

This Installation Guide is intended to provide general information for a proper **TRIFORCE®** open joist installation. This Installation Guide must be used in conjunction with the manufacturer's Specifier Guide or Placement Guide. For further information or assistance, contact a Barrette Structural Distribution representative.

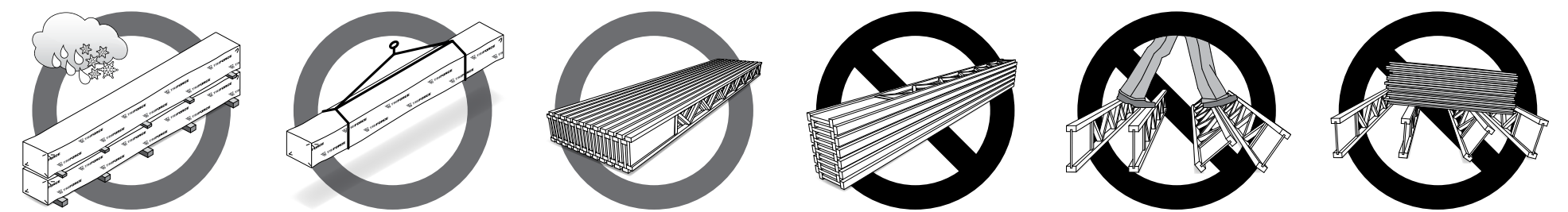
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## Storage and Handling

1. Keep **TRIFORCE®** open joist bundles wrapped until the time of installation to protect them from bad weather.
2. Use wood filler to separate bundles.
3. Always store, stack and handle **TRIFORCE®** open joist vertically and level—never flat.
4. Do not store **TRIFORCE®** open joist in direct contact with the ground.
5. Be cautious when using forklift to avoid damage. If the ground is uneven in the storage area, reduce forklift speed to avoid "bouncing" the load.
6. When handling with a crane, use a spreader to pick up the load, if necessary, to minimize handling stresses. Keep **TRIFORCE®** open joist vertical.
7. Maintain stack height within safe limits.
8. Handling of **TRIFORCE®** open joists with a crane or forklift should be done by lifting from below the bottom of the bundle.
9. Do not stack other material on top of **TRIFORCE®** open joist bundles.
10. Bundle wrap can be slippery, especially when wet or icy. Avoid walking on material.

## Installation Instructions

1. Except for trimming the joist length on the OSB end panel, chords should never be cut, drilled or notched.
2. Install **TRIFORCE®** open joist so that top and bottom flanges are within 1/2" of true vertical alignment.
3. Joists must be restrained at the ends to prevent rollover.
4. Apply concentrated loads only on top flanges. Do not suspend concentrated loads from bottom flanges, except for light loads such as ceiling fans or light fixtures.
5. **TRIFORCE®** open joists must be protected from bad weather prior to installation.
6. Joists should be used in dry conditions only.
7. Never install a damaged **TRIFORCE®** open joist.
8. If optional strongbacks are installed, they must be made of dry lumber.
9. End bearing must be a minimum of 1 1/2". Placement Guide may specify longer bearings.
10. To transfer a vertical load applied above the joist to a bearing, it may be necessary to add a rim board, squash blocks or blocking panels.
11. Joists must not be in direct contact with masonry or concrete.
12. **DO NOT WALK ON JOISTS** until properly braced. Serious injury may occur.
13. **DO NOT PILE** construction materials on joists until they are fully installed, braced and have subfloor installed.
14. When nailing into the joist flange, nails must be spaced at least 2 1/2" o.c.
15. Details on the following pages show only the installation requirements specific to **TRIFORCE®** open joists. For other installation requirements, refer to the building code or manufacturers' instructions.
16. Adhesives used for floor systems should comply with ASTM D3498-03 Standard Specification for Field-Gluing Plywood to Lumber Framing for Floor Systems. When gluing the subfloor to the joists, follow the instructions of the adhesive manufacturer.



## Not permitted

Never notch, cut or drill a joist member.

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## Joist Identification and Orientation



### Bottom - Bas Abajo OJ418

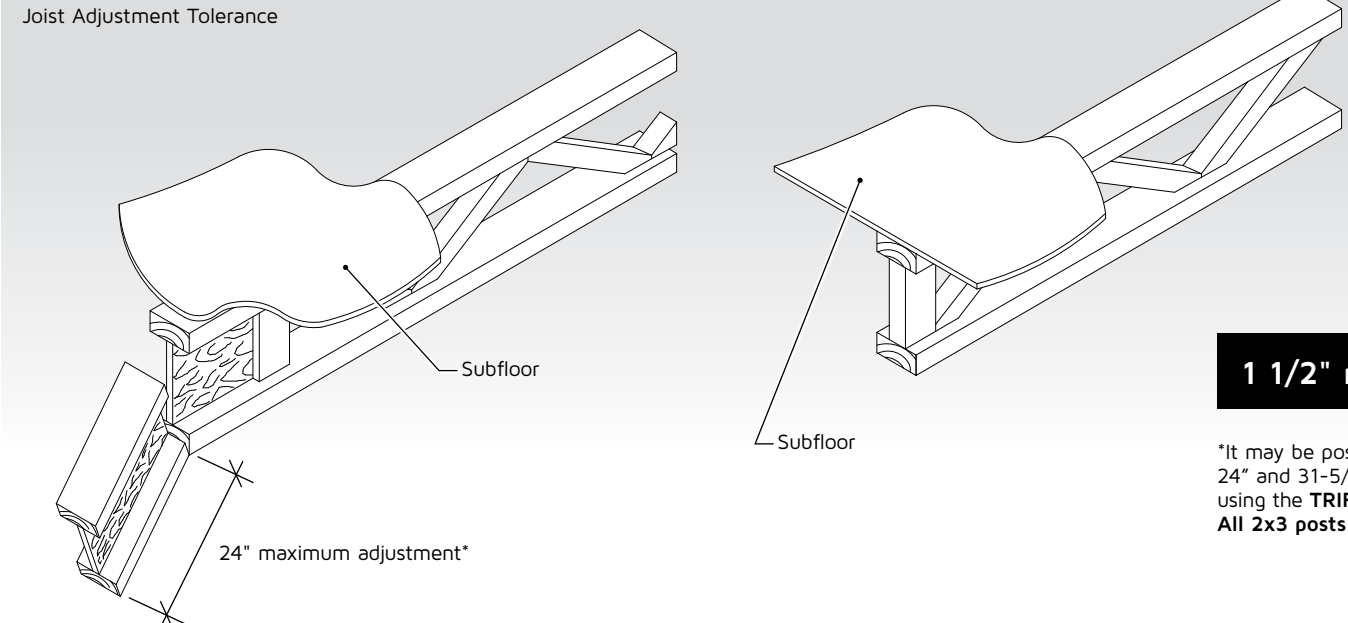
**Joist Orientation**  
Each **TRIFORCE®** open joist is marked to indicate a bottom flange. In order to achieve maximum shear capacity, the joist should be installed with proper orientation.

### Identification OJ418

Grades : 14 = 1.4E  
15 = 1.5E  
18 = 1.8E  
20 = 2.0E  
Flange : 3 = 2x3  
4 = 2x4

### Detail 1

Joist Adjustment Tolerance



**1 1/2" minimum BEARING REQUIRED**

"It may be possible to trim the OSB end panel of the joist between 24" and 31-5/8". However, the joist capacity MUST be analyzed using the **TRIFORCE®** Analyzer software to confirm. All 2x3 posts must ALWAYS REMAIN INTACT.

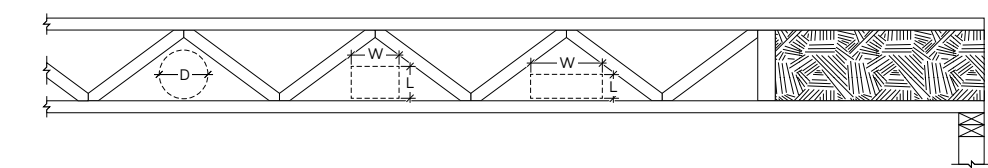
## Openings in the OSB End Panel of a Joist

### Conditions:

1. One (1) round hole of 1.5" or less diameter can be made in this zone without any adjustment of the joist capacity.
2. For any other quantity or type of hole, the joist capacity has to be analyzed using **TRIFORCE®** Analyzer software.

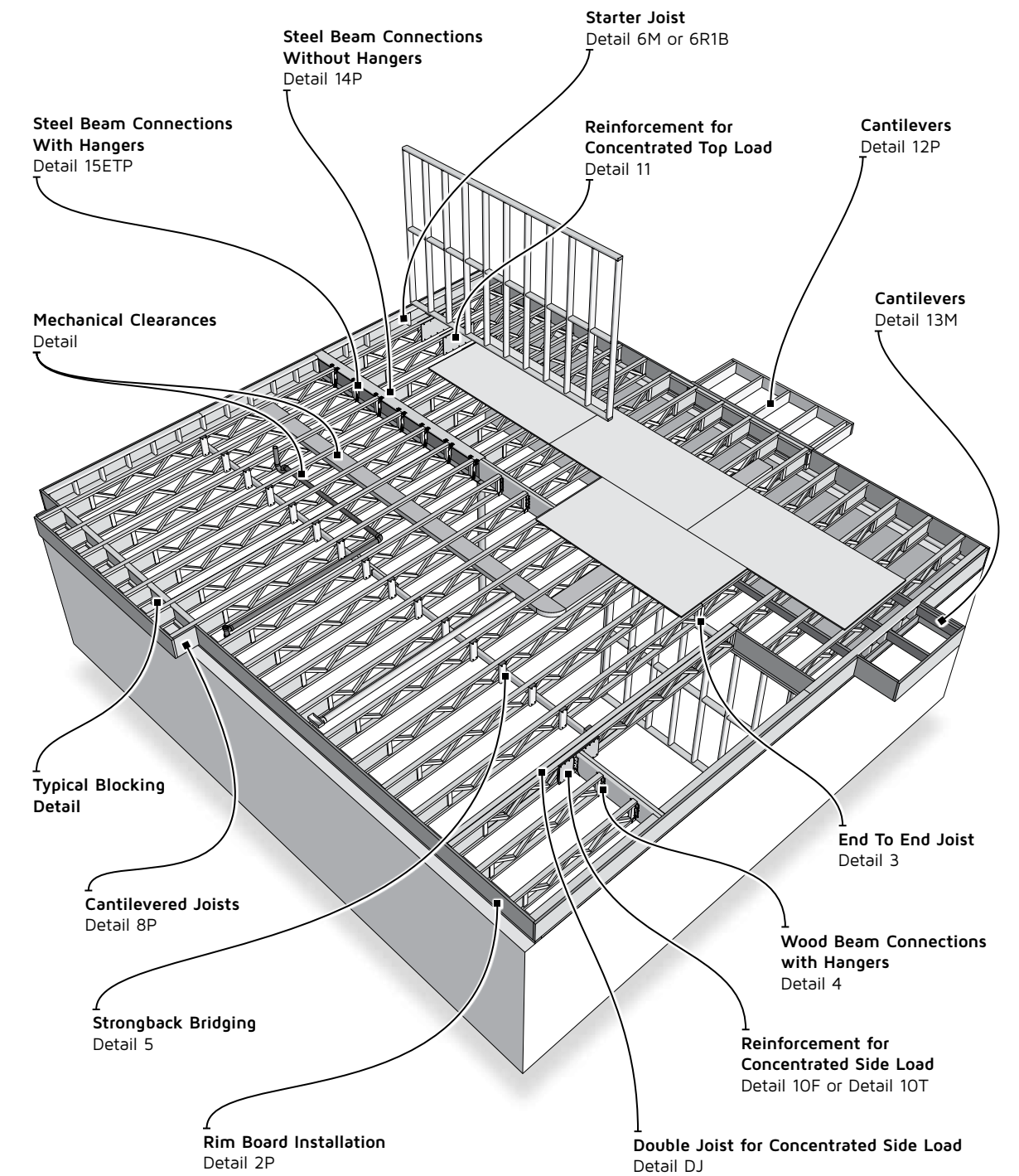
## Mechanical Clearances

Maximum Size of Pipes, Ducts and Cable Trays Through Diagonal Web Members				
Depth	Round D	Square W x H	Rectangular W x L	
11 1/4"	7 1/4"	5 1/4" x 5 1/4"	3" x 13"	
14"	8 1/2"	6 1/2" x 6 1/2"	3" x 14", 6" x 8"	
16"	9 1/4"	7 1/4" x 7 1/4"	3" x 15"	



## Standard Details

This section provides standard details for normal framing situations. For loads that are not uniformly distributed and/or for joists supported by bearings other than end bearings, joist capacity must be verified using the manufacturer's Analyzer software. The project designer and/or general contractor is responsible for determining if standard details apply.



## Rim Board Installation

### Standard Rim Board Sizes

Depth (inches): 11 1/4, 14, 16.

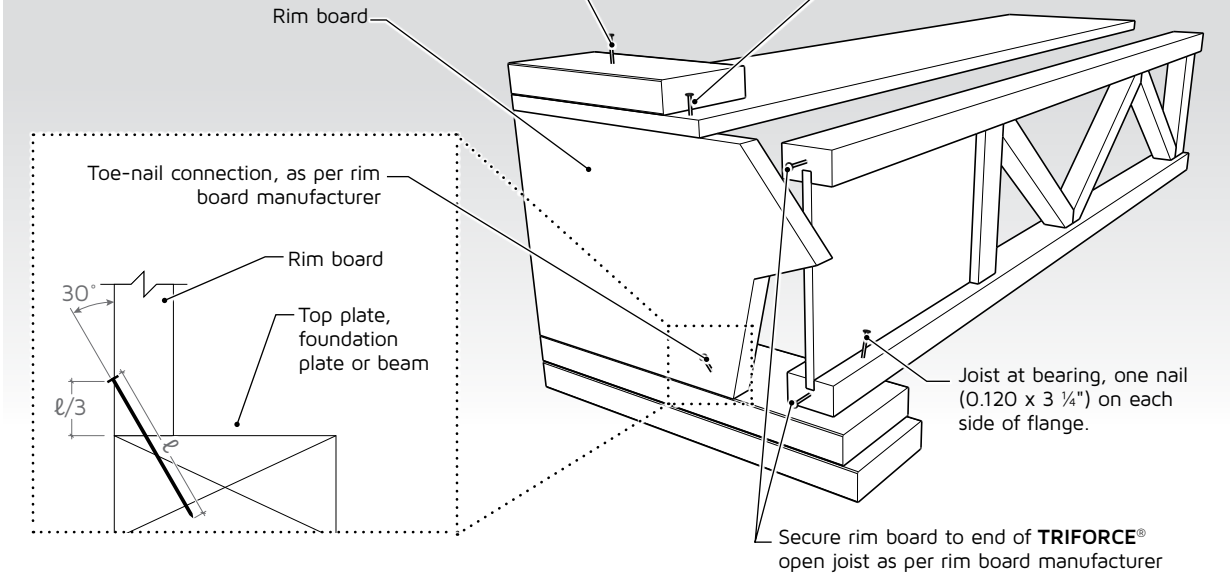
A structural rim board is required when **TRIFORCE®** open joists are installed perpendicular to bearing walls.

**TRIFORCE®** open joists should not be used as solo starter joists on exterior walls.

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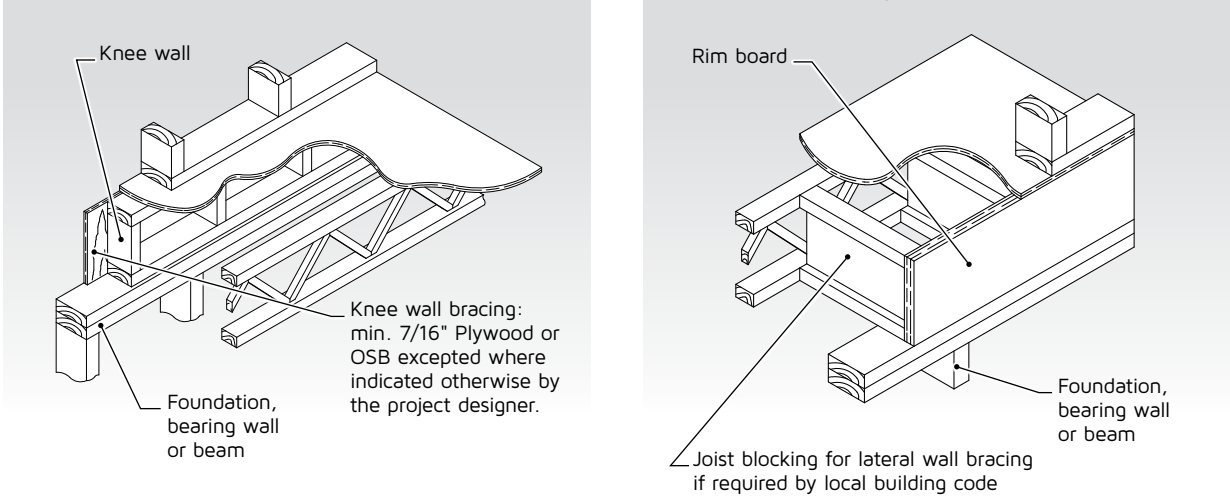
### Detail 2P

Rim to Joist



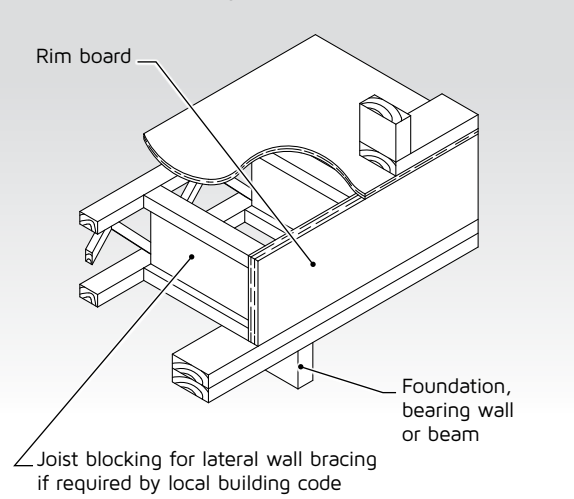
### Detail 6M

Knee Wall



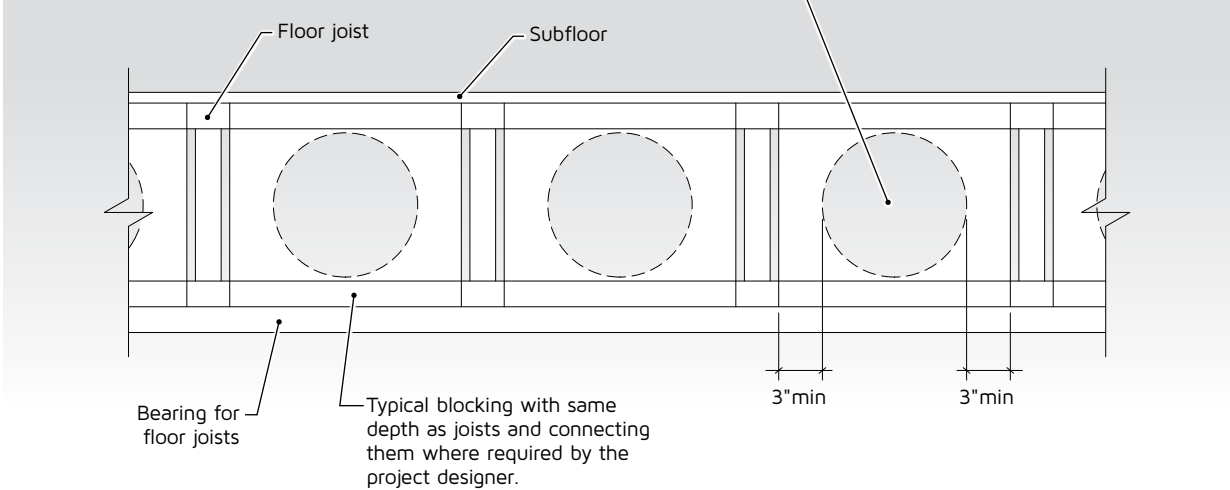
### Detail 6R1B

Rim Board and Blocking at Exterior Wall



### Detail TB

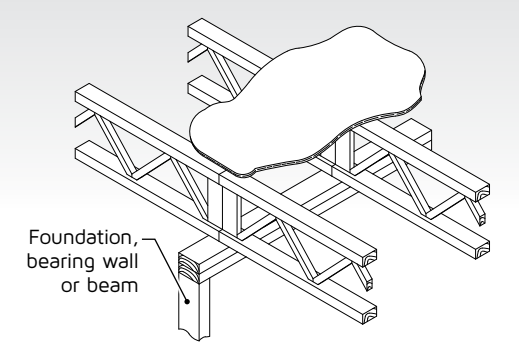
Typical Blocking



### Detail 3

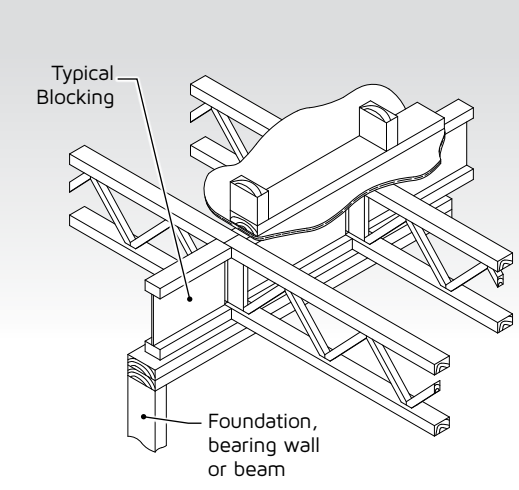
End To End Joist

Blocking not required between joists for residential applications located in low to moderated seismic zones where S<sub>g</sub>(0.2)≥0.7



### Detail 3B

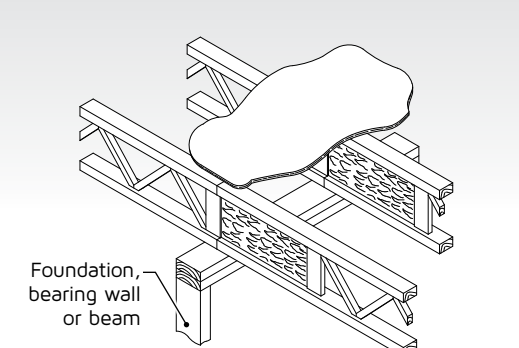
End To End Joist with Bearing Wall Above



### Detail 3P1

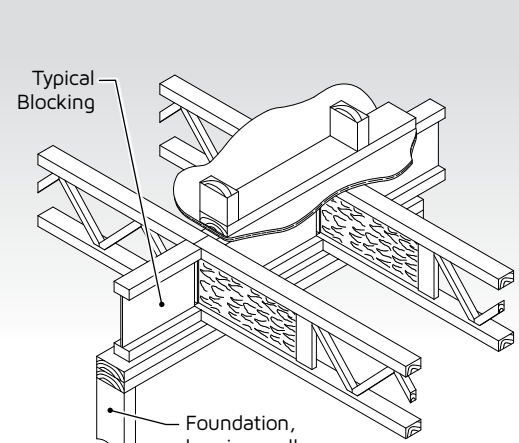
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### Detail 3P1B

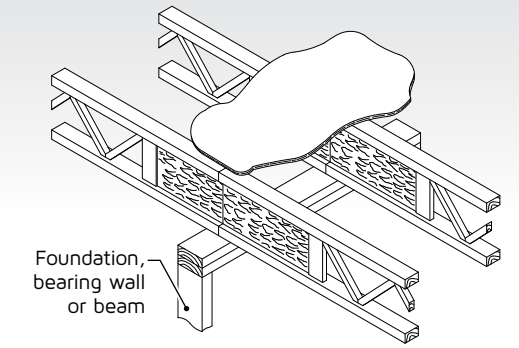
End To End Joist with Bearing Wall Above



### Detail 3P2

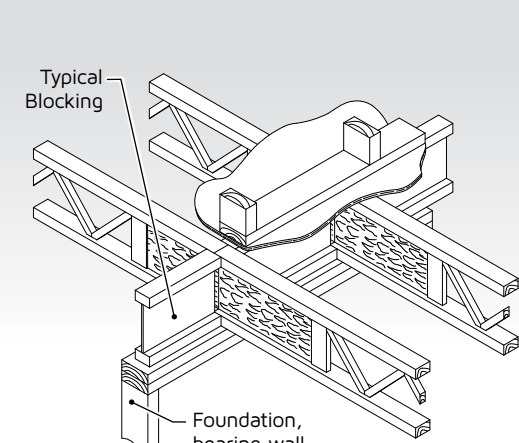
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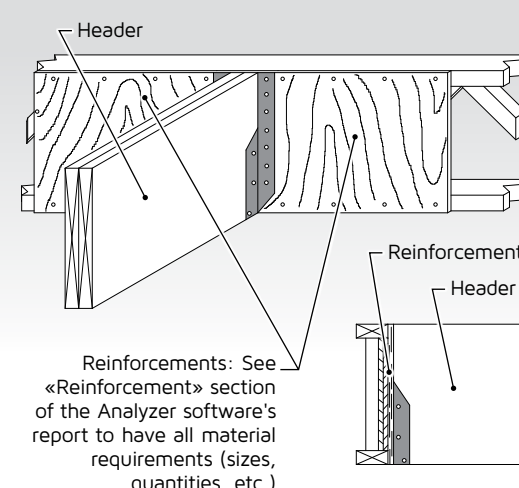
### Detail 3P2B

End To End Joist with Bearing Wall Above



### Detail 10F

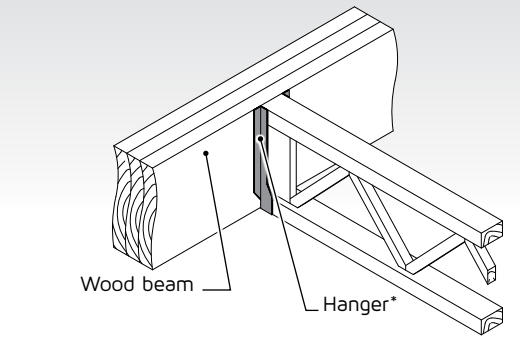
Reinforcement for a Concentrated Side Load - Face Mount Hanger



### Detail 4

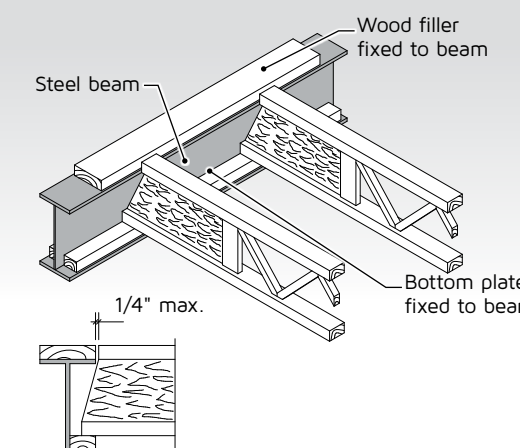
Wood Beam Connections with Hangers

\* top mount or face mount hangers



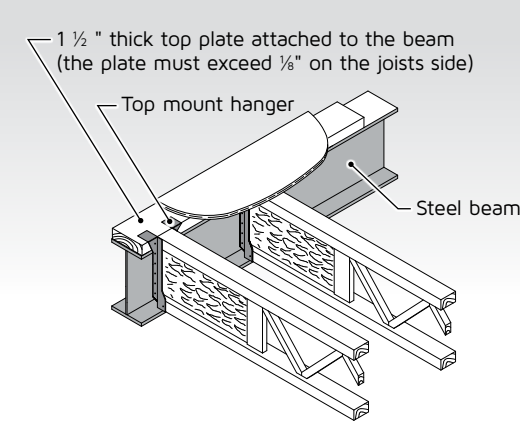
### Detail 14P

Steel Beam Bottom Flange Bearing



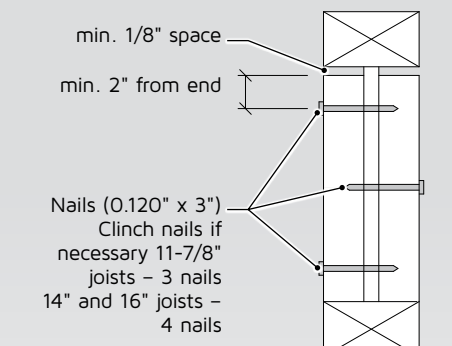
### Detail 15ETP

Steel Beam Connections With Top Plate and Hanger

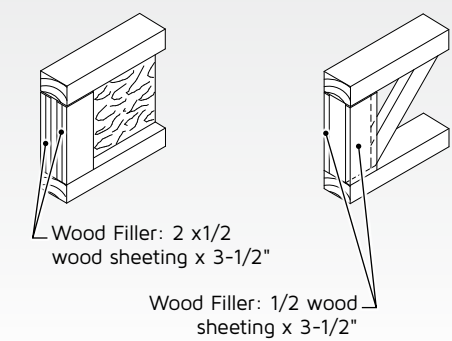


## Wood Filler for a Single Joist with Hanger

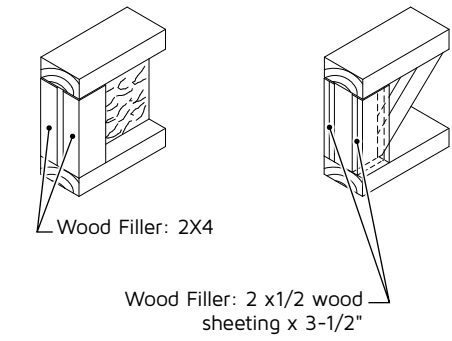
Only required if the hanger does not provide lateral support for the joist's top chord.



### Joists with 3X2 chords

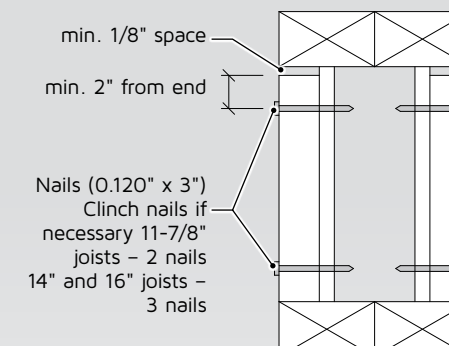


### Joists with 4X2 chords

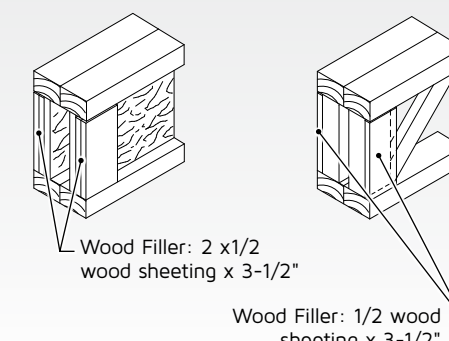


## Wood Filler for a Double Joist with Hanger

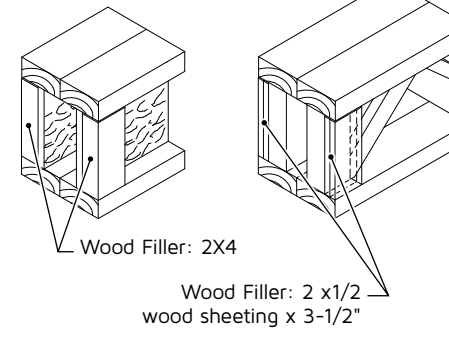
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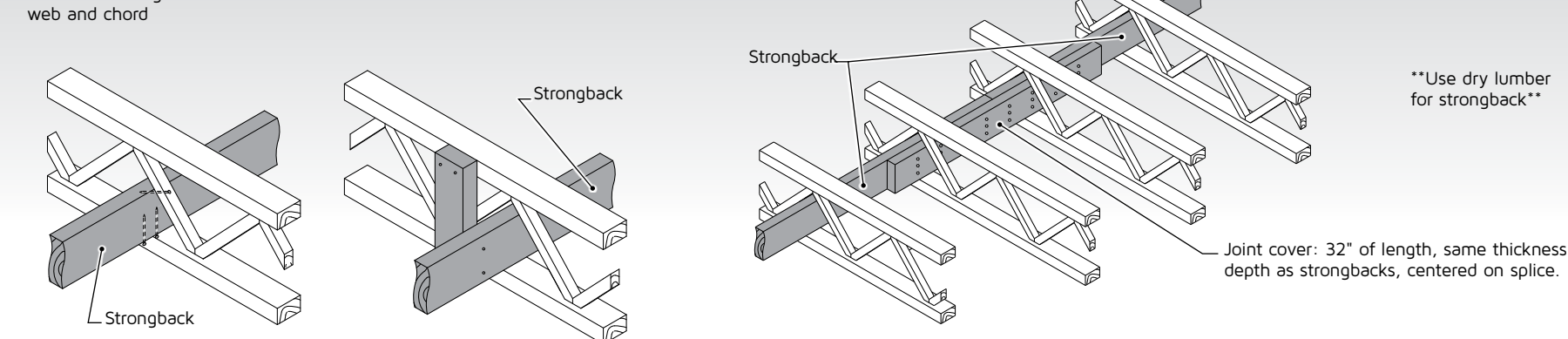
### Detail 5

Strongback Bridging

Use gun nails 0.122" x 3.25" or 3" screws to secure strongback at mid span of joist. If two strongbacks are specified, install the second one adjacent to the next closest diagonal web bay.

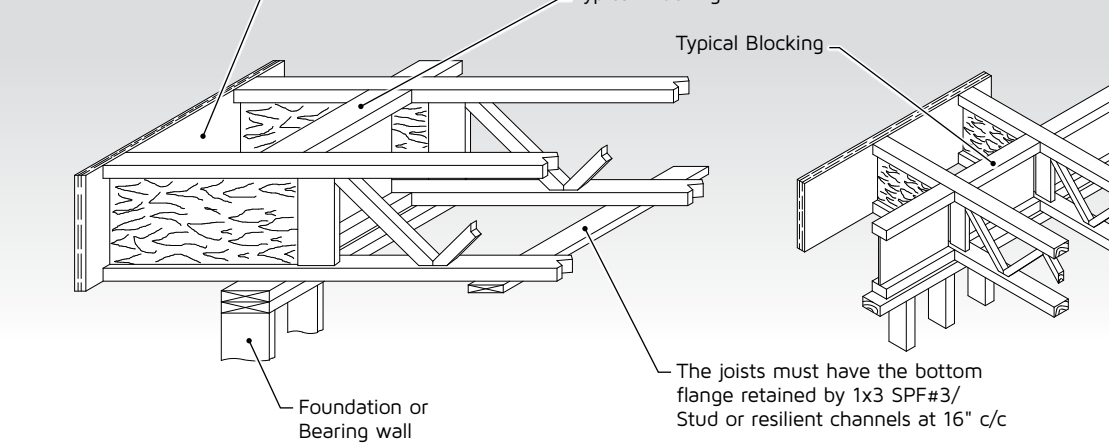
**Option #1 (Good)** Attached to diagonal web and chord

**Option #2 (Better)** Attached to block



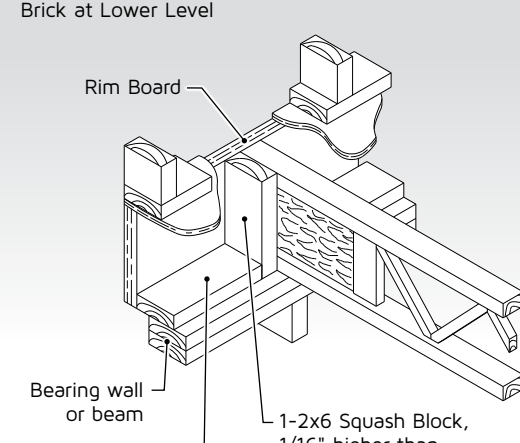
### Detail 8P

Cantilevered Joist



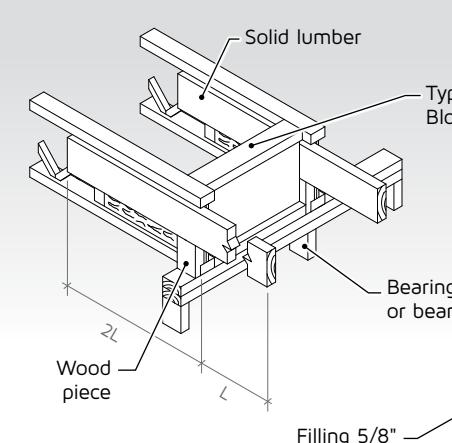
### Detail 8BDG

Multiple Level Brick at Lower Level



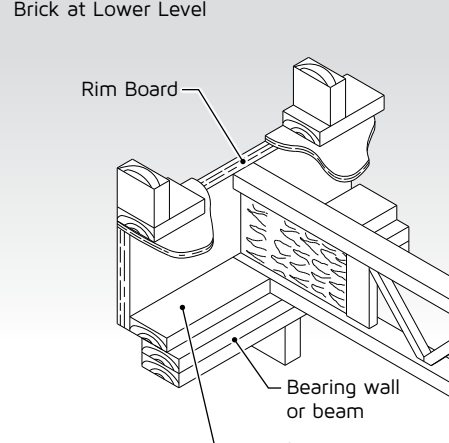
### Detail 12P

Cantilevered Balcony



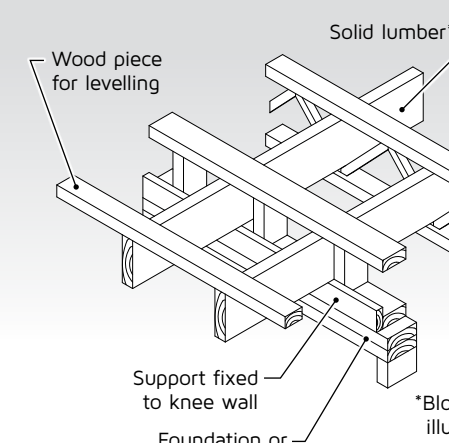
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Multiple Level Brick at Lower Level



### Detail 13M

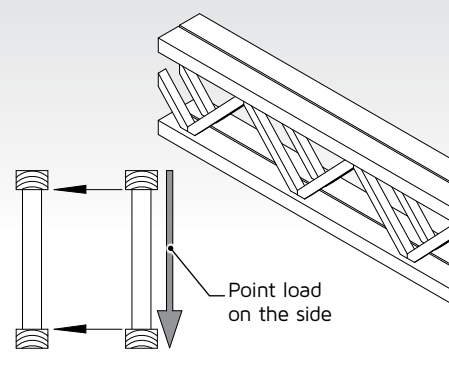
Cantilever Perpendicular to Open Joist



### Detail DJ

Doubled Joist Load Transfer

Install connectors on the top and bottom chord to transfer from the first ply to the second ply, the load indicated in manufacturer's «Analyzer» software report.



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