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Steel Deck Applications
Since 1939, the Steel Deck Institute has provided uniform industry standards for the engineering, design, manufacture, and field usage of steel decks.

The SDI is concerned with cold-formed steel products, with various configurations distinctive to individual manufacturers, used to support finished roofing materials or to serve as a permanent form and/or positive reinforcement for concrete floor slabs.

Members of the Institute are manufacturers of steel floor and roof decks. Associate members are manufacturers of fasteners, coatings, and other related components, contractors, and others in the field who share SDI interests.

The Institute is managed by an executive director who supervises the programs developed through the combined efforts of the total membership.

Continuing SDI functions include preparation, review, and distribution of literature, referral of inquiries to appropriate sources, coordination of research and testing, and liaison with other construction industry associations on matters of common interest.

The purpose of these functions is three-fold:

1. To develop steel decks that are engineered for structural soundness, that maintain consistent quality, that adapt to a wide range of designs and systems, and that are economical in both initial and life-cycle costs.

2. To initiate design and installation procedures that conform to good construction practices and that meet cost requirements.

3. To make this information readily accessible to designers and owners.

Design Manual for Composite Decks, Form Decks and Roof Decks

Since steel decks were originally used only for roof construction, the Steel Deck Institute traditionally limited its attention to roof assemblies. For more than a decade, however, SDI members have been manufacturing steel decks for floor assemblies. These companies have developed floor deck engineering data and have established performance standards through laboratory testing and field usage.

In 1975, SDI members concluded that the Institute should expand its design manual to include floor decks used either in composite slab design or as a permanent form.

The result is this publication, the Steel Deck Institute Design Manual for Composite Decks, Form Decks and Roof Decks, a definitive guide to the proper design and specification of steel decks.

Standards

- The SDI developed the following standards for steel floor decks, roof decks, and related products:
  - Replaced gage with design thickness as the unit of measure in references to material thickness;
  - Established manufacturing tolerances;
  - Developed site storage and erection recommendations;
  - Standardized accessories—sump pans, ridge and valley plates, and cant strips;
  - Developed specifications for Composite Steel Floor Deck, Non-Composite Steel Form Deck and for Steel Roof Deck;
Defined standard roof deck sections and issued standard load tables for narrow, intermediate, and wide rib decks.

Testing
Independent tests are the best guide to product performance and reliability, a philosophy to which Steel Deck Institute members subscribe. Their support for an ongoing program is indicated by the number and scope of tests already performed and by their policy of sponsoring new tests when new products or applications are introduced by the industry.

Following are completed roof deck tests for which published results are available:
- U.L. Fire Ratings:
  - two-hour steel deck assembly; acoustical ceiling with wide joist spacing;
  - steel roof assembly with directly applied insulation;
- National Bureau of Standards fire tests on various steel roof deck constructions;
- Steel Deck Diaphragms.

SDI manufacturers can furnish fire ratings, load test results, and other performance test reports for their own products.

Roof Deck Certification Program
The Steel Deck Institute offers certification of product design through an engineering analysis by independent consulting engineers. To receive design certification for a roof deck section, a manufacturer must submit a profile with dimensions and a load table (either his own or the SDI Standard Load Table) to the SDI. A computer program analyzes the profile and dimensions and produces a load table. If the manufacturer's stated safe loading is verified by the computer analysis, the SDI issues a certificate which states that the product is designed in accordance with SDI Specifications and also verifies the manufacturer's load tables.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:
The Steel Deck Institute Diaphragm Design Manual
An essential, comprehensive and practical reference for Engineers, Architects, Detailers, Draftsmen, Contractors, Building Officials and people engaging in the design and use of Steel Deck and Steel Structures. This hard-bound manual represents a full-scale diaphragm study conducted over the past 20 years by Dr. Larry Luttrell at the Major Units Laboratory of West Virginia University. This is publication No. DDM01 and may be purchased from the SDI.

Comprehensive Steel Deck Institute Binder
A complete, hard-bound encyclopedia containing valuable, tabulated material for Composite Decks, Form Decks, and Roof Decks. This manual provides State-of-the-Art product catalogs of SDI Member Manufacturers, and publications of Associate Members who furnish items used in steel deck construction. This publication is available through the SDI.
ADVANTAGES OF STEEL DECK:

Versatility
Steel decks complying with SDI Specifications are available from the member companies in 1½, 2, 3, 4½, 6, and 7½-inch depths; 6, 7½, 8, 9, and 12-inch rib spacings; with and without stiffening elements, with and without acoustical material, cellular and non-cellular, and in varying material thicknesses. This extensive choice makes steel deck applicable to a wide range of projects and structural designs.

Structural Strength with Less Weight
The properties of steel are used with maximum efficiency in the design and fabrication of steel decks, resulting in products with a high strength-to-weight ratio. As a result, delivery, erection, and structural framing costs can be lower than with other systems.

Attractive Appearance
Although steel deck is primarily a structural component, it is visually attractive when left exposed in other applications. With the properly specified factory and field coatings, steel deck is easy to maintain, durable, and esthetically pleasing.

All-Weather Construction
Steel deck can be erected in most weather conditions, eliminating the costly delays that
can occur with other types of roof systems.

**Required Fire Ratings**
U.L. fire resistance ratings on standard roof assemblies have been obtained by the Steel Deck Institute. Individual SDI manufacturers have ratings on their own products. Most fire resistance requirements can be met with products manufactured by SDI members.

**Uniform Quality**
Through engineering and continuously refined production techniques, SDI manufacturers produce decks that conform to specified standards.

**Proven Durability**
Steel deck in place and performing satisfactorily for more than a half-century is indicative of the product’s durability.

**Economy and Value**
Value is determined by combining initial costs, life-cycle costs, and overall performance. Steel deck assemblies are the best value in roofing designs. They combine low cost with top performance.
Code of Recommended Standard Practice
For Composite Deck, Form Deck, and Roof Deck Construction

1. General

1.1 Scope: This code is intended to promote safety and quality construction in accordance with good engineering practice. It is designed to assist in the preparation of the sales contract by providing contract details which can be adopted by reference.

1.2 Application: This code shall govern where building codes, architects’ and engineers’ plans and specifications, or contracts are not complete or clear. There shall be no conflict between this code and any legal building regulation; it shall only supplement and amplify such laws.

1.3 Design: In the absence of ordinances or specifications to the contrary, design shall be in accordance with the current Specifications of the Steel Deck Institute.

1.4 Plans and Specifications for Bidding: Plans and specifications shall clearly show details and shall be complete as to extent of deck and accessories to be furnished by the seller.

1.5 Responsibility for Design: When details of design are specified, the seller shall assume no responsibility other than to furnish materials as specified. When details of design are not specified, the seller shall furnish all materials required in accordance with Section 1.3 of this code.

2. Bidding

2.1 Base Bids:

2.1.1 Roof Deck: Base bids shall include roof deck, ridge and valley plates, and sump pans per architects plans and specifications. No other accessories shall be included unless specified.

2.1.2 Composite Floor Deck and non Composite Form Deck: Base bids shall include deck and only those accessories specifically designated on the plans and called for in the appropriate division of the specifications.

2.2 Incomplete Plans and Specifications: Incomplete plans and specifications shall be bid on the basis that the seller shall provide material in agreement with the provisions of this code.

2.3 Special Details: Any material required to support the steel deck shall not be included.

3. Drawings and Specifications

3.1 Furnished by Buyer: The buyer shall furnish complete architectural plans and specifications, structural steel drawings, and purlin placing plans, all correctly dimensioned.

3.2 Furnished by Seller: The seller shall furnish erection layouts clearly showing the location of all sheets. The seller shall also furnish as many prints as may be reasonably necessary, but the tracing shall remain the property of the seller.

3.3 Discrepancies: The architect’s plans shall be assumed to be correct in the absence of written notice from the buyer to the
contrary. When structural steel or purlin placing plans do not agree with the architect’s plans, the structural plans shall be considered as a written notice of change of plans.

3.4 Approval: The erection layouts shall be submitted to the buyer for approval unless the buyer instructs the seller to submit same directly to the architect or waives his right of approval. The buyer (or architect) shall return one copy marked with his approval or with such corrections as he may deem necessary. The seller shall not start shop work prior to final approval of his drawings unless such approval is waived.

3.5 Changes by Buyer After Approval: When any changes are made by the buyer after approval or when any extra materials are required, the cost of such changes and extra materials shall be paid by the buyer at a price agreed upon between the buyer and seller.

4. Collateral Material
Although certain collateral materials are not supplied by the steel deck manufacturer, it is the desire of the Steel Deck Institute to have certain principles followed in specifying and furnishing these collateral materials in order to provide a satisfactory deck assembly. This code is not intended to encroach upon the standard practices of the related industries, but is intended to supplement and amplify specifications pertaining to their products.

4.1 Insulation: All steel roof decks shall be covered with a material of sufficient insulating value to prevent condensation under normal occupancy conditions. Insulation shall be adequately attached to the steel roof deck by adhesives or mechanical fasteners. Insulation materials shall be protected from the elements at all times during the storage and installation.

4.2 Roof Coverings: A suitable roof covering shall be applied over the insulation.

4.3 Sheet Metal Work: All closures, flashings, etc., used in roof deck construction, unless otherwise specified, shall be detailed and furnished by the sheet metal contractor.

4.4 Field Painting: Any field painting or touch-up of abrasions or deterioration of the primer coat or other protective finishes shall be the responsibility of the buyer.

4.5 Shear Connectors: The layout, design, numbering or sizing of shear connectors is not the responsibility of the deck manufacturer.

5. Construction Practice
The Steel Deck Institute recommendations for site storage, installation, and construction practices are addressed specifically in the appropriate deck specifications in this design manual and are an integral part of this Code of Recommended Standard Practice.
Advantages of Composite Steel Floor Deck

Composite Action: Steel floor decks, engineered for use in composite slab design, furnish positive reinforcement for the concrete slab and can eliminate the need for any additional positive reinforcing. Composite floor decks are designed to interlock positively with the overlying concrete fill, resulting in unit action. The interlocking process is achieved by mechanical means, deck profile and surface bond, or a combination.

Improved Composite Beam Construction: In a composite beam assembly, a composite floor slab and a steel beam are joined by shear connectors to create one structural unit which has greater strength than a separate slab and beam. Floor decks engineered for composite beam design simplify connector installations and enhance concrete coverage around shear connectors. In some cases, full AISC shear connector values and solid slab design can be applied.

Working Platform: Where many floor designs require temporary safety floors for tradesmen, floor deck with appropriate design and installation can be a safe working platform.

Permanent Forms: Steel floor decks eliminate the need for erection and removal of temporary forms.
Required Fire Ratings: UL fire resistance ratings for floor deck assemblies have been obtained by SDI manufacturers for their own products. Ratings are available for steel deck both with and without spray-applied fireproofing and with regular weight, lightweight, and semi-lightweight concrete.
1. Scope
This specification pertains to composite steel floor deck.

Commentary: Composite steel floor deck is cold-formed steel deck which acts as a permanent form and as the positive bending reinforcement for the structural concrete. When suitably fastened the steel deck also acts as a working platform for the various trades. After the concrete hardens the steel deck and the concrete are interlocked by the shape of the deck, mechanical means, surface bond, or by a combination of these means.

2. Materials
2.1 Composite Steel Deck: Composite steel floor deck shall be fabricated from steel conforming to Section 1.2 of the latest edition (1980), of the American Iron and Steel Institute, Specification for the Design and Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members. The steel used shall have a minimum yield point of 33 ksi. The delivered thickness of the uncoated steel shall not be less than 95% of the design thickness.

Commentary: Most of the composite steel floor deck is manufactured from steel conforming to ASTM Designation A611, Grades C and D or from A446 Grades A, C, and E. If the published product literature does not show the uncoated steel thickness in decimal inches (or millimeters) but lists gage or type numbers, then the thickness of steel before coating with paint or metal shall be in conformance with the following table:

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2.1a. Finish: The finish on the steel composite deck shall be as specified by the designer and be suitable for the environment of the structure.

Commentary: Since the composite deck is the positive bending reinforcement for the slab it must be designed to last the life of the structure; a minimum recommended finish is galvanized coating conforming to ASTM A 525 G60.

2.2 Concrete: Concrete shall be in accordance with the applicable sections of chapters 3, 4 and 5 of the ACI 318 Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete. Minimum compressive strength (f’c) shall be 3000 psi. Admixtures containing chloride salts shall not be used.

Commentary: The use of admixtures containing chloride salts is not allowed because the salts may corrode the steel deck which has been designed as the slab reinforcement.

3. Design (Deck as a Form)
3.1 The section properties of the steel floor deck (as a form in bending) shall be computed in accordance with the American Iron and Steel Institute Specification for the Design of Cold-
Formed Steel Structural Members, 1980 edition.

3.2 Stress in the deck shall not exceed 0.6 times the yield strength with a maximum of 36 ksi under the combined weights of wet concrete, deck, and the following construction live loads: 20 pounds per square foot uniform load or 150 pound concentrated load on a 1'-0" section of deck. See Figure 1.

Commentary: The loading shown in Figure 1 is representative of the sequential loading of wet concrete on the form. The 150 pound load is the arithmetic result of 200 lb. (man’s weight) x \( \frac{3}{4} \). The philosophy here is to allow a \( \frac{1}{2} \) increase in stress due to the temporary nature of a man load. Decreasing the load by 25% is the mathematical equivalent of allowing a 33% increase in stress. Also the 150 pound load is considered to be applied to a one foot width — experience has shown that a greater distribution really occurs. In the past, many manufacturers have recommended using a 20 psf construction load simultaneously applied over all spans; the loading situations of Figure 1 are more severe than the old uniform load method. It is recommended that clear spans be used in the equations of Figure 1.

3.3 Calculated theoretical deflections of the deck, as a form, shall be based on the weight of the concrete (as determined by the design slab thickness) and the weight of the steel deck, uniformly loaded on all spans and shall be limited to \( \frac{L}{180} \) or \( \frac{1}{4} \) inch, whichever is smaller. Deflections shall be relative to supporting members. See Figure 2.

Commentary: The deflection calculations do not take into account construction loads as these are considered to be temporary loads; the deck is designed to always be in the elastic range so removal of temporary loads should allow the deck to recover. The structural steel also deflects under the loading of the wet concrete. The designer is urged to check the deflection of the total system especially if composite beams and girders are being used.

3.4 The bearing lengths shall be determined in accordance with the AISI specification; a uniform loading case of wet concrete plus deck weight plus 20 psf construction load shall be used. See Figure 3.

Commentary: In the past, 1\( \frac{1}{2} \) inches of end bearing was the minimum; this is still a good “rule of thumb” that will, in general, prevent slip off. If less than 1\( \frac{1}{2} \) inches of end bearing is available, or if high support reactions are expected, then the design engineer should ask the deck manufacturer to check the deck web stress. In any case, the deck must be adequately attached to the structure to prevent slip off.

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Figures 1, 2, and 3 are found on page 21.
4. Installation

4.1 Welding: Floor deck units shall be anchored to supporting members, including bearing walls, with nominal 5/8 inch diameter puddle welds or equivalent at all edge ribs plus a sufficient number of interior ribs to provide a maximum average spacing of 12 inches. The maximum spacing between adjacent points of attachment shall not exceed 18 inches.

Welding washers shall be used when welding steel floor deck of less than 0.028 inches thickness.

Commentary: The layout, design, numbering or sizing of shear connectors is not the responsibility of the deck manufacturer. If studs are being applied through the deck onto the structural steel the stud welds can be used to replace the puddle welds. (The deck should be welded to act as a working platform and to prevent blow off.

In general, stronger welds are obtained on 0.028 inches or thicker deck without weld washers. Welds on decks less than 0.028 inches are stronger with washers.

4.2 Mechanical Fasteners:
Mechanical fasteners (powder-actuated, screws, pneumatically driven fasteners, etc.) are recognized as viable anchoring methods, providing the type and spacing of the fasteners satisfies the design criteria. Documentation in the form of test data, design calculations, or design charts should be submitted by the fastener manufacturer as the basis for obtaining approval. The deck manufacturer may recommend additional fasteners to stabilize the given profile against sideslip of any unfastened ribs.

4.3 Lapped and Butted Ends: Deck ends may be either butted or lapped over supports. Standard tolerance for ordered length is plus or minus 1/2 inch.

Commentary: If stud shear connectors are used, deck units should be butted and not lapped. Gaps are acceptable at butted ends. If the tape or taping of butted ends is requested, it is not the responsibility of the deck manufacturer.

Staggering floor deck end laps is not a recommended practice. The deck capacity as a form and the load capacity of the composite deck/slab system are not increased by staggering the end laps; layout and erection costs are increased.

4.4 Differential Deflection: Shall be controlled by fastening together sidelaps of floor deck units as recommended by the steel deck manufacturer.
5. Design Deck and Concrete As A Composite Unit

5.1 General:
The composite slab shall be designed as a reinforced concrete slab with the steel deck acting as the positive reinforcement. Slabs shall be designed as simple or continuous spans under uniform loads.

Commentary: High concentrated loads, diaphragm loads, etc. require additional analysis.

Most published live load tables are based on simple span analysis of the composite systems; that is, the slab is assumed to crack over each support. If the designer wants a continuous slab, then the negative reinforcing should be designed using conventional reinforced concrete design techniques—the welded wire mesh, chosen for temperature reinforcing (Section 5.5), does not usually supply enough area for continuity. The deck is not considered to be compression reinforcing.

Care should be used during the placement of loads on rolled in hanger tabs for the support of ceilings so that approximate uniform loading is maintained. The individual manufacturer should be consulted for allowable loading on single rolled in hanger tabs. Improper use of rolled in hanger tabs could result in the over stressing of such tabs and/or the over loading of the composite deck slab.

5.2 Testing: The deck manufacturer shall have performed or witnessed by a licensed engineer, a sufficient number of tests on the composite deck/slab system to have determined load/deflection characteristics and the mode of failure under uniform or symmetrically placed point loads. Based on the test information the design load rationale shall be established by:

1.) Elastic flexural analysis or
2.) Ultimate strength analysis based on shear bond failure or flexural failure.

5.2a Elastic Flexural (working stress) analysis for unshored construction.

Under the superimposed (live) load the tensile stress of the deck, between supports, shall not exceed 0.6 times the yield strength of the steel. Under the combination of superimposed (live) load, the weight of the concrete and the weight of the deck, the tensile stress of the deck, between supports, shall not exceed 0.8 times the yield strength of the steel.

5.2b Elastic Flexural (working stress) stress analysis for shored construction.

Under the total loading, the tensile stress of the deck, between supports, shall not exceed 0.6 times the yield strength of the steel with a maximum of 36 ksi.

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5.2c Ultimate Strength analysis based on flexural or shear bond failure shall be based on a minimum safety factor of 2.

Commentary: By using one of the appropriate analysis techniques (either working stress or ultimate strength) the deck manufacturer determines the uniformly applied live loads that can be applied to the deck/slab combination.

For most applications the deck thickness and profile is selected so that shoring is not required; the live load capacity of the composite system is then usually more than adequate for the superimposed (live) loads. In calculating the section properties of the deck (under section 3.1 of these specifications) the AISI provisions may require that the compression flange be reduced to an effective width, but when used as tensile reinforcement the total area of the cross section may be used.

5.3 Concrete: (Working Stress Analysis).

5.3a For unshored construction the compressive stress in concrete shall not exceed 0.45 \( f'c \) under the applied live load. For shored construction the compressive stress in the concrete shall not exceed 0.45 \( f'c \) under the total dead and live loads.

5.3b The allowable shear stress shall conform to ACI specifications.

5.3c Minimum Cover of Concrete above the top of the floor deck shall be 2 inches. When additional (negative bending) reinforcement is placed over the deck, the minimum cover of concrete above the reinforcement shall be \( \frac{3}{4} \) inch.
5.4 Deflection: Deflection of the composite slab shall not exceed L/360 under the superimposed load.

Commentary: Live load deflections are seldom a design factor. The deflection of the slab/deck combination can best be predicted by using the average of the cracked and uncracked moment of inertia as determined by the transformed section method of analysis.

5.5 Temperature and Shrinkage reinforcement, consisting of welded wire fabric or reinforcing bars, shall have a minimum area of 0.00075 times the area of concrete above the deck, but shall not be less than the area provided by 6 x 6-10/10 (6 x 6-W1.4 x W1.4) welded wire fabric. For those products so manufactured, shear transfer wires welded to the top of the deck may be considered to act as shrinkage or temperature reinforcement.

Commentary: If welded wire mesh is used with a steel area given by the above formula, it will generally not be sufficient to be the total negative reinforcement; however, the mesh has shown that it does a good job of crack control especially if kept near the top of the slab (¾ inch to 1 inch cover).

6.0 Construction Practice

The need for temporary shoring shall be investigated and, if required, it shall be designed and installed in accordance with the applicable ACI code and shall be left in place until the slab attains 75% of its specified compressive strength.

Prior to concrete placement, the steel deck shall be free of soil, debris, standing water, loose mill scale or coating, and all other foreign matter. Care must be exercised when placing concrete so that the deck will not be subjected to any impact that exceeds the design capacity of the deck. Concrete shall be placed in a uniform manner over the supporting structure and spread towards the center of the deck span. If buggies are used to place the concrete, runways shall be planked and the buggies shall only operate on planking. Planks shall be of adequate stiffness to transfer loads to the steel deck without damaging the deck. Deck damage caused by roll bars or careless placement must be avoided.

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7. Additional Information and Comments:

7.1 Parking Garages: Composite floor deck has been used successfully in many parking structures around the country; however, the following precautions should be observed:

1. slabs should be designed as continuous spans with negative bending reinforcing over the supports;
2. additional reinforcing should be included to deter cracking caused by large temperature differences and to provide load distribution; and,
3. in areas where salt water, either brought into the structure by cars in winter or carried by the wind in coastal areas, may deteriorate the deck, protective measures must be taken. The top surface of the slab must be effectively sealed so that the salt water cannot migrate through the slab to the steel deck; a minimum G90 galvanizing is recommended, and, the exposed bottom surface of the deck should be protected with a durable paint.

The protective measures must be maintained for the life of the building. If the protective measures cannot be assured, the steel deck can be used as a stay in place form and the concrete can be reinforced with mesh or bars as required.

7.2 Cantilevers: When cantilevers are encountered, the deck acts only as a permanent form; top reinforcing steel must be designed by the structural engineer.

7.3 Composite Beams and Girders: Most composite floor deck sections are suitable for use with composite beams. The new (1980) AISC Specification has specifically provided for the use of deck in this type of construction.

7.4 Fire Ratings: Many different fire rated assemblies that use composite floor deck are available. Consult each manufacturer for a list of ratings.

7.5 Fireproofing: The metal deck manufacturer shall not be responsible for the cleaning of the underside of metal deck to ensure bond of fireproofing. Adherence of fireproofing materials is dependent on many variables; the deck manufacturer (supplier) is not responsible for the adhesion or adhesive ability of the fireproofing.

7.6 Dynamic Loads: Dynamic loading, e.g., fork lifts, can, over a long period of time, interfere with the mechanical bond between the concrete and deck which achieves its composite action via web indents. Reinforcing steel running perpendicular to the deck span and placed on top of the deck ribs is often used with this type of loading to distribute concentrated loads.
FIGURE 1 Loading Diagrams and Bending Moments

Simple Span Condition
\[ M = 0.25P + 0.125W1 \ell^2 \]
\[ + M = 0.125 (W1 + W2) \ell^2 \]

Double Span Condition
\[ M = 0.203P + 0.096W1 \ell^2 \]
\[ + M = 0.096 (W1 + W2) \ell^2 \]
\[ - M = 0.125 (W1 + W2) \ell^2 \]

Triple Span Condition
\[ M = 0.20P + 0.094W1 \ell^2 \]
\[ + M = 0.094 (W1 + W2) \ell^2 \]
\[ - M = 0.117 (W1 + W2) \ell^2 \]

FIGURE 2 Loading Diagrams and Deflections

Simple Span Condition
\[ \Delta = \frac{0.130W1 \ell^4}{EI} \quad (1728) \]

Double Span Condition
\[ \Delta = \frac{0.0054W1 \ell^4}{EI} \quad (1728) \]

Triple Span Condition
\[ \Delta = \frac{0.0069W1 \ell^4}{EI} \quad (1728) \]

Note for Figures 1, 2 and 3

P = 150-pound concentrated load
W1 = slab weight + deck weight
W2 = 20 pounds per square foot construction load
\( \ell = \) span length (ft.)

FIGURE 3 Loading Diagrams and Support Reactions

Simple Span Condition
\[ P_{ext} \quad P_{ext} \quad P_{int} \quad P_{ext} \]
\[ P_{ext} = 0.5 (W1 + W2) \ell \]

Double Span Condition
\[ P_{ext} \quad P_{int} \quad P_{int} \quad P_{ext} \]
\[ P_{ext} = 0.375 (W1 + W2) \ell \]
\[ P_{int} = 1.25 (W1 + W2) \ell \]

Triple Span Condition
\[ P_{ext} \quad P_{int} \quad P_{int} \quad P_{ext} \]
\[ P_{ext} = 0.4 (W1 + W2) \ell \]
\[ P_{int} = 1.1 (W1 + W2) \ell \]
Composite Steel Floor Deck Design Example

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A. Bay Size = 26' x 26'
B. Superimposed load = 155 psf.
C. Fire rating required = 2 hour.
D. Concrete cover required on deck = 3 ¼" lightweight.
E. Composite beam construction.
F. Temporary shoring not preferred.

1. Review deck manufacturer's literature for available deck types.
   In shoring tables, choose deck that will not require temporary shoring during construction.
   Check the allowable superimposed load tables for the required loading.

2. Review deck manufacturer's literature for combinations that meet requirements.

13'-0" Beam Spacing

Embossed Deck: Formed and reinforced with 3" x 0.0474" design thickness composite steel deck. Determine required shrinkage and temperature reinforcement. Multi-span sheets require no temporary shoring.

8'-8" Beam Spacing

Embossed Deck: Formed and reinforced with 2" x 0.0358" design thickness composite steel deck. Determine required shrinkage and temperature reinforcement.
Deck with Wires: Formed and reinforced with 2" x 0.024"
design thickness composite steel deck with wires welded to top of
deck at 6” c. to c.

Multi-span sheets in both deck types require no temporary
shoring.

6”-6” Beam Spacing

Embossed Deck: Formed and reinforced with 1½” x 0.0295”
design thickness composite steel deck. Determine required
shrinkage and temperature reinforcement.

Deck with Wires: Formed and reinforced with 1¼” x 0.024”
design thickness composite steel deck with wires welded to top of
deck at 7” c. to c.

Multi-span sheets in both deck types require no temporary
shoring.

Note:
For all of the above, no spray-applied fireproofing of the deck is
required for a 2-hour rating.

Hanging requirements.
Composite beams and
studs.
Rib width-to-height ratio to
determine stud values.
Compatibility of coating to
stud welding.
Electrical requirements.
Future flexibility.
Deck material and erection
costs. (Obtain from Steel
Deck Institute member
companies.)
Overall floor depth.
Cost of temporary shoring if
shored forming is selected.
Deck fireproofing cost if pro-
tected deck is selected.
Concrete availability and
cost: (lightweight) (semi-
lightweight) (regular
weight).
Concrete volume required.
Various beam spacings.
Total material cost.
Steel erection cost.
Steel fireproofing cost.

REVIEW OF PRODUCT
LITERATURE SHOWS
THAT 8’-8” BEAM
SPACING MEETS
REQUIREMENTS MOST
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3. Factors that should be
considered in selecting a
composite floor deck
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Compatibility of deck to
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# SDI Pour Stop Selection Table

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**NOTES:** The above Selection Table is based on following criteria:

1. Normal weight concrete (150PCF).
2. Horizontal and vertical deflection is limited to 1/4" maximum for concrete dead load.
3. Design stress is limited to 20 KSI for concrete dead load temporarily increased by one-third for the construction live load of 20 PSF.
4. Pour Stop Selection Table does not consider the effect of the performance, deflection, or rotation of the pour stop support which may include both the supporting composite deck and/or the frame.
5. Vertical leg return lip is recommended for type 16 and lighter.
6. This selection is not meant to replace the judgement of experienced Structural Engineers and shall be considered as a reference only.

SDI reserves the right to change any information in this selection without notice.
1. Scope
This specification and commentary pertains to the use of non-composite steel deck as a form for reinforced concrete slabs.

Commentary: This specification is not intended to cover highway bridges (where AASHTO specifications may govern), siding applications, or exposed roofs. In the past, most of the steel decking used in the manner that this specification covers, was referred to as "centering", however, various roof deck units have successfully been used as non-composite forms and the specification is intended to also include these applications.

2. Materials
2.1 The steel deck units shall be manufactured from steel conforming to ASTM designation A611 Grades C, D, or E, or A446 A, B, C, D, or E; or equal having a minimum yield strength of 33 ksi. The unit design stress shall not exceed the yield strength multiplied by 0.60, with a maximum of 36 ksi.

Commentary: Most of the "centering" materials are offered in grade E steel (ASTM A611 or A446); this steel has a minimum yield strength of 80 ksi and is generally over 90 ksi. In the past, 30 ksi design stress was used for grade E material; however, the AISI specifications now allow a design stress of 36 ksi.

2.2 The delivered thickness of the uncoated steel shall not be less than 95% of the design thickness.

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Commentary: Finishes available are:
1. Galvanized (Conforming to ASTM A525);
2. Uncoated (Black);
3. Painted with a shop coat of primer paint (one or both sides).

The uncoated finish is, by custom, referred to as "black" by some users and manufacturers; the use of the word "black" does not refer to a paint color on the product.

Centering materials are usually available galvanized or uncoated. When unshored galvanized material is used to support a reinforced concrete slab, the weight of the slab is considered to be permanently carried by the deck; when uncoated or painted deck is used to support a reinforced concrete slab the form is considered impermanent and the weight of the concrete should be deducted from the load capacity of the reinforced slab.

For any permanent load carrying function, a minimum galvanized coating conforming to ASTM A525, G60 is recommended.

3. Design
3.1 The section properties of the steel deck unit shall be computed in accordance with American Iron and Steel Institute, Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members, 1980 edition.

3.2 Deck used as a form for structural (reinforced) concrete slab:
3.2a Stress shall not exceed 0.60 times the yield strength with a maximum of 36 ksi under the combined weights of wet concrete.
Specifications and Commentary for Non-Composite Steel Form Deck

(Continued)

deck and the following construction live loads:
20 pounds per square foot uniform load or 150 pound concentrated load on a 1'-0" wide section of deck. Loads shall be applied in a manner which simulates the sequence of concrete placement. See figure 1.

3.2b Calculated Form Deflection shall be based on the weight of the wet concrete (as determined by the design slab thickness) and on the weight of the steel deck, uniformly loaded on all spans, and shall be limited to L/180 or \( \frac{3}{4} \) inch, whichever is smaller. Deflection shall be relative to supporting members. See figure 2.

Commentary: The deflection limitation of L/180 or \( \frac{3}{4} \) inches are intended to be minimum requirements. Architectural or other considerations may influence the designer to use a more stringent limitation.

3.2c Minimum bearing shall be 1 1/2" unless otherwise shown.

3.2d Design of the concrete slabs shall be done in accordance with the ACI 318 Building Code. Either Working Stress Design or Ultimate Strength Design may be used. The cover over the top of the deck shall not be less than 1 1/2".

Commentary: In following the ACI 318 requirements for temperature reinforcement, the designer may eliminate the concrete area that is displaced by the deck rib.

For slabs with total depth of 3" or less, the reinforcing mesh may be considered to be at the center of the concrete above the deck. See figure 3. If uncoated or painted deck is used as the form, the weight of the concrete slab must be deducted from the allowable live load of the reinforced concrete slab. If galvanized form is used, the weight of the slab is considered to be permanently carried by the deck and need not be deducted from the live load. If temporary shoring is used, the weight of the slab must be deducted from the allowable live load of the reinforced slab regardless of the deck finish. Except for some diaphragm values, the deck should not be assumed to act compositely with the concrete even though strong chemical bonds, can and do, develop.

4. Installation and Site Storage

4.1 Site Storage: Steel Deck shall be stored off the ground with one (1) end elevated to provide drainage and shall be protected from the elements with a waterproof covering, ventilated to avoid condensation.

4.2 Welding

4.2a Deck sheets shall be welded to supporting steel immediately after alignment. Welding washers shall be used on all deck units with metal thickness less than 0.028 inches thick; welding washers shall be a minimum thickness of 0.0568 inches (16 gage) and have a nominal \( \frac{3}{8} \)" diameter hole. Where welding washers are not used, a nominal 0.625 inch (\( \frac{5}{8} \)") diameter arc puddle weld shall be used.

4.2b Deck units with spans greater than five feet shall have side laps fastened at midspan or 36" intervals—whichever is smaller.

4.2c Laps and Butted Ends: Deck ends may be either butted or lapped over supports. Standard tolerance for ordered length is plus or minus 1/2 inch.
Commentary: See figure 4 for minimum welding patterns. Side lap fasteners can be welds, screws, crimps (button-punching), or other methods approved by the designer. Welding side laps on thickness less than 0.028 inches may cause large burn holes, and is not recommended. The objective of side lap fastening is to prevent differential sheet deflection during concrete loading and therefore to prevent side joints from opening. The five foot limit on side lap spacing is based on experience.

The deck contractor should not leave loose deck at the end of the day as the wind may displace the sheets and cause injury to persons or property. If studs are being welded to the top flange of the beams, then deck sheets should be butted over the supports. Gaps are acceptable at butted ends.

Staggering floor deck end laps is not a recommended practice. The deck capacity as a form is not increased by staggering the end laps; layout and erection costs are increased.

4.3 Mechanical Fasteners: (Powder-actuated, screws, pneumatically-driven fasteners, etc.) are recognized as viable anchoring methods, providing the type and spacing of said fastener satisfies the design criteria. Documentation in the form of test data, design calculations, or design charts should be submitted by the fastener manufacturer on the basis for obtaining approval. The deck manufacturer may recommend additional fasteners to stabilize the given profile against sideslip of any unfastened ribs.

4.4 Construction Practice

The need for temporary shoring shall be investigated and, if required, it shall be designed and installed in accordance with the applicable ACI Code and shall be left in place until the slab attains 75% of its specified compressive strength. Prior to concrete placement, the steel deck shall be free of soil, debris, standing water, loose mill scale or coating, and all other foreign matter. Care must be exercised when placing concrete so that the deck will not be subjected to any impact that exceeds the design capacity of the deck. Concrete shall be placed in a uniform manner over the supporting structure and spread towards the center of the deck span. If buggies are used they shall only operate on planking. Planks shall be of adequate stiffness to transfer loads to the steel deck without damaging the deck. Deck damage caused by roll bars or careless placement must be avoided.

4.5 Information:

Commentary: Fire ratings, diaphragm design information and reinforced concrete slab capacities are available from most form deck manufacturers.

4.6 Fireproofing: The metal deck manufacturer shall not be responsible for the cleaning of the underside of metal deck to ensure bond of fireproofing. Adherence of fireproofing materials is dependent on many variables; the deck manufacturer (supplier) is not responsible for the adhesion or adhesive ability of the fireproofing.
**FIGURE 1** Loading Diagrams and Bending Moments

Simple Span Condition

\[ M = 25P \ell + 125W_1 \ell^2 \]

\[ M = 125 (W_1 + W_2) \ell^2 \]

Double Span Condition

\[ M = 203P \ell + 0.96W_1 \ell^2 \]

\[ M = 0.96 (W_1 + W_2) \ell^2 \]

\[ M = 125 (W_1 + W_2) \ell^2 \]

Triple Span Condition

\[ M = 20P \ell + 0.94W_1 \ell^2 \]

\[ M = 0.94 (W_1 + W_2) \ell^2 \]

\[ M = 117 (W_1 + W_2) \ell^2 \]

**FIGURE 2** Loading Diagrams and Deflections

Simple Span Condition

\[ \Delta = \frac{0.130W_1 \ell^4}{EI} \ (1728) \]

Double Span Condition

\[ \Delta = \frac{0.054W_1 \ell^4}{EI} \ (1728) \]

Triple Span Condition

\[ \Delta = \frac{0.069W_1 \ell^4}{EI} \ (1728) \]

**Note for Figures 1 and 2**

- \( P = 150 \)-pound concentrated load
- \( W_1 = \) slab weight + deck weight
- \( W_2 = 20 \) pounds per square foot construction load
- \( \ell = \) span length (ft.)

**FIGURE 3** Form Deck Typical Slabs

- Reinforcing steel
- "Centroid of Deck"
- Slabs over 3" Deep
- Equal
- Reinforcing steel
- Top of form
- 2½" and 3" slabs
- \( D = \) Depth of Slab
- \( d_b = \) Distance from reinforcing steel to top of concrete.
- \( d_t = \) Distance from reinforcing steel to centroid of deck.

**FIGURE 4** Weld Patterns

- (A) Structural steel (Joists) End lap as recommended by the manufacturer
- (B) Structural steel (Joists) End lap as recommended by the manufacturer
- (C) Structural steel (Joists) End lap as recommended by the manufacturer

Intermediate side lap attachments not shown. See Section 4.2 Welding non-composite steel form deck.

**Note:**

Weld patterns A and B are for deck spans up to 4'6". Weld pattern C is for deck spans from 4'6" to 8'0". If spans exceed 8'0", welds should be placed so that the average spacing (at supports) is not more than 12".
Non-Composite Steel Form Deck Design Example

1. Deck is to be used as a permanent form for a reinforced concrete slab. Specify the form section properties based on the following conditions:

1.1 Concrete slab is 4" total thickness — 150 pcf concrete.

1.2 Deck to be used is nominal 13/4" deep, grade E steel conforming to ASTM-A446 (galvanized)
   fy = 80,000 psi
   f = 36,000 psi

1.3 Joists at 5'-0" o.c. with 3" flange width (clear span = 4.75 ft.). All sheets of deck can span three or more supports.

1.4 For architectural considerations, the wet load deflection is to be limited to L/240 of the span.

2. Construction Loads (to find concrete weight, consult manufacturer’s catalog).
   Concrete weight (typical) 43 psf
   Deck weight (estimated) 2 psf
   Total wet load (W,) 45 psf

3. Negative Bending
   \[-M = 0.117 (W_1 + W_2) \ell^2 (12) = 0.117 (45 + 20) (4.75)^2 (12)\]
   \[-M = 2059 \text{ in. lbs.}\]

4. Positive Bending
   \[+M = [0.20 Pf + 0.094 W_1 \ell^2] \frac{12}{12}\]
   \[+M = [0.20 \times 150 \times 4.75 + 0.094 \times 45 \times (4.75)^2] \frac{12}{12}\]
   \[+M = 2855 \text{ in. lbs.}\]

5. Section Moduli
   \[-S (\text{required}) = \frac{2059}{36,000} = 0.057 \text{ in.}^3\]
   \[+S (\text{required}) = \frac{2855}{36,000} = 0.079 \text{ in.}^3\]

6. Calculate Required I.
   \[\Delta = \ell/240 = 4.75 \times 12/240 = 0.2375 \text{ in.}\]
   \[\Delta = 0.0069W_1 \ell^4(1728) \frac{12}{12}\]
   \[I = 0.0069 (45) (4.75)^4 1728\]
   \[29.5 \times 10^6 \times 0.2375\]
   \[I \text{ (required)} = 0.039 \text{ in.}^4\]

7. Summary.
   Designer should specify deck based on these properties or specify the performance requirements.
Specifications and Commentary for Steel Roof Deck

1. Scope
The requirements of this section shall govern only ribbed steel roof deck construction of varying configurations used for the support of roofing materials and design live loads.

Commentary: Suspended ceilings, light fixture, ducts, or other utilities shall not be supported by the steel deck.

2. Materials

2.1 Steel Roof Deck: The steel roof deck units shall be fabricated from steel conforming to Section 1.2 of the latest edition (1980) of the American Iron and Steel Institute’s Specifications for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members.

The steel used shall have a minimum yield strength of 33 ksi. The delivered thickness of the uncoated steel shall not be less than 95% of the design thickness.

Commentary: The steel roof deck shall be manufactured from steel conforming to ASTM Designation A611, Grades C, D or E or from A446 Grades A, B, C, D, E, or F or equal. If the published product literature does not show the uncoated steel thickness in decimal inches (or millimeters) but lists gage or type numbers, then the thickness of steel before coating with paint or metal shall be in conformance with the following table:

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Standard tolerance for ordered length is plus or minus 1/2 inch.

3. Design

3.1 Stress: The maximum working stress shall not exceed 20,000 pounds per square inch. The unit design stress shall in no case exceed the minimum yield strength of the steel divided by 1.65 for specific design uniform loads. The unit design stress shall be increased 33¾% for temporary concentrated loads provided the deck thus required is no less than that required for the specific design uniform loads.

3.2 Section Properties: Structural adequacy of deck sections shall be established by the determination of Section Modulus and Moment of Inertia, computation for which shall be in accordance with conventional methods of structural design. Such computation shall reflect the concept of Effective Compression Flange Width as limited by the appropriate provisions of the latest edition (1980) of the American Iron and Steel Institute’s Specification for the Design of Cold Formed Steel Structural Members.

Commentary: Arbitrarily assumed effective compression flange widths shall not be allowed. Testing shall not be used in lieu of the above in determination of vertical load carrying capacity of steel deck.

3.3 Moment and Deflection Coefficients: A moment coefficient of 1/8 shall be used for simple and dual spans and a moment coefficient of 1/10 shall be used for 3 or more spans. Deflection coefficients shall be 0.013 for simple spans, 0.0054 for double spans and 0.0069 for triple spans.

3.4 Maximum Deflections: Deflection of the deck shall not exceed L/240 under the uniformly distributed design live load. All spans are to be considered center-to-center of supports.
### Recommended Maximum Spans for Construction and Maintenance Loads Standard 1 ½-Inch and 3-Inch Roof Deck

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**Commentary:** Construction and maintenance loads:
Spans are governed by a maximum stress of 26,000 psi and a maximum deflection of L/240 with a 200-pound concentrated load at midspan on a 1'-0" wide section of deck.

If the designer contemplates loads greater than the maximum stress, spans shall be decreased or the thickness of the steel deck increased as required.

All loads shall be distributed by appropriate means to prevent damage during construction to the completed assembly.

*Steel Deck Institute*
Notes:
1. Adjacent span: Limited to those spans shown in Section 3.4 of Roof Deck Specifications. In those instances where the adjacent span is less than 3 times the cantilever span, the individual manufacturer should be consulted for the appropriate cantilever span.
2. Sidelaps must be attached at end of cantilever and at a maximum of 12 inches on center from end.
3. No permanent suspended loads are to be supported by the steel deck.
4. The deck must be completely attached to the supports and at the sidelaps before any load is applied to the cantilever.

4. Installation

4.1 General: Steel deck units shall be anchored to supporting members, including bearing walls, to provide lateral stability to the top flange of the supporting structural members and to resist the following gross uplifts: 45 pounds per square foot for eave overhang; 30 pounds per square foot for all other roof areas. The dead load of the roof deck construction shall be deducted from the above uplift forces.

4.2 Welds: Care shall be exercised in the selection of the electrodes and amperage to provide positive weld and to prevent high amperage blow holes. Puddle welds shall be at least ½ inch diameter or elongated welds with an equal perimeter. Fillet welds when used, shall be at least 1 inch long. Weld metal shall penetrate all layers of deck material at end laps and side joints and shall have good fusion to the supporting members.

Commentary: The selection of welding rod and amperage are left to the preference of the individual welder. Welds are made from the top side of the deck with the welder immediately following the placement crew. Welding washers are neither necessary nor recommended for steel deck of 0.028 inches or greater.

4.3 Screws: The allowable load value per screw used to determine maximum fastener spacing for either self-drilling or standard metal type is based on a minimum size 12 and on a minimum structural support thickness of 0.06 inches.

4.4 Spacing of Attachments for Welds or Screws: The location and number of welds or screws required for satisfactory attachment of deck to supporting structural members are as follows: all side laps plus a sufficient number of interior ribs to limit the spacing between adjacent points of attachment to 18 inches. For spans greater than 5 feet, the side laps shall be fastened together at a maximum spacing of 3 feet.

4.5 Powder-Activated or Pneumatically-Driven Fasteners: The allowable load value per fastener used to determine the maximum fastener spacing is based on a minimum structural support thickness of not less than 1/8 inch and on the fastener providing a 5/16 inch diameter minimum bearing surface (fastener head size). Documentation in the form of test data, design calculation, or design charts shall be submitted by the fastener manufacturer as the basis for obtaining approval.
Commentary: Powder actuated and pneumatically driven fasteners are recognized as viable anchoring methods, providing the type and spacing of said fasteners satisfies the design criteria.

5. Protective Coatings

5.1 Finishes: All steel to be used for roof deck shall be galvanized, aluminized or prime painted. The roof deck shall be free of grease and dirt prior to the coating. The primer coat is intended to protect the steel for only a short period of exposure in ordinary atmospheric conditions and shall be considered an impermanent and provisional coating.

Commentary: Field painting of prime painted deck is recommended especially where the deck is exposed. In corrosive or high moisture atmospheres, a galvanized finish is desirable in a G-60 or G-90 coating. In highly corrosive or chemical atmospheres, special care in specifying the finish should be used. In this case, individual manufacturers should be contacted.

5.2 Fireproofing: The metal deck manufacturer shall not be responsible for the cleaning of the underside of metal deck to ensure bond of fireproofing. Adherence of fireproofing materials is dependent on many variables; the deck manufacturer (supplier) is not responsible for the adhesion or adhesive ability of the fireproofing.

6. Site Storage

Steel deck shall be stored off the ground with one end elevated to provide drainage and shall be protected from the elements with a waterproof covering, ventilated to avoid condensation.

7. Erection

Deck sheets will be placed in accordance with approved erection layout drawing supplied by the deck manufacturer and in conformance with the deck manufacturer’s standards. End laps of sheets shall be a minimum of 2 inches and shall occur over supports.

Commentary: The deck erector normally cuts all openings in the roof deck which are shown on the erection drawings and which are less than 16 square feet in area, as well as skew cuts which are shown on the drawings. Openings not shown on the erection diagrams, such as those required for stacks, conduits, plumbing, vents, etc., shall be cut (and reinforced, if necessary) by the trades requiring the openings.

8. Insulation

Insulation board shall be sufficient strength and thickness to permit unsupported spans and edges over the deck’s rib openings. Cementitious insulating fills shall be poured only over galvanized deck and shall be adequately vented. In all cases, the recommendations of the insulation manufacturer shall be followed.
SDI
Standard Roof Deck
LOAD TABLES

Narrow Rib Deck Type NR

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Steel decks complying with SDI Roof Specifications are available from member companies in 1½, 2, 3, 4½, 6, and 7½-inch depths: 6, 7½, 8, 9, and 12-inch rib spacings; with and without stiffening elements.

Notes:
1. Load tables are calculated using Section Properties based on the steel design thicknesses shown on page 30.
2. Loads shown in tables are uniformly distributed total (dead plus live) loads in psf. All loads are governed by the allowable flexural stress limit of 20,000 psi for a 33,000 psi minimum yield steel. Where heavy construction loads or other unusual concentrated loads are anticipated during the lifetime of the deck, the specified live load must be increased to offset the effects of the abnormal concentrated loading. See Maximum Spans for Construction and Maintenance Loads on page 31.
3. The rib width limitations shown are taken at the theoretical intersection points of the flange and web projections. Depending on the radius used, the load table could vary from that shown.
4. Span length assumes center-to-center spacing of supports. Tabulated loads shall not be increased by assuming clear span dimensions.
5. Bending Moment formulae used for flexural stress limitations are:
   - Simple & Two Span $M = \frac{wf^2}{8}$
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6. Deflection formulae for deflection limitation are:
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7. Normal installations covered by these tables do not require sidetap fasteners between supports for spans of 5 feet or less.
8. The manufacturer guarantees that the product identified as complying with a Standard Load Table conforms to the Roof Deck Specifications of the Steel Deck Institute and to the dimensional parameters established for that load table.
Intermediate Rib Deck Type IR

| Deck Type | Span Condition | Design Thickness (in.) | Uniform Total (Dead & Live) Load in Pounds Per Sq. Ft.
|------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------
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| IR 20      | Simple         | 0.0358                 | 106 84 68 56 47 40                                  |
| IR 18      | Simple         | 0.0474                 | 142 112 91 75 63 54 46 40                           |
| IR 22      | 2              | 0.0295                 | 93 74 60 49 41                                      |
| IR 20      | 2              | 0.0358                 | 112 88 71 59 50 42                                  |
| IR 18      | 2              | 0.0474                 | 145 115 93 77 64 55 47 41                           |
| IR 22      | 3 or more      | 0.0295                 | 117 92 75 62 52 44                                  |
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Steel decks complying with SDI Roof Specifications are available from member companies in 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4 1/2, 6, and 7 1/2-inch depths: 6, 7 1/2, 8, 9, and 12-inch rib spacings; with and without stiffening elements.

**Notes:**

1. Load tables are calculated using Section Properties based on the steel design thicknesses shown on page 30.
2. Loads shown in tables are uniformly distributed total (dead plus live) loads in psf. Loads in shaded areas are governed by live load deflection not in excess of L/240. The dead load included is 10 psi. All loads are governed by the allowable flexural stress limit of 20,000 psi for a 33,000 psi minimum yield steel. Where heavy construction loads or other unusual concentrated loads are anticipated during the lifetime of the deck, the specified live load must be increased to offset the effects of the abnormal concentrated loading. See Maximum Spans for Construction and Maintenance Loads on page 31.
3. The rib width limitations shown are taken at the theoretical intersection points of the flange and web projections. Depending on the radius used, the load table could vary from that shown.
4. Span length assumes center-to-center spacing of supports. Tabulated loads shall not be increased by assuming clear span dimensions.
5. Bending Moment formulae used for flexural stress limitations are:
   - Simple & Two Span $M = \frac{wL^2}{8}$
   - Three Span or More $M = \frac{wL^2}{10}$
6. Deflection formulae for deflection limitation are:
   - Simple Span $\Delta = \frac{0.013 wL^4}{EI}$ (1728)
   - Two Span $\Delta = \frac{0.0054 wL^4}{EI}$ (1728)
   - Three Span $\Delta = \frac{0.0069 wL^4}{EI}$ (1728)
7. Normal installations covered by these tables do not require sidetap fasteners between supports for spans of 5 feet or less.
8. The manufacturer guarantees that the product identified as complying with a Standard Load Table conforms to the Roof Deck Specifications of the Steel Deck Institute and to the dimensional parameters established for that load table.
Deep Rib Deck Type 3DR

![Diagram of Deep Rib Deck Type 3DR]

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Steel decks complying with SDI Roof Specifications are available from member companies in 1½, 2, 3, 4½, 6, and 7½-inch depths: 6, 7½, 8, 9, and 12-inch rib spacings; with and without stiffening elements.

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Acoustical Decks

Sound absorbing decks are often used as a combination of acoustical ceiling and structural deck. These decks are commonly referred to as ACOUSTICAL DECKS.

Acoustical Decks are available as roof decks, fluted and as cellular floor decks. The steel deck is perforated.

Glass fiber insulation, when required, is field installed in the flutes or cells. The load carrying capacity of the deck may be affected due to holes punched in the metal.

The efficiency of sound absorption is expressed as the noise reduction coefficient (NRC). The NRC values are obtained by testing assemblies by the requirements of the American Society for Testing and Material Standard Test Method for Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method: ANSI/ASTM C432-77. Individual deck manufacturers should be consulted for NRC values with their products. The finish for Acoustical Decks should be either galvanized or galvanized and painted.
Long Span Roof Decks

Long Span Roof Decks are used to support roofing materials and design live loads for spans up to thirty feet. The bottom side presents an attractive finish which can be field painted to enhance the appearance.

When Long Span Roof Decks are used to span between masonry walls the ceiling is not cluttered with beams or joists. In addition, building height is reduced. For very large open areas a minimum of support members are required.

Long Span Cellular Roof Decks

Long Span Cellular Roof Decks have all the advantages of the Non-Cellular Long Span Decks and more.

The bottom side presents a flush ceiling. The bottom plate may be embossed, which adds to the ceiling appearance and also tends to camouflage the spot welds, which are used to attach the plate to the fluted section.

Field painting completes the ceiling decoration treatment. The addition of the bottom plate increases the span and load carrying capabilities of Long Span Roof Decks.

For economy, appearance, and ease of construction Long Span Decks are an excellent choice.
Steel Roof Deck Design Example

Given:
A. Joist spacing 6'-0" c. to c.
B. Live load = 30 psf
C. Total load = 50 psf.
D. 2" total insulation with built-up roof.*
E. Steel deck diaphragm not required.**

1. Refer to Standard Load Tables on pages 33, 34, 35, 36.
   1.1 Enter 50 psf total load at 6'-0" span, 3-span condition.
       Select deck types that equal or exceed the 50 psf required.
       From Table:
       NR 20 = 53 psf capacity
       IR 22 = 52 psf capacity
       WR 22 = 85 psf capacity

2. Refer to Maximum Spans for Construction and Maintenance Loads on page 30.
   Select deck types that equal or exceed the 6'-0" span required.
   From Table:
   NR 18 = 6'-11" span
   IR 20 = 6'-3" span
   WR 22 = 6'-6" span
   WR 22 fulfills requirements most efficiently.

*Refer to Roof Deck Specifications, Section 8—Insulation, page 32. Also refer to insulation manufacturers' recommendations for maximum allowable rib opening.

**If the steel deck is required to act as a diaphragm, refer to Steel Deck Institute Diaphragm Design Manual (#DDMO1), a publication of the Steel Deck Institute.
Steel Roof Deck
Suggested Architects' Specifications

1. Scope
This section shall include all materials, equipment, and labor necessary for the installation of steel roof deck in accordance with this specification and drawings. Requirements for deck supports, field painting, sumps, flashings, drains, collars, gutters, downspouts, and other miscellaneous items are specified as needed.

2. Deck
The steel roof deck shall be (narrow rib) (intermediate rib) (wide rib) configuration, ________ inches in rib depth, as manufactured by ________, and shall be designed in accordance with the Roof Deck Specifications of the Steel Deck Institute.

3. Loads
The deck shall be capable of supporting a uniformly distributed live load of ________ pounds per square foot with the live load deflection not to exceed L/240 of the span length center-to-center of supports and with a uniformly distributed load of ________ pounds per square foot without exceeding a unit stress of 20,000 pounds per square inch.

4. Accessories
The deck manufacturer shall furnish ridge and valley plates, steel cant strips, and sump pans attached directly to the steel deck as shown on the plans to provide a finished surface for the application of insulation and roofing.

5. Insulation
Steel deck shall be erected and fastened in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and erection layouts. Cutting openings through the deck which are less than 16 square feet in area and all skew cutting shall be performed in the field.

6. Coating
Roof deck shall receive one primer coat of manufacturer's standard paint or shall be galvanized or aluminized.

ACCESSORIES

Flat Sump Plate (0.071" Min.)
Dimensions shown are minimum.
(Hole cut in field by others)

Eave Plate (0.028" Min.)

Cant Strip (0.028" Min.)

Ridge and Valley Plate (0.028" Min.)
Steel Roof Deck Fire Resistance Ratings

2-Hour Rating with Directly-Applied Protection
Illustration refers to UL Design P801 using a sprayed mineral fiber insulation. See also UL Designs P701, P711, and P805.

2-Hour Rating with Metal Lath and Plaster Ceiling
Illustration refers to UL Design P404. See also UL Design P409.

Other 2-Hour Ratings
Although standard roof deck sections were not used for the following tests, it is the opinion of persons knowledgeable in fire test procedures that galvanized steel roof deck with a minimum depth of 1½ inches and a 0.0295-inch design thickness can be used without decreasing the fire resistance of the assembly. In each case, the assembly was tested using either a steel form unit with a minimum depth of ¾ inch or a steel floor deck essentially identical to products marketed as roof deck. The authorities having jurisdiction should be consulted before substituting steel roof deck in the following assemblies:

UL Designs P215 and P219: acoustical ceiling systems. 2 inches vermiculite concrete on special roof topping mixture on steel deck.

UL Design P902: no ceiling required. 2¾ inches cellular concrete on steel deck.

1-Hour Ratings with Suspended Acoustical Ceiling
Illustration refers to UL Design P201. See also UL Designs P204, P210, P211, P224, P232, P235, P238, and P243, and Factory Mutual Roof-Ceiling Construction 3-1 hour.

Note: UL Design refers to listings in Fire Resistance Index of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
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