This is the second installment of a three-part series on the new companion materials—all available free online—that have been prepared to complement the 14th Edition AISC Steel Construction Manual.

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**INTRODUCING THE V14.0 AISC DESIGN EXAMPLES**

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**IF YOU HAVE EVER** wondered how to apply any of the tables in the AISC Steel Construction Manual or a provision in the AISC Specification, the Steel Construction Manual Design Examples V14.0 may be just the help you need. This collection of more than 150 design examples is currently available in PDF format for free downloading on the AISC website at www.aisc.org/manual14. It illustrates the use of the 2010 AISC Specification for Structural Steel Buildings and the 14th Edition AISC Steel Construction Manual tables.

As an update of V13.1 of the AISC Design Examples that were keyed to the 13th Edition AISC Steel Construction Manual, the V14.0 AISC Design Examples continue to include solutions using both LRFD and ASD methods. Each example includes Specification and Manual section and equation references and illustrates a step-by-step approach. The update includes enhanced navigation features and a number of new and expanded examples. Also, the newly added Part IV contains additional design tables and design aids not included in the Steel Construction Manual.

The Design Examples are divided into three parts:

- Part I includes examples that illustrate the provisions of Chapters A through K of the AISC Specification. These examples follow the same organization as the Specification.
- Part II covers connection designs.
- Part III outlines the design of a four-story office building.

The intent of the Part I design examples is to demonstrate how to use various Specification provisions, and in some cases, compare alternative solutions. In addition to updates of the examples provided in previous versions, additional examples have been added. For instance, Chapter C includes new examples demonstrating how to design a moment frame using the direct analysis method, effective length method, and first-order analysis method. Also, there are additional new examples incorporated into Part I, such as the design of a double tee compression member in Chapter E, design of a single-angle flexural member subject to combined bending about both principal axes in Chapter F, and several new examples demonstrating use of the provisions in Chapter I on composite design.

Part II covers four sub-parts: simple shear connections, fully restrained moment connections, bracing and truss connections, and miscellaneous connections. Part II examples show how the Manual tables can be used to simplify design—from a simple shear connection, such as the all-bolted double-angle connection that can be selected from Table 10-1, to a complex bracing connection design that involves the use of several tables in the calculations. The miscellaneous connections that are included in Part II address topics such as prying action, beam bearing plates, and slip-critical connections with oversized holes.

Part III consists of an 87-page example that addresses aspects of design that are linked to the analysis, design and performance of a building as a whole. The example walks through the steps involved, including coverage of lateral stability and second-order analysis, and design of representative members for a four-story building that combines braced-frames and moment frames. This example delves into the major aspects of designing a typical building, including load determination using ASCE/SEI 7, Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures, for both LRFD and ASD methods, as well as drift and deflection checks. Floor and roof framing plans, as well as details of connection designs and façade attachments, are also included.

The new Part IV, entitled Additional Resources, contains design tables for 65-ksi column and beam-column design, adding similar information to that provided in Manual Tables 4-1 and 6-1 for 50-ksi steel.

As mentioned previously, a number of new examples not included in previous versions of the AISC Design Examples address more complicated designs. One topic not previously included was the design of a single-angle flexural member, which is now addressed in Examples F.11A, F.11B and F.11C. The three different examples have various loadings and bracing configurations—vertical loading with bracing at the ends only, vertical loading with bracing at the ends and midpoint, and combined vertical and horizontal loading with bracing at the ends only.

Several new examples related to Specification Chapter I...
have been incorporated to cover topics not previously addressed and to demonstrate the use of new composite design provisions in the 2010 AISC Specification. For example, the use of noncompact and slender elements in filled composite members was not previously permitted, but now is, and these cases are addressed. Design Example I.7 addresses the design of a concrete-filled box beam-column with noncompact/slender elements and illustrates the use of the new local buckling requirements in Specification Tables 11.1A and 11.1B. The design also requires the use of the new provisions in Specification Sections I2.2b and I3.4b for compression and flexure in filled composite members with noncompact and slender elements. The first step in determining the available flexural strength of a noncompact section is to calculate the moment corresponding to the plastic stress distribution over the composite cross section. This concept is illustrated graphically in AISC Specification Commentary Figure C-I3.7(a), and is carried out in this example. Other new composite design examples include: a composite girder design; filled composite member force allocation and load transfer; a filled composite member with loads combined with flexure and shear; encased composite member force allocation and load transfer; and steel anchors in composite components.

The best way to get familiar with what is available in the updated AISC Design Examples is to review the table of contents, and doing so will make one improvement immediately apparent: better navigation features. Navigating through 150 plus design examples is now less of a challenge because V14.0 of the AISC Design Examples includes bookmarks for each chapter in an interactive table of contents. Within the table of contents, there are links to the beginning page of each design example listed. Once in the design examples, a link at the top of each page takes the user back to the table of contents for further searching. This is a time saver as it speeds scanning through the hundreds of pages of examples when searching for the pertinent one.

Whether you are an experienced engineer designing an encased composite member under combined loading, or an engineering student learning how to design a simple beam, the V14.0 AISC Design Examples contain information you need. Go to www.aisc.org/manual14 and explore this free resource for yourself.

The first article in this series, on the AISC Shapes Database V14.0, appeared in the February 2012 MSC, available online at www.modern-steel.com/backissues. The third and final installment, which introduces the AISC Manual Resource Page, will be in the April 2012 MSC.

An Example from the Design Examples

For most of the AISC Design Examples, the problem statement is given with an accompanying figure. In this case, Figure 1 shows the angle configuration and loading. After a statement of the problem and assumptions (for example, A36 steel), the solution begins with calculation of the required flexural strength using ASCE/SEI 7 load combinations and side-by-side calculations of both the LRFD and ASD methods. The solution continues on subsequent pages of the design example with step-by-step calculations of the required moments about the geometric axes, required moments about the principal axes, nominal flexural strength about the z-axis, nominal flexural strength about the w-axis, and application of the combined stress equation from AISC Specification Section H2,

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\left( \frac{f_{wx}}{F_{cw}} + \frac{f_{wz}}{F_{cz}} \right) \leq 1.0 \quad \text{(Spec. Eq. H2-1)}
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The text explains that it is acceptable to simply use the moments in the interaction equation rather than converting them to stresses, and the example proceeds to calculate the available flexural strengths, including how to determine the sign (negative or positive) of each moment at points A, B and C on the angle (see Figure 2). Finally, Equation H2-1 is checked and the design is complete. As is typical for all of the examples, the specific limit state considered in the calculation of the flexural strengths is also stated, along with the specific Specification Section and Equation references.