

6 BOLTED END PLATE TO COLUMN MOMENT CONNECTION

6.1 Description of connection

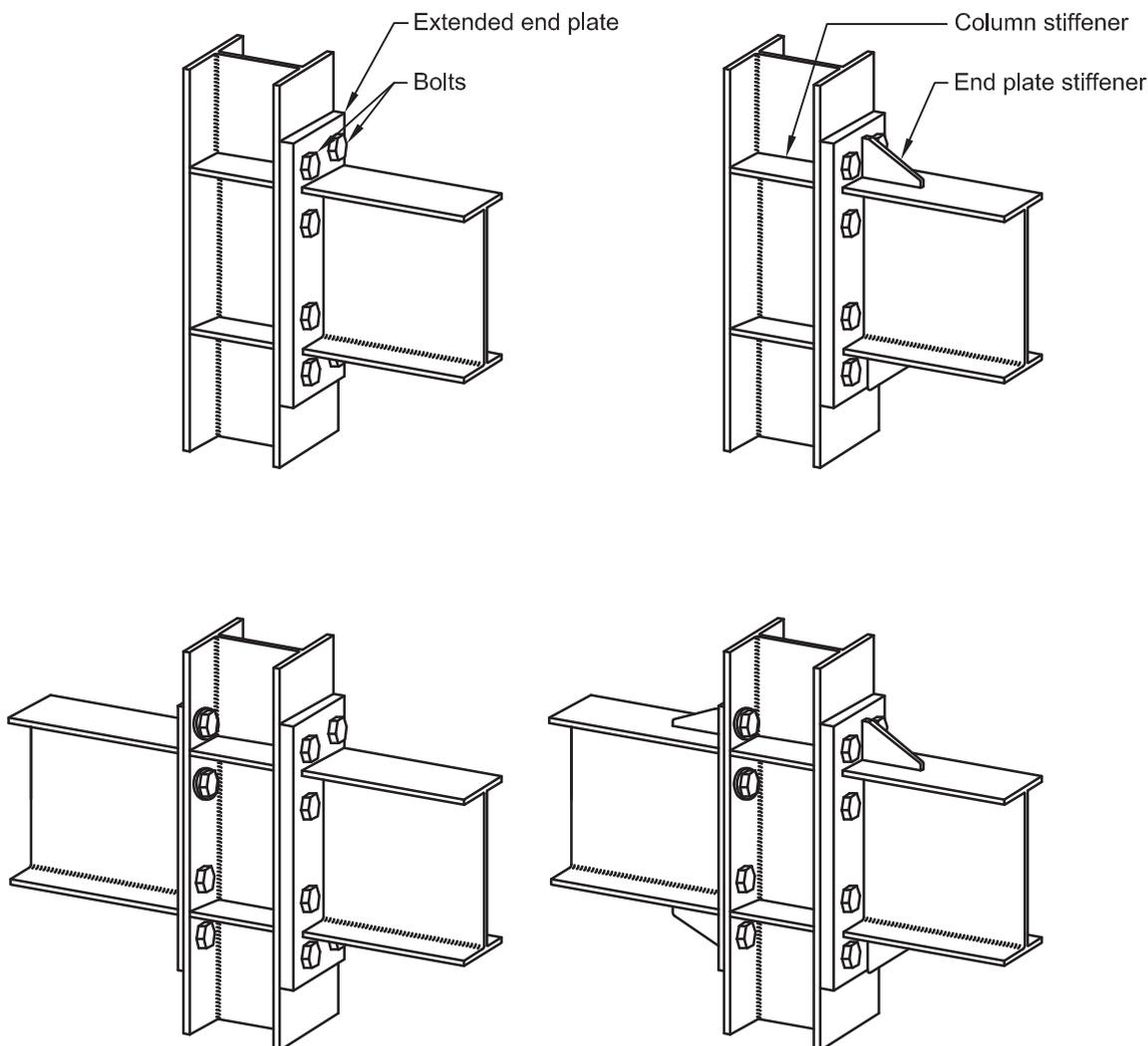


FIGURE 28 BOLTED END PLATE TO COLUMN MOMENT CONNECTIONS

Bolted end plate moment connections are a very common form of connection in rigid construction, being used as beam-to-column connections in regular rectangular steel framed structures and as rafter-to-column connections in portal frame buildings.

Bolted end plate to column moment connections are dealt with in this Section while Section 5 deals with:

- bolted moment end plate beam splice connections
- bolted moment end plate apex connections
- mitred bolted moment end plate knee connections

This Section is restricted to extended end plate connections in five forms:

- four bolt unstiffened end plate (Figure 29a)
- four bolt stiffened end plate (Figure 29b)
- eight bolt stiffened end plate (Figure 29c)
- six bolt unstiffened end plate (Figure 29d)
- eight bolt unstiffened end plate (Figure 29e)



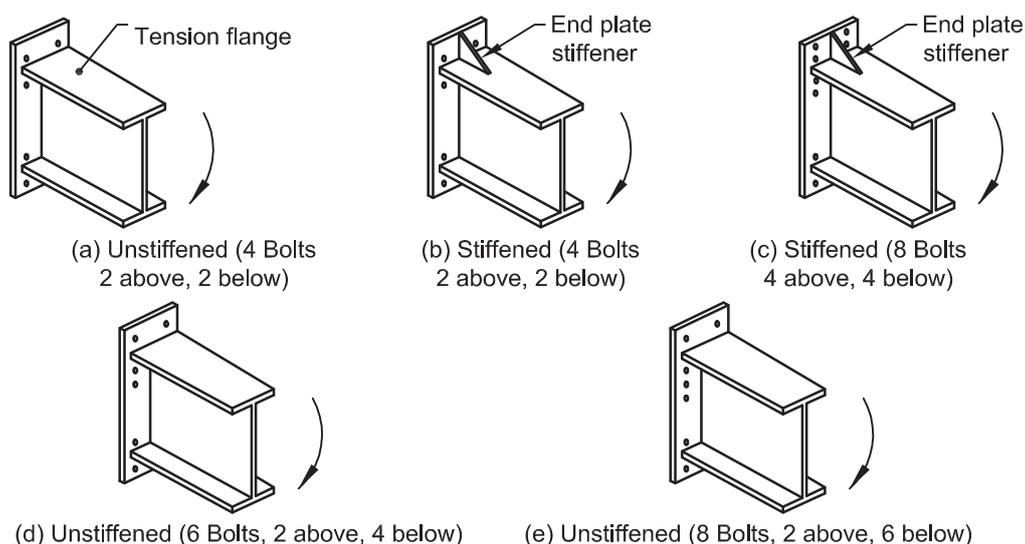


FIGURE 29 FORMS OF EXTENDED END PLATE CONNECTION

The advantages of the connection are:

- (a) field bolted connection with no field welding;
- (b) site erection is fairly rapid and economic;
- (c) if fabrication is accurate, plumbing of the frame is readily achievable.

The disadvantages of the connection are:

- (a) the fabrication techniques are somewhat stringent because of the need for accurate beam length and 'squareness' of the beam end;
- (b) end plates may warp due to the heat of welding;
- (c) end plates are subject to lamellar tearing in the region of the flange welds; and
- (d) the bolts are in tension, which can result in prying forces (see discussion in Appendix A of DESIGN GUIDE 12 (Reference 6)).

The connection comprises:

- a relatively thick end plate, usually 16 to 32 mm in thickness;
- beam or rafter welded to the end plate in the fabrication shop;
- Grade 8.8 tensioned bolts which connect the end plate to the column flange
- any column stiffening required.

In this connection, both the flanges and the web of the I-section beam are welded to the end plate using either:

- full penetration butt welds; OR
- partial penetration butt welds; OR
- double sided fillet welds.

The bolts are tensioned bolts, Grade 8.8 to AS 1252 (Ref. 11), used in bearing-type mode (category 8.8/TB). Friction-type (non-slip, category 8.8/TF) bolts are not required. For a discussion of bolting categories, see Reference 8.



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