



# AcuJoist Specifier's Guide

CANADIAN LIMIT STATES DESIGN

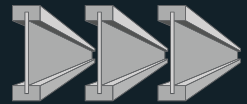


PERFORMANCE RATED I-JOISTS IN FLOOR AND ROOF FRAMING





# AcuJoist



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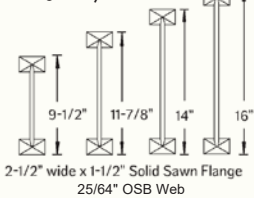


AcuTruss Industries was founded in 1971 by prominent Vernon BC businessman Dave Marcoux. After celebrating the 27th anniversary of manufacturing roof and floor trusses, AcuTruss began manufacturing the Nascor I-Joist under the new AcuJoist banner. Following 21 years of growing I-Joist sales and production, AcuTruss decided to update the AcuJoist/Nascor joist and modernize the manufacturing process. In 2023, AcuTruss launched the new APA rated ACJ Series I-Joist. Designed and manufactured to the strict Specifications and Quality Assurances set out by APA, this new ACJ Series joist would prove superior to its predecessor in both quality, strength and even more environmentally friendly being assembled with zero VOC adhesive. As well, the AcuJoist flange and OSB web fibre continues to be sourced sustainably with forestry practices conforming to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) forest management standard.

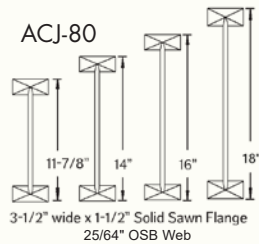
By providing complete engineered building solutions like AcuJoist's ACJ Series I-Joist, AcuTruss continues to be your premier manufacturer of engineered wood products in Western Canada.

# JOIST DIMENSIONS

## ACJ-40 / 60



## ACJ-80



## DESIGN PROPERTIES FOR ACJ JOISTS



TABLE 1A

FACTORED RESISTANCES OF ACUJOIST ACJ SERIES I-JOISTS<sup>(a)</sup>

I-Joist Depth, mm (in.)	I-Joist Series	Permitted to Be Labelled as	El <sup>(b)</sup> , 10 <sup>6</sup> kN-mm <sup>2</sup> (10 <sup>6</sup> lbf-in. <sup>2</sup> )	M <sub>r</sub> <sup>(c)</sup> , N-m (lbf-ft)	V <sub>r</sub> <sup>(d)</sup> , kN (lbf)	VLC <sub>r</sub> <sup>(e)</sup> , kN/m (plf)	K <sup>(f)</sup> , kN (10 <sup>6</sup> lbf)
241 (9-1/2)	ACJ-40	PRI-40	528 (184)	6,167 (4,549)	7.86 (1,768)	42.3 (2,900)	21,973 (4.94)
	ACJ-60	PRI-60	628 (219)	8,523 (6,287)	7.86 (1,768)	42.3 (2,900)	21,973 (4.94)
302 (11-7/8)	ACJ-40	PRI-40	898 (313)	7,994 (5,896)	9.97 (2,241)	42.3 (2,900)	27,489 (6.18)
	ACJ-60	PRI-60	1,065 (371)	11,049 (8,150)	9.97 (2,241)	42.3 (2,900)	27,489 (6.18)
	ACJ-80	PRI-80	1,487 (518)	15,649 (11,543)	9.97 (2,241)	42.3 (2,900)	27,489 (6.18)
356 (14)	ACJ-40	PRI-40	1,317 (459)	9,854 (7,268)	12.01 (2,699)	42.3 (2,900)	32,381 (7.28)
	ACJ-60	PRI-60	1,561 (544)	13,293 (9,805)	12.01 (2,699)	42.3 (2,900)	32,381 (7.28)
	ACJ-80	PRI-80	2,169 (756)	18,852 (13,904)	12.01 (2,699)	42.3 (2,900)	32,381 (7.28)
	ACJ-40	PRI-40	1,794 (625)	11,432 (8,432)	13.83 (3,109)	42.3 (2,900)	37,007 (8.32)
406 (16)	ACJ-60	PRI-60	2,121 (739)	15,412 (16,116)	13.83 (3,109)	42.3 (2,900)	37,007 (8.32)
	ACJ-80	PRI-80	2,939 (1,024)	21,851 (16,116)	13.83 (3,109)	42.3 (2,900)	37,007 (8.32)
457 (18)	ACJ-80	C1	3,814 (1,329)	24,578 (18,129)	17.55 (3,946)	37.0 (2,538)	51,241 (11.52)

For Imperial: 1 mm = 0.0394 in., 1 N = 0.2248 lbf, 1 kN/m = 5.71 lbf/in.

(a) All factored resistance values include the resistance factor specified in CSA O86-19. The tabulated values are for the standard term of load duration. (K<sub>D</sub> = 1.0). All values, except for El, V<sub>r</sub>, and K, are permitted to be adjusted for other load durations as permitted by the code.

(b) Bare Bending stiffness (El) of the I-joist

(c) Factored moment resistance (M<sub>r</sub>) of the I-joist.

(d) Factored shear resistance (V<sub>r</sub>) of the I-joist.

(e) Factored uniform vertical load resistance (VLC<sub>r</sub>) of the I-joist.

(f) Coefficient of shear deflection (K). For calculating uniform load and center-point load deflections of the I-joists in a simple-span application, use Eqs. 1 and 2.

$$\text{Uniform Load: } \delta = \frac{5 w L^4}{384 E I_{eff}} + \frac{w L^2}{K} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Center-Point Load: } \delta = \frac{P L^3}{48 E I_{eff}} + \frac{2 P L}{K} \quad (2)$$

Where:  $\delta$  = calculated deflection (mm or in.),

$P$  = unfactored concentrated load (kN or lbf),

$E I_{eff}$  = effective bending stiffness of the I-joist accounting for framing characteristics of floor sheathing and topping (kN-mm<sup>2</sup> or lbf-in.<sup>2</sup>),

$w$  = unfactored uniform load (kN/mm or lbf/in.),

$L$  = design span (mm or in.),

$K$  = coefficient of shear deflection (kN or lbf).



TABLE 1B

**ADDITIONAL FACTORED RESISTANCES OF ACUJOIST ACJ SERIES I-JOISTS<sup>(a)</sup> (b) (c)**

I-Joist Depth, mm (in.)	I-Joist Series	Factored End Reactions, kN (lbf)				Factored Intermediate Reactions, kN (lbf)	
		44 mm (1-3/4 in.) Bearing		102 mm (4 in.) Bearing		89 mm (3-1/2 in.) Bearing	
		No Brg. Stiffeners	With Brg. Stiffeners	No Brg. Stiffeners	With Brg. Stiffeners	No Brg. Stiffeners	
241 (9-1/2)	ACJ-40/60	7.58 (1,705)	7.58 (1,705)	7.86 (1,768)	7.86 (1,768)	15.16 (3,409)	
302 (11-7/8)	ACJ-40/60	8.42 (1,894)	8.42 (1,894)	9.97 (2,241)	9.97 (2,241)	17.55 (3,946)	
	ACJ-80	8.99 (2,020)	8.99 (2,020)	9.97 (2,241)	9.97 (2,241)	19.38 (4,356)	
356 (14)	ACJ-40/60	8.42 (1,894)	8.42 (1,894)	10.88 (2,447)	12.01 (2,699)	17.55 (3,946)	
	ACJ-80	8.99 (2,020)	8.99 (2,020)	10.88 (2,447)	12.01 (2,699)	21.20 (4,767)	
406 (16)	ACJ-40/60	8.42 (1,894)	8.42 (1,894)	10.88 (2,447)	13.83 (3,109)	17.55 (3,946)	
	ACJ-80	8.99 (2,020)	8.99 (2,020)	10.88 (2,447)	13.83 (3,109)	21.20 (4,767)	
457 (18)	ACJ-80	9.83 (2,210)	14.29 (3,212)	11.41 (2,565)	16.81 (3,780)	23.55 (5,296)	

For Imperial: 1 mm = 0.0394 in., 1 N = 0.2248 lbf

(a) The tabulated values are for the standard term of load duration (Kd= 1.0). All values are permitted to be adjusted for other load durations as permitted by the code provided that the adjusted values do not exceed the factored compressive resistance perpendicular to grain (Qr) of the bearing plate supporting the I-joist in accordance with CSA O86-19.

(b) Interpolation between bearing lengths is permitted

(c) Bearing stiffeners shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations provided by the manufacturer and APA E715 CA

TABLE 2

Limit Stated Design  
CSA O86-19

**ACJ-40 RESIDENTIAL ALLOWABLE FLOOR CLEAR SPANS<sup>(1,2,3,4,5,6)</sup>**

L/480 Live load, L/240 Total Load Deflection					5/8" Subfloor Glued & Nailed			3/4" Subfloor Glued & Nailed			
					Joist Spacing (in)			Joist Spacing (in)			
40 psf Live Load, 15 psf Dead Load	Depth	Series	Floor	Span	12	16	19.2	12	16	19.2	24
	9-1/2"	ACJ-40 PRI-40	A	Single	15'-2"	14'-5"	13'-11"	15'-6"	14'-8"	14'-1"	13'-6"
			B	Single	16'-0"	15'-1"	14'-8"	16'-4"	15'-4"	14'-10"	13'-9"
			C	Single	16'-9"	15'-8"	14'-9"	17'-1"	15'-10"	14'-10"	13'-9"
	11-7/8"	ACJ-40 PRI-40	A	Single	17'-6"	16'-7"	16'-0"	17'-10"	16'-10"	16'-3"	15'-6"
			B	Single	18'-4"	17'-5"	16'-10"	18'-9"	17'-8"	17'-0"	16'-3"
			C	Single	19'-3"	18'-3"	17'-6"	19'-7"	18'-6"	17'-8"	16'-4"
	14"	ACJ-40 PRI-40	A	Single	19'-4"	18'-4"	17'-8"	19'-8"	18'-7"	17'-11"	17'-2"
			B	Single	20'-3"	19'-3"	18'-7"	20'-8"	19'-7"	18'-10"	18'-0"
			C	Single	21'-3"	20'-2"	19'-6"	21'-8"	20'-6"	19'-9"	18'-6"
	16"	ACJ-40 PRI-40	A	Single	20'-11"	19'-10"	19'-2"	21'-4"	20'-2"	19'-5"	18'-7"
			B	Single	21'-11"	20'-10"	20'-2"	22'-5"	21'-2"	20'-5"	19'-6"
			C	Single	23'-0"	21'-10"	21'-1"	23'-6"	22'-2"	21'-5"	20'-5"

TABLE 3

Limit States Design  
CSA O86-19

**ACJ-60 RESIDENTIAL ALLOWABLE FLOOR CLEAR SPANS** (1,2,3,4,5,6)

L/480 Live load, L/240 Total Load Deflection					5/8" Subfloor Glued & Nailed			3/4" Subfloor Glued & Nailed			
					Joist Spacing (in)			Joist Spacing (in)			
	Depth	Series	Floor	Span	12	16	19.2	12	16	19.2	24
40 psf Live Load, 15 psf Dead Load	9-1/2"	ACJ-60 PRI-60	A	Single	15'6"	14'9"	14'3"	15'10"	15'0"	14'6"	13'11"
			B	Single	16'4"	15'6"	15'0"	16'8"	15'9"	15'3"	14'5"
			C	Single	17'1"	16'3"	15'9"	17'6"	16'6"	15'7"	14'5"
	11-7/8"	ACJ-60 PRI-60	A	Single	17'10"	16'11"	16'5"	18'3"	17'3"	16'8"	16'0"
			B	Single	18'9"	17'10"	17'3"	19'2"	18'2"	17'6"	16'9"
			C	Single	19'8"	18'8"	18'1"	20'1"	19'0"	18'4"	17'7"
	14"	ACJ-60 PRI-60	A	Single	19'9"	18'9"	18'2"	20'2"	19'1"	18'5"	17'8"
			B	Single	20'9"	19'8"	19'1"	21'2"	20'1"	19'4"	18'7"
			C	Single	21'9"	20'8"	20'0"	22'2"	21'0"	20'3"	19'4"
	16"	ACJ-60 PRI-60	A	Single	21'5"	20'4"	19'8"	21'10"	20'9"	20'0"	19'2"
			B	Single	22'5"	21'4"	20'8"	23'0"	21'9"	21'0"	20'2"
			C	Single	23'6"	22'4"	21'8"	24'1"	22'10"	22'0"	21'1"

TABLE 4

**ACJ-80 RESIDENTIAL ALLOWABLE FLOOR CLEAR SPANS** (1,2,3,4,5,6)

L/480 Live load, L/240 Total Load Deflection					5/8" Subfloor Glued & Nailed			3/4" Subfloor Glued & Nailed			
					Joist Spacing (in)			Joist Spacing (in)			
	Depth	Series	Floor	Span	12	16	19.2	12	16	19.2	24
40 psf Live Load, 15 psf Dead Load	11-7/8"	ACJ-80 PRI-80	A	Single	19'3"	18'4"	17'8"	19'8"	18'7"	17'11"	17'2"
			B	Single	20'3"	19'2"	18'7"	20'8"	19'7"	18'10"	18'0"
			C	Single	21'2"	20'1"	19'6"	21'8"	20'6"	19'9"	18'10"
	14"	ACJ-80 PRI-80	A	Single	21'4"	20'3"	19'7"	21'9"	20'7"	19'10"	19'0"
			B	Single	22'5"	21'3"	20'7"	22'10"	21'7"	20'10"	19'11"
			C	Single	23'5"	22'3"	21'6"	24'0"	22'8"	21'10"	20'11"
	16"	ACJ-80 PRI-80	A	Single	23'1"	21'11"	21'3"	23'7"	22'4"	21'6"	20'7"
			B	Single	24'3"	23'0"	22'3"	24'9"	23'5"	22'7"	21'7"
			C	Single	25'5"	24'1"	23'4"	26'0"	24'7"	23'8"	22'8"
	18"	ACJ-80 PRI-80	A	Single	24'10"	23'7"	22'10"	25'5"	24'1"	23'2"	22'3"
			B	Single	26'1"	24'10"	24'0"	26'8"	25'3"	24'4"	23'4"
			C	Single	27'4"	26'0"	25'2"	27'11"	26'6"	25'6"	24'5"

**DEFINITIONS AND NOTES FOR TABLE 2,3 & 4**
**Floor Assembly Definitions:**

- A Glued and nailed subfloor with no additional components added
- B Glued and nailed subfloor with 1/2" thick gypsum board applied to the bottom of the I-joist
- C Glued and nailed subfloor with Blocking at 6'5" o/c max. and 1/2" thick gypsum board applied to the bottom of the I-joist

**Notes:**

1. The spans have been determined using Limit States Design (LSD) in accordance with NBCC 2020 / BCBC 2024 and Design/Vibration methodology in accordance with CSA O86-19 - A.5.4.5.1 and are also valid for NBC 2015 and CSA-O86:14
2. Clear spans are applicable to residential construction with a designed dead load of 15 psf and live load of 40 psf. For loads other than uniformly distributed loads, engineering analysis may be required
3. Deflection is limited to a live load deflection of L/480 and total load of L/240
4. The spans are based on a composite floor with glue-nailed OSB sheathing. Adhesive shall meet the requirements given in ASTM D3490 1/8" P/O Class
5. The minimum end bearing shall be 1-3/4"
6. Spans are measured as clear distance between bearing supports

## TYPICAL FLOOR FRAMING AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

### General Notes:

Construction details provided in Figure 1 are recommendations that may not cover all field conditions where engineering design may be required, such as wind uplift; lateral loads due to high wind or high seismic events, or soil pressure; and lateral instability. It is also important to check the local jurisdiction for specific construction requirements.

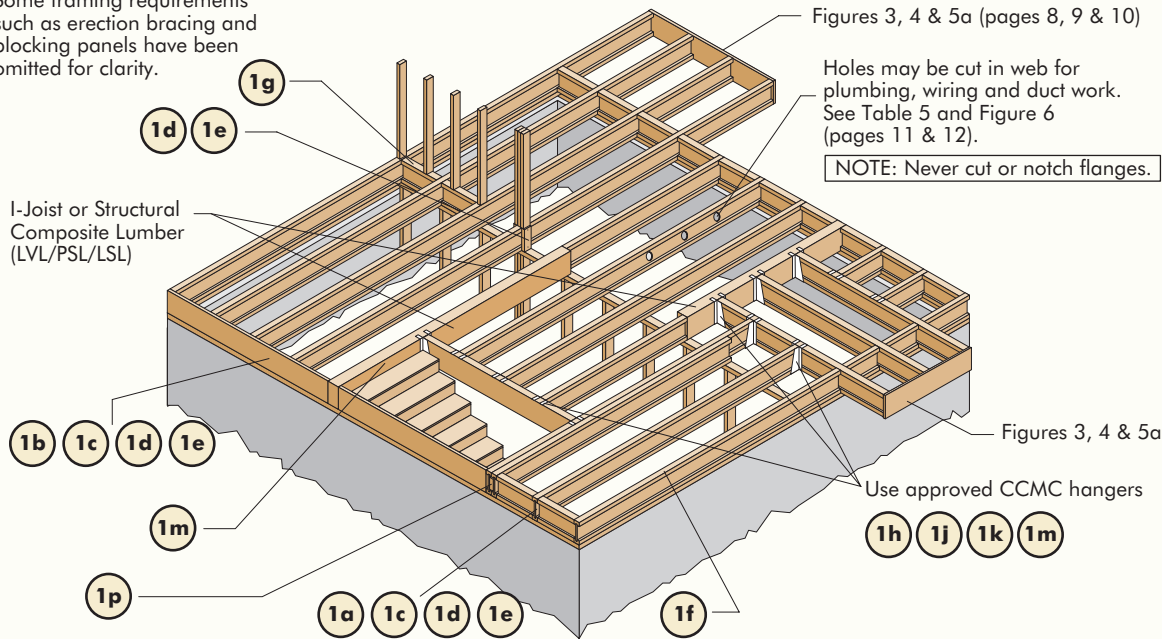
### Installation Notes:

1. Installation of AcuJoist ACJ Series I-Joists shall be as shown in Figure 1.
2. Except for cutting to length, I-joist flanges should **never** be cut, drilled or notched.
3. Install I-joists so that top and bottom flanges are within 1/2 inch of true vertical alignment.
4. Concentrated loads should only be applied to the top surface of the top flange. Concentrated loads should not be suspended from the bottom flange with the exception of light loads, such as ceiling fans or light fixtures.
5. I-joists must be protected from weather prior to installation.
6. I-joists must not be used in applications where they will be permanently exposed to weather, or will reach a moisture content of 16% or greater, such as in swimming pool or hot tub areas. They must not be installed where they will remain in direct contact with concrete or masonry.
7. End bearing length must be at least 1-3/4 inches. For multiple span joists, intermediate bearing length must be at least 3-1/2 inches.
8. Ends of floor joists shall be restrained to prevent rollover. Use APA Performance Rated Rim Board or I-joist blocking panels.
9. I-joists installed beneath bearing walls perpendicular to the joists shall have full-depth blocking panels, APA Performance Rated Rim Board, or squash blocks (cripple blocks) to transfer gravity loads from above the floor system to the wall or foundation below.
10. For I-joists installed directly beneath bearing walls parallel to the joists or used as rim board or blocking panels, the maximum allowable vertical load using a single I-joist is 2,900 plf for depths up to 16", 2,538 plf for 18" and 5,800 plf for double I-joists up to 16" depth, 5,075 plf for double 18".
11. Continuous lateral support of the I-joist's compression flange is required to prevent rotation and buckling. In simple span uses, lateral support of the top flange is normally supplied by the floor sheathing. In multiple-span or cantilever applications, bracing of the I-joist's bottom flange is also required at interior supports of multiple-span joists, and at the end support next to the cantilever extension. The ends of all cantilever extensions must be laterally braced, as shown in Figure 3, 4, 5a or 5b.
12. Nails installed in flange face or edge shall be spaced in accordance with the applicable building code requirements or approved building plans, but should not be closer than those specified in Table 4.
13. Figure 1 details on the following pages show only I-joist-specific fastener requirements. For other fastener requirements, see the applicable building code.
14. For proper temporary bracing of wood I-joists and placement of temporary construction loads, see *APA Technical Note: Temporary Construction Loads Over I-Joist Roofs and Floors*, Form J735.

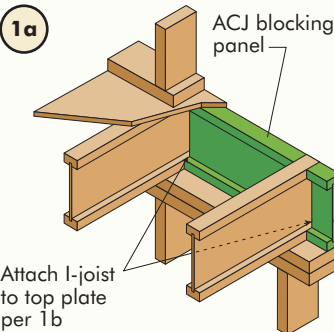
FIGURE 1

**TYPICAL PERFORMANCE RATED I-JOIST FLOOR FRAMING AND CONSTRUCTION**

Some framing requirements such as erection bracing and blocking panels have been omitted for clarity.



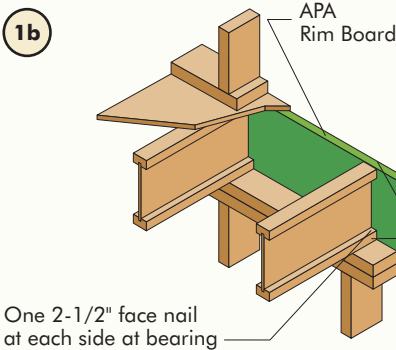
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Blocking Panel or Rim Joist	Maximum Factored Uniform Vertical Load* (plf)
ACJ Joists	2900

\*The uniform vertical load is limited to a joist depth of 16 inches or less and is based on standard term load duration. It shall not be used in the design of a bending member, such as joist, header, or rafter. For concentrated vertical load transfer capacity, see 1d.

2-1/2" nails @ 6" o.c. to top plate (when used for lateral shear transfer, nail to bearing plate with same nailing as required for decking)



Blocking Panel or Rim Joist	Maximum Factored Uniform Vertical Load* (plf)
1-1/8" APA Rim Board Plus	7033
1-1/8" APA Rim Board	7033
1" APA Rim Board	4785

\*The uniform vertical load capacity is limited to a rim board depth of 16 inches or less and is based on standard term load duration. It shall not be used in the design of a bending member, such as joist, header, or rafter. For concentrated vertical load transfer capacity, see 1d.

One 2-1/2" nail at top and bottom flange

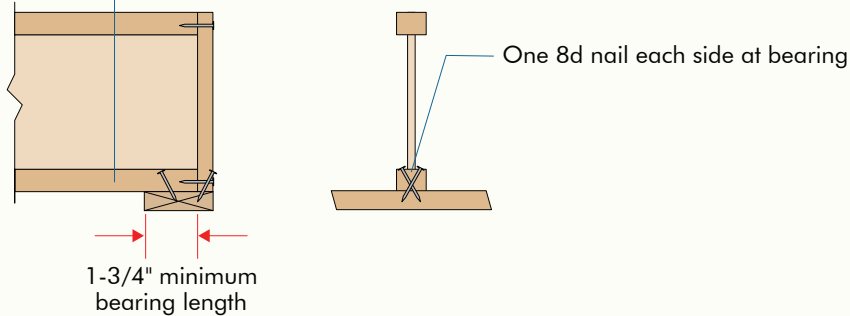
Attach APA Rim Board to top plate using 2-1/2" common or box toenails @ 6" o.c.

To avoid splitting flange, start nails at least 1-1/2" from end of I-joist. Nails may be driven at an angle to avoid splitting of bearing plate.

All nails shown in the details above are assumed to be common nails unless otherwise noted. Framing lumber assumed to be Spruce-Pine-Fir. Individual components not shown to scale for clarity.

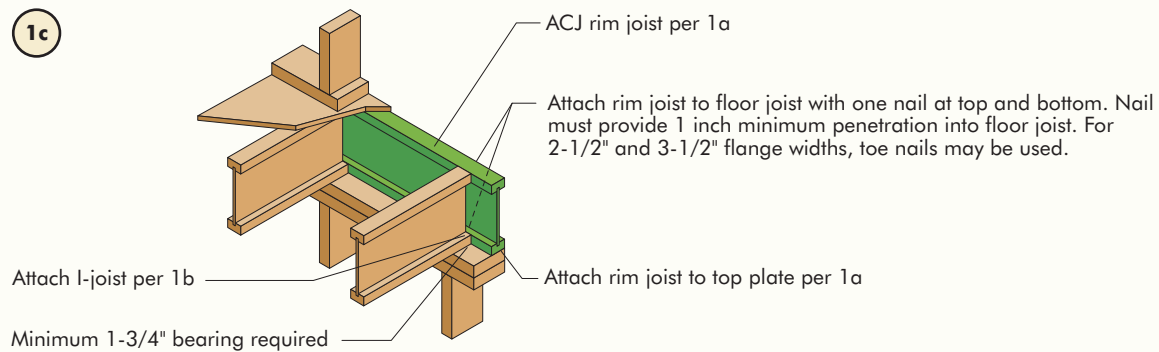
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To limit splitting flange, start nails at least 1-1/2" from end. Nails may need to be driven at an angle to limit splitting of bearing plate.

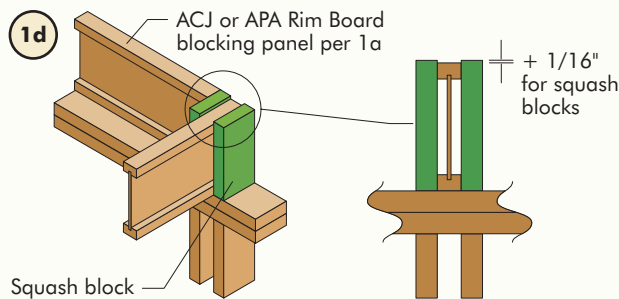


Note: Engineering design may be required for lateral loads exceeding the rim board horizontal load capacity (see APA Form W345 for rim board lateral load capacity and additional information).

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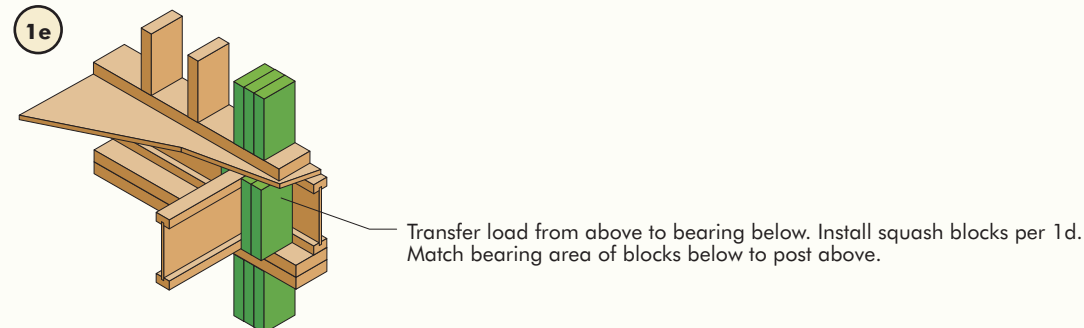
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Pair of Squash Blocks	Maximum factored vertical load per pair of squash blocks (lb)	
	3-1/2" wide	5-1/2" wide
2x lumber	5800	9500
1-1/8" APA Rim Board, Rim Board Plus, or Rated ACJ 48 oc	4500	5800
1" APA Rim Board or Rated ACJ 32 oc	4000	5800

Provide lateral bracing per 1a, 1b, or 1c

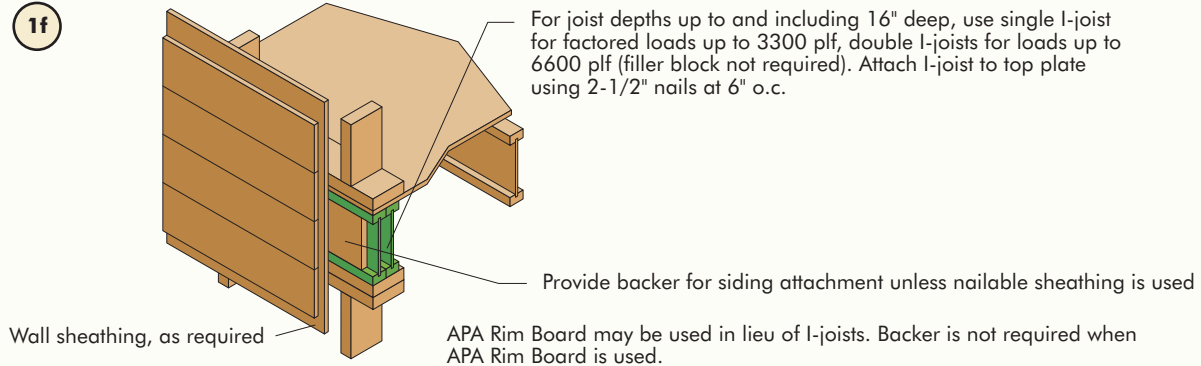
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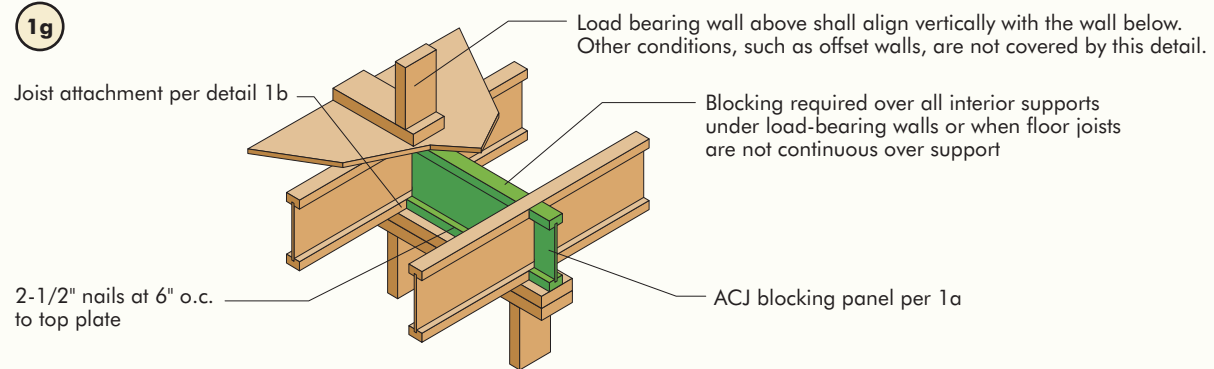
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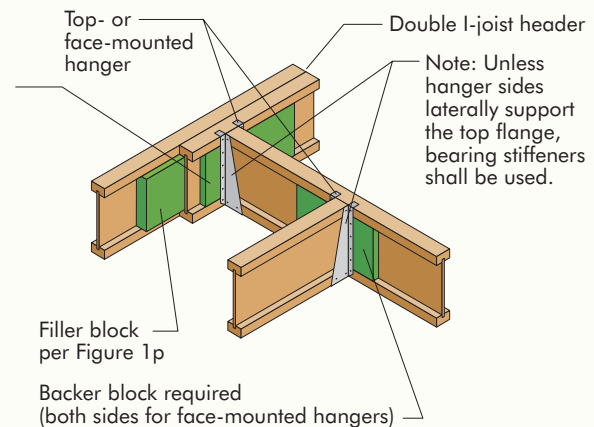
**Backer block (use if factored hanger load exceeds 360 lbs.)**  
Before installing a backer block to a double I-joist, drive 3 additional 3" nails through the webs and filler block where the backer block will fit. Clinch. Install backer tight to top flange. Use twelve 3" nails, clinched when possible. Maximum factored resistance for hanger for this detail = 1620 lbs.

**BACKER BLOCKS** (Blocks must be long enough to permit required nailing without splitting)

Flange Width	Material Thickness Required*	Minimum Depth**
2-1/2"	1"	5-1/2"
3-1/2"	1-1/2"	7-1/4"

\* Minimum grade for backer block material shall be SPF NLGA #2 or better for solid sawn lumber and Rated Sheathing grade for wood structural panels.

\*\* For face-mount hangers use net joist depth minus 3-1/4"



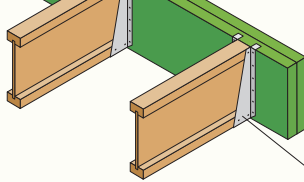
For hanger capacity see hanger manufacturer's recommendations. Verify double I-joist capacity to support concentrated loads.

All nails shown in the details above are assumed to be common nails unless otherwise noted. Framing lumber assumed to be Spruce-Pine-Fir. Individual components not shown to scale for clarity.

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Glulam or multiple structural composite lumber (SCL) beams

For nailing schedules for multiple SCL beams, see the manufacturer's recommendations



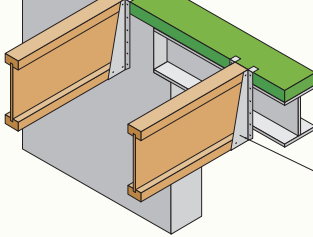
Top- or face-mounted hanger installed per manufacturer's recommendations

Note: Unless hanger sides laterally support the top flange, bearing stiffeners shall be used.

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2x plate flush with inside face of wall or beam

Note: Unless hanger sides laterally support the top flange, bearing stiffeners shall be used.



Top-mounted hanger installed per manufacturer's recommendations

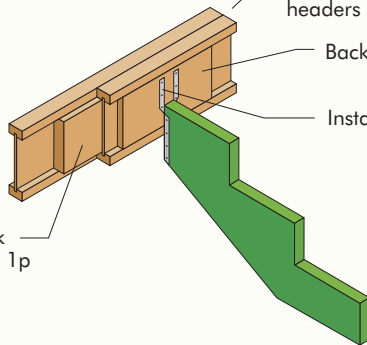
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Multiple I-joist header with full depth filler block shown. Glulam and multiple SCL headers may also be used. Verify double I-joist capacity to support concentrated loads.

Backer block attach per 1h. Nail with twelve 3" nails, clinch when possible.

Install hanger per manufacturer's recommendations

Filler block  
per Figure 1p

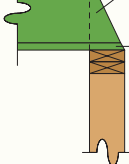


Maximum factored support = 1620 lbs.

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Do not bevel-cut joist beyond inside face of wall

Attach I-joist per 1b



Note: Blocking required at bearing for lateral support, not shown for clarity.

All nails shown in the details above are assumed to be common nails unless otherwise noted. Framing lumber assumed to be Spruce-Pine-Fir. Individual components not shown to scale for clarity.

**1p FILLER BLOCK REQUIREMENTS FOR DOUBLE I-JOIST CONSTRUCTION**

Flange Width	Net Depth	Filler Block Size
2-1/2"	9-1/2"	2-1/8" x 6"
ACJ-40	11-7/8"	2-1/8" x 8"
ACJ-60	14"	2-1/8" x 10"
	16"	2-1/8" x 12"
3-1/2"	11-7/8"	3" x 8"
ACJ-80	14"	3" x 10"
	16"	3" x 12"
	18"	3" x 14"

**Notes:**

1. Support back of I-joist web during nailing to prevent damage to web/flange connection.
2. Leave a 1/8-inch gap between top of filler block and bottom of top I-joist flange.
3. Filler block is required between joists for full length of span.
4. Nail joists together with two rows of 3" nails at 12 inches o.c. (clinched when possible) on each side of the double I-joist. Total of 4 nails per foot required. If nails can be clinched, only 2 nails per foot are required.
5. The maximum factored load that may be applied to one side of the double joist using this detail is 860 lbf/ft.

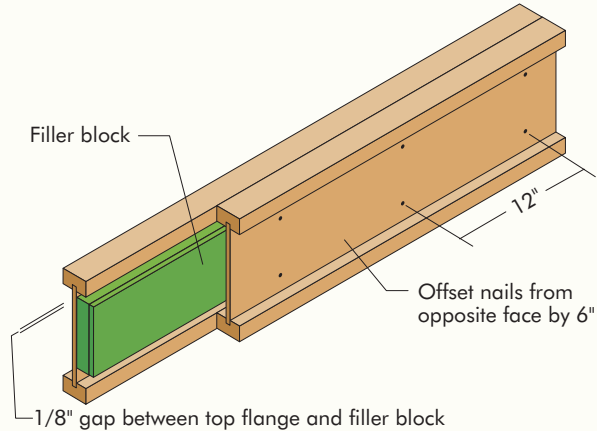


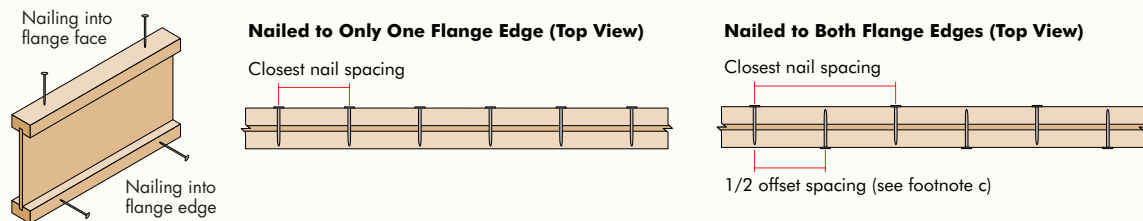
TABLE 4

**RECOMMENDED CLOSEST NAIL SPACING FOR FASTENING SHEATHING TO ACJ I-JOIST FLANGES TO MINIMIZE SPLITTING <sup>(a)</sup>**

Joist Series	Fastener Size (diameter x length)	Flange Face Nailing <sup>b</sup>		Flange Edge Nailing <sup>c</sup>		
		End Distance (in.)	Nail Spacing (in.)	End Distance (in.)	Nail Spacing (in.)	
					Nailed to Only One Flange Edge	Nailed to Both Flange Edges
ACJ 40	0.128" or smaller in diameter and 3-1/4" or shorter in length (8d box or sinker, 10d box or sinker, or 12d box)	2	2	2	2	4
ACJ 60	Greater than 0.128" up to 0.148" in diameter and 3-1/4" or shorter in length (8d common, 10d common, 12d sinker or common, or 16d sinker)	2	3	2	3	6
ACJ 80						

**Notes:**

- a. See figure below.
- b. If more than one row is required, offset rows a minimum of 1/2 inch and stagger.
- c. Closest nail spacing measured from one flange edge. Nails on opposite flange edge must be offset one-half the minimum spacing.



All nails shown in the details above are assumed to be common nails unless otherwise noted. Framing lumber assumed to be Spruce-Pine-Fir. Individual components not shown to scale for clarity.

## I-JOIST WEB STIFFENERS

### A Web Stiffener is a Wood Block That is Used to Reinforce the Web of an I-Joist at Locations Where:

- The webs of the I-joist are in jeopardy of buckling out of plane. This usually occurs in deeper I-joists.
- The webs of the I-joist are in jeopardy of “knifing” through the I-joist flanges.  
This can occur at any I-joist depth when the design reaction loads exceed a specific level.
- The I-joist is supported in a hanger and the sides of the hanger do not extend up to the top flange.  
With the top flange unsupported by the hanger sides, the joist may deflect laterally, putting a twist in the flange of the joist. The web stiffener supports the I-joist along a vertical axis as designed. (In this application, the web stiffener acts very much like a backer block.)

There are two kinds of web stiffeners: **bearing stiffeners** and **load stiffeners**. They are differentiated by the applied load and the location of the gap between the slightly undersized stiffener and the top or bottom flange. (See Figure 2.)

**Bearing stiffeners** are located at the reactions, both interior and end, when required.

**Load stiffeners** are located between supports where significant point loads are applied to the top flange of an I-joist.

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Web stiffener blocks may be comprised of lumber, APA Rim Board or wood structural panels. The wood structural panels should be Rated Sheathing or Single Floor; minimum lumber grade is NLGA #2 and better.

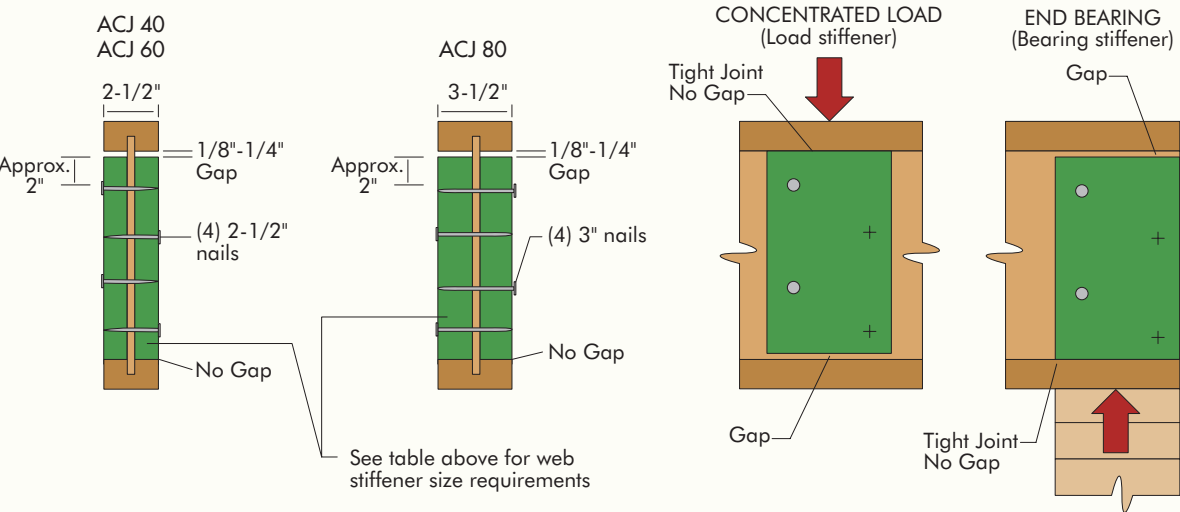
Ideally, the depth of the web stiffener should equal the distance between the flanges of the joist minus 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch. For **bearing stiffeners**, this gap is placed between the top of the stiffener and the bottom of the top flange. For **load stiffeners**, the gap is located at the bottom of the stiffener.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACUJOIST ACJ SERIES I-JOISTS:

1. A **bearing stiffener** is required in all engineered applications with design end reactions greater than **2,447 lbf**. The gap between the stiffener and the flange is at the top.
2. A **bearing stiffener** is required when the I-joist is supported in a hanger and the sides of the hanger do not extend up to, and support, the top flange. The gap between the stiffener and flange is at the top.
3. A **load stiffener** is required at locations where a concentrated load greater than **2,368 lbf** is applied to the top flange between supports, or in the case of a cantilever, anywhere between the cantilever tip and the support. These values are for normal duration of load, and may be adjusted for other load durations as permitted by the code. The gap between the stiffener and the flange is at the bottom.

FIGURE 2

**WEB STIFFENER INSTALLATION DETAILS**



**STIFFENER SIZE REQUIREMENTS**

ACJ Flange Width	Web Stiffener Size Each Side of Web
2-1/2" ACJ-40/60	1" x 2-5/16" minimum width
3-1/2" ACJ-80	1-1/2" x 2-5/16" minimum width



## CANTILEVER DETAILS FOR BALCONIES (NO WALL LOAD)

Balconies may be constructed using either continuous I-Joists (Figure 3) or by adding lumber extensions (Figure 4) to the I-joist. Continuous I joist cantilevers are limited to one-fourth the adjacent clear span when supporting uniform loads only.

**CAUTION:** AcuJoist cantilevered balcony details address structural considerations only. Cantilevered balcony details for moisture control, weathering and durability are beyond the scope of this publication.

Unless otherwise engineered, cantilevers are limited to a maximum of 4 feet when supporting uniform loads only. Blocking is required at the cantilever support, as shown.

*Caution: Uniform floor load shall not exceed 40 psf live load and 10 psf dead load. The balcony load shall not exceed 60 psf live load and 10 psf dead load.*

## CANTILEVER DETAILS FOR VERTICAL BUILDING OFFSET (UNIFORM WALL LOAD)

I-joists may also be used in cantilever applications supporting a uniform wall load applied to the end of the cantilever, such as with a vertical building offset. Depending on the loading configuration, cantilever reinforcements may be required for load bearing cantilever applications. Figures 5a provides cantilever reinforcement details and Table 4 and Figure 5b provide cantilever reinforcement requirements based on a cantilever length of 2 feet (maximum). As shown, three methods of reinforcement are provided: reinforcing sheathing applied to one side of the I-joist (Method 1), reinforcing sheathing applied to both sides of the I-joist (Method 2) or double I-joists (Alternate Method 2). Note that blocking is required along the cantilever support.

FIGURE 3

### I-JOIST CANTILEVER DETAIL FOR BALCONIES

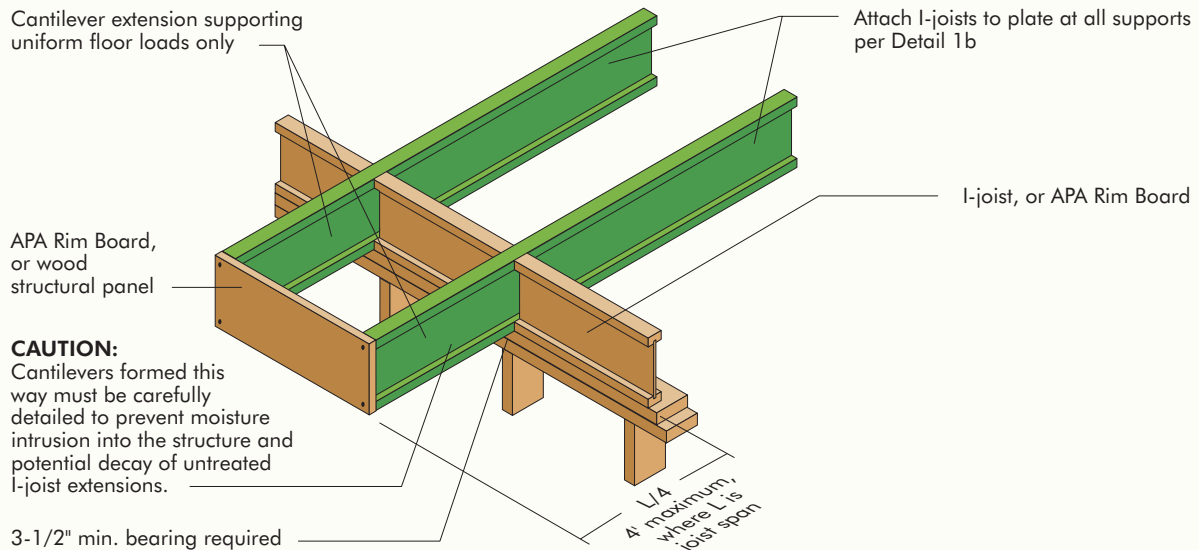
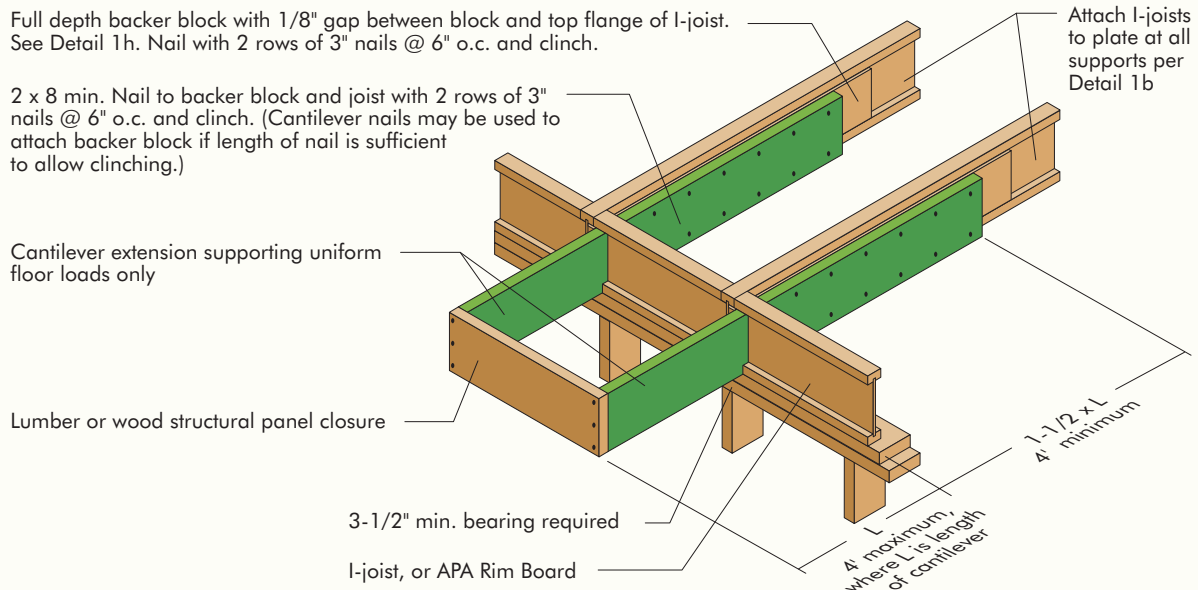


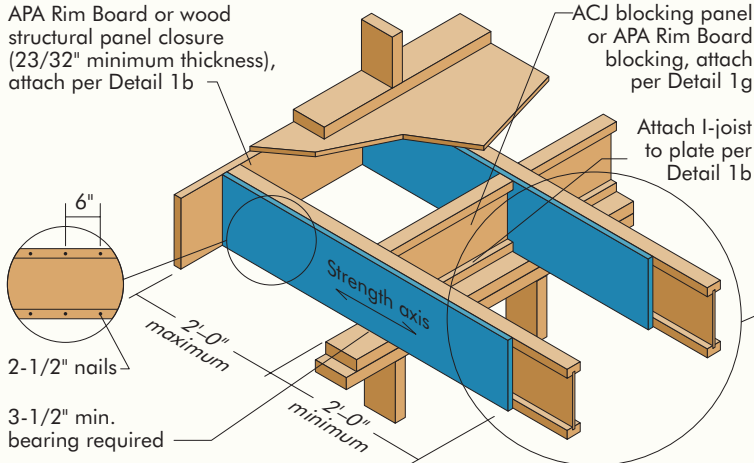
FIGURE 4

### LUMBER CANTILEVER DETAIL FOR BALCONIES

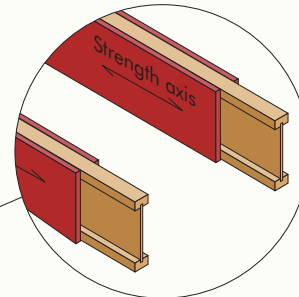


Note: This detail is applicable to cantilevers supporting a maximum specified uniform live load of 60 psf.

FIGURE 5a

**CANTILEVER DETAIL FOR VERTICAL BUILDING OFFSET**
**Method 1**
**SHEATHING REINFORCEMENT ONE SIDE**

**Method 2**
**SHEATHING REINFORCEMENT TWO SIDES**

Use same installation as Method 1 but reinforce both sides of I-joist with sheathing or APA Rim Board.



Use nailing pattern shown for Method 1 with opposite face nailing offset by 3"

Note: APA RATED SHEATHING 48/24 (minimum thickness 23/32") required on sides of joist. Depth shall match the full height of the joist. Nail with 2-1/2" nails at 6" o.c., top and bottom flange. Install with face grain horizontal. Attach I-joist to plate at all supports per Detail 1b

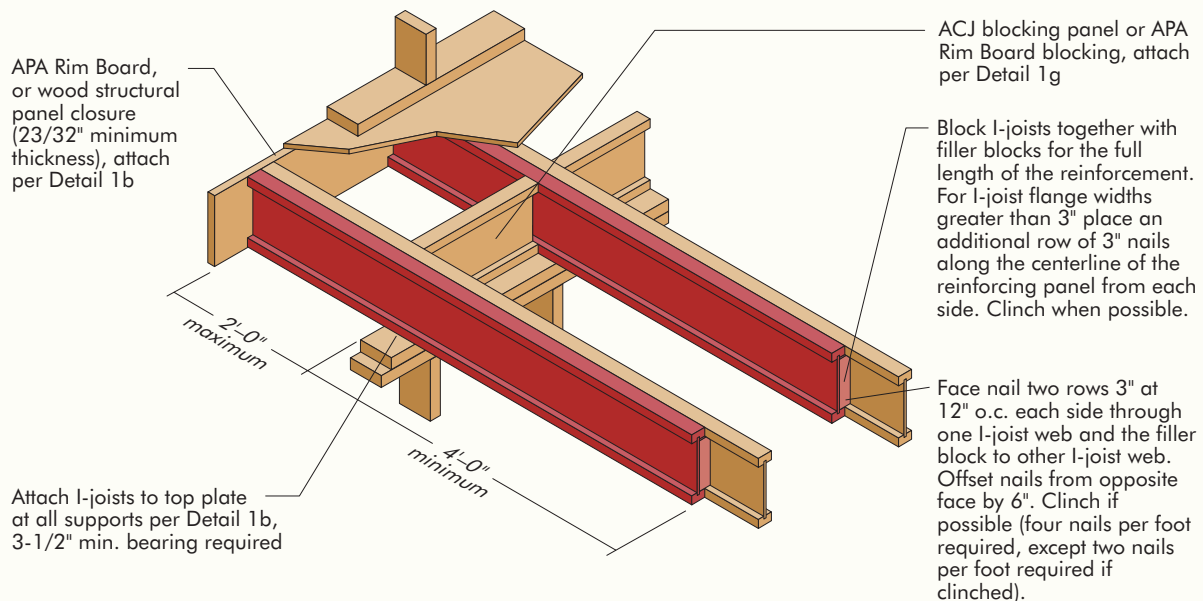
**Alternate Method 2**  
**DOUBLE I-JOIST**


FIGURE 5b

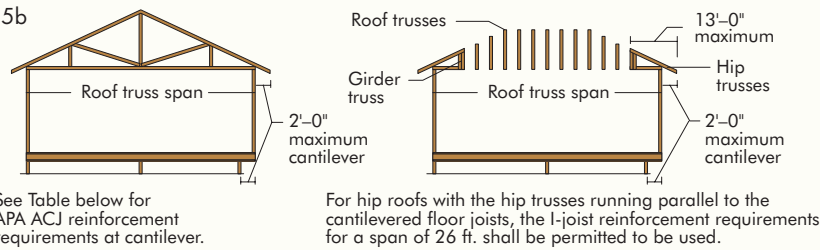


TABLE 4

## ACJ CANTILEVER REINFORCEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIGURE 5a

Joist Depth (in.)	Roof Truss Span (ft)	ROOF LOADINGS											
		TL = 35 psf LL not to exceed 20 psf				TL = 45 psf LL not to exceed 30 psf				TL = 55 psf LL not to exceed 40 psf			
		Joist Spacing (in.)				Joist Spacing (in.)				Joist Spacing (in.)			
		12	16	19.2	24	12	16	19.2	24	12	16	19.2	24
9-1/2	26	N	N	N	1	N	N	1	2	N	1	2	X
	28	N	N	1	1	N	N	1	2	N	1	2	X
	30	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	2	X
	32	N	N	1	2	N	1	1	X	N	1	2	X
	34	N	N	1	2	N	1	2	X	N	2	X	X
	36	N	N	1	2	N	1	2	X	N	2	X	X
11-7/8	26	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	1	N	1	1	2
	28	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	1	N	1	1	2
	30	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2
	32	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2
	34	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	2	2
	36	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	1	1	2	2
14	38	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2	1	1	2	X
	26	N	N	N	1	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2
	28	N	N	N	1	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2
	30	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	1	N	1	1	2
	32	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	1	N	1	1	2
	34	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2
16	36	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2
	38	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2
	40	N	1	1	1	N	1	1	2	1	1	2	2
	26	N	N	1	1	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2
	28	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	1	N	1	1	2
	30	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2
16	32	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2
	34	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2
	36	N	N	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	2	2
	38	N	1	1	1	N	1	1	2	1	1	2	X
	40	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2	1	1	2	X
	42	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2	1	1	2	X

## Notes

- (1) N = No reinforcement required.  
1 = ACJs reinforced with 23/32" wood structural panel on one side only.  
2 = ACJs reinforced with 23/32" wood structural panel on both sides or double I-joist.
- (2) X = Try a deeper joist or closer spacing.
- (3) Color coding in Table is matched to details in Figure 5a.
- (4) Maximum load shall be: 15 psf roof dead load, 50 psf floor total load, and 80 plf wall load. Wall load is based on 3'-0" maximum width window or door openings. For larger openings, or multiple 3'-0" width openings spaced less than 6'-0" o.c., additional joists beneath the opening's cripple studs may be required.

- (5) Table applies to joists 12" to 24" o.c. Use 12" o.c. requirements for lesser spacings.
- (6) For conventional roof construction using a ridge beam, the Roof Truss Span column above is equivalent to the distance between the supporting wall and the ridge beam. When the roof is framed using a ridge board, the Roof Truss Span is equivalent to the distance between the supporting walls as if a truss is used.
- (7) Cantilevered joists supporting girder trusses or roof beams may require additional reinforcing.

## WEB HOLE SPECIFICATIONS

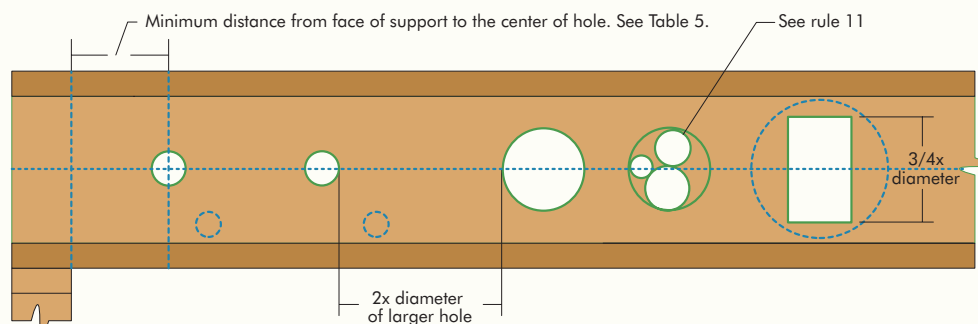
One of the benefits of using I-joists in residential floor construction is that holes may be cut in the joist webs to accommodate electrical wiring, plumbing lines and other mechanical systems, therefore minimizing the depth of the floor system.

### Rules for cutting holes in AcuJoists ACJ Series I-Joists

1. The distance between the inside edge of the support and the centerline of any hole shall be in compliance with the requirements of Table 5.
2. I-joist top and bottom flanges must NEVER be cut, notched, or otherwise modified.
3. Whenever possible field-cut holes should be centered on the middle of the web.
4. The maximum size hole that can be cut into an I-joist web shall equal the clear distance between the flanges of the I-joist minus 1/4 inch. A minimum of 1/8 inch should always be maintained between the top or bottom of the hole and the adjacent I-joist flange.
5. The sides of square holes or longest sides of rectangular holes should not exceed three fourths of the diameter of the maximum round hole permitted at that location.
6. Where more than one hole is necessary, the distance between adjacent hole edges shall exceed twice the diameter of the largest round hole or twice the size of the largest square hole (**or twice the length of the longest side of the longest rectangular hole**) and each hole must be sized and located in compliance with the requirements of Table 5.
7. Holes measuring 1-1/2 inches shall be permitted anywhere in a cantilevered section of a ACJ Joist. Holes of greater size may be permitted subject to verification.
8. A 1-1/2-inch hole can be placed anywhere in the web provided that it meets the requirements of Rule number 6 above.
9. All holes shall be cut in a workman-like manner in accordance with the restrictions listed above and as illustrated in Figure 6.
10. Limit 3 maximum size holes per span.
11. A group of round holes at approximately the same location shall be permitted if they meet the requirements for a single round hole circumscribed around them.

FIGURE 6

#### ACJ JOIST TYPICAL HOLES



### Cutting the Hole

- Never drill, cut or notch the flange, or over-cut the web.
- Holes in webs should be cut with a sharp saw.
- For rectangular holes, avoid over cutting the corners, as this can cause unnecessary stress concentrations. Slightly rounding the corners is recommended. Starting the rectangular hole by drilling a 1" diameter hole in each of the 4 corners and then making the cuts between the holes is another good method to minimize damage to I-joist.

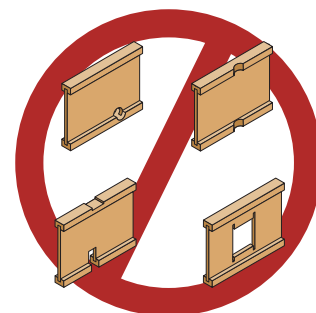




TABLE 5

**LOCATION OF CIRCULAR HOLES IN ACJ JOIST WEBS**
**Single or Multiple Span for Loads up to 40 psf Live and 15 psf Dead designed to CSA086-19-A5.4.5.1<sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup>**

			Minimum Distance from Inside Face of Any Support to Center of Hole (ft-in.)																	
I-Joist Depth	Joist	SAF <sup>(5)</sup>	Round Hole Diameter (in.)																	
			2	3	4	5	6	6-1/4	7	8	8-5/8	9	10	10-3/4	11	12	12-3/4	13	14	14-3/4
9-1/2"	ACJ-40	13'-9"	0'-6"	1'-0"	2'-9"	4'-7"	6'-4"	6'-9"												
	ACJ-60	14'-5'	0'-6"	1'-4"	3'-1"	4'-11"	6'-8"	7'-1"												
11-7/8"	ACJ-40	16'-4"	0'-7"	0'-8"	0'-8"	2'-2"	3'-10"	4'-3"	5'-6"	7'-2"	8'-2"									
	ACJ-60	17'-7"	0'-7"	0'-8"	1'-2"	2'-10"	4'-6"	4'-11"	6'-1"	7'-9"	8'-9"									
	ACJ-80	18'-10"	0'-7"	0'-8"	1'-10"	3'-6"	5'-1"	5'-6"	6'-9"	8'-5"	9'-5"									
14"	ACJ-40	18'-6"	0'-8"	0'-9"	0'-9"	0'-10"	1'-9"	2'-2"	3'-4"	4'-11"	5'-11"	6'-7"	8'-2"	9'-3"						
	ACJ-60	19'-4"	0'-8"	0'-9"	0'-9"	0'-10"	2'-3"	2'-8"	3'-10"	5'-5"	6'-5"	7'-1"	8'-8"	9'-2"						
	ACJ-80	20'-11"	0'-8"	0'-9"	0'-9"	1'-4"	3'-0"	3'-4"	4'-7"	6'-2"	7'-2"	7'-9"	9'-4"	19'-5"						
16"	ACJ-40	20'-5"	0'-9"	0'-10"	0'-10"	0'-11"	0'-11"	1'-0"	1'-5"	3'-0"	4'-0"	4'-7"	6'-1"	7'-4"	7'-8"	9'-3"	10'-2"			
	ACJ-60	21'-1"	0'-9"	0'-10"	0'-10"	0'-11"	0'-11"	1'-0"	1'-9"	3'-4"	4'-4"	4'-11"	6'-6"	7'-8"	8'-0"	9'-7"	10'-6"			
	ACJ-80	22'-8"	0'-9"	0'-10"	0'-10"	0'-11"	1'-0"	1'-5"	2'-7"	4'-1"	5'-1"	5'-8"	7'-3"	8'-5"	8'-10"	10'-4"	11'-4"			
18"	ACJ-80	24'-5"	0'-10"	0'-11"	0'-11"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-1"	1'-1"	1'-1"	2'-0"	2'-8"	4'-4"	5'-8"	6'-1"	7'-9"	9'-1"	9'-6"	11'-2"	12'-6"

Notes: (1) Above tables may be used for I-joist spacing of 24 inches on centre or less.

(2) Hole location distance is measured from inside face of supports to centre of hole.

(3) Distances in this chart are based on uniformly loaded joists.

(4) This chart accounts for the worst case created by the allowable Single spans shown on Tables 2 and 3 in this guide. Hole sizes and/or locations that fall outside the scope of this table may be acceptable based on analysis of the actual hole size, span, spacing and loading conditions.

(5) SAF = Span Adjustment Factor, used as defined below:

$$D_{\text{reduced}} = \frac{L_{\text{actual}}}{\text{SAF}} \times D$$

**OPTIONAL:**

Table 5 is based on the I-Joists being used at their maximum span. If the I-Joists are placed at less than their full allowable span, the maximum distance from the centreline of the hole to the face of any support (D) as given above may be reduced as follows:

Where:  $D_{\text{reduced}}$  = Distance from the inside face of any support to centre of hole, reduced for less-than-maximum span applications (ft).  
The reduced distance shall not be less than the joist depth from the face of support to edge of the hole.

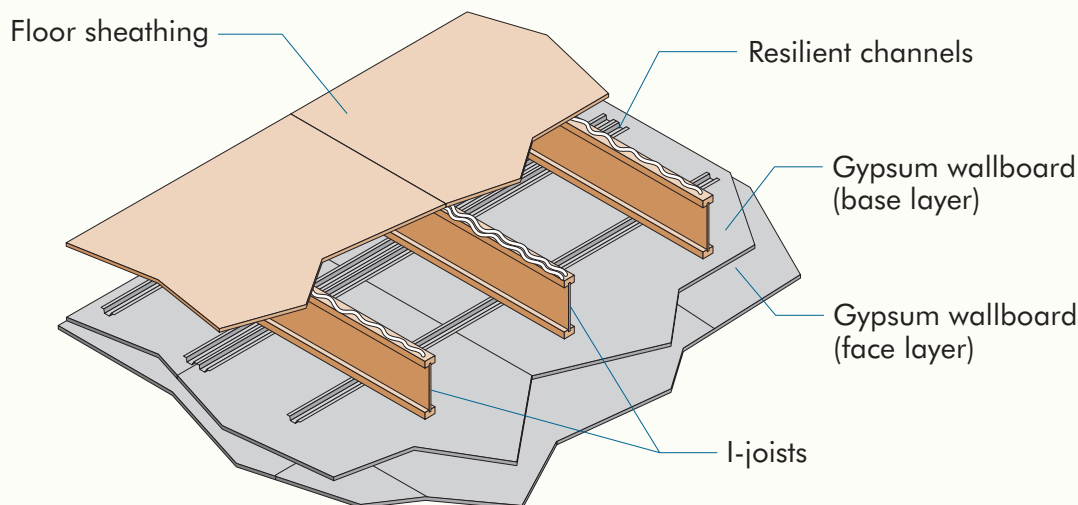
 $L_{\text{actual}}$  = The actual measured span between the inside face of supports (ft).

SAF = Span Adjustment Factor given in Table 5.

D = The minimum distance from the inside face of any support to the centre of the hole from Table 5 above.

If  $\frac{L_{\text{actual}}}{\text{SAF}}$  is greater than 1, use 1 in the above calculation for  $\frac{L_{\text{actual}}}{\text{SAF}}$ .

FIGURE 5.6

**ONE-HOUR COMBUSTIBLE FLOOR-CEILING ASSEMBLY WITH ACJ JOISTS\***

**A. BASIC ASSEMBLIES**

1. Floor topping (optional): Varies (reference sound ratings if applicable).
2. Floor sheathing: Min. 23/32-inch (18-mm) T&G wood structural panel. The sheets shall be installed with their long edge perpendicular to the joists with end joints centered over the top flange of joists. Floor sheathing must be installed per code requirements.
3. Structural members: Min. 9-1/2 inches (241 mm) deep I-joists. Max. 24 inch (610 mm) on center spacing. Min. flange thickness of 1-5/16 inches (33 mm) and each flange area of at least 1.95 inches<sup>2</sup> (1,258 mm<sup>2</sup>). Min. web thickness of 3/8 inch (9.5 mm).
4. Resilient channels: Min. 0.019-inch (0.5-mm) galvanized resilient channels. Attached perpendicular to the bottom flange of the I-joist with 1-1/4-inch (32-mm) Type S drywall screws. Channels are spaced a max. of 16 inches (406 mm) on center (24 inches or 610 mm when I-joists are spaced a max. of 16 inches or 406 mm on center), are doubled at each base layer wallboard end joint and extend to the next joist beyond each joint.
5. Ceiling: Two layers of 1/2-inch (13-mm) Type X gypsum wallboard.
  - a. Base layer: Install with long dimension perpendicular to resilient channels. Attach to the resilient channels using 1-1/4 inch (32-mm) Type S drywall screws at 12 inches (305 mm) on center. The end joints of the wallboard must be staggered.
  - b. Face layer: Install with long dimension perpendicular to resilient channels. Attach to the resilient channels through the base layer using 1-5/8-inch (41-mm) Type S drywall screws spaced at 12 inches (305 mm) on center. The longitudinal joints of this layer must be offset 24 inches (610 mm) from those of the base layer. Additionally, face layer end joints are attached to the base layer with 1-1/2-inch (38-mm) Type G drywall screws at 8 inches (203 mm) on center placed 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) either side of the joint.
  - c. Finish: The face layer joints must be covered with tape and coated with joint compound. Screw heads must also be covered with joint compound.

**B. SOUND RATING<sup>a,b</sup>**

	Without Gypsum Concrete				With 1-in. (25-mm) Gypsum Concrete			
	Cushioned Vinyl	Carpet & Pad	Cushioned Vinyl	Carpet & Pad	Cushioned Vinyl	Carpet & Pad	Cushioned Vinyl	Carpet & Pad
Joist/RC Spacing <sup>c</sup>	STC	IIC	STC	IIC	STC	IIC	STC	IIC
24"/16" o.c.	46	44	46	61	58	47 (51)	58	67
16"/24" o.c.	47	43	47	64	60	49 (52)	60	67

- a. Sound ratings from the American Wood Council publication Design for Code Acceptance (DCA) 3, available from [www.awc.org](http://www.awc.org).
- b. STC and IIC values established by engineering analysis. Values in parentheses are based on laminate wood flooring over a 0.08-in. (2-mm) closed-cell foam underlay, in lieu of cushioned vinyl flooring.
- c. STC and IIC values for 16-inch (406-mm) on center joist spacing are applicable to 19.2-inch (488-mm) on center joist spacing.

**C. SIMILAR ASSEMBLIES**

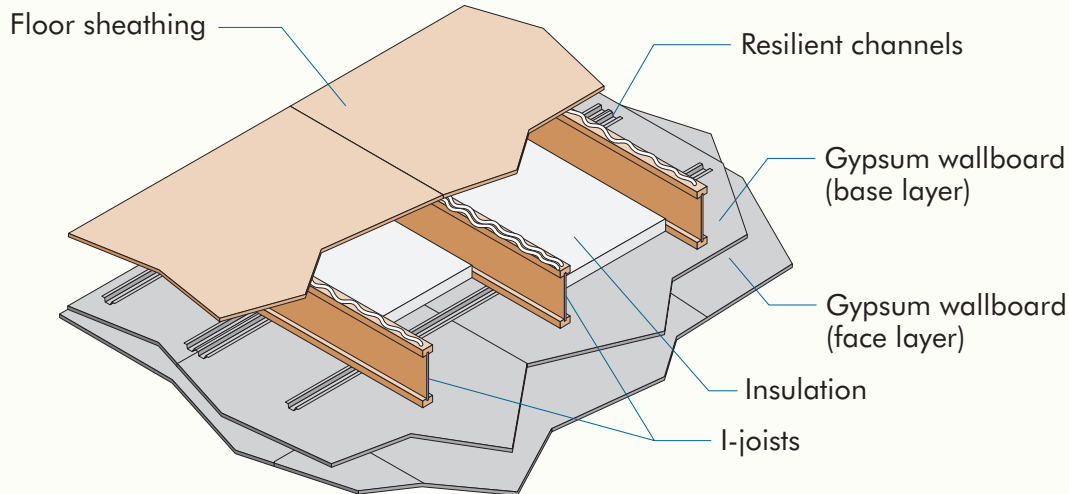
1. 2012/2015/2018/2021 IBC Table 721.1(3) Item 27-1.1, and DCA 3 WIJ-1.6.
2. Assemblies that meet the fire-resistance rating in accordance with NBC 2020 Table 9.10.3.1.-B or the calculation method specified in NBC Appendix D-2.3.

\* This assembly may also be used in a fire-rated roof/ceiling assembly, but only when constructed exactly as described.

† Direct attachment of gypsum wallboard in lieu of attachment to resilient channels is typically deemed acceptable. When gypsum wallboard directly attached to the I-joists, the wallboard shall be installed with the long dimension perpendicular to the I-joists and sound rating for assembly in Figure 5.5 shall be used.

FIGURE 5.7

### ONE-HOUR COMBUSTIBLE FLOOR-CEILING ASSEMBLY WITH ACJ JOISTS\*



#### A. BASIC ASSEMBLIES

1. Floor topping (optional): Varies (reference sound ratings if applicable).
2. Floor sheathing: Min. 23/32-inch (18-mm) T&G wood structural panel. The sheets shall be installed with their long edge perpendicular to the joists with end joints centered over the top flange of joists. Floor sheathing must be installed per code requirements.
3. Insulation: Glass fiber insulation. Installed between I-joists and supported by resilient channels.
4. Structural members: Min. 9-1/2 inches (241 mm) deep I-joists. Max. 24 inches (610 mm) on center spacing. Min. flange thickness of 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) and each flange area of at least 2.25 inches<sup>2</sup> (1,452 mm<sup>2</sup>). Min. web thickness of 3/8 inch (9.5 mm).
5. Resilient channels: Min. 0.019-inch (0.5-mm) galvanized resilient channels. Attached perpendicular to the bottom flange of the I-joist with 1-1/4 inch (32-mm) Type S drywall screws. Channels are spaced a max. of 16 inches (406 mm) on center (24 inches or 610 mm when I-joists are spaced a max. of 16 inches or 406 mm on center), are doubled at each base layer wallboard end joint and extend to the next joist beyond each joint.
6. Ceiling: Two layers of 1/2-inch (13-mm) Type X gypsum wallboard
  - a. Base layer: Install with long dimension perpendicular to resilient channels. Attach to the resilient channels using 1-1/4 inch (32-mm) Type S drywall screws at 12 inches (305 mm) on center. The end joints of the wallboard must be staggered.
  - b. Face layer: Install with long dimension perpendicular to resilient channels. Attach to the resilient channels through the base layer using 1-5/8-inch (41-mm) Type S drywall screws spaced at 12 inches (305 mm) on center. The longitudinal joints of this layer must be offset 24 inches (610 mm) from those of the base layer. Additionally, face layer end joints are attached to the base layer with 1-1/2-inch (38-mm) Type G drywall screws at 8 inches (203 mm) on center placed 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) either side of the joint.
  - c. Finish: The face layer joints must be covered with tape and coated with joint compound. Screw heads must also be covered with joint compound.

#### B. SOUND RATING<sup>a,b</sup>

	Without Gypsum Concrete				With 1-in. (25-mm) Gypsum Concrete			
	Cushioned Vinyl		Carpet & Pad		Cushioned Vinyl		Carpet & Pad	
Joist/RC Spacing <sup>c</sup>	STC	IIC	STC	IIC	STC	IIC	STC	IIC
24"/16" o.c.	56	51	56	69	64	53	64	71
16"/24" o.c.	55	48 (51)	55	67	64	54	64	67

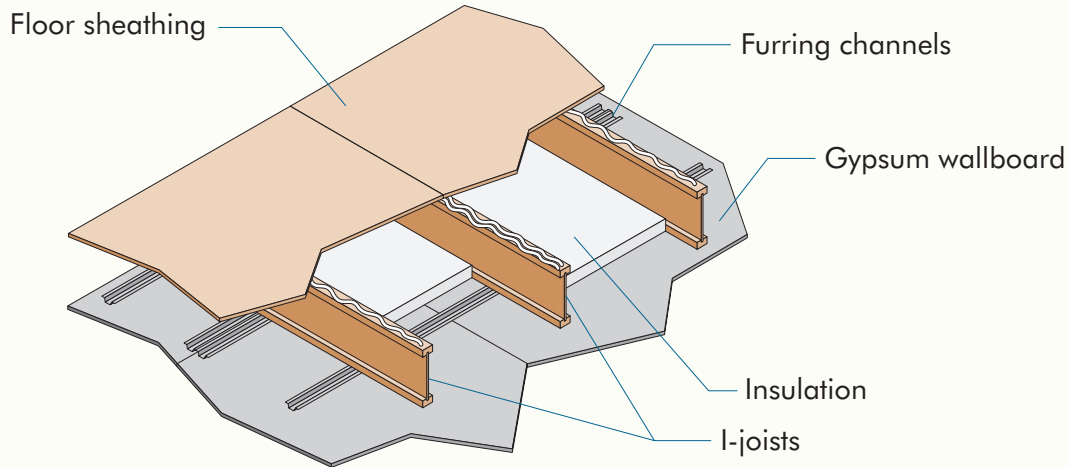
- a. Sound ratings from the American Wood Council publication Design for Code Acceptance (DCA) 3, available from [www.awc.org](http://www.awc.org).
- b. STC and IIC values established by engineering analysis based on 3.5-inch (89-mm) thick glass fiber insulation. Values in parentheses are based on laminate wood flooring over a 0.08-inch (2-mm) closed-cell foam underlay, in lieu of cushioned vinyl flooring.
- c. STC and IIC values for 16-inch (406-mm) on center joist spacing are applicable to 19.2-inch (488-mm) on center joist spacing.

#### C. SIMILAR ASSEMBLIES

1. 2015/2018/2021 IBC Table 721.1(3) Item 30-1.1 and DCA3 WJ-1.7.
2. Assemblies that meet the fire-resistance rating in accordance with NBC 2020 Table 9.10.3.1-B or the calculation method specified in NBC Appendix D-2.3.

\* This assembly may also be used in a fire-rated roof/ceiling assembly, but only when constructed exactly as described.

FIGURE 5.1 (Figure 5.1 applies only to ACJ-80 series joists)

**ONE-HOUR COMBUSTIBLE FLOOR-CEILING ASSEMBLY WITH ACJ-80 JOISTS\***

**A. BASIC ASSEMBLIES**

1. Floor topping (optional): Varies (reference sound ratings if applicable).
2. Floor sheathing: Min. 23/32-inch (18-mm) T&G wood structural panel. A construction adhesive must be applied to the top of the joists prior to placing sheathing. The sheets shall be installed with their long edge perpendicular to the joists with end joints centered over the top flange of joists. Floor sheathing must be installed per code requirements.
3. Insulation: Min. 1-1/2-inch (38-mm) mineral wool insulation batts (min. 2.5 pcf). Installed adjacent to the bottom flange of the I-joist and supported by the furring channels. Ends of batts shall be centered over furring channels.
4. Structural members: Min. 9-1/4 inches (235 mm) deep I-joists. Max. 24 inches (610 mm) on center spacing. Min. flange thickness of 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) and each flange area of at least 5.25 inches<sup>2</sup> (3,387 mm<sup>2</sup>). Min. web thickness of 3/8 inch (9.5 mm).
5. Furring channels: Min. 0.026-inch (0.66-mm) hat shaped galvanized steel channels attached perpendicular to the bottom flange of the I-joist with 1-5/8-inch (41-mm) Type S drywall screws. Channels are spaced a max. of 16 inches (406 mm) on center, are doubled at each wallboard end joint, and extend to the next joist beyond each joint.
6. Ceiling: One layer of 5/8-inch (16-mm) Type C gypsum wallboard. Installed with long dimension perpendicular to furring channels and fastened with min. 1-1/8-inch (29-mm) Type S drywall screws spaced at 12 inches (305 mm) on center on intermediate joists and 8 inches (203 mm) on center at end joints, and 3/4 inch (19 mm) from wallboard edges and ends. The end joints of the wallboard must be staggered.
  - a. Finish: The face layer joints must be covered with tape and coated with joint compound. Screw heads must also be covered with joint compound.

**B. SOUND RATING<sup>a,b</sup>**

	Without Gypsum Concrete				With 1-in. (25-mm) Gypsum Concrete			
	Cushioned Vinyl		Carpet & Pad		Cushioned Vinyl		Carpet & Pad	
Joist/RC Spacing <sup>c</sup>	STC	IIC	STC	IIC	STC	IIC	STC	IIC
24"/16" o.c.	48 (51)	42 (43)	48 (51)	61 (63)	63 (65)	50 (52)	63 (65)	65 (67)
16"/24" o.c.	44 (46)	37 (39)	44 (46)	60 (61)	56 (57)	46 (47)	56 (57)	58 (59)

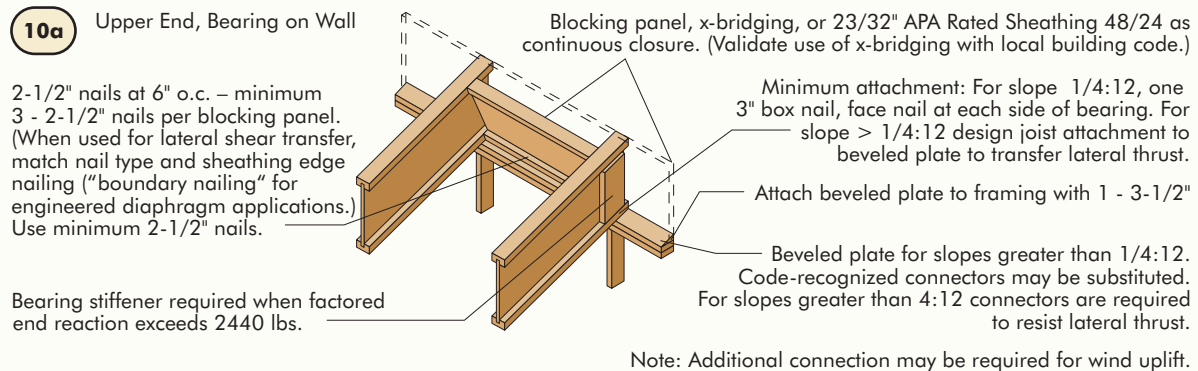
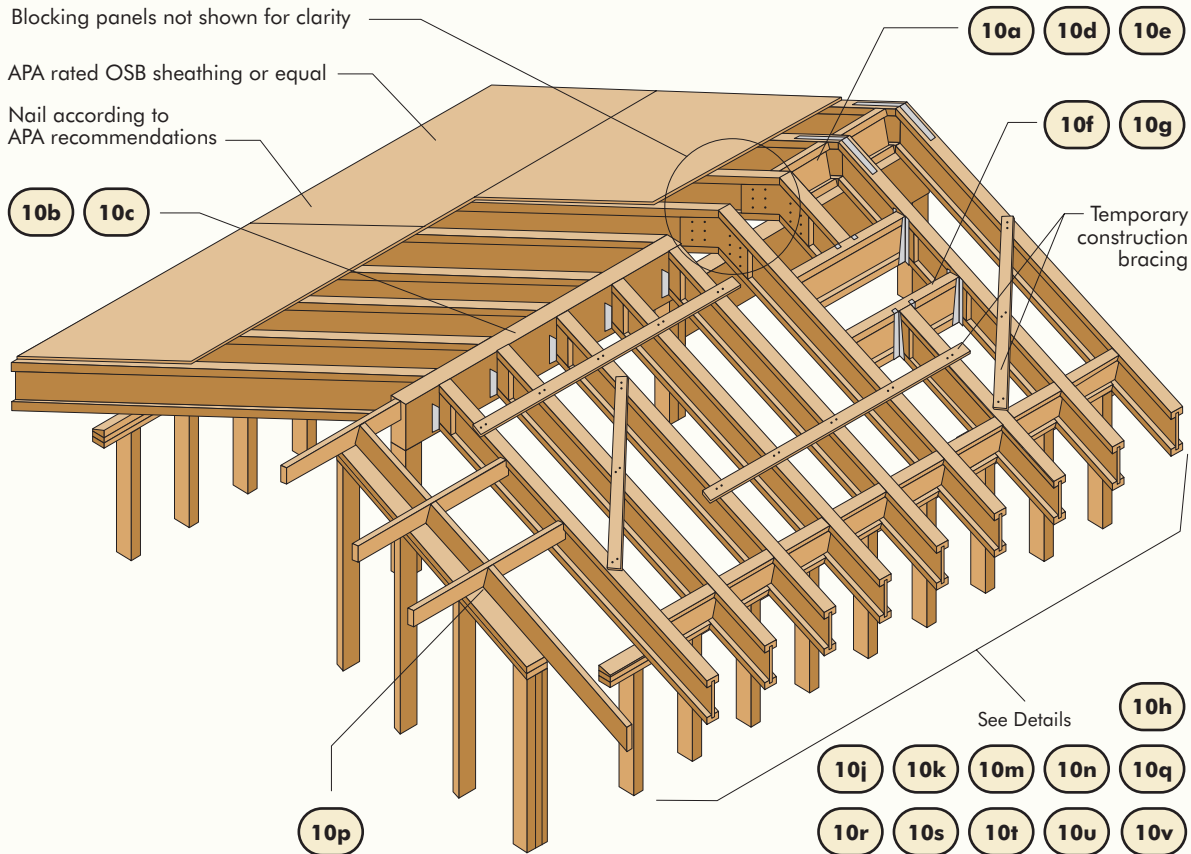
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- b. STC and IIC values established by engineering analysis based on 1.5-inch (38-mm) thick mineral wool batt insulation. Values in parentheses are based on 3.5-inch (89-mm) thick mineral wool batt insulation.
- c. STC and IIC values for 16-inch (406-mm) on center joist spacing are applicable to 19.2-inch (488-mm) on center joist spacing.

**C. SIMILAR ASSEMBLIES**

1. 2012/2015/2018/2021 IBC Table 721.1(3) Item 24-1.1 and DCA 3 WIJ-1.1.
2. Assemblies that meet the fire-resistance rating in accordance with NBC 2020 Table 9.10.3.1.-B or the calculation method specified in NBC Appendix D-2.3.

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FIGURE 10

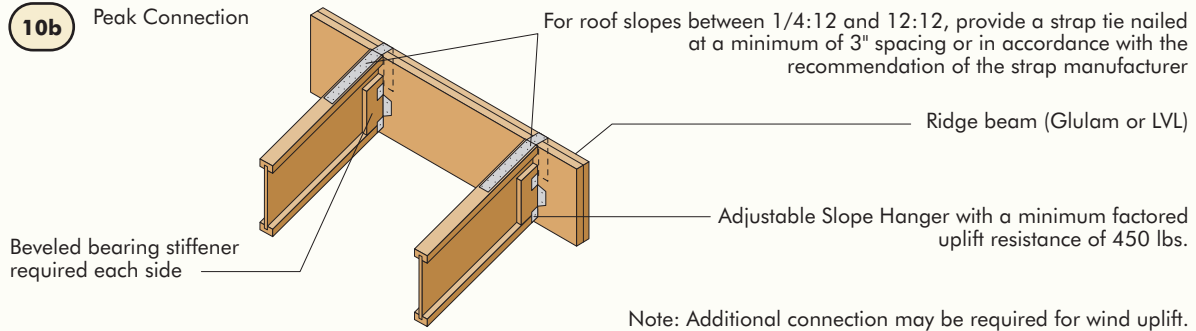
**TYPICAL PERFORMANCE RATED I-JOIST ROOF FRAMING AND CONSTRUCTION**


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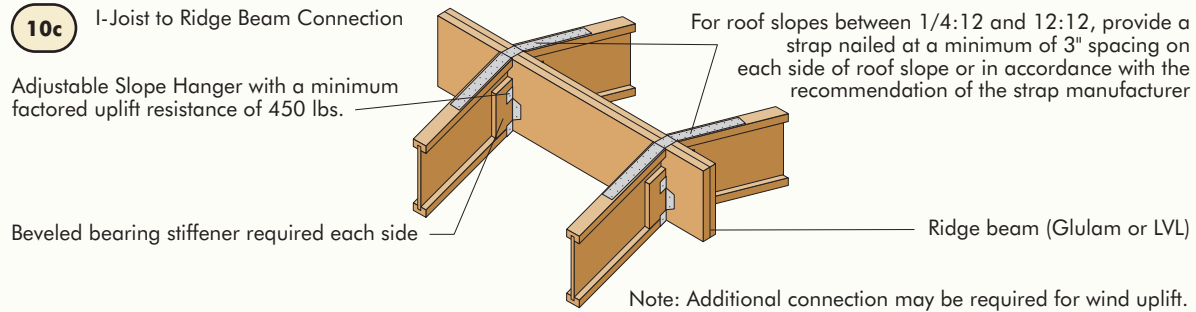
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Peak Connection



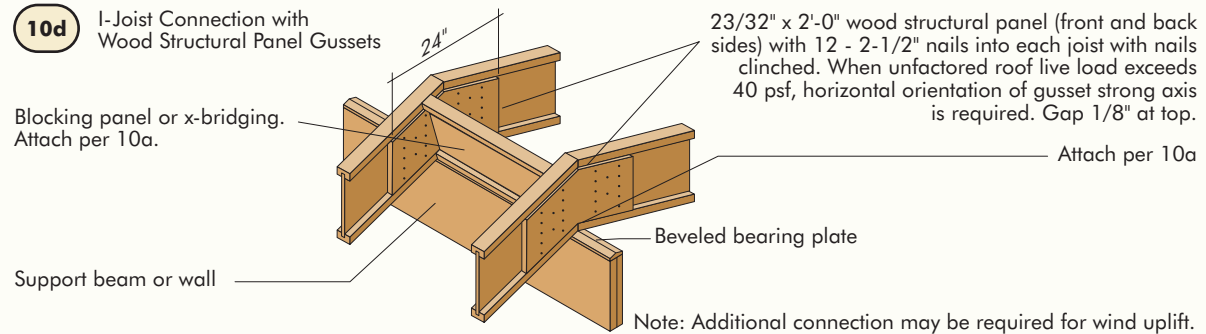
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I-Joist to Ridge Beam Connection



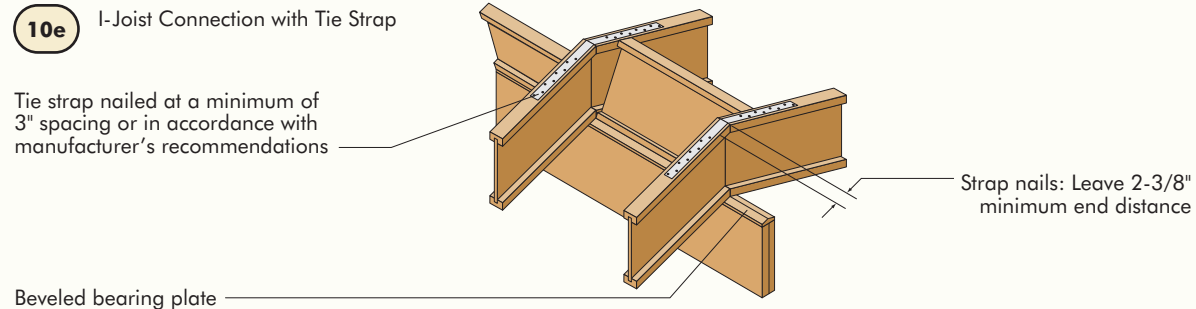
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I-Joist Connection with Wood Structural Panel Gussets



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I-Joist Connection with Tie Strap



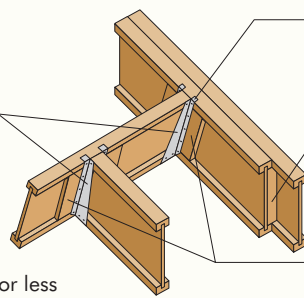
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### Roof Opening Top Mounted Hangers

Bearing stiffeners required when hanger does **NOT** support I-joist top flange

Application limited to 4:12 slope or less



Top mounted hanger per manufacturer's recommendations

Filler blocking per Figure 1p

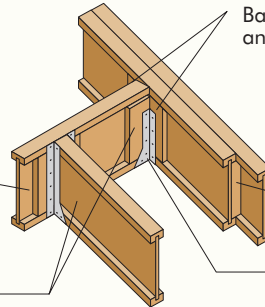
Backer block. If top-mounted hanger is fully supported by top flange, backer block only required on hanger side. If face nailing is required, then second backer block (filler block if multiple I-joist) is required. Nail with 10 - 3" nails for flanges up to 1-3/4" wide. Use 12 - 3" nails for flanges wider than 1-3/4".

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### Roof Opening, Face-Mounted Hangers

Header may be I-joist, LVL, glulam, or lumber

Bearing stiffeners required when hanger does not support I-joist top flange



Backer block on both sides of web (or backer block and filler block, if multiple I-joists), nail with 12 - 3" nails, clinch when possible

Filler blocking per Figure 1p

Face-mount hanger per hanger manufacturer's recommendations

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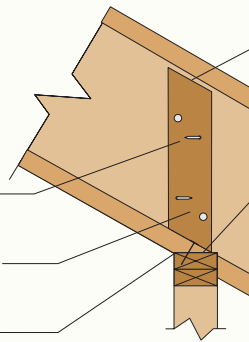
### Birdsmouth Cut & Bevel Cut Bearing Stiffener

Permitted on low end of I-joist only

Bearing stiffeners required each side of I-joist. Bevel-cut bearing stiffener to match roof slope.

4 - 2-1/2" nails (two each side) clinched when possible

Birdsmouth cut shall bear fully and not overhang the inside face of plate



1/8" gap at top

One 3" box nail, face nail at each side of bearing (face nail where flange is 7/8" to 1" thick)

Note: Additional connection may be required for wind uplift.

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### Birdsmouth Cut with Overhang (Permitted on low end of I-joist only)

Bearing stiffener required each side (attach per 10h)

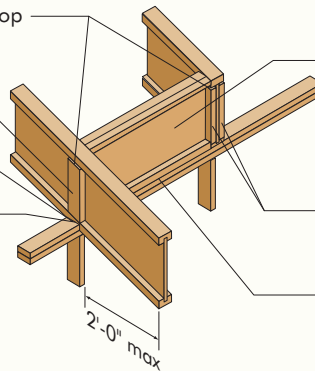
Attach joist to top plate per 10h

Birdsmouth cut at bearing

Note: Additional connection may be required for wind uplift.

Note: Outside corner of blocking panel may be trimmed if it interferes with roof sheathing. In such cases, position blocking panel on top plate to minimize trimming and still allow required nailing into top plate.

1/8" gap at top



Blocking I-joist or panel or x-bridging. (Validate use of x-bridging with local building code.) See 10u for vent holes.

Bearing stiffeners

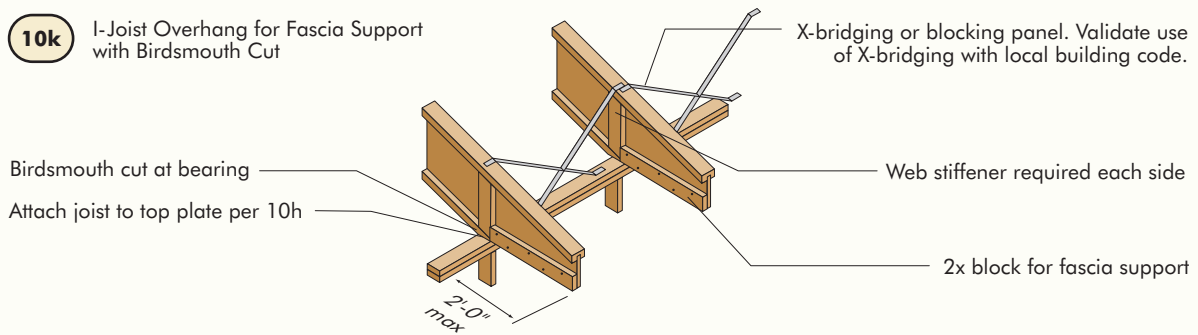
Attach blocking per 10a

2'-0" max

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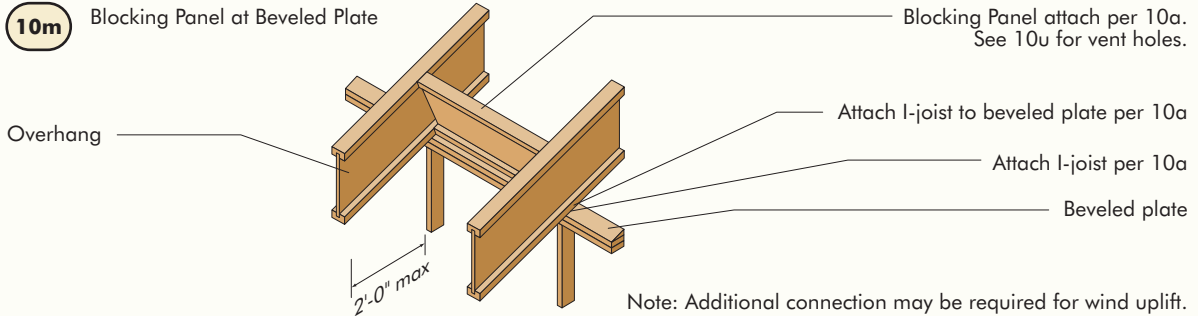
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**I-Joist Overhang for Fascia Support with Birdsmouth Cut**



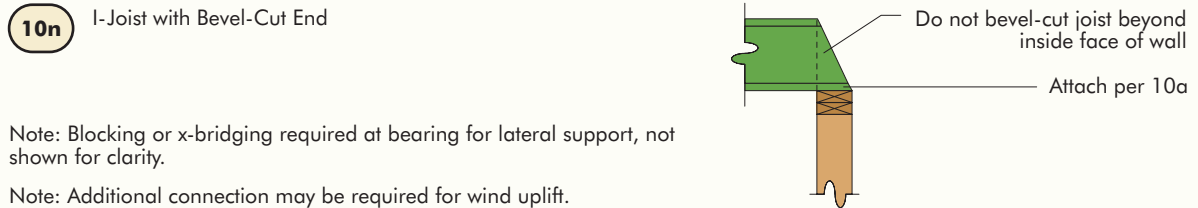
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**Blocking Panel at Beveled Plate**



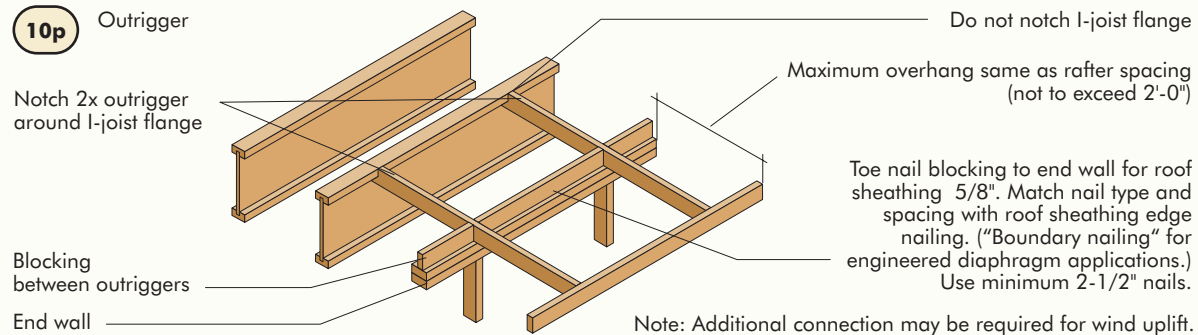
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**I-Joist with Bevel-Cut End**



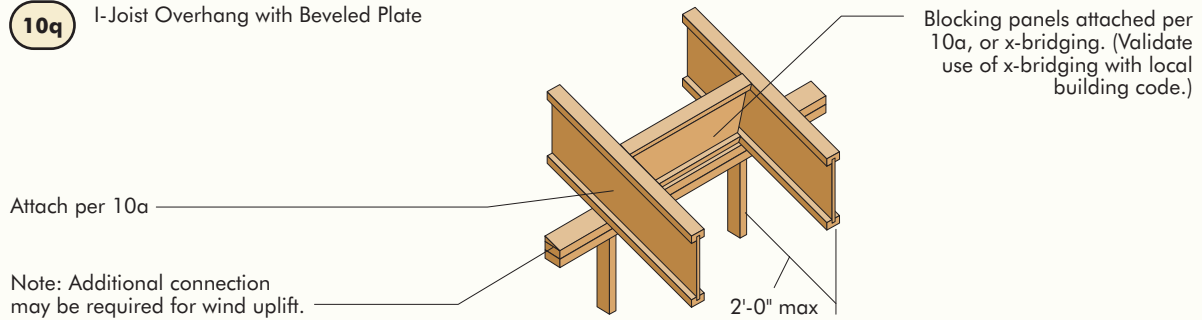
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**Outrigger**

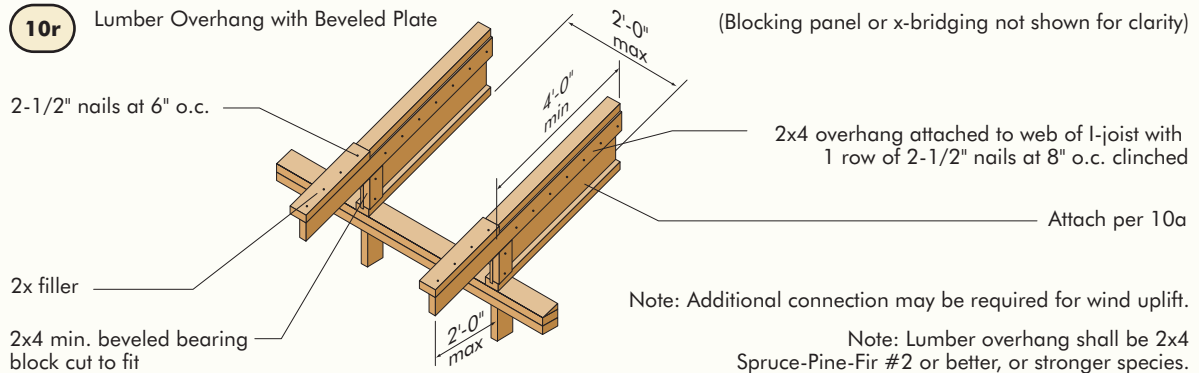


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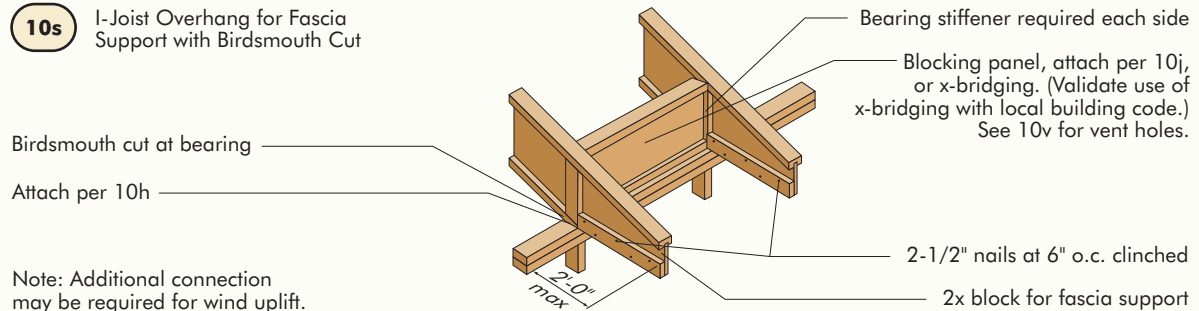
**10q** I-Joist Overhang with Beveled Plate



**10r** Lumber Overhang with Beveled Plate

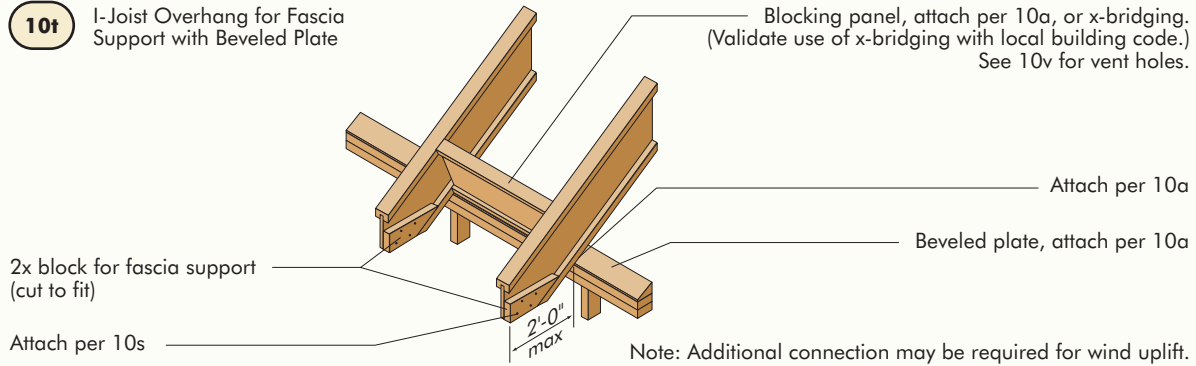


**10s** I-Joist Overhang for Fascia Support with Birdsmouth Cut

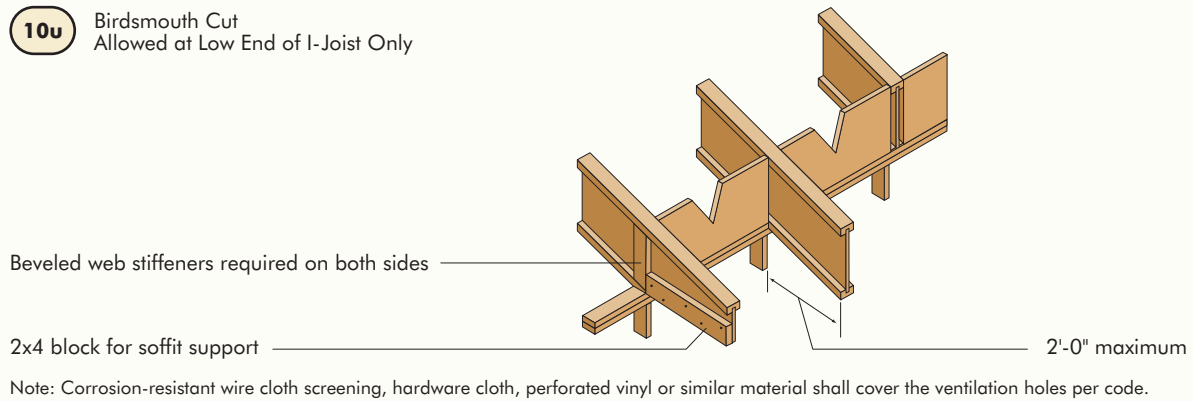


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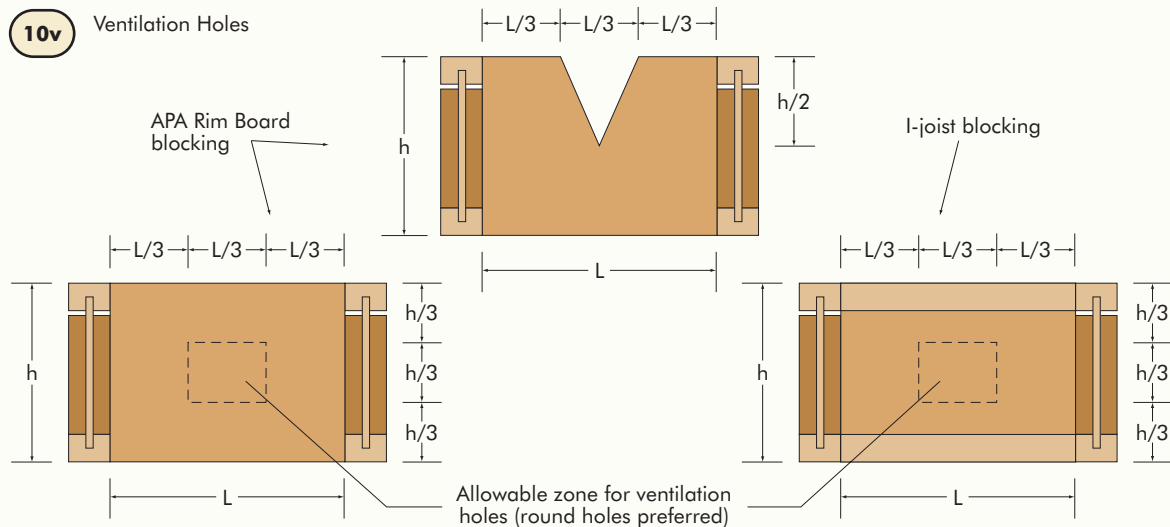
**10t** I-Joist Overhang for Fascia Support with Beveled Plate



**10u** Birdsmouth Cut  
Allowed at Low End of I-Joist Only



**10v** Ventilation Holes



Note: Corrosion-resistant wire cloth screening, hardware cloth, perforated vinyl or similar material shall cover the ventilation holes per code.

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