generally be gained if the supervisor plans and watches ahead instead of getting tied up with a particular offloading chore.

6. Check shipment

When shipments are received in the field, two inspections are necessary:

- a. When items, boxes, crates, bundles or other large components are received and offloaded from the carrier, they should be checked off from the Bill Of Lading (BOL).

If during the inspection, damages, or shortages of items are found, they should be noted on the BOL. Photos should be taken as well to show any damage.

- b. When items, boxes, crates, bundles, etc. are opened following delivery, another check must be performed to determine the quality and condition.

If during this inspection, damages, or shortages of items are found, upon opening the crates or cartons, a written notification to GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS must be made within (7) days of delivery.

Unless these two important inspections are done and notifications are made right away, settlements become very difficult.

NOTE!

EVEN WHEN GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS' TRUCKS ARE INVOLVED IN THE DELIVERY, PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE MATERIAL.



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When filing a claim for any missing or damaged material, the claim should indicate the item numbers in question, the bundle or container in question (if any), the actual quantity received, the quantity which should have been received, or that which was damaged along with any applicable photos. This is important for quick retrieval of the necessary information.

These procedures are primarily for your protection. Great American Buildings cannot accept responsibility for a shortage discovered after allowable claims window.

NOTE!

GALVANIZED AND GALVALUME MATERIALS ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DAMAGE FROM PROLONGED PERIODS OF CONTACT WITH MOISTURE WHILE STACKED TOGETHER. IF THERE IS EVIDENCE OF MOISTURE DURING OFFLOADING, THE PANELS SHOULD BE SEPARATED, DRIED AND STORED OUT OF THE WEATHER TO PREVENT PERMANENT DISCOLORATION.

NEVER INSTALL ANY MATERIAL WHEN ITS QUALITY IS IN QUESTION!



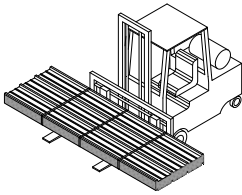
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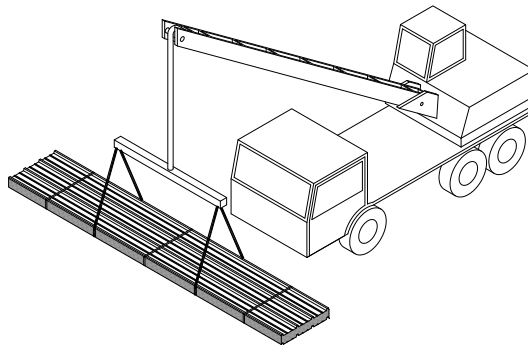
2.3 LIFTING EQUIPMENT

A crane and/or forklift is necessary for offloading the metal building components. A tractor with loading forks may be used as well. Care should always be taken to avoid damaging material.

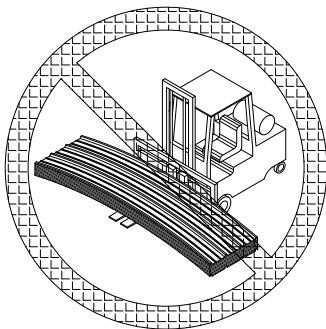
Bundles up to 25 feet can be handled using a forklift. Always spread the forks as wide as possible to prevent the panels from bending. Bundles over 25 feet should be handled with a crane, spreader bar and nylon slings. Lifting should occur at bundle center of gravity. Trim boxes should be handled the same as panel bundles. The bundles can weigh up to 4,000 lbs.



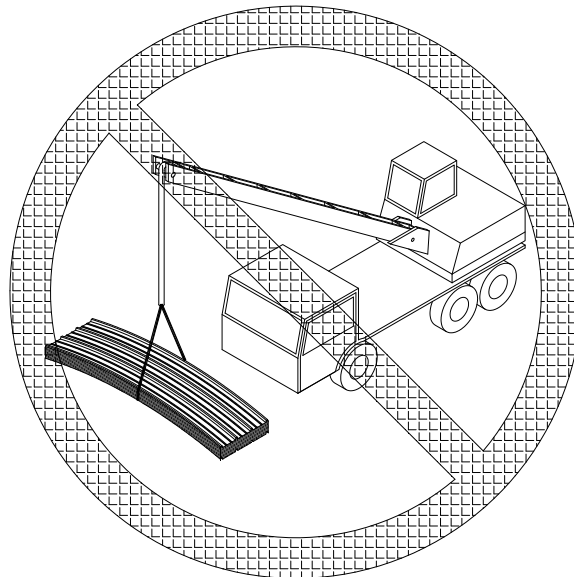
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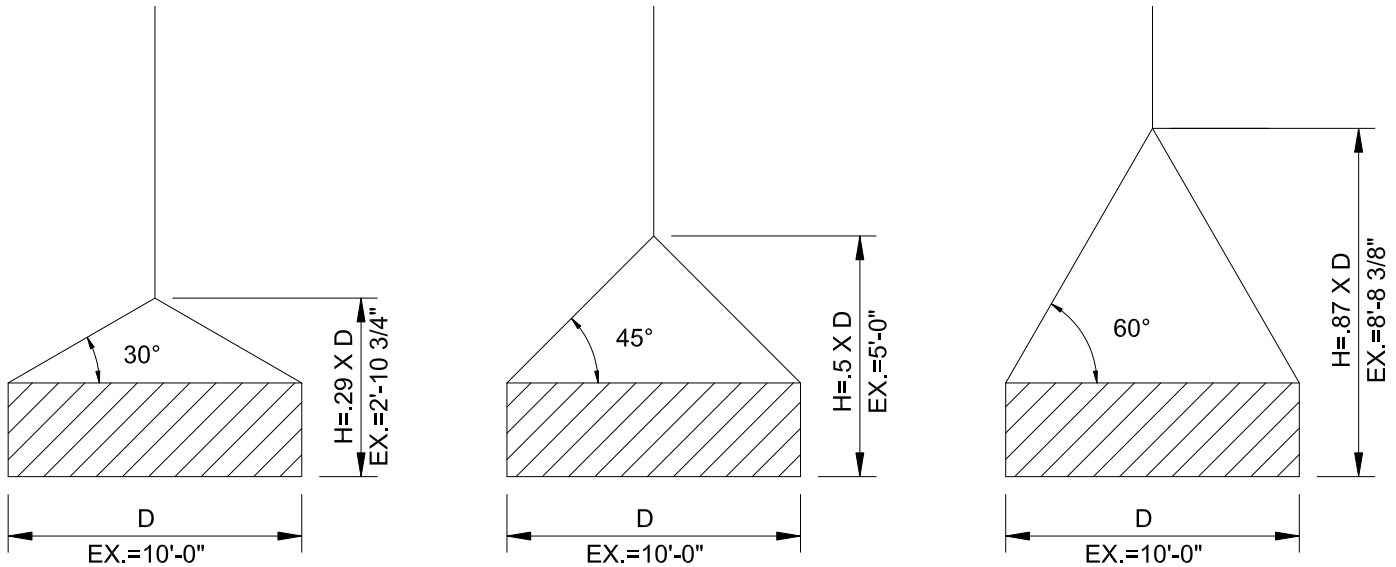
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2.4 CABLE TENSION VS. HOOK HEIGHT

Tension and hook height for lifting weights at various angles are shown in the diagrams below.



Notice how the cable tension increases as the lifting angle is decreased. When tension in the cable increases, the compressive or buckling load on the peak rafter section also increases. **Slings with low lifting angles should therefore be avoided both to protect the cable and to prevent buckling the rafter.** It is of interest to note that if the angle is reduced to 15 degrees, the cable tension is 3.9 times the vertical lift; at 10 degrees, it is 5.7 and at 5 degrees it is 11.5.

SAFETY NOTE!

CHECK THE CABLE FOR BROKEN STRANDS, BROKEN WIRES AND KINKING. REPLACE DAMAGED, UNSAFE CABLE IMMEDIATELY. ALWAYS USE EQUIPMENT WITH AN ADEQUATE SAFETY MARGIN OVER THE LIFTED LOAD!

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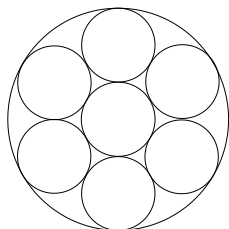
Cable Information

The capacity of cable to withstand bending becomes greater as the number of wires or strands in the cable increases. The increase in the number of strands decreases the average wire sizes, and the finer the wires in a cable, the greater its flexibility becomes.

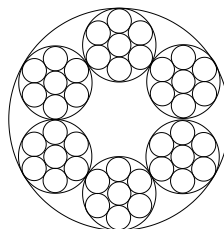
Breaking strengths of various size new cables are given as follows:

Diameter	Strands and Wires	Siemens Grade (tons)	High Strength Grade (tons)	Extra High Strength Grade (tons)
1/2"	6 x 7	12.1	18.8	26.9
	6 x 19	12.7	19.1	26.7
3/4"	6 x 19	26.2	40.8	58.3

The above breaking strengths are for non-galvanized regular lay. For galvanized cables deduct 10% from the strengths. These strengths are a guide only. Refer to cable manufacturing data for specific cable capabilities and limitations.



1 x 7



6 x 7

SAFETY NOTE!

CHECK THE CABLE FOR BROKEN STRANDS, BROKEN WIRES AND KINKING. REPLACE DAMAGED, UNSAFE CABLE IMMEDIATELY. ALWAYS USE EQUIPMENT WITH AN ADEQUATE SAFETY MARGIN OVER THE LIFTED LOAD!

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SAFETY NOTE!

DO NOT USE THE CABLE FROM GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS TO LIFT MATERIAL!

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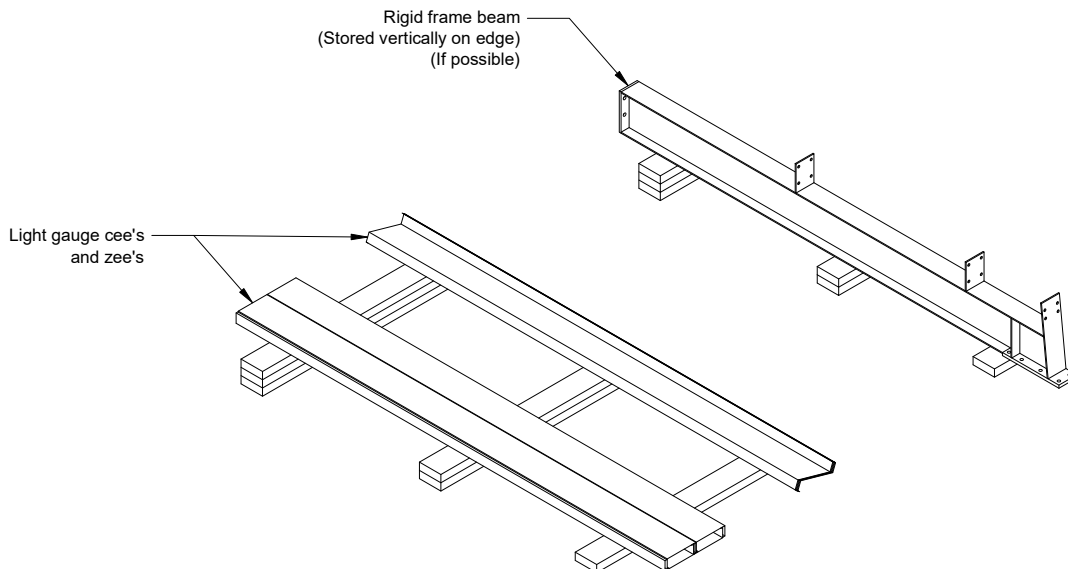
2.5 PRIMARY & SECONDARY STORAGE

As previously emphasized, a great amount of time and trouble can be saved if the building site is prearranged. Proper location and handling of components will eliminate unnecessary handling.

Inspect all shipments prior to releasing the tie-downs for loads that may have shifted during transit, and **REMEMBER, SAFETY FIRST!**

Blocking under the columns and rafters protects the splice plates and the slab from damage during the offloading process. It also facilitates the placing of slings or cables around the members for later lifting and allows members to be bolted together into subassemblies while on the ground. Take extra care in the offloading process to prevent injuries.

If water is allowed to remain in bundles of primed parts such as columns and rafters, for extended periods the pigment will fade and the paint will gradually soften, reducing the bond to the steel. Therefore, upon receipt of a building, all bundles of primed parts should be stored at an angle to allow any trapped water to drain away and permit air circulation for drying. Primer is used to protect the steel during transportation from the factory to the jobsite only! It is not intended to be used as a permanent coating.



NOTE!

ALL PRIMER SHOULD BE TOUCHED UP BEFORE ERECTION, IF REQUIRED! PRIMER IS AVAILABLE UPON CUSTOMER REQUEST AT AN ADDITIONAL COST.



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2.6 SHEETING & TRIM STORAGE

GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS' wall and roof panels including color coated, galvalume and galvanized panels, provide excellent service under widely varied conditions. All offloading and erection personnel should fully understand that these panels are quality merchandise which merit cautious care in handling.

Under no circumstance should panels be handled roughly. Packages of sheeting should be lifted off the truck with extreme care taken to ensure that no damage occurs to ends of the sheets or to the side ribs. The packages should be stored off the ground sufficiently high enough to allow air circulation underneath the packages. This avoids ground moisture and deters people from walking on the packages. One end of the package should always be elevated to encourage drainage in case of precipitation. Use wood blocking to elevate and slope the panels in a manner that will allow moisture to drain. Wood blocking placed between bundles will provide additional air circulation. Cover the stacked bundles with a tarp or plastic cover leaving enough opening at the bottom for air to circulate.

All stacked metal panels are subject, to some degree, to localized discoloration or stain when water is trapped between their closely nested surfaces. Caution is taken during fabricating and shipping operations to ensure that all panel stock is kept dry. However, due to climatic conditions, water formed by condensation can become trapped between stacked sheets. Water can also be trapped between the stacked sheets when exposed. This discoloration caused by trapped moisture is often called wet storage stain. The stain is usually superficial and has little effect on the appearance or service life of the panels as long as it is not permitted to remain on the panels. However, moisture in contact with the surface of the panels over an extended period can severely attack the finish and reduce the effective service life. Therefore, it is imperative that all panels be inspected for moisture upon receipt of the order. If moisture is present, dry the panels at once and store in a dry, warm place.

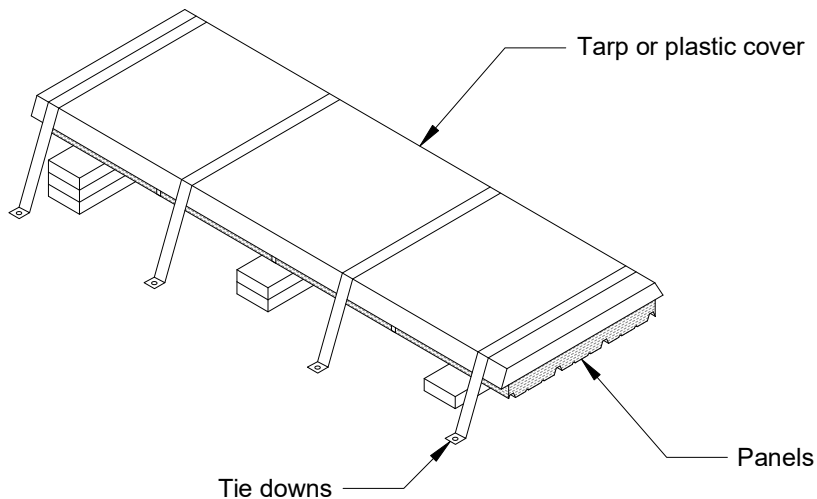
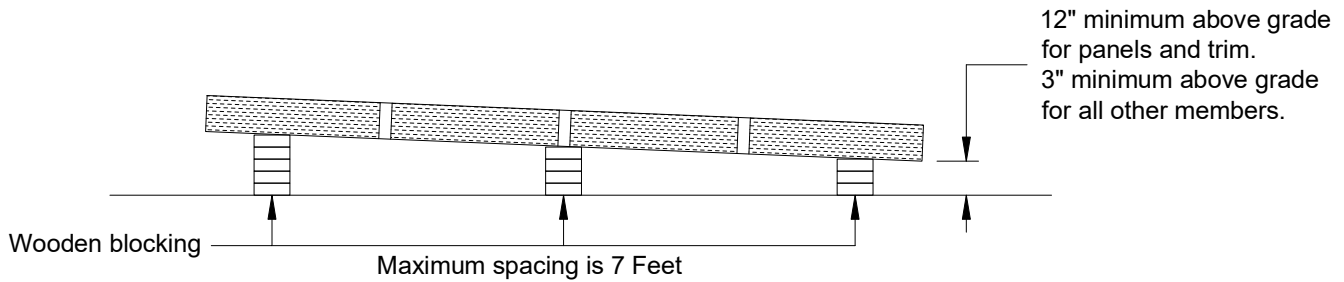
CAUTION!

TAKE SPECIAL CARE WHEN WALKING ON PANELS. PANELS ARE SLIPPERY. OIL OR WAX APPLIED TO THE ROOF AND WALL PANELS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST WEATHER DAMAGE WILL MAKE A VERY SLIPPERY SURFACE. WIPE AND DRY ANY OIL THAT HAS PUDDLED FROM BUNDLES STORED ON A SLOPE. DEW, FROST OR OTHER FORMS OF MOISTURE GREATLY INCREASE THE SLIPPERINESS OF THE PANELS. ALWAYS ASSUME PANEL SURFACE IS SLIPPERY AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

THINK SAFETY!

NOTE!

PENCIL LEAD AND MARKER CAN CAUSE PANELS AND TRIM PIECES TO RUST. DO NOT USE ON PARTS. USE A SOAPSTONE PENCIL INSTEAD.



When handling or uncrating panels, **lift, do not slide, apart**. Burred edges may scratch the coated surfaces when sheets are moved. Never allow panels to be walked on while on the ground. Rough and improper handling of a panel is inexcusable.

SAFETY NOTE!

USE GLOVES WHEN HANDLING METAL PANELS TO PREVENT HAND INJURIES. BE AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF HANDLING PANELS ON A WINDY DAY. A LARGE PANEL CAN CATCH ENOUGH WIND TO KNOCK A WORKER OFF HIS FEET, EVEN AT GROUND LEVEL!!! **SAFETY FIRST!**

GENERAL NOTE!

1. OIL CANNING OF PANELS IS NOT A CAUSE OF REJECTION.
2. EXTREME CARE MUST BE EXERCISED DURING THE ERECTION OF ROOF PANELS AND TRIMS. FOOT TRAFFIC MAY RESULT IN PERMANENT PANEL DISTORTION AND FINISH ABRASION.



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3.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Many methods and procedures are in use for erecting the structural portion of metal buildings. The techniques of raising frames vary from erecting small clear spans and endwall frames in units, to erecting the larger clear spans and modular frames in sections. The erection methods used depend strictly on the type of building, the available equipment, the experience level of the crews and the individual job conditions.

The variation in these factors preclude the establishment of a firm or specific set of erection rules and procedures. Consequently, the erection operation must be tailored by the erector to fit individual conditions and requirements. However, there are certain erection practices, pertaining to structural members, which are in general use and have proven sound over the years. Descriptions of these practices will follow.

Erectors are cautioned not to cut primary members (rigid frame columns, rafters, end bearing frame rafters, interior columns). These are primary support members for the frame and are designed as such. Any cutting of these members may affect the structural stability, and void the building warranty. A representative of GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS should be consulted prior to attempting alterations of these members.

NOTE!

DO NOT INSTALL ANY MATERIAL IF ITS QUALITY IS IN QUESTION. GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COSTS INCURRED ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION AND/OR REMOVAL OF DAMAGED MATERIAL.



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3.2 STRUCTURAL FRAMING PRECAUTIONS

The layout, assembly and erection of steel should be completed by responsible personnel, experienced in rigging and handling of light steel members in a safe manner. Improper handling can easily result in injury, delays and unexpected additional costs. This is particularly true when raising assembled rafters for wide buildings.

Keeping Erection Costs Down

Minimum costs should be obtained when the following conditions are met during the erection of an GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS building:

1. When safety practices are discussed and initiated in advance of any work procedure.
2. When the overall work of erecting the building is divided into individual jobs, and when each job is assigned (in proper sequence) to teams of workers consisting of two to seven workers each, with three to five worker teams preferred.
3. When individual workers are properly trained in safety and the proper erection procedures. This eliminates time wasted while waiting to be told what to do next.
4. When building parts are properly laid out according to advanced planning so as to avoid lost time in repetitive handling or in searching for specific items.
5. When as many parts as can be safely raised in a single lift are bolted together in subassemblies on the ground where assembly work is faster and safer, thereby, requiring fewer lifts and fewer connections to be made in the air.
6. When erection of the steel framework starts at a braced bay, then continues bay by bay to the other end of the building.
7. When the first braced bay is completed, the individual frames are erected and tied together by skeleton purlins, and the fill-in purlins are installed after the costly lifting equipment has been released.
8. When tools and equipment of the proper kind, in good, safe condition are available in sufficient quantity.



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3.3 LOCATION OF BUILDING PARTS

1. Columns and rafters are usually offloaded near their respective installed locations on prepared blocking and positioned for easy erection.
2. Endwalls are usually laid out at each end of slab with the columns near respective anchor bolts.

NOTE!

LEAVE SPACE FOR AN ACCESS AREA THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE BUILDING FOR ERECTION EQUIPMENT

3. Hardware packages should be located centrally, usually along one sidewall near the center of the building. This will minimize walking distances to other parts of the slab area.
4. Purlins and girts, depending on the number of bundles, are usually stored near the sidewalls clear of other packages or parts.
5. Sheet packages are usually located along one or both sidewalls off the ground and sloping to one end to encourage drainage in case of precipitation.
6. Accessories are usually offloaded on a corner of the slab or off the slab near one end of the building to keep them as much out of the way as possible from the active area during steel erection.

NOTE!

STEPS MUST BE TAKEN TO PROTECT THE ENTIRE JOBSITE FROM VANDALISM AND THEFT



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3.4 WIND BRACING INSTALLATION

Wind bracing in metal buildings is critical! Bracing provides support for wind loads or other longitudinal loads, such as those created by an overhead crane in the completed structure. Many times additional or temporary bracing is needed to stabilize the structure during erection. This requirement should be reviewed by the erector, and any additional bracing should be provided by the erector. On some smaller buildings, diagonal bracing is not needed in the walls for the building design, so any erection bracing needed must be furnished by the erector.

SAFETY NOTE!

WORKERS SHOULD ALWAYS USE GLOVES WHEN WORKING ON METAL FRAMES AND SHEETING. ALWAYS FOLLOW ALL OSHA SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS.

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The wind bracing is usually cable or round rod. It should always be installed as shown on the erection drawings and should be tensioned so that the building will not sway or rock when the wind blows. **Care should be taken, however, not to over tighten and bend the structural members.** The workman should watch the structural members carefully as wind bracing is tightened.

Occasionally the wind bracing in the wall of a building cannot be installed in the specified bay because of doors or other complications. Usually these can be moved to other bays without affecting the structural integrity of the building. However, before moving any wind bracing check with GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS. **Never modify an GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS building without prior authorization from GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS.**

SAFETY NOTE!

FOLLOW ALL OSHA APPROVED SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS.

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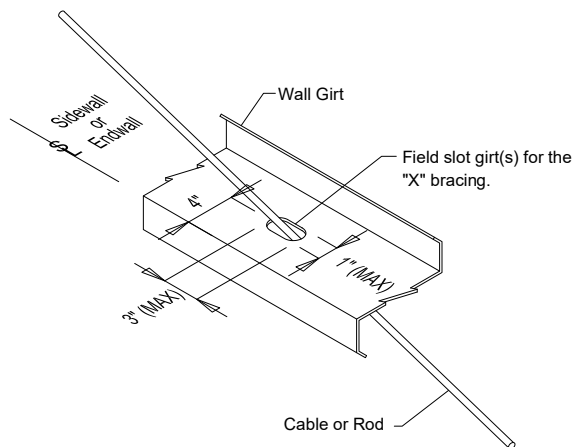
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Field Slotting Girt for "X" Bracing

On buildings with inset or flush girts, the horizontal web of the girts in a braced bay will have to be slotted in order for the "X" bracing to pull in a straight line from the top of one column to the bottom of the next column. Installing the "X" bracing either to the inside or outside of the girts, takes the "X" bracing out of a straight line pull. This does not allow the "X" bracing to function properly and is an unacceptable erection procedure. Moving the holes in or out on the column to achieve a straight line pull is also unacceptable.

Slotting the web of the girt to achieve this straight line pull is the only acceptable method. To mark the hole location, the following method may be used:

1. Install "X" bracing in the proper holes at the top of one column to the bottom of the next column, running the cable to the inside or outside of the girts. If you have rod, nylon string line should be used.
2. Tighten the cable or nylon string line so there is no slack.
3. Where the cable or nylon string line crosses the web of the girts, mark 1 1/2" on either side of this point.
4. Using a square, make two parallel lines from these two marks on the web of the girts.
5. At the column, determine the measurement from outside girt line to center of "X" bracing hole. Utilize this measurement as the centerline of a 1" x 3" slot to be made between the two parallel lines marked on the web of the girts. Some of the larger cables or rods may require a slightly larger slot to allow the eyebolt to pass through.
6. After all girts have been marked, slot each girt web with either a 1" metal hole saw or an angle grinder with a cut off disc, then install "X" bracing through the slots, through the brace holes in the columns, and tighten.
7. Visually check to see that the "X" bracing is not touching the girts at the slots. If it is touching, trim out the slot as necessary. Care should be given to ensure that friction is not holding the cable or nylon string in an incorrect location. A good way to check to make sure this is not the case, is to shake the cable back & forth to indicate that it is not touching the inside of the slot.
8. Tighten "X" bracing as necessary to plumb the columns. At this stage the anchor bolts at each column should be loose.



NOTE!

DO NOT OVER-TIGHTEN THE WIND BRACING. OVER-TIGHTENING THE WIND BRACING CAN CAUSE PERMANENT DAMAGE TO THE FRAMING.



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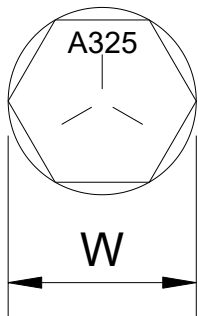
3.5 CONNECTION BOLTS

Bolts used to make connections in secondary framing members such as the purlins are usually 1/2" diameter, ASTM designation A307. All primary framing connections are made with ASTM A325 bolts, usually 5/8", 3/4", 1" and 1 1/4" diameters. The size and grade of the bolt is marked on the building erection drawings.

SAFETY NOTE!

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Bolt Tightening Procedures



Bolt Size (In.)	Bolt Width (In.)	Specified Minimum Fastener Tension Kips (1000 Lbs.)	Specified Nut Rotation	
			Bolt Length <=4 x Diameter	Bolt Length >4 x Diameter
1/2	7/8	12	1/3 TURN	1/2 TURN
5/8	1 1/16	19		
3/4	1 1/4	28		
1	1 5/8	51		
1 1/4	2	71		

Joists NOT Subject to Tension Loads

Joists not subject to tension loads need only be tightened to the snug tight condition, defined as the tightness attained by a few impacts of an impact wrench or the full effort of a man using an ordinary spud wrench.

Joists Subject to Tension Loads

Two tightening procedures are specified for A325 bolts in joists subject to tension loads, **Turn-of-the-nut method** and **direction tension indicator**.

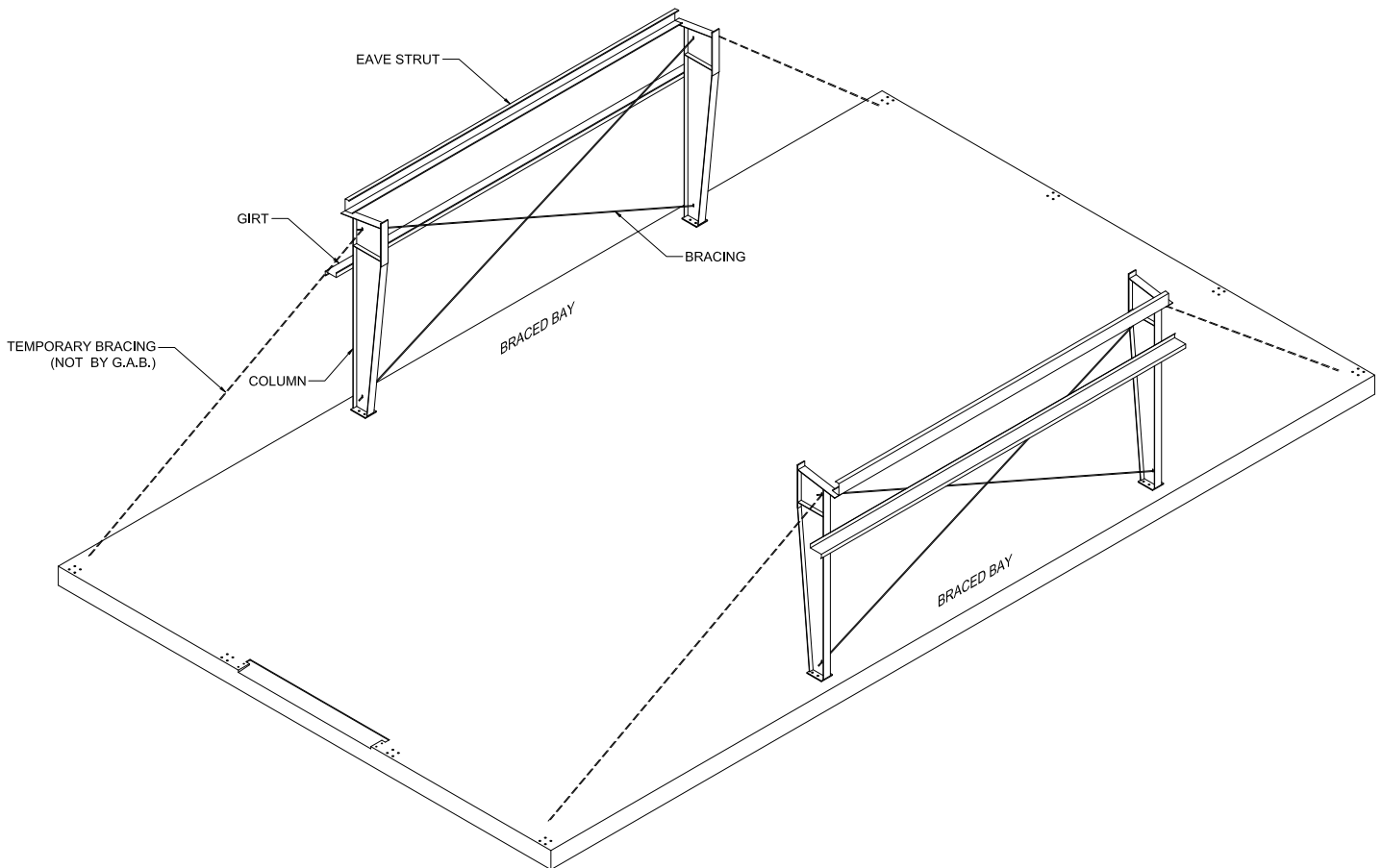
Turn-of-the-nut method – When turn-of-the-nut method is used to provide tension, first bring enough bolts to a “snug tight” condition to ensure that the parts of the joints are brought into good contact with each other. Next, place bolts in all remaining bolt holes and bring to “un-snug tight”. Then additionally tighten all bolts per the above table – progressing from the bolts nearest the web, to the free edges. During this operation there shall be no rotation of the part not turned by the wrench.

Direct tension indicator – Tightening by this means is permitted provided it can be demonstrated by an accurate direct measurement procedure, and that the bolts have been tightened to specific tension. **GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS’ design team will need to know if this type of bolt tightening will be used upfront in the design stage.**

ALL PURLIN, GIRT AND EAVE STRUT CONNECTION BOLTS ARE LEFT LOOSE SO THAT THE ENTIRE SKELETON FRAME WORK CAN BE PLUMBED WITHOUT UNDUE DIFFICULTY.

3.6 STANDING COLUMNS

The proper completion and plumbing of this first bay is extremely important to the successful completion of the building. It is recommended to start building erection at a braced bay, if possible



Although several methods are used to erect rigid frames, it has been found most satisfactory to erect the columns first, tie them together with a few girts and the eave strut, then tighten the anchor bolts (the anchor bolt tension may need to be adjusted to seat the rafter). On small spans and short eave heights, columns can often be set in place by hand without the use of hoisting equipment. **Temporary bracing should always be installed as soon as sections are lifted in place.**

SAFETY NOTE!

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A second method, when equipment is limited, (while not recommended) is illustrated in [section 3.8](#). After the column is erected, the first rafter section, with the lifting cable around the balance point, is raised into position and bolted to the column. When the free end of the rafter is supported by **any safe method** (such as manual hand lift winch, adequate wood frame, or a metal scaffold, properly braced, and of satisfactory capacity) the lifting cable can be released. The procedure is then repeated until the entire frame is in place and bolted together at the ridge.

SAFETY NOTE!

STAY IN THE CLEAR OF LOADS BEING MOVED BY ANY TYPE OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT.

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When the rafters consist of several roof beams, as in the case of wide buildings, a safe procedure of raising by sections and supporting the free end must be followed, regardless of the type of equipment available. In most instances the **work proceeds from outside columns inward** toward the peak until the entire frame is bolted into place. When bolting frames on the ground, take care not to get rocks, dirt or debris between the connection plates.

The same general procedures of erection apply to either clear span or multiple span frames. In the case of the latter, the support rafter sections during erection is generally supported by the interior columns themselves, making temporary supports unnecessary.

Two words of caution concerning the erection of rigid frames. The first is that **rigid frames**, especially free ends or cantilevered sections **should never be left "for the day" in an unsupported, unbraced or unguyed condition**. Such practice has resulted in the total loss of considerable amounts of erected steel because of wind, and the loss of human life. The second word of caution pertains to the additional care required in the erection of multiple span frames compared to clear span frames. Frames with interior columns, because of closer supports, have much lighter sections. They are much more apt to buckle during erection than clear span frames, and consequently require greater care in rigging and handling.

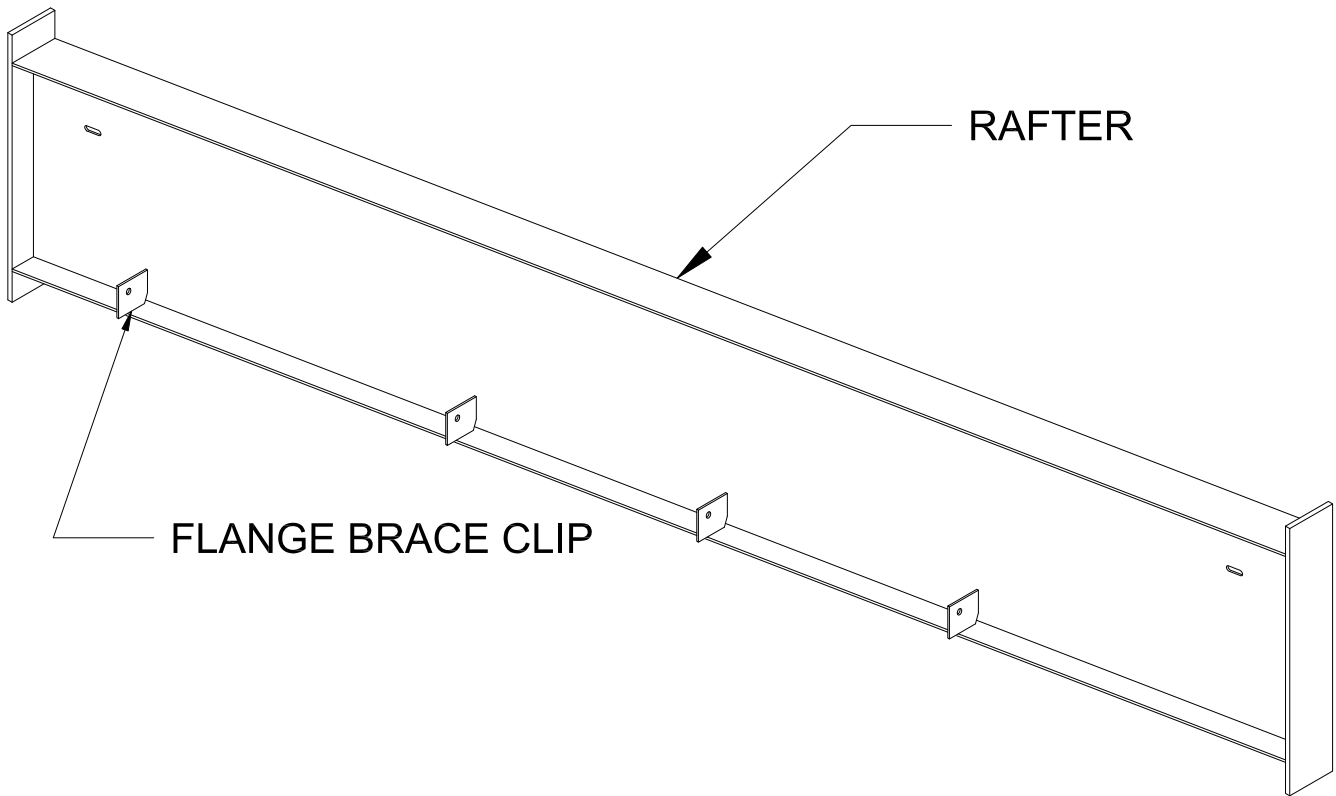


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3.7 PREPARING RAFTERS

The welded flange brace clips located on the rafter, have been located on the near and far side of the rafter for your convenience. This allows the erector to place the flange brace on whichever side of the rafter that suits your erection practices. **This does not mean that you need a flange brace at each clip, refer to the erection drawings for quantity at each location.**



SAFETY NOTE!

STAY IN THE CLEAR OF LOADS BEING MOVED BY ANY TYPE OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT.

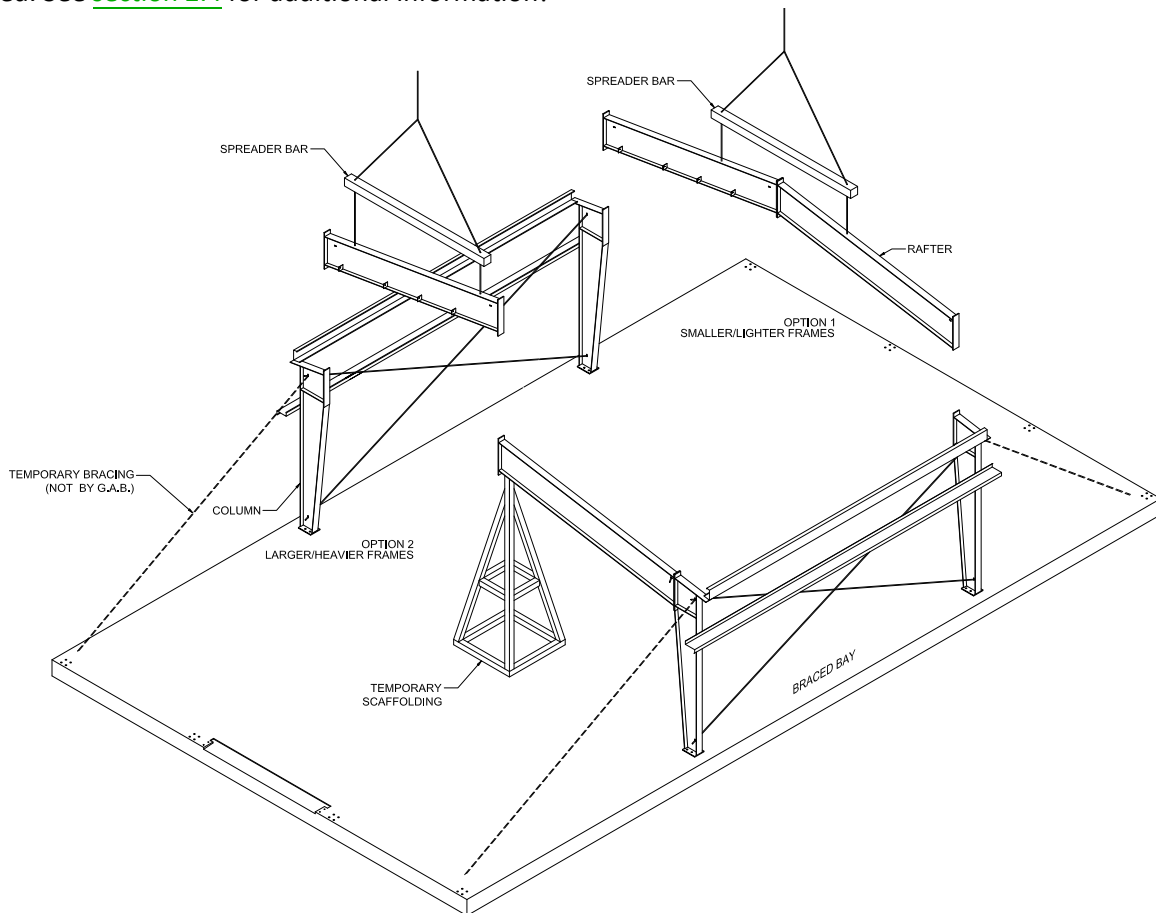
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3.8 RAISING RAFTERS

After the columns have been erected, the ground assembled rafter is hoisted into place and connected to the columns. The size of the rafter which can be safely handled depends on the equipment available and the experience of the erection foreman. **Generally, make as many connections as possible on the ground.** When bolting frames on the ground, take care not to get rocks, dirt or debris between the connection plates.

Lifting Cables and Spreader Bars

To reduce severe compression stresses at the ridge of the rafters, created by the angle of lifting cables, a spreader bar is recommended. See [section 2.4](#) for additional information!



SAFETY NOTE!

STAY CLEAR OF LOADS BEING MOVED BY ANY LIFTING DEVICE. HANDS AND FEET SHOULD BE KEPT CLEAR OF MOVING LOADS AND NEVER STAND UNDER A LOAD BEING LIFTED.

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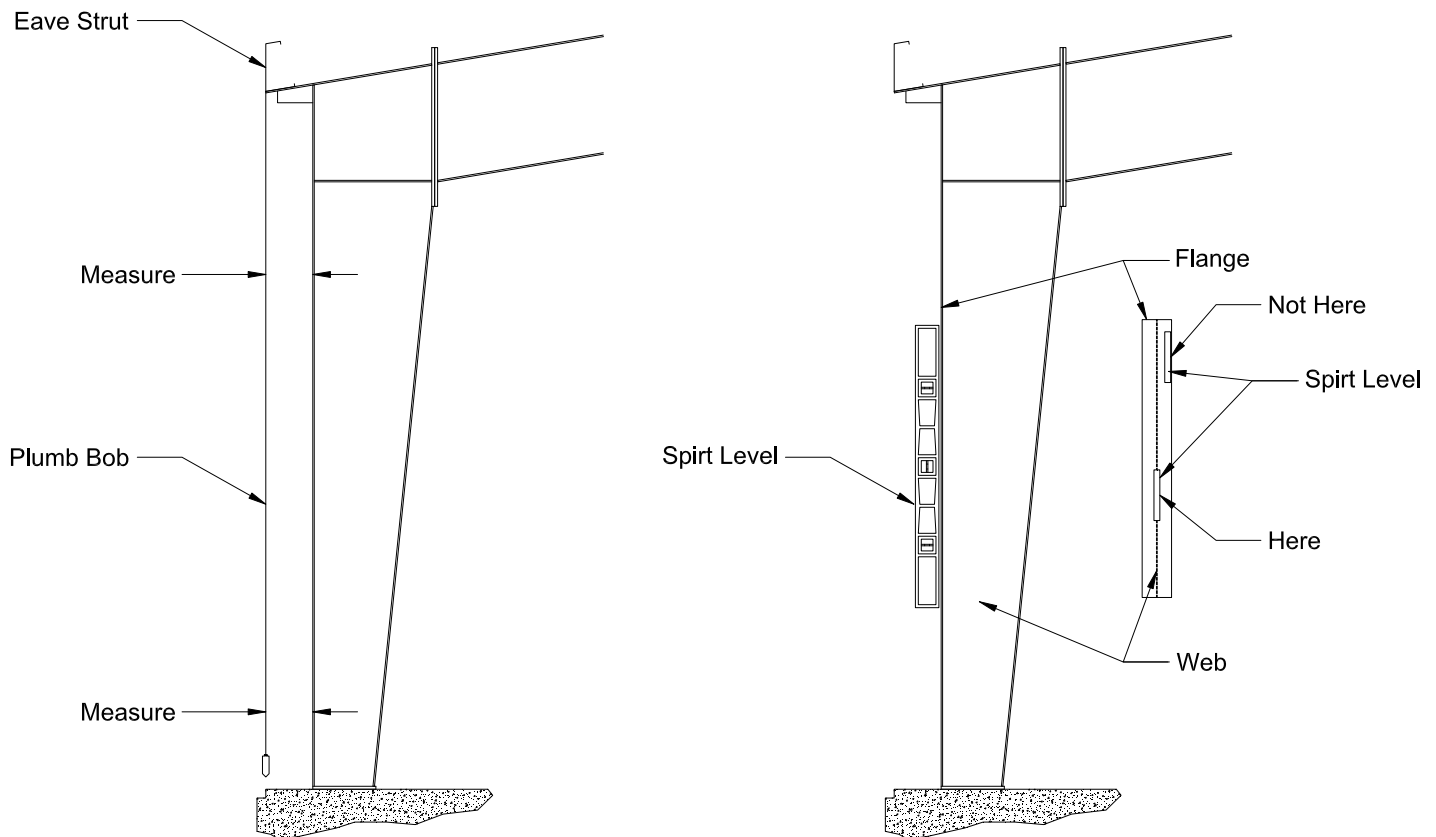
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3.9 PLUMBING THE FIRST BAY

After the first braced bay frames have been set, GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS recommends that eave struts, skeleton purlins and girts be installed in the braced bay and the entire bay be plumbed, aligned and braced before proceeding further. **If the building is designed without cable bracing, the erector is responsible for providing temporary erection bracing.** Refer to next page.

When the bay is properly and accurately plumbed and braced, the remaining members, to a large degree, will automatically plumb and align when installed. Only a final check of the building plumb remains, and few adjustments, if any, will be necessary.

Plumb the frame with a laser, plumb bob or spirit level. To measure lateral plumbness hang plumb bob from top of the column down the outside flange as shown below. Adjust plumbing cables to obtain equal tape measurements at top of column.



SAFETY NOTE!

USE OSHA APPROVED TIE OFF, NETTING OR RAILS WHEN WORKING ON ROOF AREAS, AND ADHERE TO ALL OSHA SAFETY RULES. **SAFETY FIRST!**



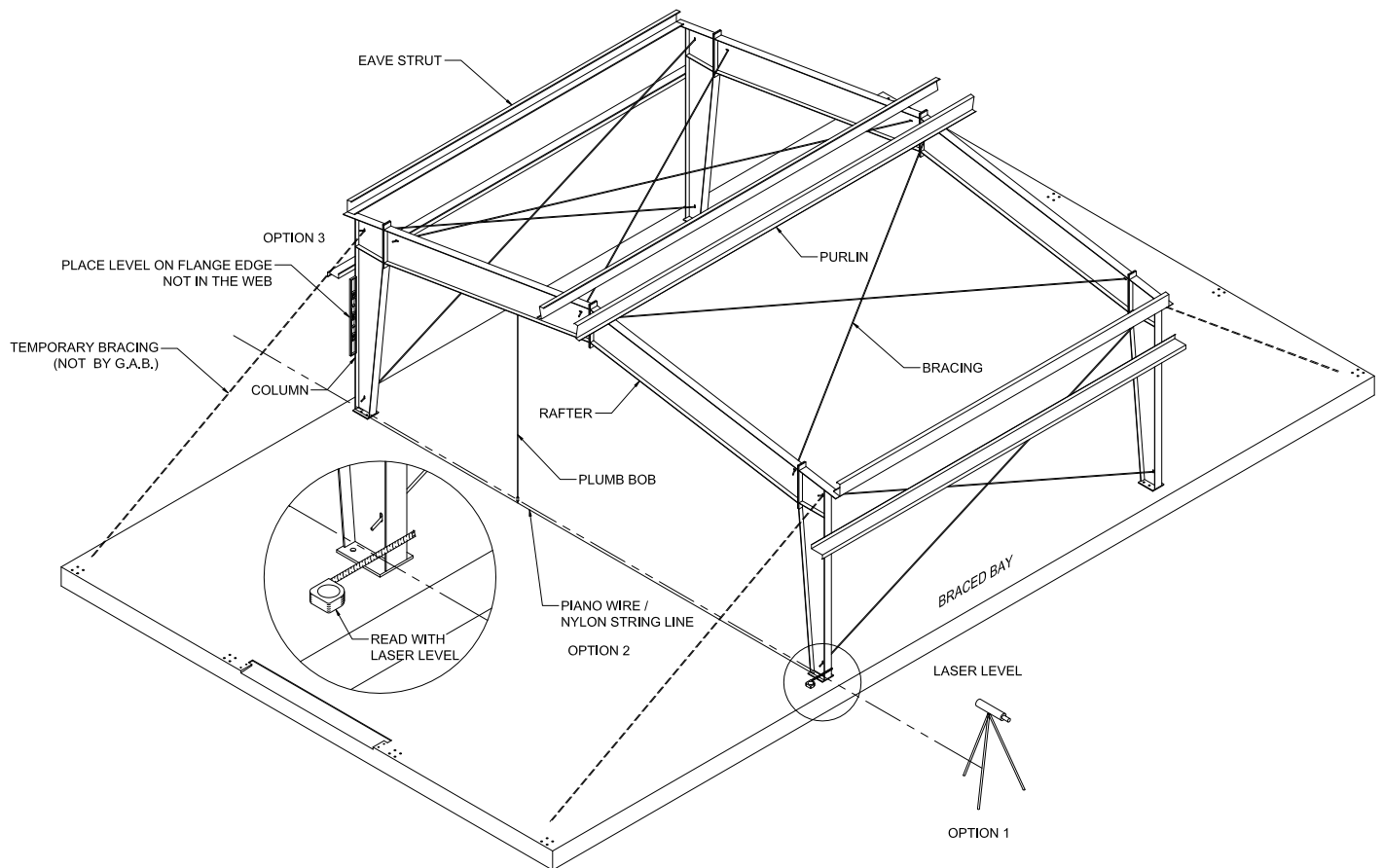
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To plumb the braced bay **without a laser level**, run a nylon string line or piano wire from out of flange to out of flange of columns on the foundation (per drawing). Drop plumb bob(s) from rafter flange(s) and square the frame using the diagonal bracing for leverage.

To plumb the braced bay lengthwise using a laser level, sight in the laser level parallel to the base of the frame columns by using a position a few inches from the frame line (See sketch). Make sure laser level is level. First bring columns plumb, and then rafters by adjusting diagonal bracing. Take all measurements from centerline of flange. Take a measurement at the base of the columns and adjust the bracing to correct the laser level reading at the rafter measuring location. Once the frame is plumb, all connection bolts and anchor bolts should be tightened.

After braced bay is plumb, continue erecting frame(s) in sequence to closest endwall.



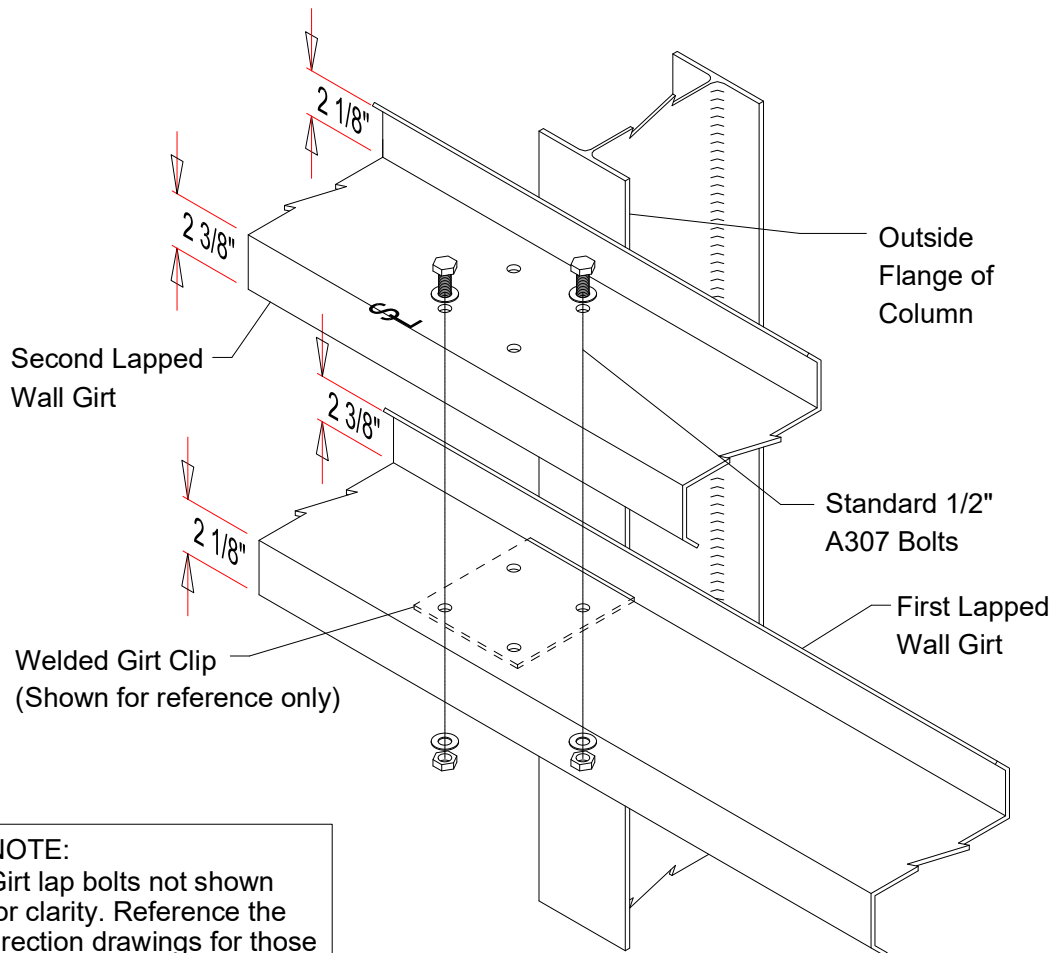
SAFETY NOTE!

EACH WORKER SHOULD BE TRAINED TO USE THE SAFEST AND MOST PRODUCTIVE ERECTION TECHNIQUES. **SAFETY FIRST!**

3.10 SECONDARY FLANGES

LGS!

This refers to the legs of the secondary zee being unequal in length. The benefit of doing this is when two zee members form a lap they nest well with each other, and don't require much torquing or prying during installation. Be sure that the larger flange of the first zee is placed down first, then the smaller flange of the second zee will slide nicely into place.



NOTE:
Girt lap bolts not shown for clarity. Reference the erection drawings for those requirements.

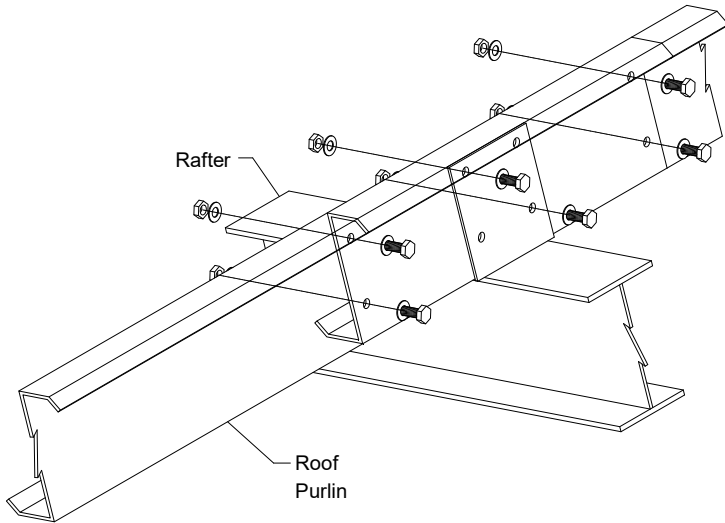
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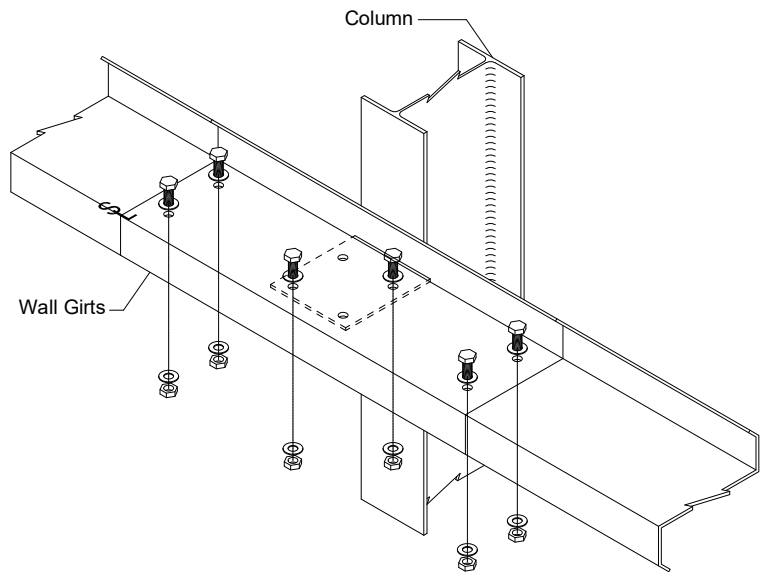


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(6) 1/2" x 1 1/4" A307 Bolts with (12) Washers
(Typ.) (U.N.)



(6) 1/2" x 1 1/4" A307 Bolts with (12) Washers
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NOTE!

TYPICAL CONNECTION FOR GIRT/PURLIN TO FRAME. USE 1/2" DIAMETER A307 BOLTS WITH WASHERS AS SHOWN. USE UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE IN ERECTION DRAWINGS.



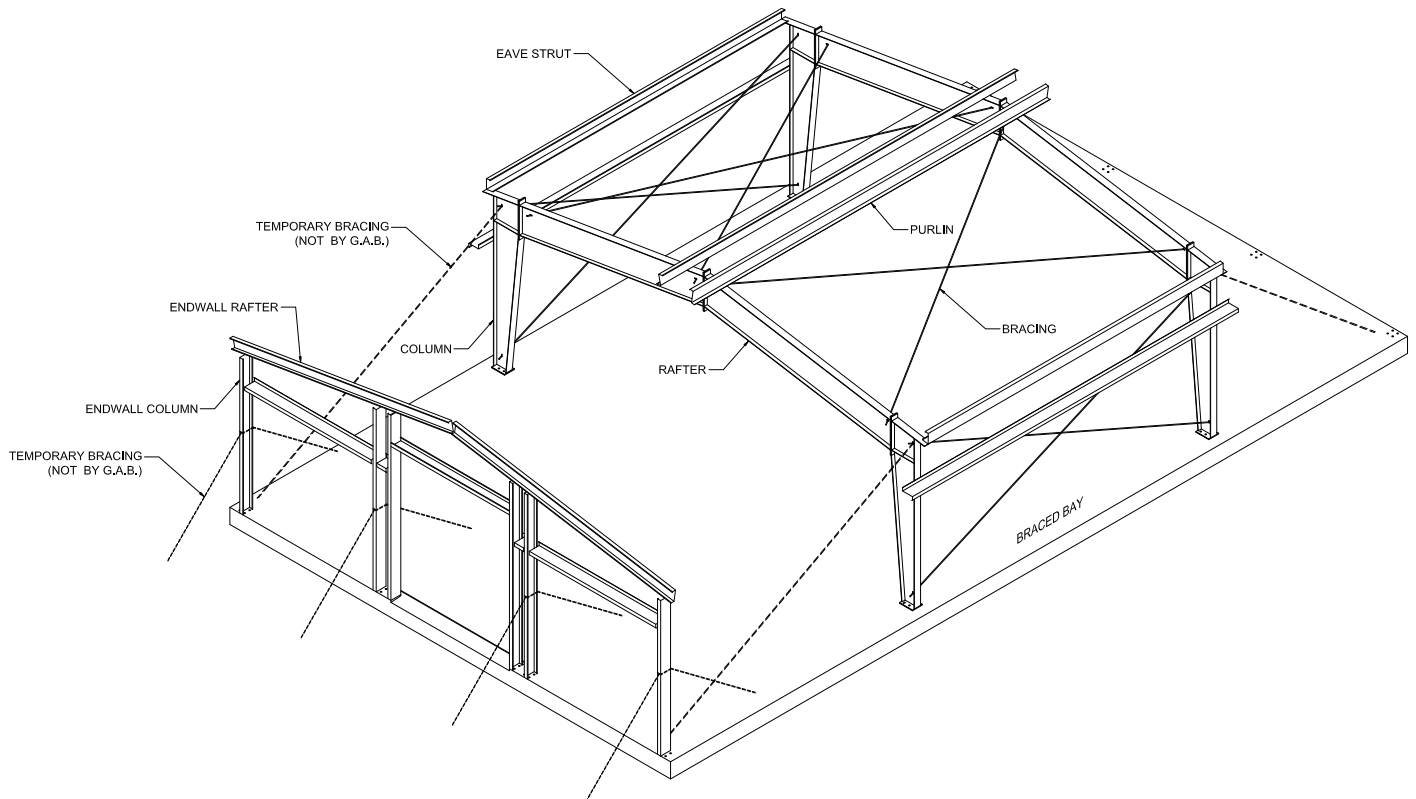
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3.11 POST AND BEAM ENDWALLS

Post and beam endwalls of 50 feet or less in span may be raised into position and set on the anchor bolts as a unit. All rafters, columns, girts (except outside endwall girts which connect to the sidewall girts) door headers, door jambs, clips, wind bracing, etc. should be assembled on the ground with the bolts left finger tight. A spreader bar should be used to raise the endwall frame, because of the flexibility of the post and beam frames. Take care to locate the points of attachment of the lifting cables, and in raising the frame, to avoid bending about the minor axis.

For spans of 60 feet and greater, the columns are usually erected first and then capped with the endwall rafter. The girts, jambs, headers and wind bracing are then added between the end columns. During this erection process, the frame must be properly braced or guyed before the lifting cables are disengaged. Final bolt tightening should be done once the frame is plumb and square.



SAFETY NOTE!

STAY CLEAR OF ALL MOVING LOADS. MAKE CERTAIN ALL FRAMING IS PROPERLY BRACED OR GUYED BEFORE LIFTING CABLES ARE REMOVED. FOLLOW ALL OSHA REGULATIONS. **SAFETY FIRST!**

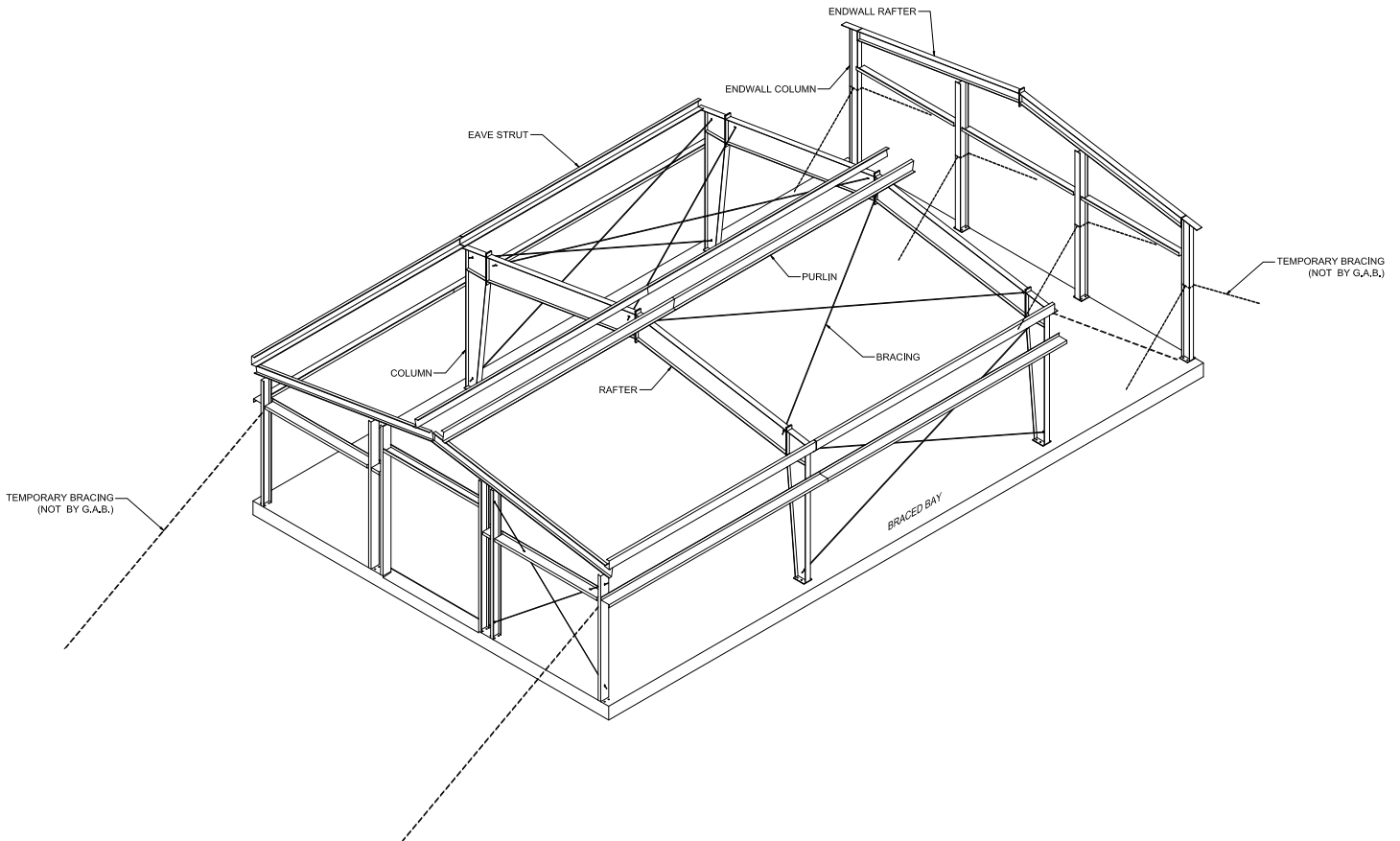


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3.12 REMAINING FRAMES

Erect the remaining frames, initially with only a few purlins being installed in each bay, as shown below, working from one end of the building to the other. To lend overall rigidity to the structure, install flange braces to the girts/purlins at specified locations, as indicated on the erection drawings. All purlin, girt and eave strut connection bolts are left loose so that the entire skeleton frame work can be plumbed without undue difficulty.



SAFETY NOTE!

ALWAYS FOLLOW ALL OSHA SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS. SAFETY FIRST!

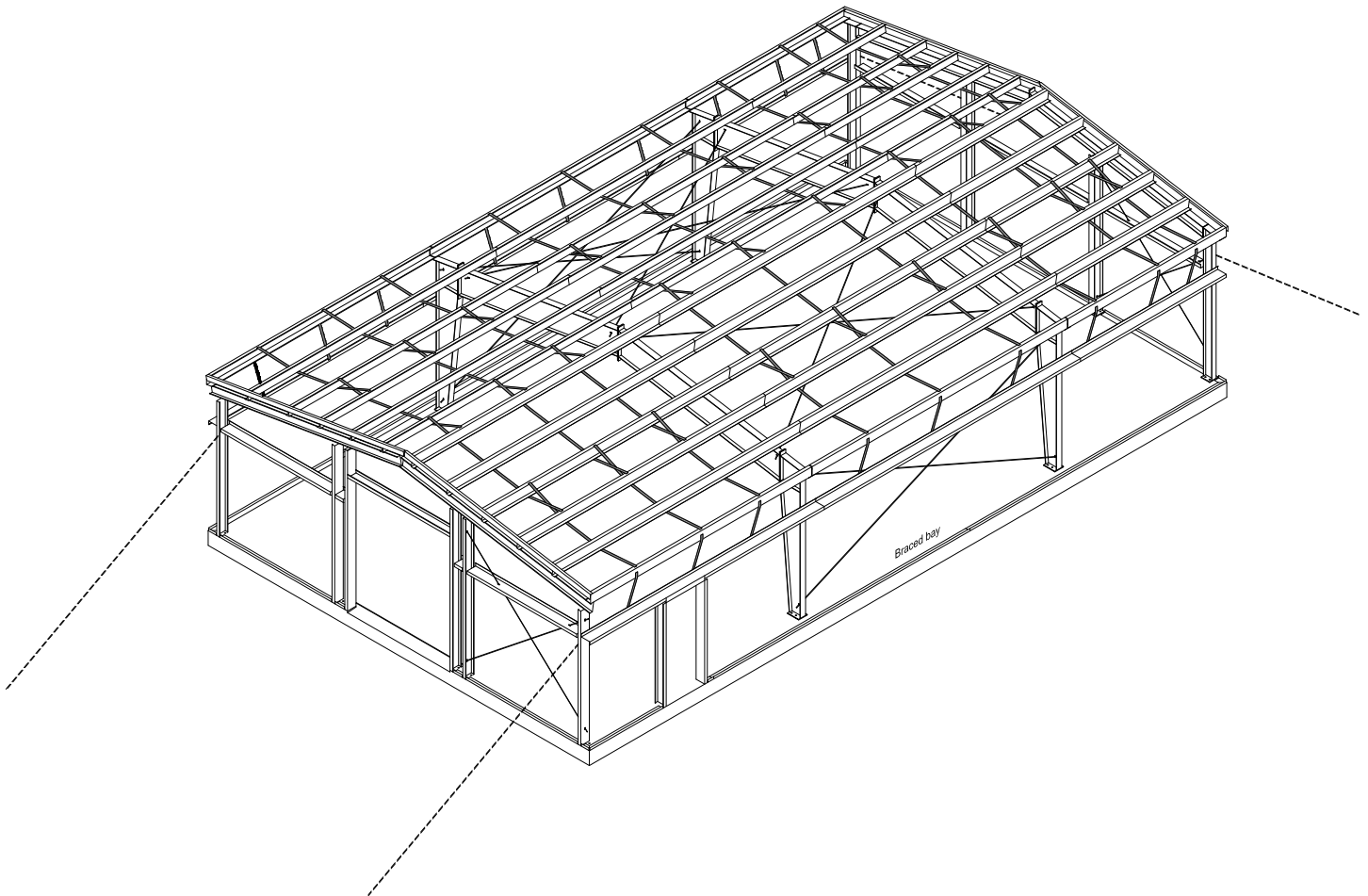


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3.13 REMAINING SECONDARY

The remaining purlins can be positioned on the rafter in each bay to facilitate the completion of the roof framing. At this point, heavy hoisting equipment will normally not be used again. Remaining purlins and girts are then tightened in place, as well as flange braces. Also, install sag strap and/or 5" zee blocking (if provided) as specified on the erection drawing.



SAFETY NOTE!

ALWAYS USE OSHA APPROVED TIE OFF, NETTING OR RAILS WHEN WORKING ON ROOF AREAS. **SAFETY FIRST!**

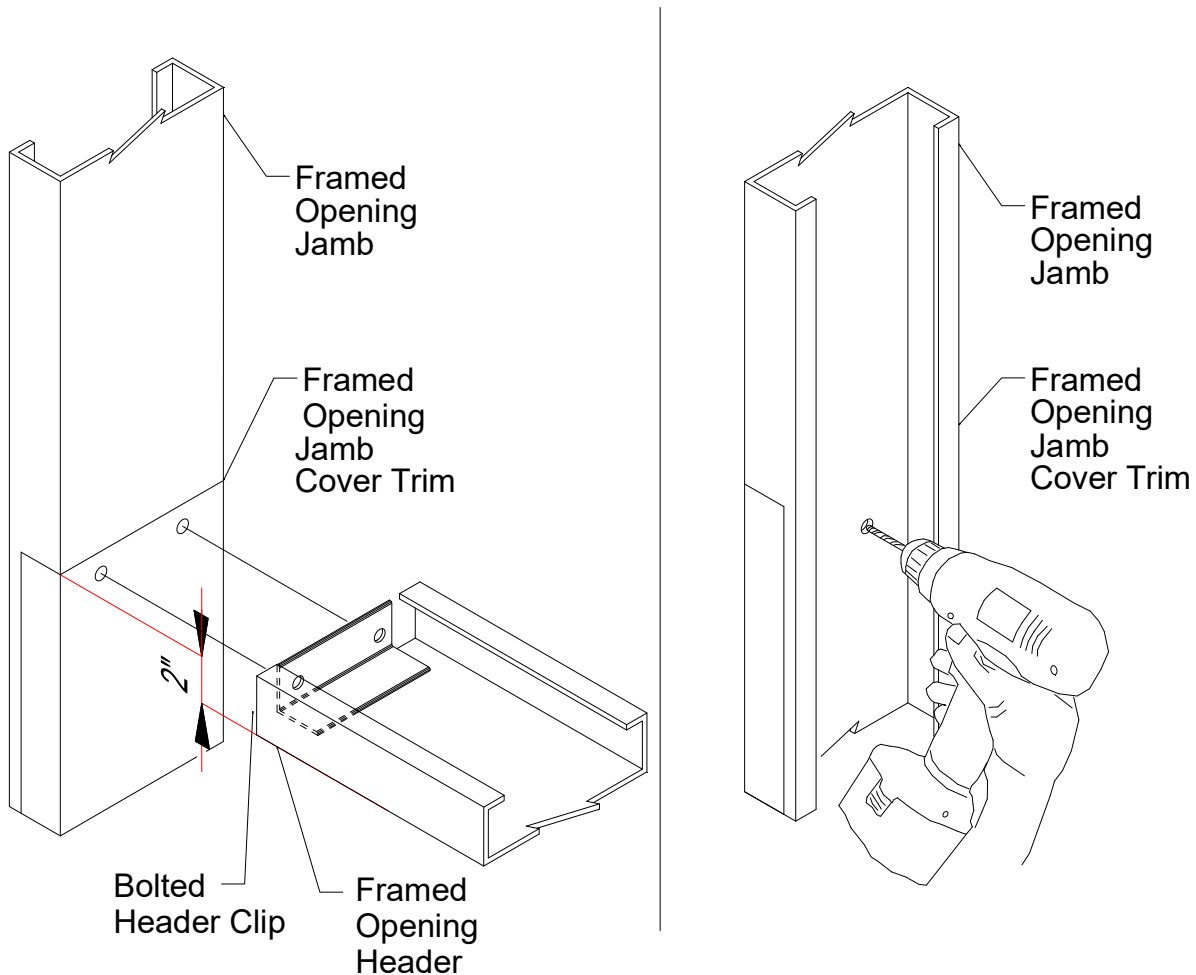


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3.14 FRAMED OPENING TRIM INSTALLATION

Prior to sheeting the building, any and all framed openings must be installed. In order to have a professional look to your building, the framed opening cover trim should be installed to the framed opening's header and jambs before attaching any other girt or secondary member to it. **Extra care must be used in order to not scratch, dent, bend or warp this piece of trim.** Start by cutting the cover trim to the proper length. The length of the cover trim should be 2" taller than the framed opening header, add an additional 2" if it is a window. Header or sill cover trim length will be 4" longer than the framed opening width. Attach the framed opening cover trim, to the framed opening jamb. Using pop rivets the same color as the jamb cover trim, continue attaching the framed opening cover trim with pop rivets at 10" on center. After the framed opening cover trim is attached, ream holes using a 9/16" diameter bit by using the pre-punched jamb holes as a guide. Repeat these steps for the header and/or sill. Proceed with bolting on any clips to the jambs or headers, and install on the building.

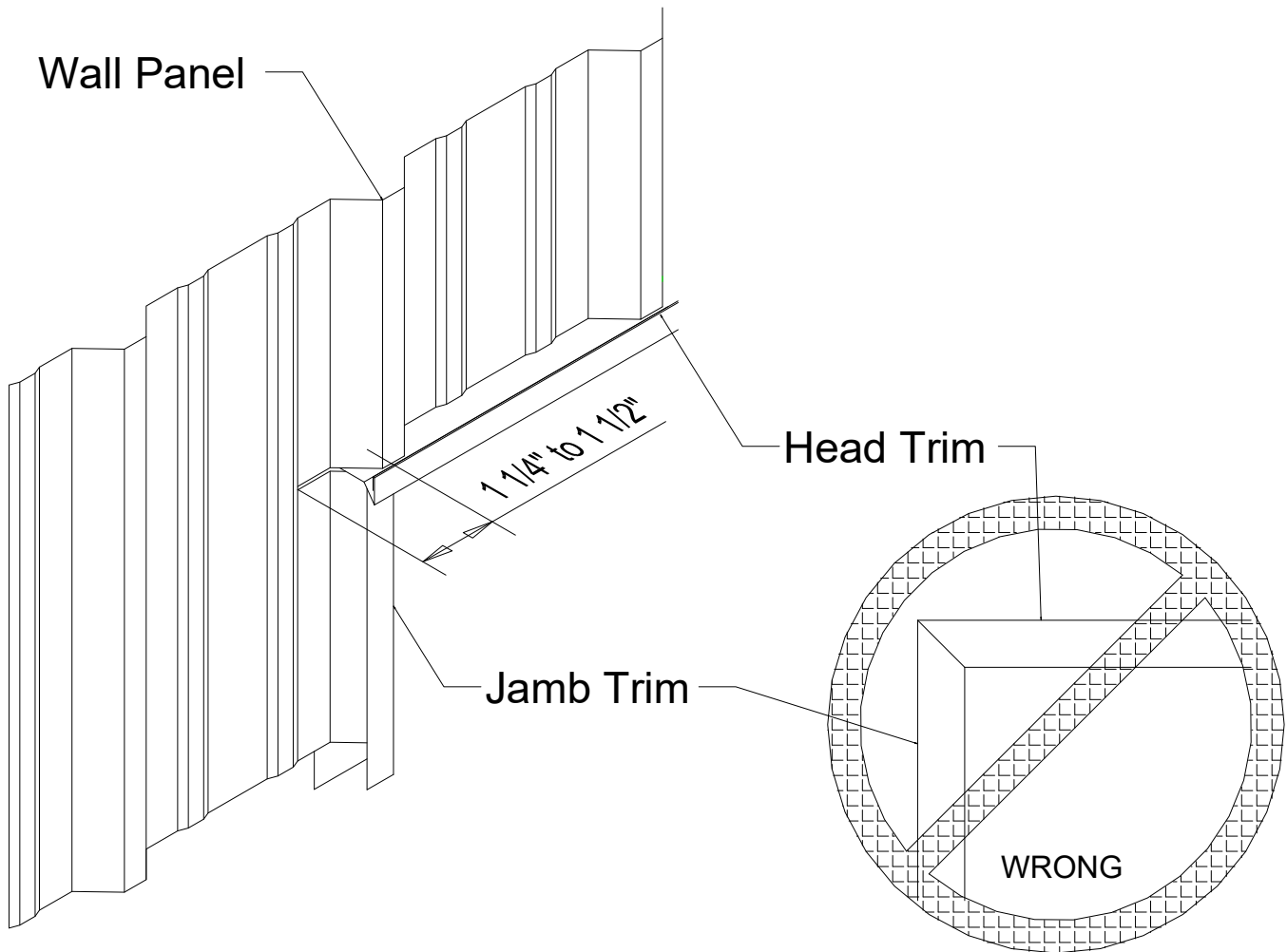




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“J” trim pieces are provided to trim out edges around framed openings. “J” trim pieces should be temporarily attached to framed opening jambs and headers before wall sheets are attached. Install head trim to framed opening header, leaving a 1 1/4” to 1 1/2” overhang on either side of the opening width. The jamb trim can then be permanently installed to the framed opening jamb, cut to length, if required. Also notch the top 2” of the jamb trim so that the back leg can slide behind the head trim once installed. After trim is attached, the trimmed wall sheets can be inserted behind the “J” trim, then screwed down in place. Next slit the wall panel, 1 1/4” to 1 1/2” at the header height, to allow for the back of the head trim, to slide behind the wall panel. Proceed to caulk around the corner of the framed opening as required. For aesthetic purposes only, it is highly advised that the jamb trim be placed over the high rib.



NOTE!

MITERING FRAMED OPENING TRIMS AT 45° COULD RESULT IN WATER RUNNING BACK INTO THE BUILDING.



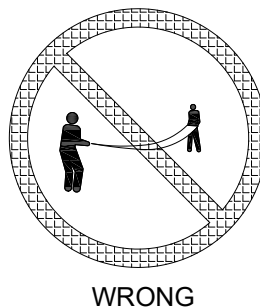
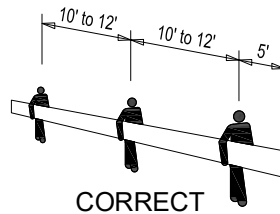
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4.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

All the primary and secondary framing should be erected, plumbed and the bolts properly tightened before the sheeting of the building is started. Framed opening(s) should also be installed, plumbed, squared and tightened before sheeting begins.

GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS' wall and roof panels are quality merchandise and should be handled with care. When handling or uncrating the panels, lift, do not slide, them apart. Burred edges may scratch the coated surfaces when sheets are slid off of one another. When lifting panels, support long panels to prevent buckling. Lift and handle bundles as described earlier in [section 2.3](#). Do not use any type of steel or cable slings. Lift and carry single panels, at quarter points and in a vertical position so no damage to the seams occurs.



This section contains erection instructions for exposed fastener metal panels only.

Some details contained within this section show conditions as though the panels are being erected from left-to-right. The panels can also be erected from right-to-left, and the conditions are similar to the point that the same details can be utilized without any problems. Give special attention to the purlin bearing legs of panel.

When field cutting or mitering panels, non-abrasive cutting tools, such as nibblers or tin-snips should be used. Abrasive cutting tools, such as mechanical grinders or power saws can damage the finish and create excess metal shavings that can corrode the panels. The use of non-approved cutting devices may void the factory warranty.

SAFETY NOTE!

WORKERS SHOULD ALWAYS USE GLOVES WHEN LIFTING SHEETS AND FOLLOW ALL OSHA SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS. **SAFETY FIRST!**

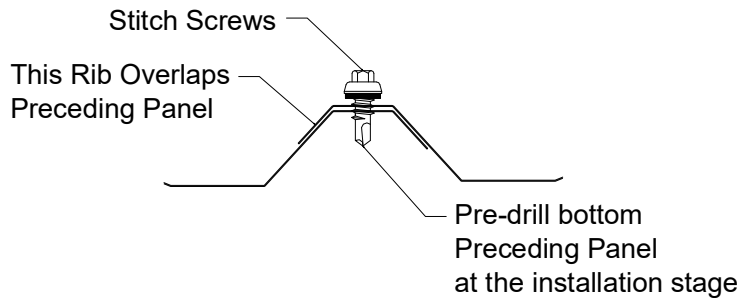
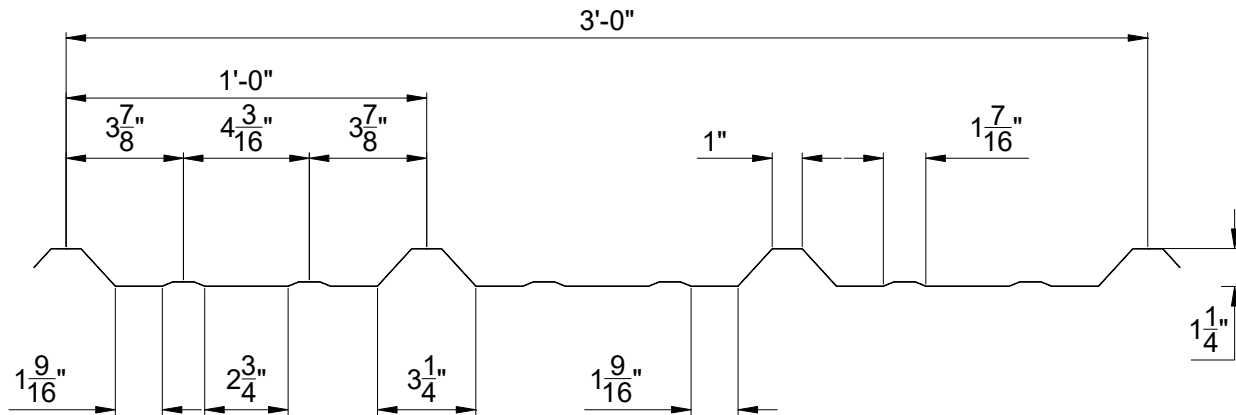


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4.2 "R" PANEL

The "R" panels are designed for both roof and wall applications. Its symmetric profile allows for installation without regard to sheeting direction. Sheeting can be started from either end of the building, however, by applying the sheets toward the direction of the prevailing view, the overlap line on the side of every third rib will be less visible. Where heavy prevailing winds occur, **place the edge to be lapped into the wind!**



SAFETY NOTE!

DO NOT STEP ON THE MAJOR RIBS, THE SIDE EDGE OR EDGE OF THE "R" PANEL. ALWAYS FOLLOW OSHA SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS. **SAFETY FIRST!**

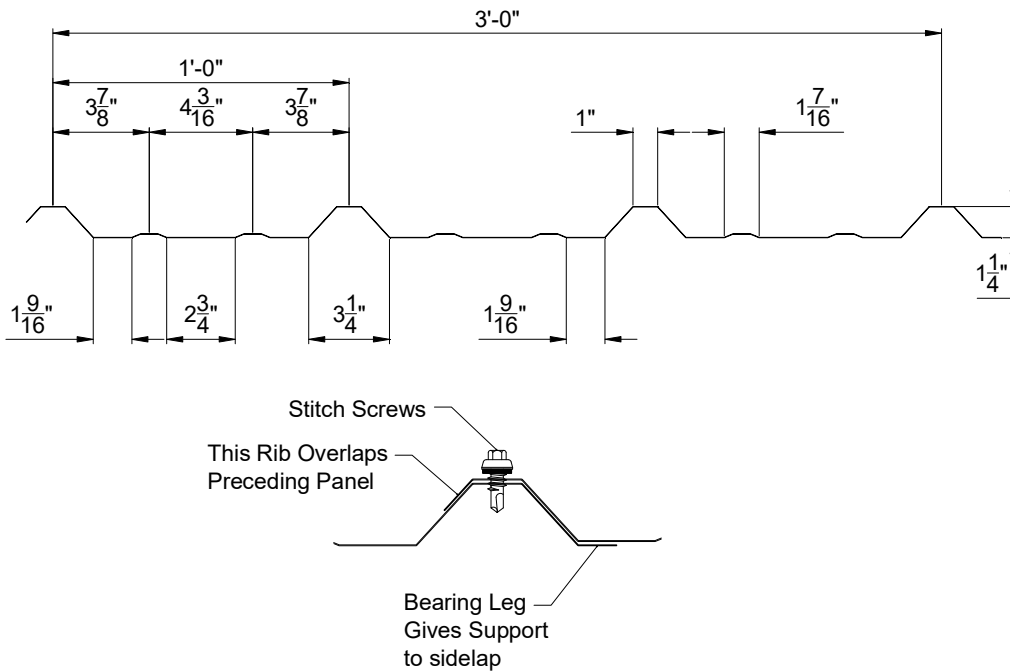


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4.3 "PBR" PANEL

The "PBR" panels are designed for both roof and wall applications. The profile is the same as the "R" panels except for the addition of the support leg on the trailing edge on one side. Erection of this panel requires that the proper direction of its application be established. The support leg allows for better nesting with the overlapping rib of the next panel. As shown below, the installation of the panels would proceed from left to right.



SAFETY NOTE!

DO NOT STEP ON THE MAJOR RIBS, THE SIDE EDGE OR EDGE OF THE "PBR" PANEL.
ALWAYS FOLLOW OSHA SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS. **SAFETY FIRST!**

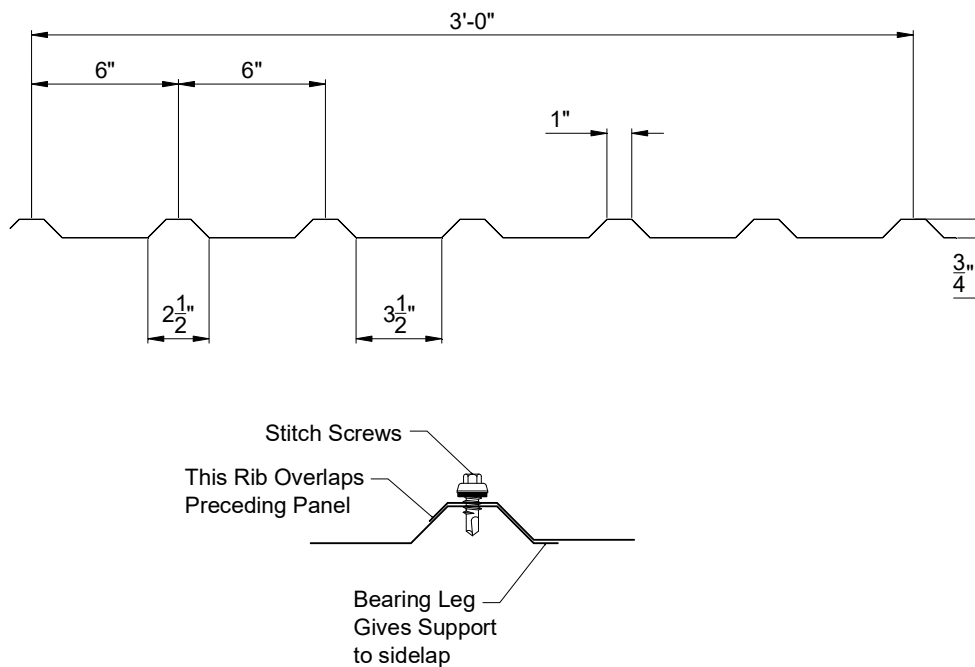


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4.4 "PBU" PANEL

The "PBU" panels are designed for wall applications only. The ribs are closer together, compared to that of the "R" panel. The rib style is more suitable to smaller trims. Erection of this panel requires that the proper direction of its application be established. The support leg allows for better nesting with the overlapping rib of the next panel. As shown below, the installation of the panels would proceed from left to right.



SAFETY NOTE!








DO NOT APPLY PRESSURE TO THE PAN OF THE PANELS DURING INSTALLATION, WHEN THE PRESSURE IS RELEASED, "OIL CANNING" MAY OCCUR. **SAFETY FIRST!**



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4.5 ROOF AND WALL FASTENERS

STANDARD FASTENERS	
 <p>#12 x 1 1/4" Self Drilling Screw (Long Life) Usage: Panel to Girt</p>	 <p>#10 x 1" Phillips Pancake Head Self Drilling Screw Usage: Sag Strap</p>
 <p>1/4"-14 x 7/8" Self Tapping Screw (Long Life) Usage: Panel to Panel</p>	 <p>1/8" x 3/16" Stainless Steel Blind Pop Rivet Usage: Trim to Trim</p>
 <p>#12-24 x 1 1/2" Self Drilling Hex Head Tek 5 Usage: Panel to Flange</p>	 <p>#17 x 1" Goof Screw EPDM washer Usage: Filling Holes</p>
 <p>#12 x 1" Self Drilling Screw (No Washer) Usage: Rake Angle to Purlin</p>	



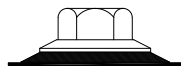
4.6 FASTENER INSTALLATION

Correct fastener installation is one of the most critical steps when installing panels. Drive the fastener in until it is tight and the washer is firmly seated. **Do not overdrive** fasteners: A **slight** extrusion of neoprene around the washer is a good visual tightness check. With Long-Life fasteners, the neoprene washers are not exposed cannot be overtightened. This is GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS' standard fastener type, in a metal building application.

Always use the proper tool to install fasteners. A fastener driver (screw gun) with an RPM of 1700-2000 should be used for self-drilling screws. A 500-600 RPM fastener driver should be used for self-tapping screws. Discard worn sockets, these can cause the fastener to wobble during installation.

NEOPRENE WASHERS

Correct



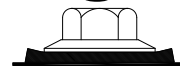
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Around Metal Washer

**Too
Loose**



Sealing Material Not
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**Too
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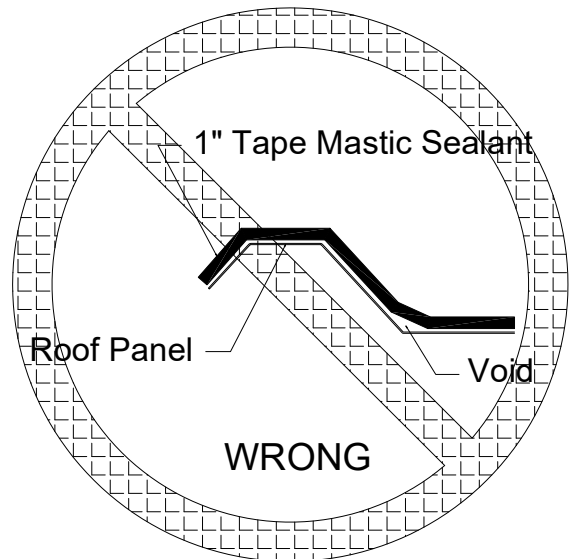
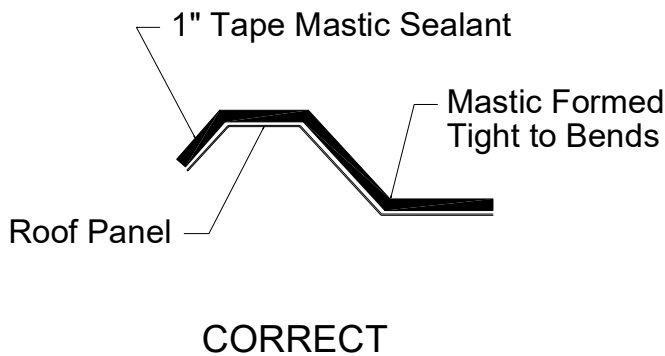
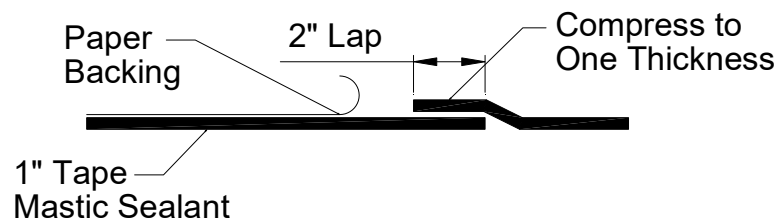
Sealing Material
Deformed Beyond the
Edge of Metal
Washer

NOTE!

ALWAYS REMOVE METAL FILINGS FROM SURFACE OF PANELS AT THE END OF EACH WORK PERIOD. **METAL FILINGS CAN DESTROY THE PAINT FINISH AND POSSIBLY VOID ANY WARRANTY.**

4.7 PROPER MASTIC INSTALLATION

Proper mastic application is critical for a tighter seal on a building. Mastic **should not** be stretched when installed. Mastic will only be provided for the roof, unless ordered otherwise. Apply only to clean, dry surfaces. Keep only enough mastic on the roof that can be installed in a single day. During hot weather, store in a cool dry place. During cold weather (below 60° F) mastic **must** be kept warm (60-90° F) until application. Press the mastic firmly in place making sure it is tightly formed to all bends. When a lap is required, splice the mastic together at 2" and press the lapped pieces of mastic firmly together to form a single thickness. After mastic has been applied, keep protective paper in place until panel is ready to be installed.



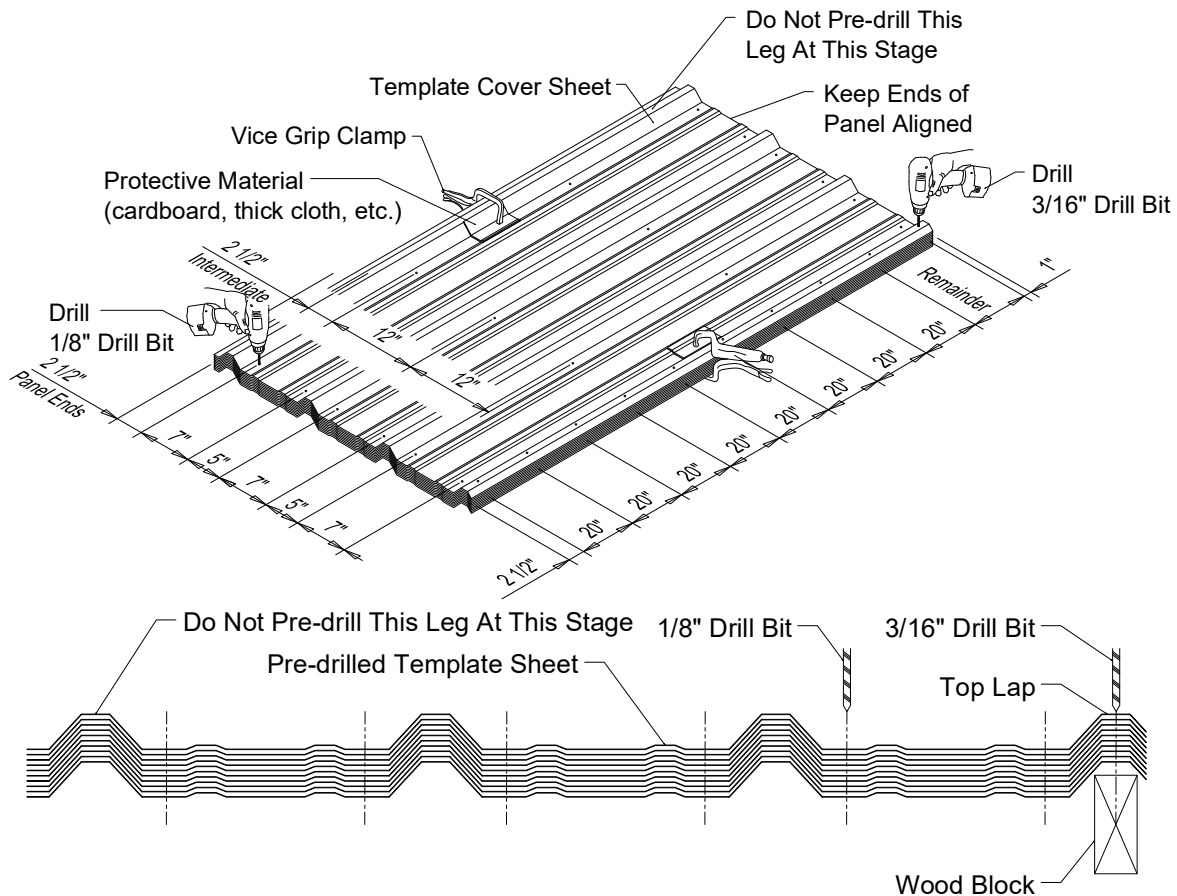
NOTE!

DO NOT STRETCH TAPE MASTIC ACROSS THE CORNERS. THIS WILL DECREASE THE THICKNESS WHERE IT IS NEEDED MOST.

4.8 PANEL PREPARATION

Good alignment of the screws, especially on the wall panels, will give a professional appearance to the panel installation. One way this can be accomplished is by pre-drilling holes in the panels at identical locations. Up to 12 panels can be stacked together and drilled by creating a template panel. Use 1/8" diameter drill bit for panel to structural fasteners and a 3/16" diameter bit for the sidelap clearance holes. **It is important to clean metal filings off panel surfaces after drilling to avoid rust stains.**

LIFT PANELS, DO NOT SLIDE, THEM APART. BURRED EDGES MAY SCRATCH THE COATED SURFACES WHEN SHEETS ARE SLID OFF OF ONE ANOTHER.



SAFETY NOTE!

USE OSHA APPROVED EYE PROTECTION WHEN OPERATING A DRILL. ELECTRICAL TOOLS MUST BE PROPERLY GROUNDED. DO NOT USE ELECTRICAL TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT WHILE STANDING ON WET SURFACES. **SAFETY FIRST!**

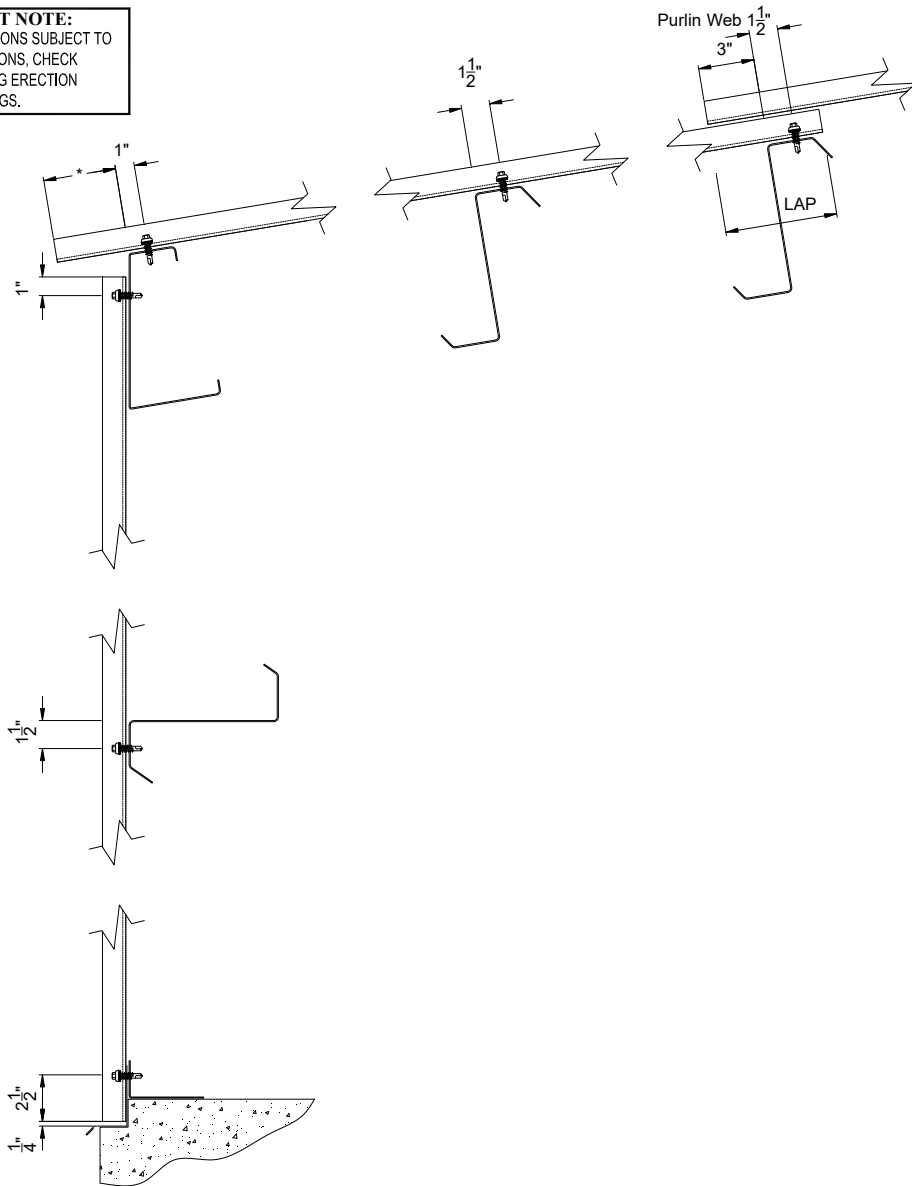


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The template panel should be laid out for the proper screw locations in accordance with the building erection drawings. Since pre-drilling will “hand” the panels, it will also be necessary to select the end of the building from which the paneling is to begin. Also keeping in mind the pre-valing wind or pre-valing view (See [Section 4.20](#)) **Before drilling the template panel, it should be checked for proper hole locations against the building framework.** Be sure there is no excessive deflection or sag in the purlins and girts.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
 * DIMENSIONS SUBJECT TO VARIATIONS, CHECK BUILDING ERECTION DRAWINGS.



NOTE!

CONCRETE NOTCH AREA INDICATES 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" RECESS FOR METAL PANEL. THE SHEET SHOULD NOT TOUCH THE BOTTOM OF THE BASE TRIM, WHICH WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.



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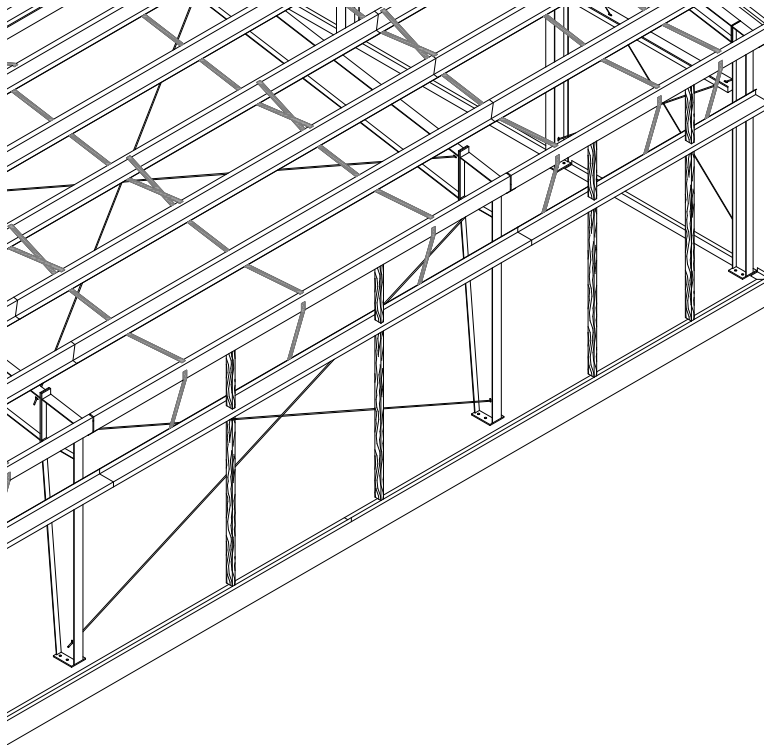
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4.9 SQUARING THE GIRTS

Complete installation of the building walls before the roof. **Before starting the wall installation, check to make sure that the eave strut and girts are straight and plumb.** One method of aligning the girts is to cut temporary wood blocking (normally the wooden dunnage that the building was shipped with) to the proper length and install between the lines of girts. This blocking can be moved from bay to bay which will reduce the number of pieces required. Normally, one line of blocking per bay is sufficient. Sag strap can also be used to hold the girts straight and plumb.

NOTE!

TEMPORARY GIRT BLOCKING IS NOT RECOMMENDED ON CONCEALED FASTENER PANELS. THE REMOVAL OF THE BLOCKING AFTER PANEL INSTALLATION **WILL CAUSE OIL CANNING.**



SAFETY NOTE!

DO NOT ALLOW BLOCKING TO BECOME A FALL HAZARD. WORKERS SHOULD WEAR OSHA APPROVED HARD HATS. GIRTS SHOULD NEVER BE USED AS A CLIMBING LADDER. MAY RESULT IN DAMAGE TO GIRT CLIPS, AS WELL AS INJURY TO WORKERS. **SAFETY FIRST!**



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4.10 WALL INSULATION

There are many types of insulation installed in pre-engineered steel buildings. However, fiberglass blanket insulation is the most common type used, and these instructions pertain to this type only. One side of the blanket insulation should have a vapor barrier that must face the inside of the building regardless of whether the insulation is for heating or cooling.

Insulation Storage

Insulation should be stored in a dry, protected area. All packages should be elevated above the ground or slab, preferably on a flat surface, to prevent contact with surface water accumulation. The facing should be protected from tears and punctures to maintain continuity of the vapor barrier. Poly-bags should have holes in each end to aerate the insulation. It is also suggested that the builder open the ends of the bags to allow better air circulation around the insulation. Packages can be left uncovered during the day, weather permitting, but should be protected at night with polyethylene film, canvas or other covering.

NOTE!

WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THE INSULATION SHOULD BE USED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER IT ARRIVES AT THE JOBSITE. THE SOONER THE INSULATION IS INSTALLED, THE LESS LIKELY IT IS TO GET DAMAGED IN STORAGE.

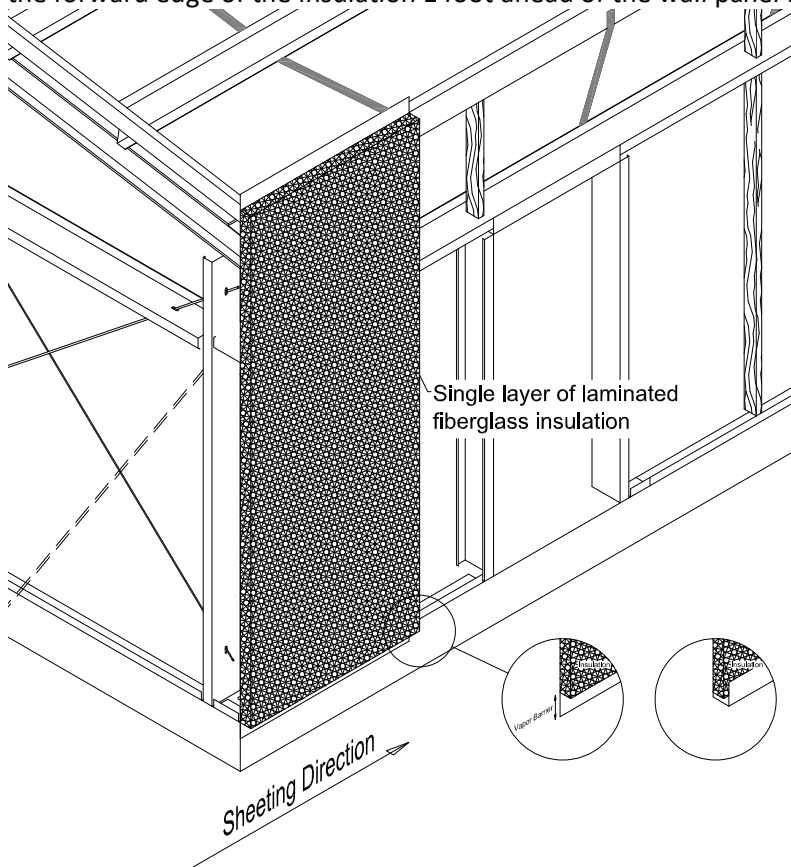
Wall Insulation Installation

Cut the insulation to length allowing an additional **12" or more to facilitate** handling, 6" on each end. **The wall panel can be used as a guide.**

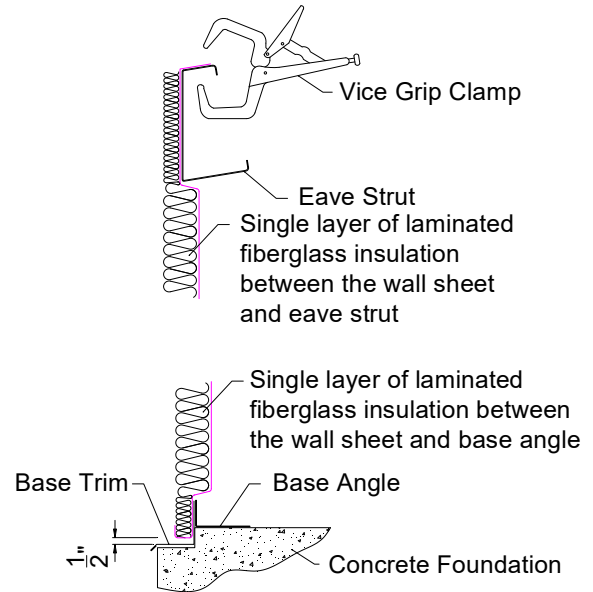
NOTE!

COMPRESSION INSULATION MUST COMPRESS BETWEEN THE GIRT AND THE WALL PANEL DURING INSTALLATION. INSULATION TOO THICK OR DENSE TO COMPRESS ADEQUATELY WILL INDUCE WAVINESS OR OIL CANNING IN CERTAIN TYPES OF WALL PANELS. REFER TO ERECTION DRAWINGS FOR DETAILS.

The first run of wall insulation should be installed, after the base trim, so that its forward edge is just ahead of the leading edge of the wall panel. The most widely used procedure is to use a 4 foot starter roll, then switch to 6 foot rolls. This keeps the forward edge of the insulation 1 foot ahead of the wall panel for joining the next roll.



Cut and remove the fiberglass approximately 4" and fold the vapor barrier back over the insulation (upslope).



In order to prevent water from getting into the fiberglass fold the vapor barrier up and around back towards the eave of the building. Maintaining a 1/2" from finished floor.

NOTE!

DO NOT ALLOW THE INSULATION TO WICK MOISTURE FROM THE FLOOR.

SAFETY NOTE!

INSULATION HAS NO LOAD BEARING STRENGTH. DO NOT LEAN OR PROP MATERIAL AGAINST WALL INSULATION. OBSERVE ALL PROPER SAFETY PROCEDURES WHEN HANDLING FIBERGLASS INSULATION, SUCH AS DUST MASKS, GLOVES AND LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS TO MINIMIZE CONTACT WITH THE INSULATION FIBERS. **SAFETY FIRST!**

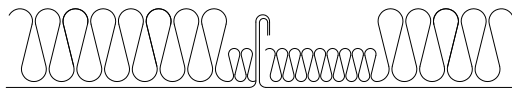
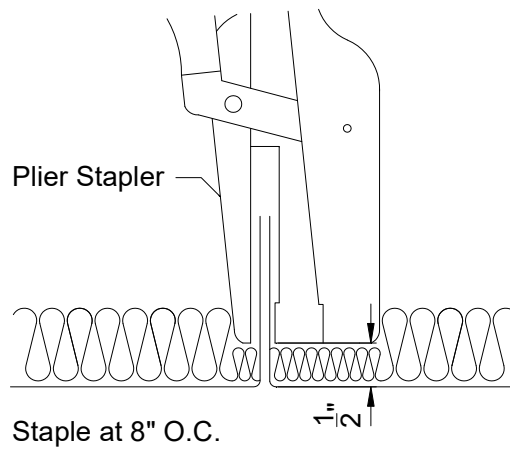
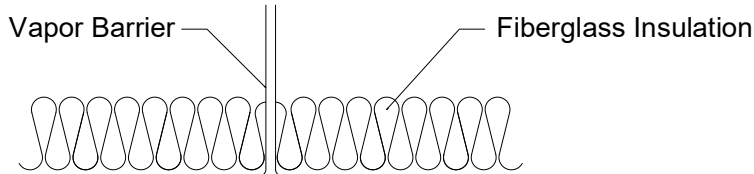


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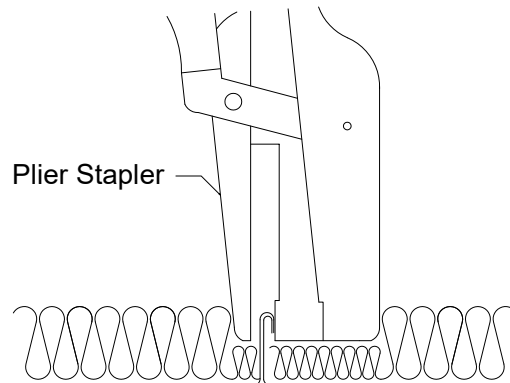
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Sealing Insulation Laps

Insulation is sealed together at the sidelaps by folding and stapling as shown below. The stapling is done from the outside of the building as the insulation is applied. Pull the adjoining tabs outward at the joint and align the edges. Staple, fold and staple as shown. Be sure there are no voids in the fiberglass at the sidelap joints.



Fold Vapor Barrier
Back on itself



Avoiding Previous Staples
Re-Staple at 8" O.C.



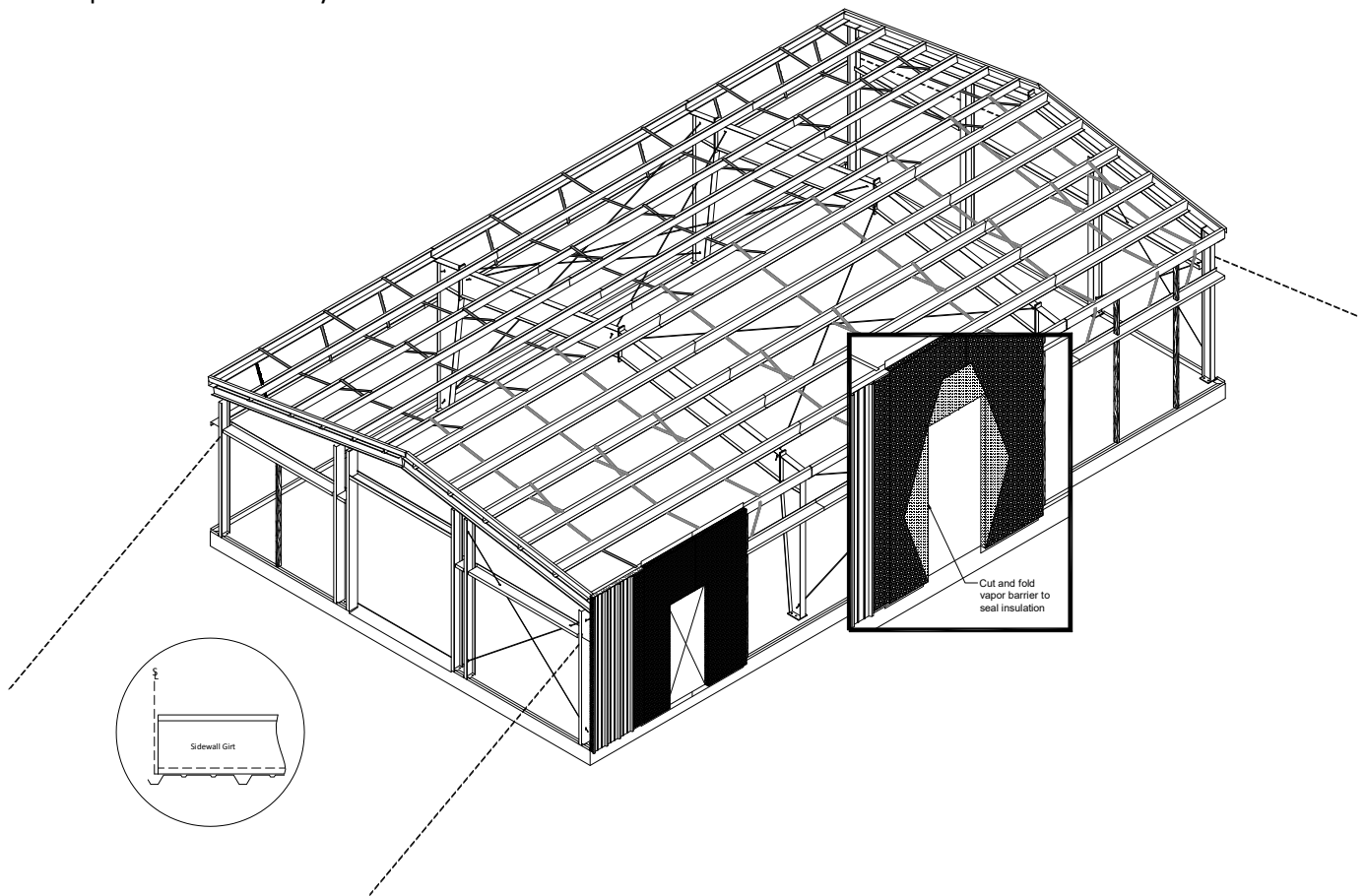
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4.11 SIDEWALL PANELS

Adjoining panels are installed with the pre-drilled overlapping rib toward the last erected panel. Position panel to structure making sure that it is kept plumb. Drill structural member if required and install fasteners at lapped rib. Check for proper coverage and correct as necessary. Install remaining fasteners. Note: pre-drilling clearance holes in overlapping rib may be required.

Remove the fiberglass away from the vapor barrier of the insulation, **without cutting through the vapor barrier**, at the framed opening area. Then using a utility knife, cut an "X" from corner to corner. To protect the insulation from wicking, fold the flaps back as necessary.



SAFETY NOTE!

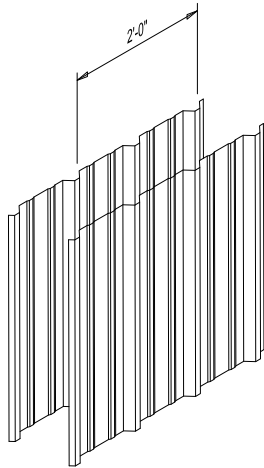
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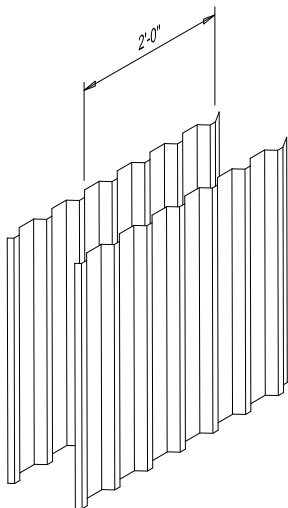
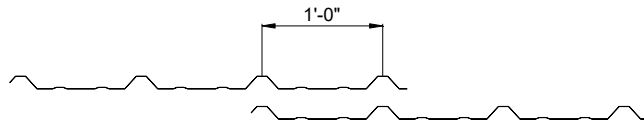
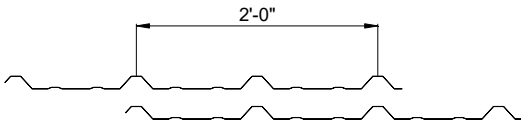
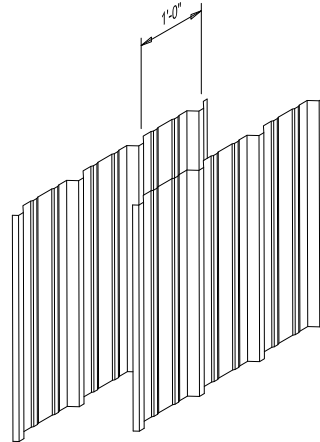
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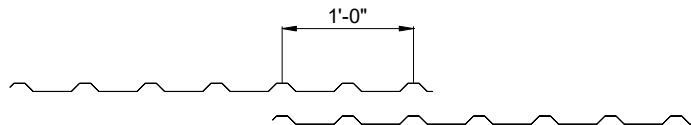
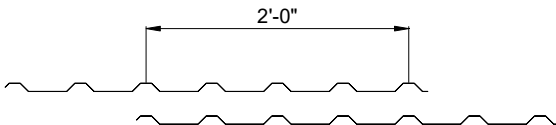
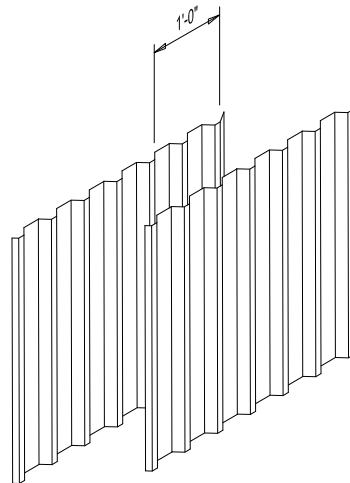
Backlapping the panels 1 foot or 2 foot for "PBR", and every 6" for "PBU", is routinely done to match panel coverage with the building width and length. On the sidewall this is done with the last panel installed. On the endwall this is normally done near the center and will be marked on the erection drawings.



"PBR"



"PBU"



SAFETY NOTE!

ALWAYS FOLLOW ALL OSHA SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS. SAFETY FIRST!

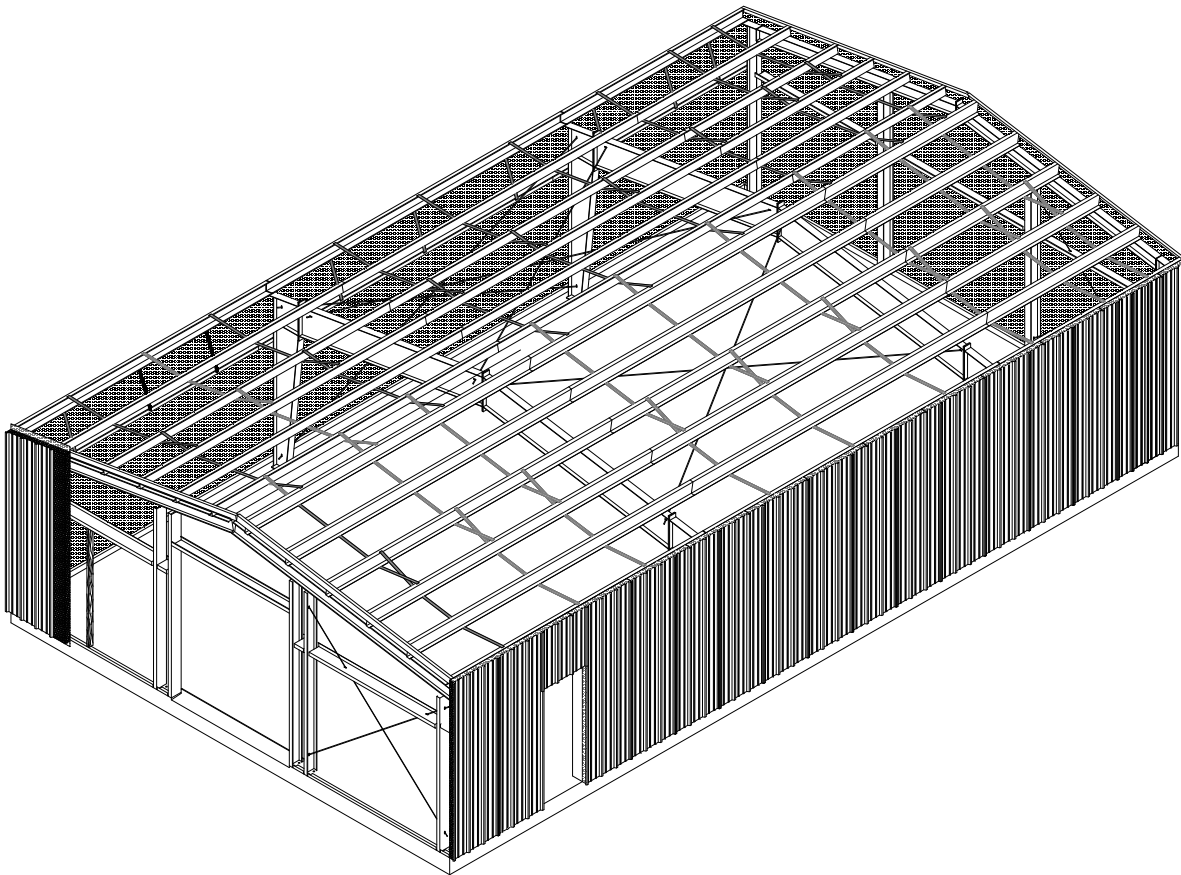


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4.12 ENDWALL PANELS

Field cutting of all endwall panels will be required regardless of roof slope. Do not pre-drill panels for the rake angle. Rake angle screw placement will be determined after the panels are installed. Endwall panels shall be secured to the rake angle, after all base angle and girt screws are installed. To avoid the screws in the rake angle from being visible, after the rake angle is installed, place the screws as close to the top edge of the endwall panel as possible. Note: because of the pre-drilling of the panels fastener holes may align at a column flange, use a tek 5 fastener at this location.



SAFETY NOTE!

WHEN FIELD CUTTING OR MITERING PANELS, NON-ABRASIVE CUTTING TOOLS SUCH AS NIBBLERS OR TIN-SNIPS SHALL BE USED. ABRASIVE CUTTING TOOLS SUCH AS MECHANICAL GRINDERS OR POWER SAWS CAN DAMAGE THE FINISH AND CREATE EXCESS METAL SHAVINGS THAT CAN CORRODE THE PANELS. THE USE OF NON-APPROVED CUTTING DEVICES MAY VOID THE FACTORY WARRANTY.

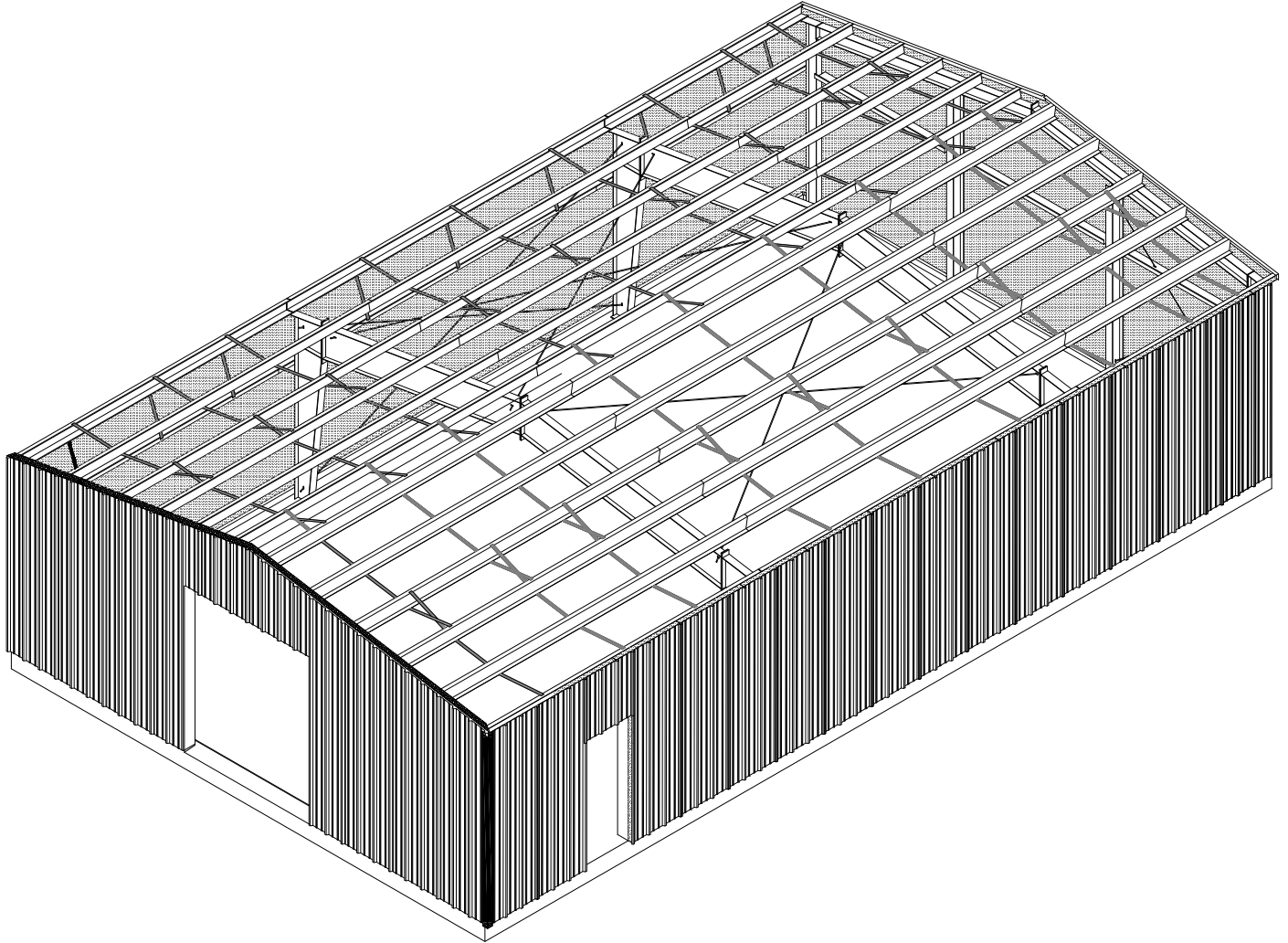


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4.13 CORNER TRIM

With the completion of all the wall panels, now it's time to install the corner trim. After ensuring that the length of the corner trim is correct, place the corner trim onto the panels. Attach the corner trim to the sidewall and endwall panels by placing the self-tapping screws at 20" on center. Then place a self driller at the girt locations to ensure that the ends of the corner panels are fastened. See specific detail in the erection drawings.



NOTE!

PENCIL LEAD AND MARKER CAN CAUSE PANELS AND TRIM PIECES TO RUST. DO NOT USE THESE TO MARK ON PARTS. USE A SOAPSTONE PENCIL INSTEAD.

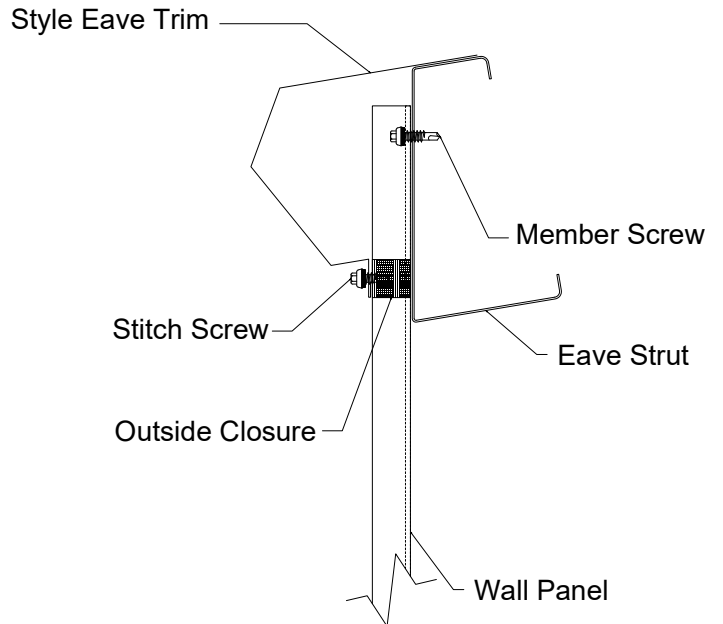
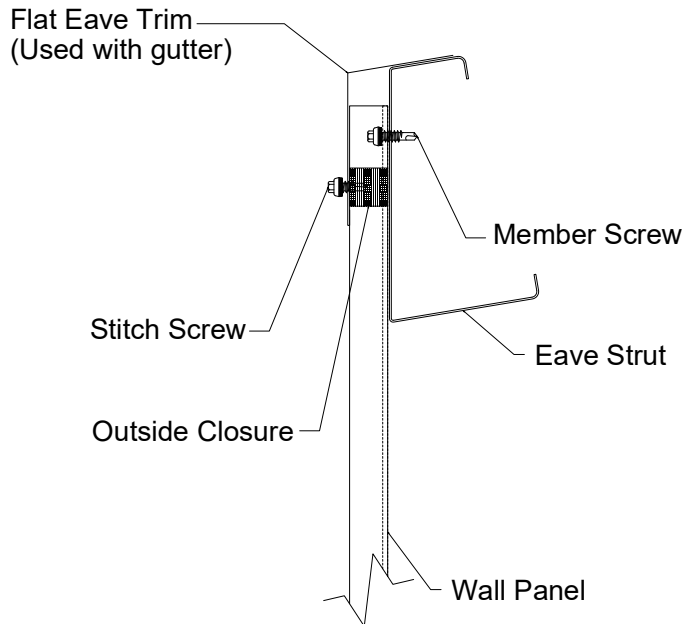


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4.14 EAVE TRIM

Eave trim will be installed tight up against the wall panel, and top of the eave strut. With the eave trim flush with the endwall side of the corner trim, attach to the sidewall panels at 12" on center with self-tapping screws.



NOTE!

ALWAYS REMOVE METAL FILINGS FROM SURFACE OF TRIMS AT THE END OF EACH WORK PERIOD. **METAL FILINGS CAN DESTROY THE PAINT FINISH AND MAY VOID ANY WARRANTY.**



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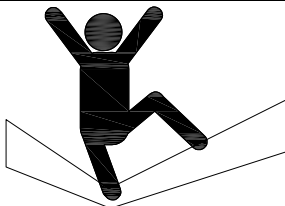
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4.15 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR ROOFING WORK

GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS strongly recommends that erection employees be continuously trained and re-trained in safe and productive work practices. Working on the roof, of roof structural members, insulation or roof panels requires proper training, correct equipment and constant alertness to minimize the danger of falls. Hard hats should be worn on jobsites to prevent injury from falling objects. Safe work practices on all erection duties should be carefully reviewed with erection crews prior to beginning each job.

SAFETY NOTE!

NEVER STEP ON TRANSLUCENT LIGHT PANELS. **SAFETY FIRST!**



SAFETY NOTE!

PANELS MAY COLLAPSE IF NOT PROPERLY SECURED. **SAFETY FIRST!**

Roof panels must be completely attached to the purlins and to panels on either side before they can be a safe walking surface. **Translucent light panels can never be considered as a walking surface.**

SAFETY NOTE!

NEVER WALK ON PARTIALLY ATTACHED OR UNATTACHED PANELS!
SAFETY FIRST!

DO NOT:

1. STEP ON A HIGH RIB
2. STEP ON RIB AT EDGE OF PANEL.
3. STEP NEAR CREASE IN RIB AT EDGE OF PANEL.
4. STEP WITHIN 5 FEET OF EDGE ON UNSECURED PANEL.

SAFETY NOTE!

A SINGLE ROOF PANEL MUST NEVER BE USED AS A WORK PLATFORM. AN OSHA APPROVED RUNWAY SHOULD BE USED FOR WORK PLATFORMS. **SAFETY FIRST!**



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SAFETY NOTE!

PANELS MAY BE SLICK. **SAFETY FIRST!**



Because of the demands of the manufacturing process, oil has been applied to the coil stock to protect the coil, as well as the finished panel during manufacturing, shipping and storage! Metal panels must be wiped clean prior to panel installation.

SAFETY NOTE!

ALWAYS WEAR RUBBER SOLE WORK BOOTS WHEN ON THE ROOF! USE OSHA APPROVED PROTECTION DEVICES SUCH AS SAFETY LINES, SAFETY NETS OR CATCH PLATFORMS.

SAFETY FIRST!

SAFETY NOTE!

UNSECURED PANELS MAY SLIP IF STEPPED ON. EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE CONTINUOUSLY WARNED TO NEVER STEP ON A SINGLE UNSECURED ROOF PANEL, OR A STACK OF ROOF PANELS LAYING UNATTACHED TO THE PURLINS. **SAFETY FIRST!**





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SAFETY NOTE!

ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS REFERED TO IN THIS MANUAL, AS WELL AS ALL OSHA SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OR OTHER CUSTOMARY OR STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS MUST BE ADHERED TO IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE EMPLOYEE SAFETY. **SAFETY FIRST!**

SAFETY NOTE!

DAILY MEETINGS DESCRIBING SAFE WORK PROCEDURES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: USE OF HARD HATS, AND RUBBER SOLE SHOES FOR ROOF WORK, AND PROPER EQUIPMENT FOR HANDLING MATERIAL AND PROTECTION DEVICES ARE RECOMMENDED. **SAFETY FIRST!**

SAFETY NOTE!

USE EXTRA CARE WHEN WORKING ON STEEP ROOF SLOPES. **SAFETY FIRST!**

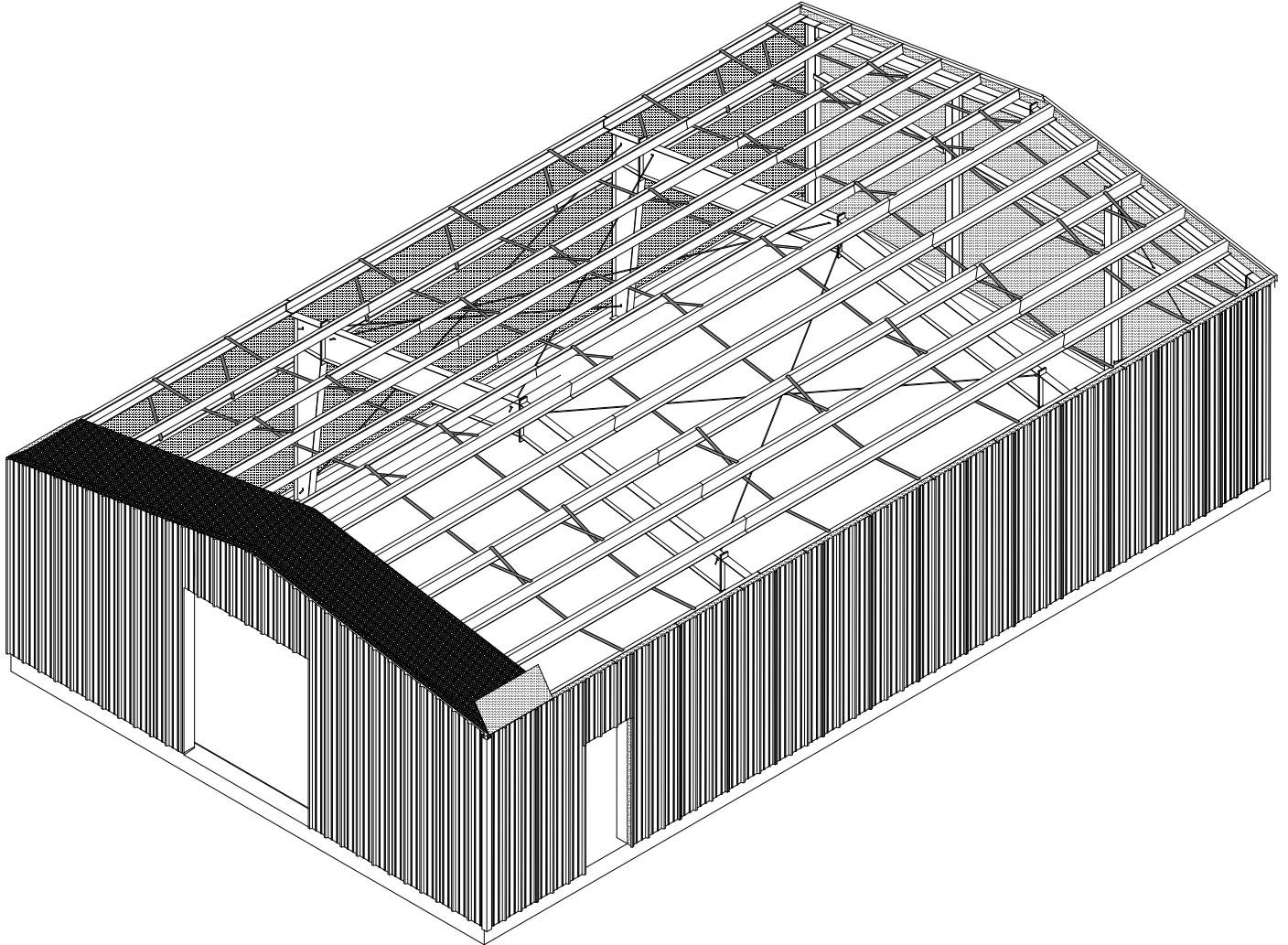


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4.16 ROOF INSULATION

Pre-cut roof insulation to reach from eave to eave allowing approximately 2 foot of additional length to facilitate handling. Hold insulation at one sidewall and roll out insulation across the purlins, vapor barrier to the inside of the building. **Stretch the insulation to provide a tight and smooth inside surface.** Weights clamped to each end can be used to hold insulation taut.



SAFETY NOTE!

INSULATION HAS NO LOAD BEARING STRENGTH. MAINTAIN BODY WEIGHT ON APPROVED SCAFFOLD OR WALK BOARDS. FOLLOW ALL OSHA RECOMMENDED SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SAFETY HARNESSES AND/OR NETS TO PROTECT FROM FALLS. **SAFETY FIRST!**

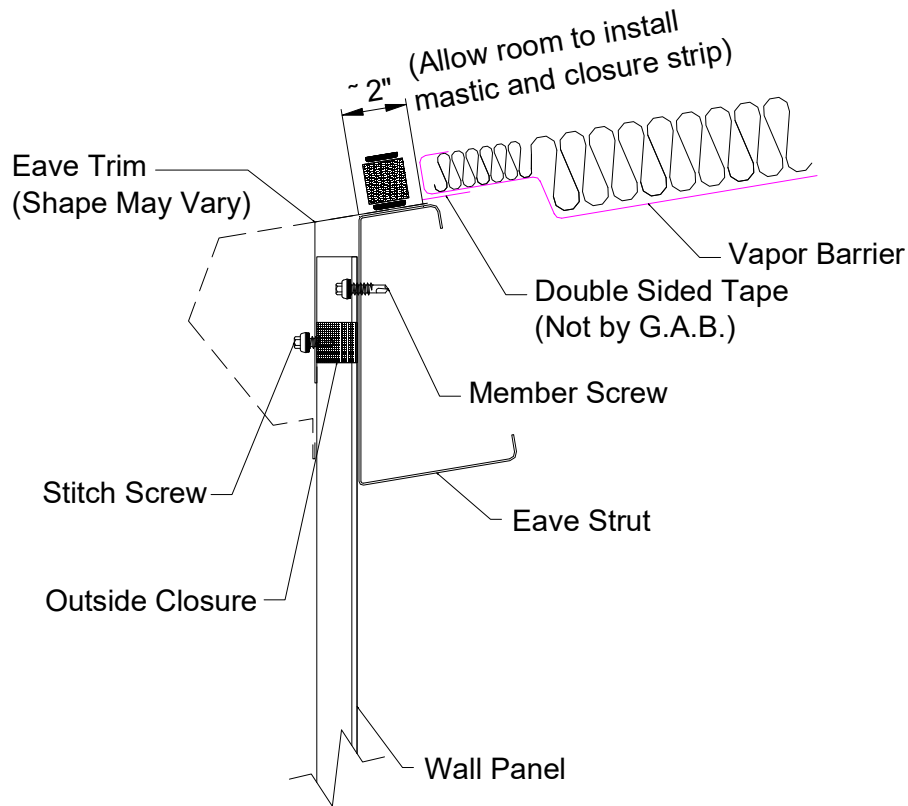


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Double sided tape or contact adhesives can be used to hold insulation in place while the roof sheets are being installed. Trim excess insulation to the edge of the eave trim and cut fiberglass approximately 4 inches from end, leaving only the vapor barrier. Fold vapor barrier over end of fiberglass to seal the ends.

Cut and remove the fiberglass approximately 4" and fold the vapor barrier back over the insulation (upslope).



NOTE!

DOUBLE SIDED TAPE AND PATCHING TAPE ARE SUPPLIED BY ERECTORS!
NOT GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS

NOTE!

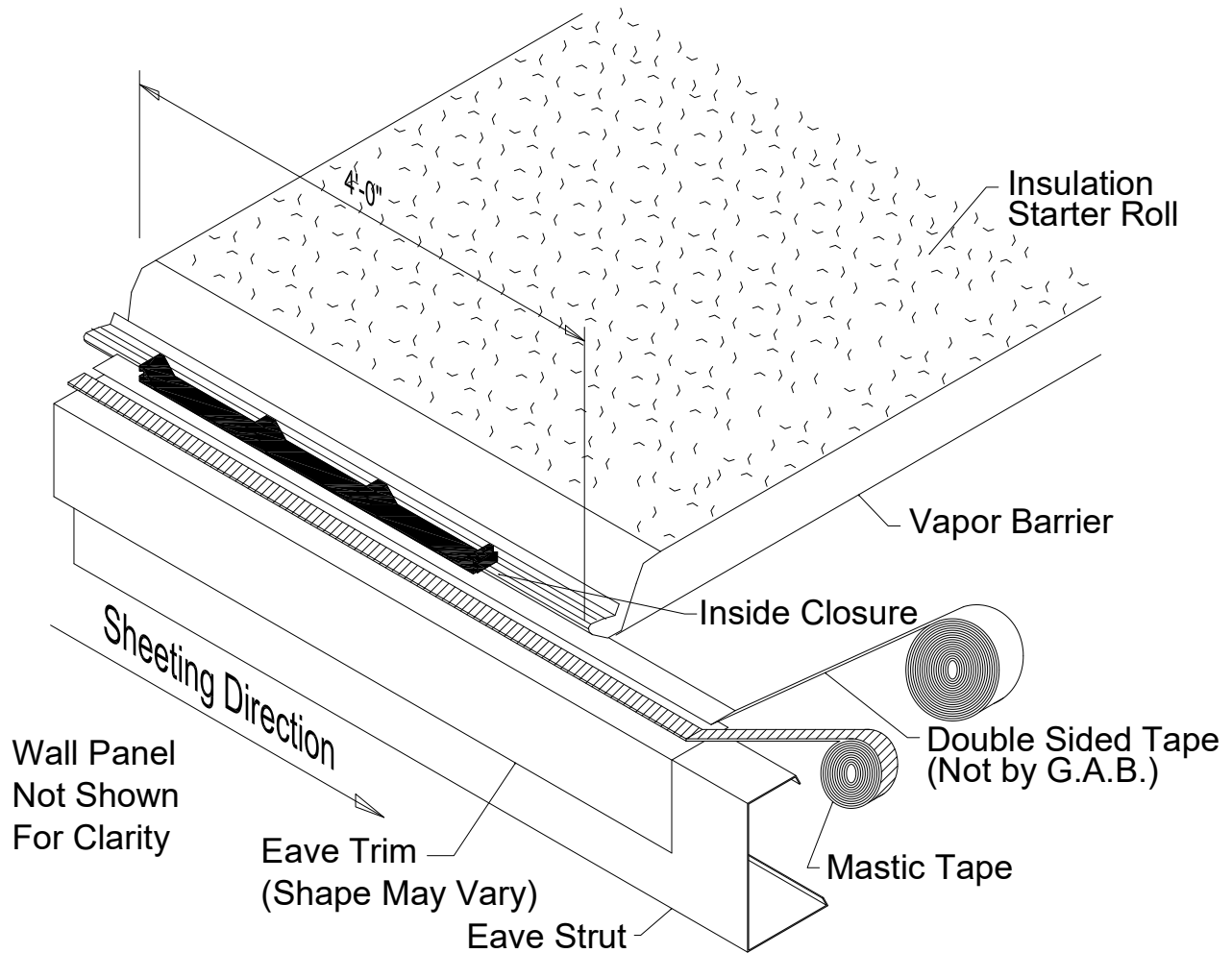
DO NOT INSTALL MORE INSULATION ON THE ROOF THAN CAN BE COVERED BY ROOF PANELS BEFORE THE WORK PERIOD ENDS. BE SURE TO COVER ANY EXPOSED INSULATION PRIOR TO LEAVING THE JOBSITE. DO NOT ALLOW THE INSULATION TO BECOME WET.



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A 4 foot starter roll of insulation is recommended to maintain the insulation joint ahead of the sheeting edge. Seal insulation sidelap joints with adhesives or fold and staple per insulation manufacturer's instructions. As on the walls, the general sequence is to install the roof sheets in conjunction with the insulation. The insulation sidelap must be sealed to prevent condensation and minimize temperature loss at laps.



SAFETY NOTE!

INSULATION HAS NO LOAD BEARING STRENGTH. MAINTAIN BODY WEIGHT ON APPROVED SCAFFOLD OR WALK BOARDS. **SAFETY FIRST!**

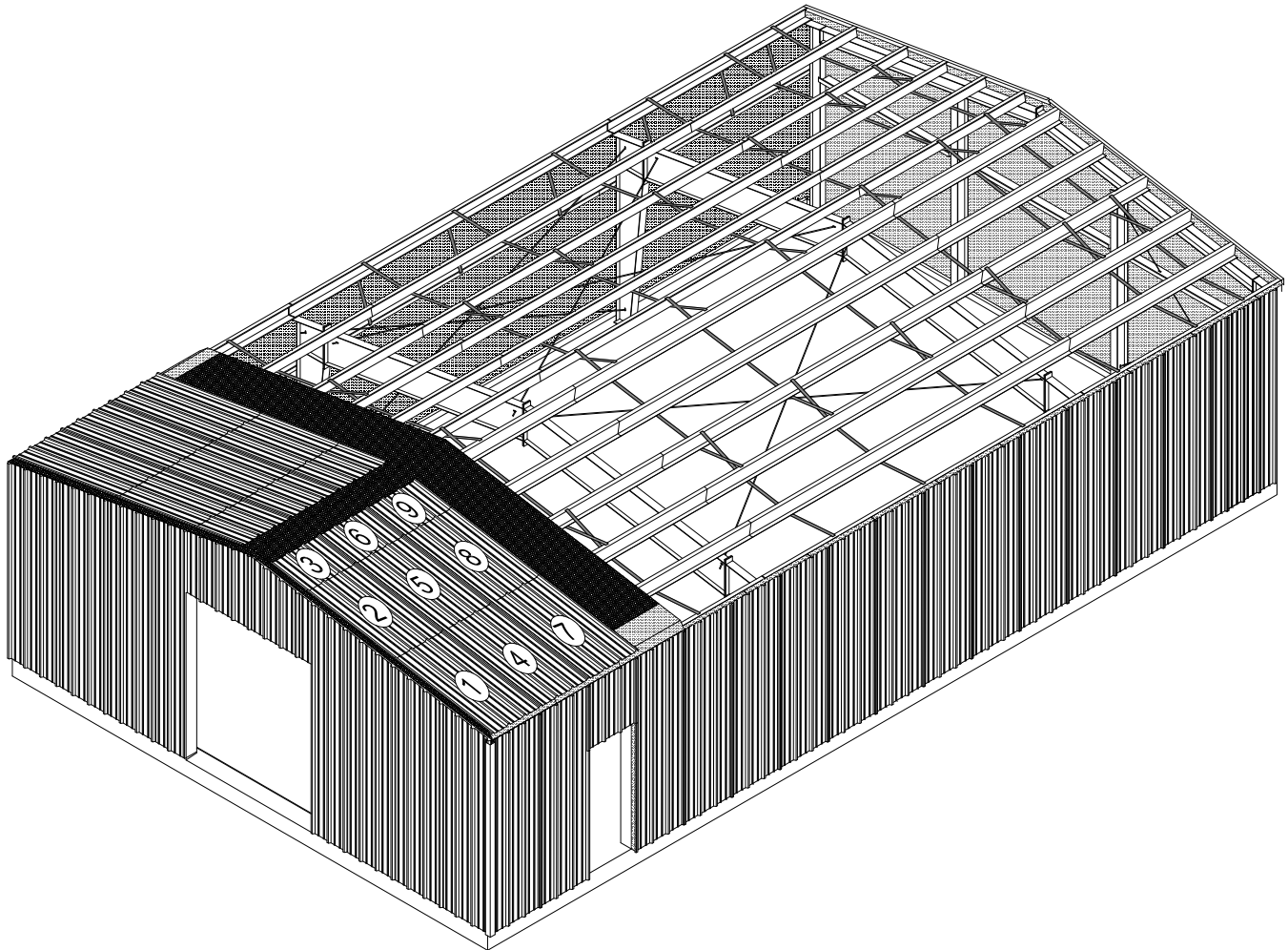


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4.17 ROOF SHEETING SEQUENCE

It is recommended that both sides of the ridge of a building be sheeted simultaneously. This will keep the insulation covered for the maximum amount of time and the panel ribs can be kept in proper alignment for the die-formed ridge cap, if supplied. Check for proper coverage as the sheeting progresses. Note panel sheeting sequence below!

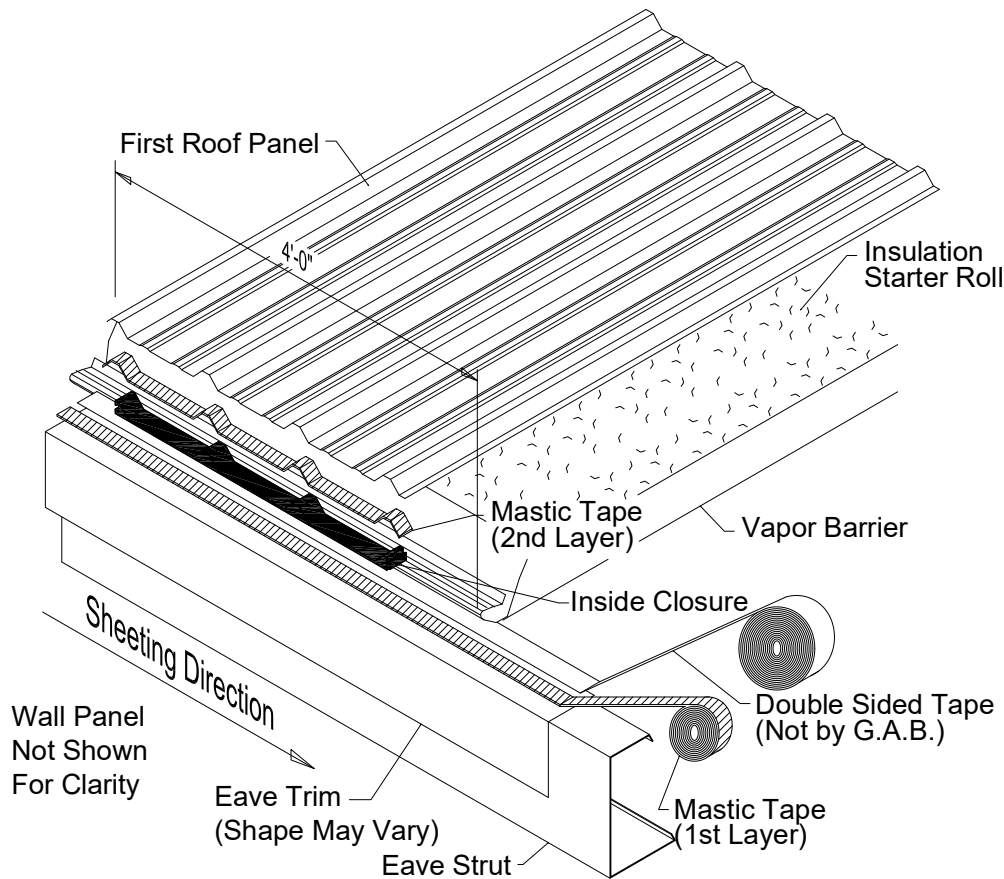


SAFETY NOTE!

IF OIL OR OTHER SLIPPERY SUBSTANCES ARE PRESENT ON THE ROOF PANELS, WIPE THEM CLEAN IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT SLIPPING OR FALLING. WORKERS SHOULD MAINTAIN A CONSTANT AWARENESS OF THEIR LOCATION RELATIVE TO THE ROOF EDGE. USE OSHA APPROVED TIE OFF, NETTING OR RAILS WHEN WORKING ON ROOF SURFACES. **SAFETY FIRST!**

4.18 EAVE PREPARATION

After installing the first run of insulation, prepare the eave for the first roof panel by applying mastic tape sealant along the eave outside of the insulation, leaving the release paper in place. Mastic must be applied in a straight line and without voids. **Do not stretch the mastic sealant.** Use a knife to cut if necessary. Align inside closure strip as shown and place on top of the mastic sealant (removing protective paper from the mastic sealant only as required). Align the major rib of the closure with the edge of the endwall roof line. Splice another closure to this starting closure and apply along the top of the eave strut mastic sealant. If roof is subject to ice and snow build-up, the splice in the closure strip must be caulked to ensure a tighter seal.



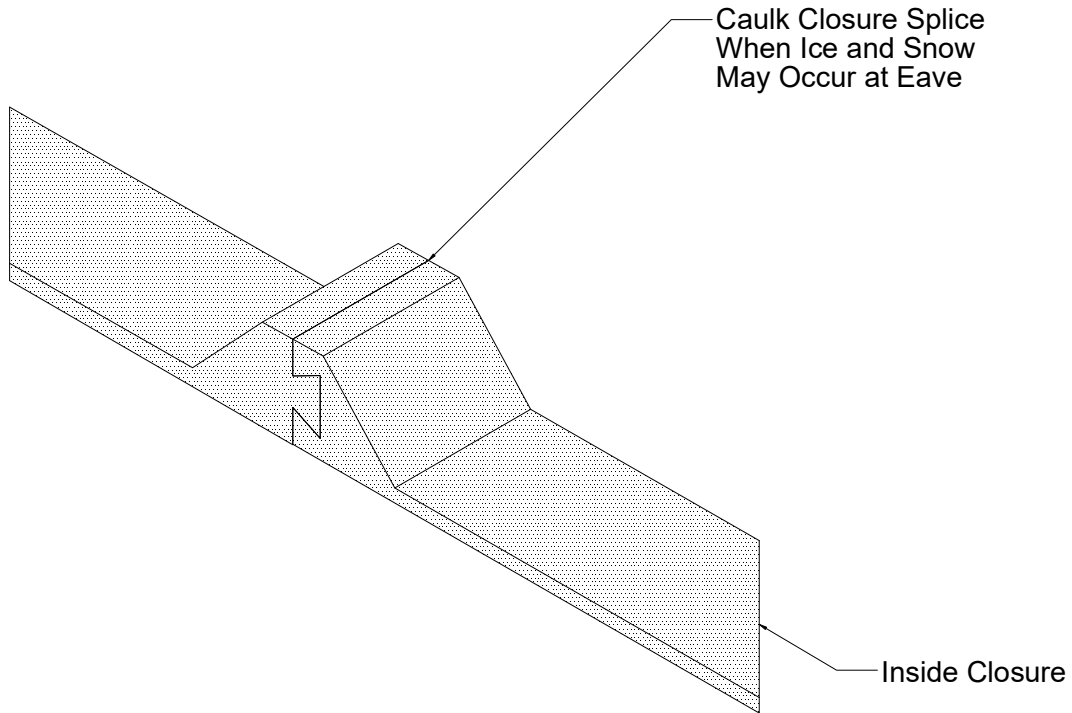
SAFETY NOTE!

WIPE OIL AND OTHER SLIPPERY SUBSTANCES FROM ROOF PANELS. DO NOT STEP ON RIB OF PANEL, NEAR A CREASE IN THE PANEL, NEAR A SIDE EDGE OR WITHIN 5 FEET OF THE END OF UNSECURED PANEL. USE OSHA APPROVED TIE OFFS, NETTING OR RAILS WHEN WORKING ON ROOF. INSULATION HAS NO LOAD BEARING STRENGTH. MAINTAIN BODY WEIGHT ON APPROVED SCAFFOLD OR WALK BOARDS. **SAFETY FIRST!**



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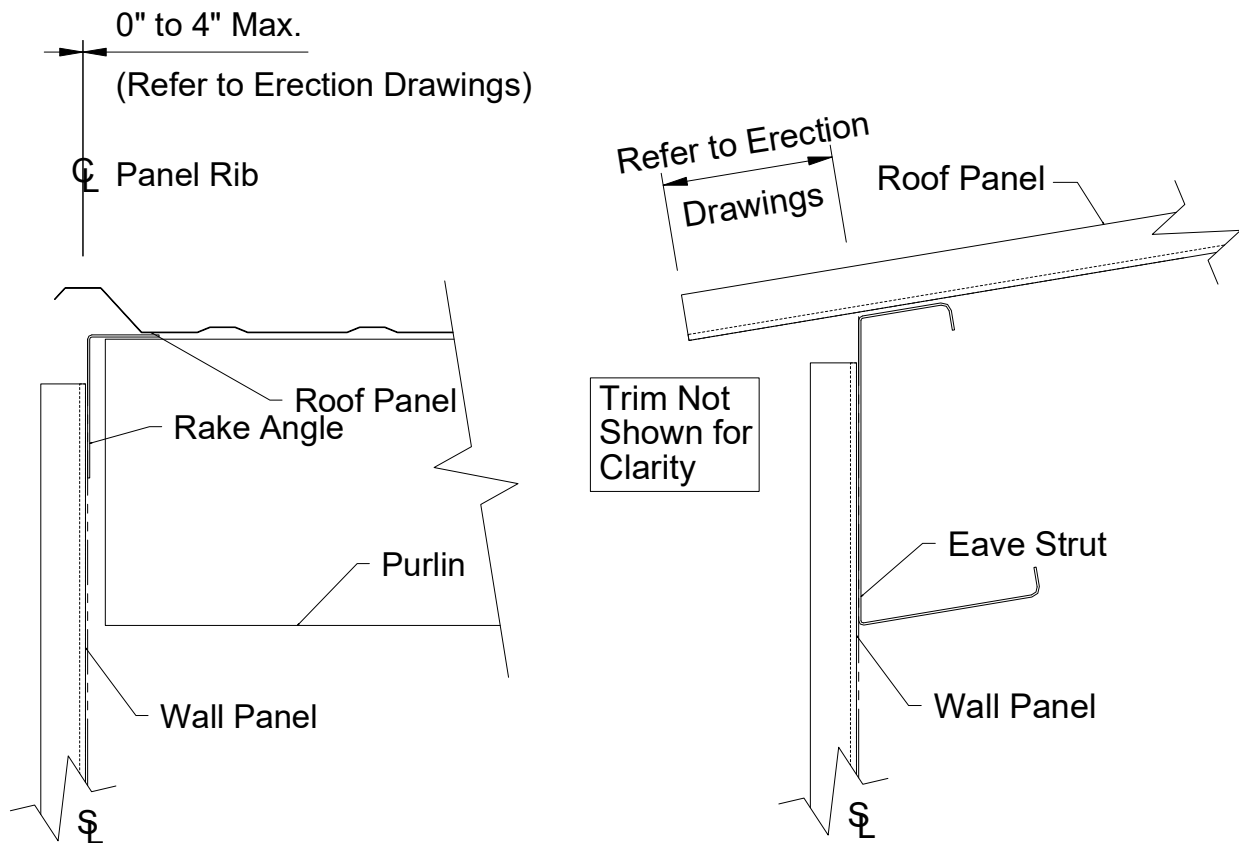
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Along the top of the closures that have been placed along the eave, apply a second run of tape mastic sealant. **Prior to removing paper backing**, check for proper alignment with the first roof panel. Note that self-tapping screws may require holes to be drilled in the supporting structure prior to installation. Continue mastic and closure run along eave in preparation for the next roof panel.

4.19 FIRST ROOF PANEL

Once the eave is prepared, the first roof panel may be installed. Check the erection drawings to determine the roof overhang at the eave. Set the roof panel in place over the inside closure (after removing the paper from the mastic sealant) insuring the major ribs of the panel nest properly with the inside closure. The panel must be properly positioned before touching the mastic. **Mastic cannot be reused.** Align the panel edge with the edge of the endwall roof line. With the panel properly placed, secure the panel to the structure with appropriate fasteners. If the building requires more than one panel per run, do not install fasteners at the purlin located at the upslope end of the panel. These fasteners will be installed after the overlapped panel is installed. Note: The panel will creep if building is not plumbed and squared before fastening the roof panel.



SAFETY NOTE!

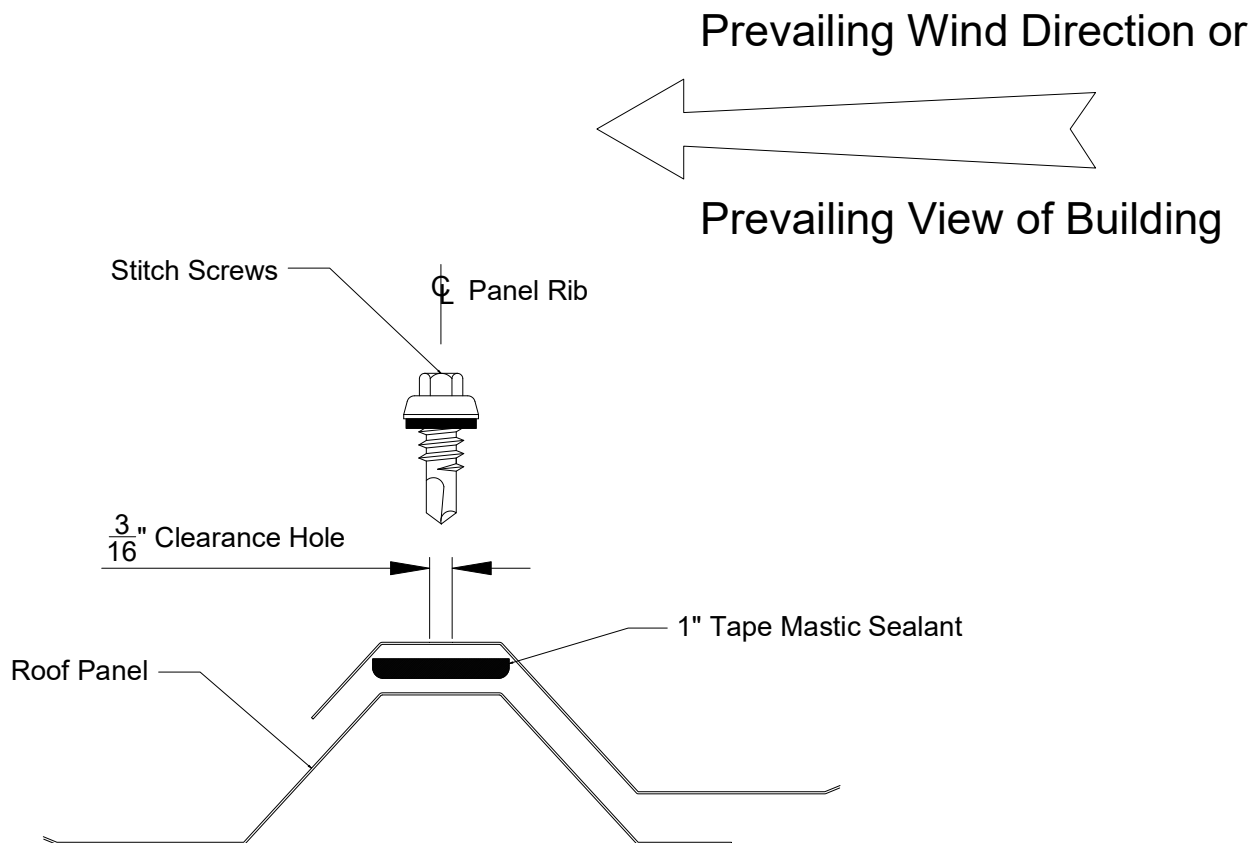
DO NOT WALK ON UNSECURED PANELS. REMOVE ALL SUBSTANCES FROM ROOF PANELS.

SAFETY FIRST!



4.20 SIDELAP SEALANT

Apply the sidelap tape mastic to the weather side edge of the lower panel's major rib as shown. The tape mastic sealant should only be applied to clean, dry surfaces. With the release paper in place, press firmly along the length of the sealant to ensure proper adhesion. In removing the protective paper from the tape mastic sealant, take care not to pull the tape sealant away from the panel. Install the adjoining panel, positioning the overlapping rib with care. Drill, at the center of the clearance holes in the overlapping panel, 3/16" pilot holes for the lap fasteners. Stitch the lap with the self-tapping fasteners supplied with the job. Never allow the sealant to be placed in other locations.

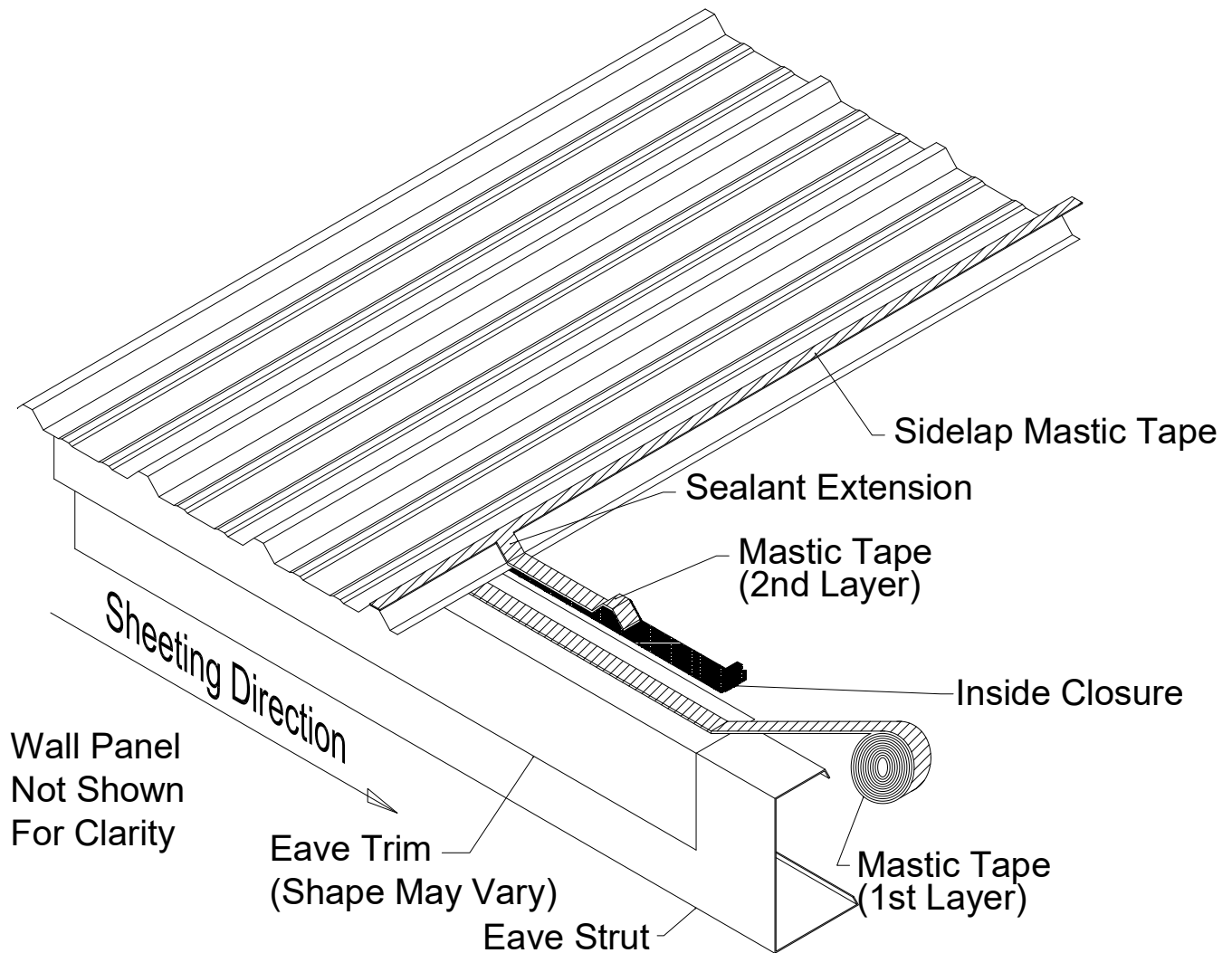


SAFETY NOTE!

USE OSHA APPROVED EYE PROTECTION WHEN OPERATING A DRILL. SWEEP UP ALL DRILL SHAVINGS FROM PANELS AT THE END OF EACH WORK PERIOD TO MINIMIZE SURFACE RUST AND DAMAGE TO PANEL FINISH. **SAFETY FIRST!**

4.21 EAVE SEALANT

Tape mastic sealant location at the eave is critical. To ensure a tight seal, the sidelap sealant must extend down from the top of the rib to the sealant on the eave closure. This sealant extension must splice into the eave mastic.



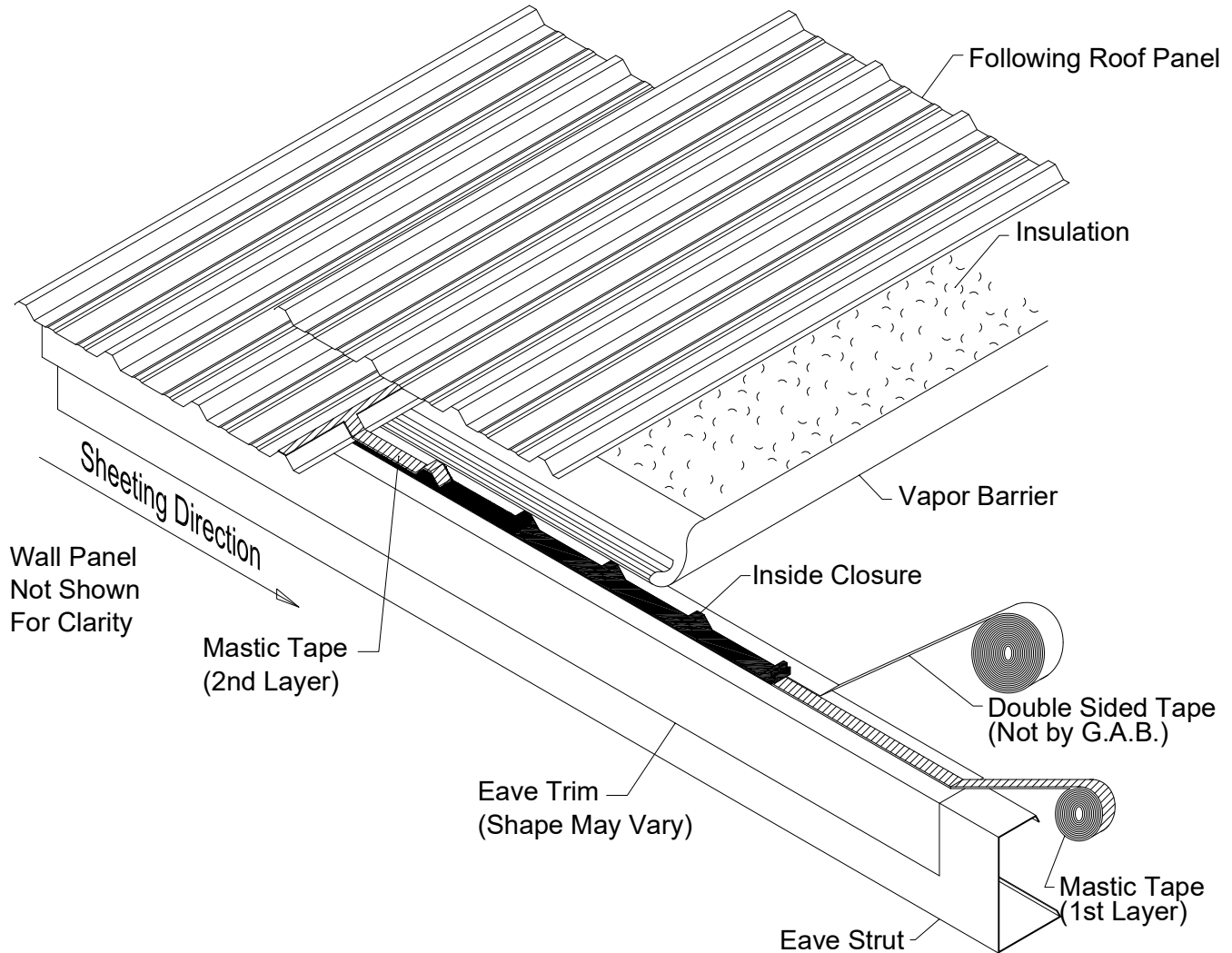
SAFETY NOTE!

WORKERS SHOULD MAINTAIN A CONSTANT AWARENESS OF THEIR LOCATION IN RELATION TO THE ROOF EDGE AT ALL TIMES. FOLLOW ALL OSHA RECOMMENDED SAFETY SUGGESTIONS.

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4.22 INTERMEDIATE ROOF PANELS

With the first panel run installed and secured, and sidelap mastic sealant applied, the second panel run may be started. Prepare the eave with an inside closure and tape sealant as shown previously. Position the panel so that the overlapping ribs will nest properly. Be sure to check for proper overhang and panel coverage. Stitch the major ribs of the two panels together, and fasten panels to the purlins.

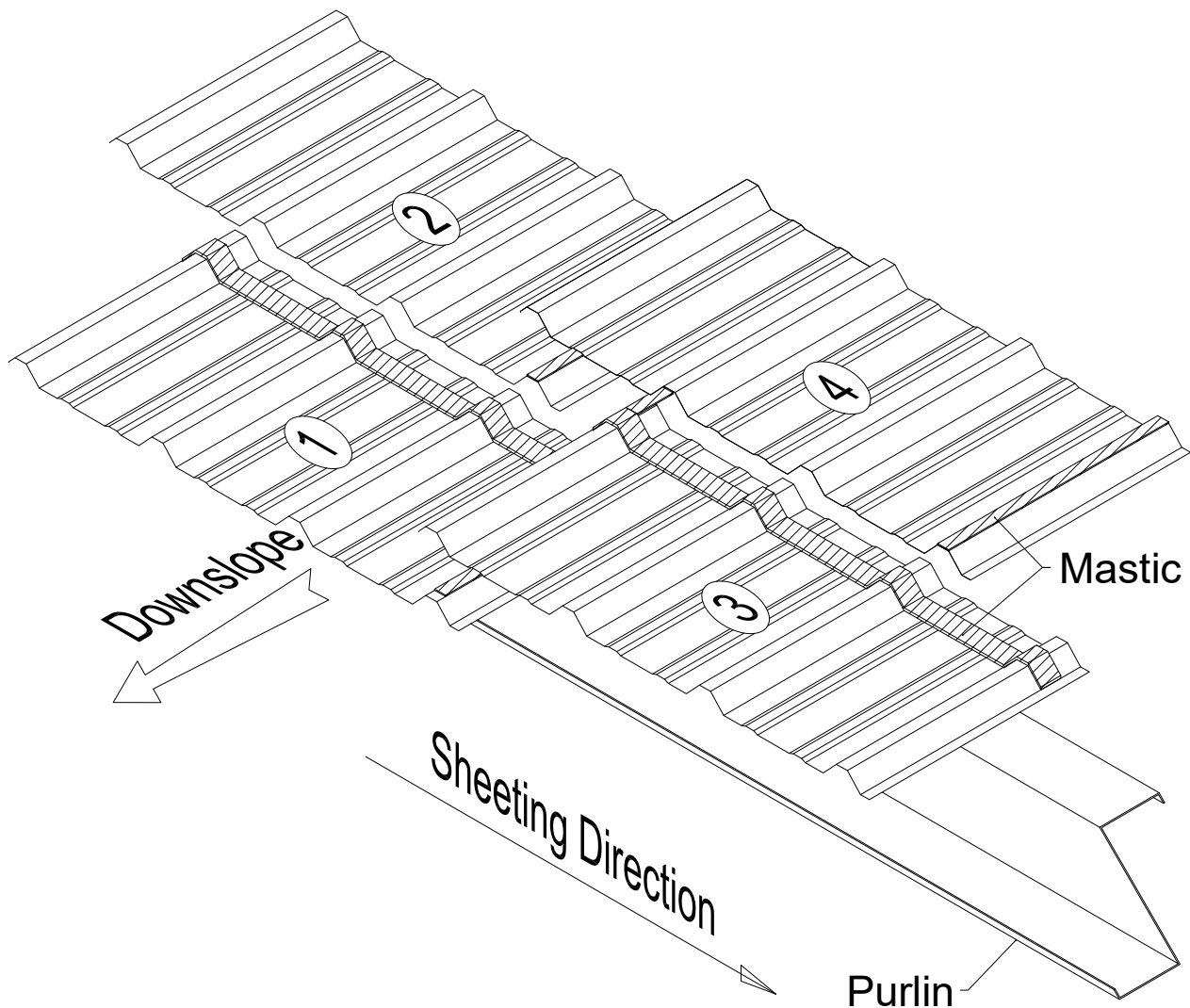


SAFETY NOTE!

SWEEP UP ALL DRILL SHAVINGS FROM PANELS AT THE END OF EACH WORK PERIOD TO AVOID SURFACE RUST AND DAMAGE TO PANEL FINISH. **SAFETY FIRST!**

4.23 ENDLAP SEALANT

At the panel endlaps, place a run of tape sealant across the full panel width centered at the fastener line. The panel endlaps have a 4" minimum overlap located over a purlin, as shown on erection drawings. Locate the fasteners 1 1/2" above the purlin web according to the fastener layout. Apply tape mastic sealant to far side of major rib to complete seal at panel lap.

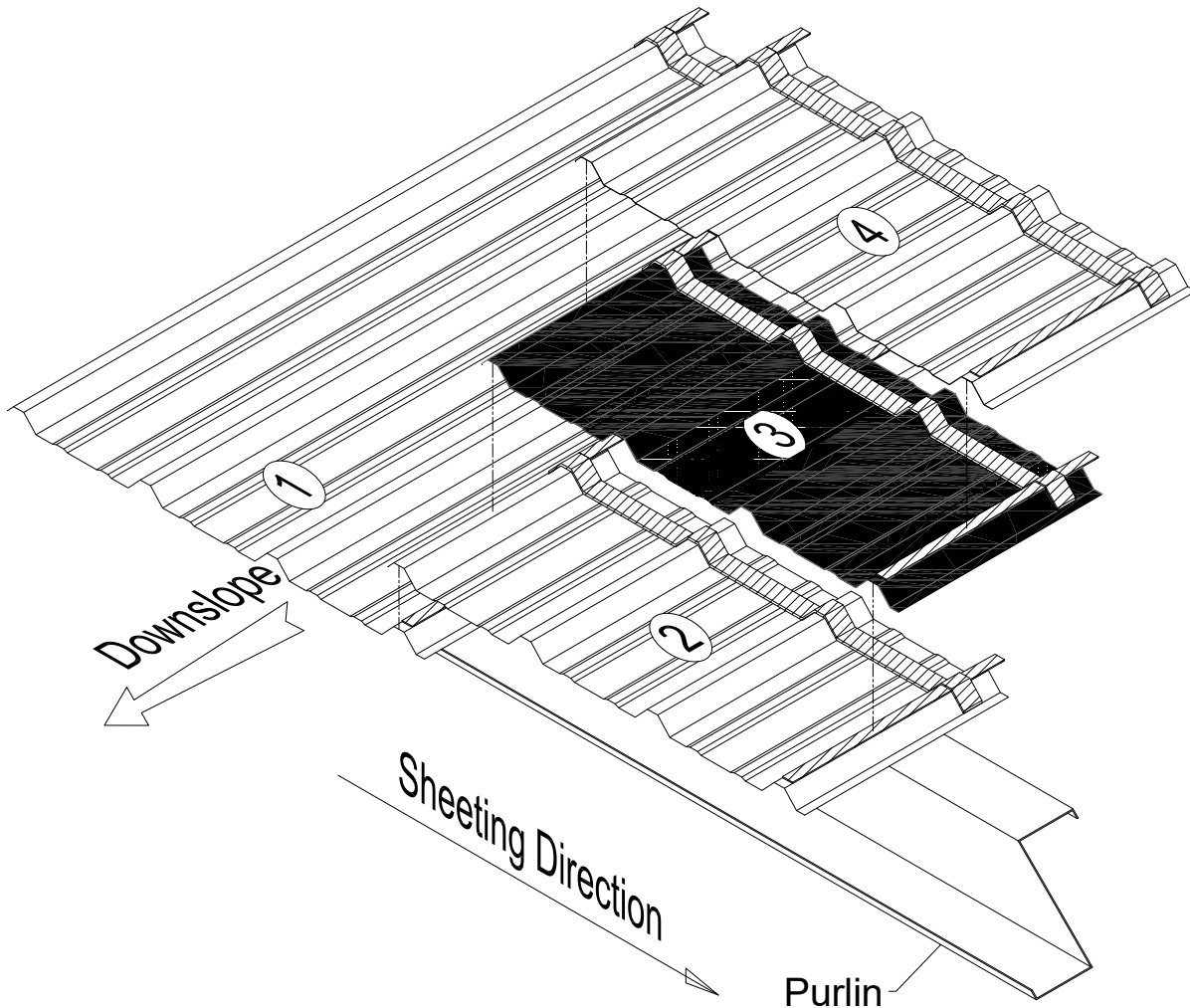


SAFETY NOTE!

DO NOT STEP ON PANEL ENDLAPS UNTIL FULLY SECURED WITH FASTENERS. SAFETY FIRST!

4.24 TRANSLUCENT LIGHT PANEL

Translucent light panels are installed using the same procedures as a steel panel. Care should be taken when installing the fasteners in the translucent light panel to avoid cracking the material. Pre-drill 1/8" diameter holes for clearance holes in the overlapping sidelap and endlap.



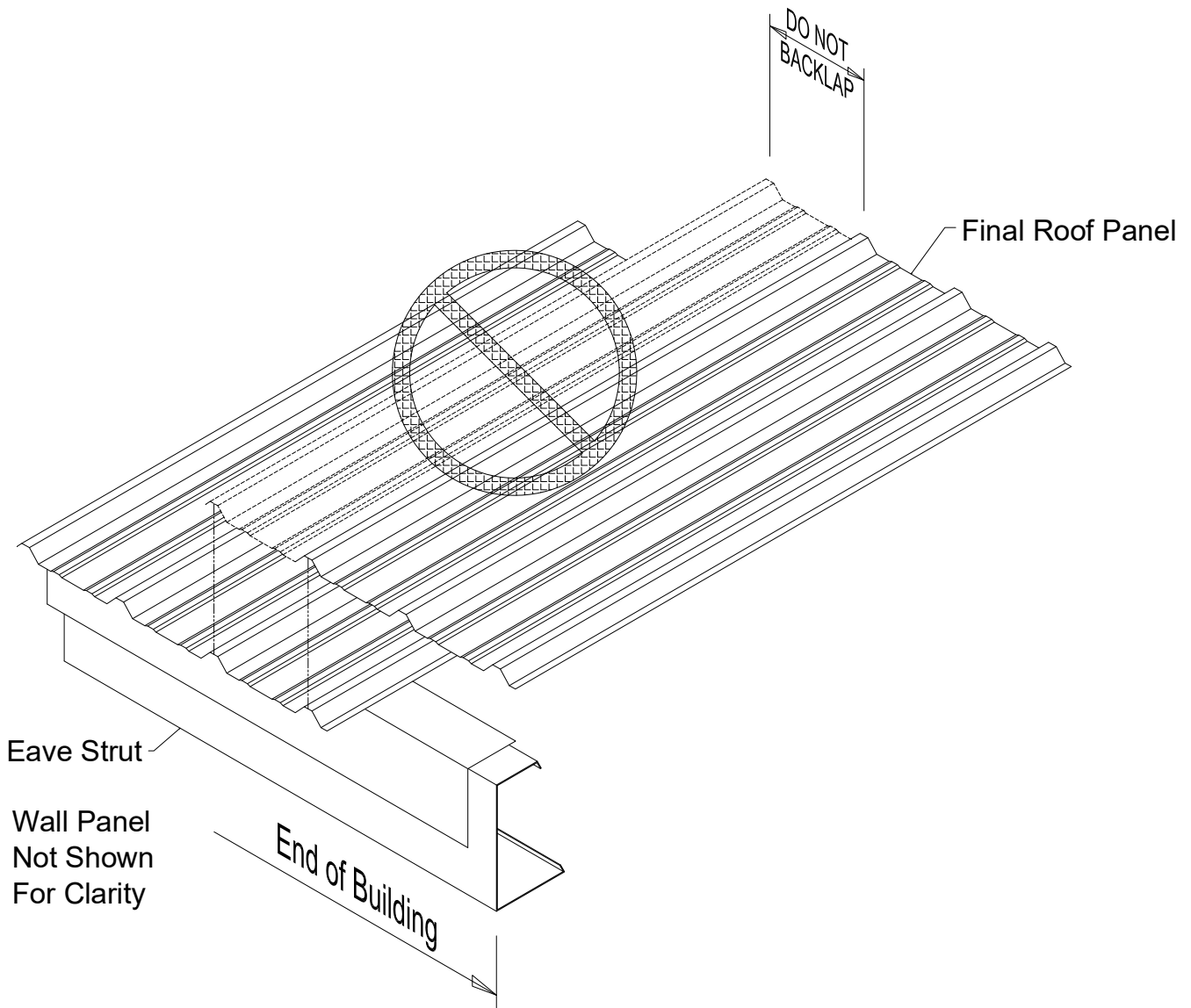
SAFETY NOTE!

DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, STEP OR WALK ON SURFACE OF TRANSLUCENT LIGHT PANELS. IF FOOT TRAFFIC IS NECESSARY OVER TRANSLUCENT LIGHT PANELS, USE WALK BOARDS THAT ARE PROPERLY SUPPORTED BY BUILDING PURLINS. PLACING A "DANGER DO NOT WALK" MARKING ON EVERY TRANSLUCENT LIGHT PANEL MUST BE DONE WITHOUT FAIL. **SAFETY FIRST!**

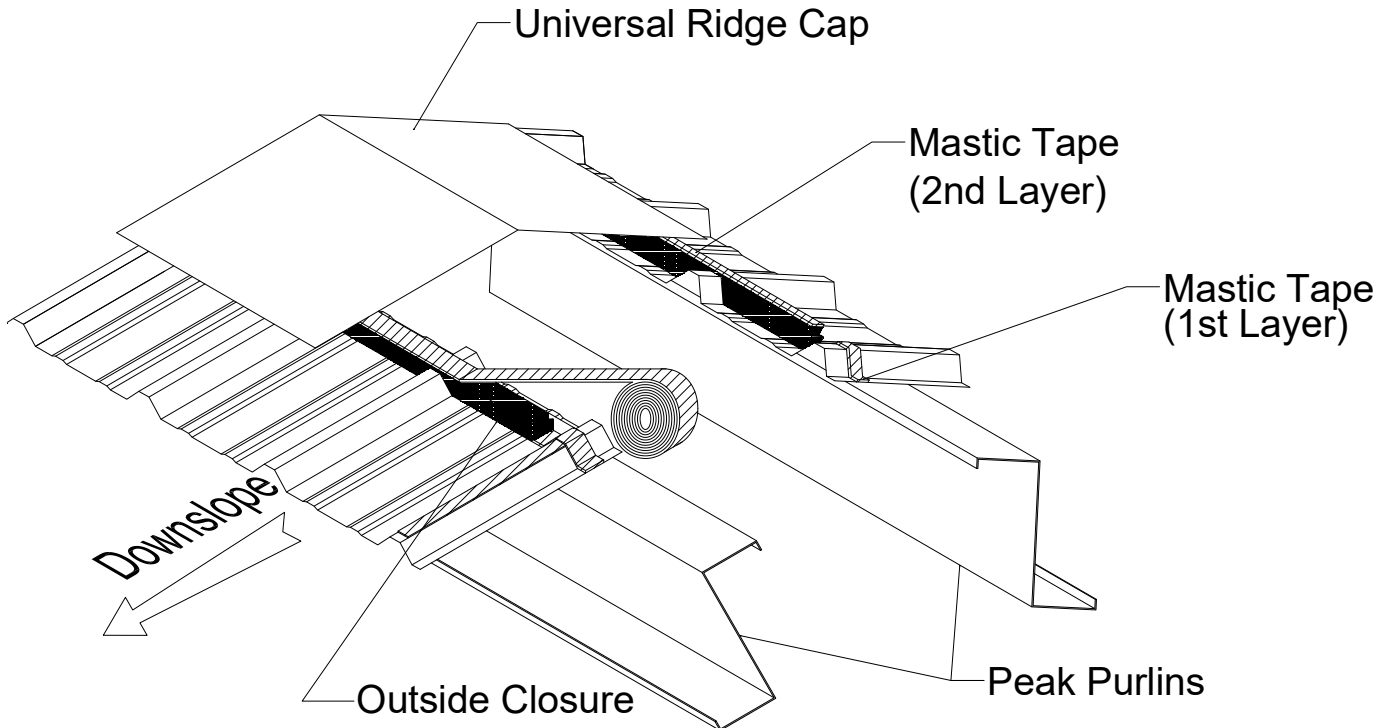


4.25 FINAL ROOF PANEL

While backlapping the last roof panel (to match panel coverage with the building length) is routinely done, this installation method can compromise the integrity of the roof by trapping moisture between the panels. This moisture could, in time, create an environment conducive to rust and metal failure. **GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS recommends field cutting the final panel, down the length of the panel, to create the desired panel width necessary to finish off the building.** The cut edge of the panel should always be installed on the outside edge (rake end), not the lap edge. The “narrow” panel should be handled with care, and foot traffic avoided until the final panel is completely installed.



4.26 UNIVERSAL RIDGE CAP



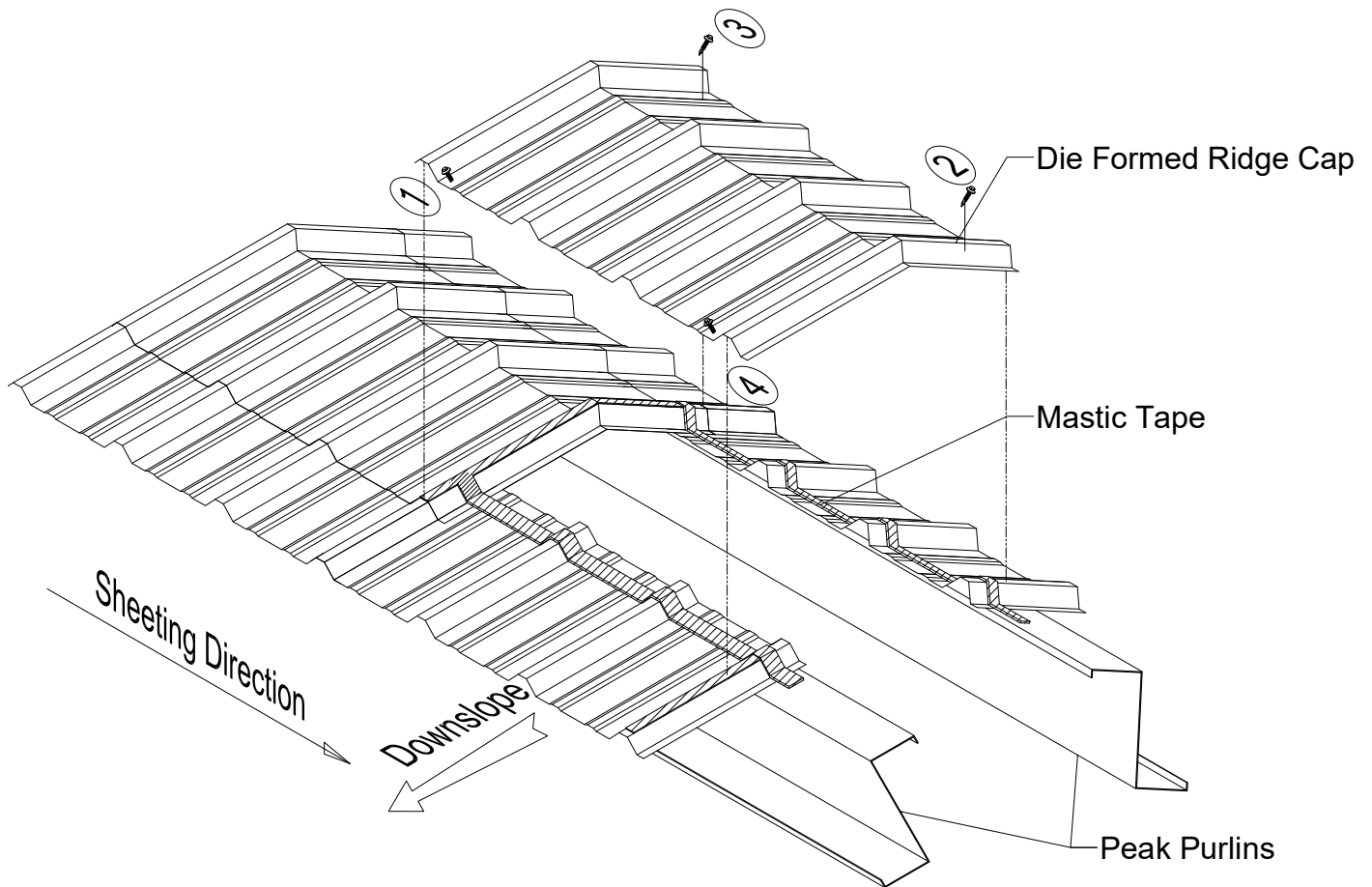
Apply panel tape mastic sealant as shown for building with ridge cap and outside closures. The mastic is placed along the inside edge of the major rib from the ridge purlin web line to the upper end of the panel. Note: Care should be given here when drilling into the ridge cap as to not oil can the trim.

NOTE!

PEAK BOX MUST BE INSTALLED **BEFORE** THE UNIVERSAL RIDGE CAP.

4.27 DIE-FORMED RIDGE CAP

Die-formed ridge caps are to be installed as each side of the roof is sheeted. This will aid in keeping both sides of the roof aligned. After having installed a run of panels on each side of the roof, apply tape mastic sealant to the panels as shown. Set die-formed ridge cap in place and install lap and purlin fasteners, pre-drill these holes first. The numbers below indicate the fastener order to keep the die-formed ridge cap from twisting and becoming off module. Apply tape sealant along the top of the leading rib to prepare for the next sidelap.



NOTE!

PEAK BOX MUST BE INSTALLED **AFTER** THE DIE-FORMED RIDGE CAP.

SAFETY NOTE!

DO NOT WALK ON UNSECURED ENDS OF PANELS. **SAFETY FIRST!**

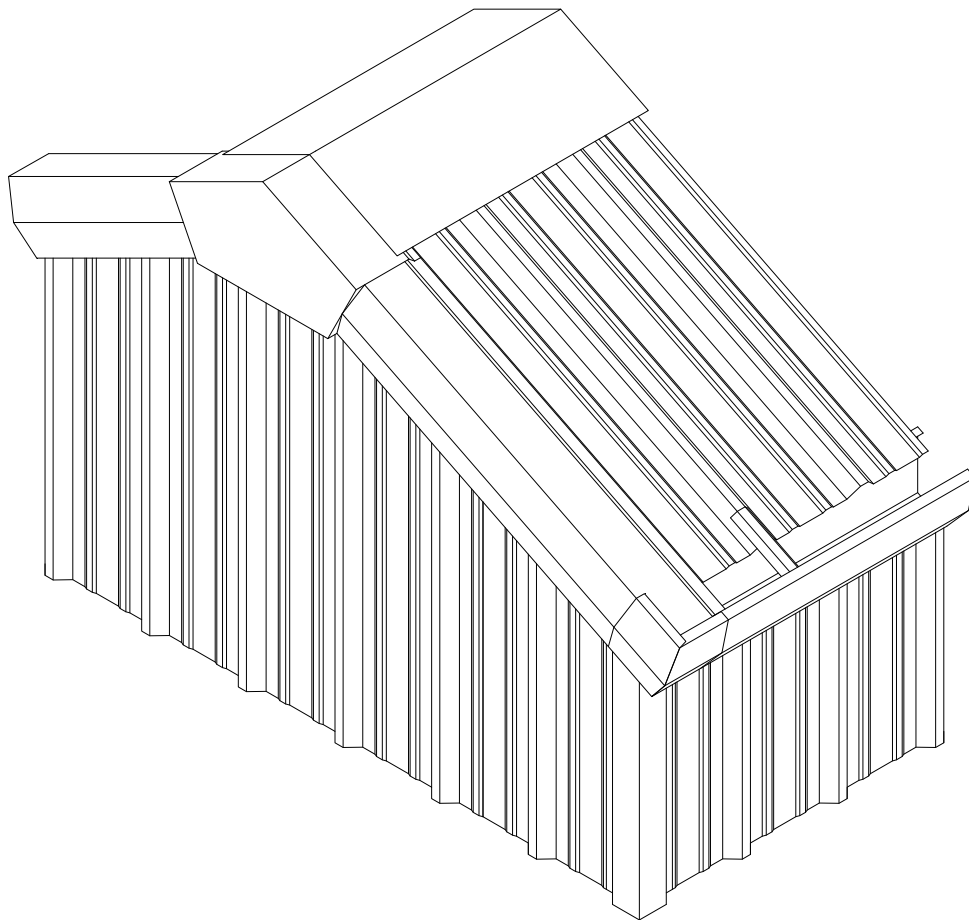


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4.28 TRIM INFORMATION

The correct installation of flashing, gutters and trim cannot be overemphasized. The overall appearance of the finished building depends primarily on the quality of the installation of the flashing, gutters and trim. **Do not let any trims sit in the sun with the protective film still on the trim pieces.** Keep all gutter and flashing lines straight. Some field cutting, trimming and bending is required. Take extreme care while performing any fieldwork so as to produce an attractive, tighter seal condition. Make all bends sharp and neat. Be sure edges are not jagged, dented, crimped or serrated. End joints and laps must be closely controlled. Begin installing sidewall trim at the back of the building working toward the front. This will “hide” the trim laps from the prevailing view.



SAFETY NOTE!

FLASHING SHOULD BE STORED OFF THE GROUND TO AVOID MOISTURE AND HANDLING DAMAGE. ELEVATE ONE END OF THE PACKAGE ABOVE THE LOWER END TO ENCOURAGE DRAINAGE IN CASE OF PRECIPITATION. ALWAYS WEAR GLOVES WHEN HANDLING SHEET METAL.

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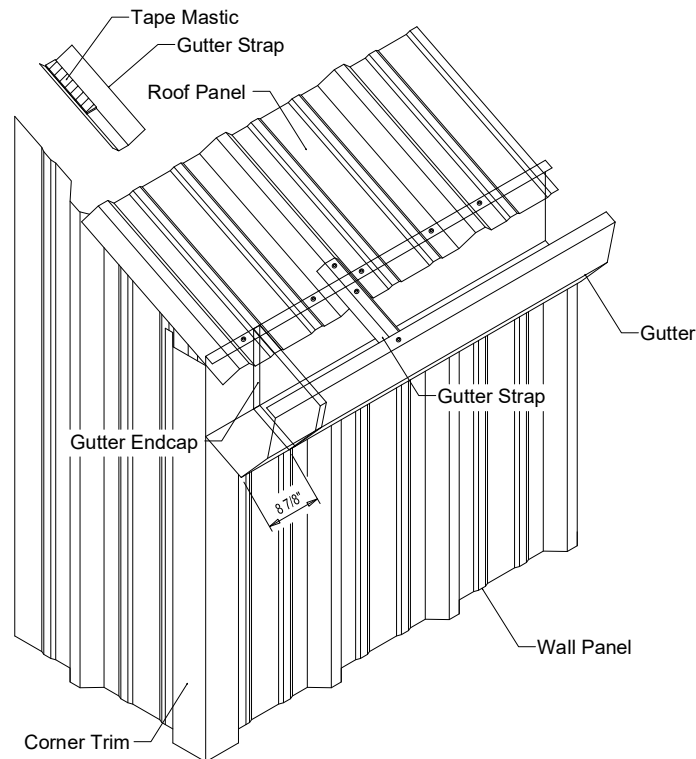


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4.29 GUTTER

Layout the gutter assemblies before installing on the roof (Refer to [section 4.30](#) to cut downspouts prior to installing). Start and finish the gutter ends as shown. Lift the gutter assembly into position under the edge of the roof panels and temporarily clamp the back flange of panel to the gutter. Position the back face of the gutter assembly flush against the eave trim and position its ends flush with the exterior face of the corner trim. Fasten the gutter's back flange to the underside of the roof panel with the lap fasteners, as shown. Check that the lap fasteners are securely engaged into the gutter's back flange.



Align the outer edge of the gutter straight and level. Use a string line to assure that the gutter is straight. Apply 5" of tape mastic to the end of the gutter straps. Install the gutter straps and fasten to the roof panel with stitch screws and fasten the gutter's outer flange to the end of the gutter strap with an additional screw, as shown.

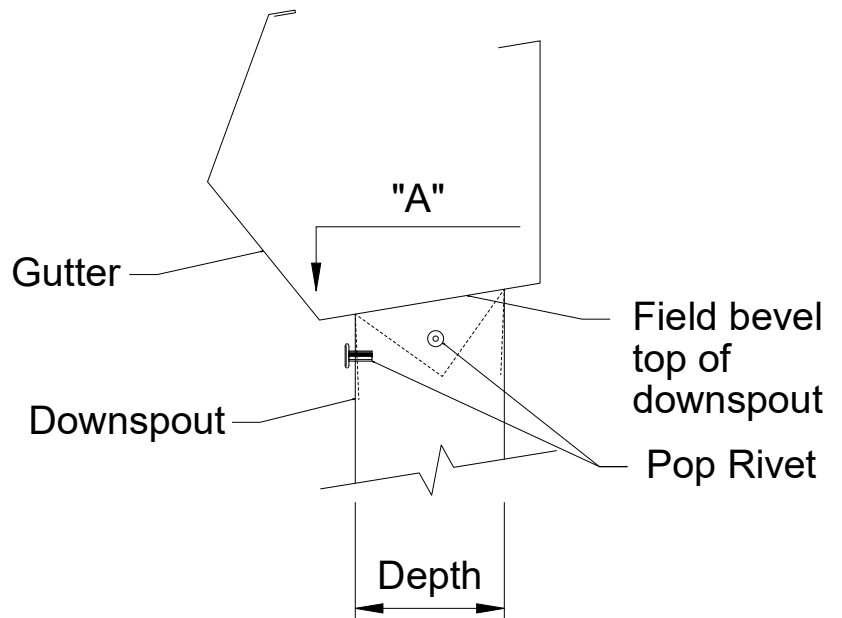
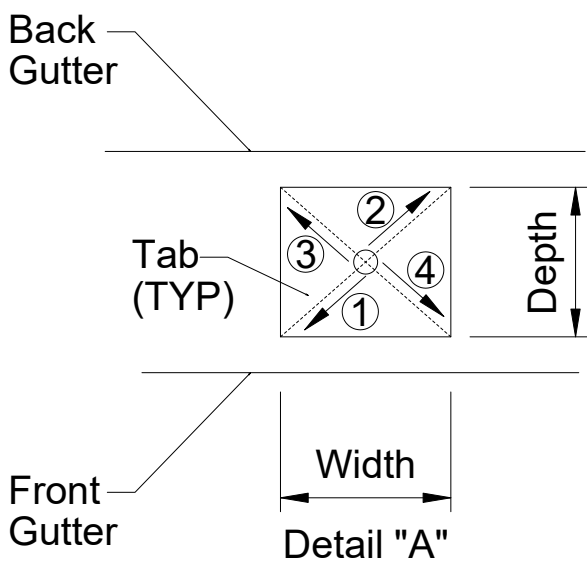
SAFETY NOTE!

WORKERS SHOULD ALWAYS USE GLOVES WHEN HANDLING FLASHING AND FOLLOW ALL OSHA SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS. NEVER INSTALL ANY MATERIAL IF ITS QUALITY OR APPROPRIATENESS IS IN QUESTION! GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS SUPPLIES VARIOUS TRIM PROFILES – THE EXAMPLES SHOWN MAY OR MAY NOT MATCH BUILDING IN QUESTION.

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4.30 DOWNSPOUT

Refer to the building erection drawings for the location and spacing of the downspouts. Normally, downspouts are located at grid lines. If the spacing is still in question, call customer service. Downspouts should be located over major ribs of wall panel, if possible. Make a cardboard template of the downspout shape. Plate the template on the bottom of the gutter and trace the outline with a soapstone. Remove the template and draw a line from corner to corner, forming a "X" pattern. Drill a hole at the center of the "X". Using tin snips, cut along the lines of the "X" only. Do not cut along the outside lines of the downspout square. Bend each triangular tab down toward the ground, 90° to the bottom of the gutter. Position the top of the downspout under the gutter. Make sure all four gutter tabs are on the inside of the downspout. Install one pop rivet through the downspout into the gutter tabs. Only the two sides and the front of the downspout will receive pop rivets. Place a bead of caulk around the tab of the downspout for a tight seal.

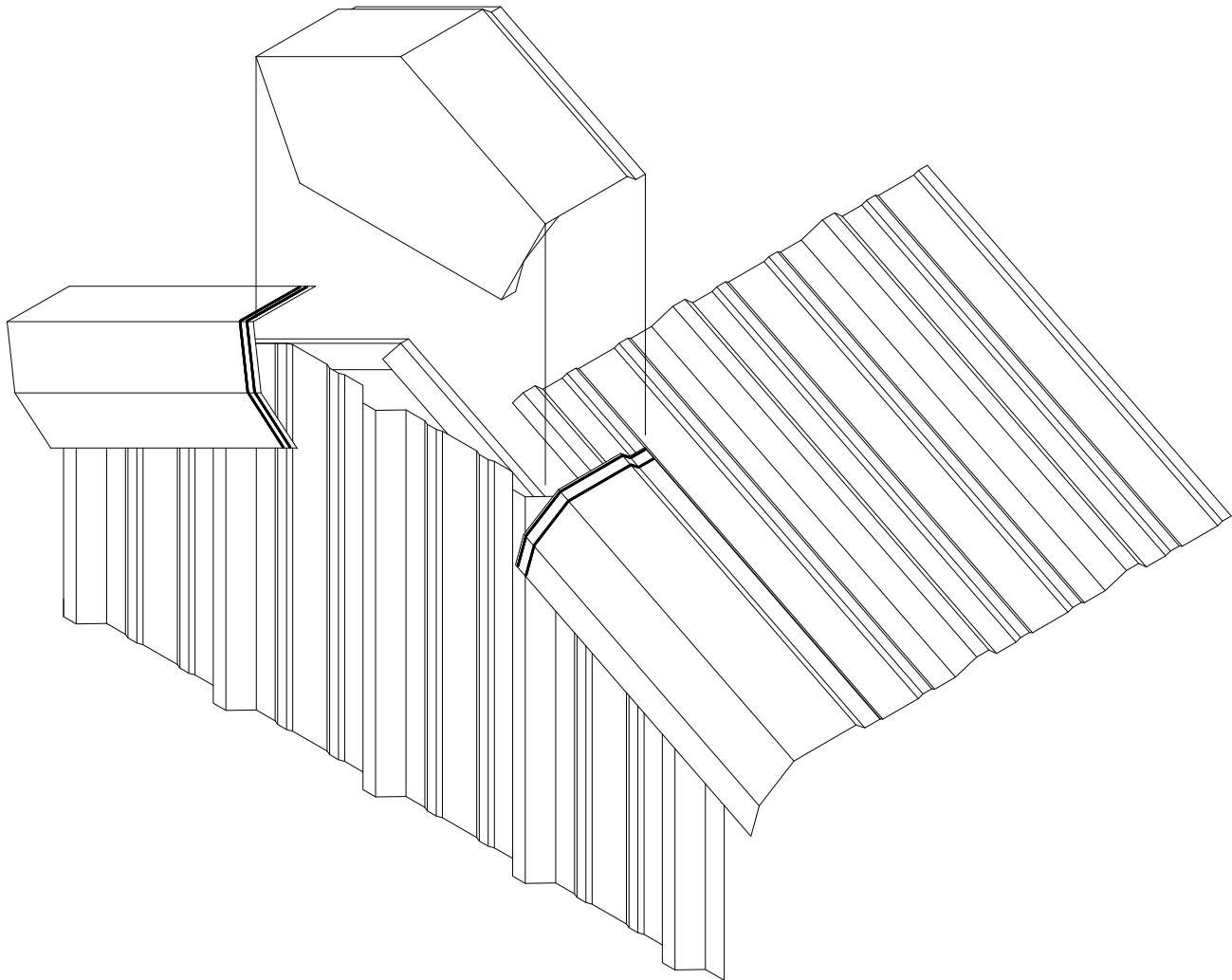




4.31 RAKE TRIM & PEAK BOX

Apply caulking to rake trim as shown below, prior to final installation. Always begin rake trim installation at the low eave working toward the high eave or ridge. Peak box should lap over rake trim 2", the upper piece should overlap the lower piece. This will help prevent water from entering the building. Attach to wall panel with fasteners using an outside closure to seal rake trim and peak box at the wall. Attach peak box to roof with fasteners and attach to trim with pop rivets. Seal the connection at the roof panel with 1" tape sealant.

Splice rake trim with pop rivets at peak box and seal all rake trim laps with caulking.





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GENERAL WARNINGS

1. Periodic traffic across the roof can cause leaks. If you intend to use the roof in this manner or need to access rooftop units, contact your Erector to install an approved walkway system that will keep foot traffic on panels to a minimum.
2. Excessive snow/ice storms can cause damage to the structural members as well as the water drainage system.
3. We urge you to remove excessive snow and free drains of ice.
4. We urge you to annually wash dirt and grime from your roof particularly along the eave. Remove debris from the gutter and downspouts and wash dirt and snowdrift marks from the metal wall panels.
5. Soil coming in contact with painted metal wall panels will damage the factory baked on finish.
6. Be sure to restrain soil from coming in contact with the painted surface of your wall panels. Also restrict foliage from brushing against the panel and remove any concrete or asphalt left on panel from the construction crew.
7. The most important cleaning is done immediately after erection of the building. Metal shavings are presented and are somewhat magnetized because of the screw and drill rotation. Shavings are not always visible and must be swept off the roof and walls to prevent corrosion of the particles, which will stain the finish.
8. Never use metal shovels or scrape the roof down to the surface of the panel. Remember, the objective is to relieve the excess loading condition due to the weight of the snow, not to completely clear the roof panel of all snow and ice. Attempting to scrape the roof will result in broken fasteners, creating roof leaks.
9. Keep gutters, downspouts and roof drains open and free flowing to prevent water back up and ice buildup on the roof system. Ice damming conditions are especially likely on the north side of a building and in shaded areas. Installing heat tape in gutters and downspouts can also be used as a precaution; however, heat tapes may not be 100% effective in extremely low temperatures and should be checked regularly.
10. Watch for extreme deflections and listen for unusual noises when snow and ice buildup conditions exist.
11. In no case should Galvalume steel panels be used in conjunction with lead or copper. Both lead and copper have harmful corrosive effects on the Galvalume alloy coating when they are in contact with Galvalume steel panels. Even run-off from copper flashing, wiring, or tubing onto Galvalume should be avoided.
12. Building must be properly grounded. If it is not, corrosion or oxidation may appear around fasteners on exterior panels



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Problem	What to Do	Action Item Frequency
SERVICE DOORS		
Hinges = Screws coming loose, Hard to Swing	Tighten as required, Oil as required	1 to 2 times a year
Lockset = Mechanism coming loose, Tumbler/Latch sticking	Tighten as required, Oil as required	As Needed
Threshold = Coming loose, Water Leakage	Tighten or replace concrete fastener, Apply additional caulk	As Needed
Weather Stripping = Coming loose, Water Leakage, Air Leakage	Replace as required	As Needed
Caulking = Door Header Trim	Clean out old and replace as required	Every 2 years
OVERHEAD DOORS/OPENINGS		
Door Jambs Structural = Base and Head attachment loosening up (Due to Overhead Door movement)	Tighten Anchor Bolt Nuts and Nuts for Header to Jamb Connection as required	1 to 2 times a year
Door Jamb Trim = Damage and Dented (Due to door traffic)	Replace Door Trim	As Needed
Overhead Door Track = Loosening up (Due to Overhead Door operation)	Tighten Overhead Door Track bolts as required	1 to 2 times a year
Overhead Door = Not operating properly	Check Overhead Door Track bolts as required	1 to 2 times a year
WINDOWS		
Water Leakage = Check caulking, (Due to movement and cracking of caulk)	Clean out old caulk and replace caulking	Approximately every 2 years
Window Operation = Horizontal Slide, Units drag or crank mechanism catches	Clean dust and dirt out. Use light oil (3 in 1) or clear light grease on tracks or operators	As Needed
Condensation	Check seal and possibly re-glaze	As Needed
LOUVERS		
Water Leakage = Check caulking (Due to movement and cracking)	Clean out old caulk and replace caulking	Approximately every 2 years
Louver Fin Operation = Fins will not move or drag	Clean dust and dirt out. Use light oil or light grease on operators	As Needed
RIDGE VENTS		
Damper Inoperable = Damper chains or cords not on tracks; pulleys not correct alignment; drag or hard to operate	Check chains and/or cords for attachment. Oil or grease damper rod and pulleys.	As Needed



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Problem	What to Do	Action Item Frequency
ROOF TOP FLASHING UNITS		
Water Leakage = Due to mechanical Unit vibration and roof movement	Check sealant, mastic, fasteners. Clean out old mastic/sealant and replace with new. Replace or tighten loose fasteners.	Once a year
WALL PANELS – PAINTED SURFACES		
Dirt Pickup = Winds, Atmosphere	Light Cleaning = Simple wash with Sweetwater solution	Once a year
Slight Chalking = Strong Sunlight	Heavy Dirt = In areas where heavy dirt deposit dull the surface, a solution of 1/3 cup mild laundry detergent per gal of water may be used. Soft bristle brush, and clear water rinse to follow.	As Needed
Mildew = High humidity and dirt	Mildew = 1/3 cup detergent 2/3 cup Soilex 1 quart Clorox 3 quarts water Clean water rinse	As Needed
Grease and Oil = Building use spills	Grease and Oil = Mineral spirits, Detergent wash, clean water rinse	As Needed
BASE OF WALL PANELS		
Discolor, Rust, Dirt, Mold, etc. (Due to Backfill too close, fertilizer left on base and base trim, weed spray on base, dirt piled on base trim)	Remove dirt; remove excess backfill; wash fertilizer off with water. Keep spray off panel. (Install 1' to 2' wide wash gravel strip at base)	As Needed
REPAIR DAMAGE TO ROOF PANELS		
Dented high ribs and broken seals of panels	Warn people not to walk on ribs or endlaps and call builder	Each time on the roof
Excess "Trash" on panels	Always clean up	As Needed
Vent pipes rusting	Field paint with approved paint	As Needed
Stains from mechanical equipment	Field paint with approved paint	As Needed
Surface rust from mechanical equipment	Field paint with approved paint	As Needed
Service Equipment, People Traffic	Warn service equipment people Above items	As Needed
FASCIA, EAVE, GUTTER, RAKE, CORNER TRIMS		
Review Trim items for damage	Replace items as required	As Needed
Gutters and downs	Clean out leaves, etc.	1 to 2 times a year



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Problem	What to Do	Action Item Frequency
ICE AND SNOW BUILD-UP		
Extreme build-up will happen at roof Height changes, steps in roof, valley gutters and fascia gutter	Remove excess snow and ice	As Needed
INSULATION SYSTEM		
Condensation = Torn vapor barriers	Repair with patch tape	As Needed
Improper Ventilation -unvented gas heaters	Contact H.V.A.C. contractor	As Needed
CRANE SYSTEMS		
Loosening of Bolts: Runway hooks bolts and other crane beams and connection.	Tighten and check all bolts	Retighten within 30 days after initial installation and every 3 months thereafter
PRIMARY FRAMING SHOP PAINT		
Surfacing Rusting: Shop coat is intended for short-term exposure only during shipping and erection. Minor abrasion is inevitable during handling.	Minor rusting will not affect structural integrity however a rust inhibitive primer needs to be applied.	As Needed
Runs, Drips and Blemishes: Shop application is for short-term protection and is not intended to have the appearance of a field applied coat.	Touch-up with compatible primer or apply finish coat with appropriate preparation. Leave as is or may be field worked.	As Needed



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PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE DETAILS

STRUCTURAL STEEL

Rusting – Structural steel normally requires no maintenance except in the event of rust. In this case, clean the affected area and re-prime using primer as supplied by GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS.

Loose Bolts – Structural steel normally requires no maintenance except in instances where the structure is exposed to vibration, such as buildings with an overhead crane. In this instance bolts should be inspected and retightened every 3 months or per OSHA requirements. The success of the crane support system under service loads depends greatly upon the bolts and nuts used in the assembly and the maintenance after installation. It is important that bolts and nuts meeting ASTM Specification A325 be used. The importance of the bolt tightening procedure cannot be overemphasized in prolonging the life of a runway installation.

Additional Loads – The roof structure of your building should be designed to the specific load criteria specified by your builder or design professional. Any changes or modifications to your building which add additional loads may adversely affect the building's load capacity. Before hanging any items from your building's framing or adding additional loads to the roof (sprinklers, piping, roof top units, jib cranes, etc.), call GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS or consult with a recognized licensed structural engineer. Anything hung from the roof which deforms the purlins or other structural components may seriously impair the structural integrity of the roof.

Bracing – The bracing provided to your building is of significant structural importance. All bracing which is in place after the erection of the building should remain in place. Never allow removal of any bracing by any contractor or maintenance personnel. If there are any questions concerning the removal or relocation of any bracing, call GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS and ask for Customer Service.

SECONDARY FRAMING

Loose Bolts – Connecting secondary framing should be checked periodically in areas of high vibration, such as an area around an overhead crane, door frame, or around roll-up or sliding doors. Loose bolts should be tightened.

Secondary Bolts – (usually 1/2" diameter bolts) Mechanical equipment that would cause stress, vibration or reciprocating movement that is directly supported or tied to the building, may loosen bolts. Under these conditions, bolts should be inspected and retightened as required.

ROOF AND WALL MAINTENANCE

Roof and Walls in General – You should not store material on the roof of your building. Your roof and wall panels should not come in contact with wood, lead, or copper. Wall panels should be kept clean of dirt and soil. Condensation, most likely from an AC unit, should not be allowed to drain onto your roof or wall panels.

Roof Debris – At least once a year, clean the roof and gutters of debris, which would trap or pond water on the roof. Wash dirt and debris from the panel surface. Local conditions govern the frequency of these cleanings.



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Ice and Snow Build-up – You should be familiar with the roof load specified for your building for snow and live loads. Any significant accumulation of snow and ice may threaten the structural integrity of your roof if it approaches or exceeds the design roof load capacity. In the event of severe winter storms, the accumulation of snow and ice should be carefully monitored and frequent inspections, made to detect any deflection of the roof system, damming or clogging of gutter systems, ponding or unusual drift conditions, if necessary.

Excessive ice and snow should be removed from the roof areas. The removal of ice and snow should be performed by experienced personnel in consultation with GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS' customer service department or qualified design professional, in order to avoid damage to the roof or the structure. Appropriate precautions should be taken to minimize the risk of injury on the roof during hazardous conditions. Excessive ice and snow removal is particularly important in gutter areas (eaves and valleys) and in areas of the roof sheltered from the wind (behind facades, step roof conditions, etc.)

If any evidence of structural distress is noticed, contact, GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS, your Erector or consult with a recognized licensed structural engineer for assistance in avoiding damage or catastrophic failure of the roof system.

Roof Traffic – Roof traffic is a leading cause of roof leaks. If routine traffic is unavoidable, have your erector install a walkway designed for use with your roof panel. When walking on the roof is required:

1. Avoid stepping on the ridge caps
2. Avoid stepping on lap joints in roof panels and flashing
3. Avoid walking near roof curbs or other roof penetrations
4. Avoid stepping on panel ribs between purlins
5. Do not step in or on gutters or the gutter hanging system
6. Do not step on or near translucent light panel

Foliage – While bushes and trees enhance the appearance of any building, their contact with the wall panel can produce scratches in the paint surface which will eventually cause problems. Keep bushes and trees trimmed back from the panel surfaces.

Yearly Joint Check – Once a year, check joints in the metal for proper seal or loose fasteners. Should repair be required, have your erector remove fasteners, take the connection apart, clean out existing sealant, install new tape mastic and/or butyl sealant to form a continuous gasket and reattach the connection using new and/or larger 20-year screws as necessary. Take care to ensure the new gasket is in the old screw line or to the weather side of the screws. On those areas where taking the connection apart is not feasible or cost effective, have your builder wash the affected area, replace loose fasteners and coat the joint with H.E.R. 202 FG Elastomeric compound available from ITW, following application guidelines.

PANEL FINISHES

Always test your process in a small inconspicuous area before large-scale use.

Routine Washing – Galvalume or painted roofing or siding should be washed with soap and water as necessary to maintain appearance. A 5% solution of commonly used commercial and industrial detergents will not harm your panel



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surface. Always rinse thoroughly with water. Do not use wire brushes, steel wool, sandpaper, abrasives or similar cleaning tools which will mechanically abrade the coating surface. Use a cloth, sponge or soft bristle brush for application. Cleaning should be done in the shade or on a mild cloudy day.

Rust – Once a year inspect the panels for rust. Should any rust or rust stains be found, determine the source, such as steel filings from drilling, and remove them. The rust stain can generally be cleaned off with one of the following: soap and water, mineral spirits, Soft Scrub, or a mild polishing compound as used on a car finish.

Paint Scratches – Scratches to the paint should be brush touched (artist brush) with touch-up paint supplied by the OEM paint supplier. If the scratched area has not rusted, the paint may be applied without surface preparation. If the area is rusted, remove the rust, prime the affected area, and touch brush with color matched touch-up paint supplied with the building. Primer and additional touch-up paint is normally available from GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS or the paint supplier who is warranting the panel performance.

Mildew Removal – Mildew can be expected in areas of high humidity. Mildew is more of an appearance problem than an actual threat to the paint finish. Mildew can be removed by using a basic solution of the following:

1/3 cup of detergent
2/3 cup trisodium phosphate
1 quart sodium hypochloride, 5% solution
3 quarts of water
Rinse with clean water immediately after use.

Non Water Soluble Deposits on Long Life Finishes – Use mineral spirits to remove non water soluble deposits (tar, grease, oil, paint, graffiti, etc.) from the panel surface.

Non Water Soluble Deposits on Kynar Finishes – Solvents that may be used to remove these items from Kynar panel finish include:

Alcohols - No permanent effect on Kynar Finishes

- Isopropyl (Rubbing) Alcohol
- Methanol (Wood Alcohol) – Note: Methanol is toxic
- Denatured Alcohol (Ethanol)

Petroleum Solvents – No permanent effect on Kynar Finishes

- VM&P Naphtha
- Mineral Spirits
- Turpentine (Wood or Gum Spirits)

Aromatic and Other – Use with caution on Kynar finishes

- Xylol (Xylene)
- Toluol (Toluene)

Limit contact time to 5 minute maximum and test before using.

Ketones, Esters, Lacquer Thinner – Use very cautiously on a Kynar surface. Limit contact time to 1 minute maximum and test before using. GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS is not responsible for damage caused by unrestricted use.



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Do not use acetone paint remover, Methyl Ethyl Ketone, or Methyl Isobutyl Ketone on Kynar surfaces. Continued contact with these products could result in loss of gloss or other blemishes detrimental to the aesthetics of the job.

Most organic solvents are flammable and/or toxic and must be handled accordingly. Keep away from open flames, sparks, and electric motors. Use adequate ventilation, protective clothing, and goggles. Refer to warnings provided on the individual products.

Sealant Removal – Make precautions to prevent sealants from getting on the painted surface as they may be difficult to remove. They should be removed promptly with a solvent such as alcohol or a naphtha (Kynar Finish Only) type of solvent. Caution: It may be possible for solvents to extract materials from sealants which could stain the painted surface or could prove harmful to sealants. Test a small area first.

Gutters And Downspouts – Clear all debris (leaves, dirt, etc.) from gutters and downspouts as required. The frequency required is dependent on the building's surrounding.

Damaged Trim – Trim around openings sometimes gets damaged by vehicle traffic. Replacement trim can be obtained through GREAT AMERICAN BUILDINGS for an additional cost.

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Walk Doors – Walk doors should be checked periodically to assure tightness of locksets, closure hardware and door hinges. Any loose bolts or screws should be tightened. Any moving parts that start to stick or squeak should be properly oiled.

Windows – Caulking in windows will deteriorate over time, usually resulting in window leakage. If this happens remove the old caulk and apply new caulk in its place. Windows that become hard to slide should have the track area thoroughly cleaned and a light coat of grease applied to the tracks.

Sliding Doors – Periodically clean the sliding door tracks and oil the rollers to help assure ease of use.

Roof Vents – Hard to operate roof vents are usually the result of pulleys and damper rods needing lubrication or the chains and cords not being on track. Check operating hardware and oil and grease as needed.

Louvers – The operating hardware within a louver occasionally needs to be cleaned and a new light coat of oil or grease applied. This will improve the ease of operation.

Roof Curbs – Heavy vibration from a mechanical unit can cause water leakage around a roof curb. Should this occur, check the sealant and fasteners around the curb. Any loose fasteners should be tightened or replaced with the next largest size. Any sealant or mastic that has deteriorated should be removed and replaced with new. If possible, isolate the unit from the curb to minimize vibration to the curb panel connection.

Insulation Facings – Monitor insulation facings continuously and a thoroughly inspect once a year. Any holes or tears in the facing should be repaired with patch tape as supplied by the insulation supplier. Remember, even a perfectly installed vapor barrier is not a perfect vapor barrier.



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Condensation – If your building is experiencing excessive condensation, consult your HVAC contractor to assure that humidity levels are as projected. Also, have your building contractor check to make sure there are no obvious openings in the insulation splices.

Loose Insulation – Insulation tearing loose at various locations within the building (particularly at the eave or base) might not be the result of poor insulation but rather a strong negative pressure inside the building resulting from an improperly balanced HVAC system or an extra exhaust fan added after the erection of the structure. This, combined with a strong wind outside the building will often result in the insulation coming loose in these areas.



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Accessories

Steel Building products that are not included as part of the basic steel building system are called accessories. Accessories commonly include components such as doors, windows, canopies, and other components.

(ACI) American Concrete Institute

American Concrete Institute. The organization responsible for developing the recognized building code for design of concrete structures.

Agricultural Building

An agricultural building is a steel building that is designed for agricultural purposes such as storing equipment, hay, grain, farm animals, and other agricultural items.

(AISC) American Institute of Steel Construction

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(AISI) American Iron & Steel Institute

American Iron and Steel Institute

Aluminum Coated Steel

Steel is often coated with aluminum to help prevent corrosion.

Anchor Bolts

Anchor bolts are steel bolts that are used to anchor members of a steel building system to a foundation or other support.

Anchor Bolt Plan

An anchor bolt plan is a drawing showing the diameter, location and projection of all anchor bolts for the components of a steel building system. The anchor bolt plan may also show column reactions (magnitude and direction) and maximum base plate dimensions.

(ANSI) American National Standards Institute

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Approval Documents/Drawings

Approval documents include plans, design calculations, and other specified information. These documents are submitted by the steel building supplier to the dealer or end user for approval before fabrication of the steel building system. Approval by the dealer or end user affirms that the supplier or manufacturer has correctly interpreted the overall contract requirements for the steel building system, any accessories, and the location of accessories in the building.

Architectural Drawings

A drawing for the purpose of showing the general appearance of the steel building and all accessory locations. An architectural drawing would typically show the plan view and elevations of the finished building.

(Pan Panel)

A standing seam panel, which has vertical sides and has no space between the panels at the side laps.

(ASCE) American Society of Civil Engineering

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ASD

Allowable Stress Design

Assembly

A group of mutually dependent and compatible components or subassemblies of steel building components.

Astragal

A closure between the two leaves of a double swing or double slide door.

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Automatic Crane

A crane system which automatically operates through a preset series of cycles when activated.

Automatic Welding

A welding operation performed by a machine in order to make a continuous, unbroken weld.

Auxiliary Crane Girder

A girder arranged parallel to the main girder for supporting the platform, motor base, operator's cab, control panels, etc., of a crane system. The auxiliary crane girder reduces the forces that otherwise impose on the main crane girder.

Auxiliary Loads

Dynamic live loads other than the basic design loads which the building must withstand. Auxiliary loads may include loads such as machinery, cranes, elevators, robots, vehicles, and many others.

B

Bar Joist

The name commonly used when referring to open web steel joists.

Base Angle

An angle secured to a wall or the perimeter of the foundation to support and close the bottom of the wall panels.

Base Plate

A plate that is attached to the base of a column which rests on the foundation or other support. The base plate is usually secured using anchor bolts.

Bay

The space between the main frames or primary supporting members in the longitudinal direction of a steel building system.

(BBC) Basic Building Code

Basic Building Code

Beam

A member, usually horizontal, that is subjected to bending loads. Three types of beams are simple, continuous, and cantilever.

Beam & Column (Post & Beam)

The main structural system made up of a series of rafter beams supported by columns often used as the end frame of a steel building system.

Bearing Plate

A steel plate that is set on the top of a masonry support on which a beam or purlin can rest.

Bi-fold Door

A door capable of being folded into two parts, as with leaves that are hinged together. Usually folds in the horizontal direction.

Bill of Lading (BOL)

A bill of lading enumerates each piece of material or assembly to be shipped by part number or description.

Bill of Materials (BOM)

A list that outlines each component or assembly to be shipped. Also called tally sheet or shipping list.

Bird Screen

Wire mesh used in louvers, ventilators, and other openings to prevent birds from entering the building.

Blind Rivet

A small headed pin with expandable shank for connecting light gauge metal. Typically it is used to attach flashing, gutters, etc.

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Block or Board Thermal Insulation

Rigid or semi-rigid thermal insulation that is preformed into rectangular units.

Bracing

Rods, angles or cables used in the roof and walls of the steel building system in order to transfer loads, such as wind, seismic and crane thrusts to the foundation.

Bracket

A structural support projecting from a wall or column that is used to attach another structural member. Examples include crane runway brackets, canopy brackets, and various other types of brackets.

Bridge Crane

A load lifting system made up of a hoist, which moves laterally on a beam, girder or bridge which in turn moves longitudinally on a runway made of beams and rails.

Bridging

Bracing or systems of bracing used between structural members.

(BTU) British Thermal Unit

British Thermal Unit. The amount of heat necessary to raise the temperature of one pound (2.2 kg) of water by 1 degree F. (0.56 Degree C.).

Built-Up Roofing

A roof covering made up of alternating layers of tar and materials made of asphalt.

Built-Up Section (Member)

A structural member made from individual flat plates welded together. Also known as 3-plate or welded I-beam.

Butt Plate

The end plate of a structural member that is typically used to rest against a like plate of another member in forming a connection. A butt plate may also be called a splice plate or bolted end plate.

Bypass Girts (Exterior Framed)

A wall framing system where the girts are mounted on the outside of the columns.

Bypass Purlins (Exterior Framed)

A roof framing system where the purlins are mounted on the outside of the rafters.

C

C Section

A steel building member formed using steel sheet in the shape of a block "C".

Cab Operated Crane

A crane controlled by an operator in a cab supported on the bridge or trolley.

Camber

The Curvature of a structural member for the purpose of offsetting the deflection when loads are applied.

Canopy

A projecting roof structure that is supported at one end only.

Cantilever Beam

A beam supported only at one end with the other end free to move.

Capillary Action

An action causing movement of liquids when in contact with two adjacent surfaces.

Cap Plate

A plate located at the top of a column or end of a beam for capping the exposed end of the member.

Cast In Place Base

A member imbedded in the edge of the foundation to which the wall panels are attached.

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Caulk

Filling joints, seams, or voids by filling with a waterproofing compound or material to ensure a weather-tight seal.

Center Line (Centerline)

An imaginary line through the center of an object.

Chalking

A white powder film on the paint finish of steel building panels due to over exposure.

Channel (Hot Rolled)

A member that is shaped during a semi-molten state to form a "C".

Cladding

The exterior metal roof and wall paneling of a steel building system.

Clip

A plate or angle used to fasten two or more members together.

Closure Strip

A strip used to close openings created by ribbed panels joining other components.

Cold Forming

The process of shaping steel into desired cross sections at room temperature using press brakes or rolling mills.

Collateral Loads

Loads caused by permanent materials, other than the steel building system, such as sprinklers, mechanical and electrical systems, partitions and ceilings.

Column

A main member used in a vertical position on a steel building for the purpose of transferring loads from main roof beams, trusses, or rafters to the foundation.

Component

A distinct part a steel building system.

Concealed Clip

A clip used with a wall or roof panel system to connect the panel to the supporting structure without exposing the fasteners on the exterior surface.

Continuity

The terminology describing the transfer of loads and stresses from member to member of a steel building system, allowing the members to act as a single unit.

Continuous Beam

A beam having three or more supports.

Contractor

A general contractor or sub-contractor with the responsibility for providing steel building systems and erection.

Covering

The exterior metal roof and wall paneling of a steel building system.

Crane

A machine designed to move material by means of a hoist.

Crane Girder

The primary horizontal beams of the crane bridge that supports the trolley.

Crane Rail

A track supporting and guiding the wheels of a top-running bridge crane or trolley system.



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Crane Runway Beam

The member that supports a crane rail. The crane runway beam is supported by columns or rafters depending on the type of crane system.

Crane Span

The horizontal distance center-to-center of runway beams.

Crane Stop

A device used to limit travel of a trolley or crane bridge.

Crane Support Column (Auxiliary Column)

A separate column used in steel building systems that supports the runway beam of a top-running crane.

Curb

A raised edge on a concrete floor slab or in the roof for various accessories.

Curtain Wall

Perimeter wall panels that carry only their own weight and wind load.

D

Damper

A baffle used to open or close the throat of ventilators. A damper may be motorized or operated manually.

Dead Load

The weight of all permanent construction in a steel building, such as floor, roof, framing, and covering members.

Deflection

The displacement of a structural member or system under load.

Design Loads

Loads specified in recognized building codes or in owner's specifications to be used in the design of a steel building.

Design Professional

An architect or engineer with the responsibility of specifying the specific design requirements of a steel building system.

Diaphragm Action

The resistance to racking generally offered by the covering system, fasteners, and secondary framing.

Door Guide

An angle or channel used to stabilize or keep plumb a sliding or rolling door during operation.

Downspout

A conduit used to carry water from the gutter of a building.

Drift Pin

A tapered pin used during erection to align holes in steel members to be connected by bolting.

Dunnage

Pieces of scrap wood used to separate loading bundles.

E

Eave

The line along the sidewall created by the intersection of the of the roof and wall planes.

Eave Extension

The projection of the roof beyond the plane of the sidewall of a steel building.

Eave Height

Describes the vertical distance between the floor and the top of the eave strut.

Eave Strut

A structural member located at the eave of a steel building that supports roof and wall paneling.

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Eave Trim

A flashing that closes the opening between the roof and sidewall panels.

Edge Strip

The surface area of a building at the edges of the roof and corners of the walls where the wind loads on components and cladding are greater than at other areas of the building.

Effective Wind Area

The area used to determine the wind coefficient. The effective wind area may be greater than or equal to the tributary area.

Elastic Design

A design concept that allows non-permanent shape distortion under a specified range of loading.

End Approach

The minimum horizontal distance, parallel to the runway, between the outer-most extremities of the crane and the centerline of the hook.

End Bay

Any bay that is adjacent to the endwalls of a building. Usually the distance from the endwall to the first interior main frame would be described as an end bay.

End Frame

A frame located at the endwall of a building that absorbs the load from a portion of the end bay.

End Stop

A device attached to a crane runway or rail to provide a safety stop at the end of a runway.

Endwall

An exterior wall that is parallel to the interior main frames of the building.

Endwall Column

A vertical member located at the endwall of a building that support the girts. In post and beam endwall frames, endwall columns also support the rafter.

Engineer of Record

The engineer who is responsible for the overall design of the building project. The manufacturer's engineer would not be considered the Engineer of Record.

Erection

The assembling of steel building components to form a complete structure.

Erection Bracing

Temporary bracing used by erectors to stabilize the building system during erection of a steel building system.

Erection Drawings

Drawings that identify individual components and accessories furnished by the manufacturer in sufficient detail to permit proper Erection of the Metal Building System.

Erector

A party who assembles or erects a steel building system.

Expansion Joint

A break or space in construction to allow for thermal expansion and contraction of the materials used in the structure.

F

Fabrication

The manufacturing process of converting raw material into finished steel building system components.

Facade

An architectural treatment, partially covering a wall, usually concealing the eave and/or the rake of the building.

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Fascia

A decorative trim or panel projecting from the face of a wall.

Fenestration

Windows or other panels of glass; their number and location.

Field

The jobsite or building site on which the steel building will be erected.

Filler Strip

A strip used to close openings created by ribbed panels joining other components.

Film Laminated Coil

Coil metal that has a corrosion resistant film laminated to it prior to the forming operation.

Fixed Base

A column base that is designed to resist rotation as well as horizontal or vertical movement.

Fixed Clip

A standing seam roof system hold down clip that does not allow the roof panel to move independently of the roof substructure.

Flange

The projecting edge of a structural member (e.g. the top and bottom horizontal projections of an I-beam).

Flange Brace

A member used to provide lateral support to the flange of a structural member.

Flashing

The metal used to "trim" or cover the connection of two planes of material with a primary function of ensuring weather-tightness and a secondary function of enhancing the appearance of a steel building system.

Flush Girt

A wall framing system where the girts are mounted even with the outside of the columns.

Flush Purlin

A roof framing system where the purlins are mounted even with the outside of the rafters.

Floating Clip

A clip used on standing seam roof system that allows the roof panel to move horizontally independently of the roof substructure. Also known as a "Sliding Clip" or "Slip Clip".

Floor Live Loads

Loads acting on the floor system caused by the use and occupancy of the building.

Footing

A pad or mat, usually of concrete, located under a column, wall or other structural member, that is used to distribute the loads from that member into the supporting soil.

Foundation

The substructure, which supports a building or other structure.

Framed Openings

Framing members and flashing which surround openings in the walls or roof of a steel building system. Framed openings are usually created in order to install accessories such as doors, windows, and roof exhaust systems.

Framing

The primary and secondary structural members that make up the skeleton of the steel building structure.

Framing Drawings

Drawings and instructions that show individual components in detail and are used as a guide for the erection of a steel building system.

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Gable

The triangular portion of the endwall from the level of the eave to the ridge of the roof.

Gable Roof

A ridged roof system that terminates in gables.

Galvanized Steel

Steel coated with zinc for corrosion resistance.

Gamble Frame

A ridged roof system that has two roof slopes, similar to a barn shape.

Girder

A main horizontal or near horizontal structural member that supports vertical loads.

Girt

A horizontal structural member that supports wall covering and carries loads to the primary framing members.

Glaze

The process of installing glass in windows and doors.

Glazing

Glass panes or paneling used in windows and doors.

Grade

The term used to describe the ground elevation around a building.

Grade Beam

A concrete beam around the perimeter of a building that carries an exterior wall.

Ground Snow Load

The probable weight of snow on the ground for a specified recurrence interval exclusive of drifts or sliding snow.

Grout

A mixture of water, sand, and cement that is used to seal cavities and cracks. Also used to level base plates.

Gusset Plate

A steel plate used to connect structural elements of a steel building system.

H

H Section

A welded 3 piece steel member of a steel building system with an H shaped cross section.

Hair Pin

Reinforcing steel used to transfer anchor bolt shear to the concrete floor.

Haunch

Part of a column or rafter designed to accommodate the higher bending moments at such points.

Header

The framing member positioned at the top of a framed opening.

High Strength Bolts

Bolts that are made from steel having a tensile strength in excess of 100,000 pounds per square inch. Some examples of high strength bolts include; ASTM A-325, A-449, and A-490.

High Strength Steel

Structural steel having a yield stress in excess of 36,000 pounds per square inch.

Hinged Base

Also called a pinned base, a hinged base is a column base that is designed to resist horizontal and vertical movement, but not rotation.

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Hip Roof

A steel building roof system that is formed by sloping planes where the angle of two planes is greater than 180 degrees.

Hood

A metal flashing that is used to cover slide door tracks in order to conceal and protect the tracks from weather.

Horizontal Guide Rollers

Wheels that roll on the side of the rail to restrict lateral movement of a crane.

Hot Rolled Steel

Steel sections formed by rolling mills while the steel is in a semi-molten state.

I

I-Beam

A hot rolled beam with narrow tapered flanges.

Impact Load

A load that is created by the movement of machinery, elevators, crane ways, vehicles, and other similar forces.

Impact Wrench

A power tool commonly used by erectors to tighten the nuts and bolts when erecting a steel building system.

Installation

The assembling of fabricated steel building system components to form a completed structure.

Insulation

Material used in the walls and roof of a steel building system in order to reduce heat transfer.

Insulated Panel (Sandwich Panel)

A panel used as covering consisting of an insulating core material with inner and outer metal skins.

J

Jack Beam

A steel beam used to support another beam, rafter or truss and eliminate a column support.

Jack Truss

A truss used to support another beam, rafter, or truss and eliminate a column support.

Jamb

The vertical framing members located at the sides of an opening.

Jib Crane

A suspended beam with hoist and trolley. This lifting device is designed to pick up loads in all or part of a circle around the column to which it is attached.

Jig

A device used to hold pieces of material into position during fabrication.

K

Kick Out

An extension attached to the bottom of a downspout to direct water away from the wall of a steel building.

Kip

A unit of measure equal to 1,000 pounds.

Knee

The connecting area of a column and rafter of a structural frame such as a rigid frame.

Knee Brace

A diagonal member at a column and rafter intersection designed to resist horizontal loads.

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L

Lean To

A structure having only one slope and is supported by leaning upon another structure.

Length

The dimension of the steel building system measured perpendicular to the main framing from outside to outside of endwall girts.

Leveling Plate

A steel plate that is located on top of a foundation or other support on which a structural column can rest.

Light Transmitting Panel

A translucent panel used to admit light into a steel building.

Liner Panel

A metal panel attached to the inside flange of the girts or inside of a wall panel as an interior finish.

Live Load

Loads that are produced (1) during maintenance by workers, equipment, and materials, and (2) during the life of the structure by movable objects and do not include wind, snow, seismic, or dead loads. Also see Roof or Floor Live Load.

Load Indicating Washers

A washer with dimples, which flatten when the high strength bolt is tightened. The bolt tension can then be determined by the amount of compression on the raised portions of the washer.

Longitudinal

The direction parallel to the ridge or sidewall.

Loads

A force that is exerted on a structural member of a steel building system.

Louver

An opening provided with fixed or movable fins to allow flow of air.

Low Rise Building

A class of buildings usually less than 60' eave height. A low rise building is usually a single story, but does not exceed 4 stories.

M

Main Frame

The collection of rafters and columns that support the secondary framing members and transfer loads to the foundation.

Manufacturer

The party who designs and fabricates a steel building system.

Manufacturer's Engineer

An engineer that works directly for the manufacturer and is responsible for the structural design of a steel building system. The manufacturer's engineer is not the Engineer of Record.

Masonry

Anything that is constructed of materials such as bricks, concrete blocks, ceramic blocks, and concrete.

Mastic Tape

Sealant or caulking that is used to seal roof panel laps.

MBMA

Metal Building Manufacturers Association



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Metal Building System

A complete integrated set of mutually dependent components and assemblies that form a building including primary and secondary framing, covering and accessories.

Mezzanine

An intermediate level between floor and ceiling occupying a partial area of the floor space.

Moment

The tendency of a force to cause rotation about a point or axis.

Moment Connection

A connection designed to transfer moment as well as axial and shear forces between connecting members.

Moment of Inertia

A physical property of a member, which helps define strength and deflection characteristics.

Monitor Frame

A rigid frame which has a raised center section.

Monolithic Construction

A method of placing concrete grade beam and floor slab together to form the building foundation without forming and placing each separately.

Monorail

A single rail support for a material handling system or crane.

Multi Gable Building

Steel buildings that have more than one gable across the width of the building.

Multi Span Building

Steel buildings consisting of more than one span across the width of the building. Multiple gable buildings and single gable buildings with interior columns are examples.

N

Newton

SI unit of measure for force.

O

Oil Canning

A waviness that may occur in flat areas of light gauge formed metal products. Oil canning has no effect on structural integrity of steel and is not a reason for material being rejected for use in a steel building system.

Open Web Steel Joists

Lightweight truss.

Order Documents

Documents submitted to the steel building manufacturer when placing an order for a steel building system.

OSHA

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Overhead Doors

Doors constructed in horizontally hinged sections and equipped with springs, tracks, counter balancers, and other hardware, which roll the sections into an overhead position clear of the opening.

P

Panel

The exterior metal roof and wall paneling of a Metal Building System.



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Panel Notch

A notch or block out formed along the outside edge of the floor slab to provide support for the wall panels and serve as a closure along their bottom edge.

Parapet

A vertical wall of a building that extends above the roofline.

Peak

The highest point of a gable.

Peak Sign

A sign attached to the peak of the building at the endwall showing the building manufacturer.

Personnel Doors

Doors used by personnel for access and exit from a building.

Piece Mark

A number given to each separate part of the building for erection identification. Also called mark number and part number.

Pier

A concrete used to transfer vertical load from the base of a column to the footing. Steel buildings without a concrete foundation often use piers to mount the columns to the ground.

Pig Spout

A sheet metal section designed to direct the flow of water out through the face of the gutter rather than through a downspout.

Pilaster

A reinforced or enlarged portion of a masonry wall to provide support for roof loads or lateral loads on the wall.

Pinned Base

A column base that is designed to resist horizontal and vertical movement, but not rotation.

Pin Connection

A connection designed to transfer axial and shear forces between connecting members, but not moments.

Pitch

The rise of roof from ground, usually expressed in units of vertical rise to 12 units of horizontal run.

Plastic Design

A design concept based on multiplying the actual loads by a suitable load factor, and using the yield stress as the maximum stress in any member, and taking into consideration moment redistribution.

Ponding

The gathering of water at low or irregular areas on a roof or accumulation of water from deflection due to rain loads.

Pop Rivet

A small headed pin with expandable shank for joining light gauge metal. Typically it is used to attach flashing, gutters, etc.

Porosity

The measurement of openings in buildings, which allow air to enter during a period of high-wind.

Portal Frame (Wind Bent)

A rigid frame designed parallel to sidewall. It is generally used to resist longitudinal loads where other bracing methods are not permitted.

Post

A secondary column at the endwall of a steel building used to support the girts.



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Post & Beam

A structural system consisting of a series of rafter beams supported by columns. Often used as the endwall framing of a building.

Post Tensioning

A method of pre-stressing reinforced concrete in which tendons are tensioned after the concrete has reached a specific strength.

Pre Tensioning

A method of pre-stressing reinforced concrete in which the tendons are tensioned before the concrete has been placed.

Pre Painted Coil

A coil of steel which has received a paint coating.

Press Brake

A machine used in cold-forming metal sheets or strips into desired sections.

Pre-Stressed Concrete

Concrete in which internal stresses of such magnitude and distribution are introduced that the tensile stresses resulting from the service loads are counteracted to a desired degree; in reinforced concrete the pre-stress is commonly introduced by tensioning the tendons.

Primary Framing

The main structural framing in a steel building consisting of Rigid Frames, and endwall framing.

Primer Paint

The initial coat of paint applied to steel building components in order to protect them prior to erection.

Purlin

A horizontal structural member that supports roof covering and carries loads to the primary framing members.

Purlin Extension (Rake Extension)

The projection of the roof beyond the plane of the endwall of a steel building.

R

Rafter

In a steel building, a rafter is main beam supporting the roof system.

Rails

The horizontal stiffening members of framed and paneled doors.

Rake

The intersection of the plane of the steel building system's roof and the plane of the endwall.

Rake Angle

Angle fastened to purlins at rake for attachment of endwall panels.

Rake Trim

A flashing that closes the opening between the roof and endwall panels.

Reactions

The resisting forces between the column bases and foundation that keep a steel building structure in balance under a given loading condition.

Reinforcing Steel

Steel placed in concrete as required to carry the tension, compression and shear stresses on a steel building system.

Remote Operated Crane

A crane controlled electronically by an operator from a remote location.



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Retrofit

The placing of new metal roof or wall systems over deteriorated roofs or walls.

Rib

The longitudinal raised profile of a panel that provides much of the panel's bending strength.

Ridge

The horizontal line formed by opposing sloping sides of a roof running parallel with the building length.

Ridge Cap

A transition of the roofing materials along the ridge of a roof; sometimes called ridge roll or ridge flashing.

Rigid Frame

A structural frame consisting of members joined together with moment connections so as to render the frame stable with respect to the design loads, without the need for bracing in its plane.

Rolling Doors

Doors that have wheels on the bottom that run on a track.

Roll Up Doors

Doors that open vertically and are gathered into a roll (or canister) suspended above the floor.

Roof Covering

The bottom horizontal framing member of a wall opening such as a window or louver.

Roof Live Load

Loads on a steel building's roof produced by movable objects other than wind, snow, seismic or dead loads.

Roof Overhang

A roof extension beyond the endwall or sidewall of a building.

Roof Pitch

The rise of roof from ground, usually expressed in units of vertical rise to 12 units of horizontal run.

Runway Bracket

A bracket extending out from the column of a building frame, which supports the runway beam for top-running cranes.

Runway Conductors

The main conductors mounted on or parallel to the runway, which supplies electric current to the crane.

S

Sag Member

A tension member such as rods, straps or angles used in a steel building to limit the deflection of a girt or purlin in the direction of its weak axis.

Screw Down Roof System

A roof system for steel buildings in which the roof panels are attached directly to the roof substructure with fasteners.

Sealant

Any material that is used to seal cracks, joints or laps.

Secondary Framing

Members, such as girts and purlins, that carry loads from the surface to the main framing of a steel building system.

Seaming Machine

A machine that is used to close and seal the side seams of standing seam roof panels.

Sectional Overhead Doors

Doors constructed in horizontally hinged sections and equipped with springs, tracks, counter balancers, and other hardware, which roll the sections into an overhead position.

Seismic Load

The lateral load acting in any direction on a structural system due the action of an earthquake.

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Self-Drilling Screw

A fastener that combines the function of drilling and tapping.

Self-Tapping Screw

A fastener that taps its own threads in a predrilled hole.

Shear

A force causing two contacting parts slide upon each other in opposite directions.

Shim

A piece of steel used to level base plates or align columns or beams.

Shipping List

Also called a bill of materials, a shipping list enumerates each piece of material or assembly to be shipped by part number or description.

Side Lap Fastener

A fastener used to connect panels together above their length.

Sidewall

The exterior wall that runs perpendicular to the frames of a building system.

Sill

The bottom horizontal framing member of a wall opening such as a window or louver.

Single Slope

A steel building roof that slopes from one sidewall to the opposite sidewall.

Single Span

A building or structural member that does not have intermediate support.

Skeleton Purin/Girt

A secondary member that aids in the bracing and plumbing during the steel building erection process.

Skylight

A roof accessory that allows natural light into a steel building, usually with a curb.

Slide Door

A single or double leaf door, which opens horizontally by means of sliding on an overhead trolley.

Sliding Clip

A clip used with standing seam roofs which allows the roof panel to thermally expand independently of the roof substructure.

Snow Load

The load induced by the weight of snow on the roof of the structure.

Soffit

Material used to cover the underside of an overhang/canopy.

Soil Bearing Pressure

The load per unit area a steel building structure will exert through its foundation on the soil.

Span

The distance between two supports.

Specifications

A statement of a set of Steel Building System requirements describing the loading conditions, design practices, materials and finishes.

Splice

A connection in a structural member.

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Spud Wrench

A tool used by steel building erectors to line up holes and to make up bolted connections; a wrench with a tapered handle.

Square

The term used for an area of 100 square feet.

Stack Door

A door with multiple sections capable of sliding and stacking behind one another. Usually sections separated vertically.

Stainless Steel

A steel alloy containing a high percentage of chromium to increase corrosion resistance.

Standing Seam

Side joints of roof panels that are arranged in a vertical position above the roofline.

Standing Seam Roof System

A roof system in which the side laps between the roof panels are arranged in a vertical position above the roofline on a steel building structure. The roof panel system is secured to the roof substructure by means of clips attached with screws to the substructure.

Steel Line (Steeline)

An imaginary line around the perimeter of the building envelope, does not include sheeting or trim.

Stiffener

A member used to strengthen a plate against lateral or local buckling.

Stitch Screw

A fastener connecting panels together at the sidelap.

Strain

The deformation per unit length measured in the direction of the stress caused by forces acting on a member.

Strut

A member fitted into a framework, which resists axial compressive forces.

Stud

A vertical wall member to which exterior or interior covering or collateral material may be attached. May be either load bearing or non-load bearing.

T

T Hangar

A metal building usually used in the aviation industry that has multiple units back to back in the shape of the letter "T". The units may consist of Nested T Hangers, or un-nested T Hangers.

Tapered Members

A built up plate member consisting of flanges welded to a variable depth web.

Temperature Reinforcing

Steel rods or wire mesh placed in concrete to help prevent cracks from thermal expansion or contraction.

Tensile Strength

The longitudinal pulling stress a material can bear without tearing apart.

Thermal Block

A spacer of low thermal conductance material that is installed between the purlin and roof insulation in a steel building, to prevent energy loss.

Thrust

The horizontal component of a reaction usually at the column base of a steel building system.

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**Tie**

A structural member that is loaded in tension.

Torsional Bracing

Bracing that takes the form of a plane between a pair of beams.

Translucent Panels

Panel used to admit natural light into a steel building.

Transverse

The direction parallel to the main frames of a steel building system.

Trapezoidal Standing Seam Panel

Side joints of roof panels that are arranged in a vertical position above the roofline in a trapezoidal shape.

Tributary Area

The area directly supported by the structural member between contiguous supports.

Trim

Light gauge metal, also referred to as flashing, used in the finish of a steel building.

Truss

A structure consisting of three or more members, with each member designed to carry a tension or compression force. The entire structure in turn acts as a beam.

Turn of the Nut Method

A method for pre-tensioning high strength bolts.

U

Uplift

Wind load on a steel building, which causes a load in the upward direction.

V

Valley Roof

A steel building roof system that is formed by sloping planes where the angle of two planes is less than 180 degrees.

Vapor Barrier

Material used to retard the flow of vapor or moisture to prevent condensation from forming on a surface.

Ventilator

An accessory mounted on the roof which allows the air to pass through.

W

Wainscot

Wall material, used in the lower portion of a wall that is different from the material in the rest of the wall.

Walk Door

Doors used by personnel for access and exit from a building.

Wall Covering

The steel building's exterior wall surface consisting of panels.

Web

The portion of a structural member between the flanges.

Width

The dimension of the steel building system measured parallel to the main framing from outside to outside of sidewall girts.

Wind Column

A vertical member designed to withstand horizontal wind loads, usually in the endwall.

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Wind Load

The load caused by the wind blowing from any horizontal direction.

Z

Z Section

A steel building system member cold formed from steel sheet in the approximate shape of a "Z".

Zinc Aluminum Coating

Steel coated with an alloy of zinc and aluminum to prevent corrosion.