Supplement No. 1 to the 1996 Specification

The American Iron and Steel Institute has recently published its Supplement No. 1 to the 1996 Edition of the Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members with Commentary. Both the 1996 edition of the Specification with Commentary and Supplement No. 1 have been approved by American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as a national standard.

The contents of this Supplement were briefly discussed in an article entitled “Preview of the AISI Supplement to the 1996 Edition of the Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members with Commentary”, appearing in the August 1999 issue of the CCFSS Technical Bulletin, Vol. 8, No. 2. In addition, it includes a revised commentary and the following two appendixes:

Appendix A: Base Test Method for Purlins Supporting a Standing Seam Roof System

Appendix B: Standard Procedures for Panel and Anchor Structural Tests

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Design Guide for Standing Seam Roof Panels

A new Design Guide for Standing Seam Roof Panels, Design Guide CF00-1, June 2000, has recently been published by the American Iron and Steel Institute. It provides information to the designer of standing seam roof panels and detailed discussions on how to use recently published AISI test procedure “Standard Procedures for Panel and Anchor Structural Tests” to design standing seam roof panels under wind uplift. This Guide is based on the AISI 1996 Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members and Supplement No. 1. Where the Specification is silent on design issues, the procedures are based on published references and on the opinions of the authors. The table of contents of the Design Guide is provided as follows:

1. Introduction and Background
2. Architectural and Structural Roof Systems
3. Review of Cold-Formed Steel Panel Design Requirements
4. Panel Design
5. Clip Design
6. Other Design Considerations
7. Systems Subjected to Gravity Loading
8. Systems Subjected to Uplift Loading
9. Design Examples
10. References

Appendix I: AISI Standard Procedures for Panel and Anchor Structural Tests with Commentary


Appendix III: Inspection and Maintenance of Standing Seam Roof

The Guide was developed by Dr. James M. Fisher and Mr. Leonard Lewandowski of Computerized Structural Design, Inc., and Dr. Roger A. LaBoube of the University of Missouri-Rolla. It was co-sponsored by the American Iron and Steel Institute and the Metal Building Manufacturers Association.

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CCFSS Website Update

The Center’s Website (http://www.umr.edu/~ccfss) has recently been updated. Available topics include: About the Center; Location and Organization; Calendar; Center Sponsorship; AISI Slide Talk; AISI Specifications and Standards; Computer Programs; Continuing Education and Seminars; Library and Classifications; Scholarships and Fellowships; Newsletters and Bulletins; Publications and Proceedings; Research and Abstracts; and textbook on Cold-Formed Steel Design.

Under the title of “Library and Classifications”, a link has been established to the Center’s Technical Library database. Books and other technical resources may be searched through this automated catalog.
AISI Committee on Framing Standards Update

By Jay Larson, Bethlehem Steel

The AISI Committee on Framing Standards (COFS) and its subcommittees met in Las Vegas, NV on May 2 and 3 in conjunction with the AWCI annual conference. The subcommittees met again in Chicago, IL on July 18 and 19.

Within the COFS, work continues towards completing several standards already under development, including (1) General Provisions for the Construction of Cold-Formed Steel Framing; (2) Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Construction of One and Two Family Dwellings; (3) Design Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Truss Construction; (4) Double L-Header Design Standard; and (5) Box and Back-to-Back Header Design Standard. Work is also being initiated on the development of the prescriptive high wind and high seismic design standards for residential construction.

Once completed, the above documents will form a solid foundation from which the COFS and the light-gauge steel framing industry can build.

The COFS develops and maintains consensus standards for cold-formed steel framing. The COFS mission is to eliminate regulatory barriers and increase the reliability and cost competitiveness of cold-formed steel framing in residential and commercial building construction. For more information, please contact the AISI, Kevin Bielat (202-452-7215) or Mosunmola Adeboyeku (202-452-7119), or check the AISI website (http://www.steel.org/construction/framing/).

Metal Construction Association

The Metal Construction Association recently held its 17th Semi-Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO. The program included a Mid-Year State of the Association report by MCA President Bill Hippard; updates of numerous activities of various councils and committees; a presentation by Don Moody, President of the North American Steel Framing Council; and an introductory keynote address by John Oldfield of the Conference Board on the breakthrough e-business and information technology practices for U.S. and European countries.

METALCON International 2000

METALCON 2000, planned for Atlanta, GA on October 31 - November 2, will introduce a number of new activities including a new schedule, new product demonstrations, new seminars on product utilization, and the MCA Merit Awards and President’s Award Winners of the annual MCA design competition.

a. Product Demonstration - The MCA Councils will present product demonstrations at METALCON International to emphasize the important qualities that each of these products can offer in architectural design, as well as ease of installation, low maintenance, excellent life cycle costs, strength, durability and other important considerations.

b. Seminar on Diaphragm Design - A seminar on diaphragm design will be presented by Dr. Larry Luttrell, Professor Emeritus of West Virginia University. This seminar is sponsored by the MCA Technical Advisory and Coordinating Committee to inform architects, designers and engineers on the findings of the MCA - sponsored research project. A comprehensive report on the research program will be provided for more effective diaphragm design practices in the metal-in-construction field.

c. Student Design Competition - Winners of the MCA Student Design Competition for the design of Chicago Transit System Elevated Station have been selected by the distinguished jury, consisting of Larry Booth, James C. Jankowski, Ralph Johnson and Jim Hagle. Winners are: 1st Prize - Julie Wagner (Illinois Institute of Technology); 2nd Prize - John Frank and Chad Stinett (Kansas State University); 3rd Prize - George Matos (Illinois Institute of Technology); Honorable Mention - Kristina Hahn (University of Utah).

AISI COS Met in Toronto

The AISI Committee on Specifications for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members and its subcommittees held their meetings in Toronto, Canada on July 27 - 29, 2000. On July 26, a workshop on the Direct Strength Method was conducted by Ben Schafer at the University of Toronto. For details, see page 3.

Prior to the subcommittee and main committee meetings, the Committee on North American Specifications held its meeting on July 27, followed by a series of research reports presented by Ben Schafer, Teoman Pekoz, Reini Schuster, Tom Murray, Jim Fisher, Steve Fox, and Greg Hancock.

As in previous meetings, all subcommittees reviewed their ballots and identified future research projects for consideration of the Subcommittee on Strategic Planning and Research. Seven ballots were approved by the Committee including (a) addition of a new term “master coil” in Section A1.2 with revisions of the required number of full section tests (Section F3.1) and the required number of tensile specimens taken from each master coil for establishing virgin steel properties (Section F3.3); (b) clarification of the Commentary on Section A6.1.1 regarding the reduced target reliability index used for secondary flexural members subjected to a combination of dead and wind loads; (c) revision of the design equations for determining the web crippling strength of flexural members (Section C3.4); (d) format change of the equation for determining the slenderness factor in Section B2.1 for uniformly compressed stiffened elements; (e) addition of design provisions for point-symmetric sections to be used as concentrically loaded compression members; (f) addition of design requirements to limit each individual ratio to not exceed unity in all interaction equations of Section C5.2; and (g) addition of new design provisions for cyclic loading (fatigue).

The next meeting of the Committee on Specifications will be held in February 2001.
Personal News

Reidar Bjorhovde Receives Shortridge Hardesty Award for 2000

The Structural Engineering Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has announced that Dr. Reidar Bjorhovde is the recipient of the Shortridge Hardesty Award for 2000. Named for prominent American structural engineer Shortridge Hardesty, the award is given to an individual who has contributed substantially in applying fundamental results of research to the solution of practical engineering problems in the field of structural stability.

Dr. Bjorhovde is cited for his scholarly work on column and frame stability as well as load and resistance factor design (LRFD), including the landmark column studies that led to the development of the Structural Stability Research Council (SSRC) column curves. These form the basis for the criteria in current US, Canadian, Australian and South African codes for the design of steel structures. Bjorhovde is also cited for his leadership role in a number of ASCE, American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) and American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) research and design development efforts.

A Fellow of ASCE, Bjorhovde received doctoral degrees from the Norwegian Institute of Technology in Trondheim, Norway, and Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He is President of The Bjorhovde Group, a consulting firm and international engineering consortium located in Tucson, Arizona. His career includes professorships at the University of Alberta, University of Arizona and the University of Pittsburgh.

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- Use of the results of finite strip analysis to predict the strength of members.
- Limitations of the method and the details needed in modeling.
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Wei-Wen Yu Updates Textbook on Cold-Formed Steel Design

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Third International Conference on Thin-Walled Structures

The Third International Conference on Thin-Walled Structures will be held in Cracow, Poland on June 5-7, 2001. It is organized by the Department of Strength of Materials and Structures at Technical University of Lodz, Poland, jointly with the Department of Mechanical Engineering at University of Strathclyde, UK and College of Aeronautics at Cranfield University, UK.


The deadline for submitting abstracts is August 15, 2000. For more information, contact Department of Strength Materials and Structures, Technical University of Lodz, Stefanowskiego Str. 1/15, 90-924, Lodz, Poland. Email: ictws-3@lodz.pl, Tel/ fax: +48 42 631 2217, http://www.ictws-3.lodz.pl.

Calendar

October 19-20, 2000
15th International Specialty Conference on Cold-Formed Steel Structures
St. Louis, MO
Contact: (573) 341-4481

October 31 - November 2, 2000
METALCON International
Atlanta, GA
Contact: (312) 201-0193

December 5-6, 2000
Meeting of the AISI Committee on Framing Standards
Baltimore, MD
Contact: (202) 452-7119

February, 2001
Meeting of the AISI Committee on Specifications
Date and Location TBA
Contact: (202) 452-7130

May 8-11, 2001
SSRC Annual Technical Session and Meeting
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Contact: (954) 765-5424

May 9-12, 2001
AISC North American Steel Construction Conference
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Contact: (312) 670-5415

June 5-7, 2001
Third International Conference on Thin-Walled Structures
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