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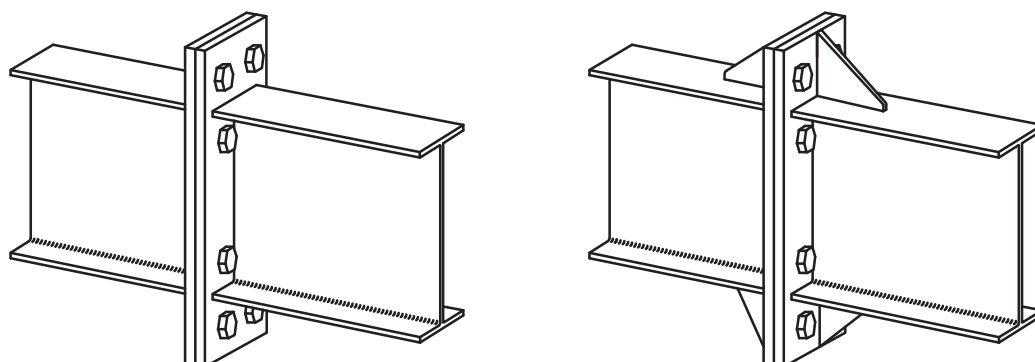


FIGURE 21 BOLTED MOMENT END PLATE BEAM SPLICE CONNECTION

Extended 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 ridge and knee connections in portal framed buildings.

Bolted end plate beam-to-column moment connections are dealt with in Section 6 of this publication. This Section deals with:

- bolted moment end plate beam splice connections (Figures 23(a), 24(a));
- bolted moment end plate apex connection (Figures 23(b), 24(b)); and
- bolted moment end plate mitred knee connection (Figures 23(c), 24(c)).

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

- four bolt unstiffened end plate (Figure 22(a));
- four bolt stiffened end plate (Figure 22(b));
- eight bolt stiffened end plate (Figure 22(c));
- six bolt unstiffened end plate (Figure 22(d)); and
- eight bolt unstiffened end plate (Figure 22(e)).

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 required are somewhat stringent because of the need for accuracy in beam length and 'squareness' of the beam end.
- (b) End plates may warp due to the heat of welding.
- (c) End plates may be subject to lamellar tearing in the region of the beam flange welds.
- (d) The bolts are in tension, which can result in prying forces (see discussion in Appendix A of DESIGN GUIDE 10—Reference 4).



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