

**SECTION 05 12 00**  
**STRUCTURAL STEEL FRAMING**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION:**

- A. This section specifies structural steel shown and classified by Section 2, Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges.

**1.2 RELATED WORK:**

- A. Materials testing and inspection during construction: Section 01 45 29, TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES.
- B. Painting: Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.
- C. Steel Decking: Section 05 31 00, STEEL DECKING.

**1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE:**

- A. Fabricator and erector shall maintain a program of quality assurance in conformance with Section 8, Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges. Fabricator shall provide certificates, shop drawings, and inspections. Past experience of proposed fabricator shall be reviewed and approved by VA prior to start of work.
- B. Before authorizing the commencement of steel erection, the controlling contractor shall ensure that the steel erector is provided with the written notification required by 29 CFR 1926.752. Provide copy of this notification to the Resident Engineer.

**1.4 TOLERANCES:**

- A. Fabrication tolerances for structural steel shall be held within limits established by ASTM A6, by Section 7, Code of Standard Practice for Buildings and Bridges, and by Standard Mill Practice - General Information (AISC ASD edition Manual, Ninth Edition, Page 1-145 except as follows:
  - 1. Elevation tolerance for column splice points at time member is erected is 10 mm (3/8 inch).
  - 2. Elevation tolerance for top surface of steel beams and girders at connections to columns at time floor is erected is 13 mm (1/2 inch).
  - 3. Elevation tolerance for closure plates at the building perimeter and at slab openings prior to concrete placement is 6 mm (1/4 inch).

**1.5 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. AISC: Specification for Structural Steel Buildings - Allowable Stress Design or Load and Resistance Factor Design.
- B. AISC: Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges.

**1.6 SUBMITTALS:**

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Shop and Erection Drawings: Complete
- C. Certificates:
  - 1. Structural steel.
  - 2. Steel for all connections.

- 3. Welding materials.
- 4. Shop coat primer paint.
- D. Test Reports:
  - 1. Welders' qualifying tests.
- E. Design Calculations and Drawings:
  - 1. Connection calculations, if required.
- F. Record Surveys.

**1.7 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS:**

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to extent referenced. Publications are referenced in text by basic designation only.
- B. American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC):
  - 1. Specification for Structural Steel Buildings - Allowable Stress Design and Plastic Design (Ninth Edition, 1989)
  - 2. Load and Resistance Factor Design Specification for Structural Steel Buildings (Second Edition, 1995)
  - 3. Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges (March 2000).
- C. American National Standards Institute (ANSI):
  - B18.22.1-98.....Plain Washers
  - B18.22M-00.....Metric Plain Washers
- D. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  - A6/A6M-02.....Standard Specification for General Requirements for Rolled Structural Steel Bars, Plates, Shapes, and Sheet Piling
  - A36/A36M-01.....Standard Specification for Carbon Structural Steel
  - A53/A53M-01.....Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated Welded and Seamless
  - A123/A123M-02.....Standard Specification for Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products
  - A242/A242M-01.....Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel
  - A283/A283M-00.....Standard Specification for Low and Intermediate Tensile Strength Carbon Steel Plates
  - A307-00.....Standard Specification for Carbon Steel Bolts and Studs, 60,000 psi Tensile Strength
  - A325-02.....Standard Specification for Structural Bolts, Steel, Heat Treated, 120/105 ksi Minimum Tensile Strength
  - A490-02.....Standard Specification for Heat-Treated Steel Structural Bolts 150 ksi Minimum Tensile Strength
  - A500-01.....Standard Specification for Cold Formed Welded and Seamless Carbon Steel Structural Tubing in Rounds and Shapes
  - A501-01.....Standard Specification for Hot-Formed Welded and Seamless Carbon Steel Structural Tubing
  - A572/A572M-01.....Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Columbium-Vanadium Structural Steel

- A992/A992M-02.....Standard Specification for Structural Steel Shapes
- E. American Welding Society (AWS):
  - D1.1-02 .....Structural Welding Code-Steel
- F. Research Council on Structural Connections (RCSC) of the Engineering Foundation:  
Specification for Structural Joints Using ASTM A325 or A490 Bolts
- G. Military Specifications (Mil. Spec.):  
MIL-P-21035 .....Paint, High Zinc Dust Content, Galvanizing, Repair
- H. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA):  
29 CFR Part 1926-2001 .....Safety Standards for Steel Erection

## **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

### **2.1 MATERIALS:**

- A. Structural-Steel Shapes, Plates, Channels, Angles and Bars: ASTM A36, carbon steel.
- B. Wide Flange: ASTM A992, Grade 50.
- C. Structural Tubing: ASTM A500, Grade B.
- D. Bolts, Nuts and Washers:
  - 1. High-strength bolts, including nuts and washers: ASTM A325.
  - 2. Bolts and nuts, other than high-strength: ASTM A307, Grade A.
  - 3. Plain washers, other than those in contact with high-strength bolt heads and nuts:  
ANSI Standard B18.22.1.
- E. Zinc Coating: ASTM A123.
- F. Galvanizing Repair Paint: Mil. Spec. MIL-P-21035.

## **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

### **3.1 CONNECTIONS (SHOP AND FIELD):**

- A. Welding: Welding in accordance with AWS D1.1. Welds shall be made only by welders and welding operators who have been previously qualified by tests as prescribed in AWS D1.1 to perform type of work required.
- B. High-Strength Bolts: High-strength bolts tightened to a bolt tension not less than proof load given in Specification for Structural Joints Using ASTM A325 or A490 Bolts. Tightening done with properly calibrated wrenches, by turn-of-nut method or by use of direct tension indicators (bolts or washers). Tighten bolts in connections identified as slip-critical using Direct Tension Indicators or the turn-of-the-nut method. Twist-off torque bolts are not an acceptable alternate fastener for slip critical connections.

### **3.2 FABRICATION:**

- A. Fabrication in accordance with Chapter M, Specification for Steel Buildings - Allowable Stress Design and Plastic Design or Load and Resistance Factor Design.

### **3.3 SHOP PAINTING:**

- A. General: Shop paint steel with primer in accordance with Section 6, Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges.
- B. Shop paint for steel surfaces is specified in Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.
- C. Do not apply paint to following:
  - 1. Surfaces within 50 mm (2 inches) of joints to be welded in field.
  - 2. Surfaces which will be encased in concrete.
  - 3. Surfaces which will receive sprayed on fireproofing.

4. Top flange of members which will have shear connector studs applied.

**3.4 ERECTION:**

- A. General: Erection in accordance with Section 7, Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges.
- B. Temporary Supports: Temporary support of structural steel frames during erection in accordance with Section 7, Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges.

**3.5 FIELD PAINTING:**

- A. After erection, touch-up steel surfaces specified to be shop painted. After welding is completed, clean and prime areas not painted due to field welding.
- B. Finish painting of steel surfaces is specified in Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.

**3.6 SURVEY:**

- A. Upon completion of finish bolting or welding on any part of the work, and prior to start of work by other trades that may be supported, attached, or applied to the structural steel work, submit a certified report of survey to Resident Engineer for approval. Reports shall be prepared by Registered Land Surveyor or Registered Civil Engineer as specified in Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. Report shall specify that location of structural steel is acceptable for plumbness, level and alignment within specified tolerances specified in the AISC Manual.

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