

AcuJoist Specifier's Guide

ALLOWABLE STRESS DESIGN (ASD)



PERFORMANCE RATED I-JOISTS IN FLOOR AND ROOF FRAMING





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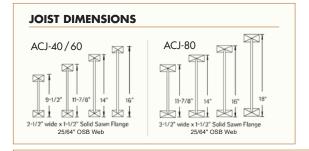
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AcuTruss Industries was founded in 1971 by prominent Vernon BC businessman Dave Marcoux. After celebrating the 27th anniversary of manufacturing roof and floor trusses, AcuTruss began manufacturing the Nascor I-Joist under the new AcuJoist banner. 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.





DESIGN PROPERTIES FOR ACJ JOISTS



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TABLE 1A

DESIGN PROPERTIES (ALLOWABLE STRESS DESIGN) FOR ACUJOIST I-JOISTS(a)

I-Joist Depth (in.)	I-Joist Series	EI(b) (106 lbf-in.2)	$M_{r}^{(c)}$, (lbf-ft)	V _r ^(d) , (lbf)	VLC _r (e), (lbf-ft)	K ^(f) , (106 lbf)
9-1/2	ACJ-40	184	2,735	1,120	2,000	4.94
9-1/2	ACJ-60	219	3,780	1,120	2,000	4.94
	ACJ-40	313	3,545	1,420	2,000	6.18
11-7/8	ACJ-60	371	4,900	1,420	2,000	6.18
	ACJ-80	518	6,940	1,420	2,000	6.18
	ACJ-40	459	4,370	1,710	2,000	7.28
14	ACJ-60	544	5,895	1,710	2,000	7.28
	ACJ-80	<i>7</i> 56	8,360	1,710	2,000	<i>7</i> .28
	ACJ-40	625	5,070	1,970	2,000	8.32
16	ACJ-60	739	6,835	1,970	2,000	8.32
	ACJ-80	1,024	9,690	1,970	2,000	8.32
18	ACJ-80	1,329	10,900	2,500	1,750	11.52

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 lbf = 4.448 N.

(a) The tabulated values are design values for the normal duration of load. All values, except for El, VLC, and K, shall be adjusted for other load durations in accordance with the code.

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

(c) Moment capacity (M) of the I-joist, which shall not be increased by any repetitive member factor.

(d) Shear capacity (V) of the I-joist.

(e) Uniform vertical load capacity of the I-joist.

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

$$\delta = \frac{5 \ wL^4}{384 \ EI} + \frac{wL^2}{K}$$

Center-Point Load:

 $\delta = \frac{PL^3}{48 EI} + \frac{2 PL}{K}$

Where: $\hat{\delta}$ = calculated deflection (in.), P = unfactored concentrated load (lbf), EI = bending stiffness of the l-joist (lbf-in²), and

w = uniform load (lbf/in.),

L = design span (in.), K = coefficient of shear deflection (lbf-ft/in.).

TABLE 1B

REACTION CAPACITIES (ALLOWABLE STRESS DESIGN) FOR ACUJOIST ACJ I-JOISTS(a)

		Intermediate Reaction (lbf)		End React	ion ^(b) (lbf)			
I-Joist Depth	I-Joist	3-1/2 in. Brg. Length	1-3/4 in.	Bearing	4 in. Bearing			
(in.)	Series	Without Brg. Stiffeners	With Brg. 5	Stiffeners	With Brg. Stiffeners			
		Williout Brg. Siliteriers	No	Yes	No	Yes		
9-1/2	9-1/2 ACJ-40 / 60		1,080	1,080	1,120	1,120		
11 <i>-7/</i> 8	ACJ-40 / 60	2,500	1,200	1,200	1,420	1,420		
11-7/0	ACJ-80	2,760	1,280	1,280	1,420	1,420		
14	ACJ-40 / 60	2,500	1,200	1,200	1,550	1,710		
14	ACJ-80	3,020	1,280	1,280	1,550	1,710		
16	ACJ-40 / 60	2,500	1,200	1,200	1,550	1,970		
10	ACJ-80	3,020	1,280	1,280	1,550	1,970		
18	ACJ-80	3,355	1,400	2,035	1,625	2,395		

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 lbf = 4.448 N, 1 psi = 6.895 kPa.

⁽a) The tabulated values are design values for the normal duration of load. All values shall be permitted to be adjusted for other load durations provided that the adjusted reaction design value is not greater than the value specified below. Bearing stiffeners shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations provided by the manufacturer and APA Z725.

	I-Joist	Maximum adjusted reaction capacity ^(b, c) (lbf)									
I-Joist Depth		1-3/4 in.	Brg. Length	3-1/2 in. B	rg. Length	4 in. Brg. Length					
i Joisi Depili	Series	Brg. Stiffeners		Brg. Sti	ffeners	Brg. Stiffeners					
		No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes				
All	ACJ-40 / 60	1, <i>75</i> 0		3,4	95	3,995					
All	ACJ-80	3,0	080	6,1	55	7,035					

(a) Interpolation between bearing lengths is permitted.
(b) The maximum adjusted reaction capacity shall not be adusted for load duration.

TABLE 2

ALLOWABLE SPANS FOR APA PERFORMANCE-RATED I-JOISTS - SIMPLE SPAN ONLY (a,b,c,d)

			Simple	Spans	
			On Cente	er Spacing	
Depth	Joist Series	12"	19.2"	24	
0.1./0.1	ACJ-40	17'-9"	16'-3"	15'-4"	14'-4"
9-1/2"	ACJ-60	18'-8"	17'-1"	16'-1"	15'-0"
	ACJ-40	21'-2"	19'-4"	18'-3"	16'-8"
11 <i>-7</i> /8"	ACJ-60	22'-2"	20'-3"	19'-2"	17'-10"
	ACJ-80	24'-6"	22'-4"	21'-0"	19'-7"
	ACJ-40	24'-0"	21'-11"	20'-6"	18'-4"
14"	ACJ-60	25'-2"	23'-0"	21'-9"	20'-3"
	ACJ-80	27'-9"	25'-4"	23'-10"	22'-2"
	ACJ-40	26'-7"	24'-3"	22'-1"	19'-9"
16"	ACJ-60	27'-11"	25'-6"	24'-0"	22'-5"
	ACJ-80	30'-9"	28'-0"	26'-5"	24'-7"

TABLE 3

ALLOWABLE SPANS FOR APA PERFORMANCE-RATED I-JOISTS - MULTIPLE SPAN ONLY (0,b,c,d)

			Multipl	e Spans	
			On Cente	er Spacing	
Depth	Joist Series	12"	16"	19.2"	24
0.1./01	ACJ-40	19'-4"	17'-8"	16'-4"	14'-7"
9-1/2"	ACJ-60	20'-4"	18'-7"	17'-6"	16'-4"
	ACJ-40	23'-0"	20'-5"	18'-7"	16'- <i>7</i> "
11 <i>-7</i> /8"	ACJ-60	24'-2"	22'-1"	20'-10"	19'-5"
	ACJ-80	26'-8"	24'-3"	22'-11"	21'-3"
	ACJ-40	25'-11"	22'-5"	20'-5"	18'-3"
14"	ACJ-60	27'-6"	25'-1"	23'-8"	19'-9"
	ACJ-80	30'-3"	27'-7"	25'-11"	23'-11"
	ACJ-40	27'-11"	24'-2"	22'-0"	19'-8"
16"	ACJ-60	30'-5"	27'-9"	24'-9"	19'-9"
	ACJ-80	33'-6"	30'-6"	28'-9"	23'-11"

Notes:

- Allowable clear span applicable to multiple-span residential floor construction with a design dead load of 10 psf and live load of 40 psf. The
 end spans shall be 40% or more of the adjacent span. The live load deflection is limited to span/480.
- b. Spans are based on a composite floor with glued-nailed sheathing meeting the requirements for APA Rated Sheathing or APA Rated STURDI-FLOOR conforming to PS 1, PS 2 or CSA 0325 with a minimum 19/32 Performance Category (40/20 or 20 oc) for a joist spacing of 19.2 inches or less, or 23/32 Performance Category (48/24 or 24 oc) for a joist spacing of 24 inches. Adhesive shall meet ASTM D3498 1/8* P/O Class. Spans shall be reduced 12 inches when the floor sheathing is nailed only.
- c. Minimum bearing length shall be 1-3/4 inches for the end bearings and 3-1/2 inches for the intermediate bearings.
- d. Bearing stiffeners are not required when Ljoists are used with the spans and spacings given in this table, except as required by hanger manufacturers.

APA Performance Rated LJoists are identified by their depth followed by a joist series, such as PRL30, which has unique design properties.

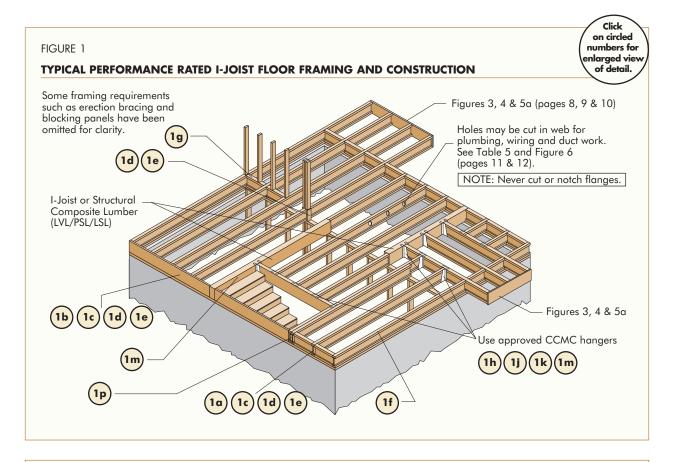
TYPICAL FLOOR FRAMING AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

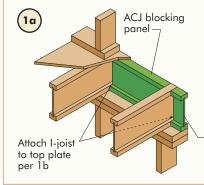
General Notes:

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.
- 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 2,000 plf, and 4,000 plf if double I-joists are used.
- 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.

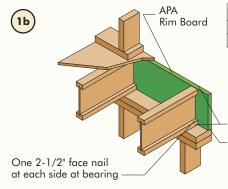




Blocking Panel or Rim Joist	Maximum Factored Uniform Vertical Load* (plf)
ACJ Joists	2000

*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)



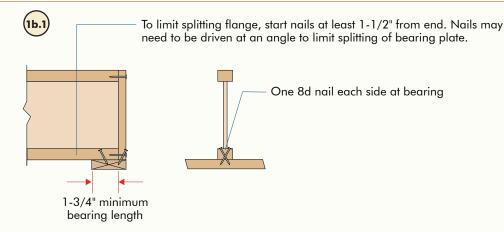
Blocking Panel or Rim Joist	Maximum Factored Uniform Vertical Load* (plf)
1-1/8" APA Rim Board Plus	4850
1" APA Rim Board	3300

*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.

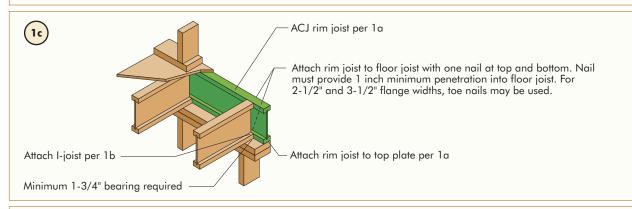
- One 2-1/2" nail at top and bottom flange

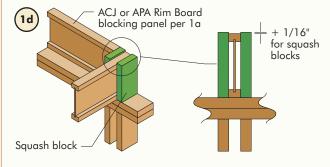
- Attach APA Rim Board to top plate using 2-1/2" common or box toenails @ 6" o.c.

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.



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).

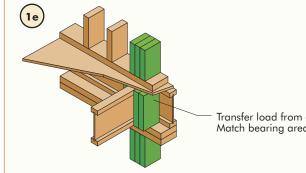




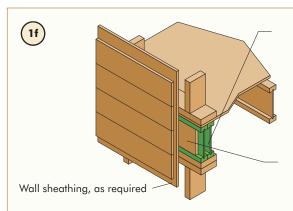
Vertical load transfer capacity per pair of squash blocks (lbf)

Pair of Squash Blocks 3-1/2" wide 5-1/2" wide 2x lumber 3800 5900 1-1/8" APA Rim Board, Rim Board Plus, C1 or betterb, or Rated Sturd-I-Floor 48 oc 2800 4400 1" APA Rim Board, C2 or betterb, or Rated Sturd-I-Floor 32 oc 1900 3000

- a. The squash blocks are assumed to be in full bearing on the plate below.
- b. See ANSI/APA PRR 410, Standard for Performance-Rated Engineered Wood Rim Boards.



Transfer load from above to bearing below. Install squash blocks per 1d. Match bearing area of blocks below to post above.

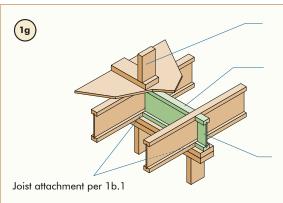


Load bearing wall above shall align vertically with the wall below. Other conditions, such as offset walls, are not covered by this detail.

Blocking required over all interior supports under load-bearing walls or when floor joists are not continuous over support. In high seismic areas (SDC $\,\mathrm{D_{0}},\,\mathrm{D_{1}},\,\mathrm{and}\,\mathrm{D_{2}})$ the IRC requires blocking at all intermediate supports for all seismic design categories.

ACJ blocking panel per 1a

All nails shown in the details are assumed to be common nails unless otherwise noted. 10d box nails (0.128 inch x 3 inches) may be substituted for 8d common (0.131 inch x 2-1/2 inches) shown in details. Individual components not shown to scale for clarity.

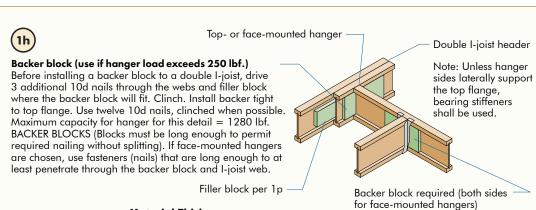


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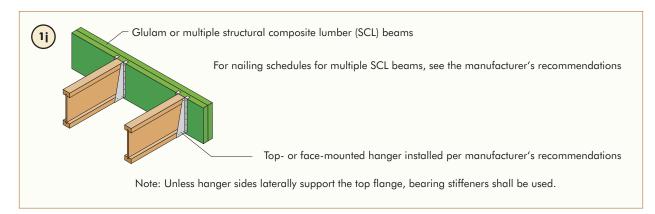
Flange Width	Material Thickness Required ^a	Minimum Depthb
2-1/2"	1"	5-1/2"
3-1/2"	1-1/2"	7-1/4"

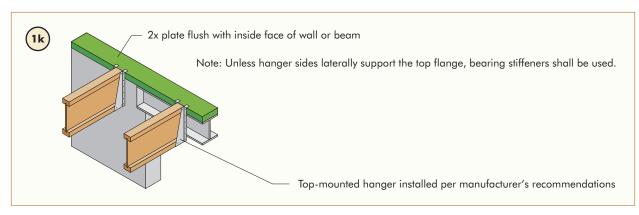
For hanger capacity see hanger manufacturer's recommendations.
Verify double I-joist capacity to

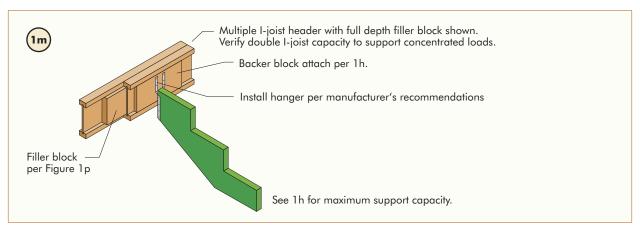
support concentrated loads.

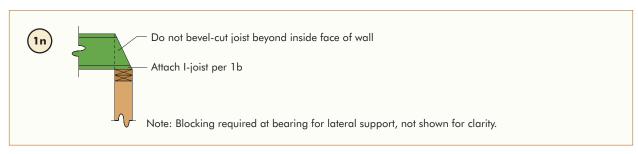
Notes:

- a. Minimum grade for backer block material shall be Utility grade SPF (south) or better for solid sawn lumber and Rated Sheathing or Single Floor grade for wood structural panels.
- b. For face-mount hangers, use net joist depth minus 3-1/4" for joists with 1-1/2" thick flanges. For 1-3/8" thick flanges, use net depth minus 3".





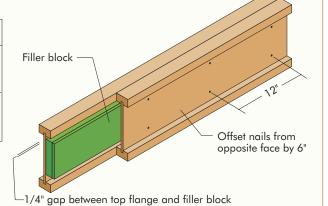






FILLER BLOCK REQUIREMENTS FOR DOUBLE I-JOIST CONSTRUCTION

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



Notes:

- Support back of I-joist web during nailing to prevent damage to web/flange connection.
- 2. Leave a 1/4-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. For flange widths of 2-1/2 inches or less, nail joists together with two rows of 10d nails at 12 inches o.c. (clinched when possible) on each side of the double I-joist (total 4 nails per foot). For flange widths greater than 2-1/2 inches, use two rows of 10d nails at 6 inches o.c. on each side of the double I-joist (total 8 nails per foot).
- 5. The maximum load that may be applied to one side of the double joist using this detail is 620 lbf/ft.

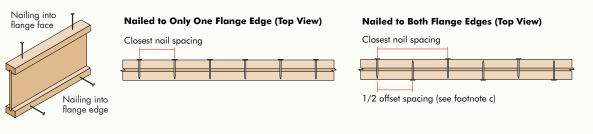
TABLE 4

RECOMMENDED CLOSEST NAIL SPACING FOR FASTENING SHEATHING TO ACJ I-JOIST FLANGES TO MINIMIZE SPLITTING (a)

		Flange Fac	e Nailing ^b	Fla	Flange Edge Nailing ^c			
					Nail Spacing (in.)			
Joist Series	Fastener Size (diameter x length)	End Distance (in.)	Nail Spacing (in.)	End Distance (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 ACJ 80	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		

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.



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.

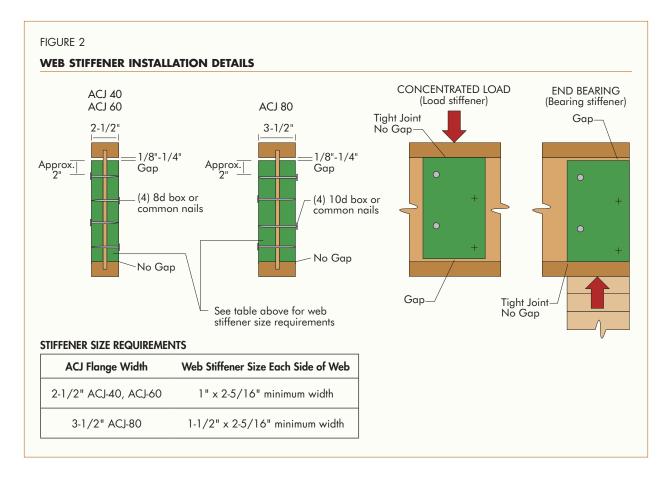
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

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 Utility grade SPF (south) or 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 **1,550 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 1,500 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.



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.

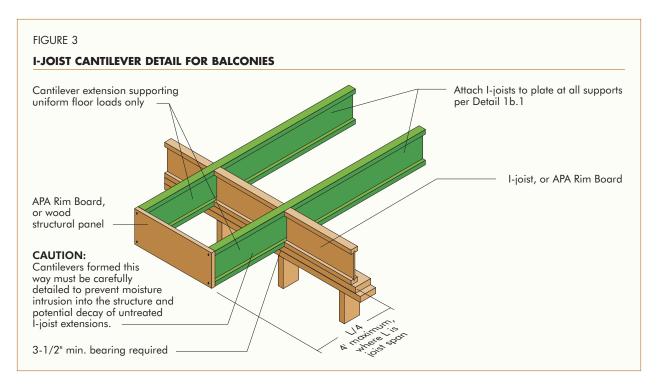
CAUTION: AcuJoist cantilevered balcony details address structural considerations only. Cantilevered balcony details for moisture control, weathering and durability are beyond the scope of this publication.

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.



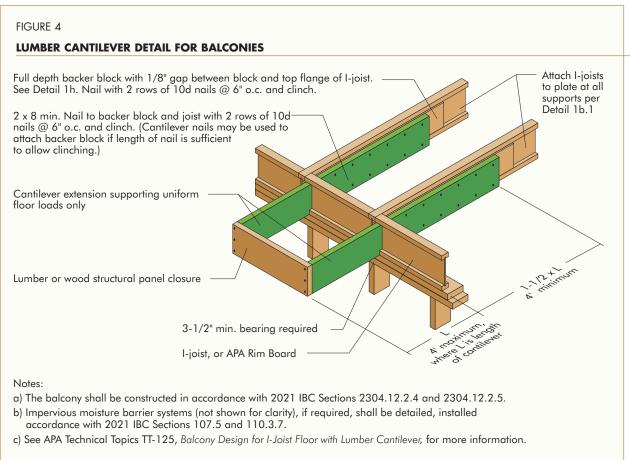


FIGURE 5a **CANTILEVER DETAIL FOR VERTICAL BUILDING OFFSET** SHEATHING REINFORCEMENT ONE SIDE SHEATHING REINFORCEMENT TWO SIDES ACJ blocking panel APA Rim Board or wood Use same installation as Method 1 or APA Rim Board structural panel closure but reinforce both sides of I-joist with (23/32" minimum thickness), blocking, attach sheathing or APA Rim Board. per Detail 1g attach per Detail 1b Attach I-joist to plate per Detail 1b 2-1/2" nails Use nailing pattern shown for Method 1 with opposite 3-1/2" min. bearing required 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** ACJ blocking panel or APA Rim Board blocking, attach APA Rim Board, per Detail 1g or wood structural panel closure Block I-joists together with filler blocks for the full (23/32" minimum thickness), attach per Detail 1b length of the reinforcement. For I-joist flange widths greater than 3" place an additional row of 3" nails along the centerline of the reinforcing panel from each side. Clinch when possible. Face nail two rows 3" at 12" o.c. each side through

All nails shown in the details above are assumed to be common nails unless otherwise noted. Individual components not shown to scale for clarity.

Attach I-joists to top plate

at all supports per Detail 1b,

3-1/2" min. bearing required

one I-joist web and the filler block to other I-joist web. Offset nails from opposite

possible (four nails per foot

required, except two nails per foot required if clinched).

face by 6". Clinch if

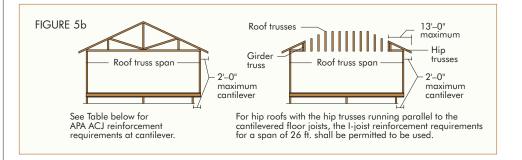


TABLE 4 **ACJ CANTILEVER REINFORCEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIGURE 5a**

						R	OOF LO	DADINGS	5					
Joist	Roof Truss	LL n	TL = 3 ot to ex	35 psf cceed 20	psf	LL n	TL = 4 ot to ex	45 psf cceed 30	psf	LL n	TL = .	55 psf cceed 40	psf	
Depth	Span	J	oist Spo	cing (in	.)	J	oist Spo	acing (in.)	Joist Spacing (in.)				
(in.)	(ft)	12	16	19.2	24	12	16	19.2	24	12	16	19.2	24	
	26	Ν	Ν	Ν	1	Ν	Ν	1	2	N	1	2	Χ	
	28	Ν	Ν	1	1	Ν	Ν	1	2	N	1	2	Χ	
9-1/2	30	Ν	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	2	Χ	
7-1/2	32	Ν	Ν	1	2	Ν	1	1	Χ	N	1	2	Χ	
	34	N	Ν	1	2	N	1	2	Х	N	2	Χ	Χ	
	36	Ν	Ν	1	2	N	_ 1	2	Χ	N	2	Χ	Χ	
	26	Ν	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	1	N	1	1	2	
	28	N	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	1	N	1	1	2	
	30	Ν	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2	
1-7/8	32	Ν	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2	
	34	Ν	Ν	1	1	Ν	1	1	2	N	1	2	2	
	36	Ν	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	
	38	Ν	1	1	2	Ν	1	1	2	1	1	2	Χ	
_	26	N	Ν	N	1	N	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	2	
	28	N	N	Ν	1	N	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	2	
	30	Ν	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	1	N	1	1	2	
	32	Ν	Ν	1	1	Ν	1	1	1	N	1	1	2	
14	34	Ν	Ν	1	1	Ν	1	1	2	Ν	1	1	2	
	36	Ν	Ν	1	1	Ν	1	1	2	Ν	1	1	2	
	38	Ν	Ν	1	1	Ν	1	1	2	Ν	1	2	2	
	40	Ν	1	1	1	N	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	
	26	Ν	Ν	1	1	N	Ν	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	Ν	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2	
16	34	N	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2	
	36	Ν	Ν	1	1	N	1	1	2	N	1	2	2	
	38	Ν	1	1	1	N	1	1	2	1	1	2	Χ	
	40	Ν	1	1	2	N	1	1	2	1	1	2	Χ	
	42	N	1	1	2	N	1	1	2	1	1	2	Χ	

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.
 - X = Try a deeper joist or closer spacing.
- (2) Color coding in Table is matched to details in Figure 5a.

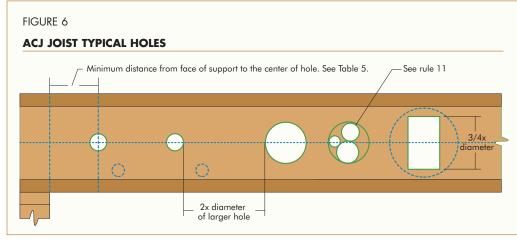
 (3) Maximum load shall be: 15 psf roof dead load, 50 psf floor total load, and 80 plf wall load. Wall load is based on 3'.0" maximum width window or door openings. For larger openings, or multiple 3'.0" width openings spaced less than 6'.0" o.c., additional joists beneath the opening's cripple study may be required. studs may be required.
- (4) Table applies to joists 12" to 24" o.c. Use 12" o.c. requirements for lesser spacings.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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 Fig. 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.



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 SIMPLE OR MULTIPLE SPAN FOR DEAD LOADS UP TO 10 PSF AND LIVE LOADS UP TO 40 PSF about

			Minimum Distance from Inside Face of Any Support to Center of Hole (ft-in.)														
Joist								Rou	ınd Ho	le Dia	meter	(in.)					
Depth	Joist	SAF (5)	2	3	4	5	6	6-1/4	7	8	8-5/8	9	10	10-3/4	11	12	12-3/4
9-1/2"	ACJ-40	14'-4"	0'-7"	1'-8"	3'-0"	4'-4"	5'-9"	6'-3"									
9-1/2	ACJ-60	15'-0"	1'-7"	2'-10"	4'-2"	15'-7"	<i>7</i> '-1"	7'-6"									
	ACJ-40	16'-7"	0'-7"	0'-8"	1'-2"	2'-5"	3'-9"	4'-1"	5'-1"	6'-8"	<i>7</i> '-11"						
11 <i>-7</i> /8"	ACJ-60	17'-10"	0'-7"	1'-9"	3'-0"	4'-4"	5'-9"	6'-1"	7'-2"	8'-9"	9'-10"						
	ACJ-80	19'-7"	1'-8"	3'-0"	4'-3"	5'-7"	<i>7</i> '-1"	7'-5"	8'-7"	10'-2"	11'-4"						
	ACJ-40	18'-3"	0'-7"	0'-8"	0'-8"	0'-9"	1'-10"	2'-2"	3'-2"	4'-7"	5'-5"	6'-0"	7'-7"	9'-4"			
14"	ACJ-60	19'-9"	0'-7"	0'-8"	0'-8"	1'-7"	2'-10"	3'-3"	4'-6"	6'-3"	7'-4"	8'-1"	10'-0"	11'-8"			
	ACJ-80	22'-2"	0'-7"	1'-9"	3'-0"	4'-4"	5'-8"	6'-1"	<i>7</i> '-1"	8'-7"	9'-7"	10'-3"	11'-11"	13'-5"			
	ACJ-40	19'-8"	0'-7"	0'-8"	0'-8"	0'-9"	0'-9"	0'-10"	1'-5"	2'-9"	3'-7"	4'-1"	5'-6"	6'-7"	7'-0"	8'-9"	10'-9"
16"	ACJ-60	19'-9"	0'-7"	0'-8"	0'-8"	0'-9"	0'-9"	0'-10"	1'-10"	3'-6"	4'-6"	5'-2"	6'-11"	8'-6"	9'-1"	11'-5"	13'-4"
	ACJ-80	23'-11"	0'-7"	0'-8"	0'-8"	1'-7"	2'-11"	3'-3"	4'-6"	6'-2"	7'-3"	<i>7</i> '-11"	9'-9"	11'-3"	11'-9"	13'-11"	15'-7"

Notes: a. Above tables may be used for I-joist spacing of 24 inched on center or less.

- b. Hole location distance is measured from inside face of supports to center of hole.
- c. Distances in this chart are based on uniformly loaded joists.
- d. 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. The I-joist shear capacity at the location of a circular web hole (V_{rh}) is calculated using the following equation:

V_{rh} = Published Shear Value x [(Joist Depth - Hole Diameter) / Joist Depth]

e. SAF = Span Adjustment Factor, used as defined below:

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 centerline of the hole to the face of any support (D) as given above may be reduced as follows:

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

Where: $D_{reduced} = D_{reduced}$ = Distance from the inside face of any support to center 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_{actual} = The actual measured span between the inside face of supports (ft).

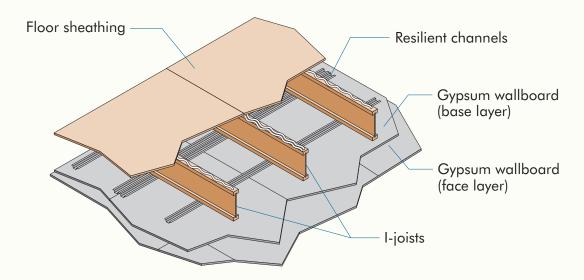
SAF = Span Adjustment Factor given in this table.

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

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

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 inches² (1,258 mm²). 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 o,b

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

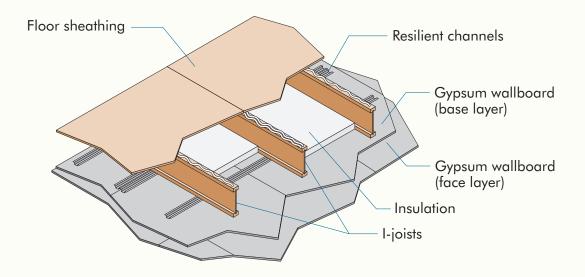
- a. Sound ratings from the American Wood Council publication Design for Code Acceptance (DCA) 3, available from www.awc.org.
- b. STC and IIC values established by engineering analysis. Values in parentheses are based on laminate wood flooring over a 0.08-in. (2-mm) closed-cell foam underlay, in lieu 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 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 1-joists, the wallboard shall be installed with the long dimension perpendicular to the 1-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 1-joists and supported by resilient channels.
- 4. Structural members: Min. 9-1/2 inches (241 mm) deep l-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 inches² (1,452 mm²). 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^{o,b}

Without Gypsum Concrete

With 1-in. (25-mm) Gypsum Concrete

	Cushioned Vinyl		Carpet & Pad		Cushioned Vinyl		Carpet & Pad	
Joist/RC Spacing ^c	STC	IIC	STC	IIC	STC	IIC	STC	IIC
24"/16" o.c.	56	51	56	69	64	53	64	<i>7</i> 1
16"/24" o.c.	55	48 (51)	55	67	64	54	64	67

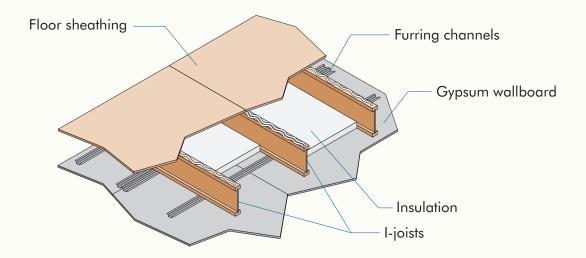
- a. Sound ratings from the American Wood Council publication Design for Code Acceptance (DCA) 3, available from www.awc.org.
- b. STC and IIC values established by engineering analysis based on 3.5-inch (89-mm) thick glass fiber insulation. Values in parentheses are based on laminate wood flooring over 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 WIJ-1.7.
- Assemblies that meet the fire-resistance rating in accordance with NBC 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 l-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 inches² (3,387 mm²). 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.

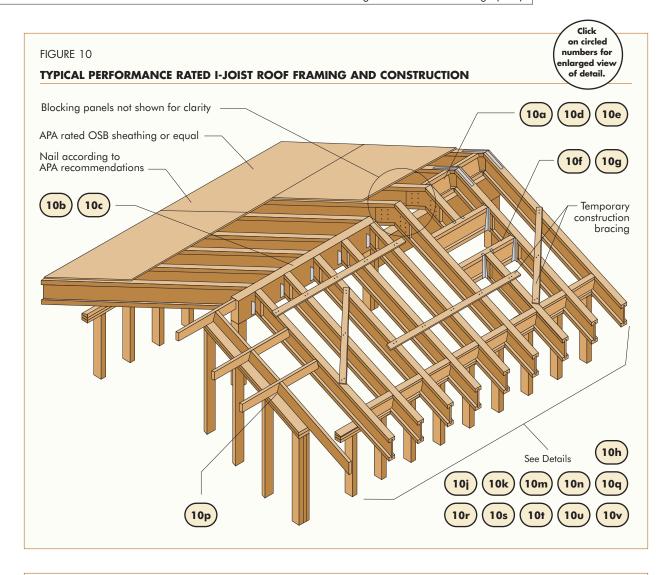
B. SOUND RATING^{a,b}

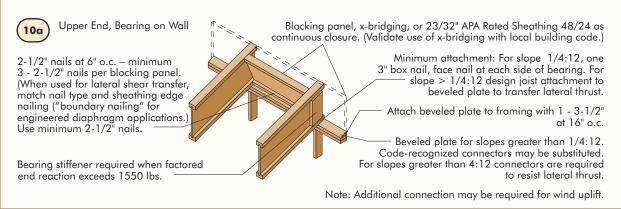
With 1-in. (25-mm) Gypsum Concrete Without Gypsum Concrete **Cushioned Vinyl** Carpet & Pad **Cushioned Vinyl** Carpet & Pad Joist/RC Spacing STC STC STC IIC STC 24"/16" o.c. 48 (51) 42 (43) 48 (51) 61 (63) 63 (65) 50 (52) 63 (65) 65 (67) 16"/24" o.c. 44 (46) 37 (39) 44 (46) 60 (61) 56 (57) 46 (47) 56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

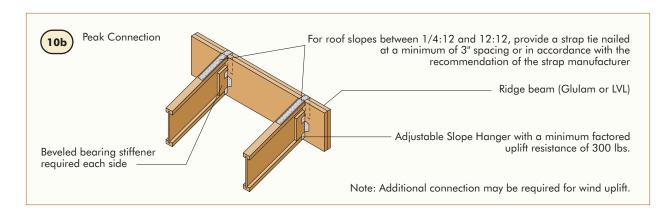
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- c. STC and IIC values for 16-inch (406-mm) on center joist spacing are applicable to 19.2-inch (488-mm) on center joist spacing.

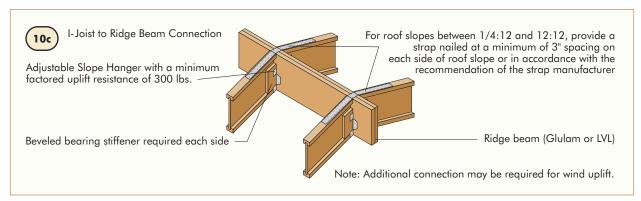
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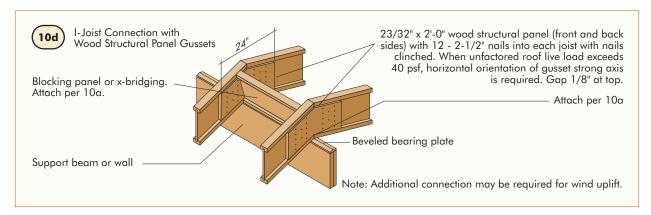
- 1. 2012/2015/2018/2021 IBC Table 721.1(3) Item 24-1.1 and DCA 3 WIJ-1.1.
- 2. Assemblies that meet the fire-resistance rating in accordance with NBC Table 9.10.3.1.-B or the calculation method specified in NBC Appendix D-2.3.
- * This assembly may also be used in a fire-rated roof/ceiling assembly, but only when constructed exactly as described.

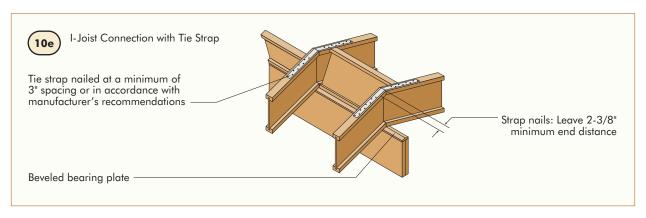


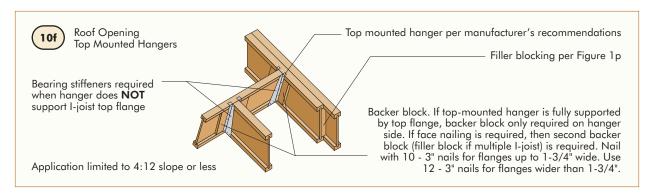


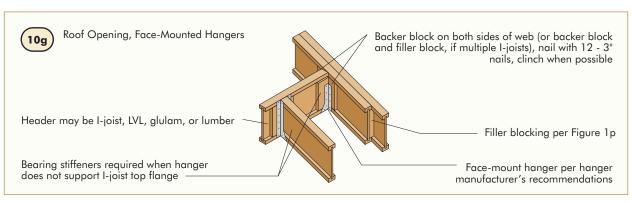


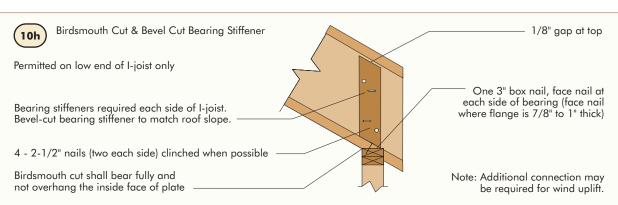


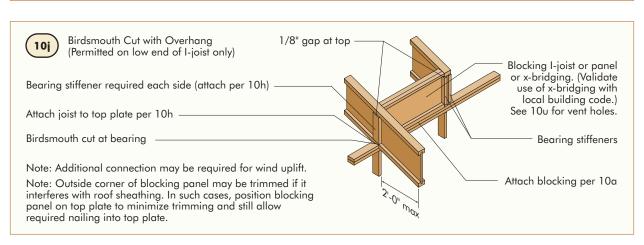


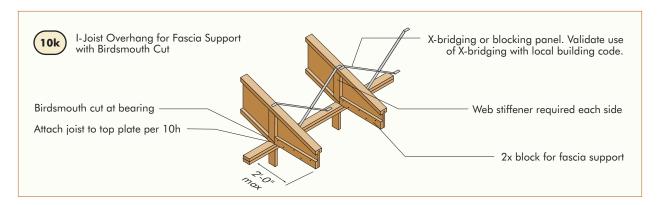


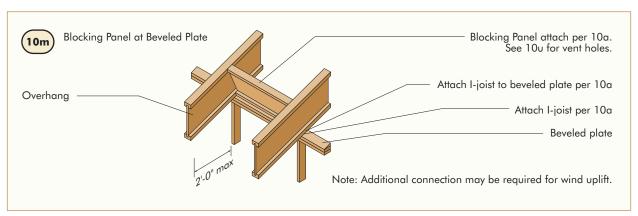




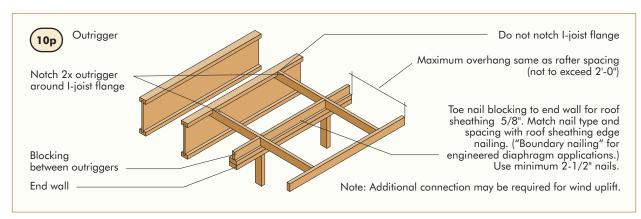


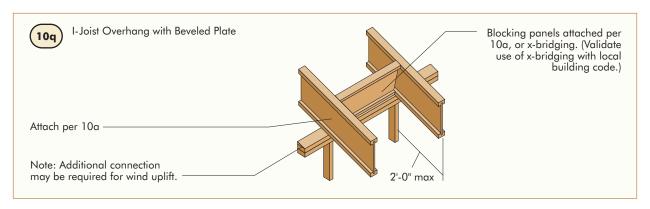


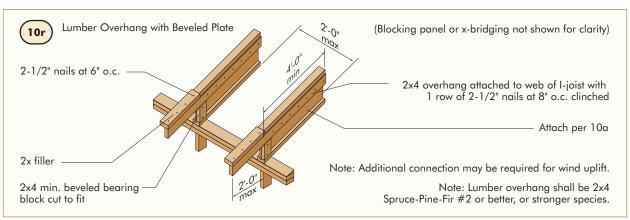


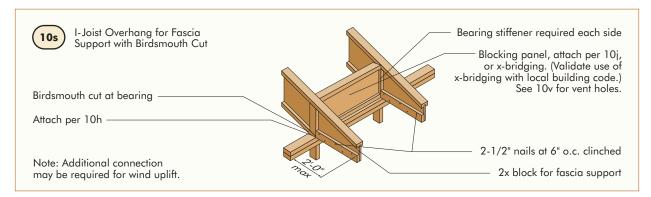


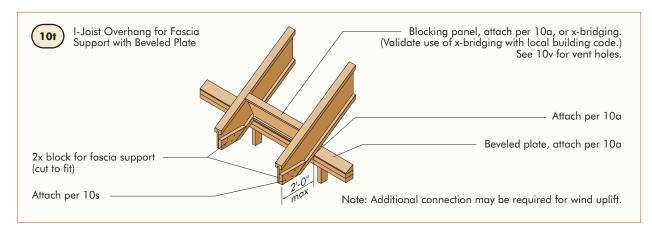


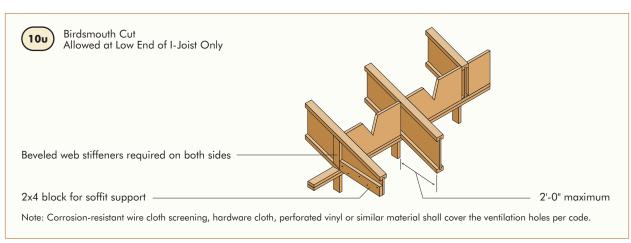


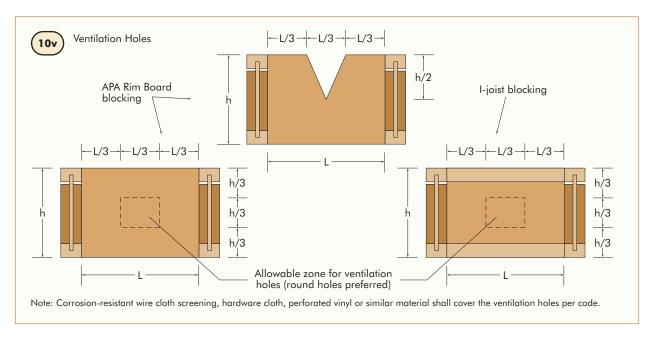












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