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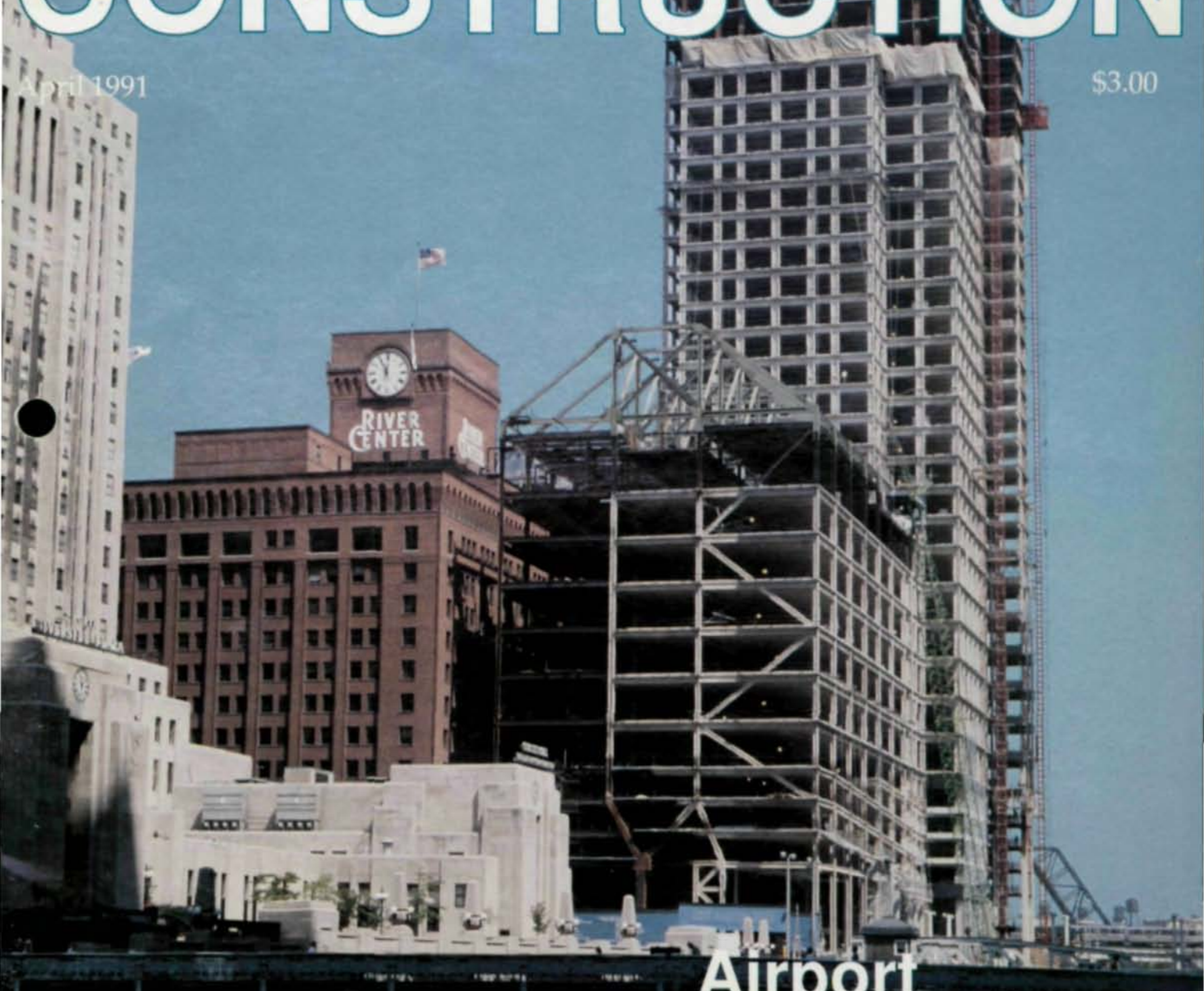
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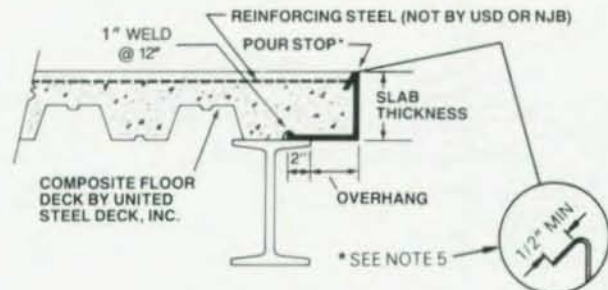


# POUR STOP SELECTION CHART

SLAB DEPTH (Inches)	OVERHANG (INCHES)												
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4.00	20	20	20	20	18	18	16	14	12	12	12	10	10
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4.50	20	20	20	18	18	16	16	14	12	12	12	10	10
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7.25	16	16	14	14	12	12	12	10	10	10	10	10	
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TYPES	DESIGN THICKNESS
20	0.0358
18	0.0474
16	0.0598
14	0.0747
12	0.1046
10	0.1345

This chart is a repeat of our first DECK DESIGN DATA SHEET; the format has been revised to make the type (gage) selection easier.



**NOTES:** THE ABOVE SELECTION TABLE IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. NORMAL WEIGHT CONCRETE (150PCF).
2. HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL DEFLECTION IS LIMITED TO 1/4" MAXIMUM FOR CONCRETE DEAD LOAD.
3. DESIGN STRESS IS LIMITED TO 20 KSI FOR CONCRETE DEAD LOAD TEMPORARILY INCREASED BY ONE-THIRD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION LIVE LOAD OF 20 PSF.
4. POUR STOP SELECTION TABLE DOES NOT CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF THE PERFORMANCE, DEFLECTION, OR ROTATION OF THE POUR STOP SUPPORT WHICH MAY INCLUDE BOTH THE SUPPORTING COMPOSITE DECK AND/OR THE FRAME.
5. VERTICAL LEG RETURN LIP IS RECOMMENDED FOR TYPE 16 AND LIGHTER.
6. THIS SELECTION IS NOT MEANT TO REPLACE THE JUDGEMENT OF EXPERIENCED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS A REFERENCE ONLY.



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104,279.200	Total Material Cost	\$127,476
50 Miles	Inbound Freight	\$7,483
184 lbs.	Jobite Freight	\$2,782
180 gal/ton	Total Mill Material	\$158
600	Paint Cost - Type #1	\$7,930
1,244 Mbs.	Shop Bolts	\$330
100 #	Detailing Cost	\$4,000
	Total Shop Labor	\$14,941
	Shop Overhead	\$18,941
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	Total Job Cost	\$174,240
	SA 10%	\$17,424
	Total Including SA	\$191,664
	Profit 10%	\$19,166
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Site constraints greatly complicated the design and construction of the Morton International Building in Chicago. The structure is built over existing rail tracks that disallowed foundation placement underneath the structure's southwest corner. The story behind this building begins on page 32. Photo by McShane & Fleming Studio

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## Solid Knowledge For Serious Designers

As regular as a notice from the taxman, April brings a slew of announcements about upcoming conventions and seminars. With a little ingenuity, an adventurous soul could easily avoid his office during the entire months of April, May and June.

But as interesting (or as draining) as it might be to hit the road for three solid months, very few businesspeople can afford that luxury.

Choosing which trade shows to attend can be an arduous and difficult task. Read through the packets sent out by the show producers and you're promised the moon—but how many actually deliver even one piece of information usable in your everyday business?

That's why I was so impressed last year when I attended my first National Steel Construction Conference. The show doesn't feature a lot of razzle-dazzle. There aren't acres of hospitality suites at night. There aren't pretty girls handing out party favors. And there aren't magicians in the aisles.

Instead, the NSCC features a series of solid seminars and a small exhibit hall for serious fabricators and engineers on June 5-7.

Interested in seismic design? Check out Peter I. Yanev's talk on "Building for Earthquake Survival" on Thursday, June 6. Yanev is vice president and chairman of EQE Engineering, one of the country's most respected seismic design firms. And you can follow that session with a technical seminar on seismic connection design.

Not interested in earthquakes? How about a session on "Economic Comparison of ASD and LRFD for Buildings"? Or maybe you'd appreciate some information on "Simple Connections in Tubular Construction"? And every engineer can benefit from "Innovations in Fire Protection".

And if the huge quantity of raw information available at the NSCC doesn't excite you, you can still benefit from hobnobbing with some of the industry's top designers and fabricators who long ago realized the value of attending this annual event.

Registration forms are on pages 10-11 in this issue. I look forward to seeing you in June. **SM**



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## AISC Issues LRFD Seismic Provisions

Seismic design is addressed in a newly available addendum to the Load & Resistance Factor Design Manual of Steel Construction. "Specification of Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings" also includes an extensive commentary.

Sections include: Load and Load Combinations; Material Specifications; Column Requirements; Requirements for Ordinary Moment Frames; Requirements for Special Moment Frames; Requirements for Concentrically Braced Frames; Requirements for Eccentrically Braced Frames; and Inspection.

"The new Specification complements the AISC LRFD Manual with special provisions required for design in buildings in Zones 3 and 4 and for buildings with an Importance Factor greater than 1.0 in

Zone 2," explained Clarkson Pinkham, S.E., president of S.B. Barnes Associates, Los Angeles, and secretary of Specification Task Committee 113, which developed the new provisions. "Similar information has been available in the model codes on the West Coast; however, it has not been available in the LRFD format."

The seismic provisions will be included in the First Revised Edition of the LRFD Manual of Steel Construction, which is scheduled to be available this summer. Individual copies of the seismic provisions are available for \$5 + \$4 shipping and handling (plus sales tax in Illinois, California, or New York) from: AISC Publications Dept., P.O. Box 806276, Chicago, IL 60680-4124 (312) 670-2400 ext. 433.

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### Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings— Load and Resistance Factor Design

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## New Design Guide: Extended End-Plate Moment Connections

The fourth in a series of Steel Design Guides, "Extended End-Plate Moment Connections," is now available from AISC. The use of moment end-plate connections in multi-story, moment resistant frame construction is on the upswing as more engineers become aware of its economic advantages.

The new Design Guide includes information on four-bolt extended end plates as well as eight-bolt extended end plates. Design Guide chapters include: Recommended Design Procedures; Unstiffened,

Extended End-Plate Connection Design; Stiffened, Extended End-Plate Connection Design; and information about ASD and LRFD Design Aids and Nomenclature.

The guide presents complete design procedures and examples for extended moment end-plate connections suitable for fully restrained (or continuous frame) construction.

Previous AISC Design Guides include: "Column Base Plates," a compilation of existing information on the design of base plates for steel columns; "Design of Steel and Composite Beams with Web Openings," a summary of design concepts for practicing engineers; and "Serviceability Design Considerations for Low Rise Buildings," a comprehensive review of information on serviceability design criteria.

Each Design Guide is available for \$16 + \$4 shipping and handling (plus sales tax in Illinois, California and New York) from AISC Publications Department, P.O. Box 806276, Chicago, IL 60680-4124 (312) 670-2400 ext. 433.

## 1991 T.R. Higgins Award

Thomas M. Murray, Montague-Betts professor of structural steel design at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA, is the winner of the 1991 T.R. Higgins Lecture-ship Award. The AISC award recognizes an author whose technical paper or papers have made an outstanding contribution to the fabricated structural steel industry.

"Building Floor Vibrations", Murray's honored paper, advances state-of-the-art techniques for controlling floor movement in residential, office and commercial environments.

Murray will give a presentation at the National Steel Construction Conference in Washington, DC, on June 5. He will make six additional presentations during the next 12 months.



# National Steel Construction Conference (NSCC)

Washington, DC June 5-7  
Advance Program and Registration

## Tuesday, June 4

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Welcome to Washington Tour  
(optional event)

8:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
Washington After Dark  
(optional event)

## Wednesday, June 5

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Professional Member Forum

9:00 a.m. - noon  
Experience Capitol Hill  
(Spouses optional event)

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Corcoran Gallery of Art, Embassy  
Row & the National Cathedral  
(Spouses optional event)

1:00 - 1:15 p.m.  
Welcome and Introductions

1:15 - 2:00 p.m.  
General Session: T.R. Higgins Lec-  
ture: *Building Floor Vibrations*  
Prof. Thomas M. Murray, Virginia  
Polytech Institute and State University

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Keynote Address: *Motivating Your  
Staff and Work Force*  
Dorman Conklin, Principal, Employee  
Development Services, Jackson, MS

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Exhibits Open  
No technical sessions are offered at  
this time, giving attendees an opportu-  
nity to visit the 100-plus exhibit booths.

5:15 - 6:00 p.m.  
Exhibitor Workshops  
Specialized sessions introducing the  
latest in new products and techniques

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
AISC Welcome Cocktail Party  
All conference attendees and their spouses  
are invited

## Thursday, June 6

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.  
General Session: *Building for Earth-  
quake Survival*  
Peter I. Yanév, EQE Engineering, San  
Francisco

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.  
General Session: *Troubleshooting Struc-  
tural Steel: BASIC Offers Practical Solu-  
tions*  
Dr. Reidar Bjorhovde, BASIC, Univer-  
sity of Pittsburgh  
Professor Stanley T. Rolfe, University  
of Kansas at Lawrence

10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Exhibits Open

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
George Washington Slept Here  
(Spouses optional event)

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Technical Seminars  
1. *Troubleshooting Structural Steel:  
BASIC offers Practical Solutions*  
2. *Practical Engineering in Shop Fabrica-  
tion*  
3. *Simple Connections in Tubular Con-  
struction*  
11. *Economic Comparison ASD and  
LRFD for Buildings*  
12. *Seismic Building Design Specificatoin*  
13. *Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings*

Noon - 1:45 p.m.  
Lunch Service Provided  
In Exhibit Hall

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
Technical Seminars  
4. *Plant Automation*  
5. *How to Get Shop Drawings Ap-  
proved—On Time*  
6. *Undesirable Clauses in Contracts*  
14. *Recent Research Results—I*  
15. *Recent Research Results—II*  
16. *Recent Developments in Steel Fabrica-  
tion and Material Selection: Electroslag  
Welding & Weathering Steel Structures*

4:10 - 5:30 p.m.  
Technical Seminars  
7. *EPA—Right to Know Legislation  
SARA, Title III, Section 313*  
8. *Advances in Welding for the Steel Fab-  
rication Industry*  
9. *Application of Multiple Shop Coatings*  
17. *Innovations in Bridge Design*  
18. *Seismic Connection Design*  
19. *Innovations in Fire Protection*

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.  
Exhibitor Workshops

7:00 - 7:45 p.m.  
Reception (Cash Bar)

7:45 - 10:00 p.m.  
Dinner & Entertainment  
Capital Steps and Dancing  
(Optional event)

## Friday, June 7

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.  
Exhibitor Workshops

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.  
General Session: *Steel Construction Sys-  
tem for Low-Rise Commercial and Residen-  
tial Building*  
P.O. Thomasson, Swedish Institute of  
Steel Construction, Stockholm, Sweden  
Session highlights a special construc-  
tion system that minimizes floor-to-  
floor height.

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.  
General Session: *The Great American  
Pyramid: Ancient Shape, Modern Design*  
Lawrence G. Griffis, Walter P. Moore  
& Associates, Houston

10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Exhibits Open

10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
A Special Tour  
(Spouses optional event)

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Technical Seminars  
20. *Codes & Ethics*  
(1, 4, 7, 14, and 15 repeat)

Noon - 1:45 p.m.  
Lunch Service Provided  
In Exhibit Hall

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
Technical Seminars  
(2, 5, 8, 11, 12, and 13 repeat)

4:10 - 5:30 p.m.  
Technical Seminars  
(3, 6, 9, 16, 17 and 18 repeat)

8:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
Washington After Dark Tour  
(Optional event)

T.B.A.  
The Phantom of the Opera  
(Optional Event)

## Saturday, June 8

Optional Tours:  
Tour of Bridge Shop (8:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
and 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)  
Arlington Cemetery and Mt.  
Vernon (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)  
Air and Space/American History Mu-  
seum (1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

# ***NSCC HOTEL RESERVATION FORM***

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\$335.00 (after April 19)

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**Non-Member Fee:** \$340.00 (before April 19)  
\$385.00 (after April 19)

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**Student Fee:** \$75.00

(Letter from faculty advisor or equivalent required)

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Friday (includes Lunch)	\$160.00

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# Servicing The Mouse That Roared

Disney World's phenomenal popularity is a major reason for the need to expand Orlando's airport

By Michael C. Head, P.E.

As a result of more and more attractions enticing an ever-growing number of visitors, America's fastest growing airport, the Orlando International Airport, has embarked on an ambitious expansion program.

The 500,000-sq.-ft. composite steel Delta Airlines Orlando Flight Center is the third airside terminal to be completed as part of an anticipated four-terminal expansion. And as befits a terminal near Disneyworld, departing travellers approach the futuristic structure from the main terminal building via a high speed automated ground transportation (AGT) system.

The Flight Center includes a central hub with a 140' clear span, glass-clad structural steel dome rising 43' above the concourse level, a large mezzanine level suspended from its roof and a 100'-

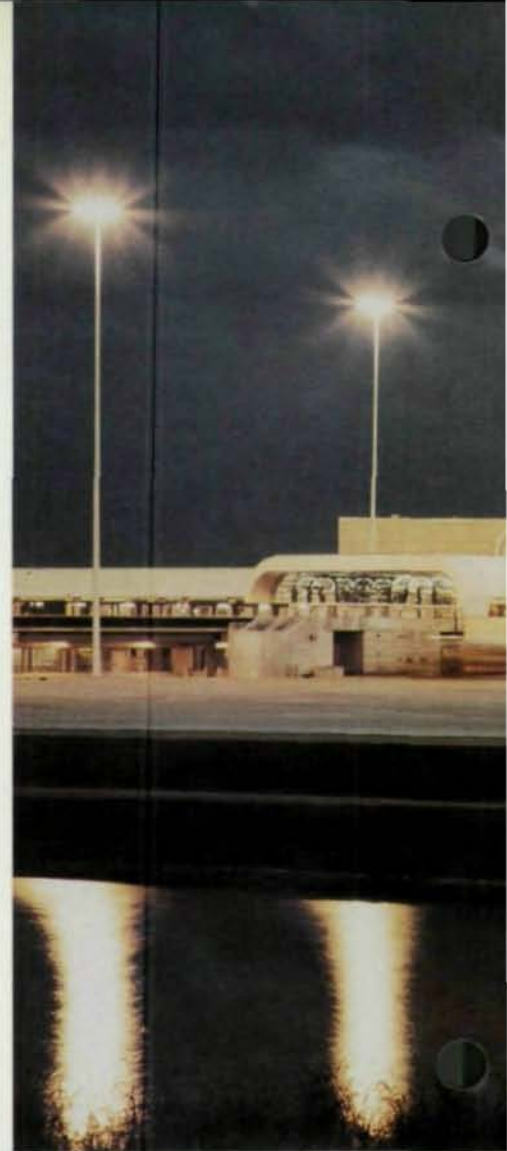
high control tower. As the AGT nears the Center, travellers can see two of its three 400'-long concourses, each with eight gates. The hub is shaped like a triangle with its corners cut off. Where the corners normally would be, the concourses extend out.

The AGT station is a separate building along one of the legs of the triangle between two concourses.

## Space-Age Appearance

The center's rounded ends present a sleek, modern appearance, almost as if the design was lifted from a cinematographer's rendering of a space station. Architect for the project was KBJ Architects, Inc., Jacksonville, FL, and structural engineer was O'Kon and Company, Inc., Atlanta.

The concourses each have two levels, while the central hub has two levels plus a mezzanine.



Perimeter framing for the central hub consists primarily of W24 columns and W40 girders, with the bottom flange of the curved columns attaching to the bottom flange of the girders. On the other end, the major girders frame into the dome columns.

The vertical W24 column is connected to the W40 girder with a curved 24"-deep section of the same size column. For ease of fabrication, the curved section was built as a plate girder instead. The transition between the 24" plate girder and W40 girder was formed with stiffener plates with a top flange extension 5' into the W40.

The W40/plate girder assembly was shipped as one piece. The girder's large size was needed to satisfy architectural requirements regarding the location of the W24 curved section and still provide support for the roof structure. Openings were provided in the



W40 sections for ductwork to pass through.

Perimeter framing for the concourse area consists of W18 and W12 columns with a bar joist roof.

The 163'-long AGT station has a post-tensioned concrete floor. It's arched ceiling consists of 10 curved plate girders resting on the concrete floor and spanning 89'. The ceiling is 3'-4" deep at the center and 1'-5" at the ends. Due to their size, each girder was shipped to the site in three sections. The sections consist of a straight 63' section, and two sharply curving sections for each end.

### Central Hub

Perhaps the most dramatic feature of the Flight Center is the wide-open space in the central dome. The delicate structure of the dome is designed to be almost invisible as sunlight floods through 12,750 sq. ft. of skylight and bathes



*Delta Airlines Orlando Flight Center features a modern, sleek design and includes three 410'-long concourses surrounding a central hub. Top photo by Steven Brooke*



*Delta's passengers are dazzled by the central hub, which includes a 12,750-sq.-ft. skylight covering a 140'-wide, column-free space. The massive skylight is supported on two compression rings, which, in turn, rest on 12 built-up tubes emerging from a series of cluster columns. Top photo by Steven Brooke*

the entire hub in dazzling light.

The dome is an integral part of the roof framing and the lateral load resisting system.

The dome consists of two compression rings, one made up of curved W21 wide flange sections and one of W24 sections. The rings are connected with 1"-thick plates every 15198 along their perimeter. Extending out from the 36' diameter ring are 12 built-up tubes framing out to cluster columns.

The cluster columns consist of three wide flange columns connected by a series of horizontal plates at the top and bottom. Interestingly, the built-up tubes are larger than they need to be in order to meet the architectural design.

#### **Column-Free Design**

Stretching along one side of the dome are two mezzanine areas. To provide the spacious, column-free space required by the architect, the mezzanine levels are suspended from roof members. The mezzanine is supported on one side by two



92'-long plate girders over the AGT station, and is suspended from the roof girders by W24 hangars. The plate girders span the width of the AGT station.

Towering 50' above the terminal's roof is a Delta Control Tower with a 45' clear span domed roof. The control tower is partially supported by columns extending to the foundation and partially by the hub roof structure.

#### Glare Control

Radiating out from the central hub are three concourses. To continue the spacious, bright feeling of the hub, huge skylights extend down the spine of each concourse, with each culminating in a large semi-circular skylight. In addition, as with the hub area, the concourses' walls feature sizable arrays of glazing.

The large expanses of glazing, combined with Florida's strong sun, made shading a critical concern.

In the hub area, sun shading

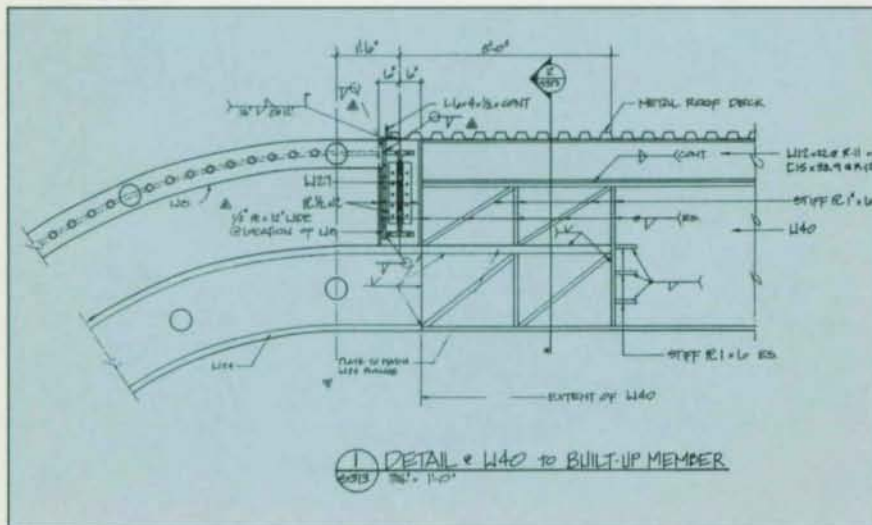
was achieved by using fritted glass and a system of horizontal steel pipes supported at the glazing line by W24 vertical and curved column sections. A second, smaller diameter network of pipes follows the same profile as the glazing and appears to "float" above the exterior. The pipes are supported by W8 column sections and a system of slit pipes and steel plate beams. As the sun moves overhead, the closely-spaced pipes block the heat while providing unhindered views.

Sun shading for the concourse area is different, though equally effective. In those areas, three parallel 12" x 12" steel tubes extend 7' out from the building to create a sun screen.

#### Lateral Load Resisting System

The entire Flight Center was designed to resist hurricane-force winds, and each discrete part was individually considered for wind resistance.

*The modern appearance of the terminal's exterior is echoed by the sleek lines of the 410'-long concourses. Glass and brass combine with a horizontally-oriented ceiling to provide visual reference points within the huge space. In addition, a strip of skylighting runs down the center of each concourse (not shown). Photo by Steven Brooke*



The Flight Center's large expanses of glazing made sun control a crucial element. In the hub area, sun shading was achieved with a system of horizontal steel pipes, while in the concourses, sun shading was provided with three parallel 12" x 12" steel tubes extending 7' out from the building. Top photo by Steven Brooke

The diagram at left shows the connection between the curved columns and girders.



Each of the three concourses have two transverse expansion joints plus a third at the hub interface. The concourses were designed with partially fixed connections along their lengths and as a rigid frames across the width. Membrane action of the deck was used to transfer the hurricane force winds to the wind resisting elements.

The three mechanical areas, which are located at the interface between each concourse and the hub, were braced with diagonal X-bracing with the wind forces on the dome and glass wall perimeter being transferred to the foundation via rigid frames and X-bracing at the lower level. A similar design was used for the control tower dome.

### Time Constraints

To realize the Greater Orlando Aviation Authorities 1990 opening date, the design period for the structural steel package was shortened to allow bid to be accepted in February 1989, two months before the architectural and mechanical/electrical/plumbing package was completed. The 3,800 tons of steel were supplied by AISC-members Steel, Inc., Scottdale, GA, and Qualico Steel Co., Webb, AL. Erector was Williams Erection Co., Smyrna, GA.

To further speed the construction process, in January 1989 the foundation and underground tunnel system were awarded to the already mobilized general contractor for the Main Landside Terminal, Great Southwest Corporation. This enabled the foundations to be completed in time to allow the steel contractor to erect the steel as it arrived on the site.

General contractor for the rest of the project was ACI/Mitchell, Atlanta.

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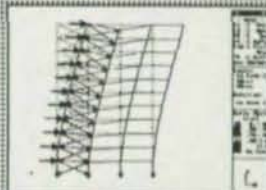


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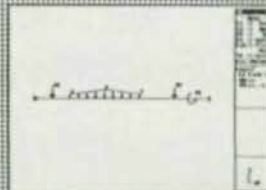
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# The Future For Regional Airlines

A state-of-the-art facility for a southeast commuter airline maintenance company utilized the LRFD Specification to realize a 10% savings in truss steel



By Socrates A. Ionnides, P.E.,  
and William F. O'Donnell, P.E.

All of the talk of failing airlines always concentrates on the major players and neglects to consider one of the fastest growing segments of the market: the regional/commuter airlines.

Just 12 months after groundbreaking, construction was completed last month on a new center for regional/commuter aircraft at the Nashville International Airport. Funded by the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, the new facility for FFV Aerotech, Inc., includes approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of office space, 32,000 sq. ft. of aircraft maintenance shops, and 34,000 sq. ft. of high-bay hangar area—large enough to accommodate up to six SAAB 340 series aircraft. The center, which is the first U.S. facility for the Swedish company, is referred to by its owner as "The future today in regional airport support."

The new high-tech facility provides complete support for both airframe modification/maintenance and aircraft component/accessory repair and overhaul under a single roof, a concept used extensively by FFV in Sweden and the United Kingdom.

"Already a hub for American Airlines, completion of the FFV facility represents another milestone for Nashville toward their goal of becoming the center of aviation for the United States," according to



*The hangar area for the new FFV Aerotech maintenance facility is 226'-wide by 150'-deep and provides space for three airplanes simultaneously.*

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Robert C. Mathews, Jr., chairman of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority. Architect on the project was Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, Nashville. Construction manager was D.F. Chase, Inc., Nashville.

### High Bay Hangar

The hangar area of the center is 226'-wide by 150'-deep, providing three distinct service bays and a 10'-wide service aisle around the perimeter. The clear doorway height is 28' and the clear height inside the hangar is 32', which allows the jacking of aircraft.

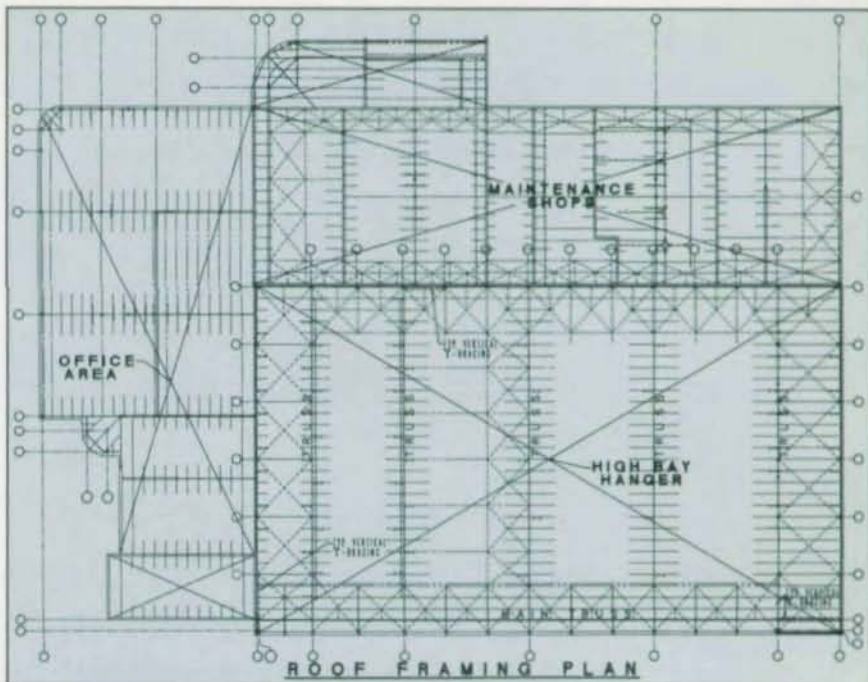
In order to design the most efficient structure, the structural engineer first had to study the facility's operational procedure. Required information includes:

- The specifications of the aircraft to be maintained, including: dimensions, weights, wheel loads, and jacking loads;
- Method of maintenance of the wings, fuselage, tail and stabilizer;
- Type of maintenance platforms and whether they're hanging or floor mounted;
- Fire suppression method and equipment.

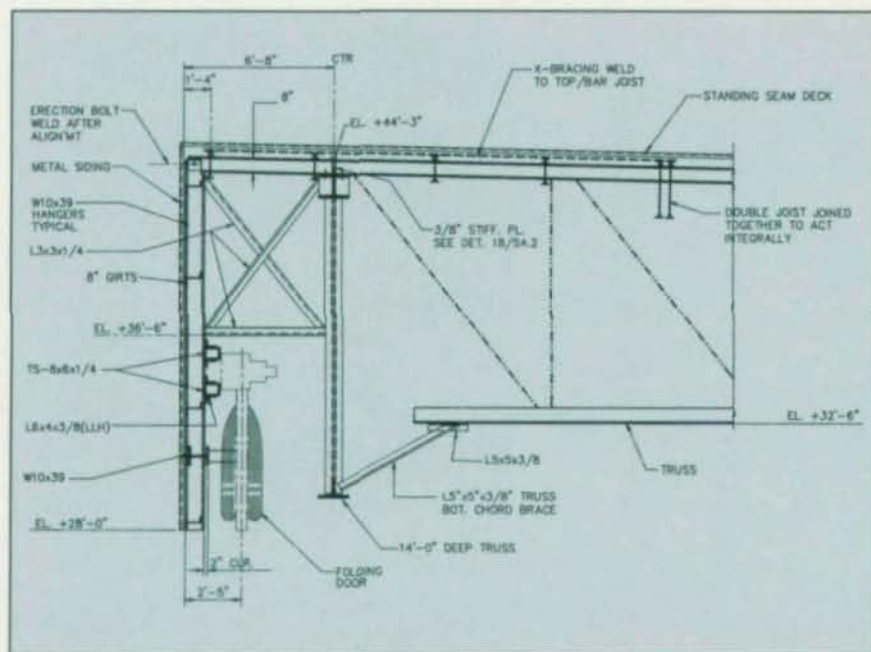
The primary structural element for this structure is the main truss, which spans 226' across the front door of the hangar, providing clear-span opening to the hangar from the runway apron. Four additional trusses span 150' perpendicular to and bear on the main truss. Steel joists spanning between the perpendicular trusses complete the roof framing.

All of the trusses were comparatively checked using both the Allowable Stress Design (ASD) and Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) Specifications. The trusses were designed to the LRFD Specification to realize a 10% material savings.

The top chord members of the main truss range in size up to W12x170 and the bottom chord members up to WT7x141.5. The top chord members of the four perpendicular trusses range in size up



The primary structural element for the hangar is a 226'-long truss. Additionally, there are four more trusses spanning 150' and bearing on the main truss. The trusses were designed to the LRFD Specification after a comparative analysis showed it would produce a 10% material savings compared with ASD.



*By cantilevering the top chords of the perpendicular truss—as well as additional W8 beams located between the trusses—about 6' beyond the main truss, the engineers were able to create a "pocket" for the retracted main hangar door and its support equipment.*



to W8x58 and the bottom chord members up to WT7x45. Most of the truss chords are of A572-Grade 50 steel. Web members consist of double angles using A36 steel. To account for the dead load deflection of the trusses, dead load correction camber curves were provided for each truss.

To maximize shop fabrication while still permitting easy shipping and handling, the main truss depth was limited to 14' and field splice locations were coordinated with the fabricator/erector. The truss was fabricated in three sections and assembled on site. A total of three cranes were used to erect the truss. After setting the truss, one crane was left in place to stabilize the truss until the perpendicular trusses were erected and permanent bracing was installed. Steel fabricator was AISC-member Allen Iron and Steel Corp., Franklin, TN, and steel erector was Al-Tenn Steel Erectors, Inc., Franklin.

The perpendicular trusses were located to coincide with the overhead traveling bridge crane girder locations. The crane girders are attached to the bottom chord of the trusses at panel points. To provide roof drainage, the top chord of the trusses are sloped so that the truss depth varies from 7'-9" to 11'-9".

The roof system consists of a standing seam metal roof over rigid insulation and a metal liner panel. Since the standing seam roof does not provide adequate lateral support, horizontal roof X-bracing consisting of thin flat plates was used to create a diaphragm for the roof and to tie the compression chords of the joists and trusses.

Lateral load resistance is provided by vertical X-bracing, consisting of three tiers of steel tubes, strategically located in each wall around the perimeter of the hangar. Bracing is located in the first bay directly behind each of the main truss bearing points. Bracing for the front wall of the hangar is provided in the additional bay adjacent to the hangar door and main truss that contains the mezzanine area. An additional set of bracing is located along the back wall of the hangar.

An expansion joint separates the high bay structure from the adjacent maintenance shop and office areas.

The hangar wall system is primarily metal siding over steel Z-shaped girts with a metal liner panel on the inside. The wainscot around the lower portion of the hangar is constructed of split-faced masonry. Liner panels were used for the roof and walls to enhance the interior appearance. The structural steel and joists were painted white both for appearance and to maximize lighting efficiency in conjunction with the light reflective floor hardener used on the concrete slab-on-grade.

#### Hangar Door

A unique element on this project is the hangar door, which is made of two layers of polyester fabric reinforced with horizontal aluminum ribs. Rather than a conventional horizontal-sliding door, the door opens vertically, folding into pleats. Manufactured by MegaDoor, Inc., the door consists of five sections that can be opened independently or concurrently. To provide unobstructed entrance to the hangar, the vertical millions located between door sections swing up and out of the way after the door has been raised.

When opened, the door is totally concealed behind the front fascia of the hangar. This was accomplished by cantilevering approximately 6' beyond the main truss, creating a pocket for the retracted door, mullions and the retracting mechanism. To create the pocket, the top chords of the perpendicular truss, as well as additional W8 beams located between the trusses, were cantilevered over the main truss. The fascia and door assemblies were then suspended and braced from the cantilevered ends.

The structural engineer coordinated the structural framing with the hangar door supplier to ensure proper clearances and support for the door assembly. Additionally, deflections resulting from the door, which were critical to the installation, were calculated and provided

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More than \$5 million worth of state-of-the-art equipment will be installed throughout the maintenance shop areas surrounding the main hangar.

The roof system for the maintenance shops consists of a standing seam metal roof over rigid insulation and metal liner panel with horizontal roof bracing similar to the hangar roof. For maintenance purposes and durability, the exterior walls and the numerous interior partitions are constructed of reinforced masonry. To minimize cost, the roof is framed using steel joists bearing on a combination of the reinforced load-bearing masonry walls and continuous steel beams.

A number of the shops are located below a mezzanine in the high-bay portion of the building. The mezzanine is framed using steel joists bearing on steel beams and supporting a 3"-thick concrete slab on metal form deck.

### Office Area

The office area accommodates executive, engineering, sales and marketing, and finance and administration personnel. Amenities include an employee cafeteria, exercise room, lockers and showers.

To maximize flexibility, the office is a combination of fixed partitions and open office landscaping. Security is an important feature, and the public enters a controlled reception area incorporating natural light provided by a curved glass exterior wall. This motif is repeated in the executive waiting area and the food service area.

Similar to the maintenance shops, the roof framing is steel joists bearing on load-bearing masonry walls and continuous steel beams. The roof is a rubber membrane over insulation and metal roof deck. Reflecting the high-tech environment, the exterior walls are split-faced masonry with Alucobond fascia and soffits.

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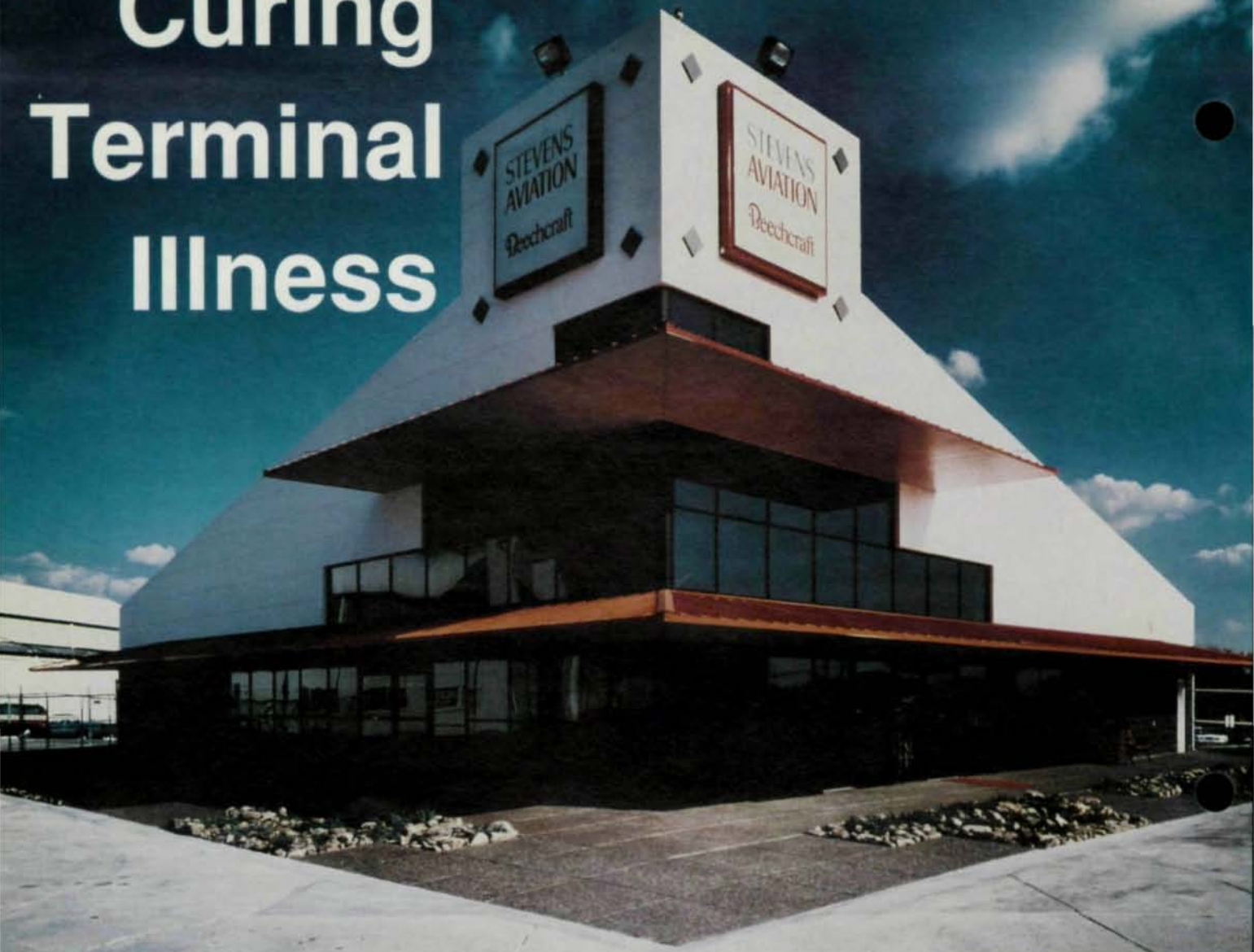


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# Curing Terminal Illness



An exciting design was needed to create a high-profile image for a new operator at Nashville's Growing Airport

By Socrates A. Ioannides, P.E.  
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Designing the "cure for terminal illness" was the goal for Steven's Aviation's new corporate aviation center at Nashville International Airport. It needed to be futuristic and high-profile, but at the same had to streamline operations.

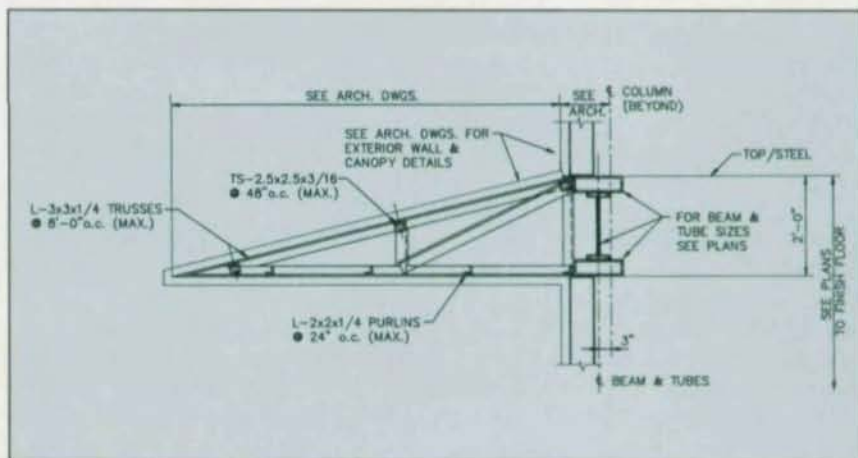
The \$750,000 building, which opened in October 1990, provides for the special needs of the pilots and passengers with a state-of-the-art pilots lounge, flight planning room with color radar, pilot's "snooze" room, sales and management offices, and a comfortable conference room. It's designed to "pamper the people who really make corporate travel fly—the pilots." The operations areas flank a large open waiting area that provides a 180° view of the airfield and general aviation runway.

"The key to the efficiency of this design is providing separate pilot and passenger spaces while maintaining direct visual interaction and creating a stream-lined path for passenger flow between automobile and airplane," according to Eric Powers, the building's designer with Edwards + Hotchkiss Architects, Inc., Brentwood, TN. "The exterior dynamics are achieved by using thin floating canopies that provide weather and sun protection and reflect the light floating characteristics of aeronautical design."

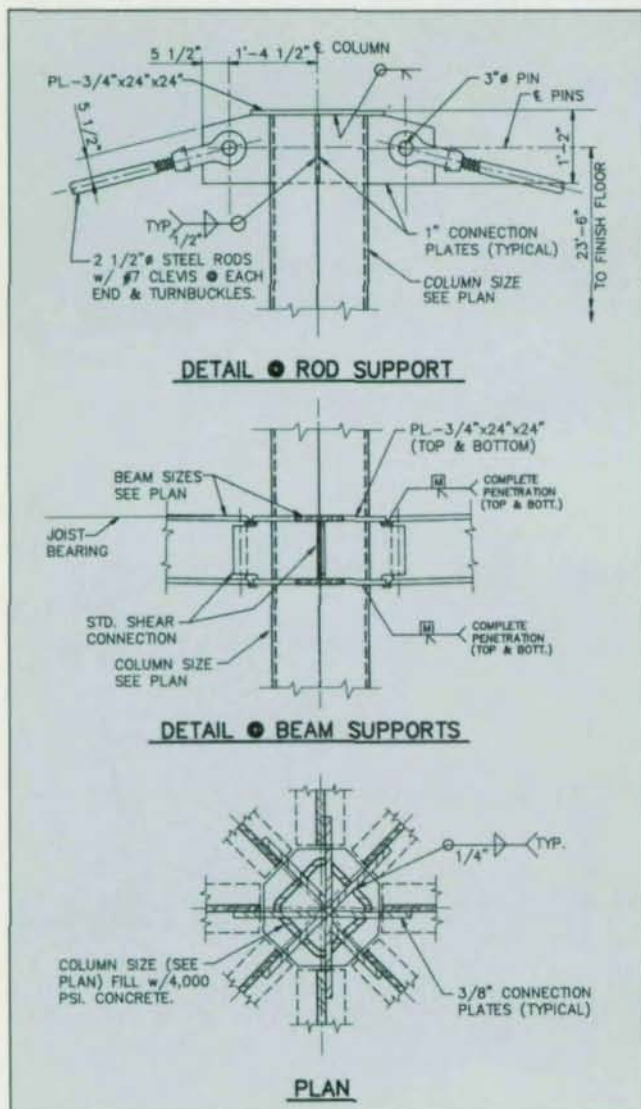
### Entrance Canopy

The structural highlight of the 5,400-sq.-ft. facility is a 50' x 50' drive-thru entrance canopy suspended from a single steel column using eight steel rods. To achieve the appearance desired by the architect, the total depth of the canopy was restricted to 24". Special consideration, including a three-dimensional analysis, was given to providing redundancy in the structure to ensure the canopy would remain serviceable, even if one of the rods failed.

The canopy is framed using eight W14 beams that extend radially out from the central column. The beams are connected to the



A series of "eyebrow" canopies provide protection from the sun and other weather. The canopies are framed using a series of cantilevered trusses spaced at 8' on center with 2½" x 2½" steel tubes spanning between the trusses to support a standing seam roof.



The facility's 50' x 50' drive-thru entrance canopy is suspended from a single steel column by eight steel rods. For architectural reasons, the canopy was limited in depth to 24".

column on one end using full-penetration welded moment connections and are suspended from 2 1/2"-diameter rods on the other end. The beams carry a significant amount of axial load due to the relatively shallow 1-in-4 slope of the tension rods in relation to the radial beams.

The beams behave as propped cantilevers under service load conditions, which allowed shallower beams to be used to meet the depth restraints, while still meeting deflection criteria. If a rod should fail, the beam below the failed rod becomes a cantilever and the continuous edge beams will redistribute load to adjacent beams and rods, providing the redundancy necessary to ensure a

serviceable structure. The center column, a 16" x 16" square tube, was filled with concrete to help reduce deflections due to the unbalanced loading that could be caused by a failed rod.

The remainder of the canopy is framed with steel bar joists of varying lengths spanning between the radial beams. The roof of the canopy consists of an adhered membrane roof over a 3" concrete slab on metal form deck. The concrete slab was used to provide additional dead load to overcome wind uplift and to provide diaphragm stiffness to transfer torsional forces back to the main building structure.

The terminal building, and consequently, the framing, is oriented

on a 45° angle in relation to the general aviation runway, providing 180° visibility of the runway for the ground crew and waiting passengers. Additionally, the skewed building provides more efficient passenger flow as well as increasing the visibility of the structure to passengers arriving both by aircraft and automobile.

The ridge line of the roof runs across corners of the building, perpendicular to the runway, further complicating the framing. The roof system consists of a red standing seam metal roof over rigid insulation and 1 1/2" steel roof deck. The steel roof deck serves as a diaphragm, eliminating the need for bracing in the roof. Additionally, by using the steel deck, the roof

framing was oriented so that the joists could span from the ridge line along the slope of the roof, which simplified and reduced the cost of the framing.

The roof framing consists of steel joists with special seats to accommodate the steep roof slope, bearing on a combination of steel beams and trusses. Steel tubes were used for the columns. Only two interior columns were used to accommodate the open interior of the building.

The exterior wall system consists of a dark-gray split-faced masonry veneer up to 8' with a light-gray exterior insulation finish system on metal studs above 8'. A store-front window system extending to a height of 24' provides the panoramic view of the runway sides of the building. Lateral load resistance is provided by braced frames incorporated into the exterior walls with the framing members strategically located to avoid the window and

door openings.

### Window Canopies

Another interesting element of the structure is a series of "eyebrow" canopies located over the windows on the runway side that provide protection from the sun and weather. The canopies are 2' in depth at the face of the building and taper to a point at the end of the 8' cantilevered length. The canopies are framed using a series of cantilevered trusses spaced at 8' on center with 2½" x 2½" steel tubes spanning between the trusses to support the standing seam roof deck.

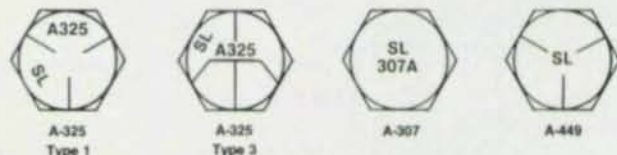
Since the interior of the building is open, kickers could not be used to resist torsional loads induced by the cantilevered canopies. This problem was solved by sandwiching a W16 beam between two horizontal 12" x 4" steel tubes. The beam and tube assembly resists torsion from the canopies, supports

gravity loads due to the wall and window systems, resists wind load and jet blast pressures, and serves as an integral part of the braced frames that provide lateral load resistance. General contractor on the project was BACAR Constructors, Inc., Nashville.

The use of structural steel provided the flexibility to create this unique building, while the team concept provided the avenue for creating an efficient, economical and attractive structure.

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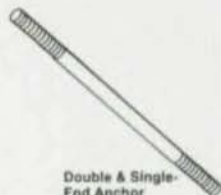
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# Giant Clear Span For Jumbo Jets

A 412' clearspan was needed to create a hangar big enough for three planes at once

By Ron Younker, P.E.

As a result of increased air travel out of the Indianapolis International Airport in the late 1980s, the Indianapolis Airport Authority decided to build additional east/west runways. However, a USAir maintenance facility stood in the way of a needed connectionway between the new runways.

Fortunately, this proved a blessing-in-disguise, as USAir was able to replace its 1940s building with a larger, more modern facility.

The new structure is a three-bay maintenance hangar featuring a 412' clearspan and is large enough to simultaneously park a 767-300 and two MD-80s inside. Hangar space totals 89,000 sq. ft., with other uses adding another 51,000 sq. ft.

The geometry and framing of the hangar can best be described as "large scale, but simple." Although truss member loads and connections were large, the design approach was to keep connections as simple as possible and pay particular attention to areas with differential rigidities and corresponding deflections. Connections were simplified by using repetitive, conventional details, which simplified fabrication and erection.

The maintenance complex is designed for 75 mph winds, 20 lbs. per sq. ft. snow loads, and Seismic Zone 1 criteria. Work on contract drawings began in February 1989 and project completion is scheduled for Spring 1991.

A study was made to determine the most efficient structural framing arrangement for the hangar.



USAir Maintenance Facility  
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*The new USAir Maintenance Facility at Indianapolis International Airport features a 412' clearspan and is large enough to hold three large aircraft aircraft. Grade 50 steel was used on the project both for its cost advantages and for the reduction in weight it can provide compared with A36 steel.*



Concepts included: a "super" truss at the front of the hanger with transverse roof trusses; long-span trusses as rigid frames; and a space structure.

The long-span concept was chosen for economics and ease of constructability. It required smaller lifts and less complicated placement for erection.

The hanger structure's column free area is approximately 211' x 412' in plan. The structure consists of eight 412'-long Pratt trusses. The trusses are attached at the top and bottom chord levels to 36"-deep wide flange columns forming long-span rigid frames. These frames are interconnected with conventional bottom chord plan bracing and sway frame bracing between trusses to stabilize truss top chords. Vertical bracing in the side walls transfer north/south loads to the foundations. Hangar roof trusses are 26½' deep along the eave of the structure and 32' deep at the truss centerline (ridge). Building height is 99' at the ridge.

The rigid frames/trusses were analyzed using a planar (two-dimensional) model, as was the interaction between individual frames and the hangar backwall for lateral loading parallel to frames (east-west). Hangar columns were modeled with partial base fixity to account for the 36" column bases. Columns and base details were designed for 25% maximum base fixity.

The non-hanger area is conventional post and beam construction with an eave height of 26'.

Steel erector was AISC-member Derr Construction Co.

### 2,200 Tons Of Steel

Hangar truss members are all 14"-deep wide flange sections with the weak axis oriented horizontally to simplify connections. Individual trusses weigh more than 100 tons each and the total structure used more than 2,200 tons of structural steel. Wide flange shapes were used for all truss members, which simplified connections for easier fabrication and erection.



*The hanger's structure consists of eight 412'-long Pratt trusses, with a depth of 26½' along the eave and 32' at the truss centerline.*

Maximum truss camber for dead load is 12½" and maximum truss deflection due to uniform roof liveload is 5½". Except for roof and side wall struts and sway frame bracing, all structural steel in the hangar, including connections angles and plates, is A572 Grade 50. Grade 50 steel was selected for the hangar because of the cost advantage and reduction in weight it provides. Truss dead load was reduced by approximately 15% by using Grade 50 steel with cost savings realized from reduced tonnage for fabrication, shipping and erection.

Connections were designed by the engineer, which provided continuity in design throughout the structure and reduced the time required for shop drawing review. Truss constructions were scheduled by joint on the design drawings (see figures 1 and 2).

The largest member size used in the hangar roof truss top and bottom chord members was W14 x 193. Although these sections are not classified as "jumbo" sections, all truss connections still were slip-critical field bolted with 1" diameter A490 bolts. Field bolting eliminated additional concerns—such as toughness requirements, preheat and inspection requirements—for welding of the heavy sections.

Maximum design chord loads were approximately 1,300 kips.

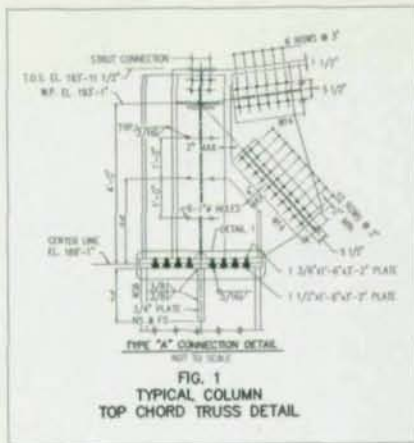
The non-hanger areas used A36 steel. The slip-critical connections in that area were made with ¾" diameter A325 bolts.

For the entire project, the erector opted to use tension control fasteners.

### Vertical And Horizontal Considerations

The structures back wall presented both vertical as well as horizontal design considerations. The truss at the adjacent frame can deflect up to 7½" due to different live load conditions, while the support steel at the back wall columns will see no deflection. Actual pinned connections were used in the last bay (back wall to first truss) to accommodate these differential deflections. Two bays of vertical bracing allows the back wall to be much stiffer than the individual rigid frames.

Crane runways extend to the back wall, but are directly supported only from hangar roof trusses. Calculated horizontal and vertical deflections at the roof level are provided on the contract drawings to aid in the design of crane runway and roofing systems. The hangar roof supports a 5 ton and a 10 ton crane. Three work platforms,



End sections of the truss were set at the columns by simultaneously lowering the top chord detail onto the column cap plate while guiding the truss bottom chord end member inside connecting gusset plates on the W36 column.

supported at the bottom chord level of the hangar roof trusses, provide mechanical and electrical services.

Hangar roof trusses were field bolted with the longest chord sections approximately two panels (55') long. The erector opted to assemble the trusses in three sections. The first section of each truss was lifted and stabbed at the W36 column chord connections. End

sections were set at the columns by simultaneously lowering the top chord detail onto the column cap plate while guiding the truss bottom chord end member inside connecting gusset plates on the W36 columns.

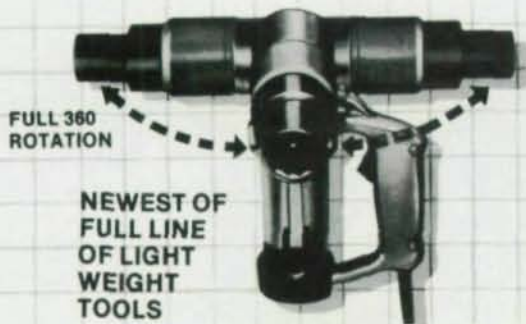
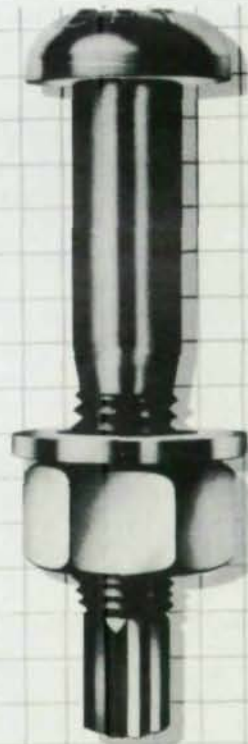
The center section and other end section were then lifted, positioned, and supported on two shoring towers per truss. The shoring towers were removed sequentially

after the erection of at least three adjacent trusses.

Hangar truss deflections were measured after the shoring towers were removed and joists and roof liner panel were placed. Truss centerline elevations were approximately 2" above theoretical elevation. This differential was reduced after placement of the total roof system, catwalks, piping and crane support steel.

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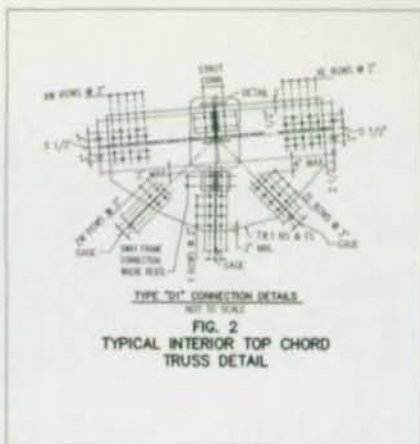
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After the end sections were put in place, the center section and other end section were then lifted, positioned and supported on two shoring towers per truss. The shoring towers were removed sequentially after the erection of at least three other trusses.



Steel detailing was completed over a scheduled period of 14 weeks. The hangar trusses were the longest for which the steel detailer had ever contracted.

The building is sided with 22 gage preformed metal panel, 26 gage liner panel and 2" glass fiber batt insulation with vinyl backing. To reduce radar interference, non-metallic siding (fiberglass reinforced panels) is required at the

north elevation, which includes the hanger doors. The roof system is a standing seam metal roof over a 26 gage liner panel and 1 3/4" rigid insulation with vapor barrier.

Hanger doors consist of eight electrically powered independently operated leaves. The doors provide a 62'-high opening. Door leaves are supported on embedded rails at finish floor elevation and are supported on embedded rails at finish

floor elevation and laterally at the top by telescoping roller guides.

When USAir occupies the structure this spring, more than 200 maintenance personnel will work inside a sheltered environment supported by extremely long-span steel trussed frames.

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# Train Tracks Detour Building's Foundation

Building over train tracks meant that the southwest corner of an otherwise ideally located site was inaccessible for foundation placements

By Charles Anderson, AIA, S.E.,  
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While the site of the new Morton International Building in Chicago was ideal for leasing, it created numerous headaches structurally. After careful consideration, the engineers designed a steel-framed building set upon a concrete platform and utilizing a modified tube structure. For lateral load resistance, numerous transfers occur throughout the structure to facilitate design considerations and site constraints.

General program requirements from the building's owner, Rubloff, Inc., consisted of a 36-story building containing approximately 700,000 sq. ft. of rentable office space and 20,000-25,000 sq. ft. of retail space with 9'-high ceilings.

The lower floors would utilize the entire site, providing 42,000 sq. ft. plans ideally suited for data center operations. In addition, Rubloff specified that the floors intended for data center use would have heavier-than-normal live load capacity and electrical and HVAC loads, and 15' floor-to-ceiling heights to accommodate an anticipated 2' raised-access computer floor.

## Air-Rights Site

The building's site at 100 N. Riverside on the edge of Chicago's downtown area is bordered by a roadway to the north, a bridge to the south, a cantilevered roadway

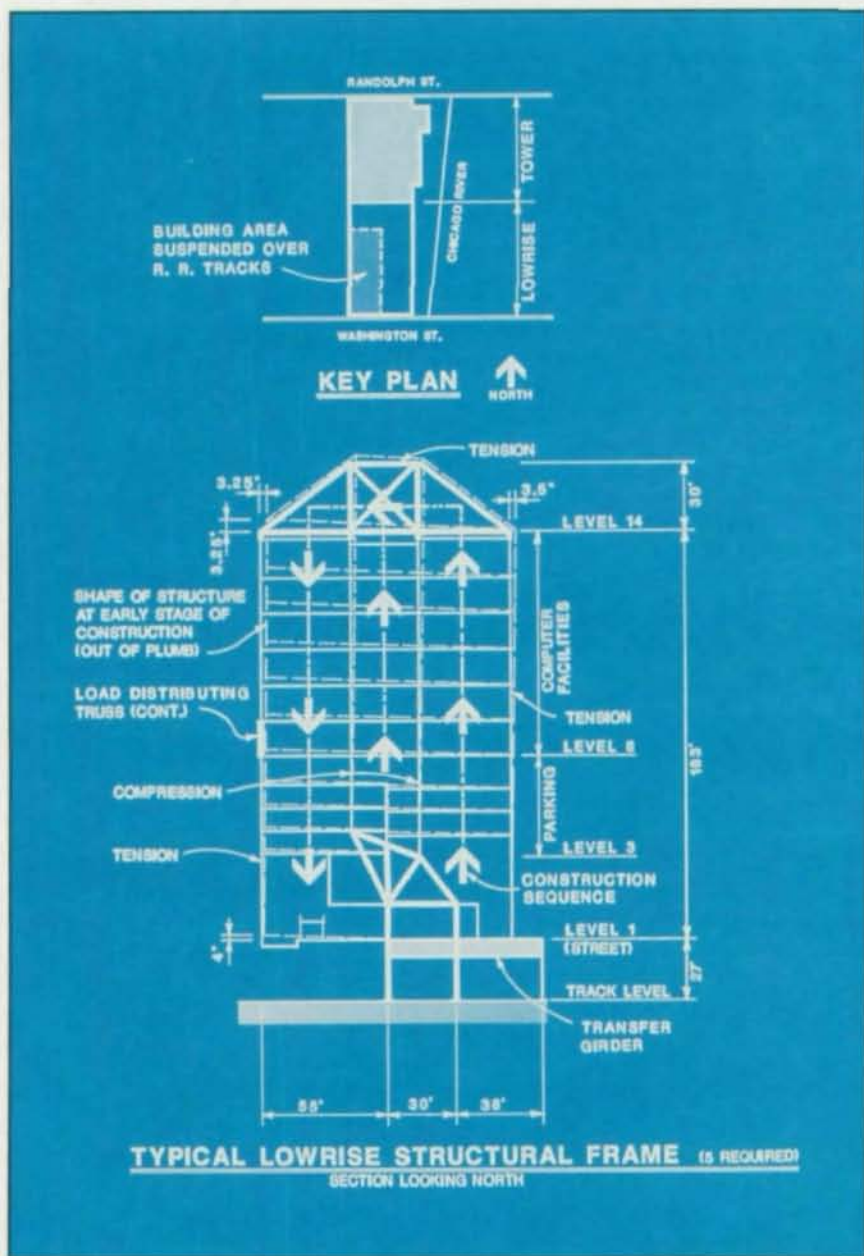
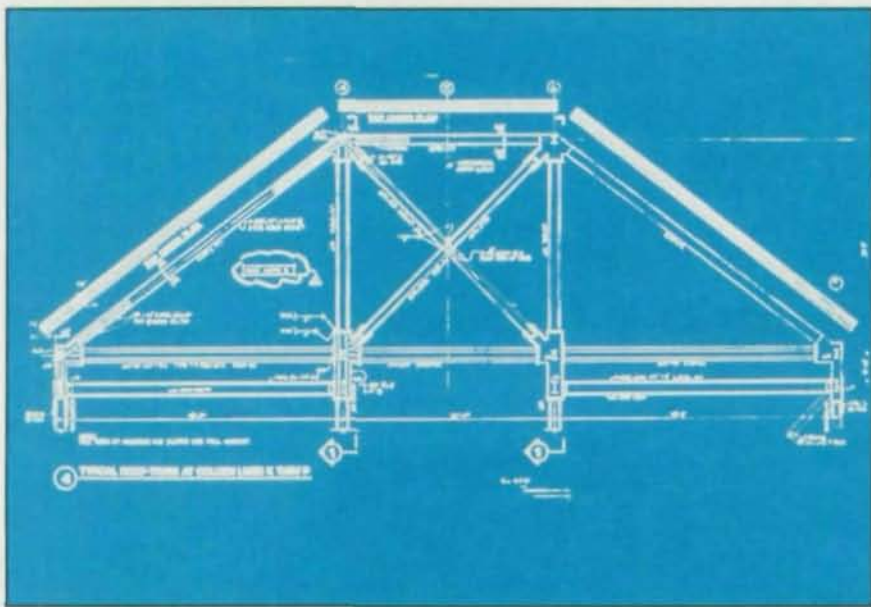


Photo opposite by Gregory Murphey







The truss members are built up from standard structural shapes and plates, with the major truss members built up from six 4" x 24" plates. The bolted connections are made with 1 3/8"-diameter ASTM A490 bolts and special paint was used to increase friction between the plates at the connections. Truss photo by McShane & Fleming Studio

to the west, and a City park and the Chicago River to the east. Additionally, it's an air rights site located above the active Metra and Amtrack Railroad tracks, which lead to nearby Union Station, a major commuter rail station. The air rights site lease included a caisson location diagram that depicted the only allowable locations for the building to touch the ground.

The site provided numerous advantages for leasability, including: proximity to major commuter rail stations; a prime location in an economically expanding area; and an enviable view of the Chicago River.

### Site Constraints

The site, however, also posed several problems. Readily apparent from the caisson location diagram and the railroad track layout was that the southwest corner of the site is inaccessible for foundation placements. At this location, the tracks curve and switch to make their final alignment to the station. In accordance with published railroad safety clearance requirements, there wasn't room for even the smallest foundation or supporting column in the southwest corner of the site.

The second foundation problem was that due to the multiple tracks, switches, and signal lines, a grade beam system tying the individual caissons together could not be installed. Since the building is on an air rights site, conditions precluded building a basement. This required the caissons to transmit all lateral wind loads from the structure to the soil.

Soil borings indicated that a caisson system typical for Chicago could be constructed. In this particular system, foundations extend to the hardpan soil layer (approximately 70' below existing grade), at which point the caisson is bell-shaped to allow bearing of the vertical loads. Based on recommendations made by the owner's soil consultant, STS, Northbrook, IL, lateral loads were resisted through the passive pressure of the soil. The structural engineers analytically

modelled the caisson shafts using horizontal springs to simulate the elastic spring constant of the soil. The first tier of concrete columns and the first floor slab were also modelled. Lateral wind loads were applied from all directions to the first floor slab. These were very complex loading patterns due to the building's asymmetry. Caisson diameters as well as the elastic properties of the soil springs were adjusted to limit the maximum caisson drift to less than  $\frac{1}{12}$ ".

Due to the inability to place foundations in the southwest corner, initial schemes for the parking levels and the data center floor plates had a notch in the corner. However, this open area resulted in restricted and narrow floor plans, creating awkward space for planning a data center, and especially for planning a parking garage.

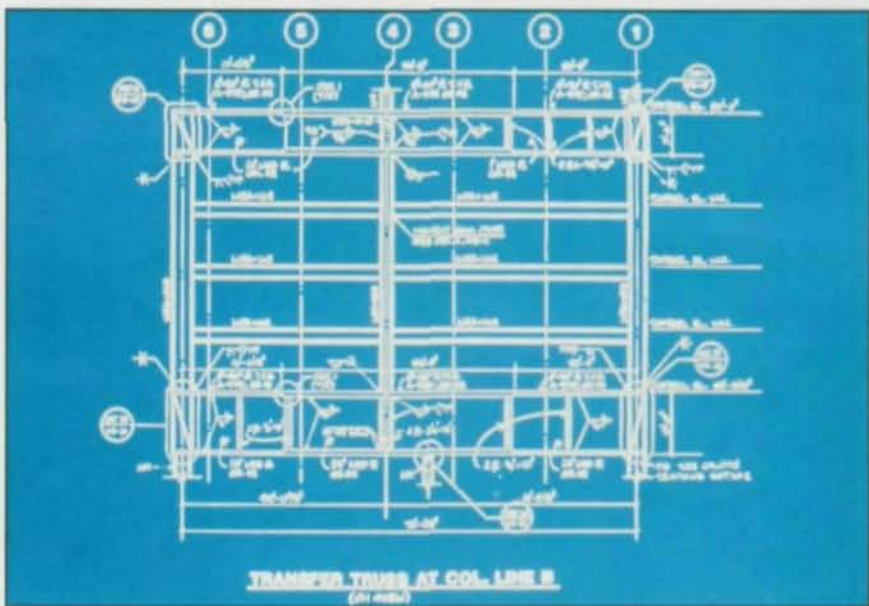
During this time, a prospective data center tenant indicated that he would only be interested in the building if the notch were filled. An interior truss system was considered to fill in the notch, but was eventually rejected due to the disadvantage in space planning for the parking facilities and data center created by having large sloping columns running through the building.

### Exterior Overhead Truss

However, from these analyses emerged the concept for an exterior overhead truss.

The earliest designs for the overhead truss envisioned the use of cables similar to a suspension bridge. Unfortunately, discussions between the general contractor, Schal Associates, Inc., Chicago, and the structural engineers concluded that the connections of the cable members would be difficult.

It was then determined that the trusses should be built up from standard structural shapes and plates. Bolts were used for all tension connections and welding for compressive connections. The major truss members are built up from six 4" x 24" plates. The bolted connections are made with 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "-di-



The building's transfer system consists of two 10'-deep plate girders, one at Level 2 and one at Level 8. Vertical and horizontal members between the girders are fully welded, forming a six-story deep vierendeel truss. Photo by McShane & Fleming Studio



Shown above is the construction of the trusses and connections. Photo by McShane & Fleming Studio

iameter ASTM 490 bolts. Special paint was used to increase friction between the plates at the connections.

Typical connection knuckles were prefabricated and erected. These knuckles were used for both the overhead trusses and for the lower trusses near Level 1. The knuckles in compression were built up from four 6"-thick plates welded together. Vibratory stress relaxation techniques were used on the steel plates to minimize stress fractures and lamellar tearing of the plates during welding.

Analysis of many load combinations indicated that the entire vertical load be carried by the center columns. This compressive load of some 4,000 tons was transmitted to the platform through 13"-thick base plates. The easternmost columns under certain load conditions had a tendency to have uplift. To resolve that problem, the

columns were anchored with 3"-diameter, 9'-long anchor bolts. The concrete columns and caissons below also were designed and detailed for tensile forces.

#### Unbalanced Floor Loads

The overhead trusses cantilever 55' and suspend 14 floors of data center and parking garage operations. Due to the unbalanced load condition created by the suspended floors, the vertical frames that support the overhead trusses were designed as cantilevered frames.

The construction sequence of the frame was to build it  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " out of plumb, towards the river. As the overhead trusses and floor structure were suspended on the west, the unbalanced loads caused the vertical frames to drift into a vertical plumb condition under dead load and partial live load.

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shafts were assembled on the ground and put into place by a crane. Once the hanging columns were in place, the floors were erected from the ground up—no different than a normal construction sequence. This construction sequence afforded safety for the construction crews by placing the floor decking below. Also, the trains were protected from potential falling objects.

To equalize deflections and minimize differential movement, a load distributing truss was installed in the north-south direction at Level 8 between the suspended columns.

This distribution truss served two purposes: First, it equalized and distributed loads to the overhead trusses; and second, it transferred the load to adjacent overhead trusses in the unlikely event of a single overhead truss failure. Each of the overhead trusses has

redundant capacity and is capable of supporting the loads of an adjacent truss. The overhead trusses and the lower level trusses are supported by a transfer girder system at the Level, which is the level of the adjacent street bridges.

#### Transfer System

The east portion of this Level 1 transfer system includes 7'-6"-deep concrete girders spanning east-west. The girders are spaced 30' on center in the north-south direction. Concrete columns extend from the caissons to the underside of the concrete girders. The east-west spacing of these columns varies and is governed by accessible locations between the active railroad tracks.

The platform is part of the diesel exhaust system, which has a cement plaster ceiling suspended below it. The space between the platform and ceiling is a diesel ex-

haust plenum that is connected to the massive concrete. A benefit of the massive concrete was its ability to dampen vibrations created by the trains. Although the platform is primarily concrete, several spans required the installation of plate girders encased with concrete to carry the imposed loads. A total of 250 tons of structural steel is embedded in the platform.

The platform's western portion is a combination of steel in the southwest portion and concrete in the northwest portion. The north portion of the platform has spans of 65' to 70'. In this area, the concrete was suspended by hangers connected to a six-story steel transfer system above.

This six-story system transfers the 40' core-to-window wall depths for the 36-story office tower to the caisson locations that require spans varying from 65' at the south end of the tower to 72' at the north end. This transfer system consists of two

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10'-deep plate girders, one at Level 2 and the other at Level 8. Vertical and horizontal members between the girders are fully welded, forming a six-story deep vierendeel truss. These trusses transfer the interior columns from above, which carry loads of approximately 2,500 tons. Hangers were installed from the bottom of this truss to support the loading dock and parking garage ramps below.

Typically, an economical lateral system for a 36-story building would be a braced core. The railroad tracks, however, prohibited the use of that system. Further, there was no way to distribute the concentrated wind loads a braced core to the platform and eventually to the caissons.

Instead, a tube structure, with the exterior columns spaced 15' on center, was selected for the tower of the building. Exterior columns and spandrel beams were fabricated fully welded at the column/beam connection with a shear plate connection and at the mid-span of the beam. These "trees" were fabricated with two-story columns.

Original designs had the perimeter columns spaced 30' on center, but subsequent design modifications and owner concessions allowed the structural design to have 15' on center spacing. This modification reduced the quantity of structural steel by more than 1,500 tons.

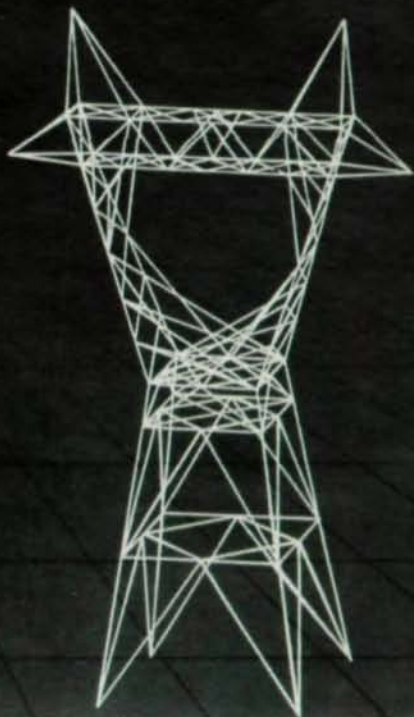
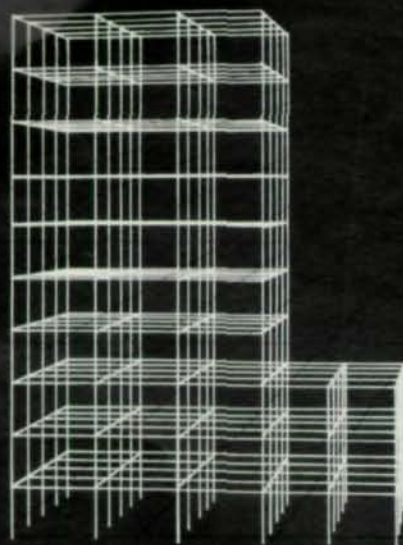
Including the concrete platform transfer system, there are five major load transfer systems in the project. The building structure contains approximately 11,500 tons of A36 and A572 Grade 50 structural steel and encloses just over 1,030,000 gross sq. ft. Fabricator on the project was AISC-member Pitt-Des Moines, Inc., Melrose Park, IL.

The building, which was completed in mid-year 1990, is now 70% occupied. The project recently received an award for Most Innovative Design of 1990 from the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois.



*In addition to engineering marvels, the Morton International Building features beautiful interior spaces. Photo by Nick Merrick, Hedrich-Blessing*

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# Gym Infill Requires Structural Strengthening



## The 73,000-sq.-ft. Denver Place Athletic Center is partially built on top of an existing pedestrian bridge

By Ben Nelson, P.E.

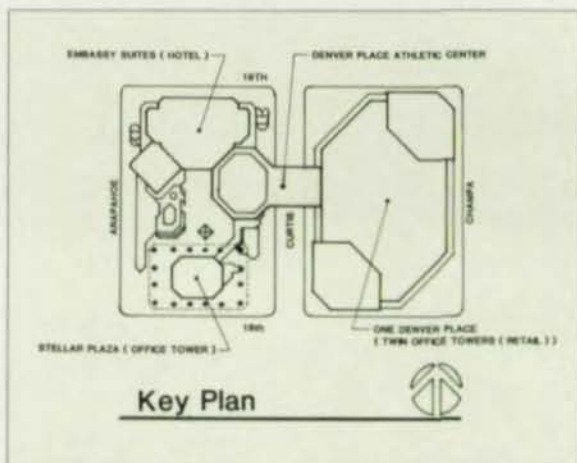
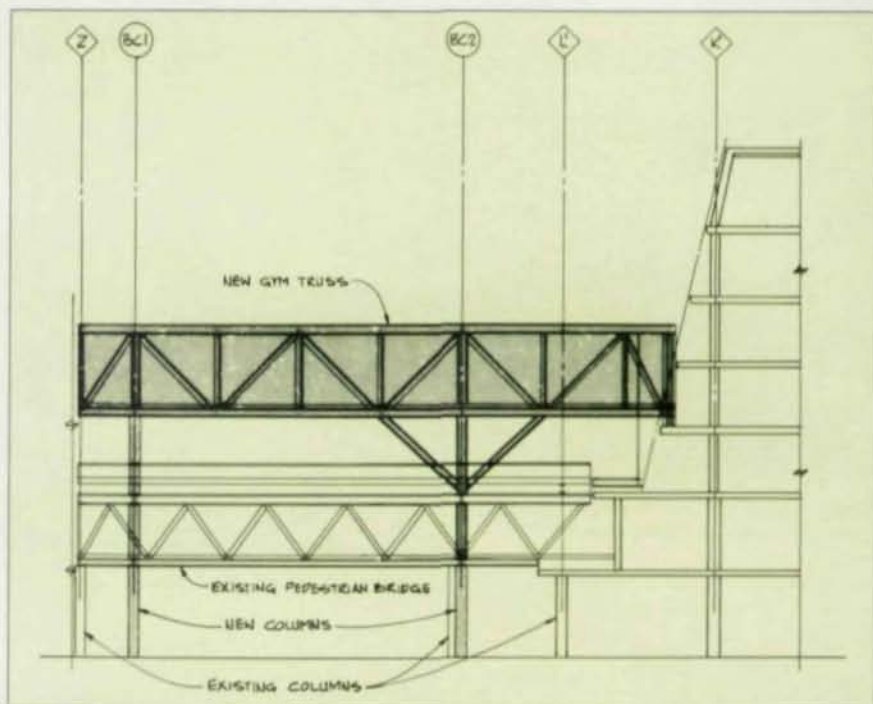
The past decade has seen radical changes in the construction climate of metropolitan Denver. During the oil boom of the early 1980s, development occurred as fast as structures could be built. But when the energy bust hit, construction screeched to a halt.

Today, with a recently completed convention center, design underway on a new airport (for more information, see the upcoming April 1991 issue of MSC), and a rebuilding economy, the city is poised to make a commercial and retail comeback. Included in this resurgence is the Denver Place Athletic Center.

The Athletic Center is part of the Denver Place Complex, a mixed-use development encompassing two city blocks in the downtown area and owned by Amerimar Realty Company, Denver. The development contains nearly 1.5 million sq. ft. in three office towers, an apartment/hotel tower, a hotel conference center, and underground parking. The 73,000-sq.-ft. Athletic Center is the latest addition to the complex and infills a portion of the existing courtyard and also "piggybacks" on top of an existing pedestrian bridge spanning Curtis Street.

Completed last spring, the \$5.6 million Athletic Center houses a gym, racquetball and squash courts, swimming and whirlpools, locker rooms, aerobics facilities, and administrative offices.

The five previously existing structures of Denver Place presented an extremely tight site on which to build the new center. When the architect, Murata Out-



*The Denver Athletic Center is built, in part, on top of a pre-existing pedestrian bridge.*

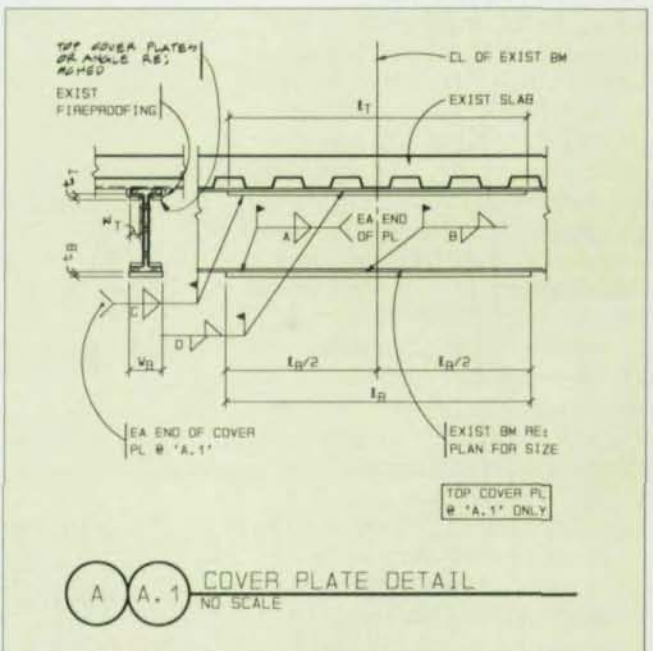
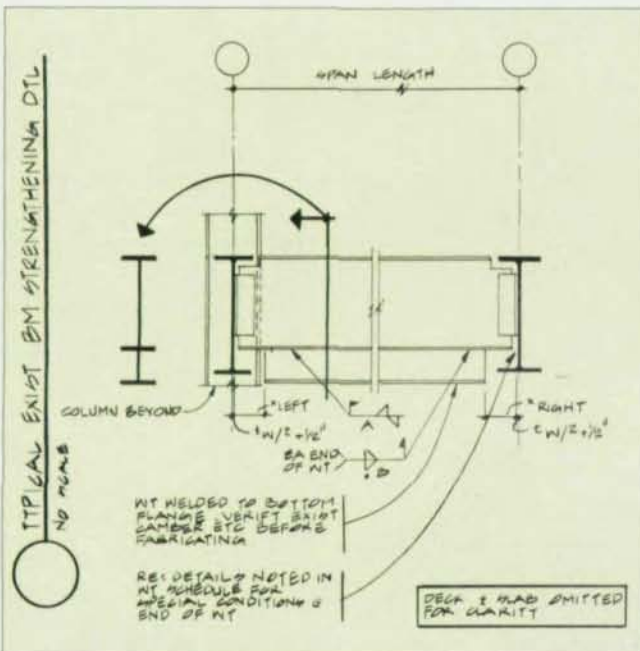
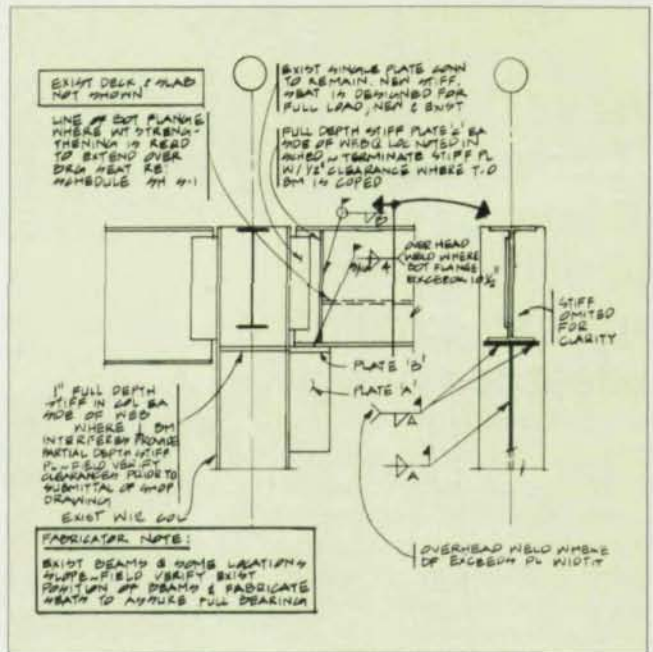
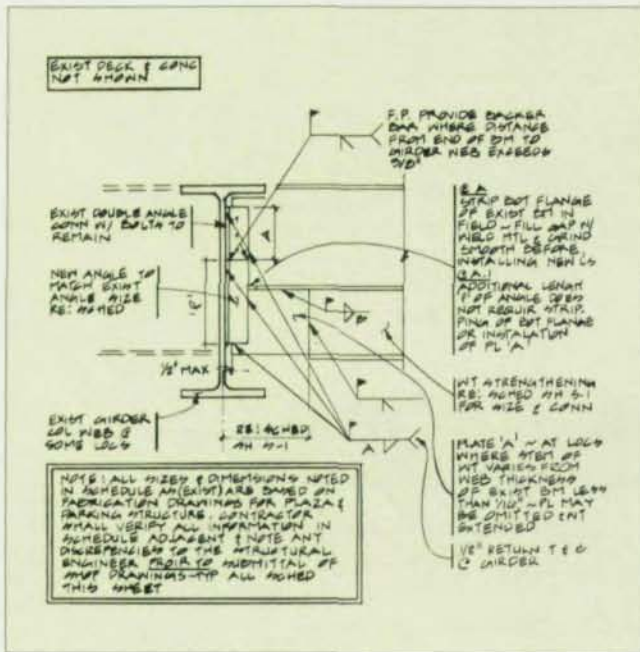
land Associates, Inc., Denver, first studied the site, they suggested placing a portion of the project within the existing courtyard, thus providing approximately 50,000 sq. ft. of the 73,000 sq. ft. required to house the project's functions.

The remaining needed space was gained by building a second level on top of an existing pedestrian bridge that links the complex's two city blocks. Fortunately, the city granted approval for the use of 23,000-sq.-ft. of the public right-of-way space.

Since the new structure would be supported on existing structural

elements within the overall complex, design alternatives were considered primarily on how they would affect building dead loads.

Composite high strength steel beams with light weight concrete slabs were the obvious choice to minimize the dead load and the strengthening of the existing foundations. Resistance to lateral loads is provided using a combination of conventional steel X and chevron braces. But even with the structure's light weight, cost estimates furnished by the general contractor—Pinkard Construction Company, Lakewood, CO—



showed that the cost for the structure's three levels was only slightly higher than the cost for strengthening the existing structure to support the addition.

The Athletic Center is supported by four different existing structural systems. These systems include: an elevated outdoor plaza constructed of composite steel beams; a two-way banded post-tensioned concrete flat plate; a cast-in-place concrete pan joist slab; and steel trusses supporting the pedestrian bridge. The primary challenge for

the structural engineer, Martin/Martin, Wheat Ridge, CO, was the significant strengthening of these systems and their connections.

Most of the existing Denver Complex elevated plaza is constructed of structural steel beams and columns supported by concrete columns through an underground parking garage and founded on drilled caissons. Much of the new Athletic Center is supported on these existing steel members.

Interior space allocation permit-

ted roughly one-half of the Athletic Center's columns to be aligned with the column grid of the existing structure. The remaining new columns did not align and were supported either by adding new steel transfer members framing into existing floor beams or by strengthening existing members to serve this function. Steel columns that required additional capacity to support the new loadings were fitted with flange and/or web coverplates.

The structural strengthening

needs were two-fold: Much of the existing structure, as well as a majority of existing connections, required significant strength upgrading. Where possible, the existing beams were strengthened using conventional steel coverplating of the bottom flange. The existing concrete columns and caisson foundations were found to have sufficient capacity without strengthening.

The use of bottom flange coverplates only was sufficient in many instances because the existing steel beams were originally designed based on fully composite shear transfer between the beam and concrete slab. The coverplate essentially "balances" the concrete compression flange. Other floor beams supporting higher loads required strengthening beyond what an economical cover plate could provide. In these situations, a steel "T" (WT) section was welded to the beam bottom flange to provide the necessary capacity.

The strengthening of existing connections was much more difficult, particularly for existing beams supporting new columns. These transfer beams required connections of almost double their original capacity. A variety of connection strengthening techniques were used including addition of stiffened seats, knife (shear) plates, and extending the length of existing double angle connections.

Structural steel also provided an economical solution for the support of the new swimming and whirlpools above an existing concrete floor structure that did not have sufficient capacity to carry these heavy loads. The new pools were supported with a steel grid bearing on the concrete floor only near existing columns, thus eliminating the need for expensive concrete strengthening. A new steel truss also was added to support plaza structure where two existing steel columns needed to be removed to permit an increased lap-pool width.

The Athletic Center's gym floor is a double structure supported on coverplated roof beams of the existing enclosed pedestrian bridge. The gym is constructed of steel bar joists supported by a pair of new



*Steel erection was complicated by tight working conditions. Shown is the topping out of the new bridge trusses "piggybacking" the existing elevated pedestrian bridge.*

15'-deep trusses spanning 90' parallel to and above the bridge.

The erection of the large trusses required the closing of a major downtown street and careful construction coordination.

Four new steel columns and caisson foundations were added to support the gym roof trusses, a most difficult task considering the below grade congestion of existing building foundations and site utilities.

The project challenged the design team with its complexity due

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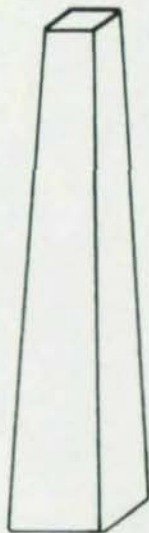
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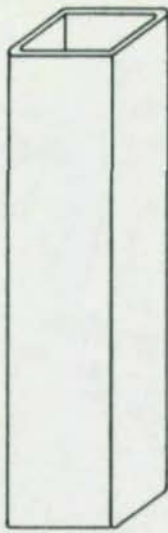
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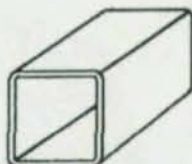
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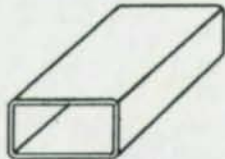


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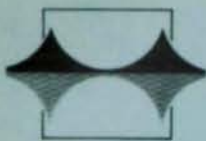
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Will be based primarily upon aesthetics, economics, design and engineering solutions. Quality of presentations, though not a criterion, is important.

## Award Categories

Entries will be judged in one or more categories, but may receive only one award.

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All entries must contain an entry form, photographs and a written description of the project.

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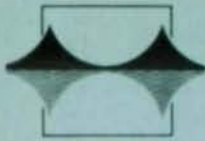
Each entry should be submitted in an 8½" x 11" binder, containing transparent window sleeves for displaying inserts back to back. The entry form included in the brochure must be easily removable, so that the identification of the entry can be concealed during judging. All information requested on the entry form must be included.

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The winners will be notified shortly after the June judging. Public announcements of the winners will be made in the September issue of *Modern Steel Construction* magazine. Award presentations will be made to the winning designers during the National Steel Bridge Symposium, September 16, 1991, in St. Louis, MO.

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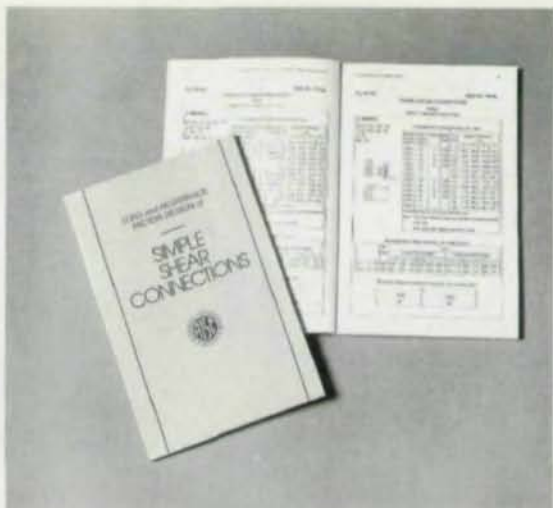


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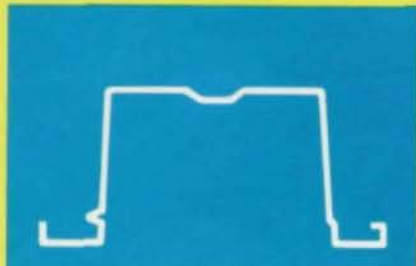
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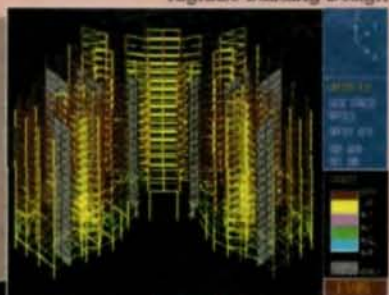
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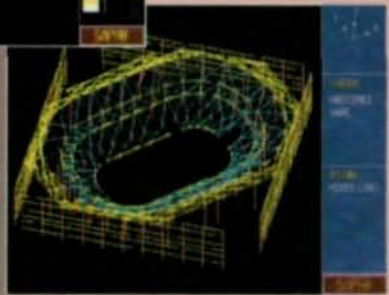


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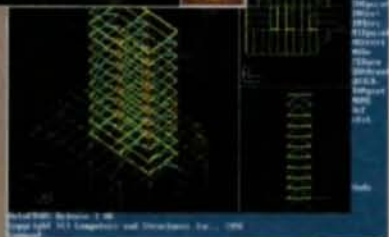
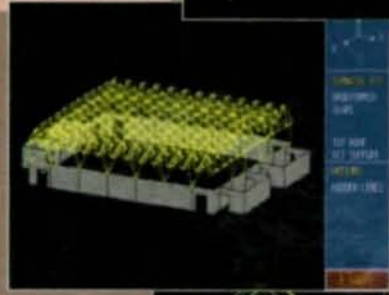


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