



# DESIGN OF STEEL STRUCTURES

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ON

STRUCTURAL STEEL

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MEMBERS

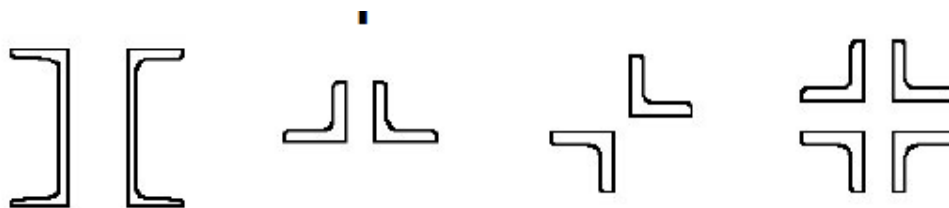
LECTURE # 05

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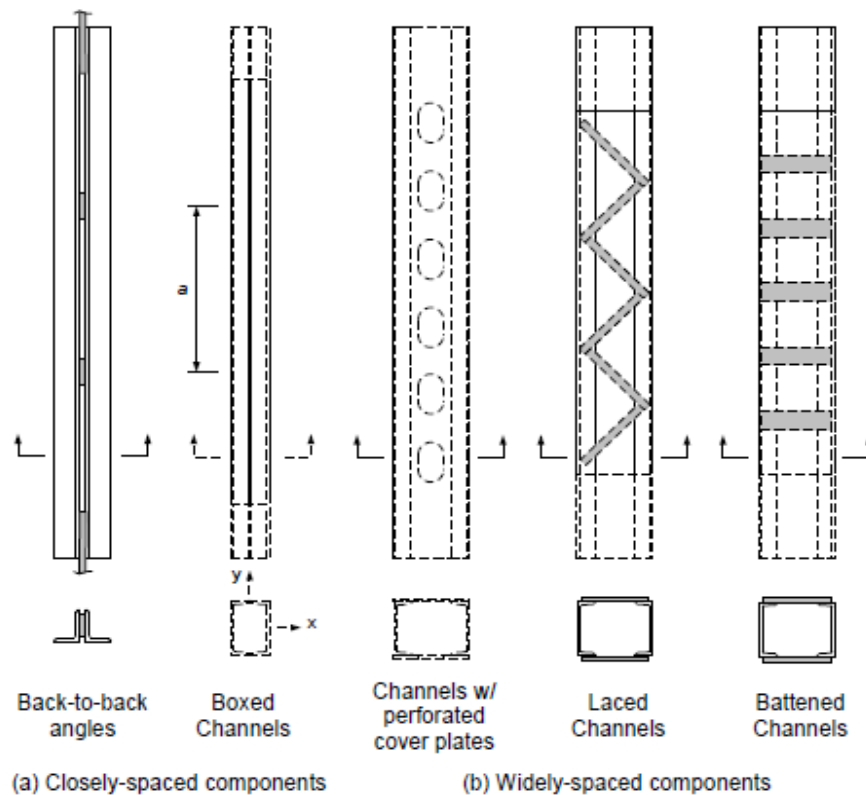
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### Introductions:

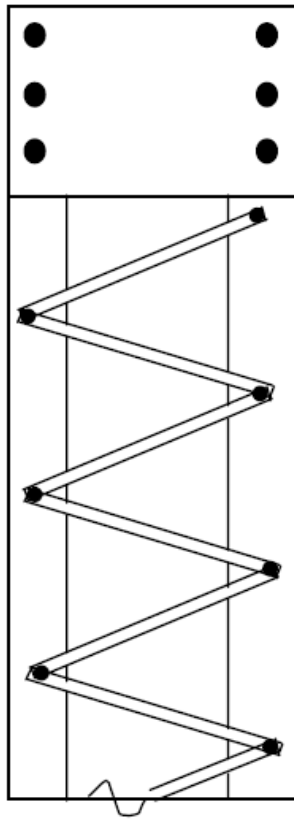
When compression members are required for large structures like bridges, it will be necessary to use built-up sections. They are particularly useful when loads are heavy and members are long (e.g. top chords of Bridge Trusses). So any members closely or widely spaced with two or more elements are called built up compression member as illustrated in figures below.



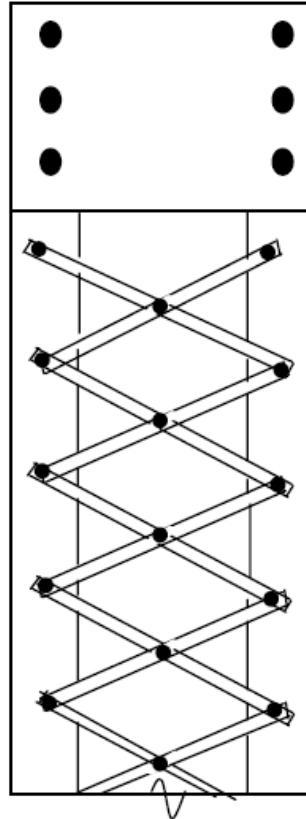
Some of closely spaced built up members



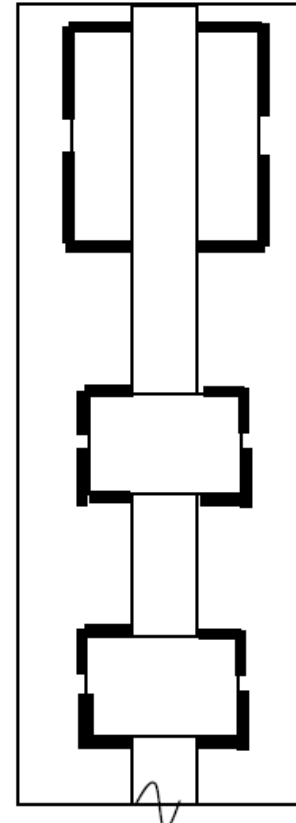
Types of built up compression members



(a) *Single Lacing*



(b) *Double Lacing*



(c) *Battens*

#### Limitations:

- 1- Mostly built up type are the latticed columns.
- 2- There are no tables for built-up shapes in the Manual, due to the number of possible geometries. This section makes suggestions as to how select built-up members to avoid slender elements, thereby making the analysis relatively straightforward.
- 3- The design of built-up shapes with slender elements can be tedious and time consuming, and it is recommended that standard rolled shapes be used, when possible.
- 4- The total strength is the summation of strength of elements.  $P = \Sigma p_i$

5- To select the section:

- Assume  $kL/r_y = (50 - 100)$ .
- Then use table (4-22) to find  $\phi_c F_{cr}$ ,
- Then calculate  $A_{req} = P_u / \phi_c F_{cr}$ .
- Then open AISC steel manual to select section with  $(A_g > A_{req})$ .

6- The design compressive strength,  $\phi_c P_n$ , should be determined as follow:  
 $P_n$  = nominal compressive strength based on the controlling buckling mode.

(LRFD)
$\phi_c = 0.90$

7- To prevent local buckling of unsupported lengths between the two constituent lattice points (or between two battens), the slenderness ratio:

$$\left(\frac{kl}{r}\right) \text{ of single element} \leq \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{kL}{r}\right) \text{ of whole built up member.}$$

8- Lacing should be used to hold segments together & support lateral load.

If  $b' \leq 15"$  → single lacing & inclination with horizontal direction  $\alpha$  is  $30^\circ$

If  $b' > 15"$  → double lacing &  $\alpha$  is  $45^\circ$

Where  $b'$  is distance between connections.

[As in AISC –16.1 Sec E7 / page 39, the inclination of lacing bars to the axis of the member shall preferably be not less than  $60^\circ$  for single lacing and  $45^\circ$  for double lacing. When the distance between the lines of welds or fasteners in the flanges is more than 15 in., the lacing shall preferably be double or be made of angles].

9- For slender ratio:

$L/r \leq 140$  for single lacing with  $k = 1.0$

$L/r \leq 200$  for double lacing with  $k = 0.7$

10- The load that these tying forces cause is generally assumed to cause a shearing force equal to 2% of axial load on the column.  $V = 2\% P$  on each side.

11- Tie plates:

**For end tie plate;**

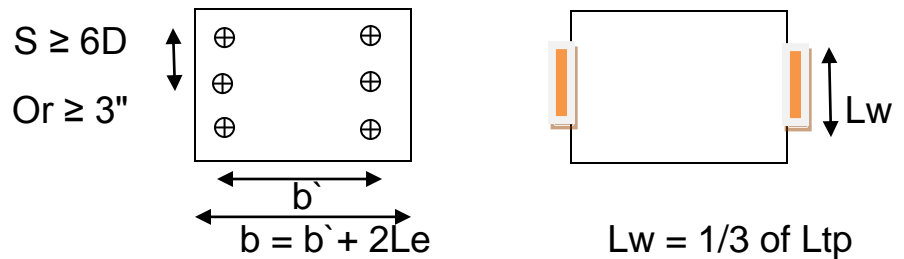
- The end tie plates shall have a length of not less than the distance between the lines of fasteners or welds connecting them to the components of the member. ( $L_{tp} \geq b'$ ).
- The thickness of tie plates shall be not less than one-fiftieth of the distance between lines of welds or fasteners connecting them to the segments of the members ( $t_{tp} \geq 1/50 \text{ of } b'$ ).

**For intermediate tie plate;**

- The intermediate tie plate shall have a length not less than one-half the distance between the lines of fasteners or welds connecting them to the components of the member. ( $L_{tp} \geq \frac{1}{2} b'$ ).
- The thickness of tie plates shall be not less than one-fiftieth of the distance between lines of welds or fasteners connecting them to the segments of the members ( $t_{tp} \geq \frac{1}{50} \text{ of } b'$ ).

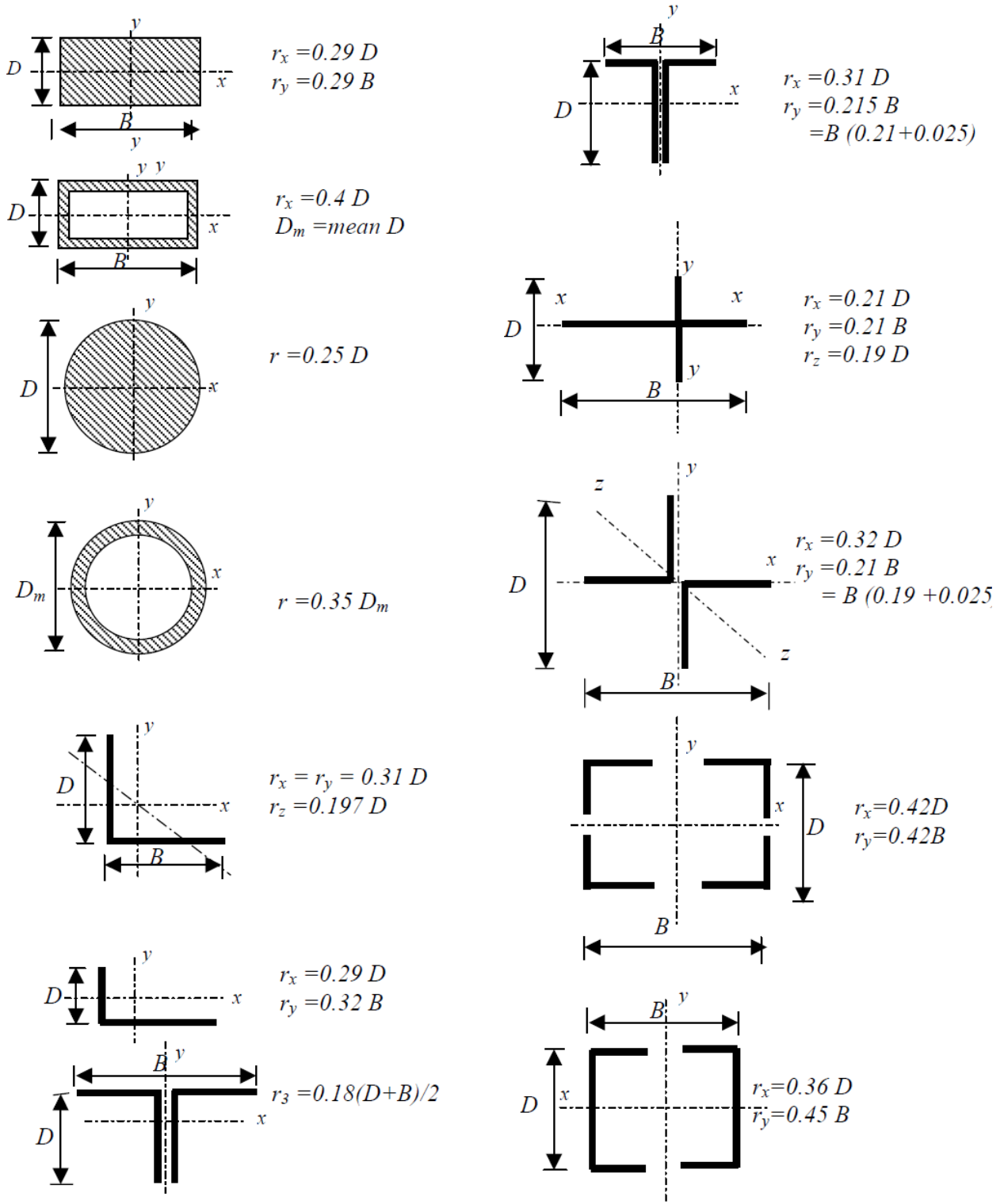
The width of tie plate in both end & intermediate plate shall be equal to distance between connectors with not less than minimum edge distance ( $w_{tp} = b' + 2(L_e)$ ).

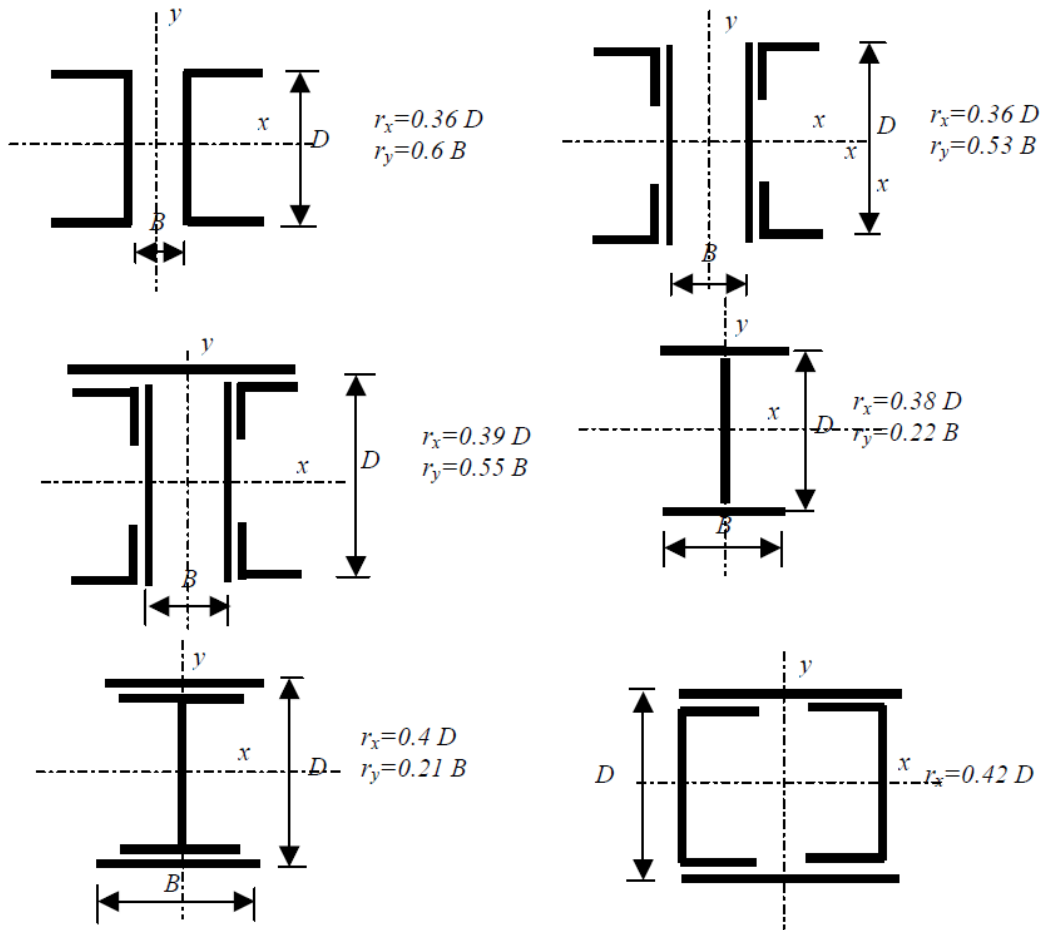
Fastening of tie plate with main segments; the total welding on each line connecting a tie plate shall not be less than one-third the length of the plate. In bolted construction, the spacing in the direction of stress in tie plates shall be not more than six diameters and the tie plates shall be connected to each segment by at least three fasteners.



12 - From the following table, which include steel shapes as built up members, we can find the approximate radius of gyration depending on width of both directions.

Table for calculating approximate radius of gyration ( $r_x$  &  $r_y$ )





**TABLE J3.4**  
**Minimum Edge Distance,<sup>[a]</sup> in., from**  
**Center of Standard Hole<sup>[b]</sup> to Edge of**  
**Connected Part**

Bolt Diameter (in.)	At Rolled Edges of Plates, Shapes or Bars, or Thermally Cut Edges <sup>[c]</sup>	
	At Sheared Edges	
1/2	7/8	3/4
5/8	1 1/8	7/8
3/4	1 1/4	1
7/8	1 1/2 <sup>[d]</sup>	1 1/8
1	1 3/4 <sup>[d]</sup>	1 1/4
1 1/8	2	1 1/2
1 1/4	2 1/4	1 5/8
Over 1 1/4	1 3/4 × d	1 1/4 × d

<sup>[a]</sup> Lesser edge distances are permitted to be used provided provisions of Section J3.10, as appropriate, are satisfied.

<sup>[b]</sup> For oversized or slotted holes, see Table J3.5.

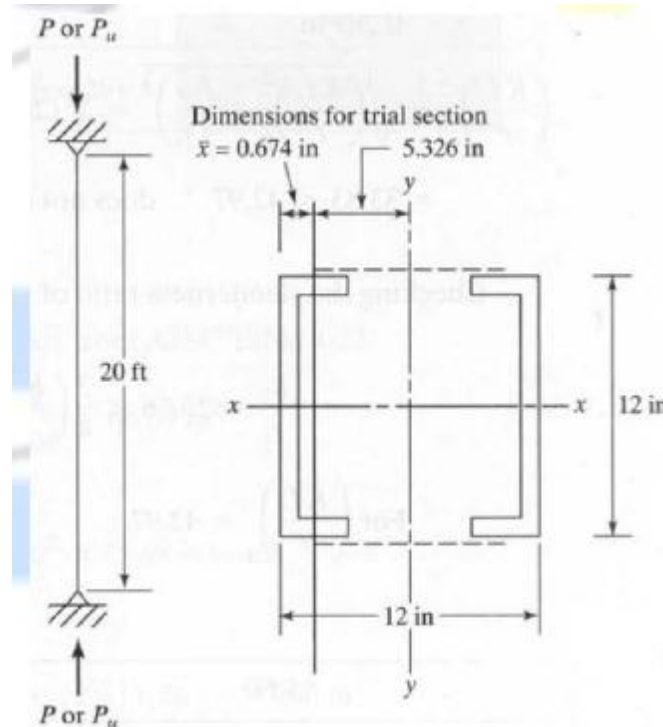
<sup>[c]</sup> All edge distances in this column are permitted to be reduced 1/8 in. when the hole is at a point where required strength does not exceed 25 percent of the maximum strength in the element.

<sup>[d]</sup> These are permitted to be 1 1/4 in. at the ends of beam connection angles and shear end plates.



EX: Design 20ft built up column consists of pair of 12-in standard Channels face to face using A572G50 steel. Subjected to  $P_D = 100$  kips &  $P_L = 300$  kips. Assume boundary conditions of column is hinged in both ends.

Solution:



1- Sp, Dim, & Properties:

steel	$F_y$	$F_u$	$P_D$	$P_L$	$K_y = k_x$	$L$
A572G50	50	65	100	300	1.0	20

2- Loading:

LRFD
$P_u = 1.2(100) + 1.6(300) = 600$ kips

3- Assume  $\frac{kLy}{r_y} = 50$ , So ( from AISC **Table 4-22**)  $\rightarrow$  read  $\phi_c F_{cr} = 37.5$  ksi

4-  $A_{req} = \frac{P_u}{\phi_c F_{cr}} = \frac{600}{37.5} = 16.0$  in<sup>2</sup>

5- Select channel of  $A_g > A_{req}$  from tables 1-5 / page 1.34

sec	Ag	d	tw	bf	tf	lx	rx	ly	ry	x̄
C12x30	8.81					162	4.29	5.12	0.762	0.674

6- Properties of built up section:

$$I_{xb} = 2 (I_x) = 2 \times 162 = 324 \text{ in}^4$$

$$I_{yb} = 2 \left[ I_y + A_g \times \left( \frac{12}{2} - 0.674 \right)^2 \right] = 510 \text{ in}^4$$

$$r_x = \sqrt{\frac{324}{2 \times 8.81}} = 4.29 \text{ in}$$

$$r_y = \sqrt{\frac{510}{2 \times 8.81}} = 5.1 \text{ in}$$

Least value control  $\rightarrow r_x = 4.29 \text{ in}$

So go to table 4 – 22 / page 4-319 with  $\frac{kL}{r_x} = \frac{1 \times 20}{4.29} \times 12 = 56$ , read  $\phi_c F_{cr} = 35.8$  ksi

Therefore  $\phi_c P_n = A_g \times \phi_c F_{cr} = 2 \times 8.81 \times 35.8 = 630 \text{ kips} > P_u = 600 \text{ kips}$  O.K

7- Check width thickness ratio:

d	tw	bf	tf	k
12	0.51	3.17	0.5	$1\frac{1}{8}$

Go to table 4- 1 / page B4-1 case 3 & 14

$$\text{For Flange } \frac{b_f}{t_f} = \frac{3.17}{0.5} = 6.34 < 0.56 \sqrt{\frac{29000}{50}} = 13.49 \quad \text{O.K}$$

$$\text{For web } \frac{h}{t_w} = \frac{12 - 2(1.125)}{0.51} = 19.12 < 1.49 \sqrt{\frac{29000}{50}} = 35.88 \quad \text{O.K}$$

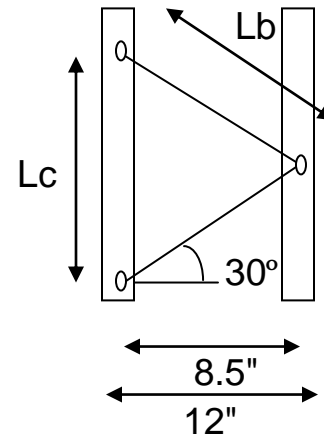
So use 2C12x30 as main segments of built up column

8- Design lacing bar:

$b' = b - 2g = 12 - 2 \times 1.75 = 8.5" < 15"$  so use single lacing with  $\alpha = 60^\circ$  with member axis.

Length of lacing  $L_b = 8.5 / \cos 30^\circ = 9.8$ "

Length between opposite connection in channel =  $L_c = 2 [8.5 \times \tan 30^\circ] = 9.8$ "



Check slenderness of channel between connections:

$$L / r = 9.8 / 0.762 = 12.9 < \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{kL}{rb} = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1 \times 20 \times 12}{4.29} = \frac{3}{4} \times 55.94 = 42 \quad O.K$$

Force in lacing bar:

$$\text{Shear } V = 2\% P_u = 0.02 \times 631 = 12.62 \text{ kips}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times V = \frac{1}{2} \times 12.62 = 6.31 \text{ kips on each opposite side}$$

Compression force in lacing bar

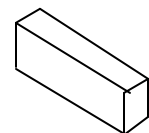
$$\frac{P}{V} = \frac{9.8}{8.5} \text{ so } \frac{9.8}{8.5} \times 6.31 = 7.28 \text{ kips}$$

Properties of lacing flat bar:

$$I = \frac{1}{12} b t^3 \dots \dots \text{let } A = b t \dots \dots r = \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{12} b t^3}{b t}} = 0.289 t$$

Design of lacing bar:

$$\text{Let } \left(\frac{L}{r}\right)_{\max} = 140 \dots \dots \frac{9.8}{0.289t} = 140 \dots \dots \text{so } t = 0.242 \text{ say } \frac{1}{4}''$$



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{L}{r} &= \frac{9.8}{0.289 \times 0.25} = 136 < 140 \dots \dots O.K \dots \dots \text{now go to table 4 - 22} \quad \text{read that } \phi_c F_{cr} \\ &= 12.2 \text{ksi} \dots \text{therefore } A'_{req} = \frac{P'}{\phi_c F_{cr}} = \frac{7.28}{12.2} \\ &= 0.596, \text{ so } b' = \frac{A'}{t} = \frac{0.596}{0.25} = 2.39 \text{ say } 2.5" \end{aligned}$$

So total lacing bar length  $L_{b'} = 9.8 + 2(L_e)$ . For bolt diameter of 3/4" min  $L_e = 1.25"$

$$L_{b'} = 9.8 + 2(1.25) = 12.3 \text{ say } 12.5"$$

Therefore, use lacing flat bar size (1/4 x 2.5 x 12.5" length).

9- Design of end & intermediate tie plate:

For length use  $L_{tp} = b' = 8.5"$

For thickness use  $t_{tp} = (1/50) b' = 0.17"$

For width use  $w_{tp} = b' + 2(L_e) = 8.5 + 2(1.25) = 11" \text{ say } b = 12"$

Use tie plate of (3/16 x 8.5 x 12")

Note: the intermediate tie plate shall have length  $L_{tp} = \frac{1}{2} b' = 4.25"$

Other dimensions are same as for end tie plate.

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THANKS FOR LISTENING, READING & UNDERSTANDING