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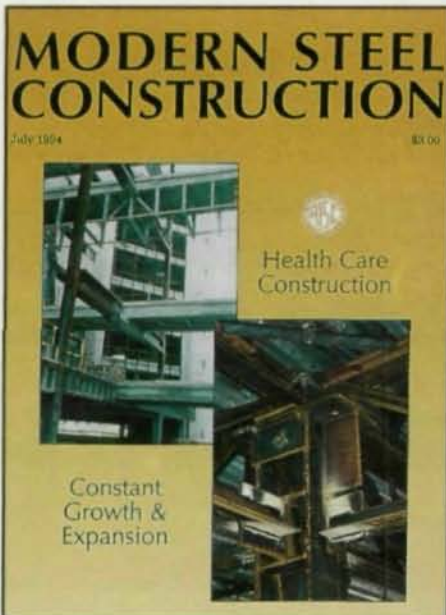
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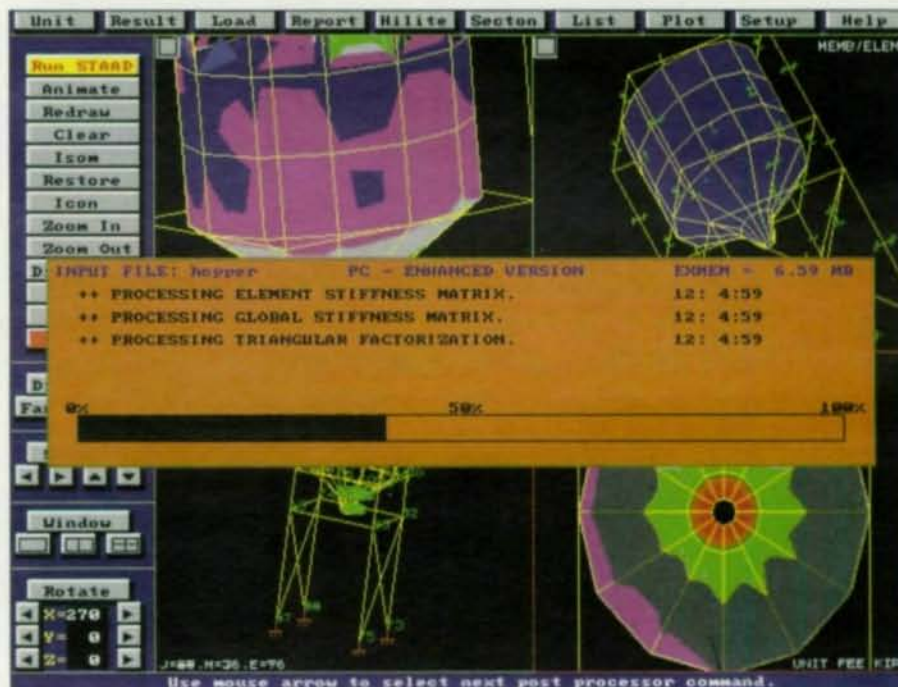
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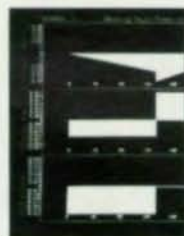
Oh, and by the way, the National Steel Construction Conference was great this year—from the T.R. Higgins lecture on composite construction to a connection question-and-answer session featuring Omer Blodgett and Geoffrey L. Kulak to the new products in the exhibit hall. But I'll write more about the show in next month's issue. And, if you're a real early bird about planning, keep in mind that next year's show will be in San Antonio in May. If any of the conversations I've been overhearing are an indication, it will be even better than this year's! Hope to see you there. **SM**



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*The following responses from previous Steel Interchange columns have been received:*

**Serviceability is a particular concern for crane systems in industrial buildings but is not clearly covered in standard code literature. What are deflection limits for crane runway systems?**

In *Industrial Buildings*, AISC Design Guide series No. 7, 1993 by James M. Fisher, deflection limits are given as follows:

- Vertical deflection of the crane beam due to wheel loads (no impact);
- L/600 for Light and Medium Cranes (CMAA Classes A, B, C, and D)
- L/1000 for Mill Cranes (CMAA Classes E and F)
- Lateral deflection of the crane beam due to crane lateral loads;
- L/400 for all cranes.

**Hussain Shanaa, Ph.D., P.E.  
AEC Engineering  
Minneapolis, MN**

## **Another response:**

Excessive deflections cause steep slopes on the runway and are a serious operating obstacle. Sometimes a crane cannot climb the slope caused by this deflection and will become stuck in midspan. Conversely, the crane can increase speed dangerously on the downhill portion of the trip.

The Crane Manufacturers Association of America (CMAA) recommends vertical deflections (from dead load plus rated load) not to exceed 0.00125 inch per inch of span of bridge girders. This limit could be applied to runway girders as well.

Horizontal deflections are not so critical but excessive deflection can cause excessive wear on wheel flanges and on the rail. Horizontal deflection

Answers and/or questions should be typewritten and double-spaced. Submittals that have been prepared by word-processing are appreciated on computer diskette (either as a Wordperfect file or in ASCII format).

The opinions expressed in *Steel Interchange* do not necessarily represent an official position of the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. and have not been reviewed. It is recognized that the design of structures is within the scope and expertise of a competent licensed structural engineer, architect or other licensed professional for the application of principals to a particular structure.

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of girder should be limited to half the difference between width of rail head and the inside flange-to-flange dimension of the wheel. Expressed differently, the center-to-center dimension of runway rails must not vary more than the difference of the inside flange-to-flange wheel less the width of rail head.

**Gerald A. Reed, P.E.  
Kennecott Utah Copper Corp.  
Bingham Canyon, UT**

## **Another response:**

There is no consensus among designers and engineers regarding crane runway deflection limits. However, there is general agreement that these limits should be considerably less than, for example, the L/360 deflection limit normally adhered to for members supporting plaster ceilings.

Deflection limits recommended in the literature vary from L/600 for light cranes up to L/1200 for heavy, fast cranes. Stone & Webster's procedures require runway vertical deflection limits of from L/800 to L/100. Generally, lateral deflection is limited to L/400. These limits may be marginally exceeded when re-rating existing runways. We have been using these criteria for simple span girders on cranes in CMAA Classes A1, A2, B, and C with no apparent problems.

The deflection limit is only one of several important aspects of crane runway design. There are many other concerns to be addressed by the crane runway designer. To note all of them is impractical in this type of response. A very good introduction to crane runway design is the article, *Tips for Avoiding Crane Runway Problems* by David T. Ricker, AISC Engineering Journal, 4th Quarter 1982.

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Stone & Webster Engineering Corp.  
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## Another response:

**E**xcessive crane beam deflection is the underlying cause of many crane runway problems, such as: weakening and eventual fracture of the crane beam-to-column connections, bending in the crane column, cracking of the crane beam web, creeping of the crane rail leading to loosening of the rail clips or hook bolts, yawing of the crane bridge resulting in binding wheels with subsequent wear of rails, wheel flanges, and bearings, etc. Historically, stiffer crane beams have a better performance record. The design profession, however, is not in agreement as to the desired degree of stiffness. For example:

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Gaylord & Gaylord	L/960 for light, slow cranes L/1200 for heavy, fast cranes
AISE Tech Report #13	L/1000
AISC Design Guide #7	L/600 for light & medium cranes (CMAA classes A, B, C, and D) L/1000 for mill cranes (CMAA classes E and F)

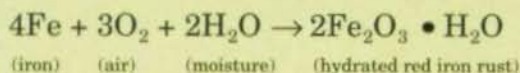
Since the benefits of crane beam stiffness far outweigh the costs of attainment this writer suggests using L/1000 for CMAA classes A, B, and C and L/1200 for CMAA classes D, E, and F. For all cranes lateral deflection should be limited to L/400.

As a word of caution, never use multi-span crane or knee braces as a means to reduce deflection. Crane beams should be designed as single spans.

**David T. Ricker, P.E.**  
Payson, AZ

**In a structure that has tubular columns, should weep holes be added at the bottom of the columns in order to drain any water in the column?**

**I**f water is present inside tubular columns, internal corrosion is likely. An ultrasonic thickness examination can be performed without removing the water. The Engineer can then determine the structural adequacy of the columns based on the amount of metal loss. From electrochemistry,



In the above expression, moisture (water or humid-

ity) is required for steel to rust in the presence of oxygen (air). If one of the above elements or compounds is removed, the reaction will stop. For example, steel will not rust in dry air.

If a column is structurally adequate, it should be drained and seal welded airtight. Equilibrium between the air, moisture and rust will be reached and rust formation will stop. The exterior of the column can then be protected with an approved coating. If seal welding is not possible, vents should be added for drainage and the column protected with a properly designed cathodic protection system.

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**Ron E. Campos, S.E.**  
La Habra, CA

## New Question

Listed below is a question that we would like the readers to answer or discuss.

If you have an answer or suggestion please send it to the Steel Interchange Editor, Modern Steel Construction, One East Wacker Dr., Suite 3100, Chicago, IL 60601-2001.

Questions and responses will be printed in future editions of Steel Interchange. Also, if you have a question or problem that readers might help solve, send these to the Steel Interchange Editor.

**What is the best location for providing cover plates to strengthen a W section if the beam compression flange is fully braced:**

- a) At top flange before erection.
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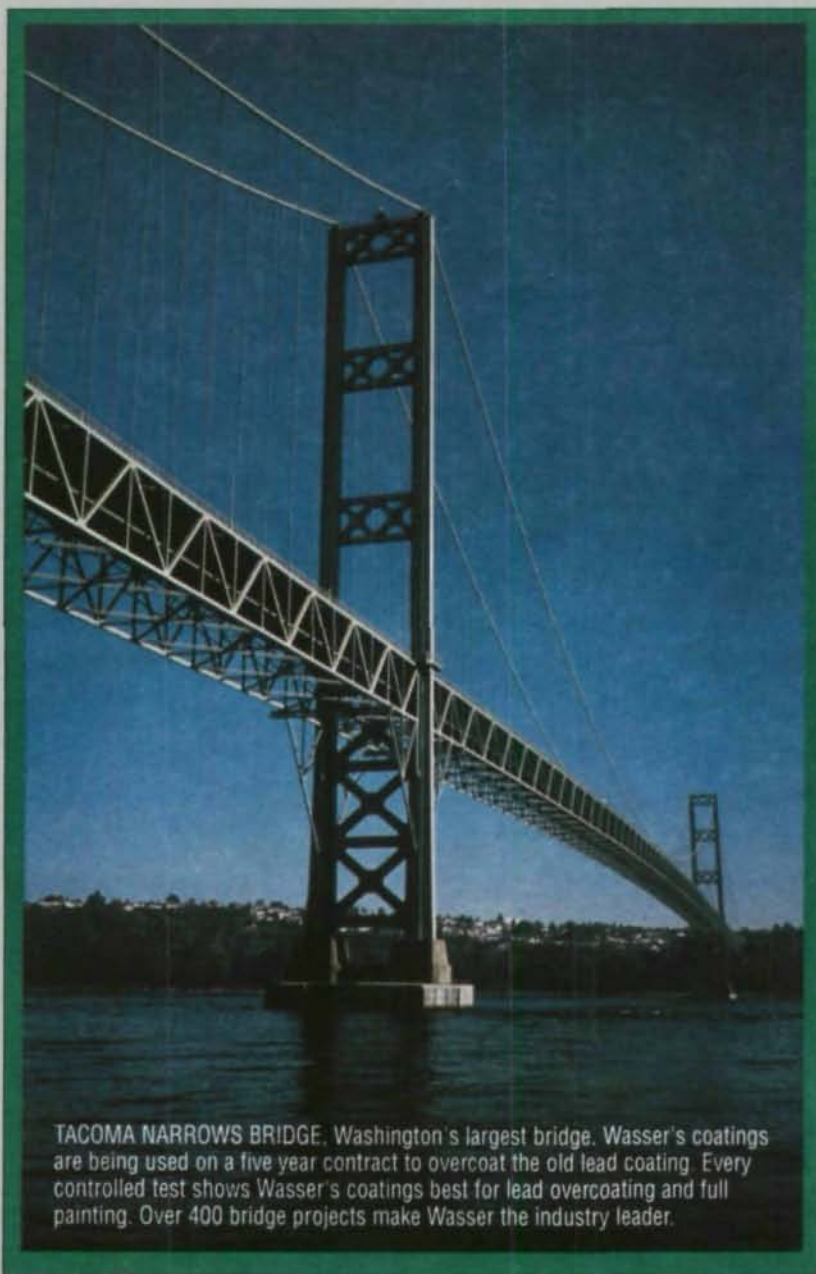
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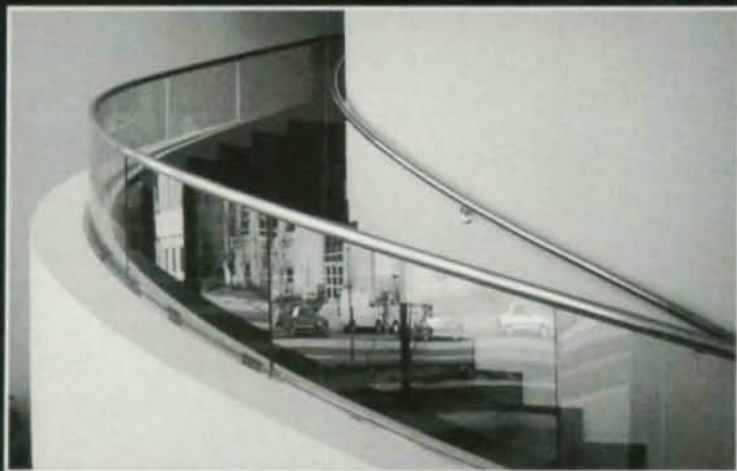
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W44 x 230-335 .....	T	W24 x 100*, 120*, 160* .....	N
W40 x 431 .....	T	W24 x 103 .....	B, N, W
W40 x 397* .....	N	W24 x 84, 94 .....	B, I, N, W
W40 x 371* .....	T	W24 x 68, 76 .....	B, C, I, N, W
W40 x 362*, 324* .....	N	W24 x 56*, 61* .....	N
W40 x 321 .....	T	W24 x 55, 62 .....	B, C, I, N, W
W40 x 297 .....	N	W21 x 182, 201 .....	I, W
W40 x 199-277 .....	N, T	W21 x 101-166 .....	B, I, N, W
W40 x 174 .....	T	W21 x 83, 93 .....	B, I, N, W
W40 x 278, 331 .....	T	W21 x 62-73 .....	B, C, I, N, W
W40 x 211-264 .....	B, I, T	W21 x 48*, 55* .....	N
W40 x 183 .....	B, I, N, T	W21 x 44-57 .....	B, C, I, N, W
W40 x 149, 167 .....	B, I, N, T	W18 x 258-311 .....	B
W36 x 439-798 .....	T	W18 x 175-234 .....	B
W36 x 393 .....	B, N, T	W18 x 130-158 .....	B, W
W36 x 230-359 .....	B, I, N, T	W18 x 130* .....	N
W36 x 256 .....	B, I, N	W18 x 76-119 .....	B, N, W
W36 x 232 .....	B, I, N	W18 x 65, 71 .....	B, I, N, W
W36 x 135-210 .....	B, I, N, T	W18 x 50-60 .....	B, C, I, N, W
W33 x 318, 354 .....	B, T	W18 x 35-46 .....	B, C, I, N, W
W33 x 201-291 .....	B, N, T	W16 x 67-100 .....	B, N, W
W33 x 118-169 .....	B, I, N, T	W16 x 57 .....	B, I, N, W
W30 x 261-326 .....	B, I, N, T	W16 x 36-50 .....	B, C, I, N, W
W30 x 284* .....	I	W16 x 26, 31 .....	B, C, I, N, W
W30 x 173-235 .....	B, I, N, T	W14 x 808 .....	B
W30 x 99-148 .....	B, I, N, T	W14 x 455-730 .....	B, I, T
W30 x 90 .....	B, N	W14 x 370-426 .....	B, I, T
W27 x 368-539 .....	I	W14 x 311, 342 .....	B, I, N, T, W
W27 x 307 .....	I, T	W14 x 145-283 .....	B, I, N, T, W
W27 x 258 .....	I, N, T	W14 x 90-132 .....	B, I, N, T, W
W27 x 235 .....	I, N	W14 x 82 .....	B, N, W
W27 x 146-217 .....	B, I, N, T	W14 x 74 .....	B, C, N, W
W27 x 132* .....	I	W14 x 61, 68 .....	B, C, N, W
W27 x 84-129 .....	B, I, N, T, W	W14 x 43-53 .....	B, C, N, W
W24 x 335-492 .....	T		
W24 x 279 .....	I, T		
W24 x 250 .....	B, I, N		
W24 x 229 .....	B, I, N, T, W		
W24 x 207 .....	B, N, W		
W24 x 104-192 .....	B, I, N, T, W		

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W14 x 38 .....	B, I, N, W	M8 x 8.2* .....	J
W14 x 30, 34 .....	B, C, I, N, W	M8 x 6.5 .....	C, J, U
W14 x 22, 26 .....	B, C, I, N, W	M5 x 18.9 .....	B
		M4 x 6* .....	C, U
W12 x 252-336 .....	B, I	S24 x 106, 121 .....	B, W
W12 x 210, 230 .....	B, I	S24 x 80-100 .....	B, W
W12 x 170, 190 .....	B, I, T, W	S20 x 86, 96 .....	B, W
W12 x 65-152 .....	B, I, N, T, W	S20x 66, 75 .....	B, W
W12 x 53, 58 .....	B, C, N, I, W	S18 x 54.7, 70 .....	B, W
W12 x 50 .....	B, C, N, I, W	S15 x 42.9, 50 .....	B, W
W12 x 40, 45 .....	B, C, N, W	S12 x 40.8, 50 .....	B, W
W12 x 26-35 .....	B, C, N, W	S12 x 35 .....	B, W
W12 x 16-22 .....	B, C, N, W	S12 x 31.8 .....	B, C, W
W12 x 14 .....	B, C, W	S10 x 35 .....	B, S
		S10 x 25.4 .....	B, C, S
W10 x 88-112 .....	B, I, N, W	S8 x 18.4, 23 .....	C, S
W10 x 49-77 .....	B, C, I, N, W	S6 x 12.5, 17.25 .....	C, S, Y
W10 x 33-45 .....	B, C, N, W	S5 x 10 .....	C, Y
W10 x 22-30 .....	B, C, I, N, W	S4 x 9.5 .....	C
W10 x 15-19 .....	B, C, I, U, W	S4 x 7.7 .....	C, Y
W10 x 12 .....	B, C, U, W	S3 x 7.5 .....	C, J, Y
		S3 x 5.7 .....	C, J, M, Y
W8 x 31-67 .....	B, C, I, N, W	HP14 x 73-117 .....	B, I, N, W
W8 x 24, 28 .....	B, C, N, W	HP12 x 53-84 .....	B, I, N, W
W8 x 18, 21 .....	B, C, N, W, Y	HP10 x 42, 57 .....	B, C, I, N, W
W8 x 15 .....	B, C, U, W, Y	HP8 x 36 .....	B, C, I, N, W
W8 x 10-13 .....	B, C, M, U, W, Y		
W6 x 15-25 .....	B, C, I, N, U, W	C15 x 33.9-50 .....	B, N, W
W6 x 12, 16 .....	B, C, U, W, Y	C12 x 30 .....	B, W
W6 x 9 .....	B, C, J, U, W, Y	C12 x 20.7, 25 .....	B, C, S, W
W6 x 8.5* .....	C, J, M, U, Y	C10 x 25, 30 .....	B, S, W
		C10 x 15.3, 20 .....	B, C, S, U, W
W5 x 16, 19 .....	B, U	C9 x 20 .....	B
W4 x 13 .....	B, C, M, U, Y	C9 x 13.4, 15 .....	B, S
		C8 x 18.75 .....	S, W, Y
M12 x 10.8, 11.8 .....	C, J	C8 x 11.5, 13.75 .....	C, M, S, U, W, Y
M12 x 10.0* .....	J	C7 x 12.25 .....	S, U, W
M10 x 8, 9 .....	C, J, U	C7 x 9.8 .....	M, S, U, W
M10 x 7.5* .....	J	C6 x 13 .....	M, S, U, W, Y
		C6 x 10.5 .....	C, M, S, U, W, Y
		C6 x 8.2 .....	C, F, M, U, W, Y
		C5 x 9 .....	M, U, W, Y
		C5 x 6.7 .....	F, M, U, W, Y
		C4 x 5.4, 7.25 .....	F, M, U, W, Y
		C3 x 6 .....	M, U, W, Y
		C3 x 4.1, 5 .....	F, M, R, U, W, Y
		C3 x 3.5* .....	R, U

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MC18 x 42.7-58.....		B, N	$\frac{5}{8}$ .....		M, U, Y
MC13 x 31.8-50.....		B, N	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....		F, M, R, U, W, Y
MC12 x 31-50.....		B, N	$\frac{7}{16}$ .....		F, M, U, Y
MC12 x 10.6.....		J, S	$\frac{3}{8}$ .....		F, M, R, U, W, Y
MC10 x 28.5-41.1.....		B	$\frac{5}{16}$ .....		F, M, R, U, W, Y
MC10 x 22, 25.....		B	$\frac{1}{4}$ .....		F, M, R, U, W, Y
MC10 x 8.4.....		J, S	L3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ .....		F, M, U, W, Y
MC10 x 6.5.....		J	$\frac{7}{16}$ .....		U, Y
MC9 x 23.9, 25.4.....		B	$\frac{3}{8}$ .....		F, M, R, U, W, Y
MC8 x 21.4, 22.8.....		B, S	$\frac{5}{16}$ .....		F, M, R, U, W, Y
MC8 x 18.7, 20.....		B, S	$\frac{1}{4}$ .....		F, M, R, U, W, Y
MC8 x 8.5.....		J, M	L3 x 3 x $\frac{1}{2}$ .....		F, M, U, W, Y
MC7 x 19.1, 22.7.....		B	$\frac{7}{16}$ .....		U, Y
MC6 x 18.....		B	$\frac{3}{8}$ .....		F, M, R, S, U, W, Y
MC6 x 15.1, 16.3.....		B, S	$\frac{5}{16}$ .....		F, M, R, S, U, W, Y
MC6 x 12.....		B, S	$\frac{1}{4}$ .....		F, M, R, S, U, W, Y
MC4 x 13.8*.....		S	$\frac{3}{16}$ .....		F, M, R, U, W, Y
MC3 x 7.1*.....		S	L2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ .....		F, U
Section by Leg Lengths & Thickness		Producer Code	$\frac{3}{8}$ .....		F, R, S, U
L8 x 8 x $\frac{1}{8}$ .....		B, T	$\frac{5}{16}$ .....		F, R, S, U
1.....		B, S, T	$\frac{1}{4}$ .....		F, R, S, U
$\frac{7}{8}$ .....		B, S, T	$\frac{3}{16}$ .....		F, R, U
$\frac{3}{4}$ .....		B, S, T	L2 x 2 x $\frac{3}{8}$ .....		F, R, S, U
$\frac{5}{8}$ .....		B, S, T	$\frac{5}{16}$ .....		F, R, S, U
$\frac{9}{16}$ .....		S	$\frac{1}{4}$ .....		F, R, S, U
$\frac{1}{2}$ .....		B, S	$\frac{3}{16}$ .....		F, R, S, U
L6 x 6 x 1.....		B, U, Y	$\frac{1}{8}$ .....		F, R, S, U
$\frac{7}{8}$ .....		B, U, Y	L8 x 6 x 1.....		B, S
$\frac{3}{4}$ .....		B, M, U, Y	$\frac{3}{4}$ .....		B, S
$\frac{5}{8}$ .....		B, M, U, Y	$\frac{9}{16}$ .....		S
$\frac{9}{16}$ .....		M, U, Y	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....		B, S
$\frac{1}{2}$ .....		B, M, S, U, Y	$\frac{7}{16}$ .....		B, S
$\frac{7}{16}$ .....		B, M, U, Y	L8 x 4 x 1.....		B, S
$\frac{3}{8}$ .....		B, M, S, U, Y	$\frac{7}{8}$ .....		S
$\frac{5}{16}$ .....		M, U, Y	$\frac{3}{4}$ .....		B, S
$\frac{1}{4}$ .....		U	$\frac{5}{8}$ .....		S
L5 x 5 x $\frac{7}{8}$ .....		U, Y	$\frac{9}{16}$ .....		S
$\frac{3}{4}$ .....		M, U, Y	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....		B, S
$\frac{5}{8}$ .....		M, U, Y	$\frac{7}{16}$ .....		S
$\frac{1}{2}$ .....		M, U, W, Y	L7 x 4 x $\frac{3}{4}$ .....		B, Y
$\frac{7}{16}$ .....		M, U, Y	$\frac{5}{8}$ .....		B, Y
$\frac{3}{8}$ .....		M, U, W, Y	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....		B, S, Y
$\frac{5}{16}$ .....		M, U, W, Y	$\frac{7}{16}$ .....		Y
$\frac{1}{4}$ .....		U	$\frac{3}{8}$ .....		B, S, Y
L4 x 4 x $\frac{3}{4}$ .....		M, U, Y			

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L6 x 4 x	$\frac{7}{8}$ .....B $\frac{3}{4}$ .....B, M, S, U, W, Y $\frac{5}{8}$ .....B, M, S, U, W, Y $\frac{9}{16}$ .....M, S, U, Y $\frac{1}{2}$ .....B, M, S, U, W, Y $\frac{7}{16}$ .....U, Y $\frac{3}{8}$ .....M, S, U, W, Y $\frac{5}{16}$ .....M, S, U, W, Y	L3 x 2 x	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....F $\frac{3}{8}$ .....F, S, U $\frac{5}{16}$ .....F, S, U $\frac{1}{4}$ .....F, R, S, U $\frac{3}{16}$ .....F, R, U
L6 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....M, U, W, Y $\frac{3}{8}$ .....M, U, W, Y $\frac{5}{16}$ .....M, U, W, Y	L2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 x	$\frac{3}{8}$ .....R, S, U $\frac{5}{16}$ .....S, U $\frac{1}{4}$ .....R, S, U $\frac{3}{16}$ .....R, S, U
L5 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x	$\frac{3}{4}$ .....M, U, Y $\frac{5}{8}$ .....M, U, W, Y $\frac{1}{2}$ .....M, U, W, Y $\frac{3}{8}$ .....M, U, W, Y $\frac{5}{16}$ .....M, U, W, Y $\frac{1}{4}$ .....M, U, W, Y	<div> <h2>Designations, Dimensions &amp; Properties</h2> <p>W shapes have essentially parallel flange surfaces. The profile of a W shape of a given nominal depth and weight available from different producers is essentially the same except for the size of fillets between the web and flange.</p> <p>HP bearing pile shapes have essentially parallel flange surfaces and equal web and flange thickness. The profile of an HP shape of a given nominal depth and weight available from different producers is essentially the same.</p> <p>American Standard Beams (S) and American Standard Channels (C) have a slope of approximately 17 percent (2 in 12 in.) on the inner flange surfaces. The profiles of S and C shapes of a given nominal depth and weight available from different producers is essentially the same.</p> <p>The letter M designates shapes that cannot be classified as W, HP, or S shapes; MC designates channels that cannot be designated as C shapes. M and MC shapes may or may not have slopes on their inner flange surfaces, dimensions for which can be obtained from the respective producing mills.</p> <p>Because some shapes are only produced by a limited number of producers, or are infrequently rolled, specifiers should consult rolling schedules from the respective mills for availability information.</p> <p>Information about dimensions and properties of individual shapes is contained in the <i>AISC Manual of Steel Construction</i> (both LRFD and ASD).</p> </div>	
L5 x 3 x	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....F, M, U, W, Y $\frac{7}{16}$ .....F, Y $\frac{3}{8}$ .....F, M, U, W, Y $\frac{5}{16}$ .....F, M, U, W, Y $\frac{1}{4}$ .....F, M, U, W, Y		
L4 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....F, M, U, W $\frac{3}{8}$ .....F, M, R, U, W $\frac{5}{16}$ .....F, M, R, U, W $\frac{1}{4}$ .....F, M, R, U, W		
L4 x 3 x	$\frac{5}{8}$ .....M, U, Y $\frac{1}{2}$ .....F, M, U, W, Y $\frac{7}{16}$ .....U, Y $\frac{3}{8}$ .....F, M, R, U, W, Y $\frac{5}{16}$ .....F, M, R, U, W, Y $\frac{1}{4}$ .....F, M, R, U, W, Y		
L3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 x	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....U, W $\frac{3}{8}$ .....M, U, W $\frac{5}{16}$ .....M, U, W $\frac{1}{4}$ .....M, U, W		
L3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....U $\frac{3}{8}$ .....U, W $\frac{5}{16}$ .....U, W $\frac{1}{4}$ .....U, W		
L3 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....U, W $\frac{3}{8}$ .....U, W $\frac{5}{16}$ .....U, W, Y $\frac{1}{4}$ .....R, U, W $\frac{3}{16}$ .....U		

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12x10x $\frac{1}{2}$ , $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$	B, S, U, V*	7x3x $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, D, H, I, P, S, W, X, Z
12x8x $\frac{5}{8}$	C, S, W	7x3x $\frac{1}{8}$	C, D, H, I, P, S, Z
12x8x $\frac{1}{2}$ , $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$	B, C, S, T, W	6x4x $\frac{1}{2}$	B, C, P, S, T, U, W, Z
12x8x $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, S, U	6x4x $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$	B, C, D, H, I, J, P, R, S, T, U, W, Z
12x6x $\frac{5}{8}$	S	6x4x $\frac{1}{4}$	B, C, D, H, I, J, P, R, S, T, U, W, X, Z
12x6x $\frac{1}{2}$ , $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$	B, C, S, U, W	6x4x $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, D, H, I, J, P, R, S, T, U, W, X, Z
12x6x $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, S, U	6x4x $\frac{1}{8}$	B, C, D, I, J, P, S, T, V, X, Z
12x4x $\frac{5}{8}$	S	6x3x $\frac{1}{2}$	P, S, T, U, Z
12x4x $\frac{1}{2}$ , $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, S, U, W, Z	6x3x $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$	B, D, H, I, P, S, U, W, Z
12x3x $\frac{5}{16}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, Z	6x3x $\frac{1}{4}$	B, D, H, I, P, S, U, W, X, Z
12x2x $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, S, U, Z	6x3x $\frac{3}{16}$	B, D, H, I, P, S, W, X, Z
10x8x $\frac{1}{2}$ , $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, S, U, W	6x3x $\frac{1}{8}$	B, D, H, I, S, P, U, X, Z
10x6x $\frac{1}{2}$	B, C, S, T, U, W, Z	6x2x $\frac{3}{8}$	H, I, S, W, Z
10x6x $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, D, P, S, T, U, W, Z	6x2x $\frac{5}{16}$	B, H, I, J, P, S, T, W, Z
10x5x $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, D, S	6x2x $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, D, H, I, J, P, N, R, S, T, W, X, Z
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9x3x $\frac{1}{2}$ , $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	C	4x3x $\frac{3}{8}$	B, L, S, T
8x6x $\frac{1}{2}$	B, C, P, S, T, U, W, Z	4x3x $\frac{5}{16}$	I, P, S, W
8x6x $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, D, P, S, T, U, W, Z	4x3x $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, D, H, I, J, N, P, R, S, T, U, W, X, Z
8x4x $\frac{5}{8}$	B, S	4x3x $\frac{1}{8}$	B, C, D, E, H, I, J, L**, N, P, R, S, T, U, W, X, Z
8x4x $\frac{1}{2}$	B, C, P, S, T, U, W, Z		
8x4x $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$	B, C, D, H, I, J, P, R, S, T, U, W, Z	4x2x $\frac{3}{8}$	H, S, T
8x4x $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, D, H, P, S, W, X	4x2x $\frac{5}{16}$	H, I, J, P, S, T, W, Z
8x4x $\frac{1}{8}$	B, D, I, J, P, S, Z	4x2x $\frac{1}{4}$	B, C, D, E, H, I, J, N, P, R, S, T, U, W, X, Z
8x3x $\frac{1}{2}$	C, P, T, U		
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8x3x $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, D, H, I, P, S, U, W, Z		
8x3x $\frac{1}{8}$	B, C, D, I, P, S, Z	4x2x $\frac{1}{8}$	A, B, C, H, I, N, P, S, T, W, X, Z
8x2x $\frac{3}{8}$	H, J, S, T, U, Z	3x2x $\frac{5}{16}$	I, S, T
8x2x $\frac{5}{16}$	H, I, J, P, S, T, U, W, Z	3x2x $\frac{1}{4}$	B, C, D, E, H, I, J, L, N, P, R, S, T, U, W, X, Z
8x2x $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, D, H, I, J, P, S, T, U, W, Z		
8x2x $\frac{1}{8}$	B, D, I, J, P, S, T, Z	3x2x $\frac{3}{16}$	A, C, D, E, I, J, L, P, R, S, T, U, W, X, Z
7x5x $\frac{1}{2}$	B, C, P, S, T, U, W, Z	3x2x $\frac{1}{8}$	A, B, C, D, E, H, I, J, L**, N, P, R, S, T, U, W, X, Z
7x5x $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$	B, C, H, I, P, R, S, T, U, W, Z		
7x5x $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, H, I, P, R, S, T, U, W, Z	3x1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{16}$ , $\frac{1}{8}$	C, W
7x5x $\frac{1}{8}$	B, I, P, S, T, X, Z	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$	A, B, C, E, I, S, U, X
7x4x $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$	C, D, H, I, P, S, U, W, Z	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{16}$	B, C, E, H, I, R, S, U, X
7x4x $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{3}{16}$	C, D, H, I, P, S, U, W, Z	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$	L
7x4x $\frac{1}{8}$	C, I, P, S, Z		
7x3x $\frac{3}{8}$ , $\frac{5}{16}$	B, C, D, H, I, P, S, W, Z		

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20x.500, .375.....	P*, W	6.125x.500, .375, .312, .250, .188.....	C
20x.250.....	P*	6x.500.....	S, Z
18x.500, .375.....	P*, W	6x.375, .312.....	R, S, Z
18x.250.....	P*	6x.280.....	S, X, Z
16x.500.....	P*, W	6x.250, .188.....	R, S, Z
16x.375.....	P*, W	6x.125.....	Z
16x.250.....	P	5.563x.375.....	P
16x.188.....	P	5.563x.258.....	P, R, W, X, Z
14x.500, .438, .375, .250.....	P, W	5.563x.134.....	P, R, Z
14x.188.....	P	5.5x.375, .258.....	U
12.75x.500, .406, .375.....	P, W	5x.500, .375, .312.....	C, P, T, Z
12.75x.188.....	P, W	5x.258.....	P, R, T, U, X, Z
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10x.250, .188.....	C	4x.337.....	R, S, U
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9.625x.375, .312, .250, .188.....	C, P, U, Z	4x.125.....	C, R, S, U, Z
8.75x.500, .375, .312, .250, .188.....	C	3.5x.300.....	P, S, X, Z
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8.625x.375.....	P, S, U, Z	3.5x.216.....	P, S, W, X
8.625x.322.....	P, S, U, W, Z	3x.250, .203, .188, .152.....	L, R, S, U, Z
8.625x.250, .188.....	P, S, U, Z	3x.300.....	S, X
8.625x.125.....	P, S	3x.216.....	R, S, U, W, X
7.5x.500, .375, .312, .250, .188.....	C	2.875x.250.....	L*, P, U, Z
7x.500.....	C, P, U, Z	2.875x.203, .188.....	L*, P, U, W, Z
7x.375, .312, .250.....	C, P, R, S, U, Z	2.875x.125.....	L*, P, U, Z
7x.188.....	C, P, R, S, U, Z	2.375x.250, .218, .188.....	L, P, S, Z
7x.125.....	C, P, Z	2.375x.154.....	L, P, S, U, W, X, Z
6.875x.500, .375, .312, .250, .188.....	C	2.375x.125.....	P, R, S, U, W, Z
6.625x.500, .432.....	P, U, Z		
6.625x.375, .312.....	P, R, U, Z		
6.625x.280.....	P, R, U, W, X, Z		
6.625x.250, .188.....	P, R, U, W, X, Z		
6.625x.125.....	P, Z		

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**T**HE CITY OF MILWAUKEE HAS A LONG HISTORY OF PROVIDING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES specifically for children. It began a century ago with one nurse and a 10-bed hospital established in a small house. Decades of steady growth and expansion have culminated in today's Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, which is located on the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center Campus in Wauwatosa, eight miles west of downtown Milwaukee. In addition to providing state-of-the-art health care services for the young, the hospital is part of a prestigious cooperative teaching program known as the Medical College of Wisconsin.

When Children's Hospital relocated in late 1988 from its downtown hospital site to Wauwatosa, it quickly became evident that even more room would be needed. The hospital had moved into a 300,000-sq.-ft. facility designed by Henningson, Durham, and Richardson, Inc. (HDR), Dallas, which served as both architect and engineer on the project. Construction manager was McCarthy of St. Louis. The structural steel building had composite floor deck and lightweight concrete fill with exterior cladding consisting of architectural precast panels with punched window openings.

Although provisions were made in the original design for one additional floor, it was soon obvious that even more would be needed. Within two weeks after occupancy of the new building, the hospital census was running at nearly 100 percent. By early



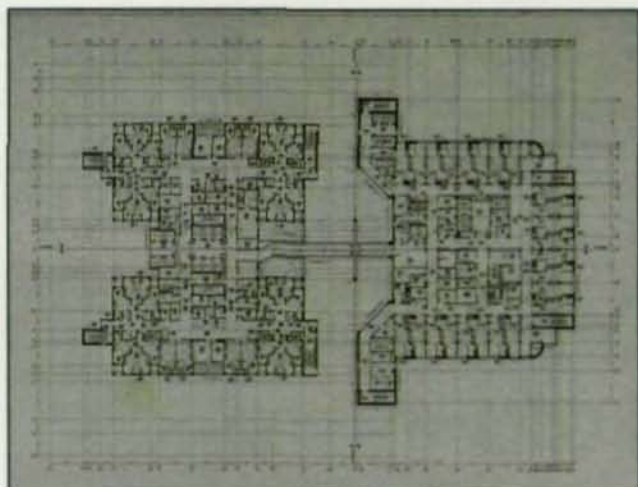
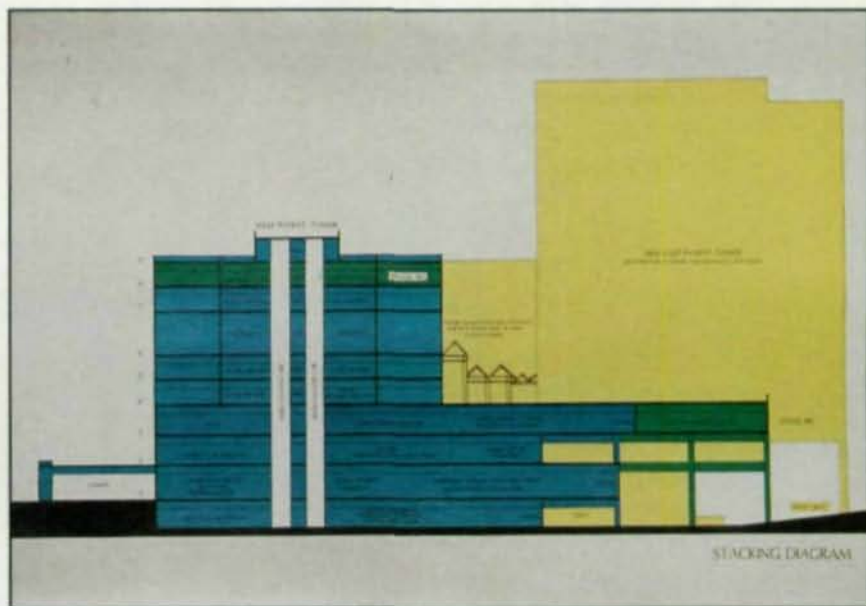
1989, Children's Hospital determined that additional space was needed due to the rapid growth and would, therefore, embark on a building program to expand the recently opened facility with two additional floors.

### Additional Growth

THE EXPANSION PLANS RESULTED IN HDR DESIGNING a ninth level floor, which was called for in the original plans, as well as starting design on a new east tower building to be located adjacent to the four-story ancillary portion of the main building and above the completed loading dock service area. While up to 17 stories is ultimately planned for the site, during the first phase only one floor of this new structure was to be built. What makes this project unique is that, because of programmatic requirements, only the fourth floor would be constructed during the first phase. This would allow the existing surgery and recovery floor of the existing building to expand by almost 23,000 sq. ft. Since the first, second and third levels would be built at an unknown future date, provisions were necessary for attaching the future floor framing to the columns supporting the new fourth floor.

It became readily apparent that a steel structure was the most appropriate and efficient choice to accomplish the hospital's requirements. Its lighter weight compared to concrete construction would result in smaller drilled pier costs. And even more importantly, connection of future framing would be vastly simpler. Also, since neither forming nor shoring are required, steel erection would be faster than concrete and unhindered by obstructions.

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lower framing. The tops of the columns extended above the roof and were prepared to easily accept a column splice for the next construction phase.

### Filled To Capacity

CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EXPANSION PROGRAM began in the summer of 1989. However, before completion in late 1992, Children's Hospital again realized they were running out of space, a remarkable growth rate attributable to the tremendous regional and national exposure



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resulting from their move into the new facility at the regional medical center campus. Patients were coming to Children's Hospital in greater numbers than ever expected, and it was apparent that the hospital could not continue to effectively handle the patient census and provide required services without significant expansion of the medical support departments and an increase in the number of patient beds.

In early 1992, HDR was authorized to proceed with plans to renovate 70,000 sq. ft. of the existing hospital, construct 260,000 sq. ft. on nine new floors in the east tower, and add a connector link passageway between the main building and the new tower floors.

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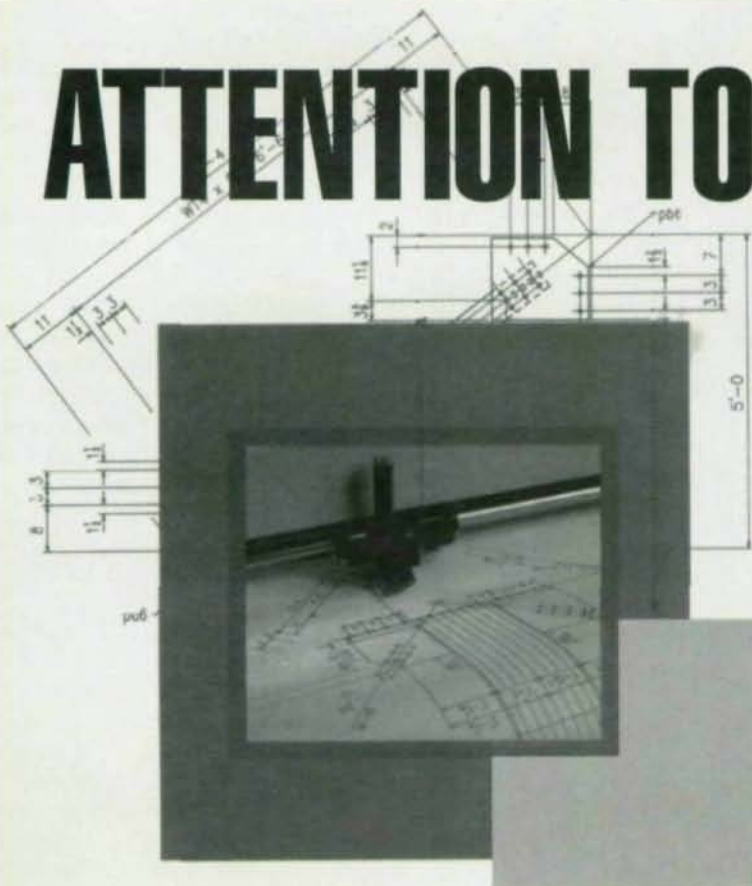
for the hospital to remain completely operational during virtually all of the construction work. The use of structural steel played a major role in minimizing disruption and maintaining schedules.

Conventional steel erection using cranes was not possible for the east tower second and third levels since equipment access at the first level was severely restricted by basement walls and loading dock height and accessibility from above was blocked off by the existing fourth level surgery floor. Instead, scissor-lifts were utilized to erect the steel framing and deck in a planned sequence that allowed the hospital uninterrupted use of the loading dock area. The construction manager chose to place the steel for the east tower's sixth through 11th floor with a self-climbing tower crane placed inside one of the central core elevator shafts.



*The second and third floor framing was erected to existing columns that supported the fourth floor. Erection was planned to allow the first floor loading dock to maintain its operation.*

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*A connector link was constructed to allow passage between the main building and the new east tower. Pictured opposite is one of the three existing footings which was enlarged in order to support a new connector link between the main building and the east tower.*

Prior to the commencement of erection, HDR was notified of an interference condition at the existing roof. An air-handling unit serving the surgery floor below and located on the roof was physically higher than the next level of structural framing. The top would extend into several beams and delay construction progress of a sizeable floor area. The unit was intended to be in service only for the interim period until a mechanical penthouse level could be completed. Meanwhile, though, the air-handling unit had to remain operational.

Fortunately, a simple solution was found. The affected area was directly accessible along the north side perimeter. The steel beams and deck in the two bays of the sixth floor above the unit were planned to be left out until the new mechanical system was finished. At such time, the interim unit could be disassembled, removed and the remaining framing, precast wall panels and floor would be put in place.

Fabricator and erector on the project is AISC-member Construction Supply & Erection, Inc.

### **Connections**

VITAL TO THE EAST TOWER VERTICAL EXPANSION SCHEME WAS A CONNECTOR LINK to the main hospital building at the fifth, sixth, eighth and ninth floors. The lower floor would be connected because of a larger footprint plan. Complicating the design was the need to support the connector structure on existing columns of the main hospital building that were not designed for any additional future floors or increased loading.

Framing for the 12-ft.-wide by 80-ft.-long connector link was accomplished using W12x14 beams, W24x68 composite girders and 2-in.-deep composite deck with 3 in. of lightweight concrete fill. In addition, each floor slab functions as a simple span horizontal diaphragm for transferring wind loads from the connector to the main hospital





building and east tower. Intermediate support was achieved by adding W14x132 columns to the top of existing W14x90 columns.

However, calculations showed that the existing W14x90 sections would be overstressed from the connector link loads. Furthermore, soil pressures under these existing footings would exceed allowable recommendations given by the geotechnical engineer. The most reasonable option was to reinforce the existing columns by welding coverplates to the flanges and web. This created greater cross-sectional area and reduced the column stresses caused by the new loading conditions. It also was necessary to enlarge three existing footings in order that soil bearing pressures not exceed permissible values.

### Dynamic Design

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Steve Punch, P.E., is the structural section manager and Sidney S. Wall is vice president and senior project manager for the Dallas office of Henningson, Durham, and Richardson, Inc.

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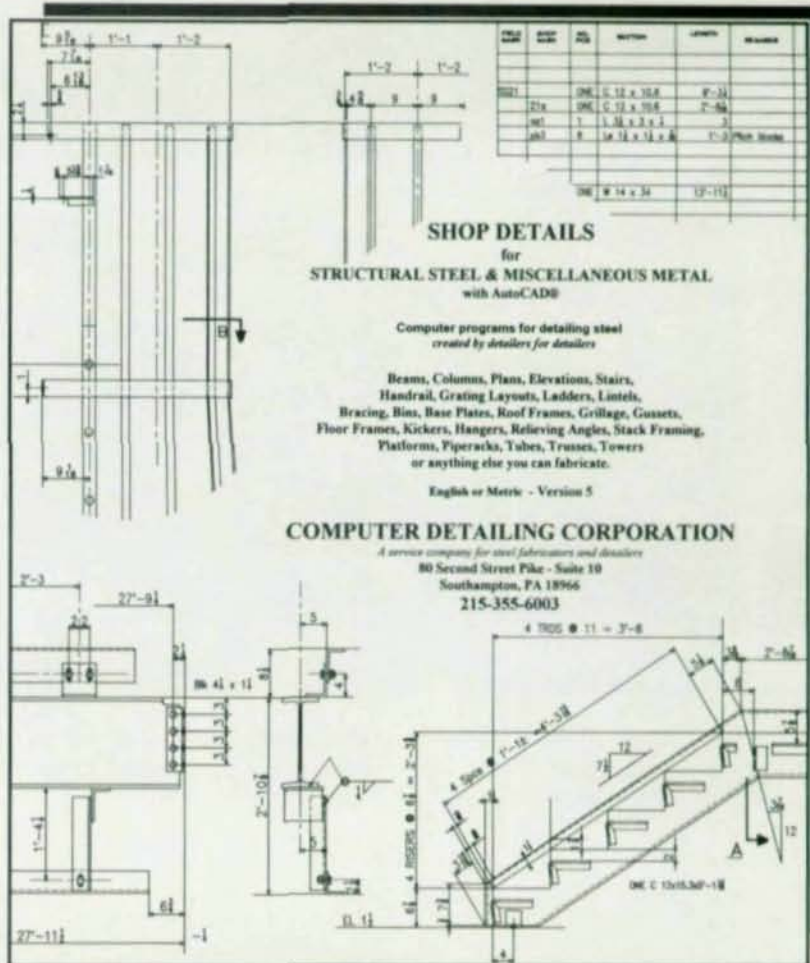
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# MATCHING HEIGHTS

A vertical addition to a Milwaukee hospital needed to match floor-to-floor heights with an adjacent building while accommodating massive mechanical ducts

By Steven J. Roloff, P.E.

UNLIKE OTHER TYPES OF OWNERS, WHEN HOSPITALS NEED MORE ROOM, they can't just pick up and move to a new building. Instead, they expand—both horizontally and vertically—their existing facilities. And even while they're planning one expansion, they're already anticipating another.

When Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee started construction on an Ancillary Building Addition (now part of The Clinical Building) back in 1982, they knew they'd one day outgrow the new space. So while they built a two-story structure, their engineers planned for a future four-story addition to the steel-framed building. By the early 1990s, their plan blossomed beyond expectations. Programming projections established that a new building was required in addition to a seven level vertical expansion of the existing Ancillary Building. However, due to uncertainty about the future of health care led the hospital to build only three of these floors now, while planning for four more floors in the future.

In addition, initial project planning directed that clinical and mechanical areas be incorporated in the new levels, thereby increasing structural floor loading requirements. The original two-story building featured a 13-ft.-high lower-level-to-ground elevation and a 14-ft.-high ground-to-first-level elevation to align with an adjoining building. Likewise, the floors of the vertical expansion also had to match



*The vertical addition at Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee included three stories plus a penthouse. Vierendeel trusses were used at the first and third levels of the addition.*



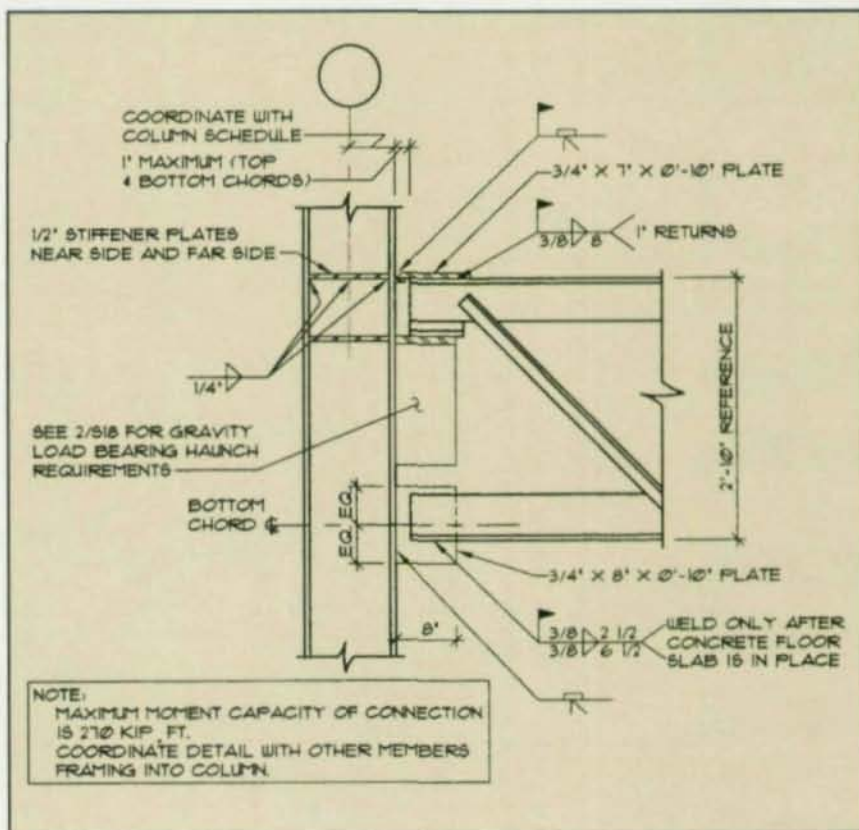
those of an adjacent building. Unfortunately, this meant floor-to-floor heights as tight as 11-ft.-6-in.

Architectural requirements, including floor layouts with large open spaces and maximum future flexibility, did not permit vertical expansion of any of the original building's lateral load resisting K-braces or the use of any other similar diagonal member braces at any of the typical non-mechanical occupied floors. The large size of the required HVAC distribution system necessary to address the intense internal heat gains associated with high-tech medical equipment and stringent air exchange rates also played a significant role in the selection of the building's structural system.

### Design Challenges

The challenges inherent in the program were not that uncommon by themselves, but in combination they demanded a unique engineering solution. The approach was two-fold. First, the existing two-level structure had to be evaluated and reinforced for additional gravity and lateral loads from the levels not anticipated in the original design. Secondly, alternatives for the design of the new floors needed to be explored.

The foundation system for the original Ancillary Building construction consisted of concrete piers on 3-ksi concrete spread footings founded on 8-ksf allowable soil bearing pressure materials. One of the initial steps taken in the evaluation of the existing building was to determine the support characteristics of the insitu soils beneath the existing footings. The procedure used to complete this task was performed at two separate locations. The process consisted of coring through the existing footing pads and conducting pressuremeter testing. In addition, the cores collected from the footings were tested to evaluate their compressive strength. As a result of these tests, a net allow-



*Pictured is a moment connection and similar detail.*



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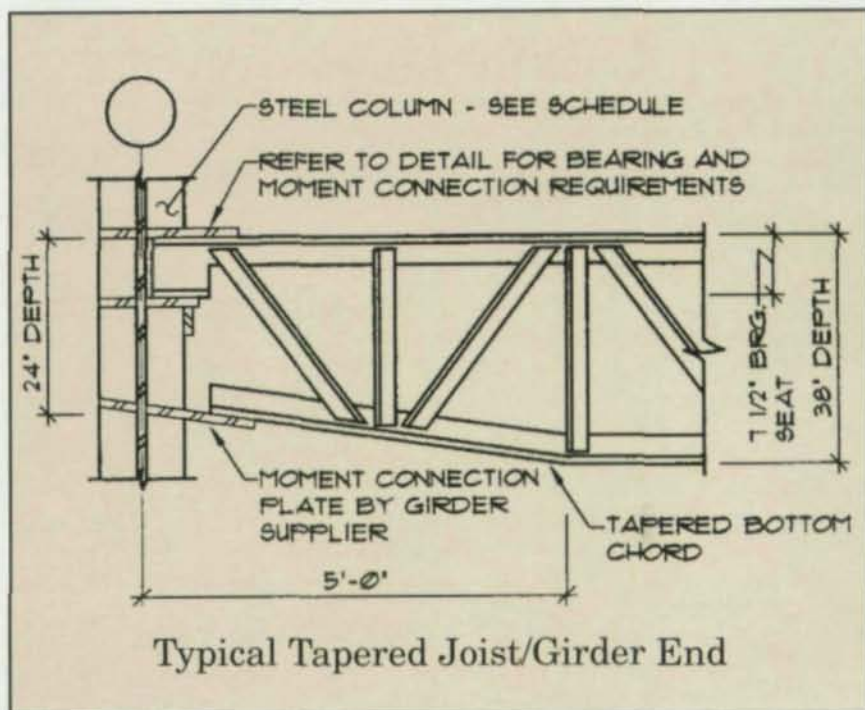
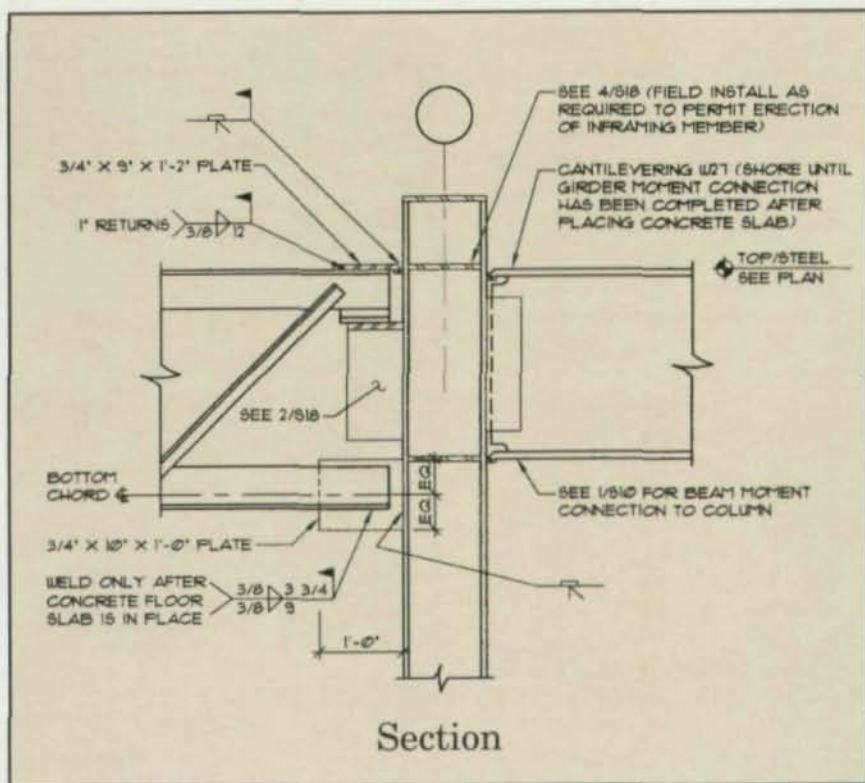


able soil bearing capacity of 10.35 ksf was recommended with insitu concrete compressive strengths of about 5 ksi for the footing concrete. Using this information and the new anticipated footing loads, it was determined that all of the affected existing footings were structural-

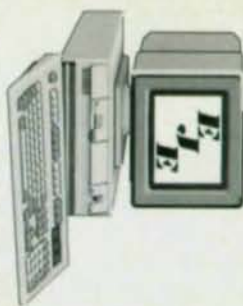
ly adequate.

### Structural Design Alternatives

DURING THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF THE NEW LEVELS, it quickly became apparent that there would be a conflict between the structural and







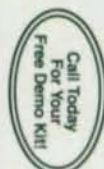
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The detail at right shows the vertical reaction and moment connection between orthogonal framing Vierendeel joist girders and a supporting column.

mechanical systems if the original structural system was simply duplicated. Because of the tight floor-to-floor heights, mechanical requirements and the 9-ft. ceiling heights desired by the architect in many locations, a new design solution was required.

In an effort to satisfy all of the design criteria, a cast-in-place concrete slab and column moment frame system was investigated and quickly eliminated. This approach would have required extensive foundation work to accommodate the additional structure dead weight. Also, too much work would have been required within the existing occupied spaces to make the transition from a steel frame to a concrete frame.

The next alternative considered was a stub-girder system. In this system, short lengths of rolled steel sections (stubs) are welded to the top of a steel beam and connected to the underside of a concrete slab by shear connectors. This system results in

open areas between the stubs that can accommodate mechanical and distribution equipment. After preliminary study, however, it was determined that the stub-girder system would not provide large enough openings. Also, the magnitude of the negative moments produced by the lateral loads could not be easily accommodated by the system.

Another alternative considered was the use of deep beam sections with cut web openings to accommodate mechanical requirements. However, discussions with McCarthy Bros. Co., the project's construction manager, and with steel fabricators regarding preliminary pricing for this type of system revealed that it would be too expensive. However, it was determined that costs could be reduced by using a truss with a Vierendeel panel. Using this system meant the main mechanical duct chases would have to be provided in orthogonal directions and ducts would have had to be designed to





*The photo above shows ductwork passing through the Vierendeel panel opening in a typical joist girder, as well as smaller ductwork passing through a variety of additional panel openings.*

span across the Vierendeel panels. This system was chosen for two of the floors, with the third vertical expansion floor utilizing a conventional composite steel beam system to maximize head height at the floor containing the mechanical equipment room.

Since the project now consisted of only 108 custom fabricated trusses, it was decided that costs could be minimized by designing the trusses to meet Steel Joist Institute (SJI) specifications and typical manufacturing practices in order to facilitate fabrication by any SJI member manufacturer.

### **Type 1 Construction**

SINCE THE BUILDING'S LATERAL LOAD RESISTANCE could not be accomplished using diagonal members, it was decided to go to a Type 1 rigid frame construction. Type 1 was chosen due to concerns the bottom chord of the truss may buckle under actual loads if only lateral loads were considered. But in an effort to reduce the negative moments to be designed for at the ends of the trusses, the final moment connection weldment was designed

and detailed to be completed only after the slab's selfweight had been applied.

At some locations where wide flange beam sections cantilevered 10 ft. out from the column and had a truss member for the backspan, the end of the cantilever was required to be shored until the truss' end moment connection could be completed. To distinguish between trusses on a column line as part of a rigid frame and those trusses designed as simple span members framing between non-column supports, the terms Vierendeel girder and Vierendeel joist were adopted respectively.

A typical new unshored building bay consisted of 4½ in. of lightweight concrete on 2 in. composite metal deck spanning between joists and girders typically at 10 ft. on-center. As the mechanical design advanced, it was established that a Vierendeel panel opening 1-ft.-10-in.-high by 3-ft.-2-in.-wide would be of sufficient size to accommodate the rectangular ducts and the required three-hour sprayed-on fireproofing material. It also was determined

that on each side of the Vierendeel panel the system had to also allow for the passage of a 17-in.-diameter duct. Large scale layouts of the joists and girders with anticipated member sizes confirmed this additional opening could be satisfied between truss web members and would not require additional special provisions within the truss profile. Initial design loadings indicated trusses with double 5 x 5 angle top and bottom chords would satisfy structural requirements. With this information, initial girder section properties were estimated for the rigid frame analysis.

To properly model the relationship of the girder to the column, fictitious members having a high cross sectional area, a high moment of inertia and a length to match the depth of the girder were conceptualized at the ends of the girders. The ends of these fictitious members were then connected to the column at their respective heights with a simple pin connection at the top and a simple vertical slip connection at the bottom. Modeling the truss to column connection in this manner more accurately reflects the stiffness of the system and disbursement of the connection forces. To faithfully imitate the behavior of the new column to the top of the existing column, springs having a stiffness representative of the existing columns were modeled at the base of the new columns. The 2D and 3D models were generated and analyzed and sections designed by utilizing the STAAD-III program from Research Engineers.

The highest girder loadings were extracted from the output and forwarded to AISC associate member Vulcraft for their review and preliminary component design. Because of the relative stiffness of the girders and columns, the size of the top and bottom chords of the girders were increased to double 6 x 6 angles resulting in a final typical joist and girder depth of 34-in. In



order to establish an architectural relationship between the new floor elevations with the elevations of the existing adjacent building, the top of many of the exterior wall openings extend above the bottom of the Vierendeel trusses. A sloped ceiling makes the transition from this point back to the typical ceiling height. To accommodate this architectural detail, special joists and girders with an end tapering from 34 in. to 24 in. at the end were employed within sloped ceiling spaces. In fact, space requirements within and below the trusses dictated horizontal bridging be placed within the depth of the truss top and bottom chord angles.

### Connection Design

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN JOISTS AND GIRDERS were accomplished using 1 in. plate that also acted as a spacer between the truss section's top and bottom double chord angles. Although a similar connection was called for between joists and supporting wide flange beams, during shop drawing review this detail was modified at some locations to be a field bolted butt joint between a WT-section welded to the beam web and a pair of angles on the joist end in order to address erection considerations.

Connections between girders and columns were designed to transfer vertical end reactions of up to 64 kips and end moment connections varying from 0 to 380 kip ft. Typical vertical reaction connection to the face of a column flange was accomplished using a T-shaped haunch constructed of plates while a similar connection into the web of the column was achieved using a fitted seat plate welded to the column with a support bar placed directly underneath the seat plate extending past and welded to the tips of the column flanges. Moment connections were completed using a plate welded to the column and the top of the girder's top chord and welding the bottom chord to a specially

designed stabilizer plate welded to the column. Special detailing provisions were made and consideration given to erection requirements from orthogonal in-framing girders at column locations.

Schedules containing joist and girder design loadings and minimum moment of inertia values to be met were supplied to the girder fabricator, AISC-member Zalk Josephs Fabricators, Inc. Minimum moment of inertia values were provided to assure parity between models upon which the design of the columns and other members were based and final fabricated members provided. Contrary to typical SJI member manufacturer procedures, contract documents required the submittal and approval of all calculations prior to any section fabrication. Typically, these calculations were performed just days prior to fabrication. Actual girder moment of inertia values were obtained from these calculations and used in the models originally generated. New girder end moment schedules were produced from the output of these revised models and were forwarded to the fabricator for integration into final girder design. Typically, the girder end moments increased due to a higher girder moment of inertia value then had originally been assumed. Final analysis of the models also permitted a code check on the column sizes specified. No adjustments of any of the column sizes was required as a result of the final model runs.

Zalk Josephs provided 250 tons of A36 and A572 Grade 50 steel for the project, while Vulcraft provided 90 tons of Vierendeel paneled steel joists and girders.

*Steven J. Roloff, P.E., served as the structural engineer on this project and is director of structural engineering for Arnold & O'Sheridan, Inc., in Brookfield WI.*

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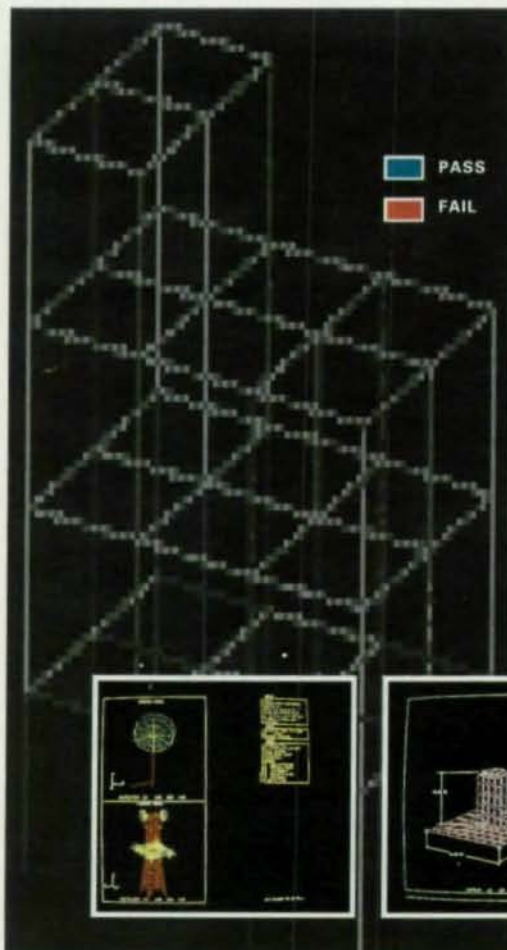
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**Price:** \$150 - \$450

**For information, circle no. 85**

**PROGRAM:** COMSTRESS & AVANSSE  
**Type:** COMSTRESS is a code check program for structural steel members; AVANSSE is a finite element analysis program  
**Company:** Engineering Bulletin Board System  
**Address:** 25439 Via Nautica  
Valencia, CA 91355  
**Phone:** 805/259-6902  
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Price: \$75 for COMSTRESS;  
\$250 - \$1,195 for AVANSSE

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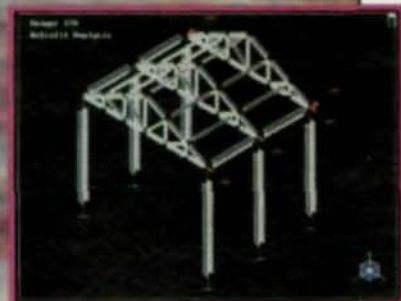
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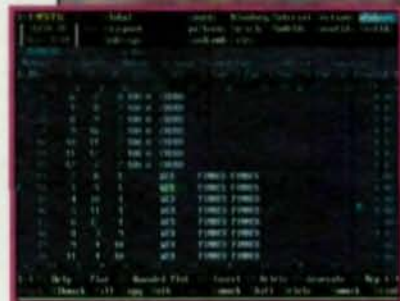
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**Phone:** 404/894-2260  
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**Info:** GT STRUDL's features for steel frame design include: member design and code checking (ASD, British Standard, ASCE Tower, ASME/NF17, API and AWS); a large number of prestored tables; user definable tables; special processing (design parameter specifications, geometric and relational constraints, and design smoothing); and detailed summary output. The program offers automatic data generation, frame and finite element analysis (more than 100 finite element shapes), nonlinear static analysis, linear dynamic analysis, and a graphics modeler, as well as extensive offshore structures analysis and design and database management and exchange. It was last upgraded in April 1994; a scheduled fourth quarter 1994 upgrade will add LRFD.  
**Price:** Starting at \$2,500  
**For information, circle no. 71**

**PROGRAM:** MULTIFRAME 3D & 4D; SECTION MAKER; STEEL DESIGNER  
**Type:** Multiframe 3D provides 3D analysis of frames & trusses; Multiframe 4D offers 3D and dynamic analysis of frames & trusses; Section Maker provides section properties calculations; Steel Designer provides steel code checking and design optimization of frames  
**Company:** Graphic Magic  
**Address:** 180 Seventh Ave., Ste 201  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
**Phone:** 408/464-1949  
**Fax:** 408/464-0731  
**Info:** All of the programs are Macintosh-based and support ASD.  
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**Price:** Multiframe 3D costs \$1,495; Multiframe 4D costs \$1,995; Section Maker costs \$395; Steel Designer costs \$695

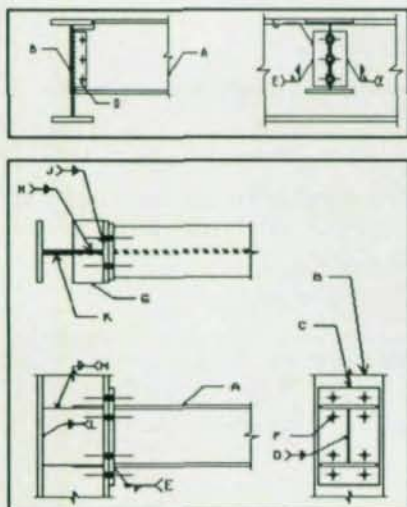
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**PROGRAM:** VISUALANALYSIS & ANALYSISGROUP  
**Type:** VisualAnalysis is a finite element analysis program; AnalysisGroup is a suite of structural analysis tools  
**Company:** Integrated Engineering Software  
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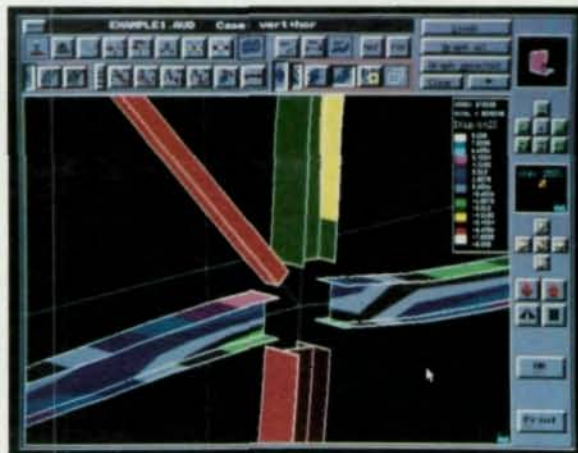
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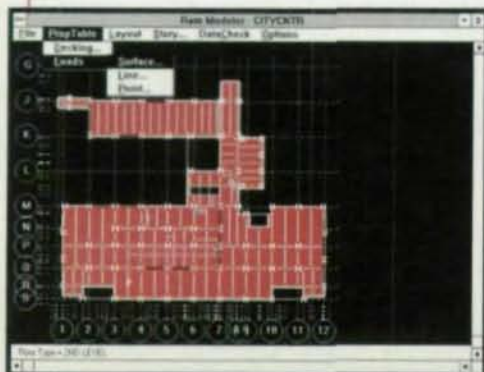
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PROGRAM: **COMPBM**

Type: Composite steel beam design & investigation

Company: Johnson Engineering Systems

Address: 43 East Ohio St., Ste. 906

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Phone: 312/467-4700

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Info: **COMPBM** is an interactive, DOS-based program for the design and investigation of simple span composite steel beams in accordance with AISC (1978, 1989 ASD and 1986 LRFD) Specifications. In Design Mode, the program finds several acceptable sections within specified depth limits and displays them in a list sorted by cost, or depth and weight. In Investigation Mode, the program investigates a beam span with a specific steel section and specified shear connector quantity and spacing, including non-uniform spacing on

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Info: **ROBOT V6** is a fully integrated graphical system for structural analysis and design using both ASD and LRFD. It features a fully integrated, efficient work environment using switchable icon or text type menus. The program provides: linear and nonlinear static analysis; linear and nonlinear buckling; P-delta and dynamic analysis; and sophisticated moving load generation. The program can handle up to 32,500 nodes (196,000 degrees of freedom). Display includes: geometry; structural shapes; loading; deflected shape; force diagrams; and global charts. It interfaces with CAD programs through DXF files. A new feature is a built-in interface to AISC's connection design program, CONXPRT. The program was last updated in May 1994.

Price: \$495 - \$8,070

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 Type: Structural analysis and design  
 Company: Metrosoft, Inc.  
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PROGRAM: STAAD-III/ISDS; AUTOSTAAD/MAX;  
STAAD-MATE

Type: Integrated structural analysis and design; analysis and design within AutoCAD; and design and analysis of structural components.

Company: Research Engineers, Inc.  
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PROGRAM: RISA-3D

Type: 3D frame analysis/design

Company: RISA Technologies

Address: 26212 Dimension Dr. #200  
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Phone: 800/332-7472

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Info: **RISA-3D** offers complete steel design in accordance with the Manual of Steel Construction (ASD—9th Edition). It includes a popup window to a shape database, calculation of K, Cm and Cb values, member shape optimization and material takeoff report. Model size is as large as 2,500 joints and 5,000 members with unlimited stiffness matrix size. Analysis options include: complete static analysis; dynamic analysis; response spectra (CQC, 10%, SRSS); P-Delta; thermal; node slaving; springs (any joint and direction); member rigid end offsets; member end releases; enforced displacements; automatic bandwidth reduction; automatic self-weight calculation; inactive members option; envelope solution; and story drift report. Extensive graphics allow true scale rendering of all structural shapes as well as rotation and zoom in/out and panning of an image. The program was last upgraded in April 1994. Purchase includes one-year of free technical support and upgrades. Enhancements scheduled for this year include LRFD (2nd edition) and plate/shell elements.

The company also sells **RISA-2D**.

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PROGRAM: SDI FLOOR

Type: Design

Company: Steel Deck Institute

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PROGRAM: **FLOORVIB—FLOOR VIBRATION ANALYSIS**

Type: Analysis of serviceability

Company: Structural Engineers Inc.

Address: 537 Wisteria Dr.  
Radford, VA 24141

Phone: 703/231-6074

Fax: 703/639-0713

Info: **FLOORVIB** is a knowledge base for use with **DESIGN ADVISOR**, an expert system shell for structural engineers. The program provides vibration tolerance evaluation of steel member-concrete slab floor systems using the following six criteria: Murray (office/residential environments); Modified Reiher-Meister (office/residential); Wiss-Parmelee (office/residential); Canadian Standards Association (walking vibrations); Ellingwood & Tallin (commercial environments); and Allen (rhythmic). A complete final report is generated for each evaluation, including notes and warnings. The program was first introduced in December 1993.

Price: \$250

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PROGRAM: **CBRIDGE/CB-DESIGN**

Type: Straight or curved girder analysis and design

Company: Telos Technologies, Inc.

Address: 1201 E. Fayette St.  
Syracuse, NY 13210

Phone: 315/471-0113

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Info: The program performs a rigorous 3D analysis that determines all the forces and moments in every member of the structural system, including diaphragms and bracing. **CBridge's** 3D modeling accurately determines the effects of skewed supports and complex geometry. A mouse-driven graphical interface allows rapid building and editing of a design model. The user is allowed to define any standard or specialized vehicle for the live load and the analysis automatically locates and applies

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Price: Lease for \$450/month; purchase for \$8,400

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PROGRAM: **STRU\*CAD\*3D**

Type: Structural analysis and design program

Company: Zentech

Address: 8582 Katy Freeway, Ste. 205  
Houston, TX 77024

Phone: 713/984-9171

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Info: **StruCAD\*3D** offers capacities of 6,000 joints, 12,000 members, 36,000 degrees of freedom, 200 basic and 200 combined load cases. The program features graphics pre-processing and postprocessing, a plotting module, static wave loading, soil structure interaction, wave dynamic response, joint analysis and design, detailed fatigue analysis, floatation and upending, and floating stability. The program generates the complete model geometry and loads in a 3D, CAD-style environment with: automatic joint mesh generation; joint X-brace, shifts, mirroring and scaling; line-plane intersection joints; projection of joints to a plane along selected direction; automatic generation of tubular intersection joints; wrapping and unwrapping of tubular sections and display of footprints; automatic joint renumbering; beam and plate generation, shifts, mirroring and scaling; partial, distributed and concentrated beam load generation; and computer generated wind loads in accordance with ASCE-7, API, and ABS. In addition, it calculates and displays: reactions, deflections and eigen vectors; member and plate forces and moments; member and plate stresses and unity checks; shear, moment, deflection, and unity check diagrams; and hidden line plots. The program was last updated in March 1994.

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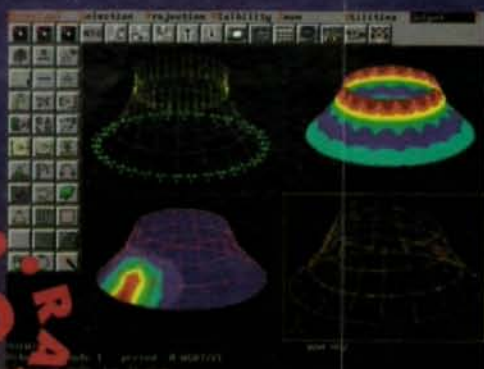


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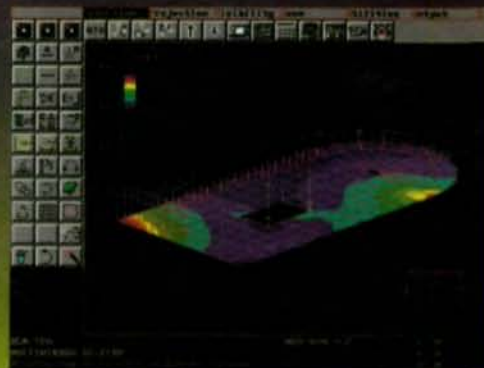
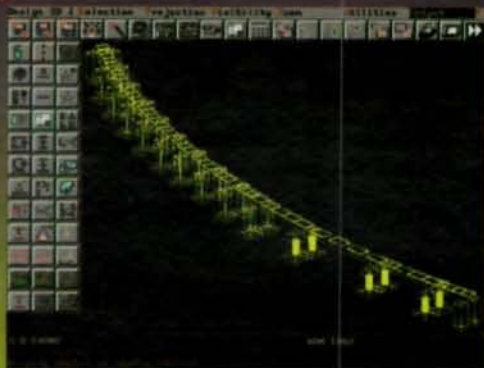
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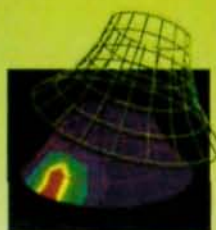
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