

The General Principles of Detailed Design at Ruukki Construction Ltd

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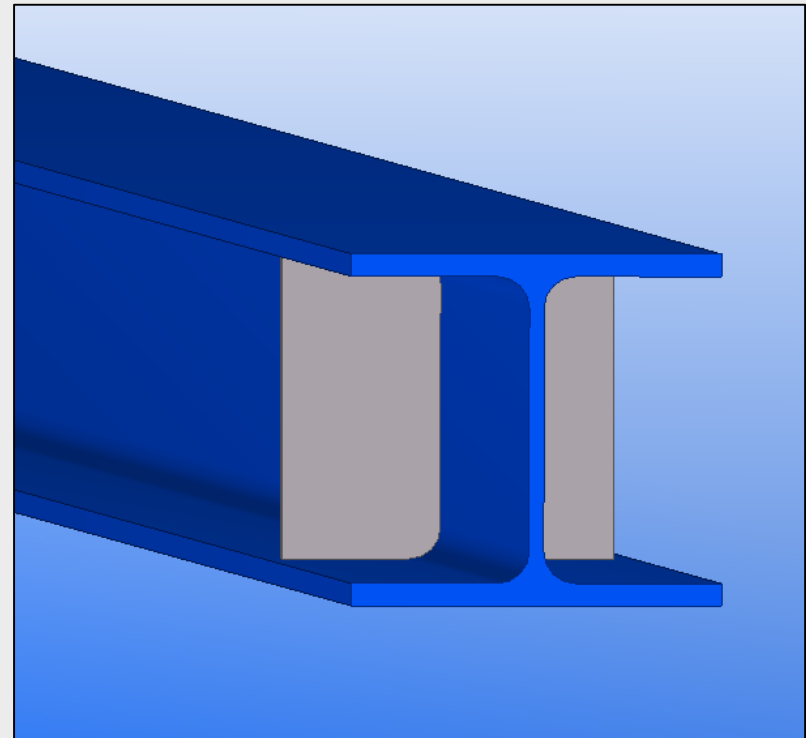
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The feasibilities of production at the workshops

		Peräseinäjoki (Finland)	Ylivieska (Finland)	Oborniki (Poland)	Gargždai (Lithuania)
The maximum dimensions of structure	Execution class	EXC4	EXC4	EXC4	EXC4
	Length [m]	28	50	20	14
	Width [m]	5,8	8	6	4,9
	Height [m]	3,3	6	4,5	5
	Mass [tn]	10	100	20	5

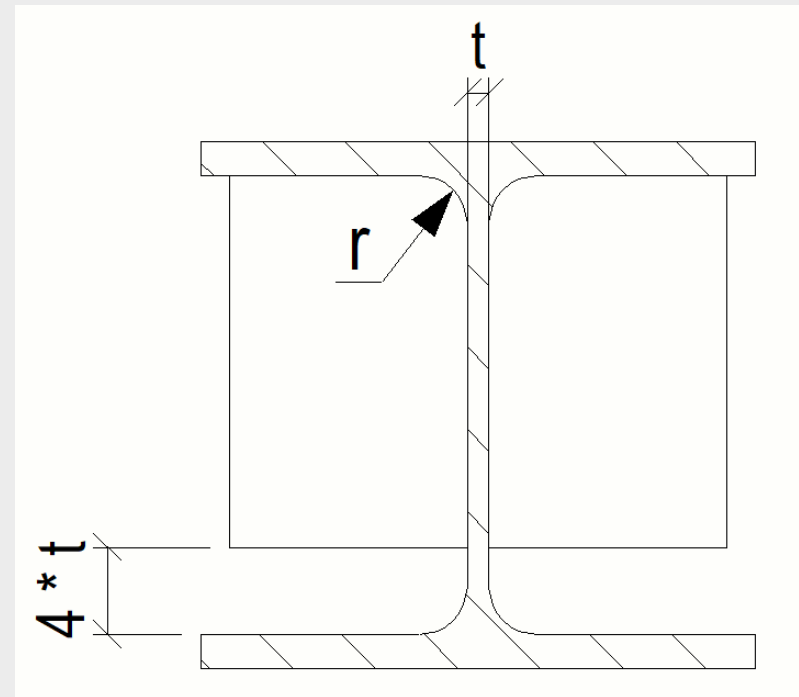
Hot-rolled I-profile Stiffeners

- The height of the stiffener = the height of the web
- The radius of the stiffener = the radius of the profile
- The width of the stiffener is dimensioned so that it can be welded all around



Hot-rolled I-profile Stiffeners

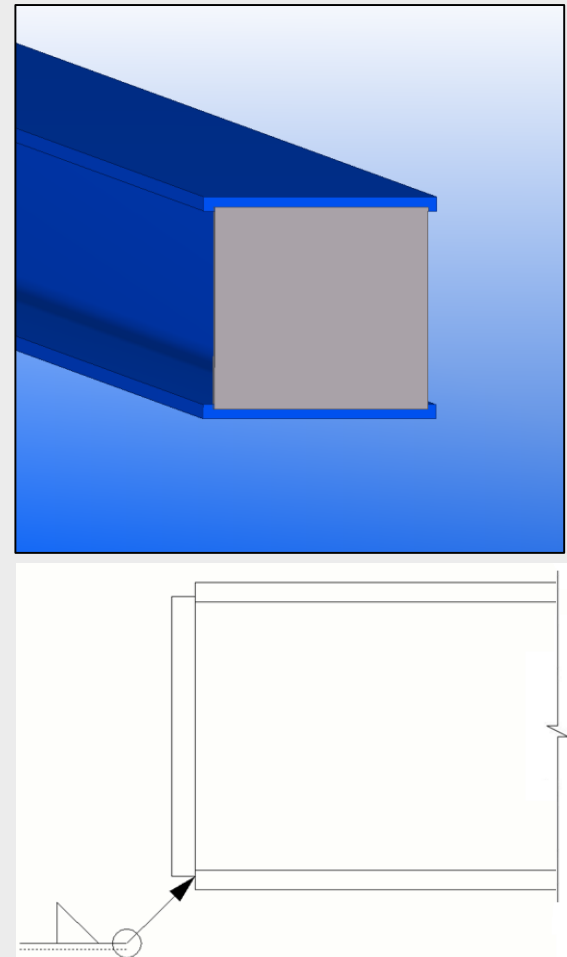
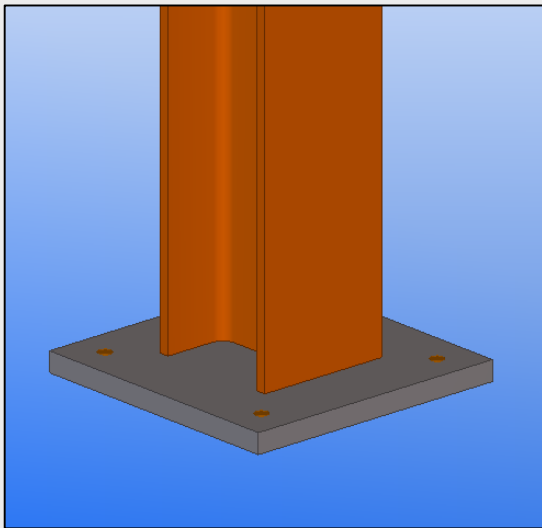
- The stiffener can be designed undersized if the purpose of the stiffener is not to move the loads to the bottom flange



Hot-rolled I-profile

End plates

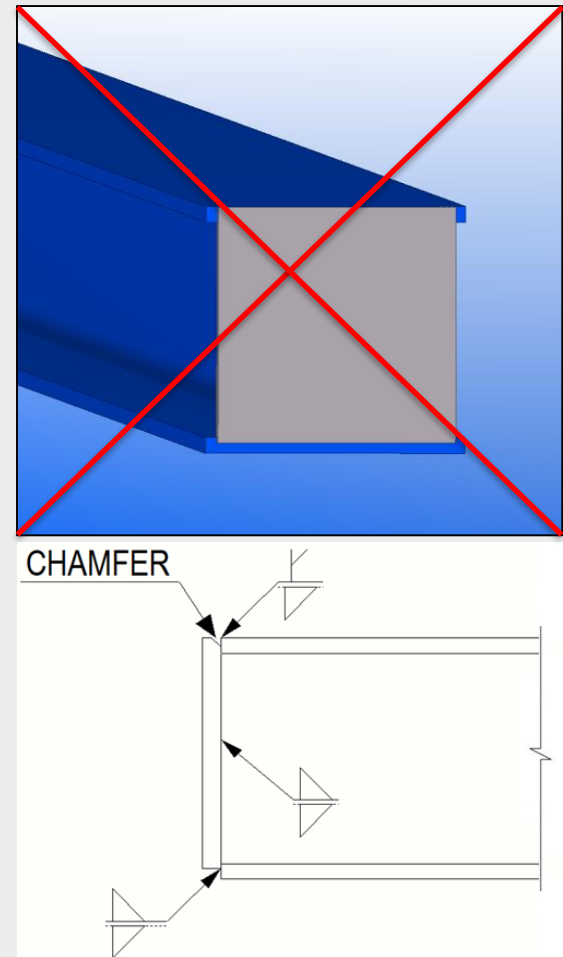
- The end plate should be smaller or larger than the profile



Hot-rolled I-profile

End plates

- Avoid designing the edge of the end plate to the same level as the edge of the profile
 - Chamfer to the edge of the end plate

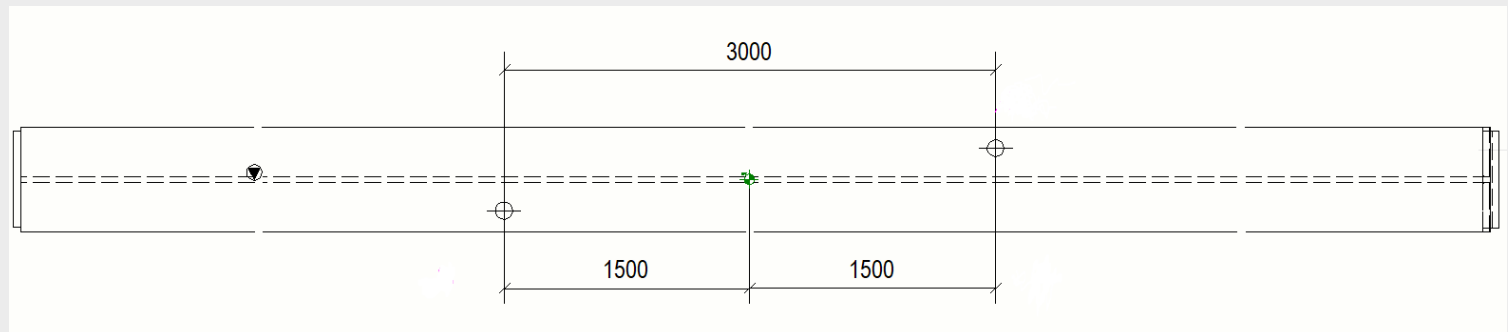


Hot-rolled I-profile

Lifting

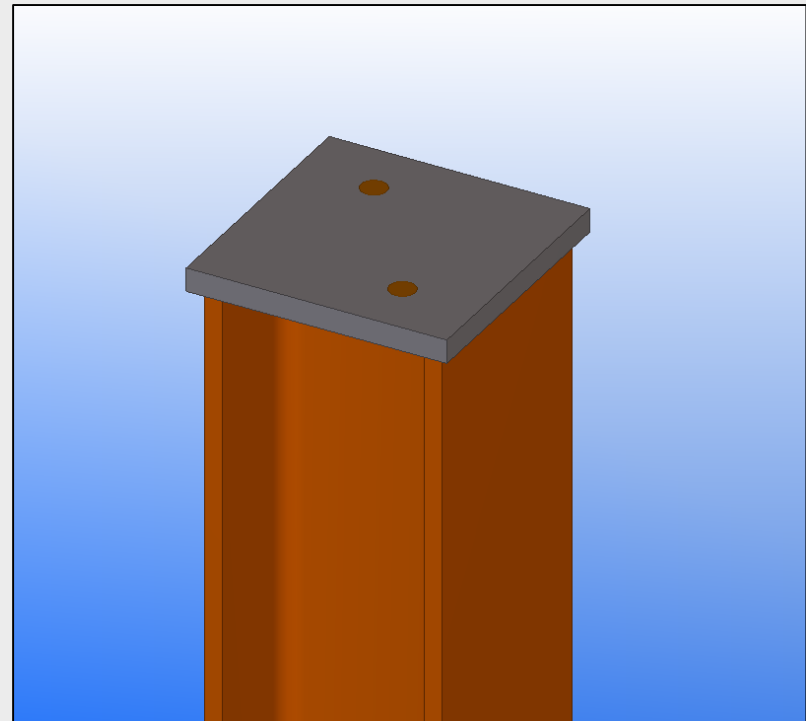
- I-beam < 200 kg
 - Do not require any lifting accessories
- I-beam 200-5600 kg
 - Two $\varnothing 22$ or $\varnothing 26$ mm holes in the top flange on both sides of the web to either side of the centre of gravity
 - The distance between the holes is 3000 mm

Mass of the beam [kg]	Lifting eye bolt	Hole diameter [mm]
< 3000	RUD VWBG M20	22
3000–5600	RUD VLBG M24	26



Hot-rolled I-profile Lifting

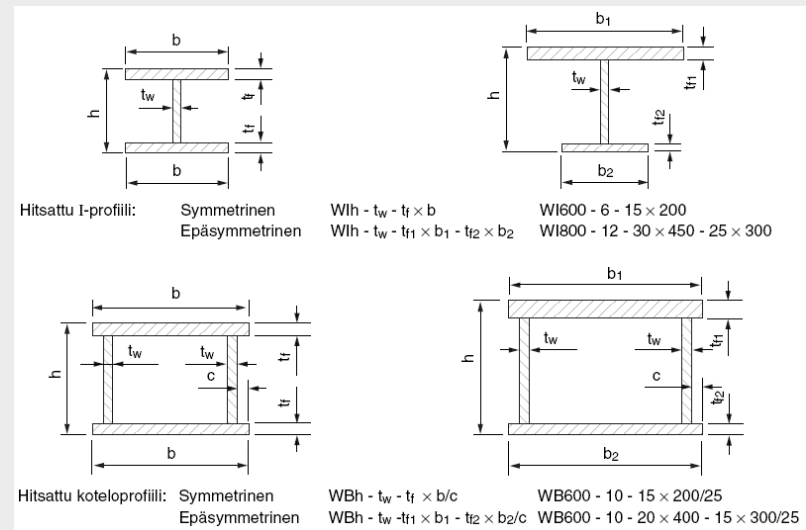
- I-column < 3000 kg
 - The end plate $t \geq 20$ mm
 - Two $\varnothing 22$ mm holes or two threaded M20 holes drilled in the end plate
 - Holes must be symmetrical relative to the center of the column
 - If there are other bolt holes in the end plate, they may also be utilized



Welded I-profile and box section

Recommended dimensions

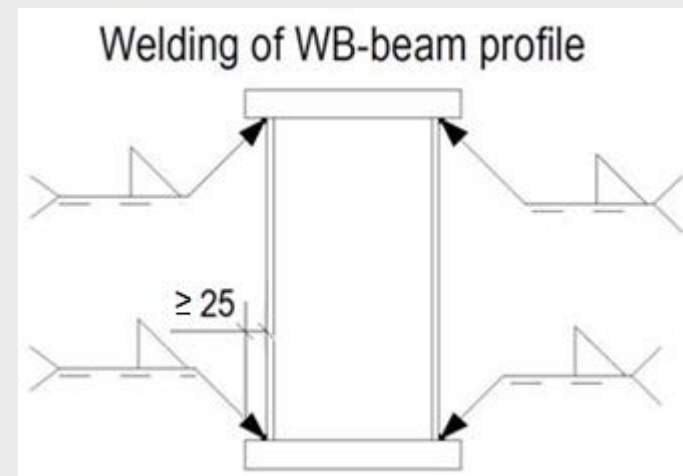
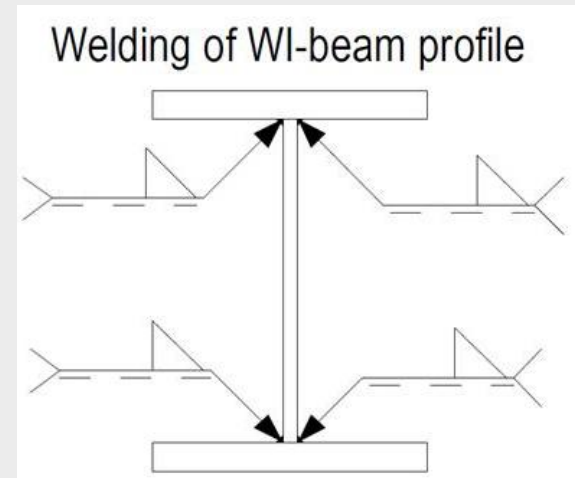
- $T_f, t_w = 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60, 80$ and 100 mm
- The maximum height of the web is 3300 mm
- The maximum width of the flange is 700 mm
 - Bridge beam: 1200 mm
- Dimension $c \geq 25$ mm



Welded I-profile and box section

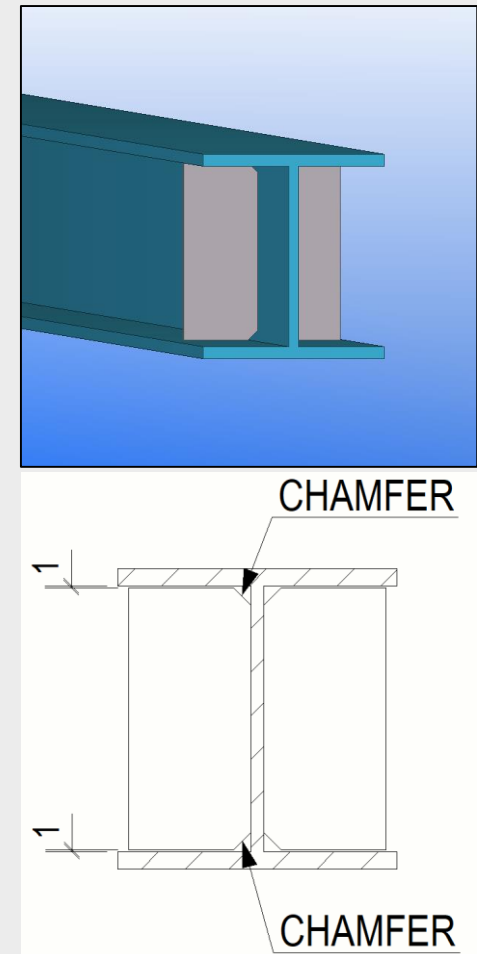
Welding of the profile

- The welds and their sizes must be marked in all the workshop drawings
- Using the automatic submerged arc welding machine, the a7 mm fillet weld is the maximum that can be done at one time



Welded I-profile and box section Stiffeners

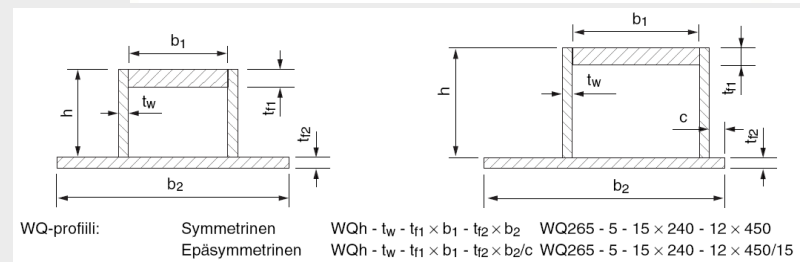
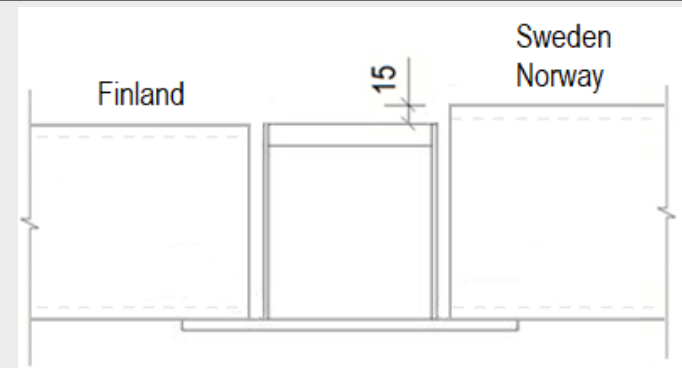
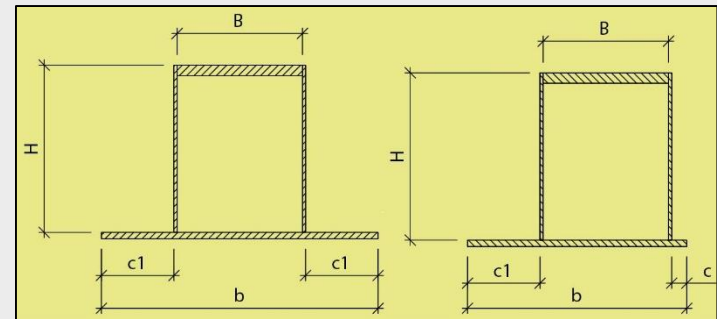
- Chamfers to the inner corners of the stiffeners
 - Size according to the size of the profile weld
- Stiffener must be 2 mm smaller than the web
- The width of the stiffener is dimensioned so that it can be welded all around



WQ-beam

Recommended dimensions

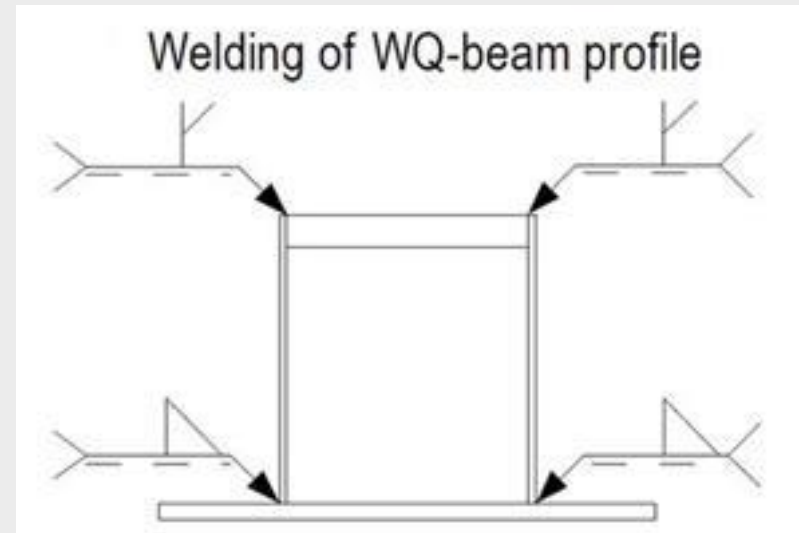
- In Finland the height of the web (H) = the height of the hollow slab
- In Sweden and in Norway the height of the web (H) is 15 mm smaller than the height of the hollow slab
- The width of the top flange (B) is normally 190, 240, 290 or 340 mm
- Dimension $c \geq 25$ mm



WQ-beam

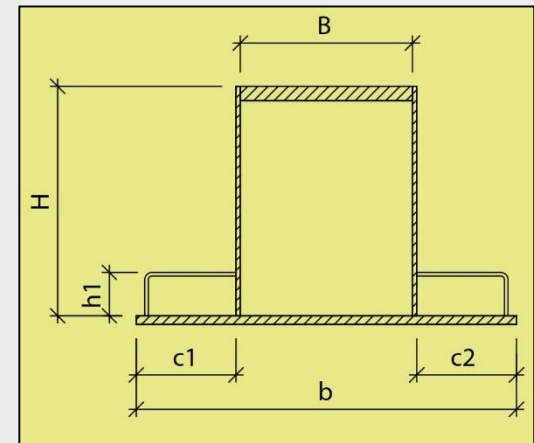
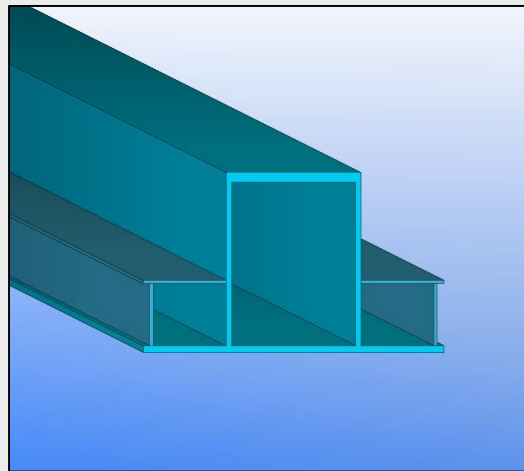
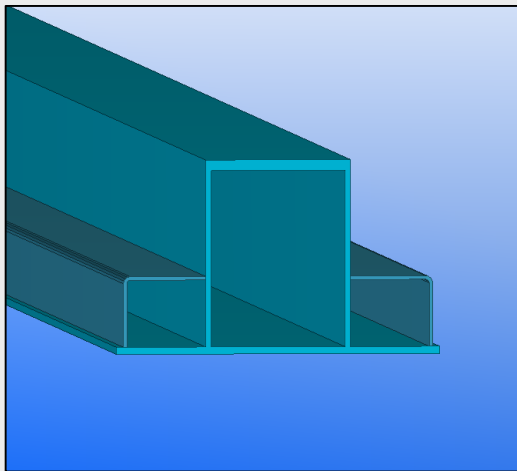
Welding of the profile

- The top flange is welded between the web plates
 - Chamfers to the edges of the flange
- The welds and their sizes must be marked in all the workshop drawings
- Using the automatic submerged arc welding machine, the a7 mm fillet weld is the maximum that can be done at one time



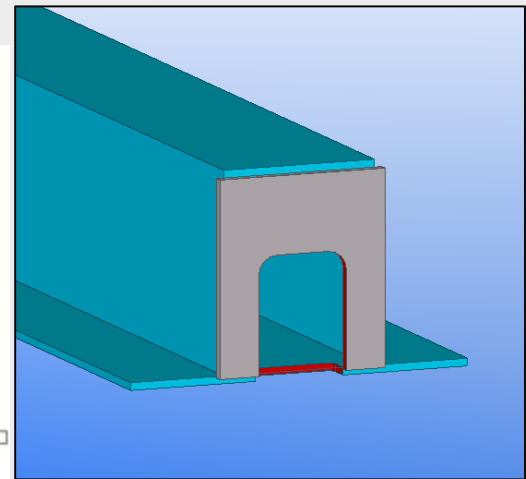
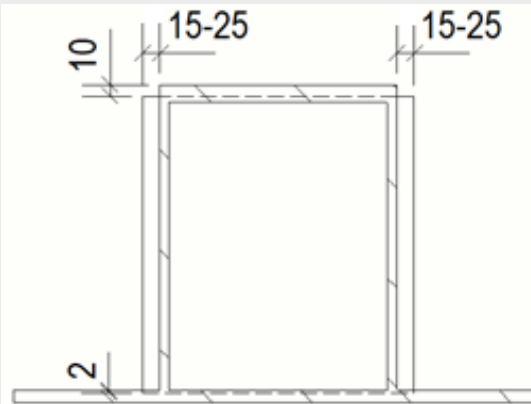
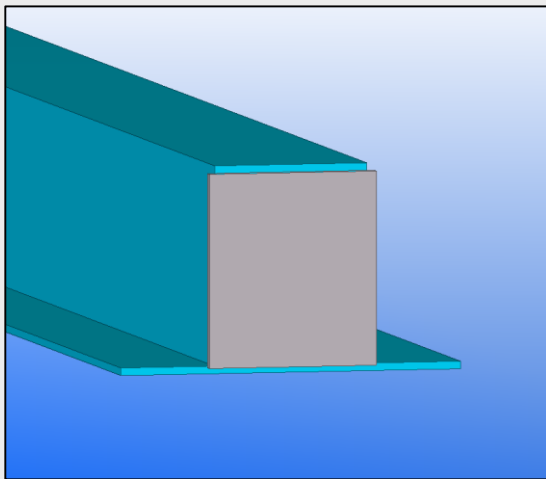
WQ-beam Raisers

- L-profile or plates
- The angle of the raiser should be 90°
- The height of the raiser is normally 50-180 mm
- The width of the raiser is determined by the supporting surface required for the hollow slab



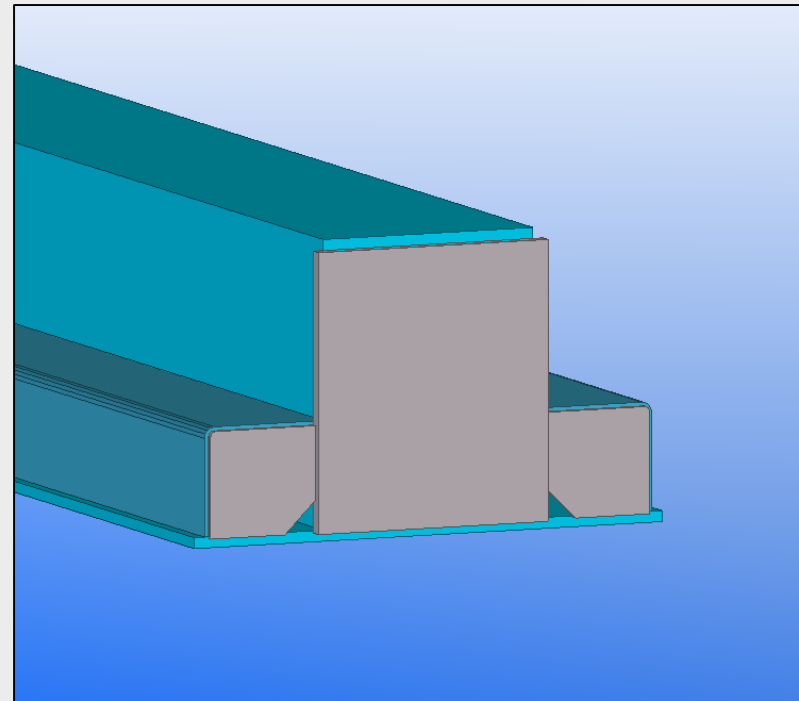
WQ-beam End plates

- The end plate is dimensioned according to the image
- An opening is made on the end plate if the beam is connected to the composite column with a console
 - Size according to the console



WQ-beam End plates

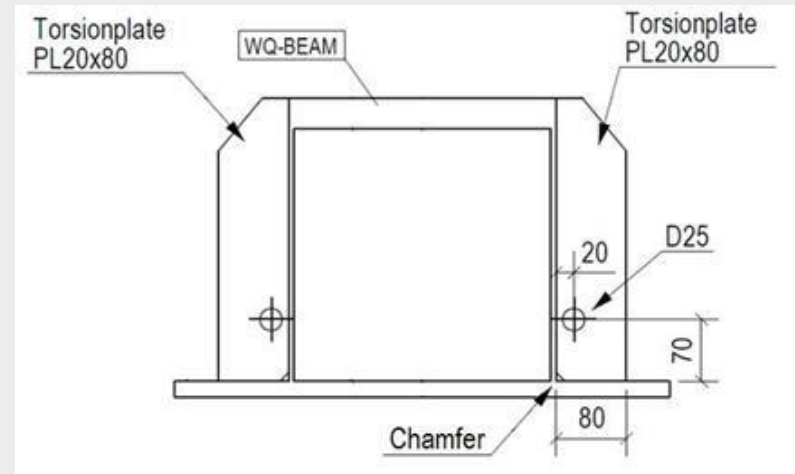
- The end plate of the raiser should be as much as the size of the weld smaller than the raiser



WQ-beam

Torsion plates

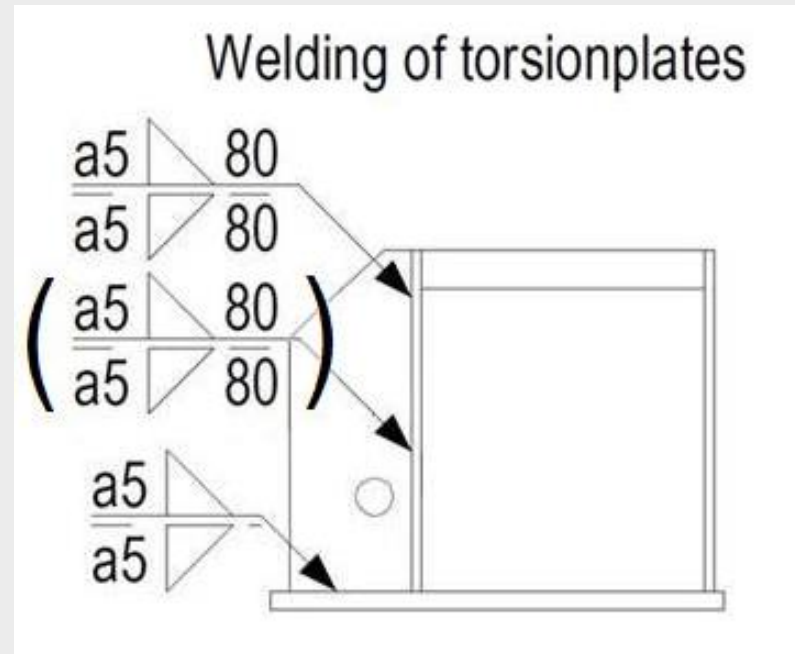
- The height of the torsion plate = the height of the web
- Chamfer to the inner corner of the torsion plate
 - Size according to the size of the profile weld
- The distance between the hole and the bottom flange depends on the size of the hollow slab
 - Normally 70 mm



WQ-beam

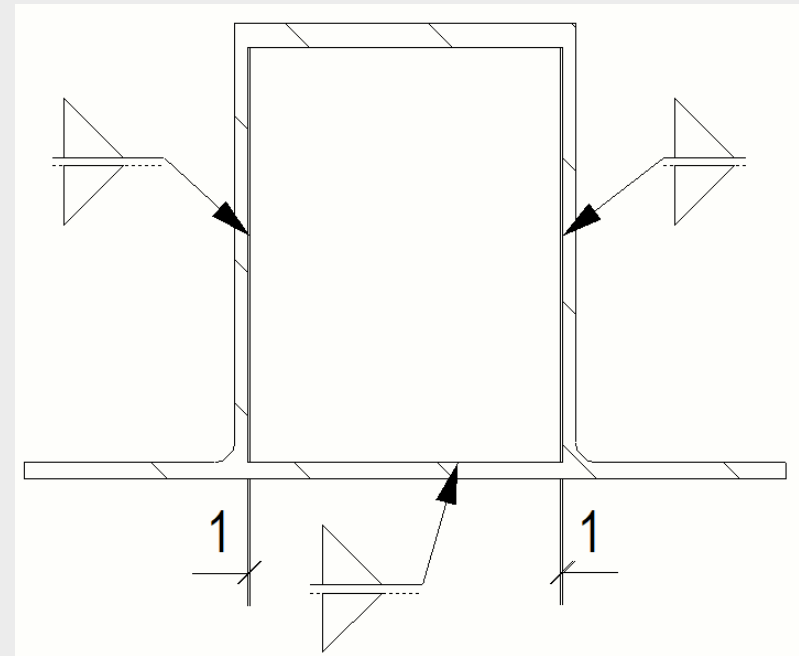
Torsion plates

- The size of the weld is normally a5 mm
- The torsion plate is welded to the bottom flange and to the web with a 80 mm long fillet weld
 - If the beam is high, it may be necessary to add the weld in the middle of the torsion plate
- The torsion plates are placed to the cavities of the hollow slab



WQ-beam Innerstiffeners

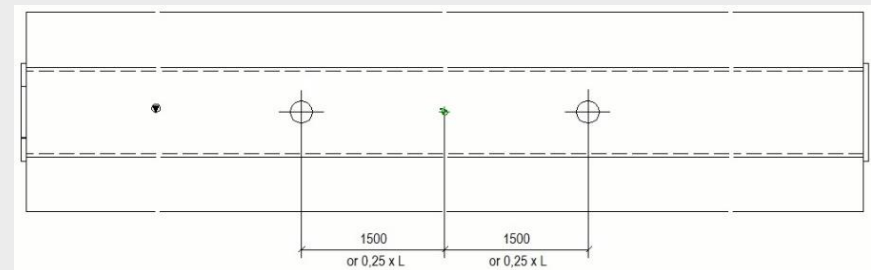
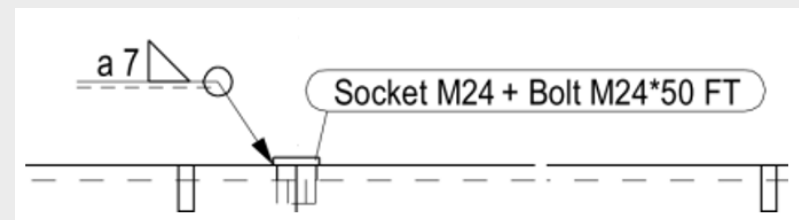
- A steel plate or a hollow section
- The height of the innerstiffener = the inner height of the box
- The innerstiffener must be 2 mm narrower than the web



WQ-beam Lifting

- WQ-beam < 5600 kg
 - RUD VLBG M24 -lifting eye bolt and socket M24
 - Two $\varnothing 52$ mm holes in the top flange to either side of the centre of gravity
 - The socket and the bolt must be marked in the workshop drawings
- WQ-beam > 5600 kg
 - Fixed lifting lugs are welded on the top flange

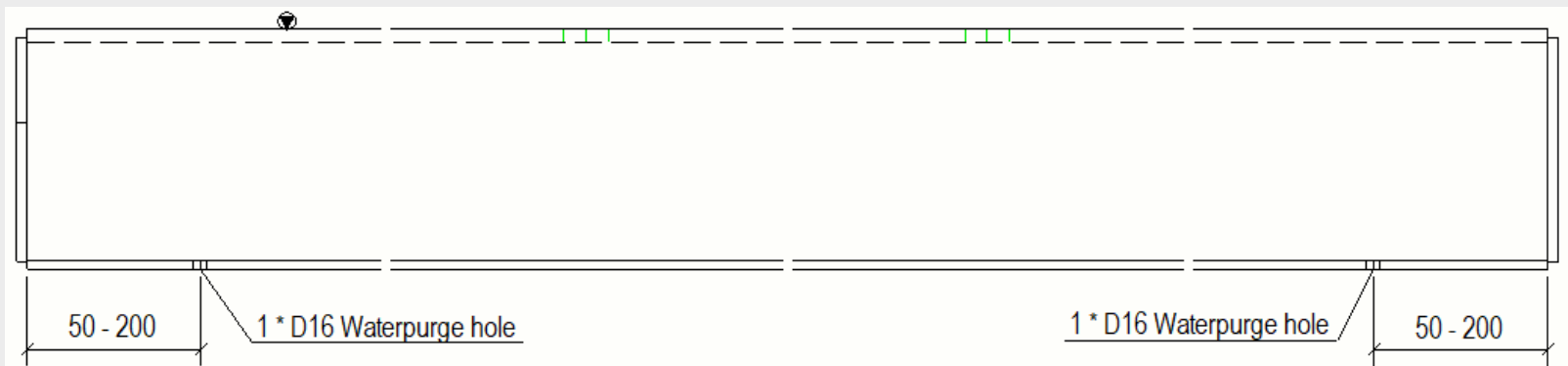
Length of the WQ-beam L [mm]	Distance from the centre of gravity [mm]
≥ 6000	1500
< 6000	$0,25 \times L$



WQ-beam

Waterpurge holes

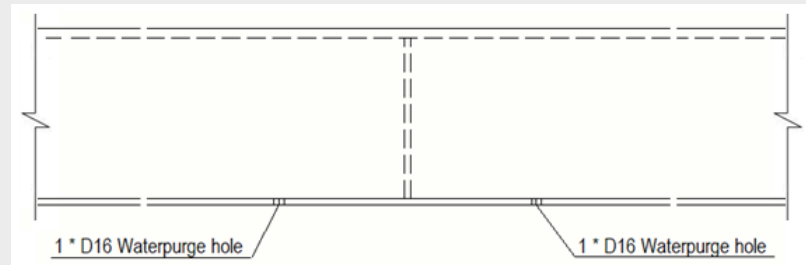
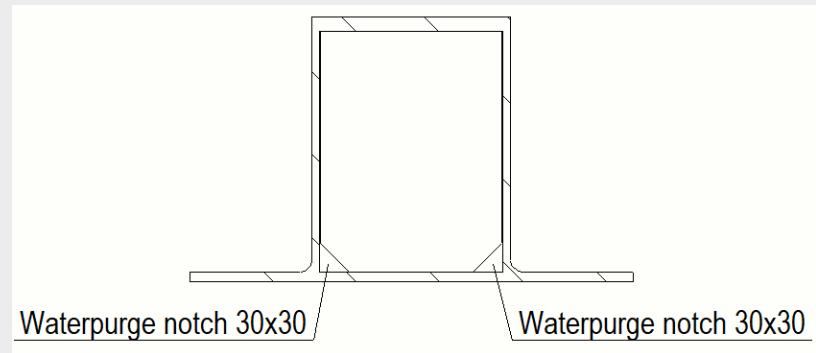
- Avoid designing holes in the top flange
- Two $\varnothing 16$ mm holes at both ends of the bottom flange
- The position of the holes depends on the connections to the other structures



WQ-beam

Waterpurge holes

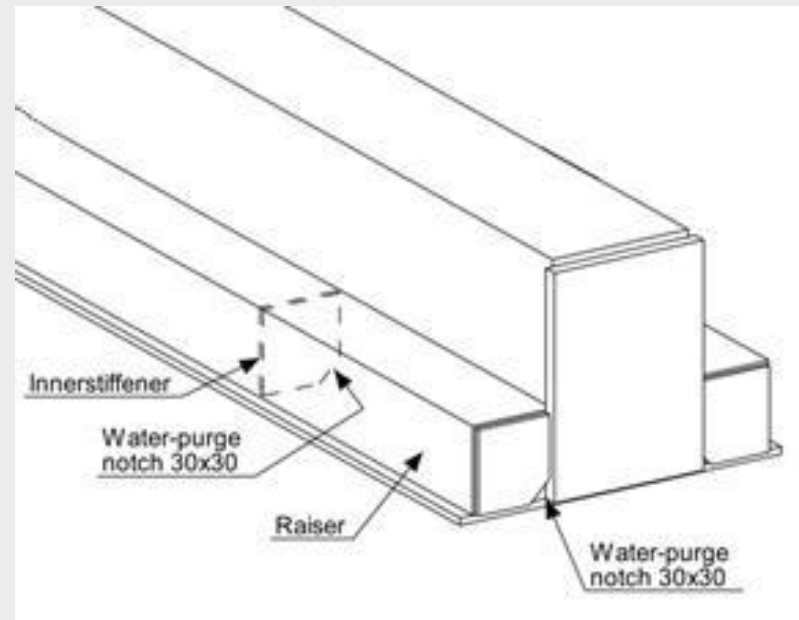
- If there are innerstiffeners
 - 30x30 mm notch to the two corners of the innerstiffener or
 - Two $\varnothing 16$ mm holes on both sides of the stiffener to the bottom flange



WQ-beam

Waterpurge holes

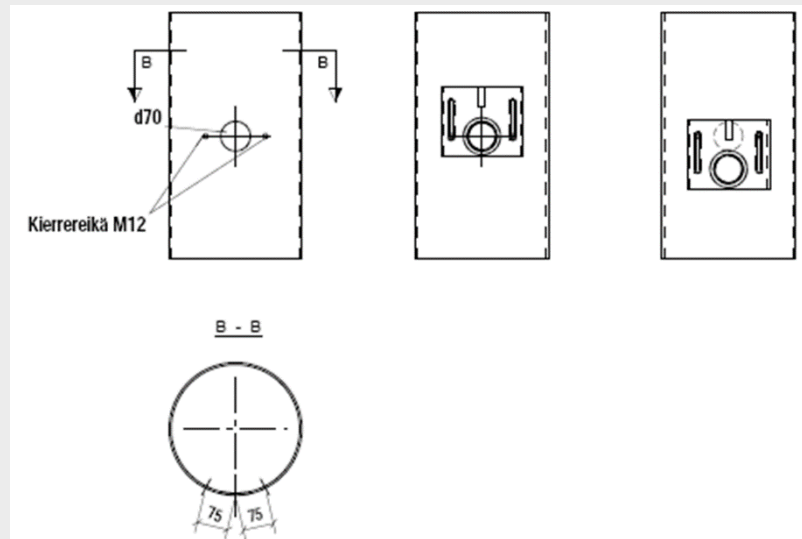
- 30x30 mm notch to the innerstiffener and to the end plate of the raiser



Composite column

Casting hole

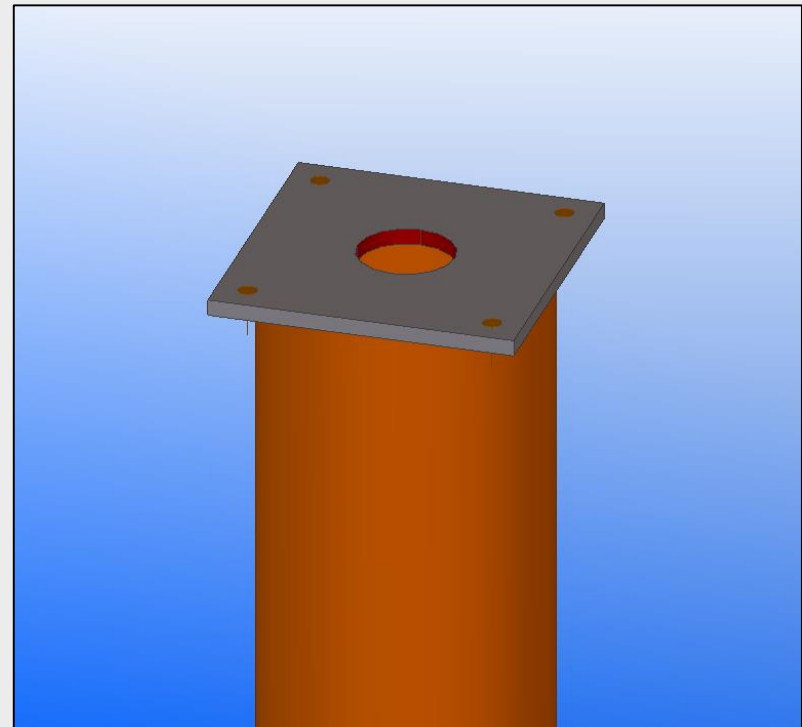
- A $\varnothing 70$ mm casting hole
- Two M12 threaded holes drilled on both sides of the casting hole
- The altitude of the holes should be about 500 mm
- The holes must be placed in the optimum position for the casting work



Composite column

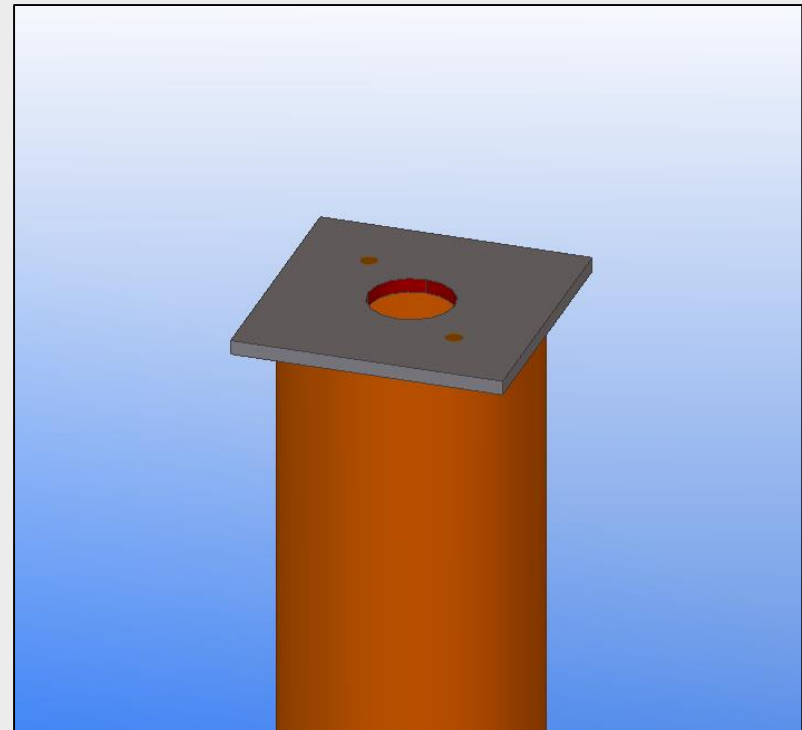
End plates

- A hole in the center of the end plate
 - Recommended size is $\varnothing 120$ mm
 - At least the same size as the size of the casting hole
- The hole size should be the same in each end plate of the same project



Composite column Lifting

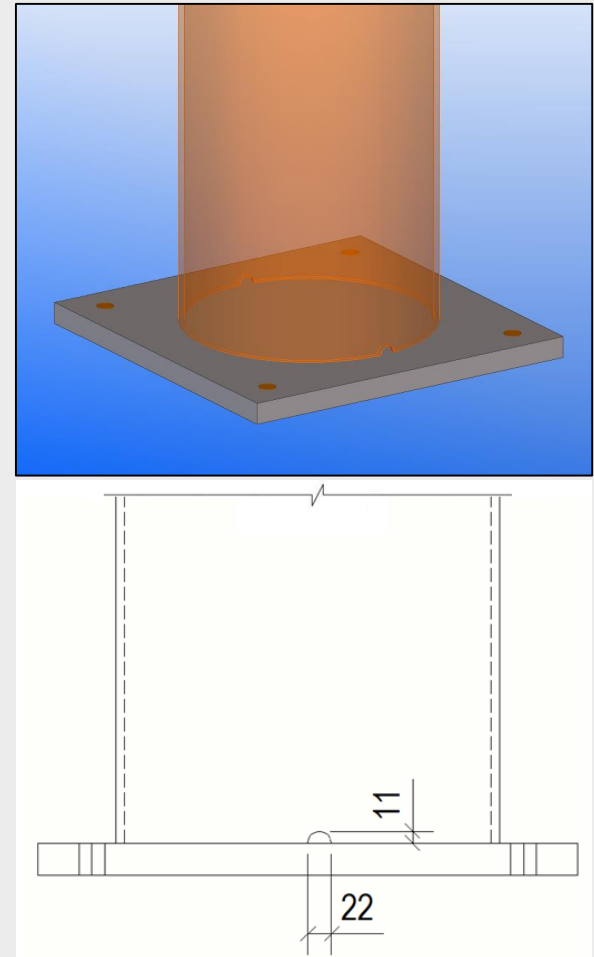
- Column < 3000 kg
 - The end plate $t \geq 20$ mm
 - Two $\varnothing 22$ mm holes or two threaded M20 holes drilled in the end plate
 - Holes must be symmetrical relative to the center of the column
 - If there are other bolt holes in the end plate, they may also be utilized



Composite column

Waterpurge holes

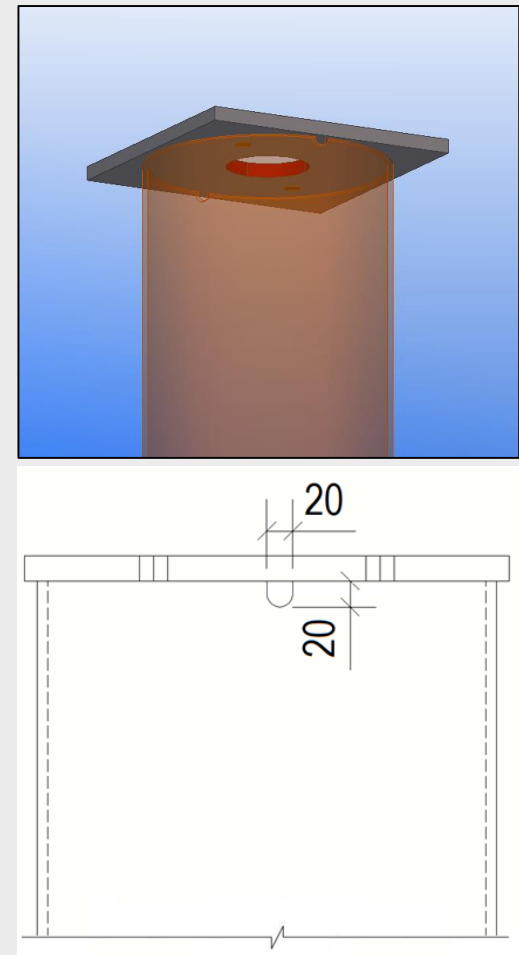
- Two 22x11 mm holes
- The holes are placed at the bottom of the column at opposite sides of the column



Composite column

Vapor holes

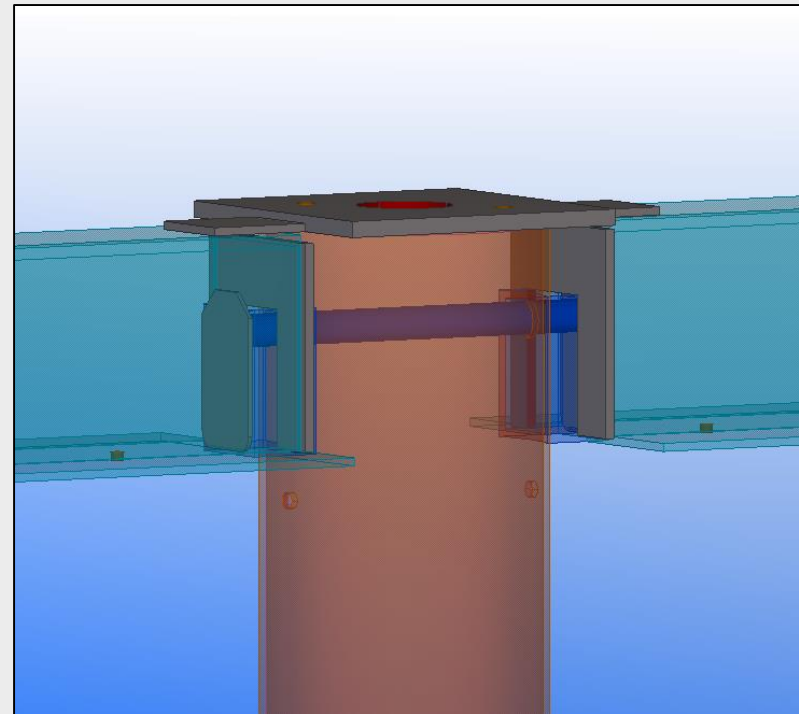
- Two $\varnothing 20$ mm holes on each floor
- The distance between the holes may not exceed five meters
- The holes are placed at the top of the column at opposite sides of the column



Composite column

Vapor holes

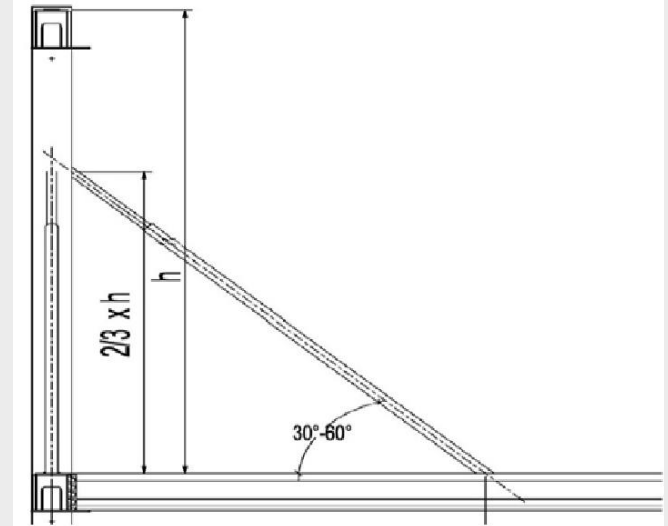
- The holes are placed below the connected structures so that they won't cover the holes



Composite column

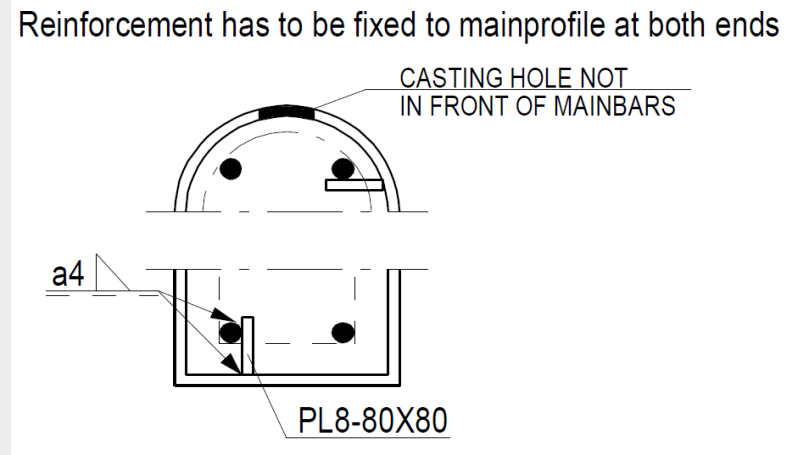
Column props

- Four threaded M16 holes drilled on each side of the column on each floor
- The recommended altitude of the holes is $\frac{2}{3}$ of the floor height



Composite column Reinforcements

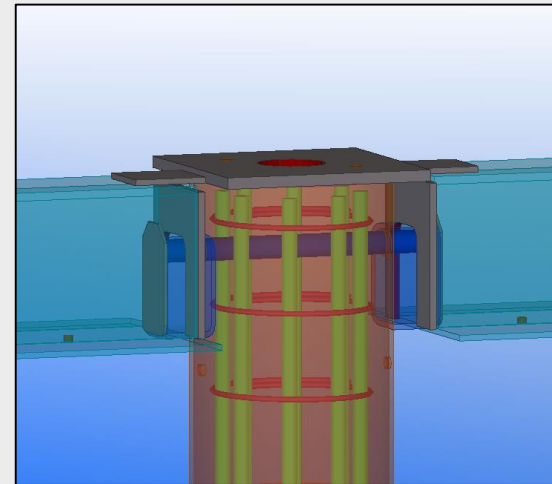
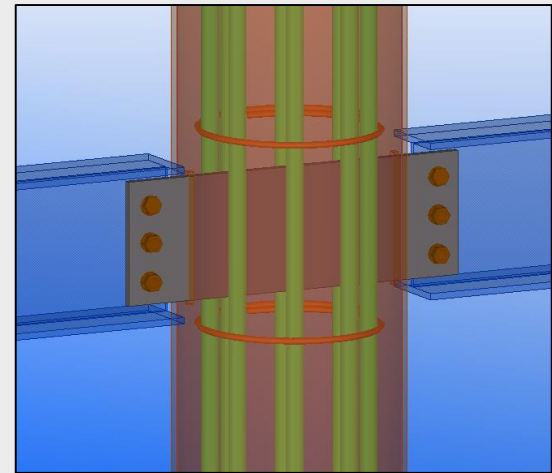
- The reinforcements are modeled so that they look real and they should appear in the workshop drawings
- The reinforcements are placed centrally in the column so that the casting hole is not in front of the mainbars
- The reinforcement has to be fixed to column if they are able to detach during installation



Composite column

Parts that go through the composite column

- At the design phase, it is necessary to check that the part can fit well in the column despite the reinforcements

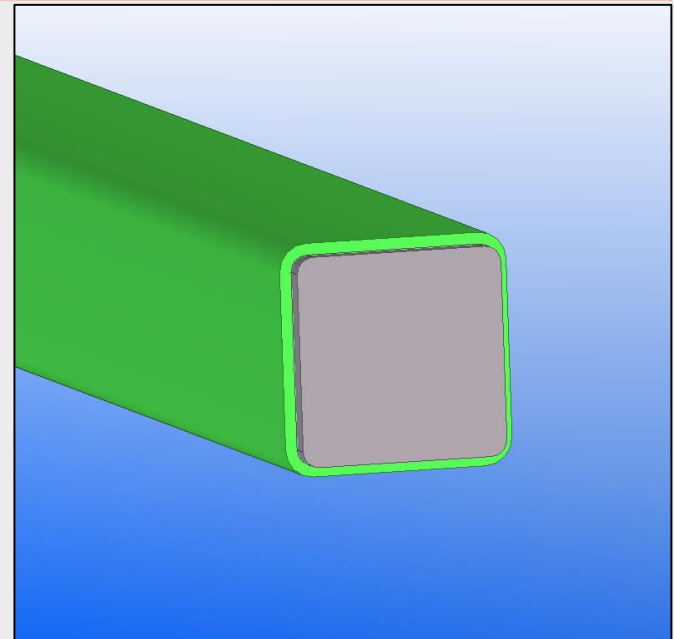


Brace

End plates

- The radius of the end plate should be as much as the size of the weld smaller or larger than the radius of the profile

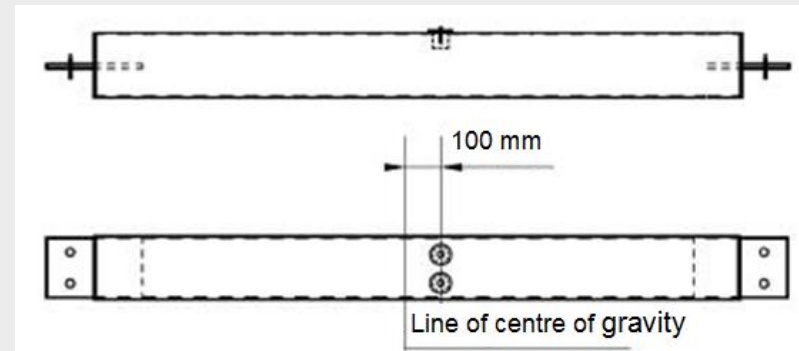
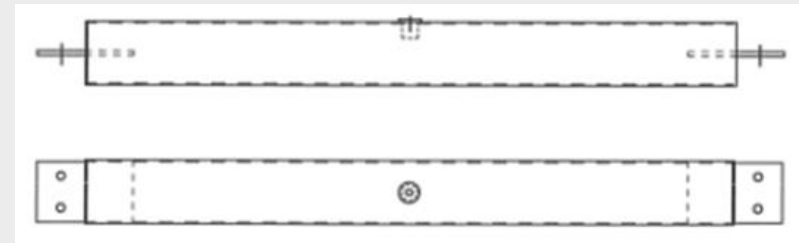
Wall thickness of the profile	Radius of the profile
$t \leq 6,0 \text{ mm}$	$r_0 = 2,0 \times t$
$6,0 \text{ mm} < t \leq 10 \text{ mm}$	$r_0 = 2,5 \times t$
$t > 10 \text{ mm}$	$r_0 = 3,0 \times t$



Brace

Lifting

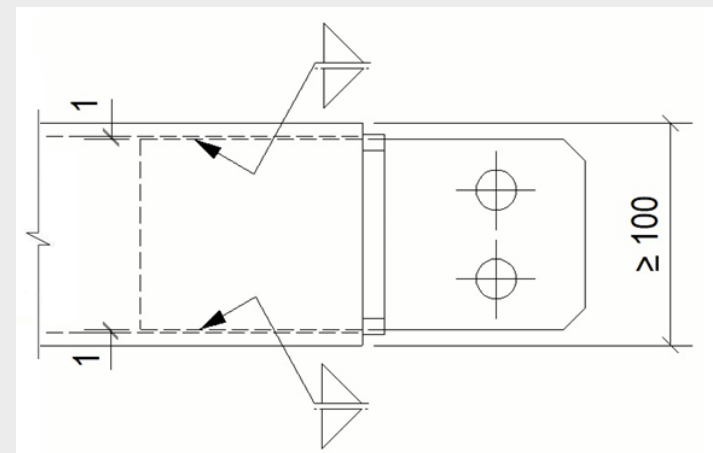
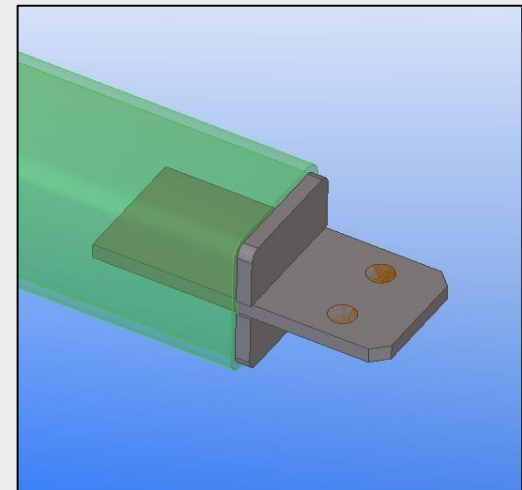
- Diagonal brace of the wall < 1500 kg
 - RUD VWBG M24 -lifting eye bolt and socket M24
 - A $\varnothing 52$ mm hole in the centre of gravity
- Diagonal brace of the wall 1500-4000 kg
 - Two RUD VWBG M24 -lifting eye bolts and sockets M24
 - Two $\varnothing 52$ mm holes side by side at a distance of 100 mm from the centre of gravity



Brace

End connection

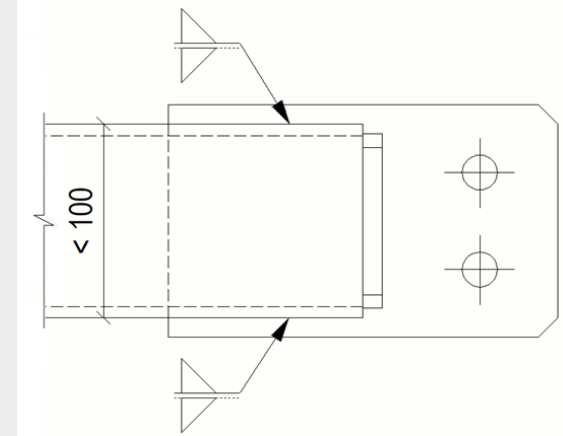
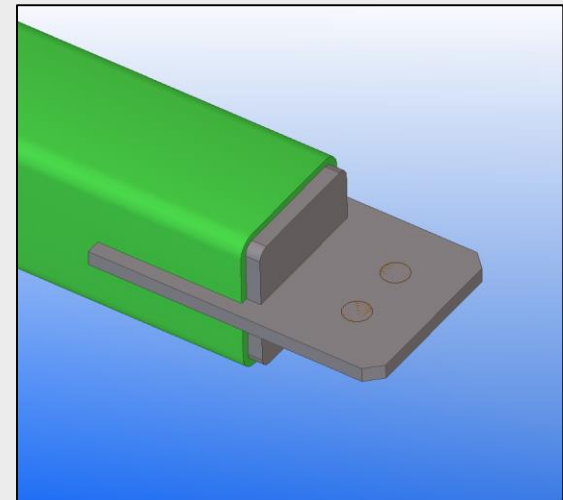
- A connecting plate welded inside the profile
 - The production-friendliest connection
 - Is used when the narrower side of the profile is ≥ 100 mm
 - The connecting plate must be 2 mm narrower than the inner diameter of the profile
 - The connecting plate is allowed to be inside the profile at maximum the size of the narrower side of the profile
 - 70 mm if the narrower side of the profile is 100 mm



Brace

End connection

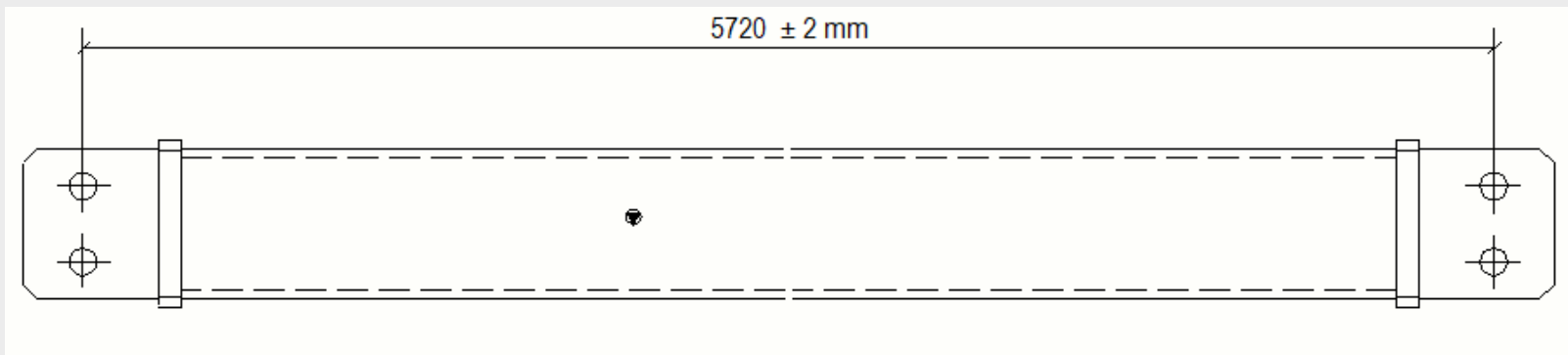
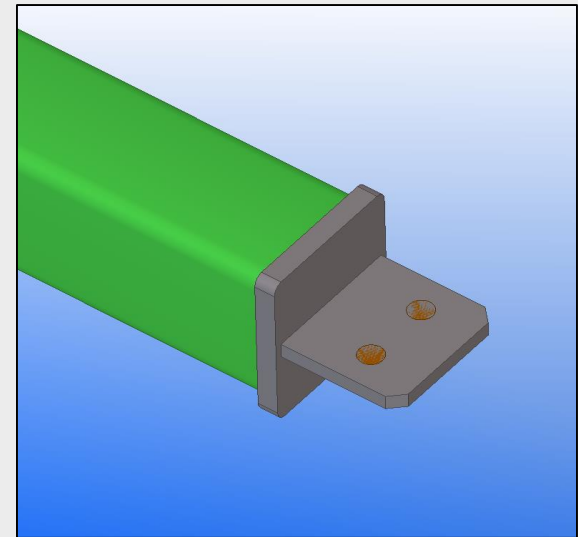
- A connecting plate welded outside the profile
 - Is used when the narrower side of the profile is < 100 mm or when the connection is affected by large forces
 - The cut must be 2 mm wider than the thickness of the plate



Brace

End connection

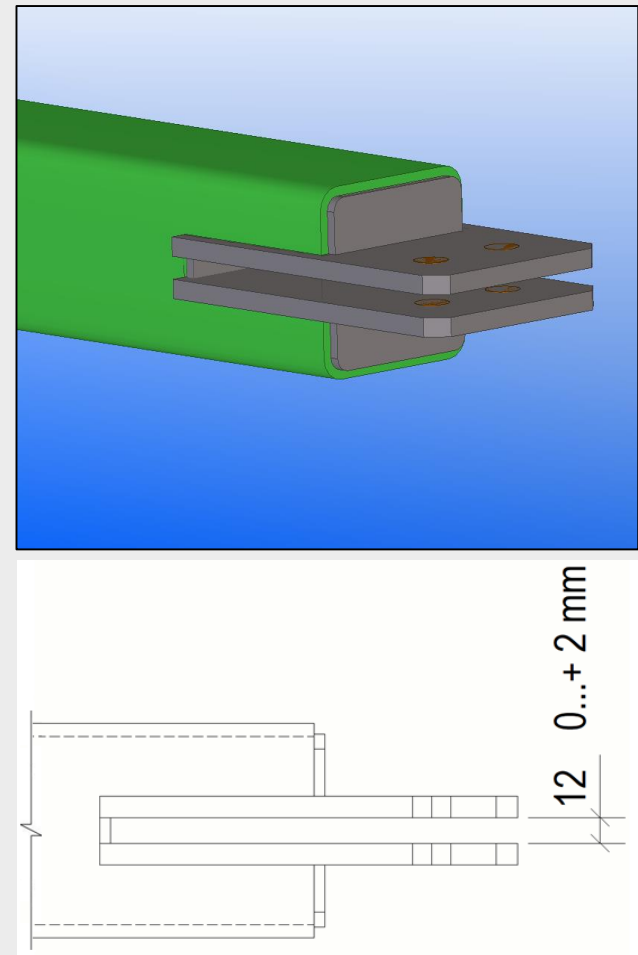
- A connecting plate welded onto the end plate
 - There is a risk that dimension between the holes of the connecting plates is out of the tolerance



Brace

End connection

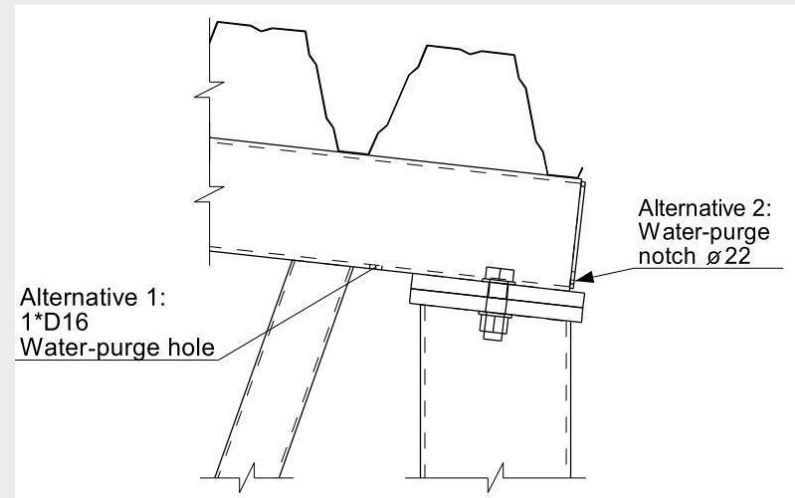
- Double shear connection
 - The most difficult to produce and install
 - Is used when the connection is affected by large forces
 - The gap between the connecting plates must be 2 mm wider than the thickness of the associated plate taking into account the +2 mm tolerance



Truss

Waterpurge holes

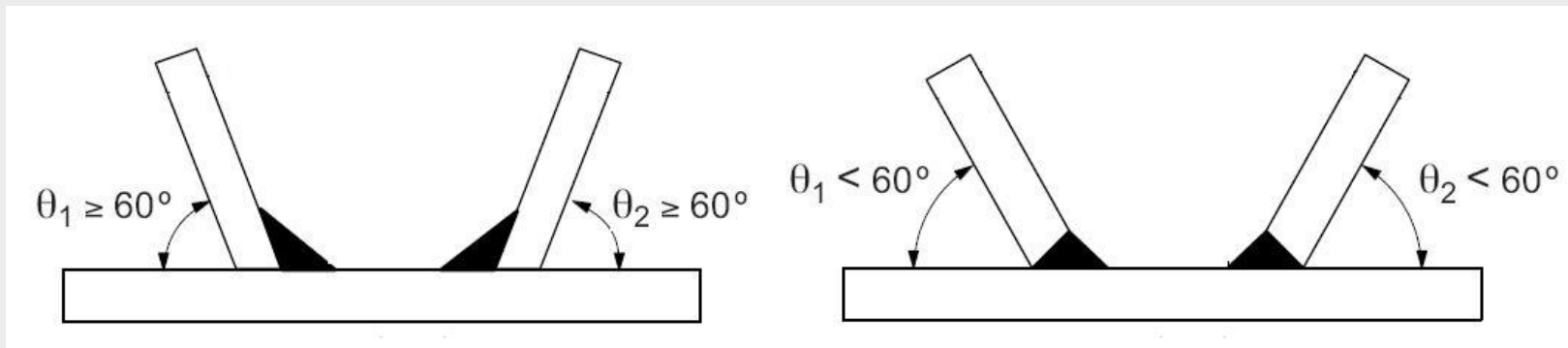
- Necessary if holes are drilled onto the top chord
- Two alternatives
 - A $\text{Ø}16$ mm hole at both ends of the top chord or
 - A $\text{Ø}22$ mm notch at the lower edge of the end plates of the top chord



Truss

Truss node connections

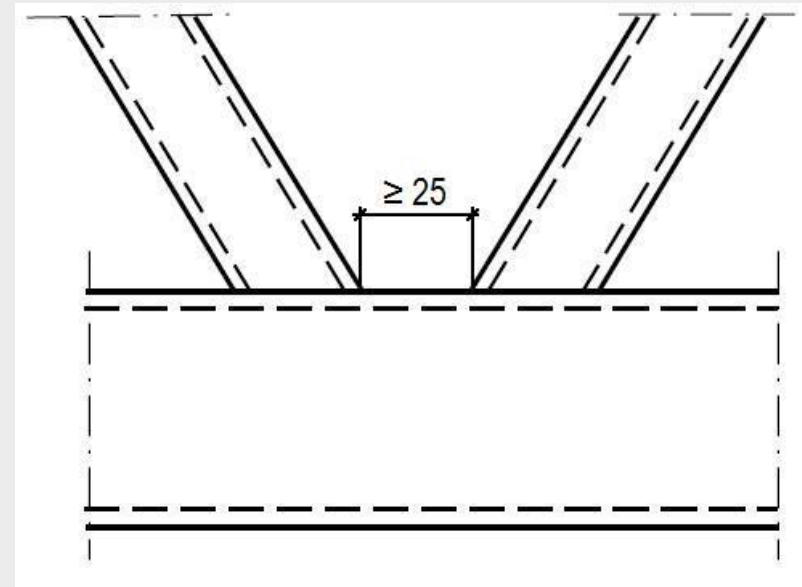
- Avoid designing small angles between chords and diagonals
- The minimum permissible angle is 30°
- The ends of the diagonals must be chamfered if the angle is smaller than 60°



Truss

Truss node connections

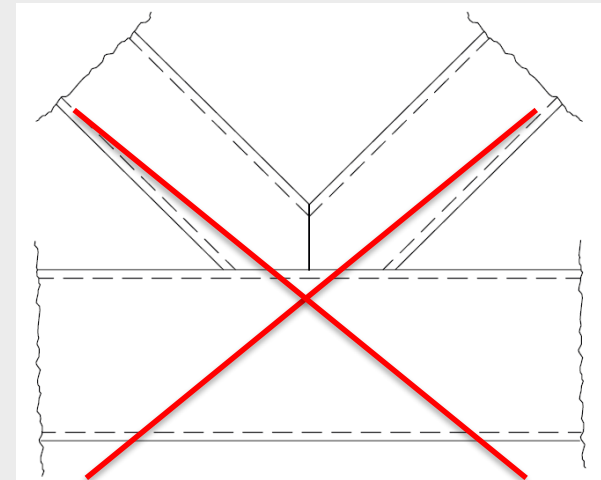
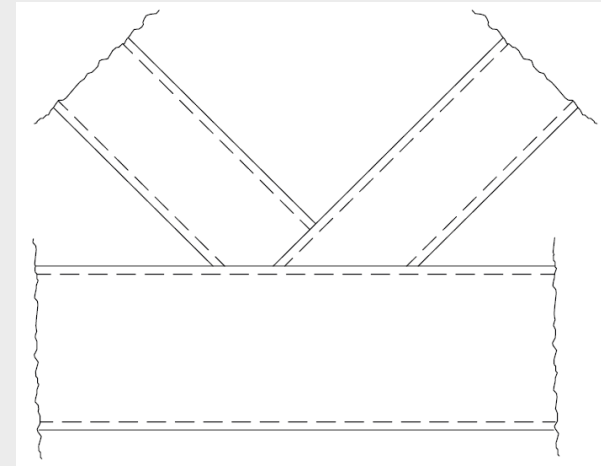
- Clear space connection
 - Easy to produce
 - Gap ≥ 25 mm



Truss

Truss node connections

- Overlapped connection
 - More difficult to produce
 - One of the diagonals must be completely welded to the chord
 - The durability decreases and the workload increases if the both diagonals are cut off twice



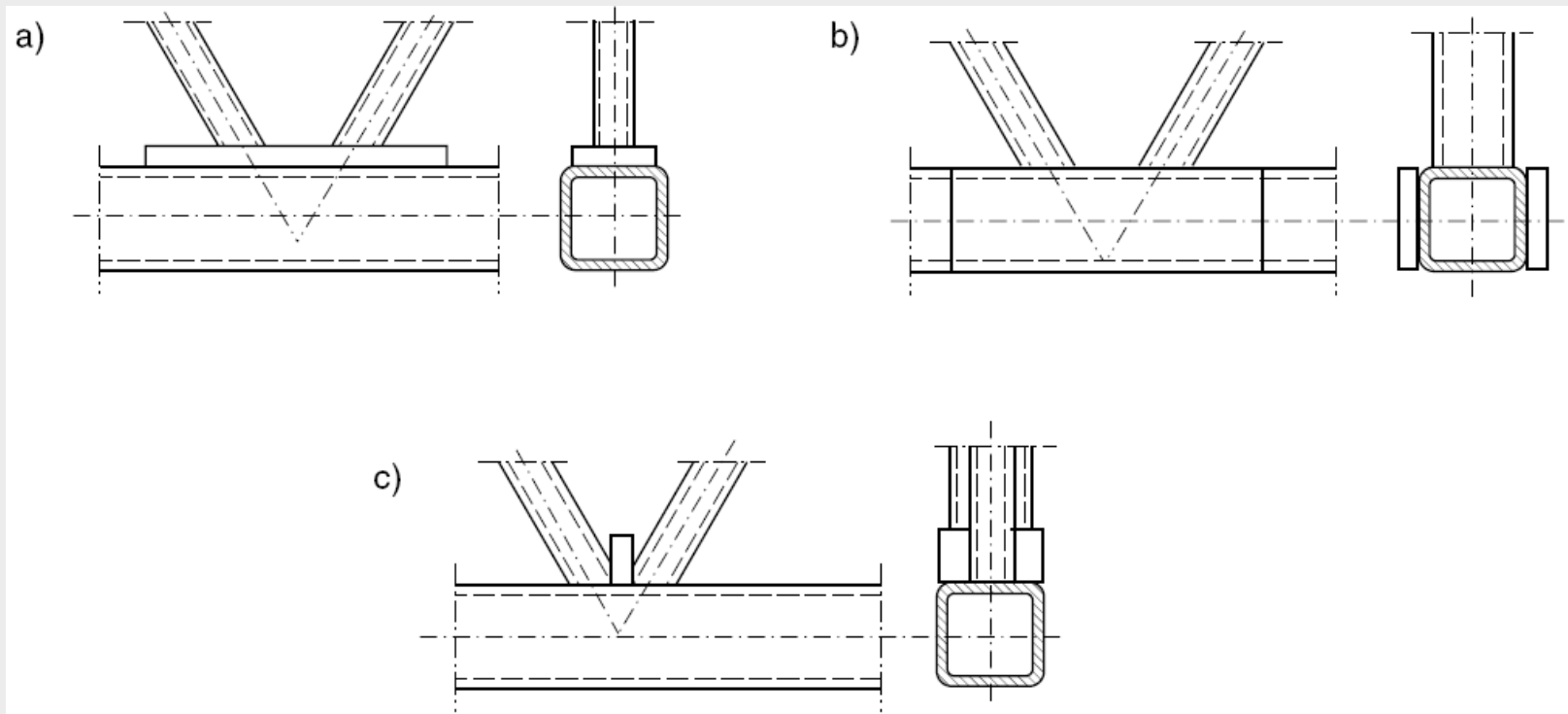
Truss

Truss node connections

- Reinforced connection
 - It is profitable to strengthen the connections with plates if there are only a few connections that need to be strengthened
 - The benefits of the strengthening are lighter structures and the avoidance of the use of a number of profile sizes
 - Alternative a)
 - Is used to avoid chord face failure, brace failure or punching shear and when the chord is considerably wider than the diagonals
 - Alternative b)
 - Is used to avoid chord shear failure
 - The plates are as high as the chord
 - Alternative c)
 - Is used if there is insufficient overlap

Truss

Truss node connections



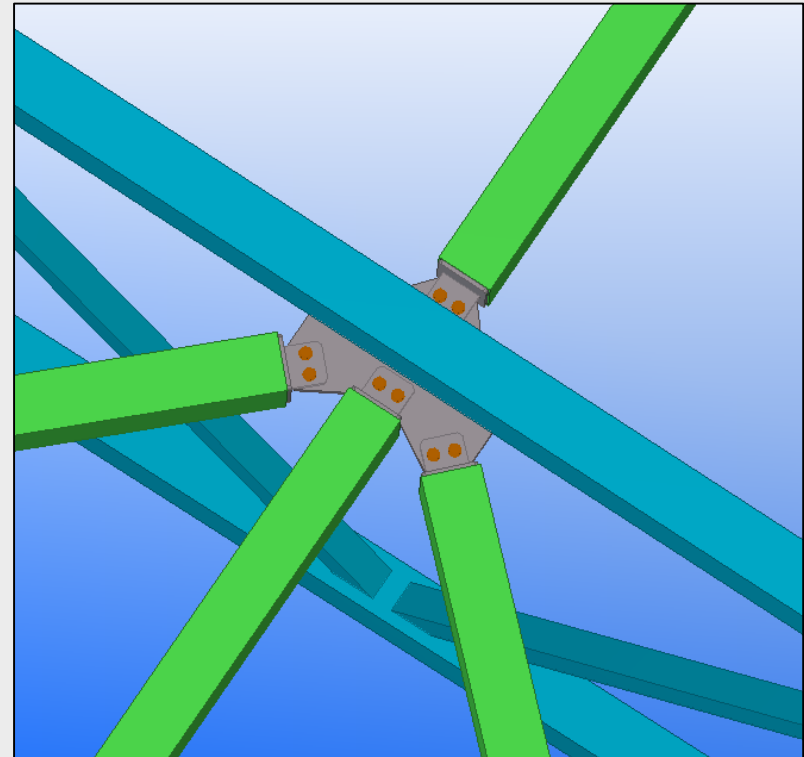
Truss Lifting

- Hollow section trusses ≤ 30 m long
 - Do not require any lifting accessories
 - If the trusses are fire protected with intumescent paint, the trusses should be equipped with lifting lugs or lifting lug sockets

Truss

Brace connection

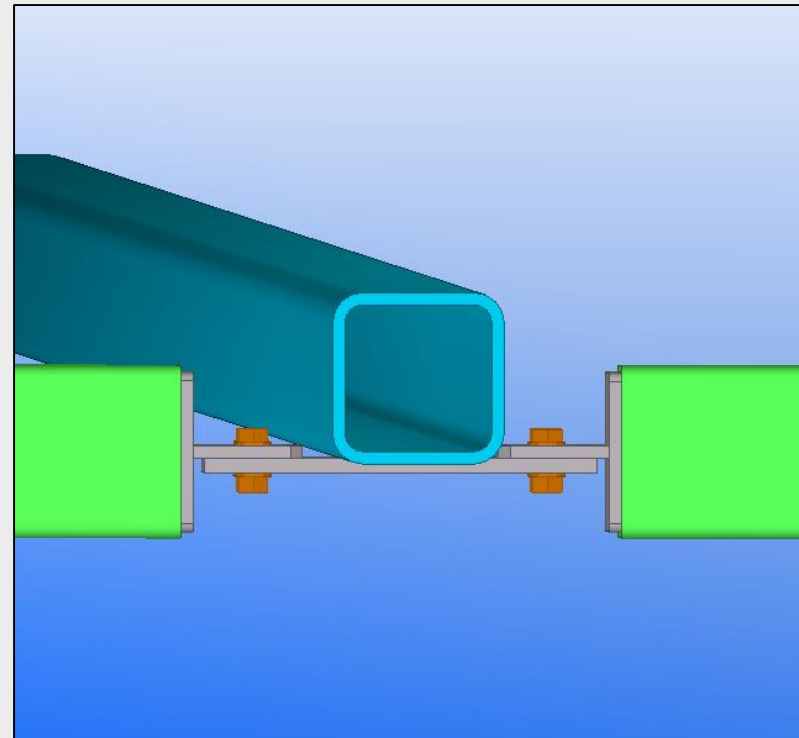
- The connecting plate in the horizontal plane is the installation-friendliest connection
 - Easy to install the screws
 - Several braces can be connected to the same connecting plate which reduces the workload at workshops



Truss

Brace connection

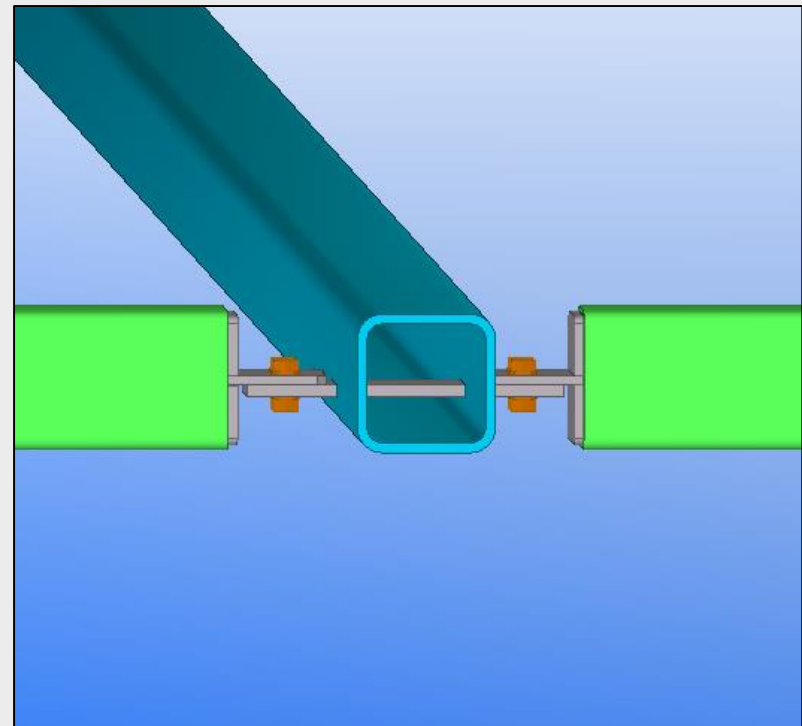
- The connecting plate welded under the top chord
 - The production-friendliest connection
 - Easy to model and install



Truss

Brace connection

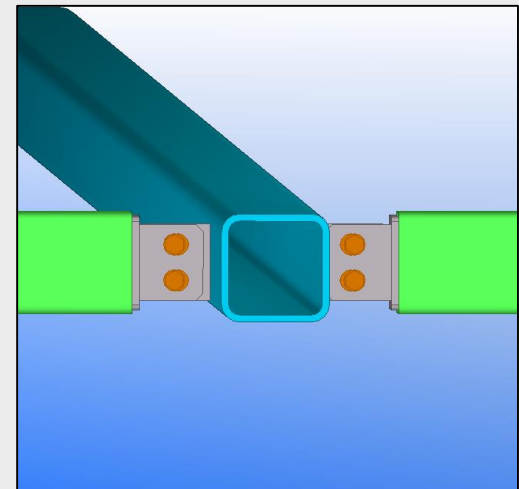
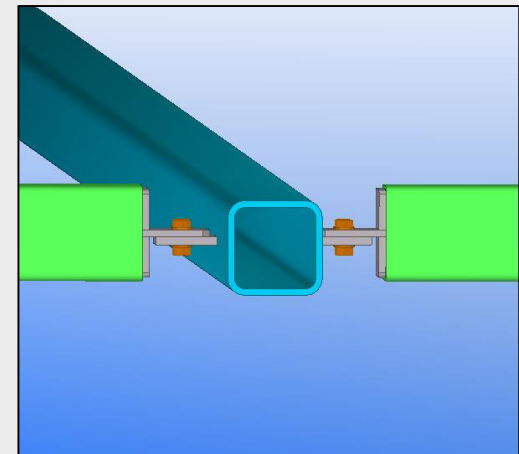
- The connecting plate that goes through the top chord
 - Is used when the connection is affected by large forces
 - The workload at workshops increases
 - The opening must be 2 mm wider and higher than the connecting plate
 - Easy to model and install



Truss

Brace connection

- The connecting plate welded to the surface of the top chord
 - Is used when the connection is affected by small forces
 - The connecting plate in the horizontal plane is the installation-friendliest connection
 - If the connecting plate is in upright position the brace must be carried by the crane during the installation
 - Easy to model and produce



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