The Guide

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A pocket guide to truss installation



Note

"The Guide" is intended to be used only for roof trusses supplied by accredited Multinail Truss Fabricators.

"The Guide" is intended as a guide only to the installation of Timber Roof Trusses and should only be used by properly trained and qualified staff who are competent in the installation of roof trusses.

If you have any doubts about using or interpreting "The Guide" please do not hesitate to contact your Truss Fabricator or Multinail Australia for advice and assistance.

As truss installation invariably involves working at heights, you should undertake a risk assessment for all construction sites as well as following all relevant workplace safety practices and legislative requirements.



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THE GUIDE CHECK FIRST!

1. Check first!

This guide is based on Australian Standard AS4440 - Installation of nailplated timber roof trusses.

Before commencing, you must check that your building falls within the limits shown in Section 2.

Before you erect trusses you must check to ensure that they comply with the specific requirements of the job.

Special consideration is required for the support of additional loads (e.g. hot water tanks, solar heaters, air conditioners, etc) or the construction of buildings to withstand high wind loads.

You must ensure that all the relevant information has been passed to the truss fabricator and that you use trusses only in the application for which they are intended.

Before you erect trusses, you must inform the roof truss supplier of any scaffolding, edge protection devices, anchor points, etc. with the potential to add loads to the structure at any stage of construction.

The supporting structure must be adequate to support and hold down the trusses and their associated roof, ceiling or floor loads.

You must fully understand the information contained in this brochure plus any supplementary information before attempting to erect trusses.

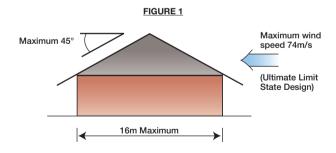
SAFETY NOTE

A timber truss is an engineered structural component, designed and manufactured for specific conditions. You must not remove timber (e.g. by sawing) from any part of the truss as this may seriously impair its strength and lead to failure of the structure.



2. Check this guide is applicable to your job

- Residential structures (BCA Classes 1, 2, 3 and 10) and light commercial structures.
- II. Maximum Roof Pitch of 45°.
- III. Maximum Span 16m.
- IV. Shape in plan view to be rectangular or near-rectangular, or a series or a combination of rectangular shapes or near-rectangular shapes, including splayed-end and boomerang-shaped buildings and the like, and projections such as bay windows.
- V. Maximum truss spacing of:
 - A. 900mm: or
 - 1200mm, for sheet metal roofs in an area of design wind speed up to N3.
- VI. Maximum design gust wind speed of 74m/s wind classification C3 for ultimate limit state method in accordance with AS/NZS 1170 2 or AS4055





3. Durability notice

No galvanised nailplates should be permanently exposed to weather or other sources of moisture.

For environments where the atmosphere may be conducive to corrosion (e.g. some types of industrial and agricultural buildings, swimming pools or buildings near the ocean and subject to salt spray) consideration should be given to the use of stainless steel nailplates and fixings.

3.1 Sarking

Multinail recommends that all roofs be sarked to prevent moisture entering the roof space through gaps in tiles or via condensation on metal sheeting. It is mandatory that all roofs be sarked as per recommendations in the Building Code of Australia and AS2050 "Installation of roof tiles" which includes but is not limited to all roofs in a wind speed area greater than N3. Refer to tile manufactures recommendations for further information.



4. Transport and storage

Trusses may be transported either vertically or horizontally. Regardless of the transport orientation, all trusses must always be fully supported.

No excess from the tie-down straps or bracing should be on any part of the truss.

Trusses should be inspected on arrival at site. Any damaged trusses should be reported immediately.

Do not site repair any truss without the approval of the truss fabricator.

Bundles (or individual trusses) should be stored flat and kept dry. Gluts or packers should be placed at 3000mm maximum spacing to support the trusses off the ground.



4.1 Protection from water

To ensure the long-term structural integrity of trusses, the trusses must be protected from exposure to water. This applies to the timber from the time prior to truss fabrication to after the time the roofing material has been installed. Failure to protect the timber from water exposure may lead to failure of trusses.

5. Safety on site using timber engineered components

Floor Trusses, Wall Frames and Roof Trusses, etc. are designed to be part of a structural system that includes the battens, bracing, trusses, binders, ceiling, supporting structure and the connection of these elements. Each element on its own may not be strong but fixed together they form a strong, stiff and stable system.

Until all these elements are fully assembled, fixed and braced, the roof structure and building will not have achieved its final strength.

To prevent possible injury to construction personnel and/or damage to the engineered components, anyone working with the engineered structural components must exercise common sense and a large degree of caution during the construction phases.

Appropriate protection of people and products should be considered at all times.

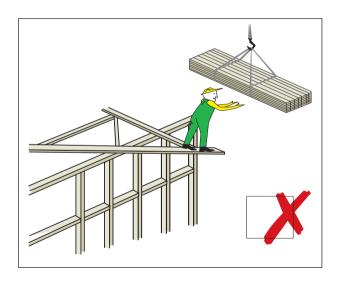
Some common sense protection items include:

- Ensure that all elements are connected to each other as designed.
- Ensure that all elements are all equally braced for dead load, live load and wind load.
- Use appropriate lifting devices that do not damage existing components already installed.
- Use appropriate temporary bracing, scaffolding and planks prior to working on the engineered components.
- Do not load any truss, including standing on, until all temporary bracing for that truss has been installed and stabilised and all girder boot fixings have been correctly fastened.
- Do not apply any load, including standing or leaning on, to the overhang
 of any truss especially jack and creeper trusses/rafters until the fascia
 is installed.
- Do not stack excessively heavy loads of materials on truss components.
- Ensure adequate bracing is firmly attached to enable the unfinished structure to support construction live loads, material and any wind loads that may occur overnight and during the day.
- · Other as applicable to each job.

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Since every job is different in the conditions that prevail on site, it is the builder's responsibility to ensure that these conditions are closely considered and met before, during and after construction while work is still occurring on the site - also while other trades are involved.

Note that any recommendation in this document regarding the above issues are a suggestion only and may not be applicable to every job. Additional safety measures to the above may be required to protect the workers, components and the environment



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6. Lifting

The following diagrams show the correct method of lifting and handling trusses on site. Trusses may also be pulled up to the wall top plates using skids placed approximately 3m apart.

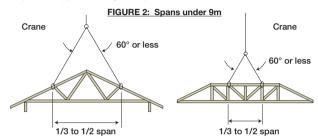
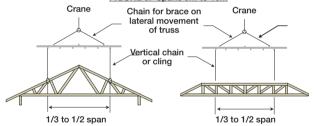


FIGURE 3: Spans 9m to 16m



Slings should be located at equal distances from the truss centreline, and be approximately one-third to one-half truss length apart.

SAFETY NOTE

When lifting, special care must be taken to avoid damage to truss joints. If it is necessary to handle a truss on its side, precautions must be taken to avoid damage due to sagging. Trusses must never be lifted by the apex joint only. Spreader bars (with attachment to panel points) must be used where the span exceeds 9m. For spans over 16m contact the Multinail Engineering Department.

7. Recommendations for temporary bracing

This provides temporary bracing details recommended for gable, hip and dutch-hip end roof trusses.

The first truss should be erected correctly, straight and vertical, and temporarily braced in position.

Each successive truss should then be spaced correctly and fixed back to the first truss with temporary ties to top chord at a maximum spacing of 3000mm and to bottom chord at a maximum spacing of 4000mm.

Use temporary ties as per the following table:

Minimum size	e of temporary ties	
Truss spacings	For top chords	For bottom chord
Up to 900mm	25 x 50 F5	35 x 70 F5
Over 900mm up to 1200mm	35 x 70 F5	35 x 70 F5

Ties should be fixed to each truss with a minimum of one 75mm x 3.050 nail.

Important Notes



- 1. Temporary ties are not designed to be a trafficable platform.
- 2. Steelbrace is not acceptable for temporary bracing.

7.1 Hip or dutch hip end roof

Temporary bracing for a hip or dutch-hip is achieved by erecting and fixing the truncated girder, or dutch-hip girder truss, in the correct position to the top plates and bracing the girder truss back to the corner of the building as shown in Figure 4.

Ensure no weight or load is placed on the truss overhangs, especially in the vicinity of the hip overhang, until all necessary structural members, such as structural fascias and roof battens, have been fully installed.

Brace
Brace
Top Plate
Bottom Chord Tie

FIGURE 4: Temporary bracing for hip or dutch-hip end roof

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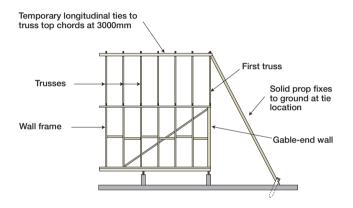
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7.2 Gable-end roof

Temporary bracing for a gable-end roof is achieved by erecting and fixing the first truss to top plates at one end of the roof and bracing the truss to a rigid element; eq, the ground, as shown in Figure 5.

FIGURE 5: Prop to ground - temporary bracing for gable-end roof



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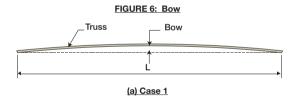
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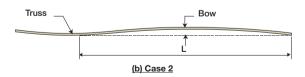
For proper truss safety and performance, trusses must be installed straight and vertical and in their correct position as specified in sections 8.1 to 8.2.

NOTE: The best method for ensuring correct truss positioning is to mark the locations on the top plate or other supporting elements in accordance with the truss layout prior to truss installation.

8.1 Bow

Trusses must be erected with minimal bow in the truss and in any chord, with a tolerance not exceeding the lesser of length of the bowed section/200 and 50mm, where length is defined in Fig 6 (a) or Fig 6 (b).



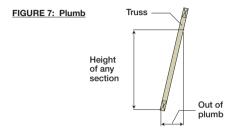


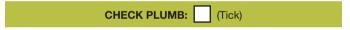
CHECK BOW: (Tick)



8.2 Plumb

Trusses must be erected so that no part of the truss is out of plumb with a tolerance not exceeding the lesser of height/50 and 50mm where the height is measured at the location under consideration (see Figure 7).





8.3 Spacing

Trusses must be erected at a spacing not exceeding that specified in the design specifications or truss layout.



8.4 Camber

Trusses are built with a camber in the bottom chord which is intended to compensate for the long-term deflection due to dead loads. A girder truss will have more camber than other trusses.

FIGURE 8: Camber



9. Truss laminations

It is necessary that double trusses and triple trusses are nailed together prior to loading the roof.

I. Double Trusses

In Chords: two (2) rows (staggered) of 3.05mm diameter nails at maximum 450 centres from one side, or use 1/Green Tip screw.

In Webs: one (1) row of 3.05mm diameter nails at maximum 450 centres from one side. A minimum of two nails per web is required or use 1/Green Tip Screw at 600 centres.

Nail Lengths:

65mm long for up to 38mm thick laminates.

75mm long for up to 50mm thick laminates.

II. Triple Trusses

In Chords: Nail as for double truss from each side, and also use 1/M12 bolt at joints or 2/Green Tip EASY FIX™ Screws from each side at every web junction through the top chord, plus at the heel joint through the top chord.

If bolted brackets are used on the bottom chord at 1200mm centres or less, then these bolts are sufficient for bottom chord.

In Webs: Nail as for double truss from each side.

Screw Lenaths:

65mm long *Green Tip* Screws for up to 38mm thick laminates. 100mm long *Black Tip* Screws for up to 50mm thick laminates.

Special truss design fixings may be specified in excess of this.

CHECK LAMINATIONS: (Tick)

10. Truss connection

This section specifies the minimum requirements for truss-to-truss connections. At least two 3.05Ø nails, with a penetration of 10 times the nail diameter into supporting member, shall apply to connect each member.

Note that different connection details apply at different design wind speeds.

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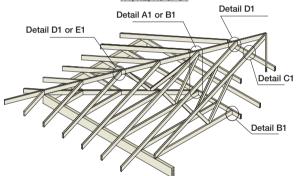
10.1 Hip end fixing details

Ensure no weight or load is placed on the truss overhangs, especially in the vicinity of the hip overhang, until all necessary structural members, such as structural fascias, props and roof battens, have been fully installed.

10.1.1 Hip-end connection for low wind area (wind classification N1, N2, N3 or C1)

Connection of jack, creeper and hip trusses at a hip-end roof for design wind speed N1, N2, N3 or C1 shall be in accordance with the details shown and described in Figure 10 - Figure 13. These details are suitable for a maximum truncated girder station of 3600mm.

FIGURE 10: Fully trussed hip-end connection for design wind speed N1, N2, N3 or C1



The fixing requirements for hip ends in this section are based on the design criteria that are governed by dead loads.

NOTES:

- For effective skew nailing, the nail shall be driven into one member not closer than 25mm to no more than 38mm from the area in contact with the adjacent member. The nail shall be driven at an angle between 30° and 45° to the face into which the nail is driven.
- Where nails are smaller than the nominated size or other than plain shank nails, or machine driven or both, their performance shall not be inferior to the nail sizes given.
- Roof battens or purlins and ceiling battens shall be fixed to trusses in accordance with the approved specification.



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FIGURE 11: Connection details - hip end Trusses for design wind speed N1, N2, N3 or C1

Detail	Description	Connection details
A1	Hip truss to truncated trusses. Top Chord - one framing anchor bent to suit, with 4/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails into the side of each top chord for truncated girder. Bottom Chord - three effective flat-head 65mm nails.	Hip TC TS or TG HTC Hip TC TG BC TG BC Hip BC: Hip BC:
		CHECK: (Tick)
В1	Jack truss to truncated girder truss. Top Chord - one framing anchor bent to suit, with 4/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails into the side of each top chord for truncated girder. NOTE: For design wind speed up to N2, tile roofs, truncated girder with spans up to 8000mm and station up to 2400mm, detail C1 may be used. Bottom Chord - three effective flat-head 65mm nails through jack truss bottom chord to truncated	Jack TC TG HTC TG BC Jack BC TG BC
	girder bottom chord.	CHECK: (Tick)

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FIGURE 12: Connection details - hip end trusses for design wind speed N1, N2, N3 or C1

Detail	Description	Connection details
C1	Extended jack truss to top chord to truncated standard trusses. Two 65mm skew nails into the side of each top chord.	Jack TC TS HTC
		CHECK: (Tick)
D1	Creeper or jack truss to hip truss (maximum creeper/jack station 1800mm) Top Chord - three effective flat-head 65mm nails through jack truss top chord into hip truss top chord. Bottom Chord - three effective flat-head 65mm nails through jack truss bottom chord to hip truss bottom chord to hip truss bottom chord.	Creeper TC Web Creeper TC Creeper BC Hip TC Creeper BC
		CHECK: (Tick)

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FIGURE 13: Connection details - hip end trusses for design wind speed N1, N2, N3 or C1

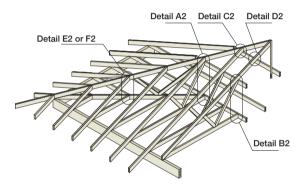
Detail	Description	Connection details
E1	Creeper or jack truss to hip truss (maximum creeper/jack station 3000mm)	Creeper TC Hip TC
	Top Chord - fix as detail D1 plus one mitre plate with 6/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails to each top chord. Bottom Chord - three effective flat-head 65mm nails through jack truss bottom chord to hip truss bottom chord.	Web Creeper TC Creeper BC Hip BC Creeper BC
		CHECK: (Tick)

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10.2 Hip-end connection for high wind area (wind classification N4, C2 or C3)

Connection of jack and hip trusses at a hip-end roof for design wind classification N4,C2 or C3 shall be in accordance with the details shown and described in Figure 14 - Figure 18. These details are suitable for a maximum truncated girder station of 3600mm.

FIGURE 14: Fully trussed hip-end connection for design wind speed N4, C2 or C3



NOTES:

- For effective skew nailing, the nail shall be driven into one member not closer than 25mm to no more than 38mm from the arrea in contact with the adjacent member. The nail shall be driven at an angle between 30° and 45° to the face into which the nail is driven.
- Where nails are smaller than the nominated size or other than plain shank nails, or machine driven, or both, their performance shall not be inferior to the nail sizes given.
- Roof battens or purlins and ceiling battens shall be fixed to trusses in accordance with the approved specifications.
- Where framing anchors or G.I. straps are specified, they shall be fixed in accordance with the approved specifications.
- Jack trusses are assumed to be supported on the horizontal top chord of the truncated girder.

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FIGURE 15: Connection details - hip end trusses for design wind classification N4, C2 or C3

Detail	Description	Connection details
A2	Hip truss to truncated trusses. Top Chord - 1/30mm x 0.8mm G.I. looped strap, with 4/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails to each leg. Bottom Chord - use one mitre plate with 6/30mm x 2.8Ø nails into each face.	TG HTC Jack TC TG BC Hip BC Jack BC (See detail B2)
		CHECK: (Tick)

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FIGURE 16: Connection details - hip end trusses for design wind speed N4, C2 or C3

Detail	Description	Connection details
B2	Jack truss to truncated girder truss. Top Chord - (a) Station up to 2400mm - one framing anchor with 4/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails into the side of each top chord. (b) Station 2450mm to 3600mm - 1/30mm x 0.8mm G.I. looped strap bent under the horizontal top chord, fixed with 4/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails to each leg. Bottom Chord - 4/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails to into the side of each bottom chord.	Jack TC TG HTC TG HTC TG BC Jack BC
		CHECK: (Tick)

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FIGURE 17: Connection details -hip end trusses for design wind speed N4, C2 or C3

Detail	Description	Connection details
C2	Intersection of jack and hip trusses to truncated standard trusses. Jack top chord to hip top chord - one mitre plate with 6/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails into each face Jack top chord to truncated standard horizontal top chord - one framing anchor with 4/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails into the side of each top chord.	Hip TC Jack TC TS HTC
	Extended jack truss	CHECK: (Tick)
D2	Top chord to truncated standard trusses. One framing anchor with 4/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails into the side of each top chord.	Jack TC TS HTC
		CHECK: (Tick)

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FIGURE 18: Connection details - hip end trusses for design wind speed N4, C2 or C3

Detail	Description	Connection details
E2	Creeper truss to hip truss (maximum jack station 2400mm). Top Chord - one mitre plate with 6/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails into each face. Bottom Chord - one mitre plate with 6/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails into each face.	Hip TC Creeper TC Creeper BC
		CHECK: (Tick)
F2	Creeper truss to hip truss (maximum jack station 3000mm). Top Chord - 1/30mm x 0.8mm G.I. looped strap with 4/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails to each leg and one mitre plate with 6/30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails into each face. Bottom Chord - see detail E2.	Hip TC Creeper TC Creeper TC Hip TC
		CHECK: (Tick)

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10.3 Valley (saddle) trusses

10.3.1 Valley truss connection for low wind (design wind speed N1, N2, N3 or C1)

Connection of valley trusses to the supporting truss for a low wind area shall be in accordance with the details shown and described in Figure 19 (see also Section 12.1).

FIGURE 19: Valley truss connection for design wind speed N1. N2. N3 or C1

Description Connection details Where valley truss spacing is greater than top chord Roof pitch ≤15° - one effective 75mm restraint centres, intermediate top chord ties are required. x 3.05Ø nail through bottom chord One effective 65mm skew nail of valley truss into top chord of Valley truss driven through supporting truss at each intersection Supporting truss valley truss BC top chord into supportina of the trusses. truss top chord Roof pitch > 15° - one effective CHECK: 65mm skew nail through bottom chord of valley truss into top chord of Where valley truss spacing is greater than top chord supporting truss at each intersection restraint centres, intermediate top chord ties are required. of the trusses, plus one 35mm x 35mm x 45mm Valley truss timber block fixed 45mm minimum timber block nailed Supporting to top chord truss top to supporting truss top chord with chord One effective one 75mm x 3.05Ø nail or one framing 65mm skew nail driven through anchor without timber block. Alternatively, valley truss one framing bottom chord into anchor without supporting truss timber block top chord Block infill - (minimum of 70mm x CHECK: (Tick) 35mm) to where the valley truss is cantilevered more than 450mm Supporting >450mm Valley truss top or where the valley truss is not truss chord supported by two truss top chords. 65mm nails fixed to the valley truss bottom chord with 2/75mm x 3.05Ø nails.

65mm nails

CHECK:

Block infill

(Tick)

and each end to supporting truss top chord with 2/75mm x 3.05Ø nails.

10.3.2 Valley truss connection for high wind (design wind speed N4, C2 or C3)

Connection of valley trusses to the supporting truss for high wind area shall be in accordance with the details shown and described in Figure 20 (see also Clause 12.1).

FIGURE 20: Valley truss connection for design wind speed N4, C2 or C3

Description Connection details Where valley truss spacing is greater than top chord restraint centres, intermediate top chord ties are Supporting trusses with a ceiling required. one framing anchor with 4/30mm Valley truss x 2.80 reinforced-head nails to each face Supporting truss top chord One framing anchor with 4/2 8Ø nails to each face CHECK: Where valley truss spacing is greater than top chord Supporting Trusses Without a Ceiling restraint centres, intermediate top chord ties are - two framing anchors with 4/30mm required. Valley truss x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails to each face. Supporting truss top chord Two framing anchor with Block infill - (minimum of 70mm x 4/2.8Ø nails to each face 35mm) to where the valley truss CHECK: is cantilevered more than 450mm (Tick) or where the valley truss is not Vallev Supporting >450mm supported by two truss bottom chord truss truss top with 2/75mm x 3.05Ø nails, and to chord 65mm nails each end of supporting truss top 65mm nails chord with 2/75mm x 3.05Ø nails. Framing anchor Block infill **CHECK:** (Tick)

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10.4 Truss boot installation

Various types of truss boots can be used to form truss to truss connections. The particular boot to be used is specified by the truss fabricator for each individual joint.

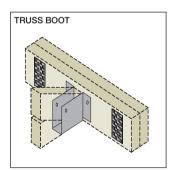


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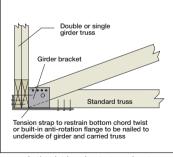
- It is essential that all appropriate bolts, washers and bracing are installed correctly into close-fitting holes as soon as the truss is erected. Damage to personnel, the trusses, the truss boot or ceiling linings may result from partial installation.
- 2. Do not use reduced shank or cuphead bolts.

10.4.1 Type TB - truss boot

This bracket must be used with the additional bracing shown on the following drawing:



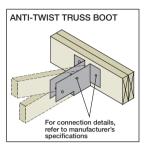
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Anti-twist bracing to truss boot

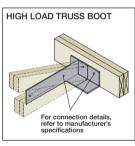


10.4.2 Type ATTB - Anti-twist truss boot



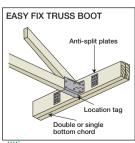
This bracket **DOES NOT** require any additional bracing to the girder bottom chord.

10.4.3 Type HLTB - High load truss boot



This bracket **DOES NOT** require any additional bracing to the girder bottom chord.

10.4.4 Type EasyFix - Easy fix truss boot



This bracket **DOES NOT** require any additional bracing to the girder bottom chord. This bracket is screwed to the girder truss not bolted.

11. Waling plate fixing details to dutch hip girders

The recommendations for waling plate depth and fixing methods have been determined based on the following criteria:

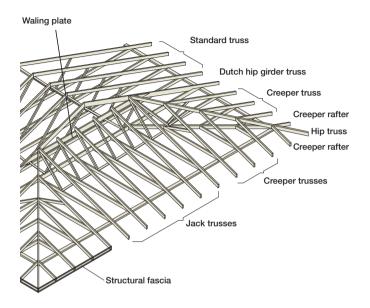
- Maximum dutch hip girder station 3600mm.
- · Maximum roof pitch 35 degrees.
- Maximum truss centres 1200mm.
- · Jack truss overhang plus cantilever not exceeding jack truss back span.
- Girder and waling plate to be designed using Multinail Software with a
 web layout similar to that selected from the following table.
- Minimum waling plate thickness to be 35mm.

Truss web layout	Maximum truss span (mm)		
Queenpost	5000		
A Type	8500		
В Туре	12000		
C Type	16000		

NOTES

- The fixing method of the waling plate to the dutch hip girder will generally determine the waling plate depth. Refer to Tables 1, 2, 3 or 4 to select the waling plate depth and fixing details.
- The truss chords MUST be a minimum of 90mm deep and webs a minimum of 70mm deep UNLESS noted otherwise in the following fixing recommendations.
- 3. Joint groups as shown are for **BOTH** waling plate and truss members.
- 4. Engineering fixings may be individually designed for other specific cases.
- Truss webbing types and span limits above relate to the fixing of waling plates only and does not refer to the maximum load carrying capacity of the truss itself.





Legend

MNGT Multinail Green Tip Screw MNBT Multinail Black Tip Screw M10 10Ø Bolt

M12 12Ø Bolt M16 16Ø Bolt



TABLE 1: Wind speed N1, N2, N3

DHG Steel sheet ro		Steel sheet roof		Concrete tile roof	
station (mm)	Waling plate depth	Fixing to chords and webs	Waling plate depth	Fixing to chords and webs	
1800	90	3 Nails 1/MNGT 1/MNBT 1/M10	90	3 Nails 1/MNGT 1/MNBT 1/M10	
2400	120 90 90	4 Nails 1/MNGT 1/MNBT 1/M10	120 120 120 90	4 Nails 2/MNGT 2/MNBT 1/M12	
3000	120 120 90 90	4 Nails 2/MNGT 1/MNBT 1/M10	140 120 140 140	3/MNGT 2/MNBT 2/M12 1/M16	
3600	120 120 90	2/MNGT 2/MNBT 1/M12	140	3/MNBT 2/M12	

TABLE 2: Wind speed N4, C1

DHG	Steel sheet roof		Concrete tile roof	
station (mm)	Waling plate depth	Fixing to chords and webs	Waling plate depth	Fixing to chords and webs
1800	90	1/MNGT 1/MNBT 1/M10	90	3 Nails 1/MNGT 1/MNBT 1/M10
2400	120 120 90	2/MNGT 2/MNBT 1/M12	120 120 90	2/MNGT 2/MNBT 1/M12
3000	120 120 90	2/MNGT 2/MNBT 1/M12	140 120 140 140	3/MNGT 2/MNBT 2/M12 1/M16
3600	140	3/MNGT 3/MNBT 2/M12	140	3/MNBT 2/M12

TABLE 3: Wind speed C2

DHG	Steel sheet roof		Concrete tile roof	
station (mm)	Waling plate depth	Fixing to chords and webs	Waling plate depth	Fixing to chords and webs
1800	120 90 90	2/MNGT 1/MNBT 1/M10	90	1/MNGT 1/MNBT 1/M10
2400	120 120 140	2/MNGT 2/MNBT 2/M12	120 120 90	2/MNGT 2/MNBT 1/M12
3000	140	3/MNGT 3/MNBT 2/M12	140 120 140 140	3/MNGT 2/MNBT 2/M12 1/M16
3600	140	2/M12	140	3/MNBT 2/M12

TABLE 4: Wind speed C3

DHG	Steel sheet roof		Concrete tile roof	
station (mm)	Waling plate depth	Fixing to chords and webs	Waling plate depth	Fixing to chords and webs
1800	120 120 90	2/MNGT 2/MNBT 1/M12	90	1/MNGT 1/MNBT 1/M10
2400	140	3/MNGT 3/MNBT 2/M12	140	3/MNGT 3/MNBT 2/M12
3000	190	3/M12	140	2/M12
3600	190	3/M12 2/M16	190	3/M12 2/M16

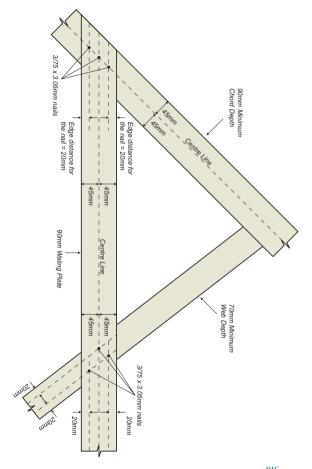
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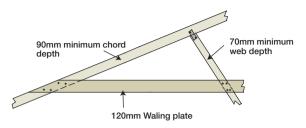
M10 10Ø Bolt M12 12Ø Bolt M16 16Ø Bolt



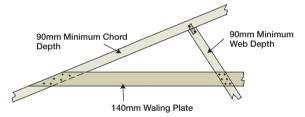
Waling plate fixed with 3/75mm x 3.05Ø nails per member



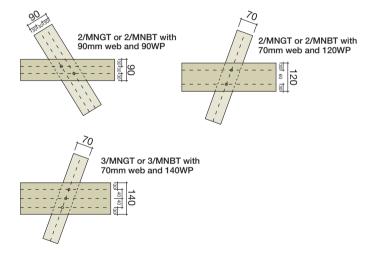
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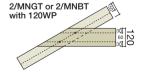


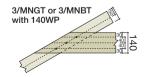
Waling plate fixed with 6/75mm x 3.05Ø nails per member



	Multinail Green Tip Screws D=5.6mm	Multinail Black Tip Screws D=6.3 mm
End distance 10D	56mm	63mm
Edge distance 5D	28mm	32mm
Spacing along grain 10D	56mm	63mm
Spacing across grain 3D	17mm	19mm

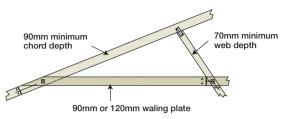




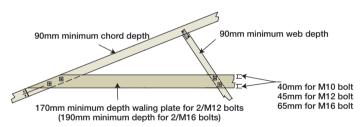




Waling plate fixed with one bolt per member



Waling plate fixed with two bolts per member



Washers required for bolts as per AS1720.1					
Bolt dia.	Thickness	Circular washer	Square washer		
M10	2.5mm	45mm	40mm		
M12	3.0mm	55mm	50mm		
M16	4.0mm	65mm	57mm		

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12. Roof battens

The size, spacing and fixing of roof battens or purlins shall be in accordance with the relevant code approved specifications. The batten and fixing must have adequate strength to laterally restrain the roof trusses. Fix each batten to every lamination of every truss.

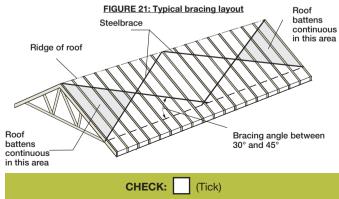
In addition to providing support to the roof cladding, roof battens prevent truss top chords from buckling. The buckling action is due to the compressive force in the top chord of the roof truss. The roof battens resist the roof battens which in turn transfers it to the steel roof bracing and down to the supporting structure. Each element and fixing in the sequence is essential for roof structure stability.

In areas where battens or purlins are not bound on both sides by diagonal bracing, battens shall be continuous (see Figure 21).

Where required, splices in battens shall be arranged so no more than one-third of battens are spliced and no two splices are adjacent in any top chord.

For more information, refer to Multinail Technical recommendations for Roof Battens.

Important note: DO NOT splice roof battens on girder trusses.



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Roof batten splicing

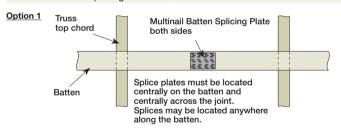
The following roof batten splicing details are recommended to adequately provide lateral restraint to the roof truss top chords for all metal sheet roofs.

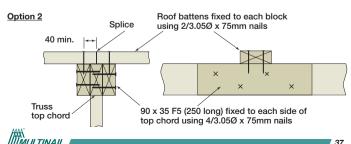
Batten tie down and size to be designed by others

Rules given in AS4440 must also be followed which include:

- Do not splice battens on girder trusses
- Fix each batten to every lamination of every truss with min. 2/nails
- Adjacent battens should not be spliced in the same point
- Not more than 1 in 3 battens to be spliced on any truss top chord

Design criteria					
Roof material	Steel Sheeting				
Truss centres	1200mm max.				
Batten size	35 x 70 min. 45 x 90 max.				
Batten spacing	1200mm max.				

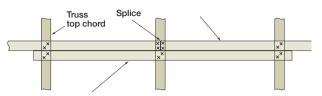




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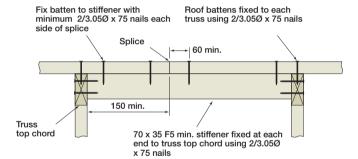
Option 3

Roof battens fixed to truss top chord using 2/3.05Ø x 75mm nails

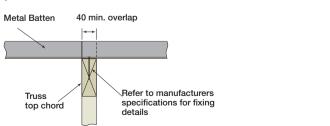


Additional batten same size and grade as the batten fixed to truss top chord using 2/3.050 x 75mm nails

Option 4



Option 5



13. Top chord bracing

The requirement for a top chord bracing system is to transfer forces generated in the top chord restraints (usually roof battens or purlins) back to the supporting structure.

The forces are generated by resisting buckling of the top chord members and by wind loading perpendicular to the span of the trusses.

CHECK APPROPRIATE BRACING LAYOUT USED: (Tick)

For more information on specific roof shapes, refer to AS4440.

13.1 Steelbrace for gable roof

The type and layout of the top chord steelbrace relate to the span, shape and loading of the roof.

The angle from steelbrace to wall frame shall be between 30° and 45°.

Bracing bays shall extend from the end trusses of the roof, unless otherwise specified in this Standard.

The area of the standard overhangs is not required to be braced.

In Figure 23 to Figure 38, length (L) and half span (h) are defined as follows:

Length (L) - the length of run of similar trusses with similar support positions. However, where adjoining sections of the roof have trusses running parallel to the trusses in the section being considered and where the top chords are in the same plane, Length (L) may be extended into the adjoining section, provided that the trusses have common support positions (see Figure 23).

II. Half Span (h) -

The horizontal distance from the pitching point to the point at which the top pitch changes (see Figure 23).

Vertical bracing, see Figure 46

Steelbrace

Ridge

h

Bracing between 30° and 45° top plate when viewed onplan

FIGURE 23: Length (L) and If spanh (h)

13.2 Spans up to 8m

For spans up to 8m, the single steelbrace shall be arranged in a V-shape configuration. Each truss in the brace section shall be crossed with at least two braces

The top chord steelbrace shall be arranged according to the following roof lengths:

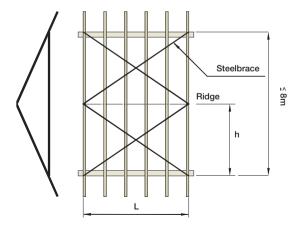
I. Roof length (L) less than half span (h).

See section 13.3.1 and Figure 29.

II. Very short roof

Where the roof Length (L) is 1 to 1.5 times the half span (h) of the roof truss, the steelbrace shall be arranged as shown in Figure 24.

FIGURE 24: Steelbrace layout roof, spans up to 8m

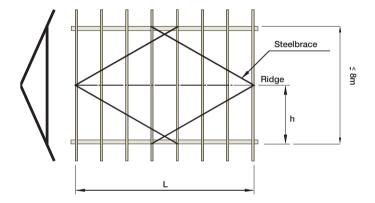




III. Short roof

Where the roof Length (L) is 1.5 to 3.5 times the half span (h) of the roof truss, the steelbrace shall be arranged as shown in Figure 25.

FIGURE 25: Steelbrace layout for short roof, spans up to 8m

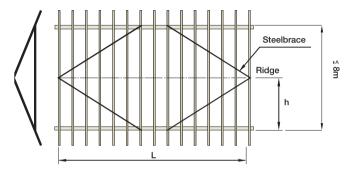


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IV. Long roof

Where the roof Length (L) is 3.5 to 4 times the half span (h) of the roof truss, the steelbrace shall be arranged as shown in Figure 26.

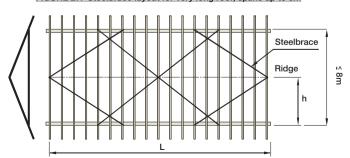
FIGURE 26: Steelbrace layout for long roof, spans up to 8m



V. Very long roof

Where the roof Length (L) is more than 4 times the half span (h) of the roof truss, the steelbrace shall be arranged as shown in Figure 27.

FIGURE 27: Steelbrace layout for very long roof, spans up to 8m



13.3 Spans of 8m to 13m

For spans of 8m to 13m, a steelbrace in an X-shape configuration shall be used.

A single steelbrace shall be used with the limitation in the span of roof trusses as specified in Table 1.

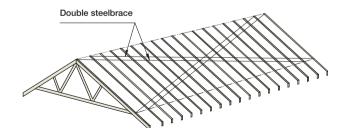
Each truss in the brace section shall be crossed with at least four braces.

For a roof with overall span greater than the maximum values specified in Table 1 but less than 13.0m, a double steelbrace shall be used, as shown in Figure 28.

TABLE 1: Maximum overall truss span for single steelbrace (in metres)

Wind	Roof pitch	Roof pitch	Roof pitch	Roof pitch	Roof pitch
classification	<15°	15° to 20°	20°+ to 30°	30°+ to 35°	35°+ to 45°
N1-N3, C1	13.0	13.0	12.5	11.5	9.5
up to N4, C2	13.0	13.0	10.5	9.5	8.0
C3	12.0	11.0	8.5	Not suitable	Not suitable

FIGURE 28: Double steelbrace

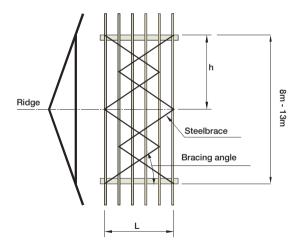


The top chord steelbrace for spans of 8m to 13m shall be arranged according to the following roof lengths:

I. Very short roof

Where the roof Length (L) is very short compared to the half span (h) of the roof truss such that it would result in a brace angle greater than 45°, a diagonal steelbrace arrangement shall be required each side of the ridge line as shown in Figure 29. Bracing bays shall be spaced across the roof such that the brace angle is always between 30° and 45°.

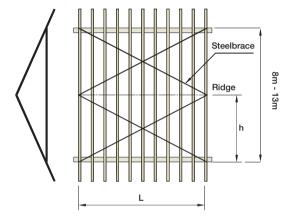
FIGURE 29: Steelbrace layout for very short roof, spans 8m to 13m



II. Short roof

Where the roof Length (L) is 1.5 to 3.5 times the half span (h) of the roof truss, the steelbrace shall be arranged as shown in Figure 30.

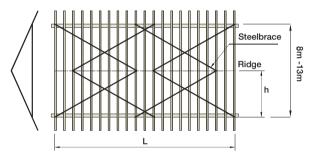
FIGURE 30: Steelbrace layout for short roof, spans 8m to 13m



III. Long roof

Where the roof Length (L) is long compared to the half span (h) of the roof truss such that it would result in a brace angle less than 30° , two or more crossed bracing bays shall be required each side of the ridge line to ensure the brace angle is between 30° and 45° (See Figure 31)

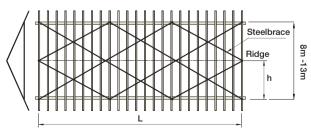
FIGURE 31: Steelbrace layout for long roof, spans 8m to 13m



IV. Very long roof

For a very long roof the steelbrace is continued for the length of building such that each truss shall be crossed with at least four braces (see Figure 32).

FIGURE 32: Steelbrace layout for very long roof, spans 8m to 13m



13.4 Spans of 13m to 16m

For truss spans of 13m to 16m, the steelbrace shall be in an X-shape configuration over the whole roof with an additional braced bay at each end and intermediate braced bays at maximum 13000mm centres, as shown in Figure 33.

Approximate span/6

Single or double steelbrace (see Table 2)

Timber nogging

Braced at each end of roof

Max. 13000mm

FIGURE 33: Steelbrace layout for very long roof, spans 13m to 16m

TABLE 2: Maximum overall truss spans for steelbrace

Maximum overall truss span, m							
Roof Pitch							
Wind	Single brace Double brace						
	<15°	15°to20°	<15°	15°to20°	20°+to30°	30°+to35°	35°+to45°
N1-N3, C1	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	13.5
N4, C2	15.5	13.0	16.0	16.0	14.5	13.5	N/S
C3	Not suitable	Not suitable	16.0	15.5	Not suitable	Not suitable	Not suitable

13.5 Steelbrace for hip roof

13.5.1 Bracing requirement for standard trusses

For roofs on buildings of rectangular plan with trussed hip ends or dutch-hip ends, the steelbrace for standard trusses shall be required between the apex of hip ends only.

In such cases the roof Length (L) shall be taken as being the distance between the two intersections of hip and ridge line at each end of the building.

One of the criteria from section 13.2 to 13.4 shall then be applied as shown in Figure 34.

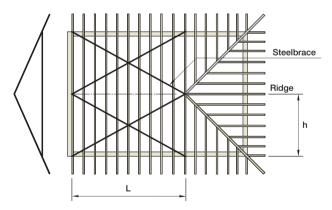


FIGURE 34: Steelbrace layout for standard trusses of hip roof

13.6 Bracing requirement for jack trusses

For standard roof trusses less than 13m, no bracing to jack trusses is required.

For standard truss spans of 13m to 16m, the single steelbrace shall be arranged in an X-shape configuration. The angle from steelbrace to end wall shall be between 30° and 45°.

The top chord steelbrace for jack trusses shall be arranged in accordance with the following:

Where the Horizontal Top Chord Length (HTL) is less than the Truncated Girder Station (TGS), the steelbrace shall be arranged as shown in Figure 35.

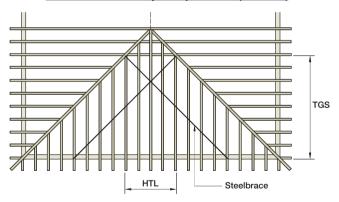
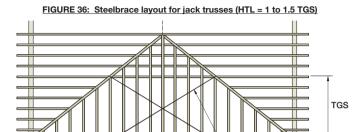


FIGURE 35: Steelbrace layout for jack trusses (HTL < TGS)

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Where the Horizontal Top Chord Length (HTL) is 1 to 1.5 times the Truncated Girder Station (TGS), the steelbrace shall be arranged as shown in Figure 36.



Where the Horizontal Top Chord Length (HTL) is longer than 1.5 times the Truncated Girder Station (TGS), the steelbrace shall be arranged as shown in Figure 37.

Steelbrace

HTL

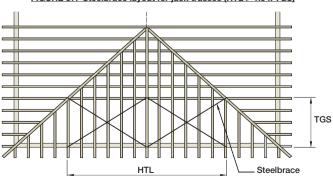


FIGURE 37: Steelbrace layout for iack trusses (HTL > 1.5 x TGS)

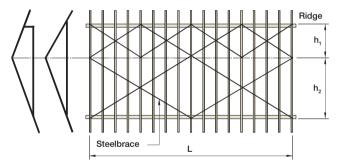
13.7 Steelbrace for dual-pitched roof

On dual-pitched or cutoff roofs where the ridge line is not central on the building, each side of the ridge shall be considered as a separate case.

A steelbrace layout resulting from a combination of the criteria specified in Clauses 14.2 to 14.7 shall apply.

Figure 38 gives a typical example of a layout.

FIGURE 38: Typical steelbrace layout for dual-pitched or cutoff roof



13.8 Steelbrace for bell roof

The steelbrace shall be spliced at bell breaks, see Figure 39 for splicing details

Bell truncated girder

Standard bell Steelbrace for splice detail at break

Hip truss/rafter (bracing requirement for jack

FIGURE 39: Steelbrace layout for bell roof

13.9 Steelbrace for mono-pitched roof

Where the roof consists of half trusses (mono-pitched roof), the span of the half truss shall be taken as the half span (h), and one criterion from sections 13.2 to 134 shall be applied.

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truss in accordance with Section 13.6 not

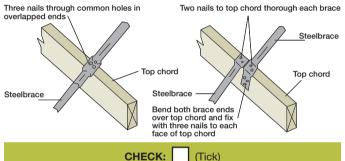
The apex of the half truss shall be braced to the supporting structure with diagonal bracing in the vertical plane as specified for half truss fixing for apex bracing in Figure 46 and 47.

13.10 Fixing of steelbrace

The steelbrace shall be arranged in a V-shape or X-shape configuration over the top of the top chords as specified in the bracing layouts in Clauses 13.2 to 13.4. Steelbrace shall be fixed to each truss in the brace section and to the supports, using a minimum of 30mm x 2.8Ø reinforced-head nails in accordance with the following details:

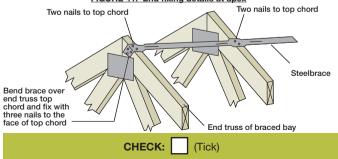
Typical spliced detail See Figure 40

FIGURE 40: Typical spliced detail



II. End fixing details (at apex) see Figure 41

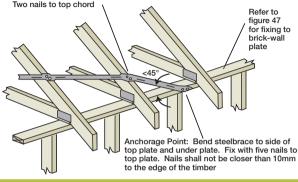
FIGURE 41: End fixing details at apex



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Ш End fixing details (at heel, to top plate) see Figure 42 and Figure 43.

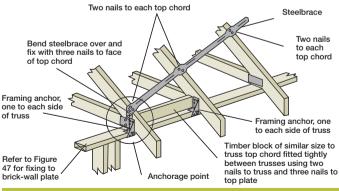
FIGURE 42: End fixing details at heel, to top plate



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FIGURE 43: End fixing details at heel, to top plate (alternative)

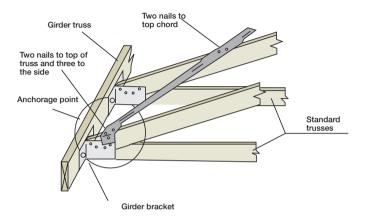


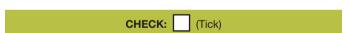
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IV. End fixing details (at heel, to girder truss) see Figure 44.

FIGURE 44: End fixing details at heel to girder truss

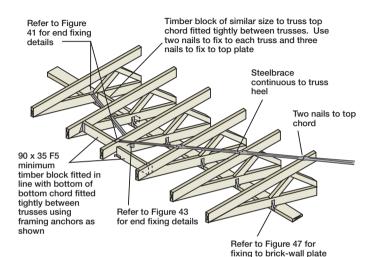




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I. Fixing details for cantilevers see Figure 45.

FIGURE 45: Fixing details for cantilevers



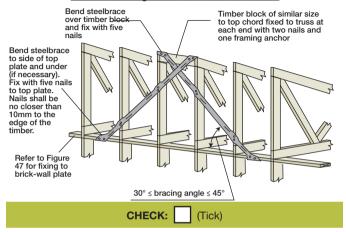
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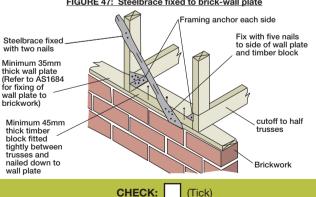
Fixing details for cutoff or half trusses see Figure 46

FIGURE 46: Fixing details for cutoff or half trusses



II. Fixing details for brick-wall plate see Figure 47

FIGURE 47: Steelbrace fixed to brick-wall plate



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14. Bottom chord bracing

A permanent bottom chord bracing system is required to restrain truss bottom chords against lateral buckling under wind uplift. A direct fixed or battened ceiling is generally sufficient to perform this function except as noted in section 14.2 below.

14.1 Ceiling battens

Batten spacing shall not exceed that specified by the approved specifications for ceiling support and bottom chord restraint centres.

14.2 Bottom chord ties

For suspended ceilings, or exposed bottom chords, or where ceiling battens do not provide restraint to bottom chords (e.g. metal furring channels clipped to trusses) the size and spacing of separate bottom chord ties shall comply with the approved specifications.

NOTES:

- The bottom chord ties are not intended to replace the binders required to support the end wall.
- The bottom chord ties and bracing are intended only to restrain (i.e. to stop from buckling) truss bottom chords and do not provide lateral stability to the building to resist lateral wind loads.
- Buildings with suspended ceilings require additional bracing to ensure the lateral stability of the walls. The responsibility for the stability of the structure rests solely with the project engineer/ building designer.
- These bottom chord ties are not designed to be a trafficable platform.

For trusses with ceiling directly fixed to truss bottom chords by glue or nails, or both, ties as temporary bracing to bottom chords are required until the ceiling is fully fixed in place. See section 7 for details.

Where bottom chord ties are required, they shall be braced or fixed to a building element such as supporting walls, which in turn can transfer these bracing loads to the structure.

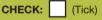
Steelbrace shall be at approximately 45° to wall top plates (see Figure 48), and shall be fixed to each truss and to the wall in the same manner as for top chord brace fixing.

Span /2 Span /2 Steelbrace

Span /2 Steelbrace

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FIGURE 48: Typical bottom chord ties bracing layout

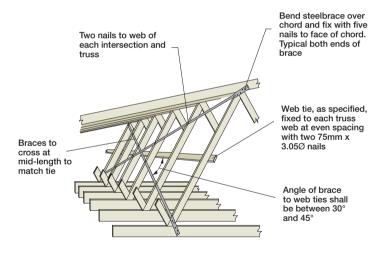


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15. Web bracing

Where truss designs require bracing to be applied to webs, this can be achieved by the use of longitudinal ties, T-stiffeners or other supplementary members. Where longitudinal ties are used, they shall be a minimum of 70mm x 35mm F5, or as specified in the design specifications. The web ties shall be fixed to the web of each truss at even spacing of the web with two 75mm x 3.05% long nails and braced to the truss with one bay of crossed steelbrace at each end and an intermediate bay at 10m centres. Web ties shall be continuous or, where required, spliced by lapping over at least two adjacent trusses.

FIGURE 49: Typical Web Ties Bracing and Fixing Details



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16. Walls

Trusses are usually designed to be supported only by the outer walls of the structure with none of the load being transmitted to internal walls.

The bottom chord of the truss is designed with an inbuilt camber to suit the span and load. This camber is progressively taken up as the load is applied (ie, the roofing and ceiling).

Wall frames of non load-bearing internal walls must therefore be constructed to allow free movement of the trusses as they are loaded and unless otherwise specified a truss must not be supported at any intermediate point along its span.



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16.1 Non load-bearing walls

Non load-bearing walls must comply with the requirements specified in the relevant Standards as appropriate to the material.

Non load-bearing walls, as designated, shall not carry any truss loading and shall not be packed to touch the underside of trusses (see Figure 50).

NOTE: One way to ensure non load-bearing is to set the non load-bearing walls at a lower level than the load bearing walls. The recommended difference in level is the ceiling batten depth (if any) plus 10mm minimum.

Ceiling batten depth, if any, plus 10mm min. (recommended)

Load-bearing wall

Non load-bearing walls

FIGURE 50: Load-bearing and non load-bearing walls

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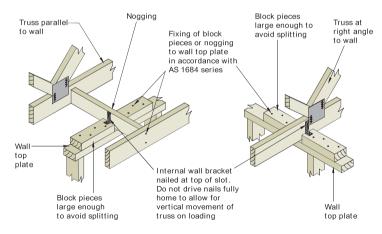
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16.1.1 Fixing to top plates of non-loadbearing walls

The requirements for fixing of timber trusses to the top plates of non-loadbearing walls shall be in accordance with the following wall designations:

- (a) Non-bracing wall: Where a non-loadbearing wall is stable in its own right, no stabilizing fixing is required.
- **(b) Bracing wall:** Where a freestanding non-loadbearing wall is designated as a bracing unit in accordance with AS 1684.2 or AS 1684.3, the timber trusses shall be fixed to the top plate of the wall in such a way that the bottom chord of the truss is restrained horizontally but allows for deflection when the truss is loaded. Figure 51 gives an example of the fixing details.

FIGURE 51
Fixing of trusses to freestanding non-loadbearing wall that is a bracing wall



(a) Truss parallel to wall

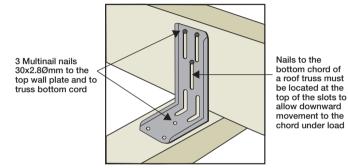
(b) Truss perpendicular to wall



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16.1.2 Internal wall brackets

Internal Wall Brackets are used to connect internal non-loadbearing walls to roof trusses at maximum 1800mm centres. To enable the roof truss to deflect under loads, nails to the truss must be installed at the top of the slotted holes and not hammered home to allow a loose fit only.



16.2 Load-bearing walls

Load-bearing walls must be constructed so as to support all loads from the roof structure.

Connections to load-bearing walls are generally provided with the project documentation.

Load-Bearing walls shall comply with the requirements specified in the relevant standards, as appropriate to the material, and shall not be lower than the non load-bearing walls when trusses are supporting a level ceiling.

17. Parallel Chord Trusses

17.1 Correct orientation

MSJ/SWJ/SJ are specifically designed with a top and a bottom. The top and bottom must be correctly positioned during installation to ensure structural integrity is maintained.

FIGURE 52 MultiStrut

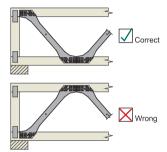
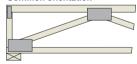


FIGURE 54 SpanJoist

Common orientation



Other possible orientation

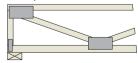


FIGURE 53 Steelwood



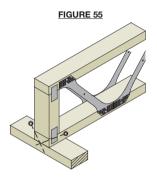






17.2 Fixing to top plate

Each MSJ/SWJ/SJ must be fixed onto its supporting plate/bearer with a minimum of 2 nails through the side of the chord into the top plate, beam, lintel or other timber member. Alternately a Multi Grip may be used.



17.3 Bracing

For standard houses, with a wind classification N1 or N2, brace at all supports with Type 1 braces at 1800mm centres, Type 2 at 2400mm or as specified. This applies to internal and external bearing points.

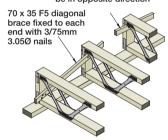
For non-standard houses or houses with a wind classification greater than N2, refer to your supplier for further information.

In all situations, bracing must be distributed as evenly as possible throughout the house

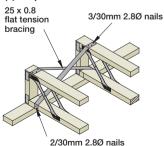
Type 1 Bracing Units

(a) Timber Diagonal Brace:

Every second brace to be in opposite direction

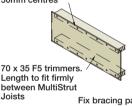


(b) Strap Brace:



Type 2 Bracing Unit

7.0 mm structural plywood (or equivalent masonite) fixed to trimmers with 30mm x 2.8Ø nails at 50mm centres



sts Fix bracing panel to vertical webs with 30mm x 2.80 nails at 50mm centres

Fix trimmer to wall top plate with 3/75mm x 3.05Ø nails



17.4 Strongbacks

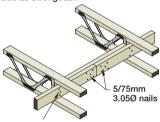
Strongbacks are installed within the MSJ/SWJ/SJs at right angles to the direction of the joists and are used to dampen the vibrations by increasing the stiffness of the floor system and reduce deflection by load sharing.

Strongbacks must be fixed to the vertical webs in each MSJ/SWJ/SJ with 2/3.05 x 75 mm pails.

Diagram 1

Timber Splice to Strongback

Strongback splice same size as Strongback

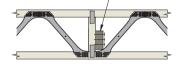


3/75mm 3.05Ø nails

Diagram 2

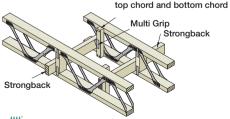
Strongback Fixing

Fix strongback with 3/75mm 3.05Ø nails



<u>Diagram 3</u> Strongback Splicing at Change of Span

70 x 35 Block fixed to MSJ with 2/75mm 3.05Ø nails to top chord and bottom chord



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