

AWS Standard Terms & Definitions (A3.0-94)

Weldability:

"The capacity of a material to be welded under the imposed fabrication conditions into a specific, suitably designed structure, and to perform satisfactorily in the intended service."

ASTM A6/A6M, Section X3

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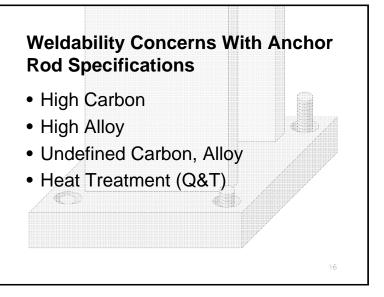
"A term that usually refers to the relative ease with which a metal can be welded using conventional practice."

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Weldability

- Based on composition
- Driven by carbon content
- Compounded by alloy content
- Related to "hardenability"
- "Hot cracking" concerns as well (S, Ph, others)

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• Three Grades: 36, 55, 105

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ASTM F1554 Grade 36

- -Chemistry like that of ASTM A36
- Footnote: for rod diameters of up to ³/₄ in., the manganese content is "optional with the manufacturer, but shall be compatible with weldable steel."
- Grade 55 substituted for Grade 36 ("only Grade 55 is made today")

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Grade 55, 105:

- -Controls only on S and P
- -Grade 55 can be ordered to Supplement S1 with limits on C, Mn, Si, P, S
- Also, two CE equations ("carbon" steel, "alloy" steel)

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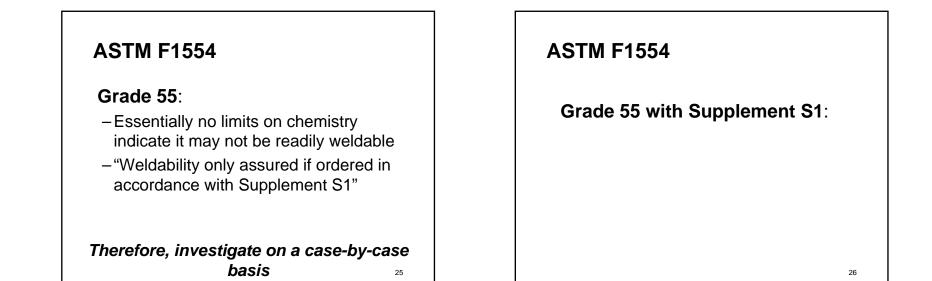
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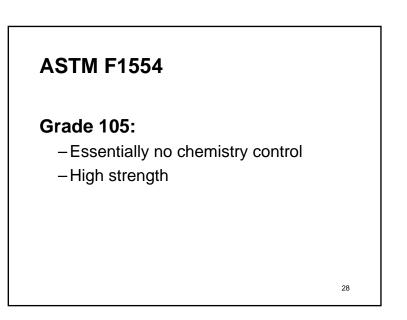
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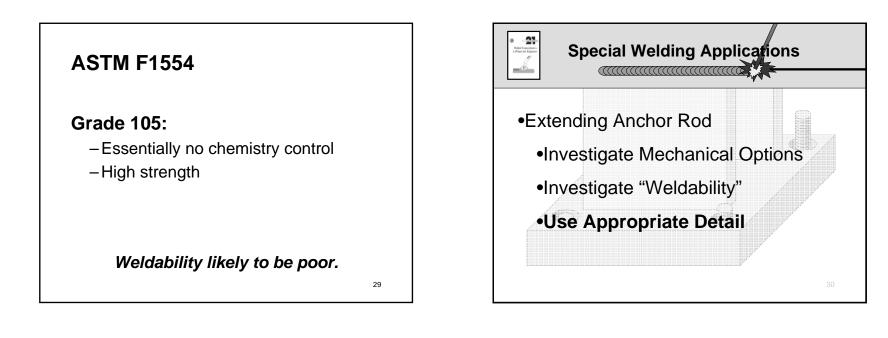


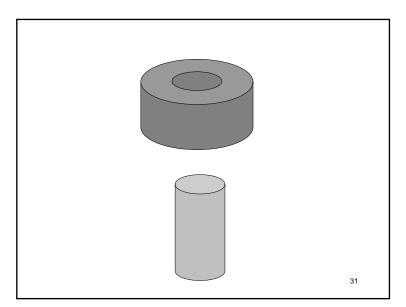
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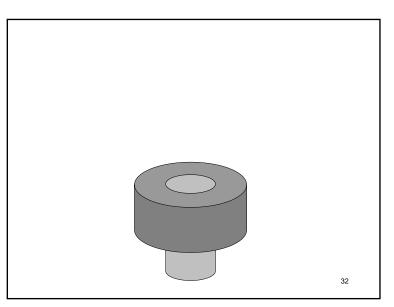
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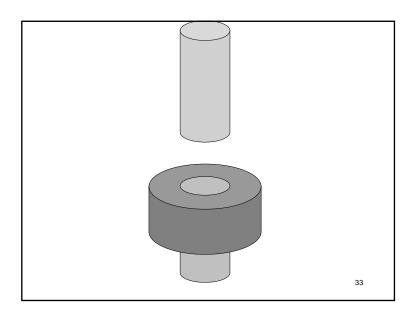
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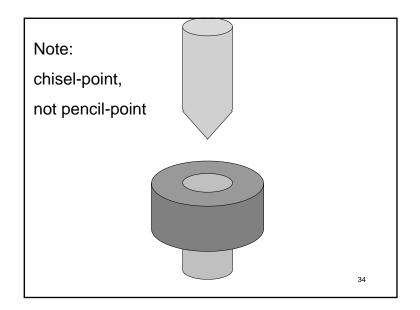


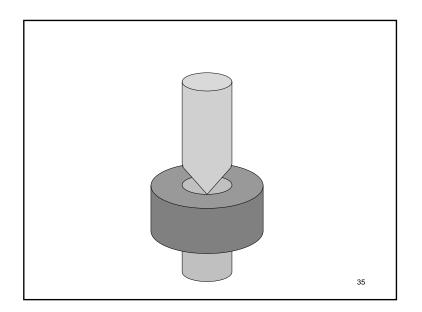


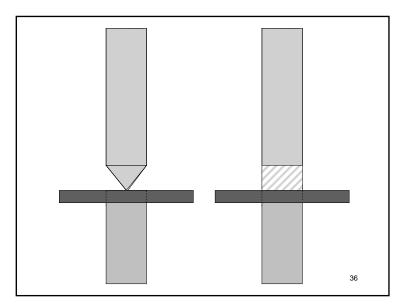


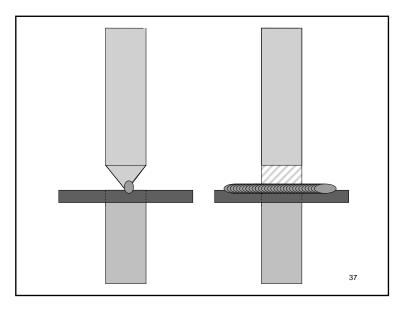


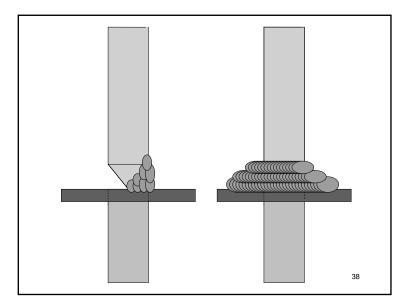


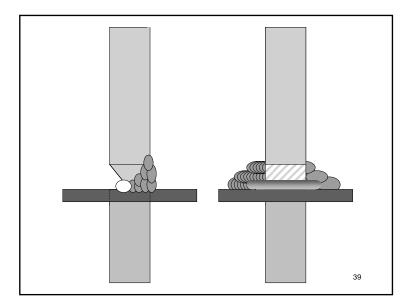


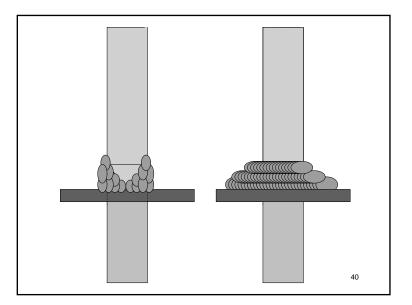


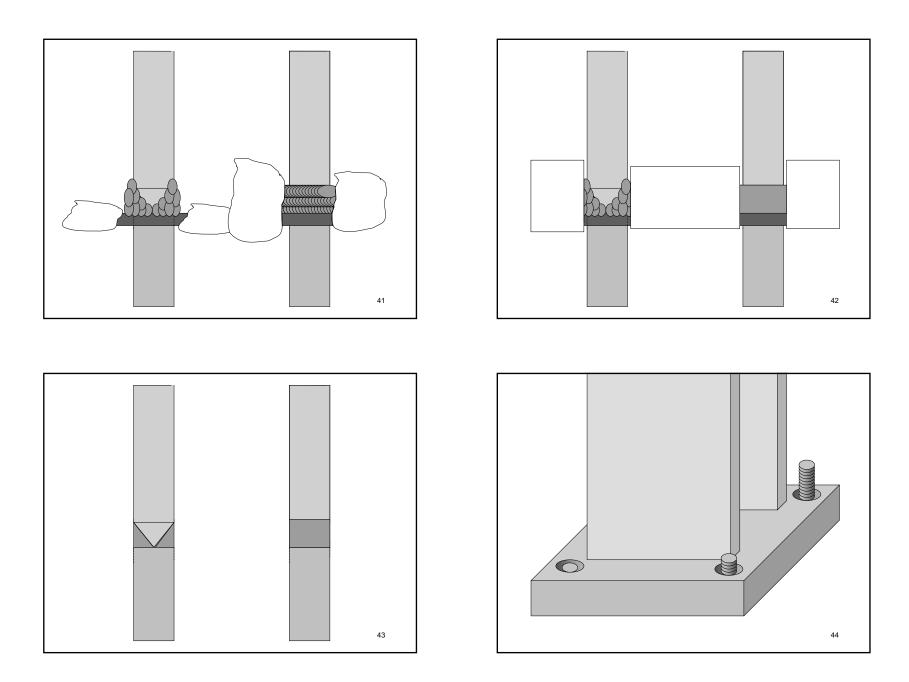


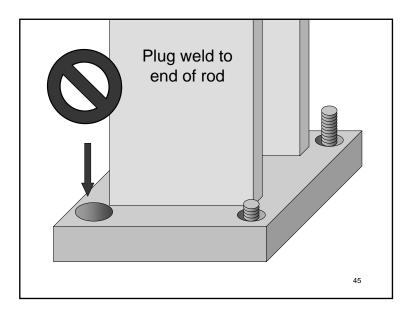


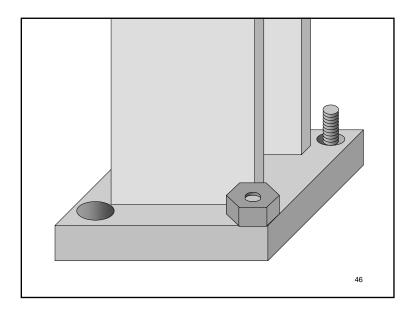


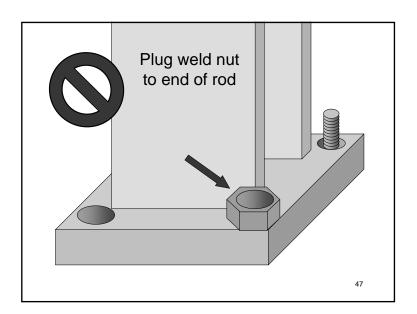


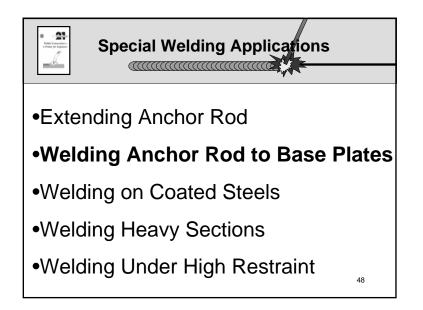


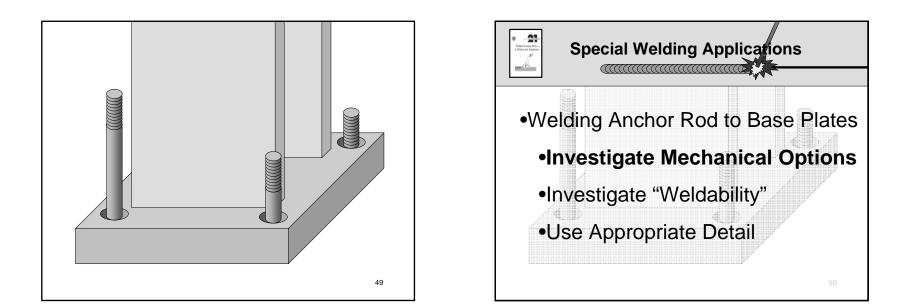


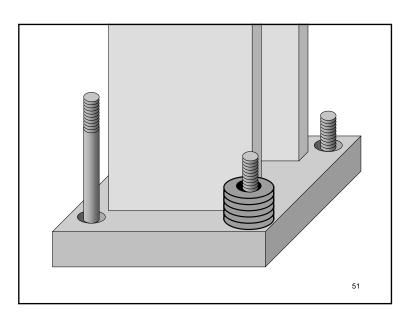


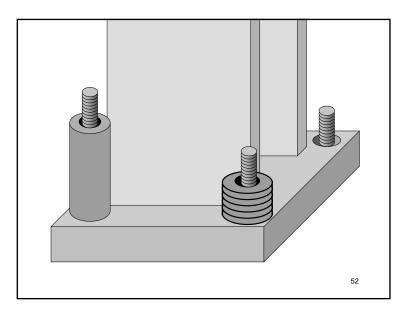


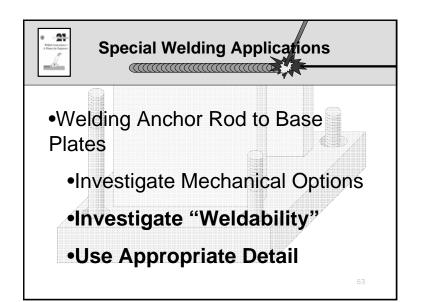


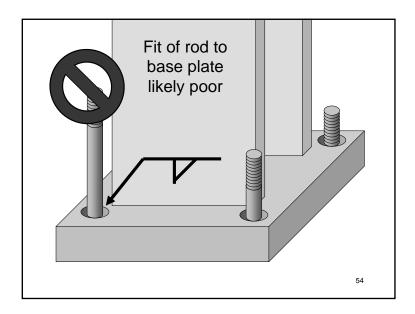


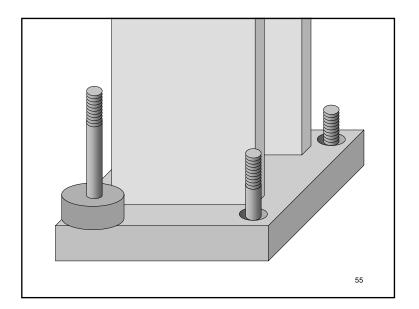


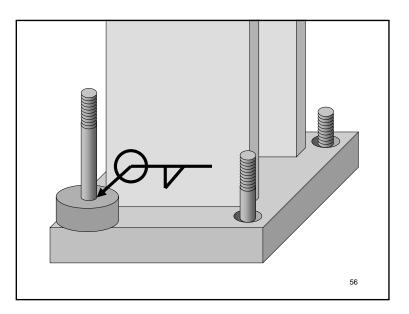


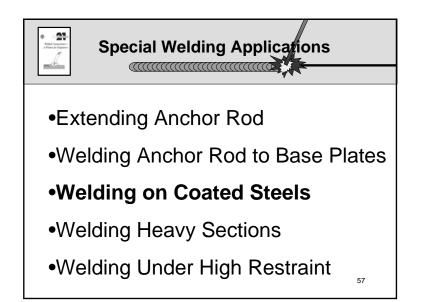




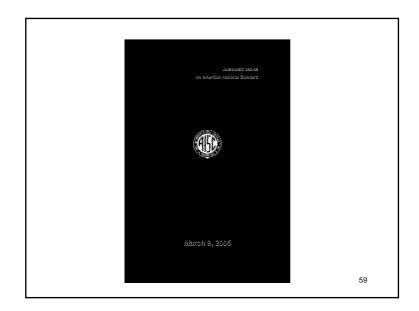






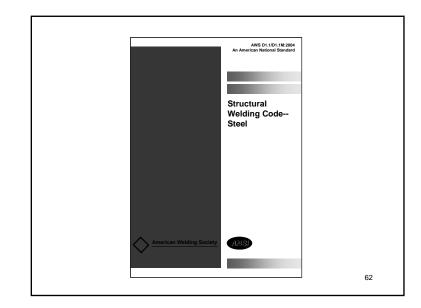








Specification for Structural Steel Buildings 13th Edition M4. ERECTION 5. Field Welding Shop paint on surfaces adjacent to joints to be field welded shall be wire brushed if necessary to assure weld quality.



AWS D1.1 Structural Welding Code—Steel

5.15 Preparation of Base Metal

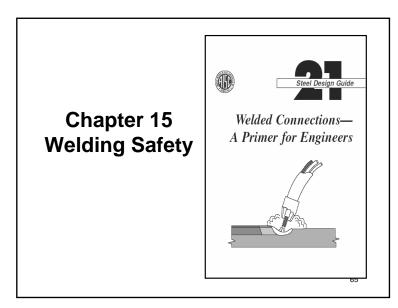
Surfaces to be welded, and surfaces adjacent to a weld, shall also be free from loose or thick scale, slag, rust, moisture, grease, and other foreign material that would prevent proper welding or produce objectionable fumes.

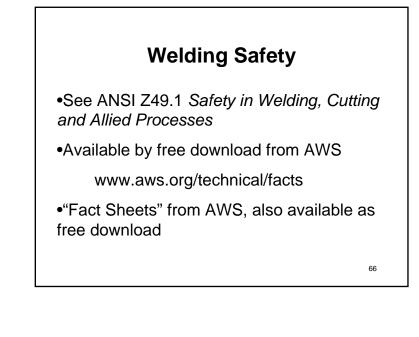
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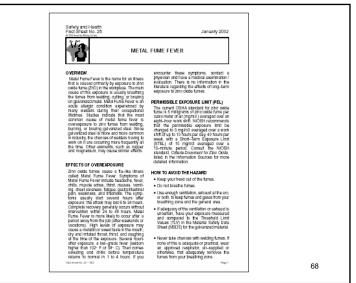
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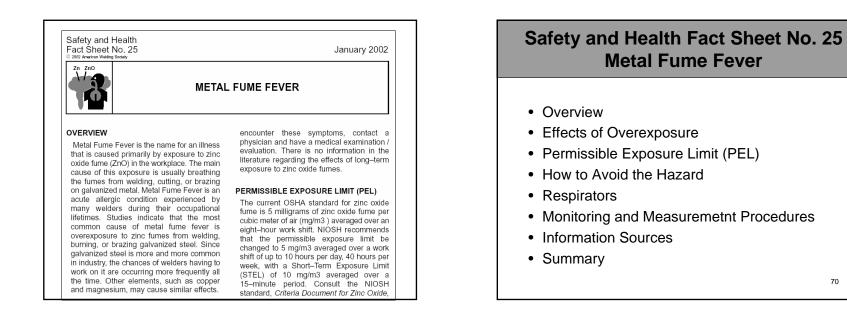
- Concern about fumes
- Concerns about inhibiting "proper welding"
- "Materials" broadly defined
- Outcome-based requirements

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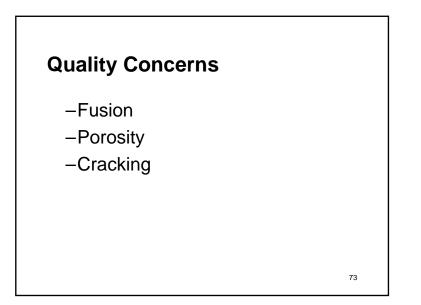
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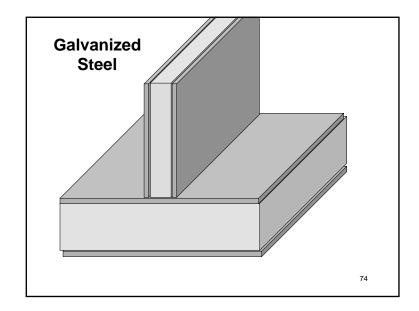
Metal Fume Fever is the name for an illness that is caused primarily by exposure to zinc oxide fume (ZnO) in the workplace. The main cause of this exposure is usually breathing the fumes from welding, cutting, or brazing on galvanized metal. Metal Fume Fever is an acute allergic condition experienced by many welders during their occupational lifetimes. Studies indicate that the most

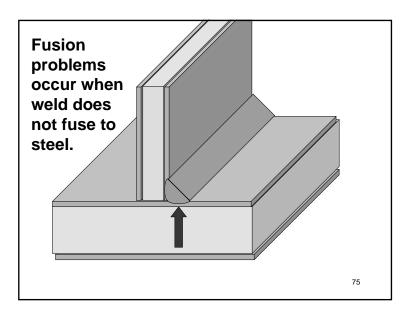
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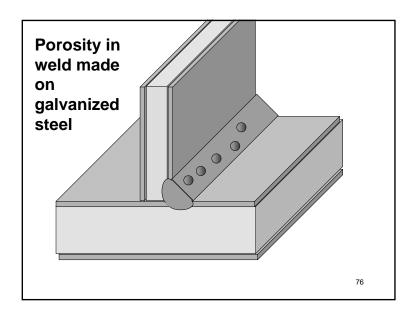
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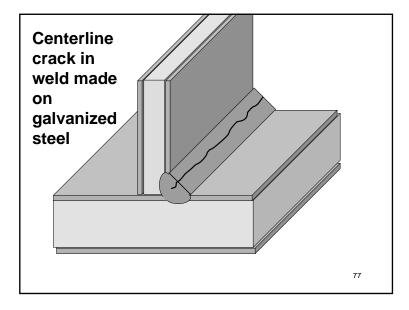
- · Keep your head out of the fumes.
- Do not breathe fumes.
- Use enough ventilation, exhaust at the arc, or both, to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area.
- If adequacy of the ventilation or exhaust is uncertain, have your exposure measured and compared to the Threshold Limit Values (TLV) in the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the galvanized material.







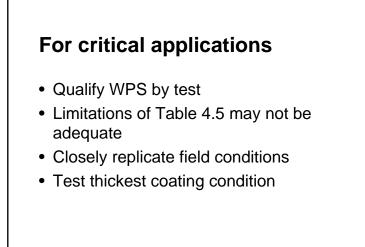


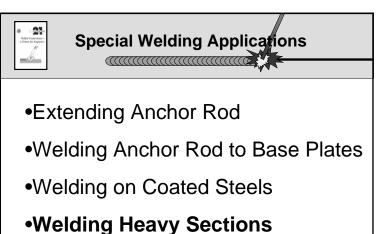


AWS D19.0-72 Welding Zinc-Coated Steel

Factors affecting cracking tendencies on galvanized steel

- The silicon content of the weld metal
- The degree of penetration of the weld beyond the root
- The thickness of the base metal (which affects restraint)
- The coating weight of the zinc (a function of the coating thickness)
- The microstructure of the zinc coating, which is related to the base metal composition and the silicon content in particular

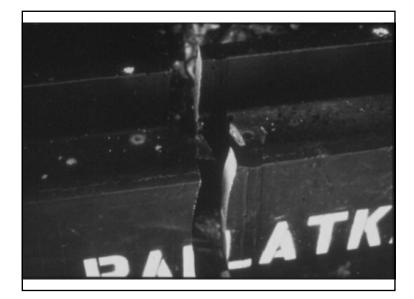




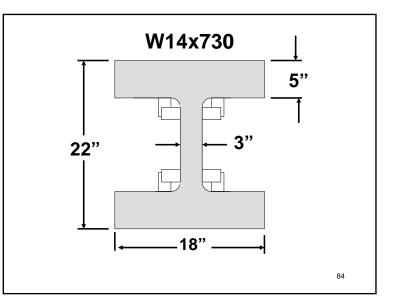
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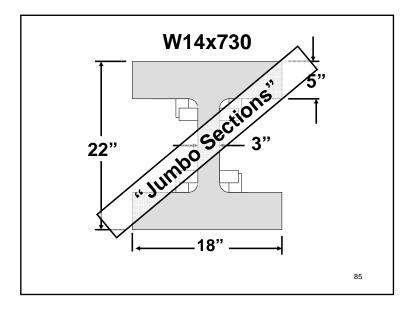
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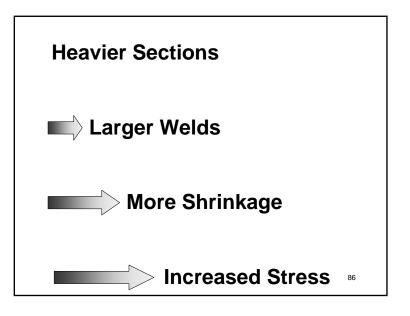


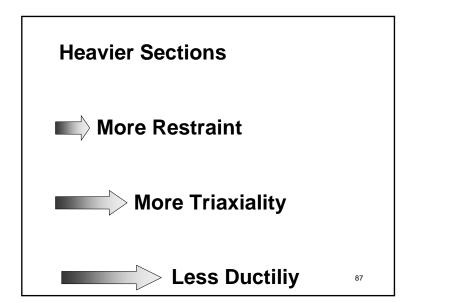


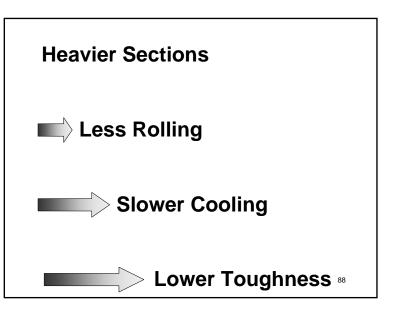


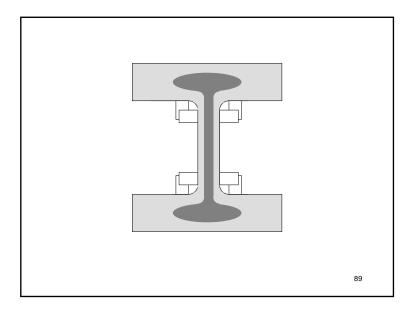


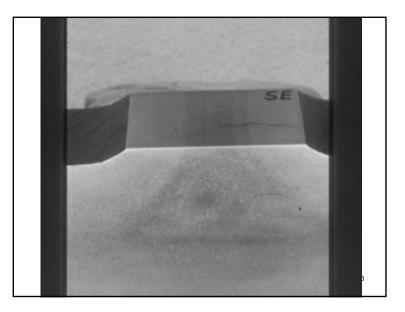


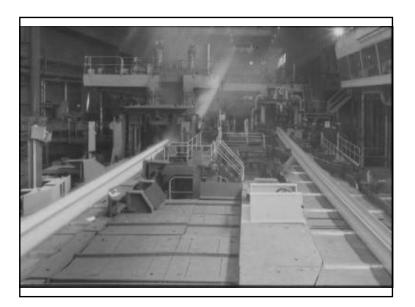


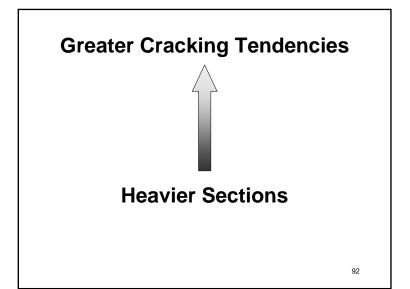


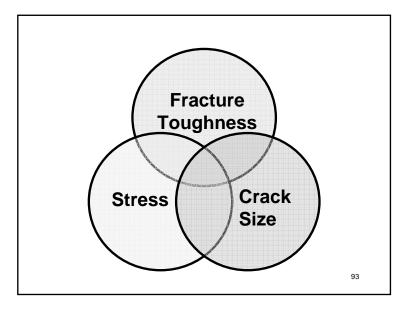


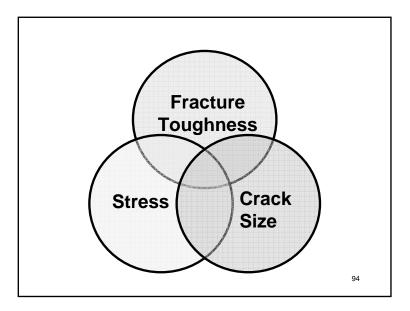


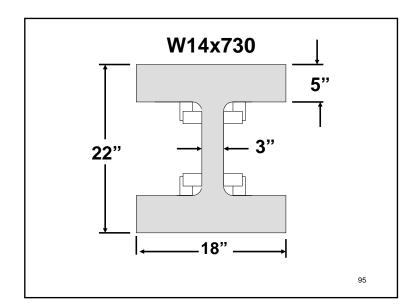


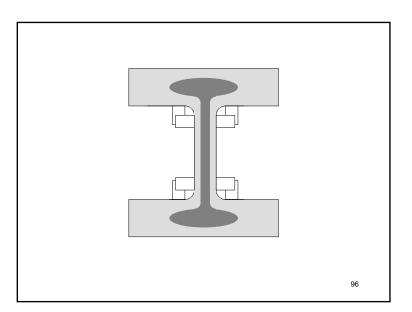


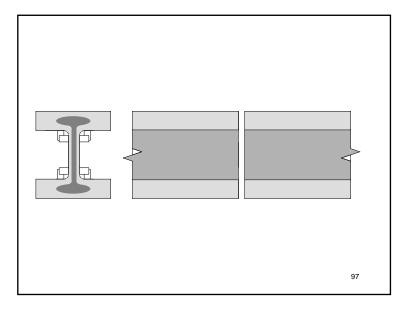


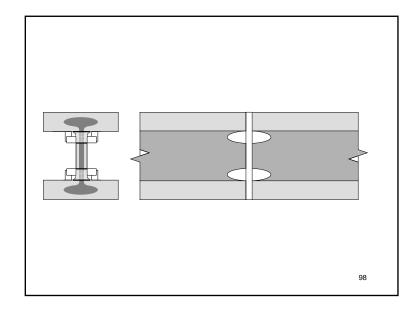


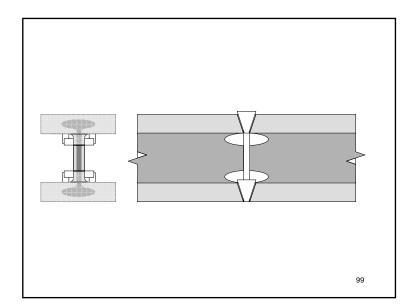


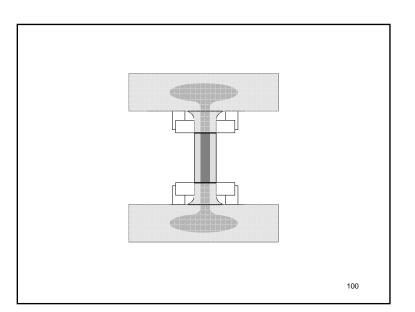


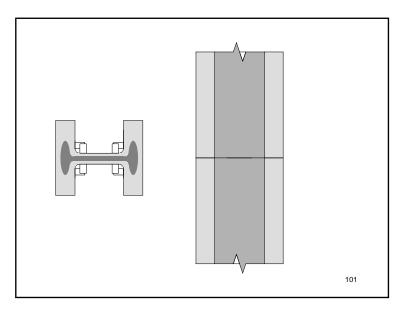


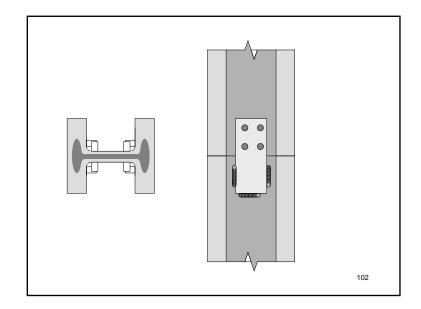


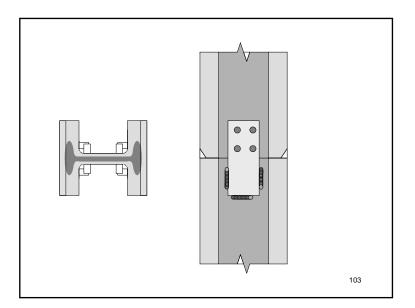


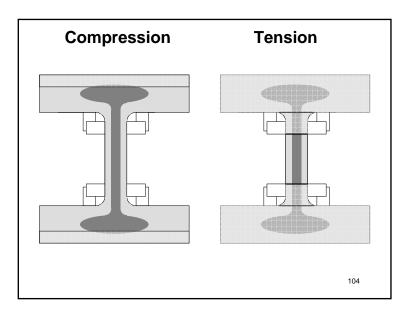


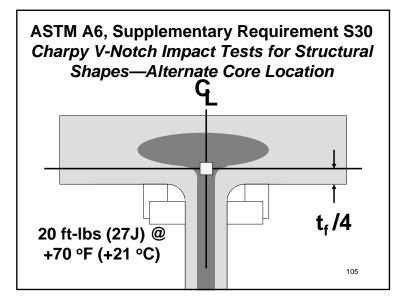


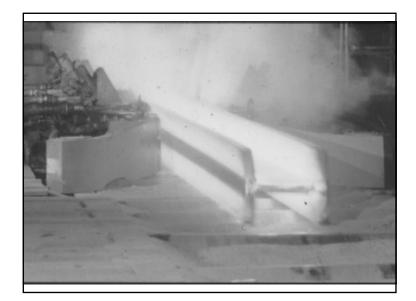


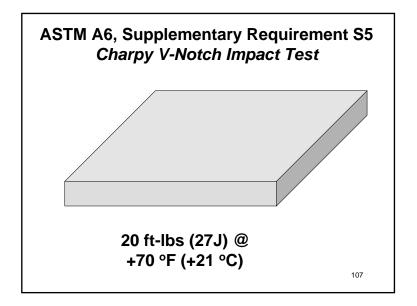


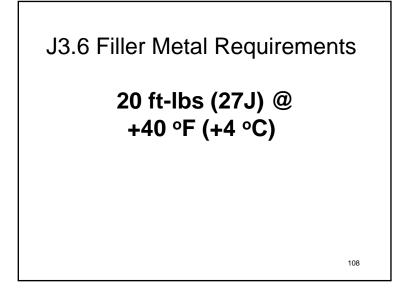


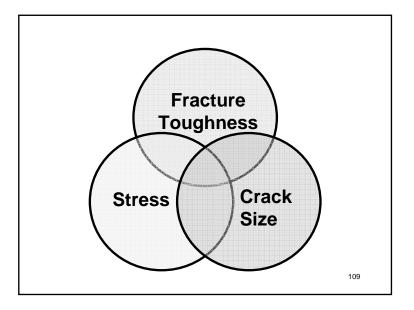


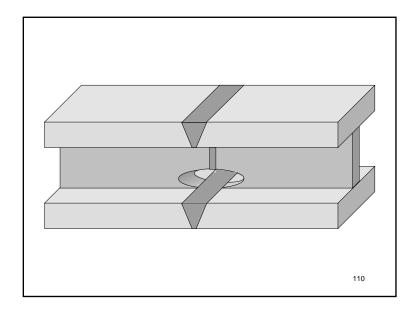


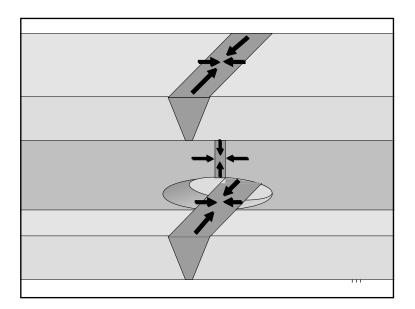


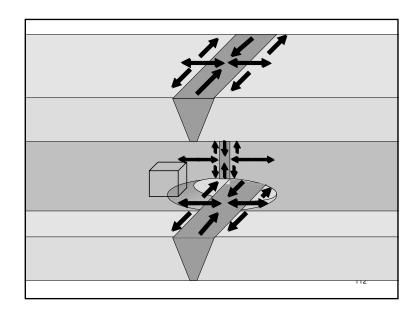


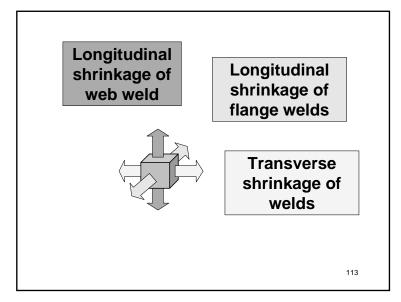


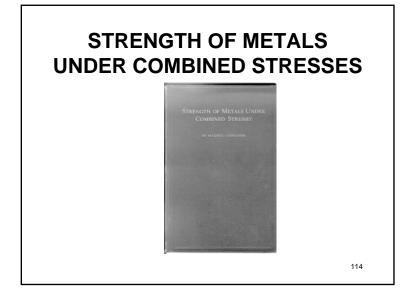


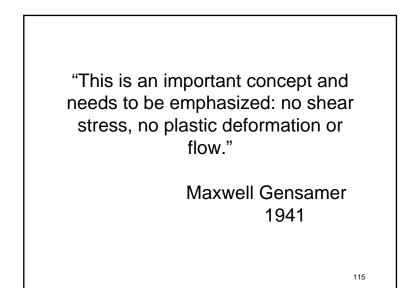




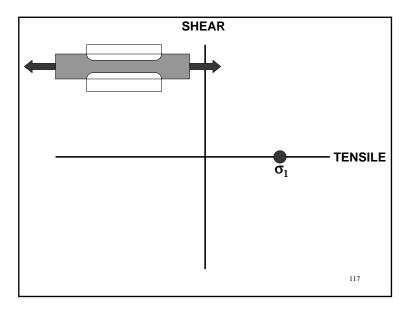


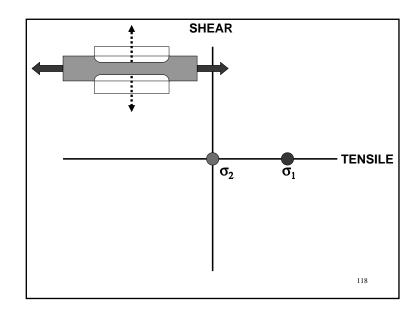


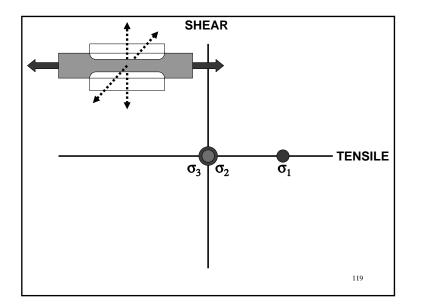


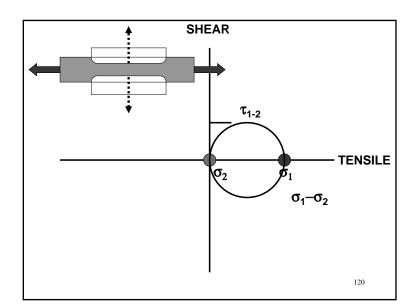


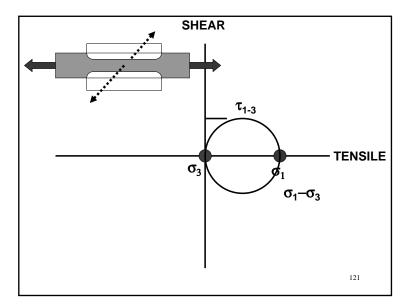


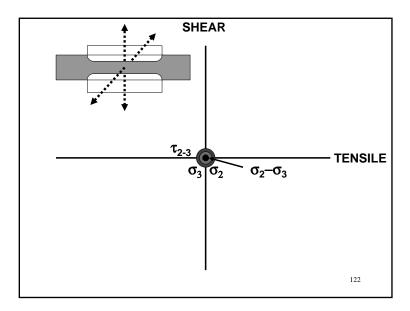


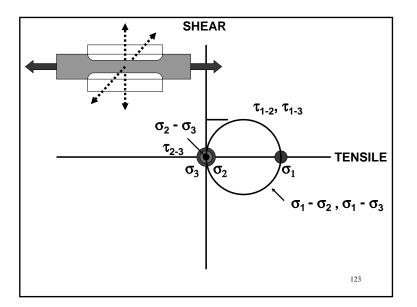


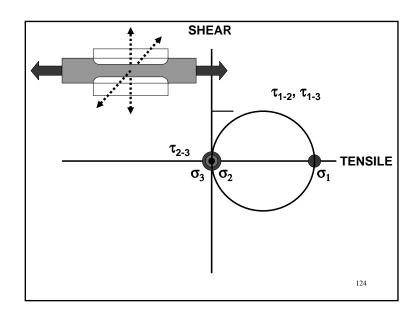


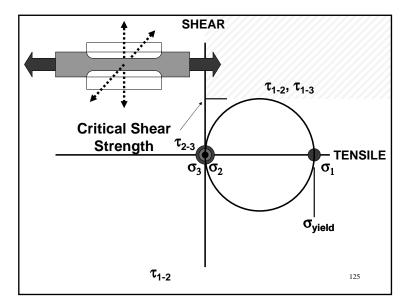


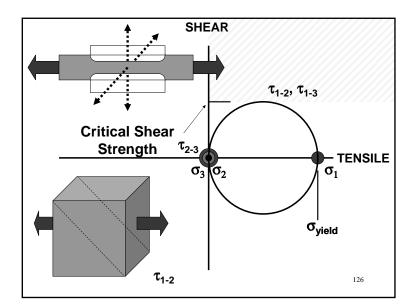


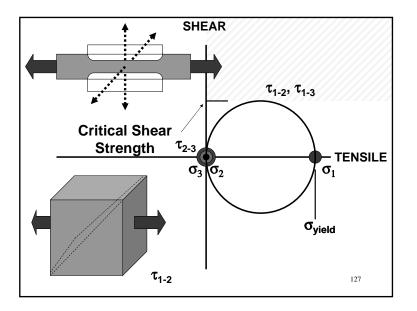


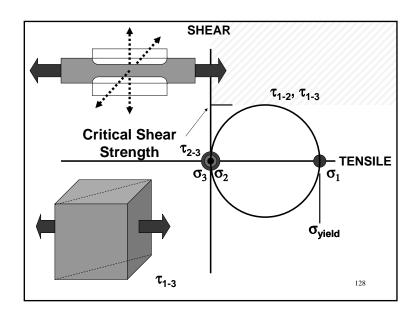


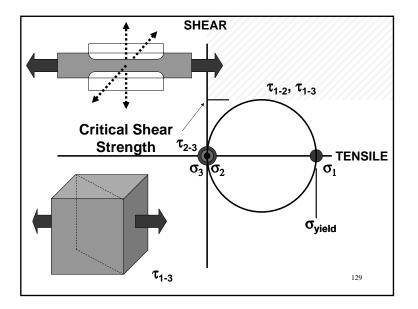


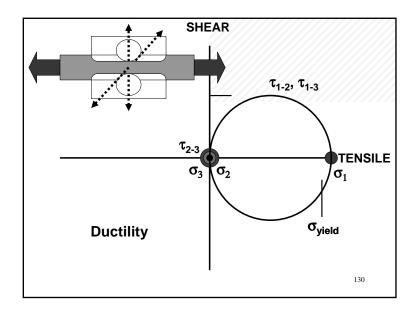


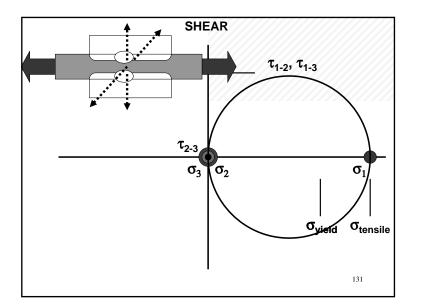


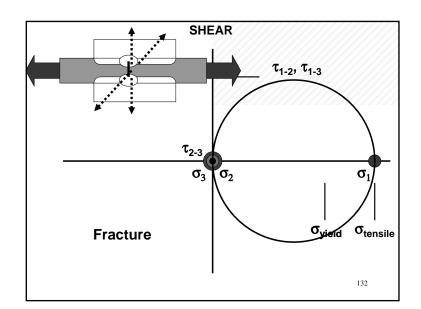


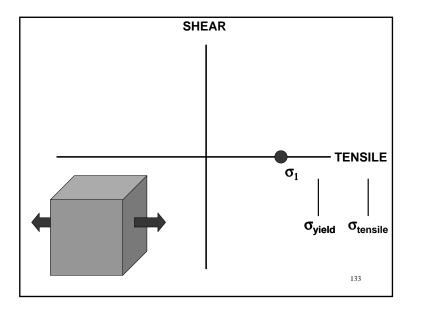


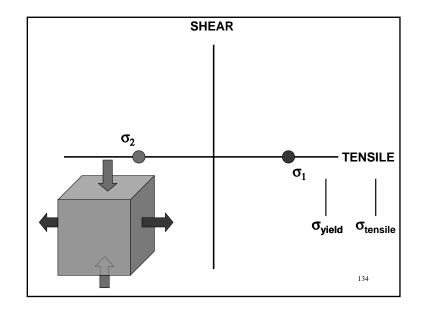


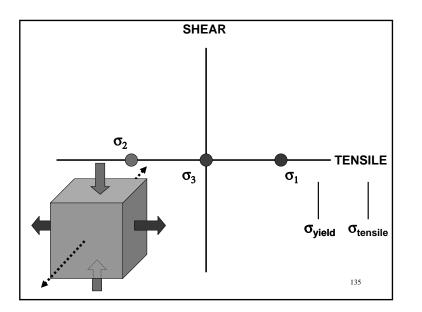


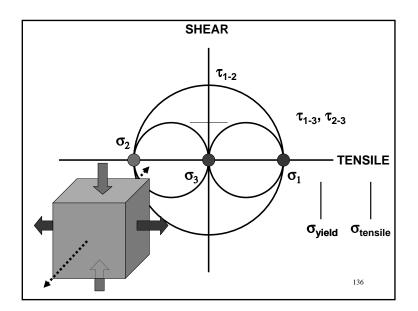


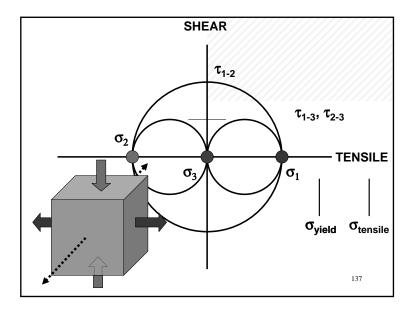


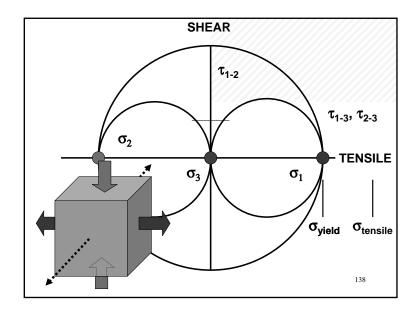


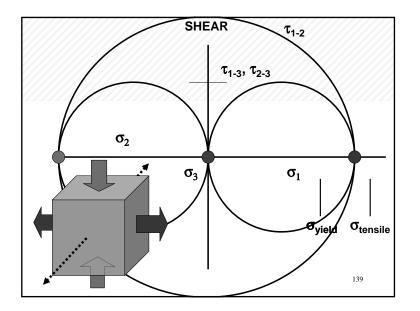


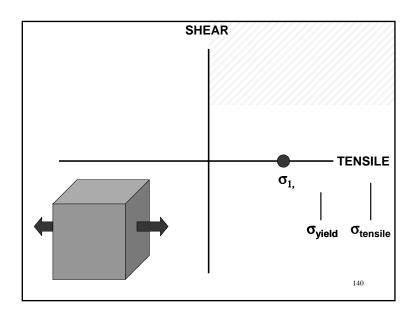


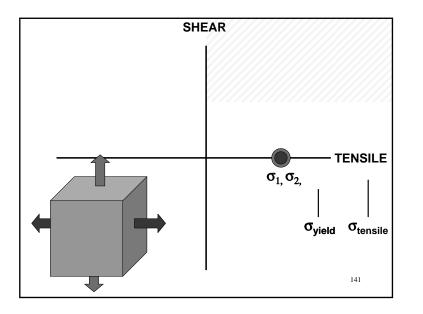


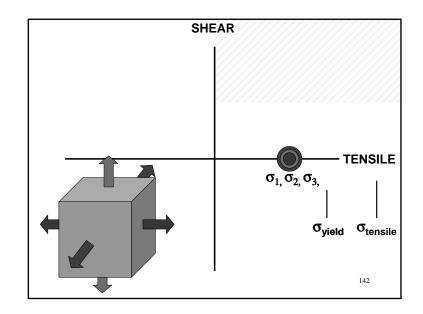


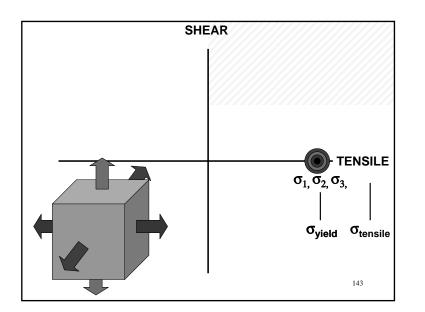


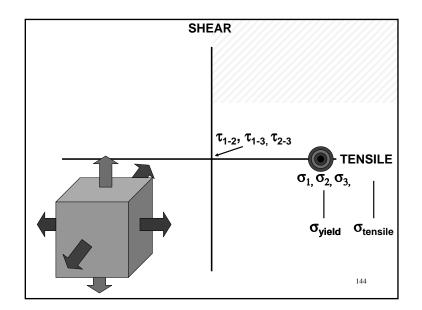


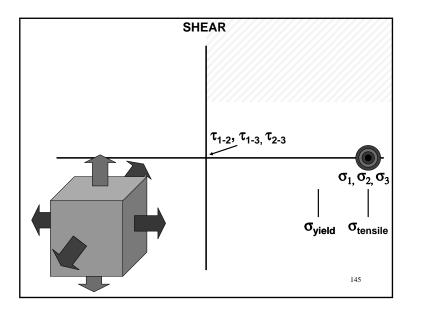


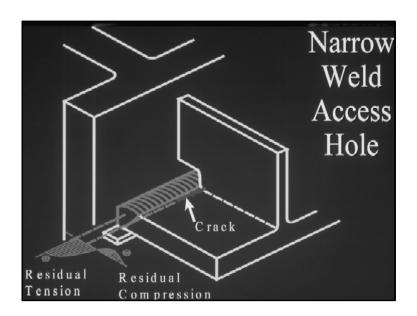


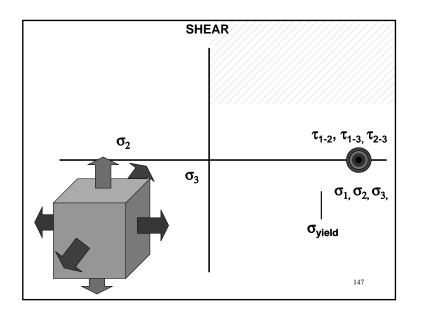




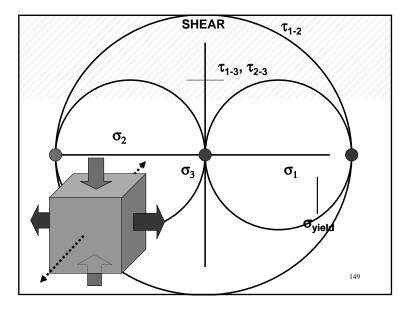


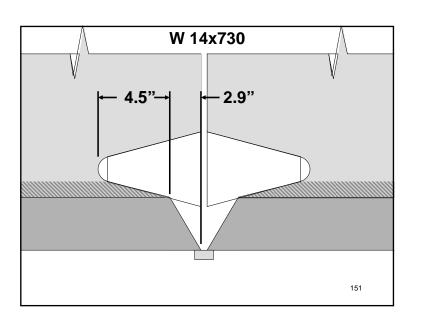


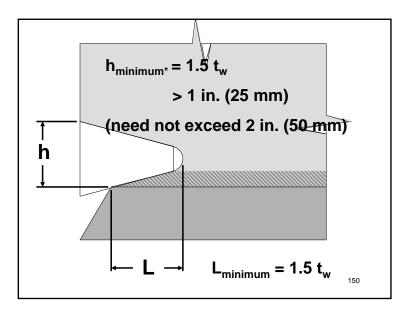


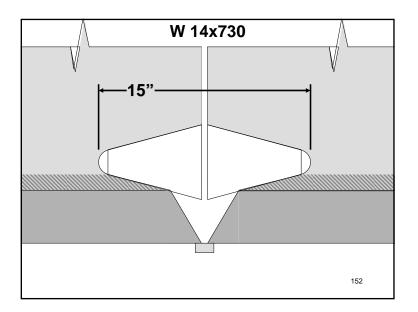


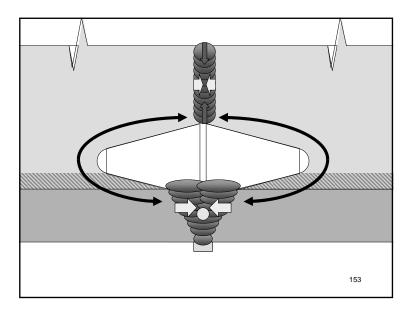


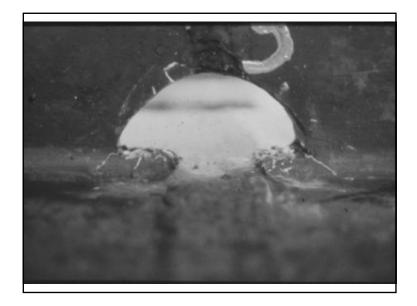


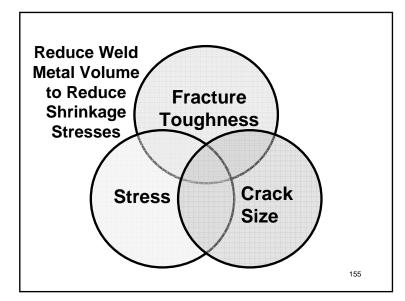


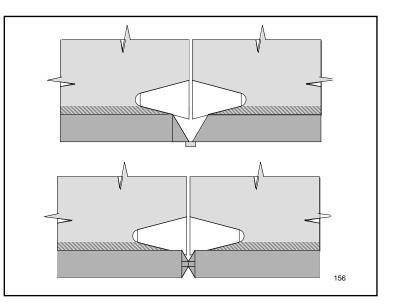


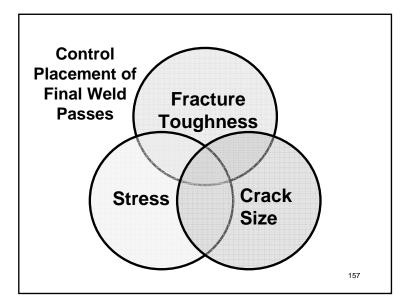


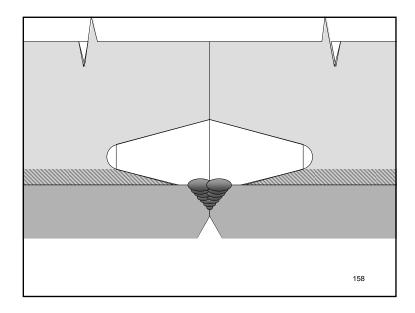


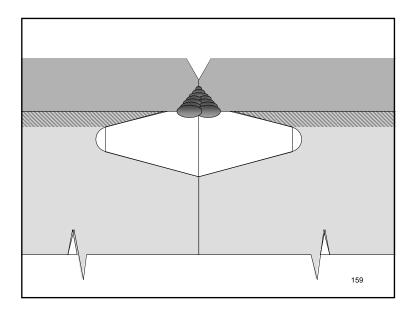


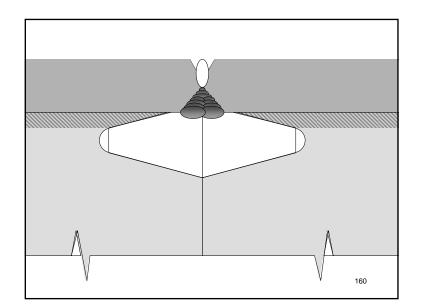


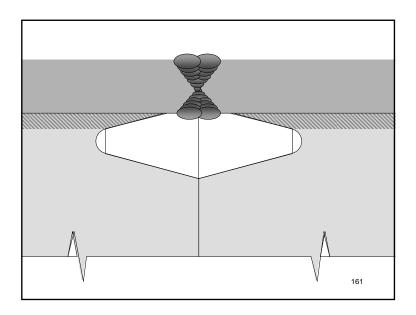


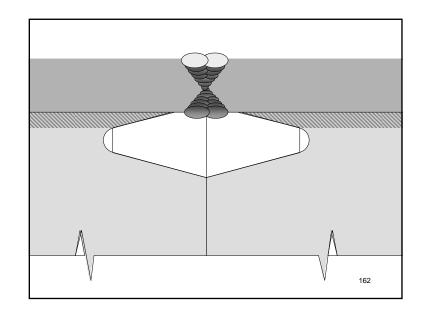


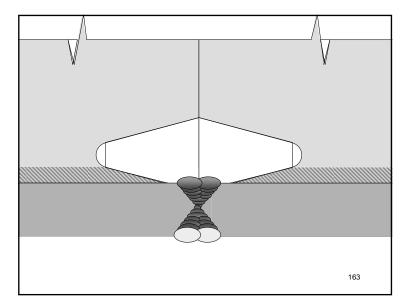


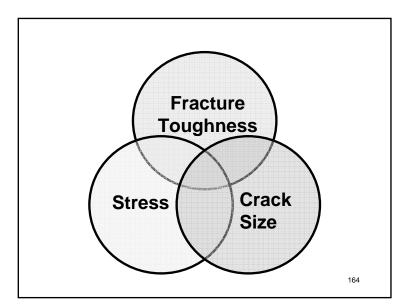


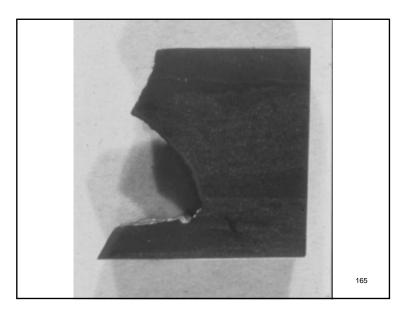


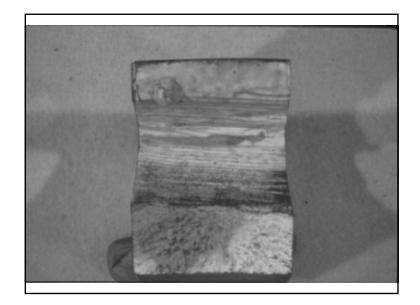


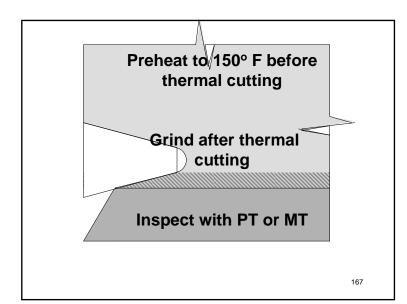


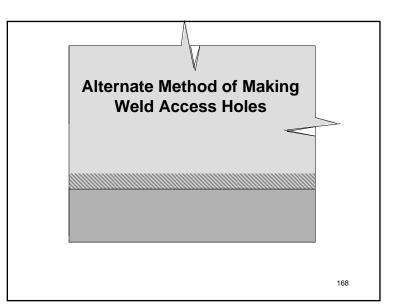


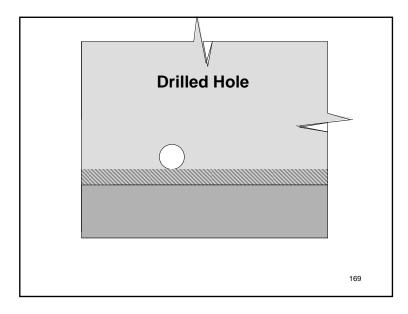


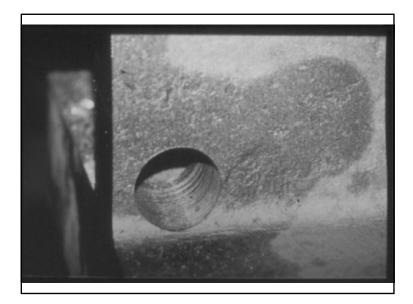


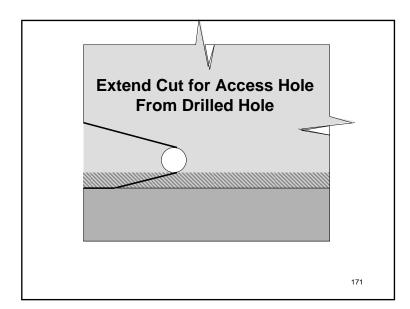


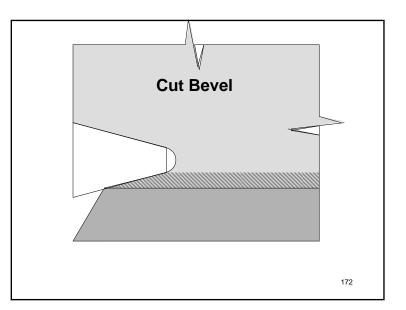


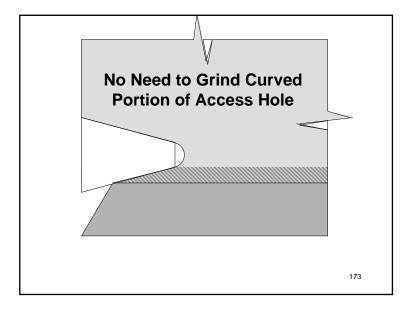


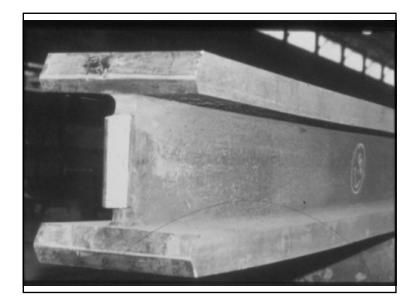


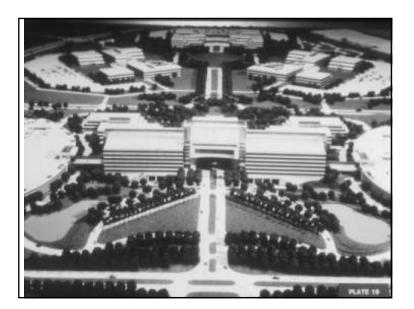


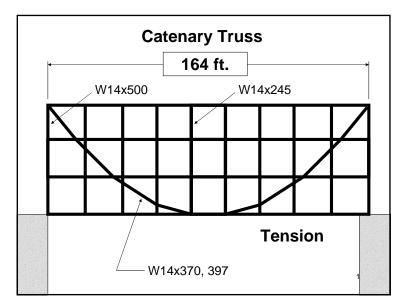




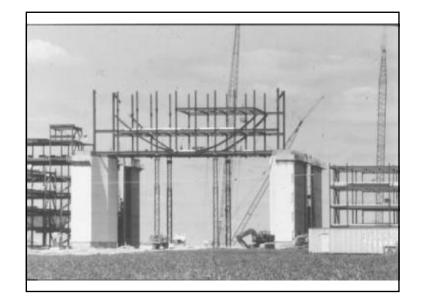








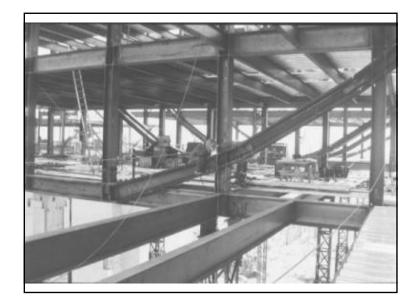


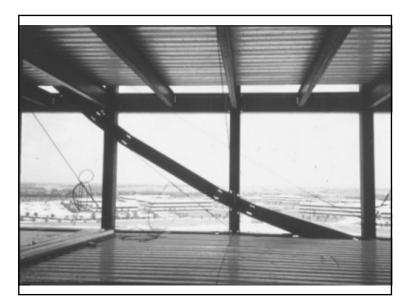






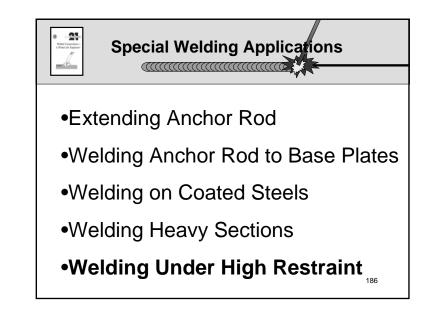












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- Increase Fracture Resistance
 - Avoid cracks and notches
 - · Smooth transitions
 - Ground flame cut and rough surfaces
 - Ream punched holes
 - Use materials with defined notch toughness
 - Increase preheat levels

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Reduce Shrinkage Stresses

- Specify the smallest weld size possible
- For a given weld size, select details that will require the least amount of weld metal
- Control fitup
- Don't overweld
- Limit weld reinforcement
- For a given weld size, make the weld in the fewest number of weld passes
- For double-sided joints requiring backgouging, limit the backgouging to only that which is required

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Reduce Shrinkage Stresses (continued)

- Use filler metal with the lowest strength level possible
- In general, but not always, use higher levels of preheat, and heat a greater volume of weld metal
- Limit weld penetration
- Complete highly restrained weldments without interruption
- When around-the-clock welding is impossible, maintain around-the-clock interpass temperature control
- Plan the welding to ensure the assembly will need to be welded only once

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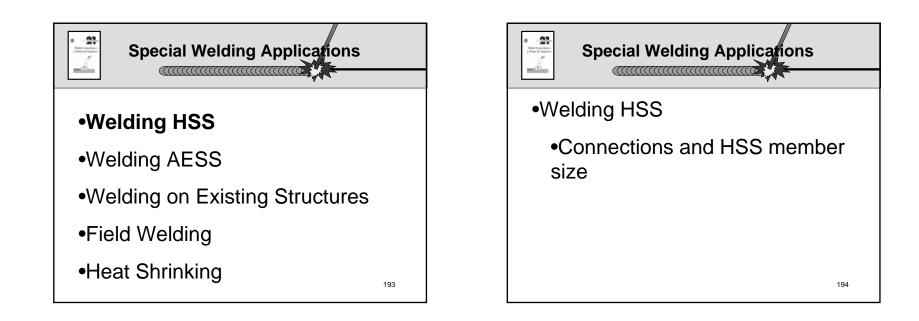
- Reduce Restraint
 - When possible, fabricate small subassemblies, and then join subassemblies into the final assembly
 - Weld components expected to have the greatest shrinkage first, then weld the members with less anticipated shrinkage
 - Weld the most rigid components first, saving the more flexible components for welding later
 - When possible, sequence the welding of various joints so that the shrinkage movement of the parts is all toward a relatively fixed central location

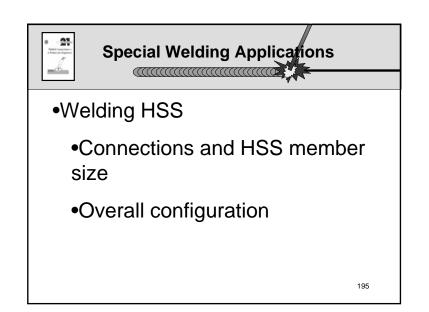
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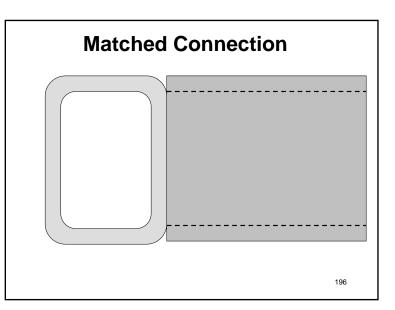
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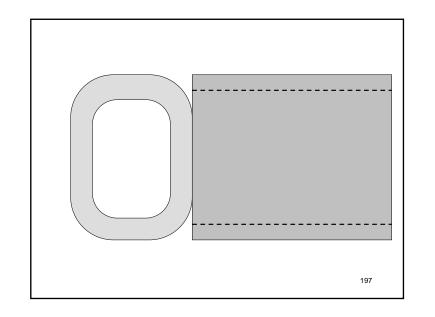
- Reduce Restraint (continued)
 - For individual joints, balance shrinkage on opposite sides of the member, when possible
 - Slight gaps of 1/32–1/16 in. help accommodate shrinkage. Soft steel spacer wires in between members can help in this regard
 - Increasing the preheat, and increasing the volume of material preheated, can sometimes assist, particularly when transverse cracking is being experienced and the joint can be expanded thermally before welding
 - Preset members before welding and allow them to move during welding

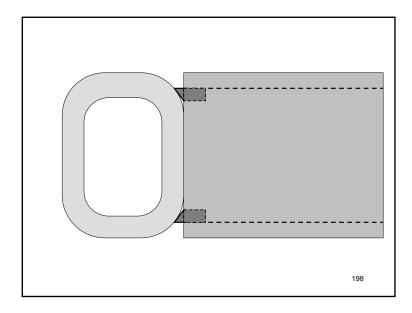
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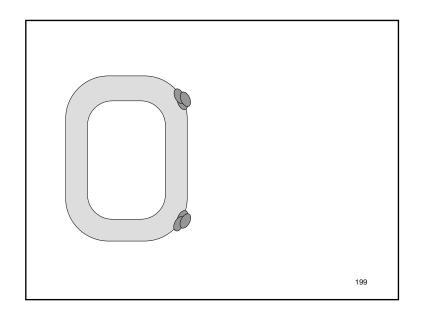


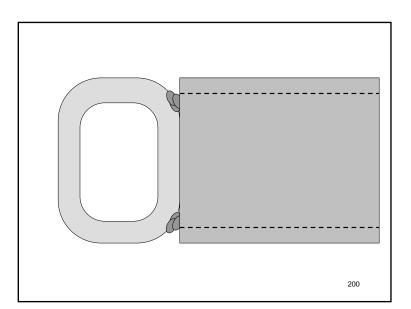


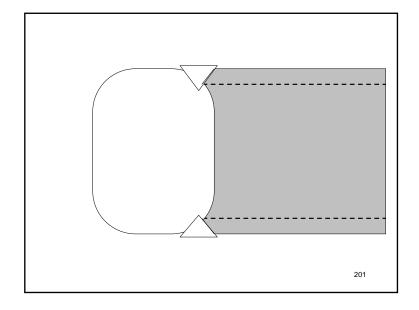


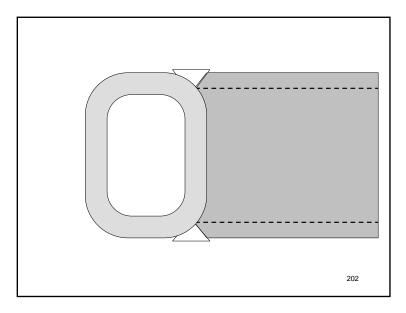


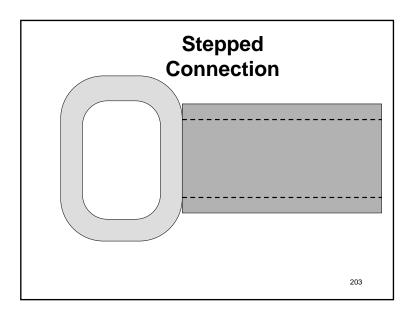


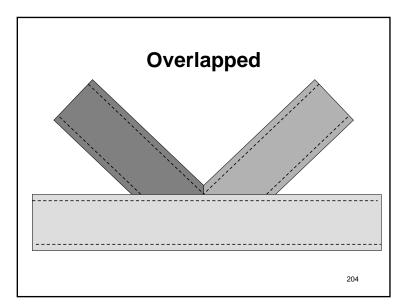


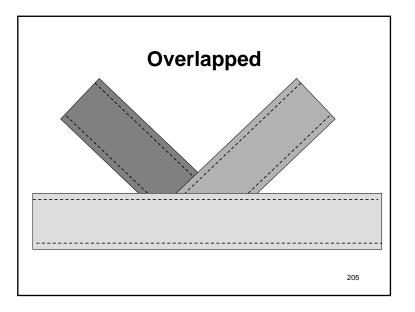


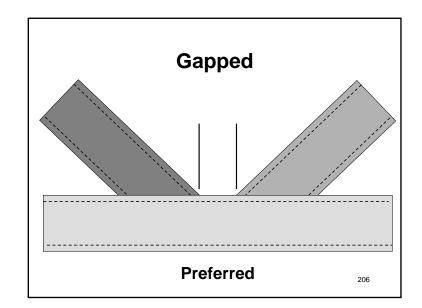


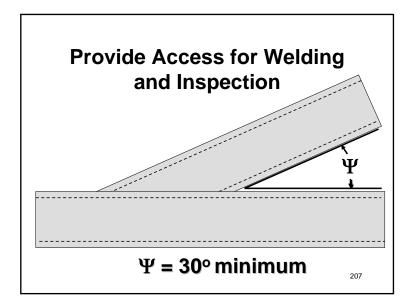


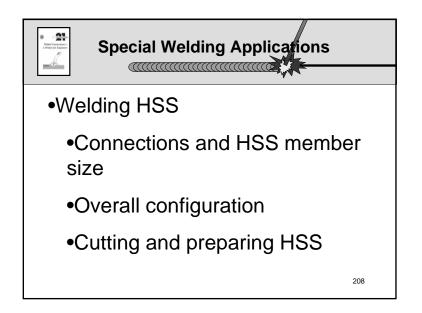


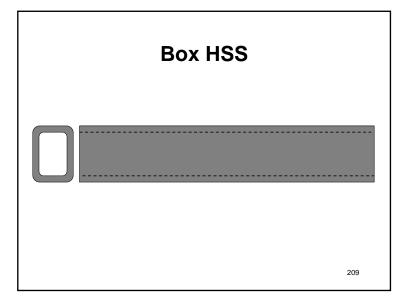


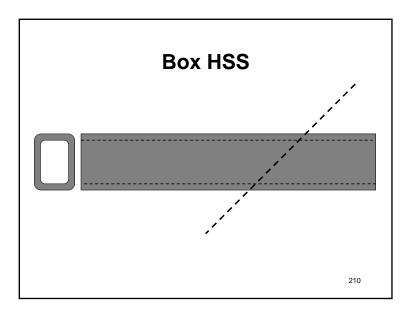


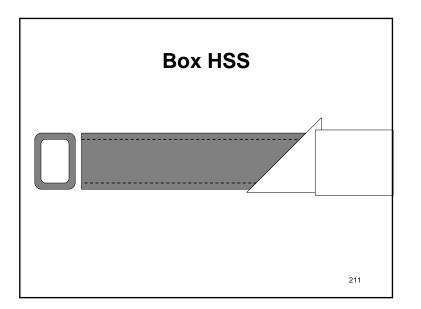


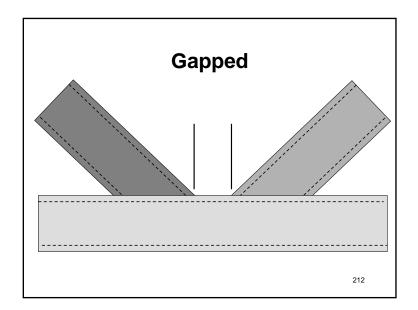


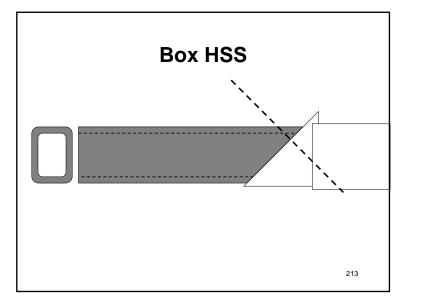


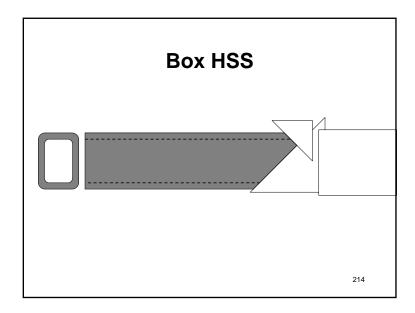


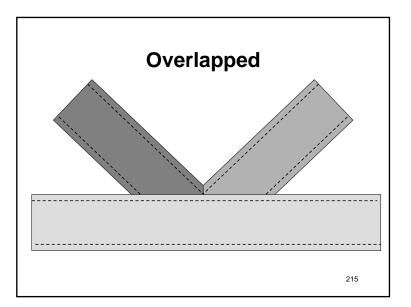


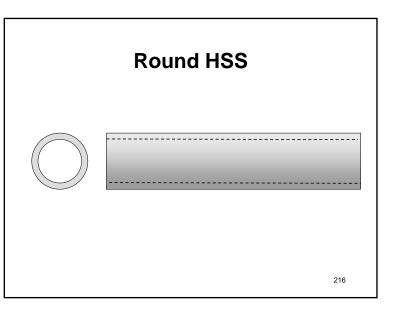


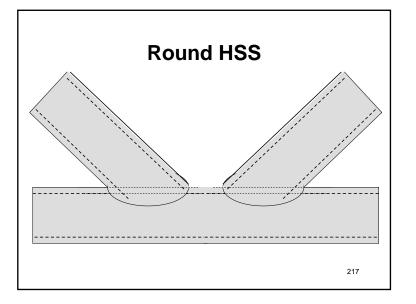


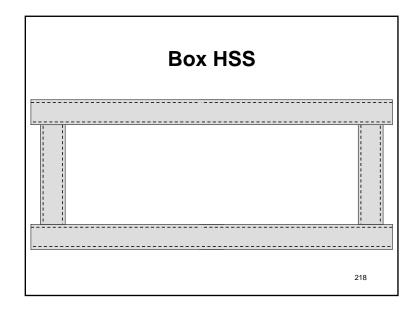


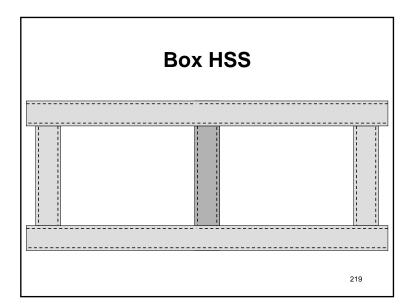


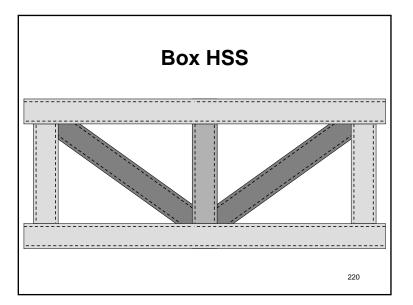


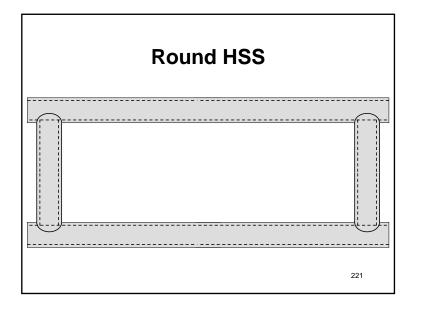


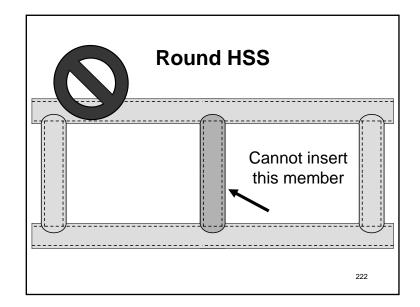


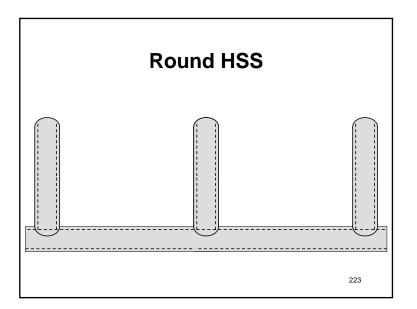


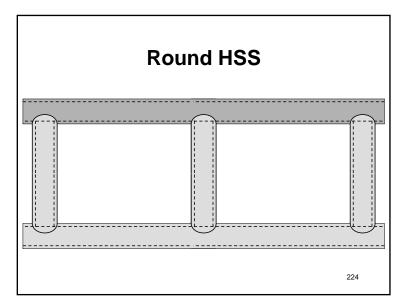


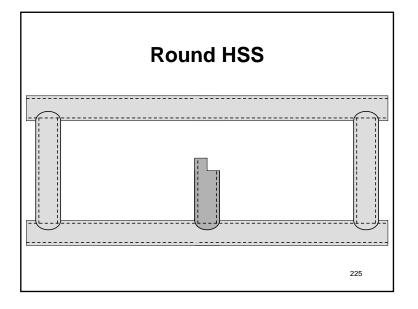


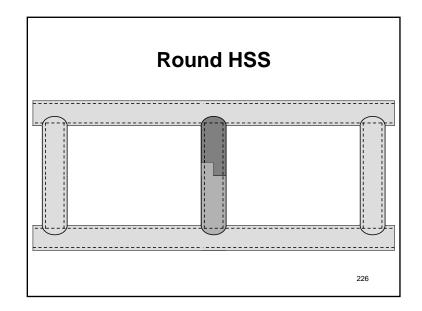


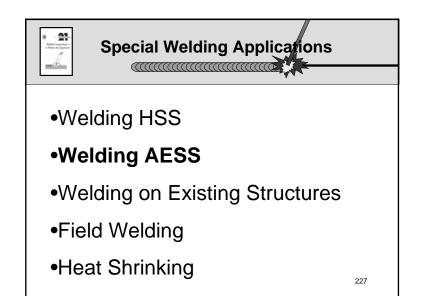














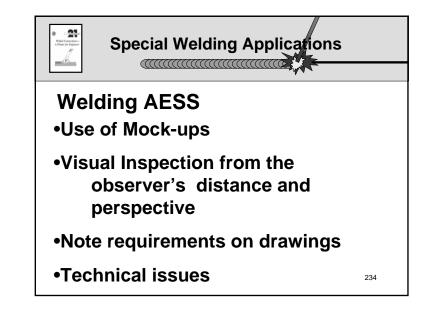


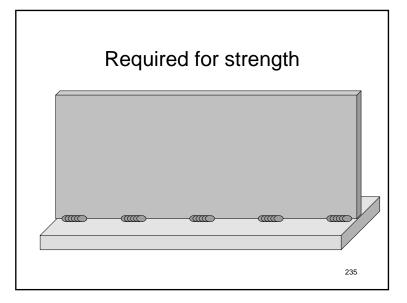


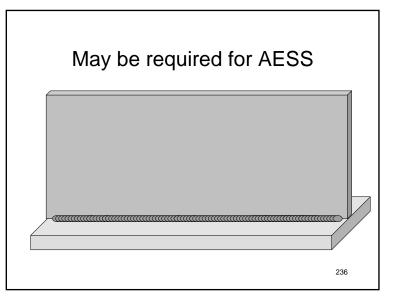


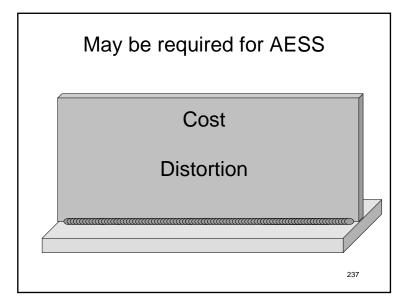


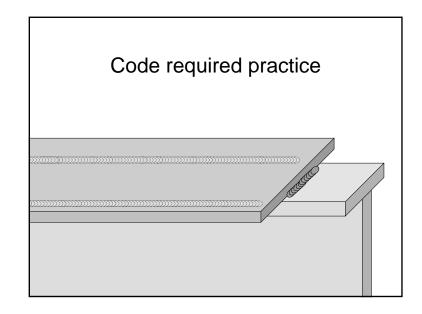


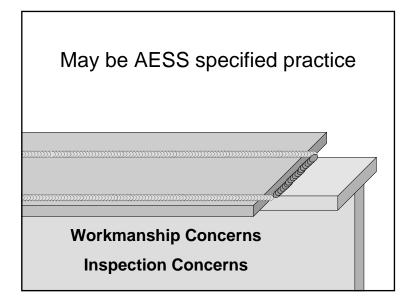


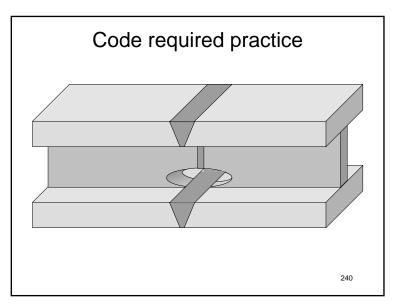


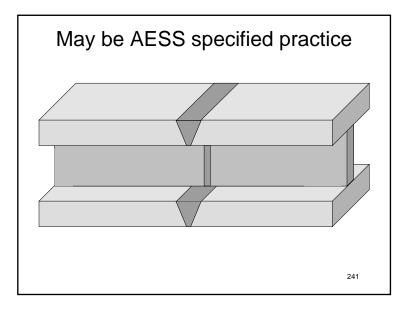


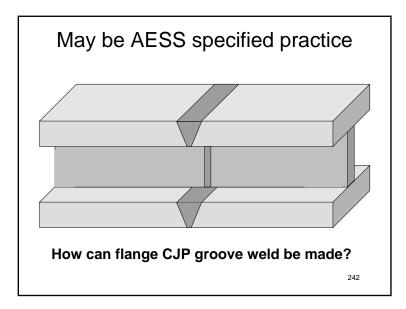


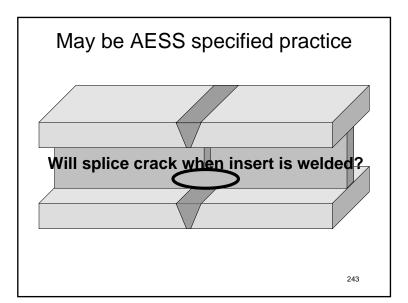


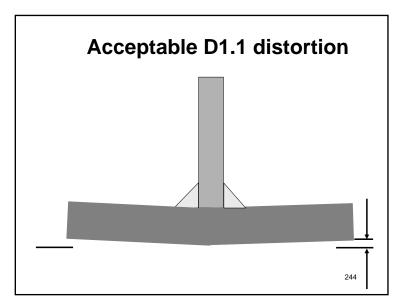


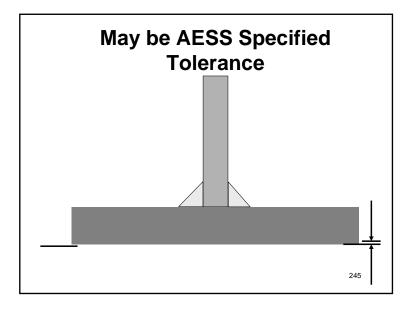


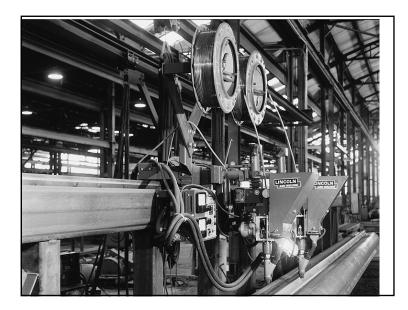


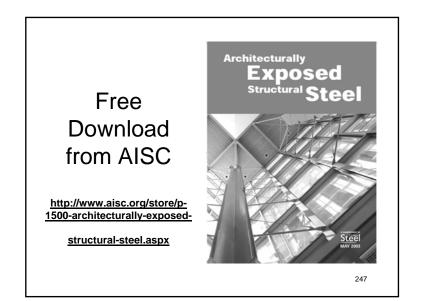


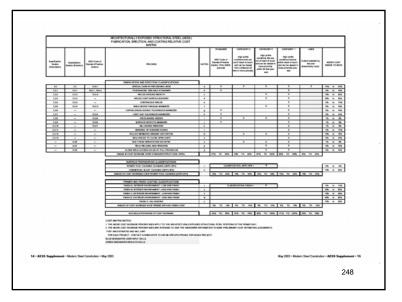


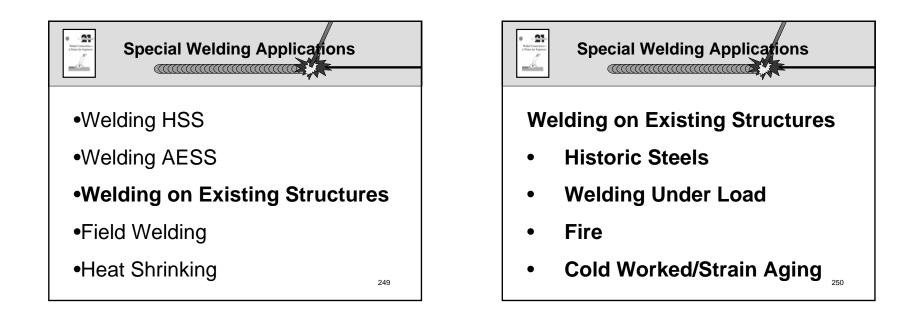


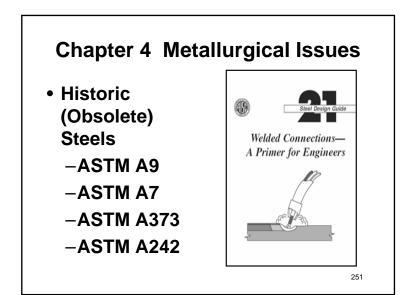


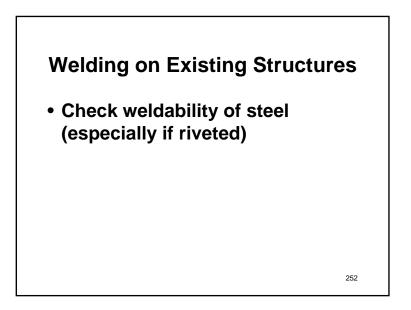


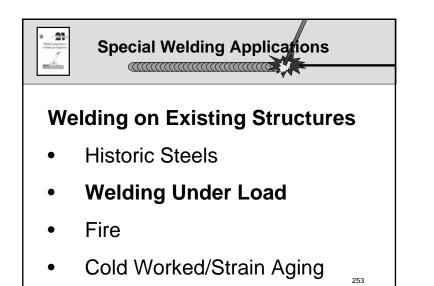


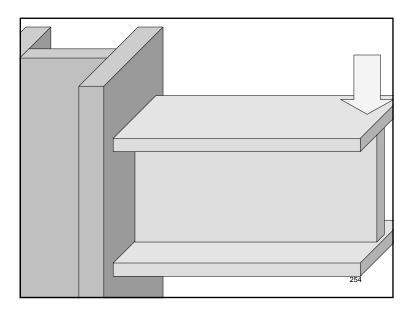


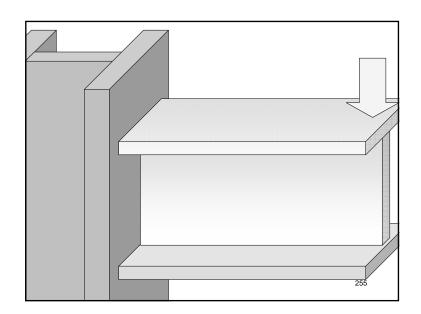


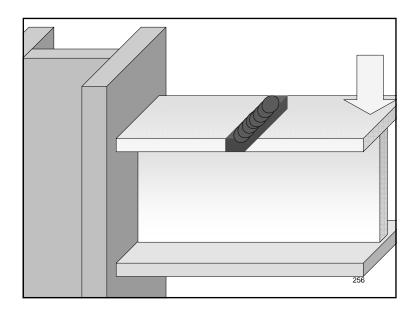


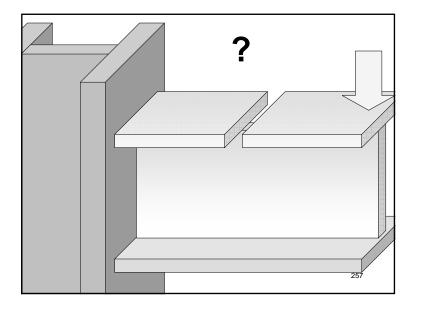


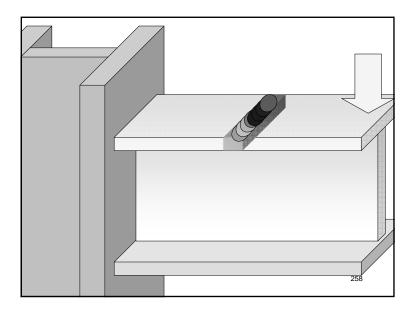


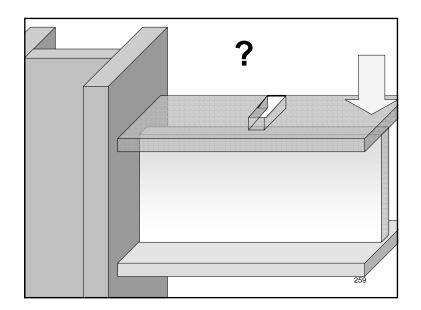


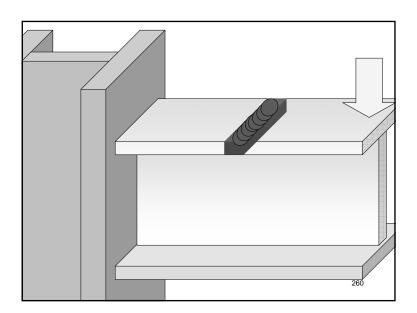


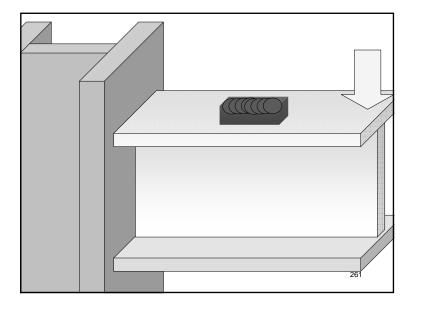


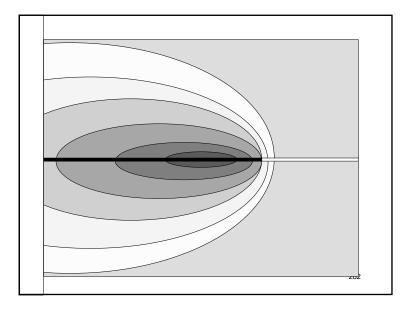


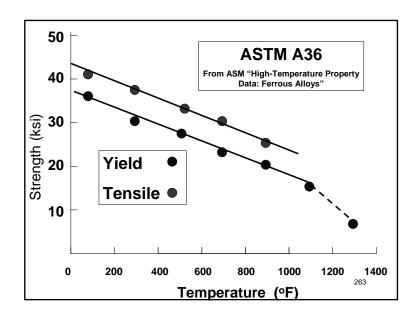


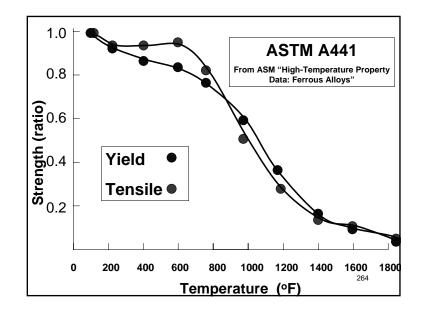


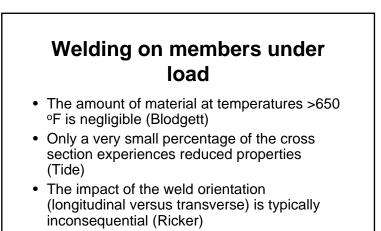






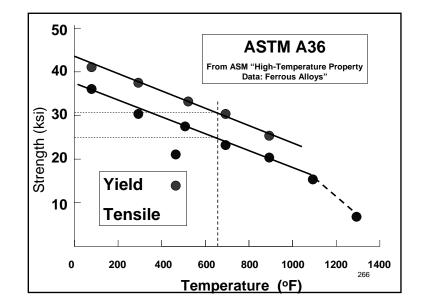


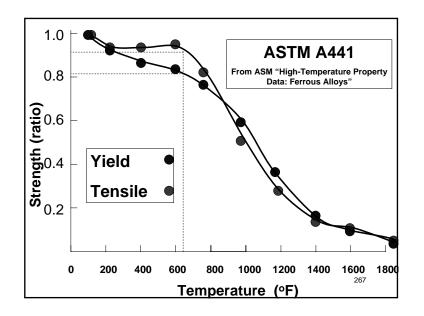


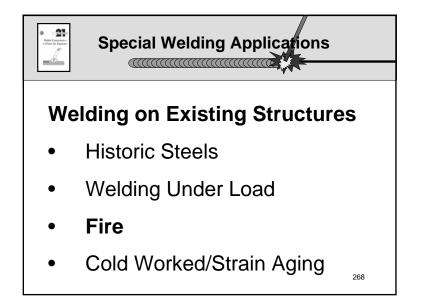


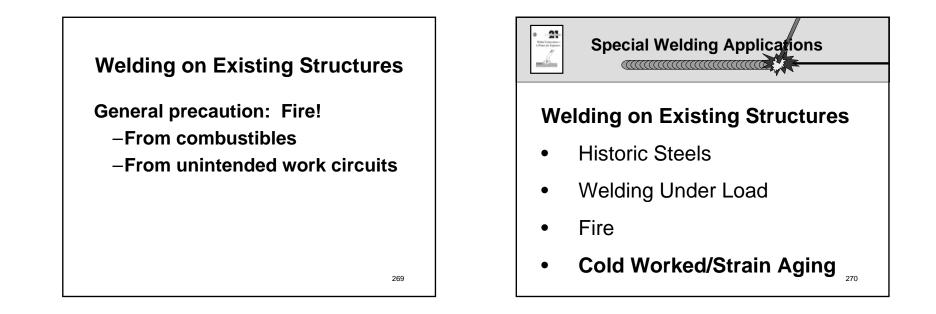
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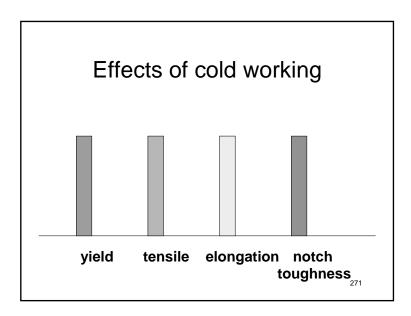
· Each situation should be checked

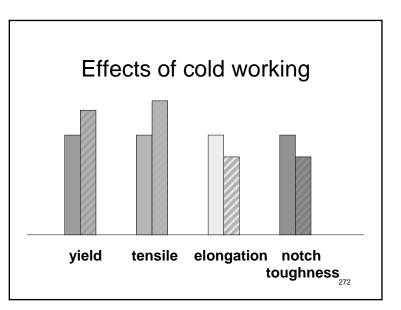


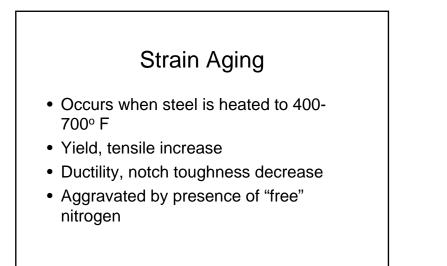




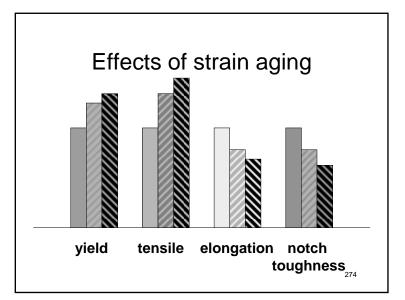


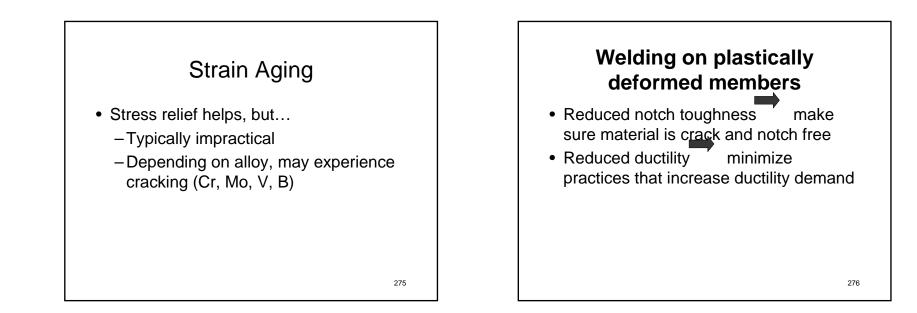


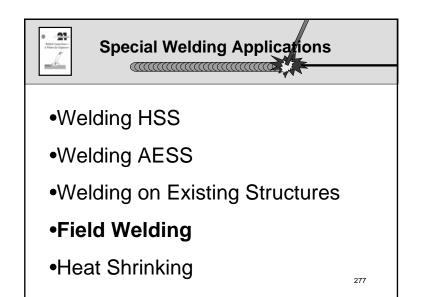




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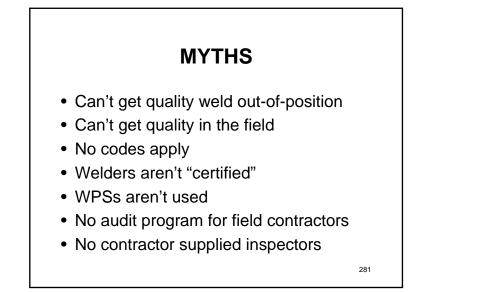




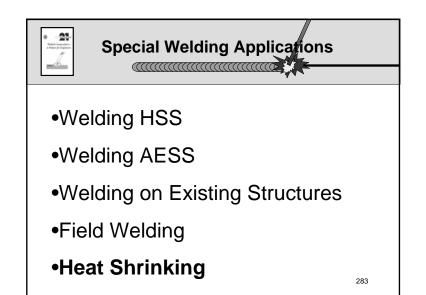
Shop versus Field Welding

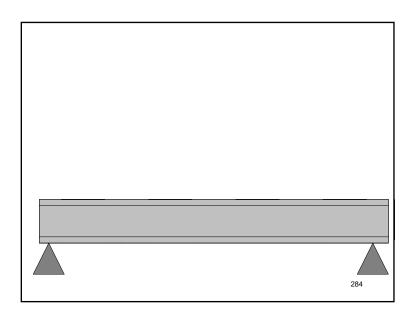
- Primarily an issue of cost
- Some environmental factors
- Position of welding
- Easier to control project in shop

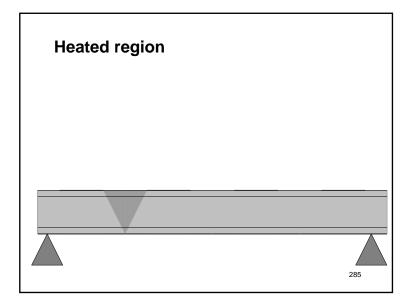
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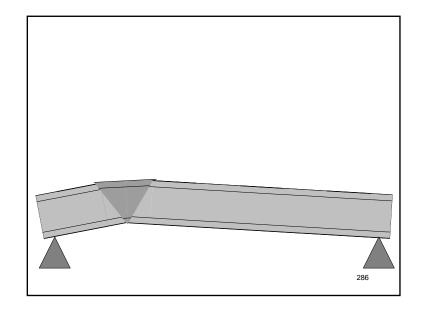


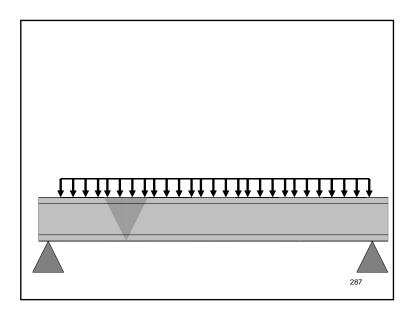


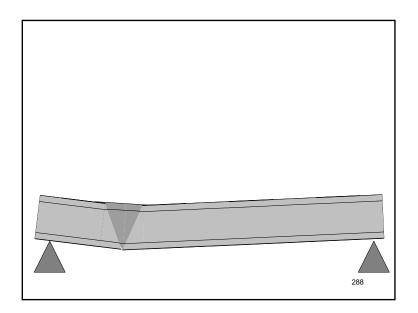


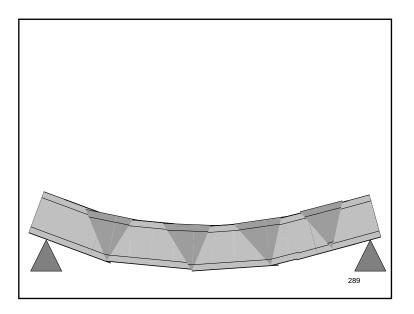


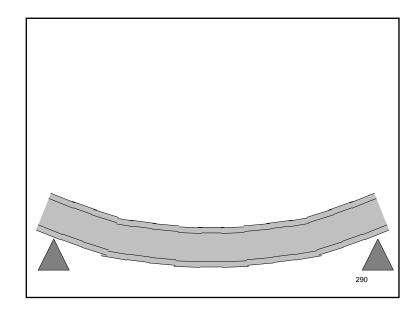


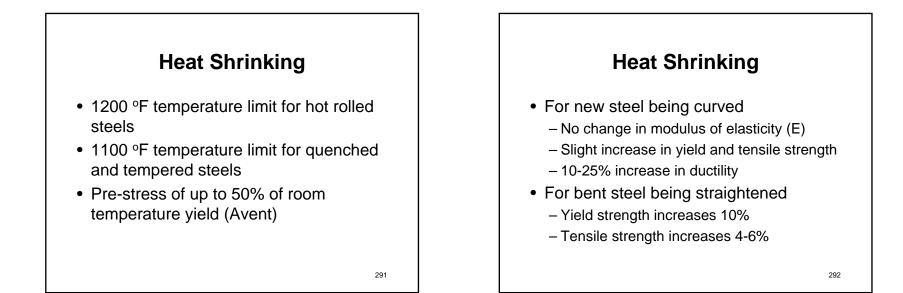












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