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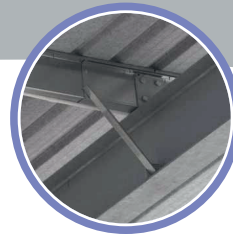
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## INTRODUCTION

This brochure contains details of our increased range of Zed, Cee and Eaves Beam sections and accessories.

Section profiles and dimensions are included along with structural properties, detailing information and typical construction details.

The new section range offers complete compatibility between Zed and Cee sections sizes.

The products are formed from hot dipped galvanised steel coil to BS EN 10346:2015 Fe S450GD+Z275.

The sections are designed to BS EN 1993-1-3:2006 using a combination of rational analysis and component testing.

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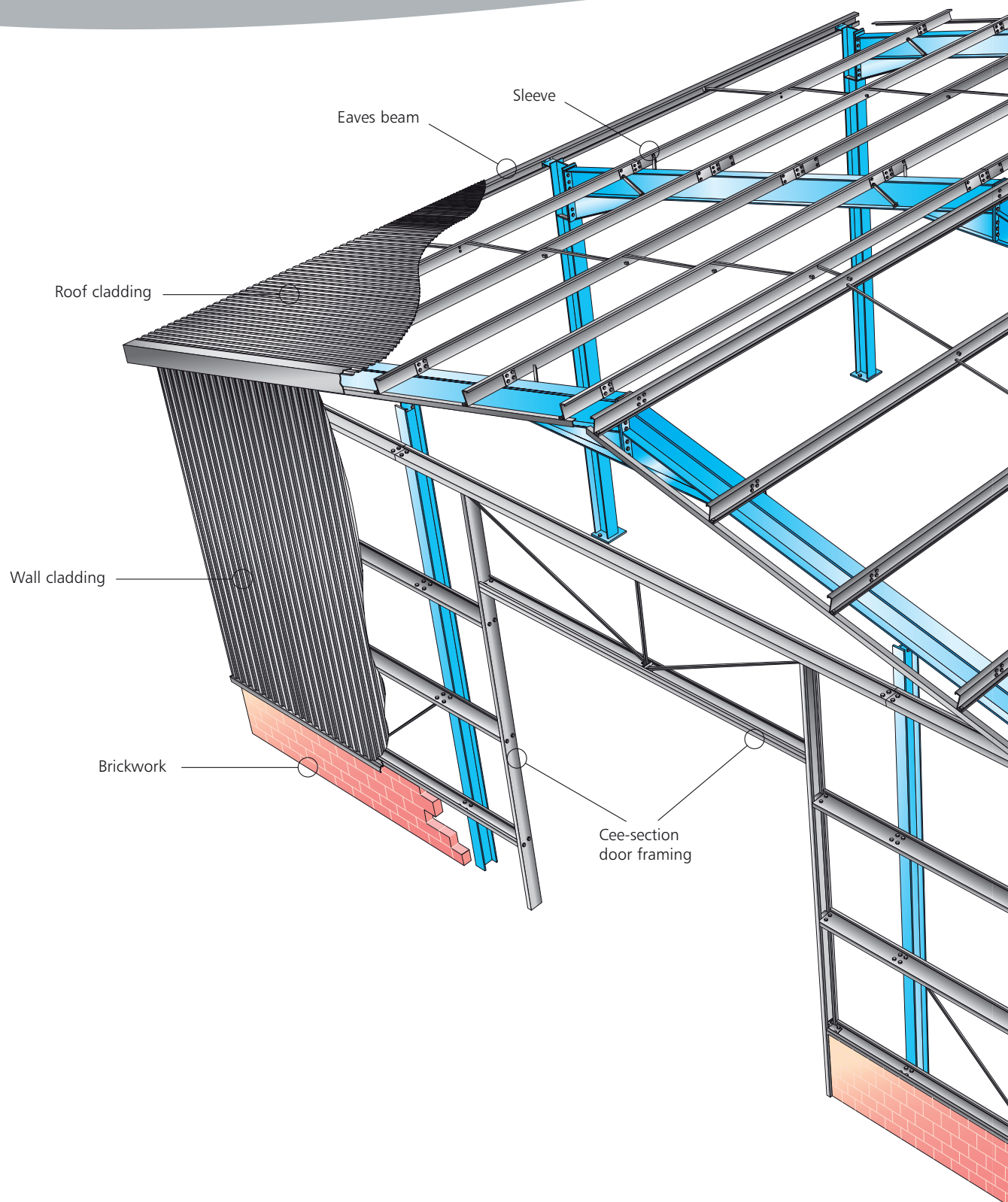
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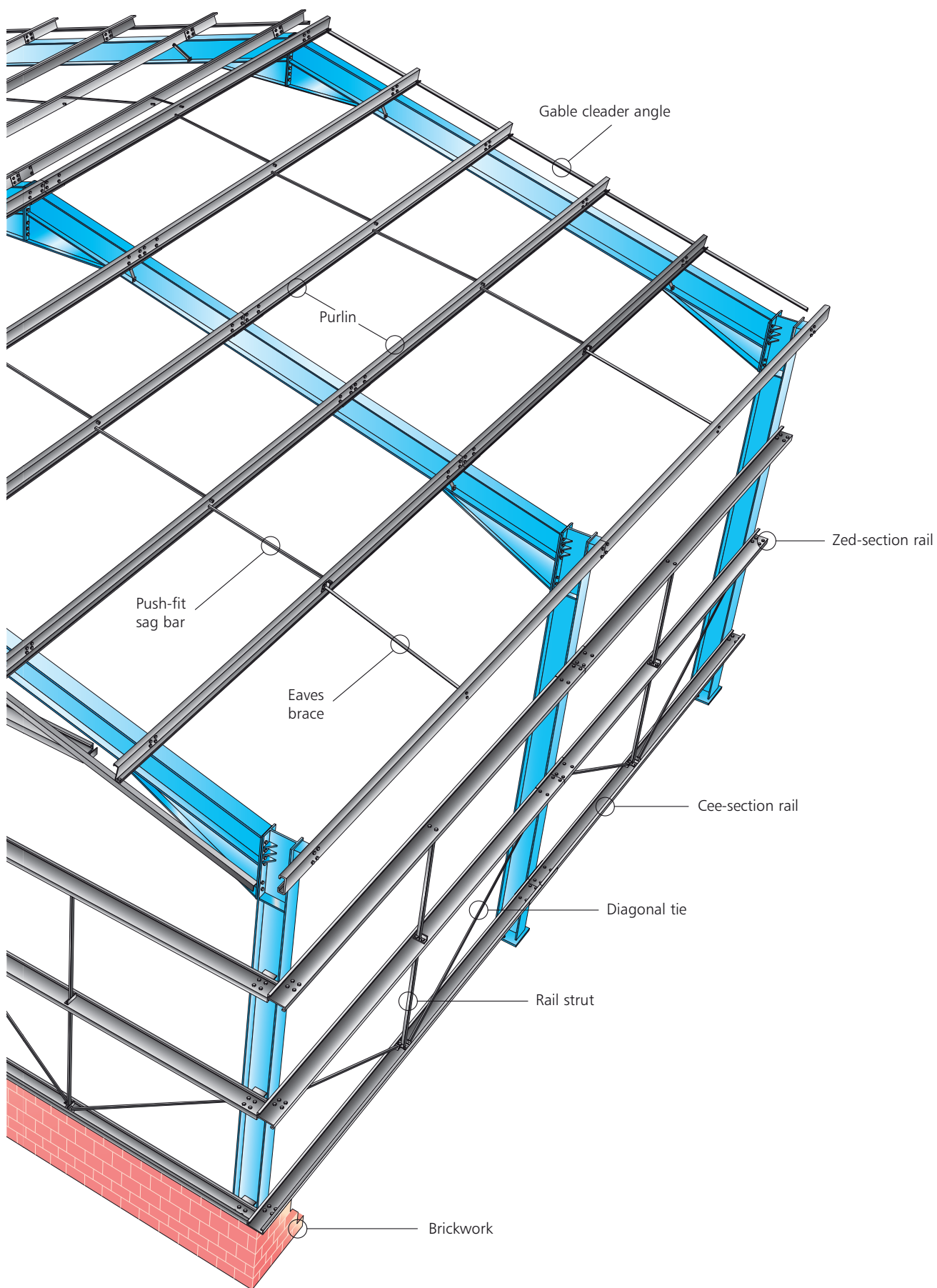
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## ZED AND CEE SECTION RANGE

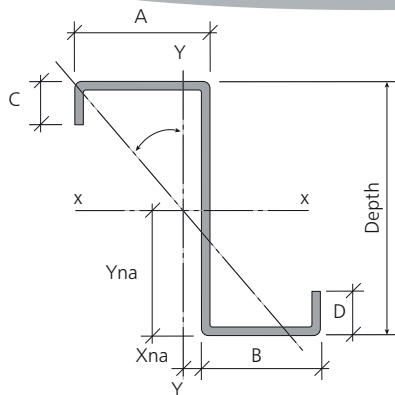


Table 01: Zed & Cee profile dimensions

| Section Depth | Zeds |    |    |    | Ceess |    |
|---------------|------|----|----|----|-------|----|
|               | A    | B  | C  | D  | E     | F  |
| 140,170       | 60   | 54 | 16 | 20 | 62    | 13 |
| 200           | 70   | 64 | 16 | 20 | 70    | 15 |
| 240           | 75   | 67 | 18 | 22 | 74    | 17 |
| 300           | 95   | 87 | 21 | 25 | 95    | 19 |

Dimensions in mm

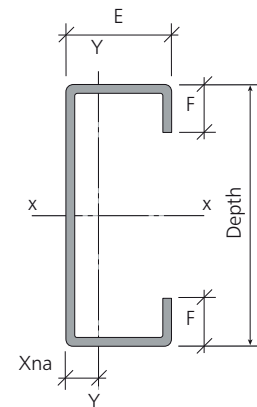


Table 02: Standard Zeds - 450N/mm<sup>2</sup> steel grade

| Section | Wt (kg/m) | Area (cm <sup>2</sup> ) | Zxx (cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Zyy (cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Ixx (cm <sup>4</sup> ) | Iyy (cm <sup>4</sup> ) | Rx (mm) | Ry (mm) | Po (N/mm <sup>2</sup> ) | Qs    | α    | xna (mm) | yna (mm) | Mc (kNm) |
|---------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-------|------|----------|----------|----------|
| 14014   | 3.06      | 3.81                    | 13.97                  | 4.37                   | 116.8                  | 29.3                   | 55.3    | 27.7    | 350.7                   | 0.641 | 22.4 | 0.1      | 70.7     | 5.45     |
| 14015   | 3.26      | 4.08                    | 15.49                  | 4.79                   | 124.7                  | 31.2                   | 55.3    | 27.6    | 356.8                   | 0.667 | 22.4 | 0.0      | 70.7     | 6.04     |
| 14016   | 3.48      | 4.35                    | 17.00                  | 5.22                   | 132.7                  | 33.1                   | 55.2    | 27.6    | 362.2                   | 0.693 | 22.3 | 0.0      | 70.7     | 6.63     |
| 14018   | 3.90      | 4.89                    | 19.87                  | 6.04                   | 148.4                  | 36.8                   | 55.1    | 27.4    | 371.1                   | 0.731 | 22.2 | -0.1     | 70.7     | 7.75     |
| 14020   | 4.32      | 5.43                    | 22.44                  | 6.83                   | 164.0                  | 40.4                   | 55.0    | 27.3    | 378.2                   | 0.762 | 22.2 | -0.2     | 70.7     | 8.75     |
| 17014   | 3.38      | 4.22                    | 17.44                  | 4.18                   | 184.0                  | 29.4                   | 66.0    | 26.4    | 331.4                   | 0.582 | 17.3 | 0.0      | 85.8     | 6.80     |
| 17015   | 3.62      | 4.52                    | 19.37                  | 4.60                   | 196.5                  | 31.3                   | 65.9    | 26.3    | 338.9                   | 0.605 | 17.3 | -0.1     | 85.8     | 7.55     |
| 17016   | 3.86      | 4.82                    | 21.28                  | 5.02                   | 209.2                  | 33.2                   | 65.9    | 26.2    | 345.4                   | 0.627 | 17.3 | -0.1     | 85.8     | 8.30     |
| 17018   | 4.33      | 5.42                    | 24.85                  | 5.83                   | 234.2                  | 36.9                   | 65.7    | 26.1    | 356.2                   | 0.662 | 17.2 | -0.2     | 85.8     | 9.69     |
| 17020   | 4.79      | 6.02                    | 28.21                  | 6.61                   | 259.0                  | 40.5                   | 65.6    | 26.0    | 364.8                   | 0.689 | 17.1 | -0.3     | 85.8     | 11.00    |
| 17025   | 5.94      | 7.48                    | 36.24                  | 8.42                   | 318.8                  | 49.1                   | 65.3    | 25.6    | 380.3                   | 0.750 | 17.0 | -0.6     | 85.8     | 14.14    |
| 20014   | 3.92      | 4.90                    | 21.56                  | 4.97                   | 296.8                  | 44.8                   | 77.8    | 30.2    | 312.1                   | 0.511 | 16.8 | -0.1     | 100.7    | 8.41     |
| 20015   | 4.20      | 5.25                    | 24.18                  | 5.53                   | 317.3                  | 47.8                   | 77.7    | 30.2    | 320.9                   | 0.538 | 16.8 | -0.1     | 100.7    | 9.43     |
| 20016   | 4.48      | 5.60                    | 26.84                  | 6.08                   | 337.9                  | 50.7                   | 77.7    | 30.1    | 328.6                   | 0.563 | 16.7 | -0.2     | 100.7    | 10.47    |
| 20018   | 5.03      | 6.30                    | 32.10                  | 7.18                   | 378.6                  | 56.5                   | 77.5    | 30.0    | 341.3                   | 0.608 | 16.7 | -0.3     | 100.7    | 12.52    |
| 20020   | 5.58      | 7.00                    | 37.25                  | 8.25                   | 419.2                  | 62.2                   | 77.4    | 29.8    | 351.5                   | 0.641 | 16.6 | -0.4     | 100.7    | 14.53    |
| 20025   | 6.92      | 8.71                    | 48.63                  | 10.72                  | 517.3                  | 75.7                   | 77.1    | 29.5    | 369.6                   | 0.700 | 16.5 | -0.6     | 100.7    | 18.97    |
| 24015   | 4.81      | 6.01                    | 30.11                  | 5.90                   | 510.4                  | 58.6                   | 92.1    | 31.2    | 296.9                   | 0.485 | 14.3 | 0.3      | 121.3    | 11.74    |
| 24016   | 5.13      | 6.41                    | 33.61                  | 6.54                   | 543.7                  | 62.3                   | 92.1    | 31.2    | 306.2                   | 0.509 | 14.3 | 0.2      | 121.3    | 13.11    |
| 24018   | 5.77      | 7.22                    | 40.62                  | 7.80                   | 609.9                  | 69.5                   | 91.9    | 31.0    | 321.4                   | 0.550 | 14.2 | 0.1      | 121.3    | 15.84    |
| 24020   | 6.39      | 8.02                    | 47.36                  | 9.04                   | 675.8                  | 76.5                   | 91.8    | 30.9    | 333.6                   | 0.583 | 14.2 | 0.0      | 121.3    | 18.47    |
| 24025   | 7.94      | 9.99                    | 62.69                  | 11.94                  | 835.7                  | 93.3                   | 91.5    | 30.6    | 355.4                   | 0.639 | 14.1 | -0.2     | 121.3    | 24.45    |
| 24030   | 9.47      | 11.94                   | 77.42                  | 14.62                  | 990.7                  | 109.1                  | 91.1    | 30.2    | 369.8                   | 0.685 | 14.0 | -0.5     | 121.3    | 30.19    |
| 30020   | 8.02      | 10.09                   | 66.20                  | 12.92                  | 1344.7                 | 157.4                  | 115.4   | 39.5    | 306.8                   | 0.503 | 14.5 | 0.0      | 151.3    | 25.82    |
| 30025   | 10.02     | 12.60                   | 93.55                  | 17.86                  | 1668.1                 | 193.1                  | 115.1   | 39.2    | 334.1                   | 0.581 | 14.4 | -0.2     | 151.3    | 36.49    |
| 30030   | 11.97     | 15.08                   | 118.11                 | 22.48                  | 1983.6                 | 227.1                  | 114.7   | 38.8    | 352.1                   | 0.630 | 14.3 | -0.5     | 151.3    | 46.06    |

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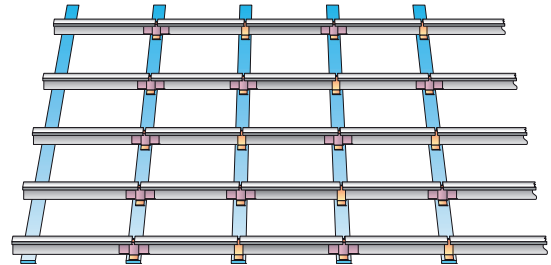
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|---------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| 14014   | 3.06      | 3.81                    | 13.90                  | 3.91                   | 119.3                  | 19.2                   | 55.9    | 22.4    | 350.7                   | 0.665 | 18.9     | 70.0     | 5.42     |
| 14015   | 3.26      | 4.08                    | 15.44                  | 4.26                   | 127.4                  | 20.4                   | 55.8    | 22.4    | 356.8                   | 0.699 | 18.9     | 70.0     | 6.02     |
| 14016   | 3.48      | 4.35                    | 16.99                  | 4.61                   | 135.5                  | 21.7                   | 55.8    | 22.3    | 362.2                   | 0.729 | 18.9     | 70.0     | 6.63     |
| 14018   | 3.90      | 4.89                    | 20.00                  | 5.29                   | 151.5                  | 24.1                   | 55.7    | 22.2    | 371.1                   | 0.779 | 18.9     | 70.0     | 7.80     |
| 14020   | 4.32      | 5.43                    | 22.87                  | 5.95                   | 167.5                  | 26.5                   | 55.5    | 22.1    | 378.2                   | 0.817 | 18.9     | 70.0     | 8.92     |
| 17014   | 3.38      | 4.22                    | 17.34                  | 3.79                   | 187.1                  | 20.4                   | 66.6    | 22.0    | 331.4                   | 0.604 | 17.1     | 85.0     | 6.76     |
| 17015   | 3.62      | 4.52                    | 19.29                  | 4.15                   | 199.9                  | 21.7                   | 66.5    | 21.9    | 338.9                   | 0.635 | 17.1     | 85.0     | 7.52     |
| 17016   | 3.86      | 4.82                    | 21.25                  | 4.51                   | 212.7                  | 23.1                   | 66.4    | 21.9    | 345.4                   | 0.660 | 17.1     | 85.0     | 8.29     |
| 17018   | 4.33      | 5.42                    | 25.04                  | 5.20                   | 238.1                  | 25.7                   | 66.3    | 21.8    | 356.2                   | 0.704 | 17.1     | 85.0     | 9.76     |
| 17020   | 4.79      | 6.02                    | 28.69                  | 5.88                   | 263.4                  | 28.3                   | 66.2    | 21.7    | 364.8                   | 0.740 | 17.2     | 85.0     | 11.19    |
| 17025   | 5.94      | 7.48                    | 37.13                  | 7.47                   | 324.1                  | 34.3                   | 65.8    | 21.4    | 380.3                   | 0.817 | 17.2     | 85.0     | 14.48    |
| 20014   | 3.92      | 4.90                    | 21.57                  | 4.62                   | 299.2                  | 30.3                   | 78.1    | 24.9    | 312.1                   | 0.540 | 19.0     | 100.0    | 8.41     |
| 20015   | 4.20      | 5.25                    | 24.19                  | 5.09                   | 319.8                  | 32.3                   | 78.0    | 24.8    | 320.9                   | 0.569 | 19.0     | 100.0    | 9.43     |
| 20016   | 4.48      | 5.60                    | 26.85                  | 5.57                   | 340.6                  | 34.3                   | 78.0    | 24.8    | 328.6                   | 0.598 | 19.0     | 100.0    | 10.47    |
| 20018   | 5.03      | 6.30                    | 32.12                  | 6.51                   | 381.7                  | 38.3                   | 77.8    | 24.7    | 341.3                   | 0.646 | 19.0     | 100.0    | 12.53    |
| 20020   | 5.58      | 7.00                    | 37.27                  | 7.42                   | 422.6                  | 42.2                   | 77.7    | 24.6    | 351.5                   | 0.684 | 19.0     | 100.0    | 14.54    |
| 20025   | 6.92      | 8.71                    | 49.23                  | 9.57                   | 521.5                  | 51.5                   | 77.4    | 24.3    | 369.6                   | 0.757 | 19.1     | 100.0    | 19.20    |
| 24015   | 4.81      | 6.01                    | 30.15                  | 5.53                   | 514.0                  | 40.8                   | 92.5    | 26.1    | 296.9                   | 0.512 | 19.0     | 120.0    | 11.76    |
| 24016   | 5.13      | 6.41                    | 33.64                  | 6.09                   | 547.6                  | 43.4                   | 92.4    | 26.0    | 306.2                   | 0.539 | 19.1     | 120.0    | 13.12    |
| 24018   | 5.77      | 7.22                    | 40.60                  | 7.19                   | 614.1                  | 48.5                   | 92.3    | 25.9    | 321.4                   | 0.586 | 19.1     | 120.0    | 15.83    |
| 24020   | 6.39      | 8.02                    | 47.46                  | 8.27                   | 680.5                  | 53.4                   | 92.1    | 25.8    | 333.6                   | 0.623 | 19.1     | 120.0    | 18.51    |
| 24025   | 7.94      | 9.99                    | 63.62                  | 10.83                  | 841.5                  | 65.3                   | 91.8    | 25.6    | 355.4                   | 0.690 | 19.1     | 120.0    | 24.81    |
| 24030   | 9.47      | 11.94                   | 78.78                  | 13.23                  | 997.6                  | 76.5                   | 91.4    | 25.3    | 369.8                   | 0.747 | 19.2     | 120.0    | 30.72    |
| 30020   | 8.02      | 10.09                   | 66.02                  | 11.90                  | 1353.6                 | 109.8                  | 115.8   | 33.0    | 306.8                   | 0.534 | 24.1     | 150.0    | 25.75    |
| 30025   | 10.02     | 12.60                   | 93.33                  | 16.16                  | 1679.1                 | 134.9                  | 115.4   | 32.7    | 334.1                   | 0.621 | 24.1     | 150.0    | 36.40    |
| 30030   | 11.97     | 15.08                   | 119.18                 | 20.19                  | 1996.6                 | 158.9                  | 115.1   | 32.5    | 352.1                   | 0.678 | 24.1     | 150.0    | 46.48    |

# ZED PURLIN SYSTEMS

Four structural systems are available, the Sleeved System, Double-Span Sleeved System, Heavy End-Bay System and the Butted System. These systems allow for a flexible and efficient range of solutions to roofing supports for a wide variety of cladding types, the major features of which are outlined below.

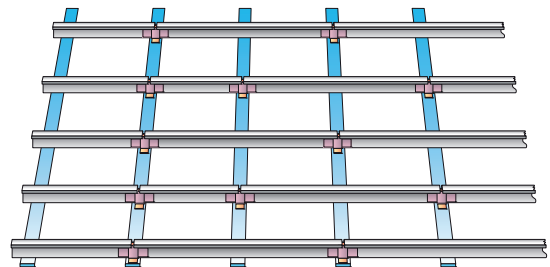
## SLEEVED SINGLE SPAN SYSTEM

This is the traditional system of single bay-length sections with sleeves at all penultimate supports and at alternative internal supports. The system may be used with all types of claddings and roof pitches, within the limitations given in this manual. **Minimum number of spans is 2 and the maximum span is 12.5m.** Details are on page 32.



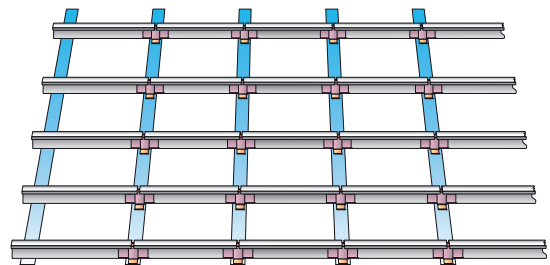
## SLEEVED DOUBLE SPAN SYSTEM

Sleeves are provided at all penultimate supports and are staggered at internal bays. The advantage is a reduced number of erection components when compared with the Sleeved System. Note that maximum section length is restricted to 15m for transport and handling reasons. Consideration should be given to handling and erection sequence when utilising the double-span sections. **Minimum number of spans is 4 and the maximum span is 7.5m.** Details are on page 32.



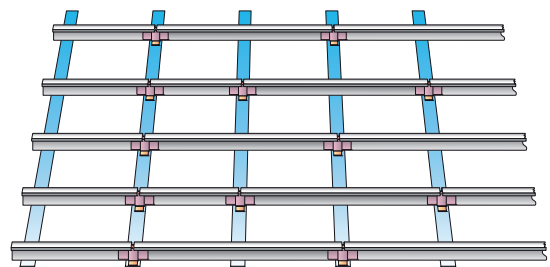
## HEAVY END-BAY SINGLE SPAN SYSTEM

This is a highly efficient sleeved-system, with sleeves at all supports thus allowing a form of continuous beam design. Inner bay sections and sleeves are thinner than at the end bay thus allowing an economic solution for long buildings. Sleeves at penultimate supports are of the same thickness as the outer bay purlin section. **Minimum number of spans is 4 and maximum span is 12.5m.** Details are on page 32.



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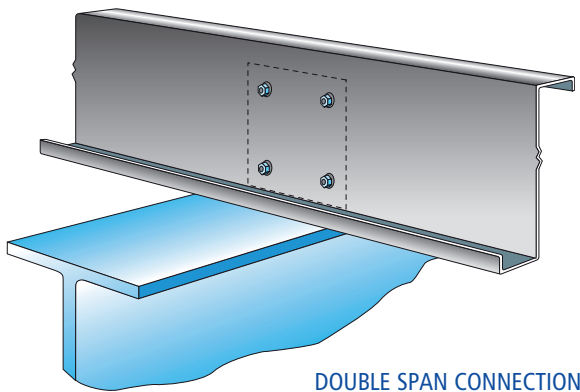
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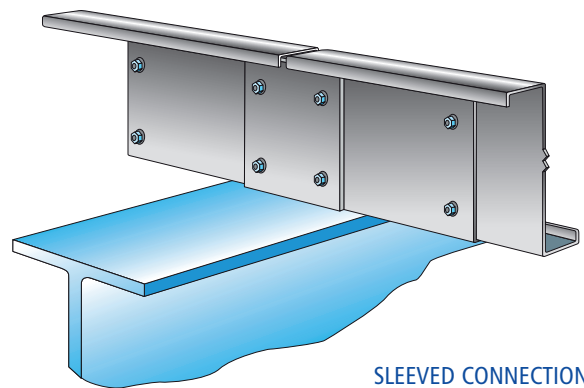
### SLEEVED PURLIN SYSTEM

#### Single/double span lengths

Refer to pages 04 - 05 for overview of system and sleeve requirements. This system may be used with restraining or non-restraining cladding, and may also be used to support tiled roof systems. The system may require to be used in conjunction with sag-systems as identified for various conditions on page 09. Consideration should be given to handling and erection sequence when utilising the double-span section.



DOUBLE SPAN CONNECTION

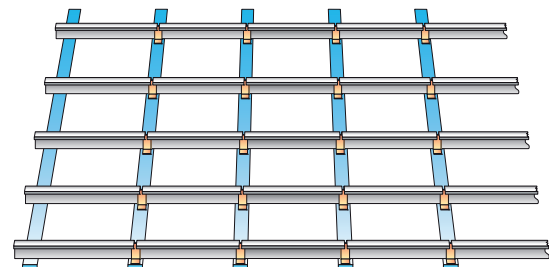


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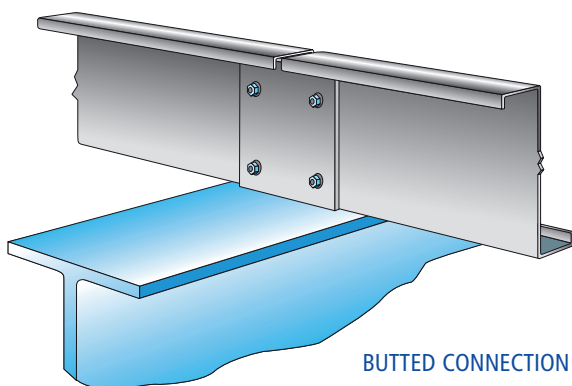
The system is required for buildings of a single span length and is efficient for short spans or light loadings. Butted purlins are also useful for frames which have large clear spans and where large frame deflections may be harmful to continuous purlin systems. Butted purlins can be used over supports or within the depth of the supporting section.

**Maximum span is 11.4m.** Details are on page 32.

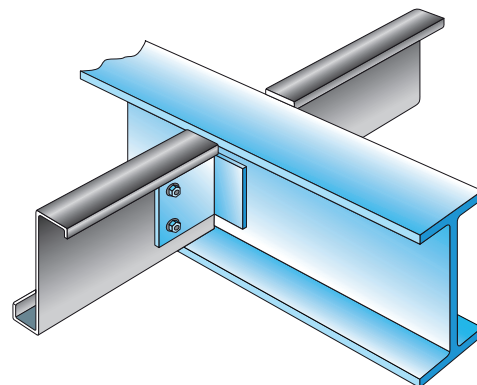


### BUTTED PURLIN SYSTEM

This system is useful for single-span conditions, either over-supports or flush with supports. The system is also economical for small bays or light loadings, where sleeves are not necessary.



BUTTED CONNECTION



BUTTED CONNECTION  
with inset cleat for flush construction

## ROOF SAG-SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The anti-sag-system required for any given case will depend on the loadings, span, cladding type and roof pitch. Different claddings provide varying restraint to the purlin and it is extremely important that the roof designer should be clear on the type of roof cladding prior to selecting a suitable sag system. For purlin design purposes within the scope of this manual the following list outlines the main cladding types to be considered:

- 1) Restraining type metal cladding
- 2) Non-restraining type metal cladding
- 3) Hook bolt fixed cladding
- 4) Tiled roofs

Lateral restraint is usually provided to the purlin where normal trapezoidal, or composite cladding is through-fixed to the purlins and where the sheets are fixed together by side lap stitching. Standing seam roofs and some forms of secret fix panels have fixings which allow relative movement between the purlin and the cladding and these panels should be regarded as non-restraining unless used in conjunction with a suitable liner panel. A suitable liner panel should be sufficiently robust to carry compressive restraint forces and should be positively fixed to the purlin and it is also recommended that side lap stitching is adopted to form a roof plane diaphragm.

Some claddings, such as fibre cement panels, are fixed by hook bolts. These claddings offer a reduced degree of restraint to the purlin under wind uplift conditions and the limitations given in this section should be observed for this application. Wind uplift capacities are reduced, and sections for these roofs should be selected using the design disk.

See the Tiled Roof section for additional sag system requirements for tiled roofs.

Sag system recommendations for various roof conditions are provided in the table right and these should be used as appropriate. Use of the sag systems indicated will provide optimum wind uplift capacity and will provide a good basis for stability and alignment during erection.

In the case of restraining type metal cladding a reduced number of rows of sag bars may be appropriate in particular circumstances. It should be clear that these reduced systems should only be used in conjunction with the appropriate load tables which, depending on span, may have significantly reduced wind uplift values. The following points should be considered for reduced numbers of sag bars:

1. Reduced number of sag member rows applies only to restrained type metal cladding.
2. For roof slopes less than 3°, 0-rows may be used for spans up to 4.6m and 1 row of angle braces may be used for spans up to 12.5m.
3. For roof slopes between 3° - 25°, 0-rows may be used for spans up to 7.6m and 1-row of push fit sag bars may be used for spans up to 12.5m.
4. Use the reduced wind uplift capacity relevant to the number of rows of sag members selected.
5. Temporary stability during erection, and other Health & Safety issues should be considered when choosing a suitable sag system.
6. When 0 rows of sag members are used it is recommended that one row of eaves braces and ridge struts be used.

**Table 04**

| Cladding System                       | Slope Roof       | Roof Sag System Details        |                  |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                       |                  | < 4.6m span                    | 4.6m - 7.6m span | 7.6m - 12.5m span               |
| Metal Cladding (restraining type)     | < 3°             | 1 row angle braces             |                  | 2 rows angle braces             |
|                                       | 3° - 25°         | 0 rows                         | 1 row bars       | 2 row bars                      |
|                                       | 25° - 35°        | 1 row angle braces + diagonals |                  | 2 rows angle braces + diagonals |
| Metal Cladding (non-restraining type) | < 3°<br>3° - 25° | 1 row angle braces             |                  | 2 rows angle braces             |
|                                       | 25° - 35°        | row angle braces + diagonals   |                  | 2 rows angle braces + diagonals |
| Hook-bolt (restraining type)          | < 3°             | Not recommended                |                  |                                 |
|                                       | 3° - 25°         | 1 row bars                     |                  | 2 row bars                      |
|                                       | 25° - 35°        | 1 row angle braces + diagonals |                  | 2 rows angle braces + diagonals |

# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

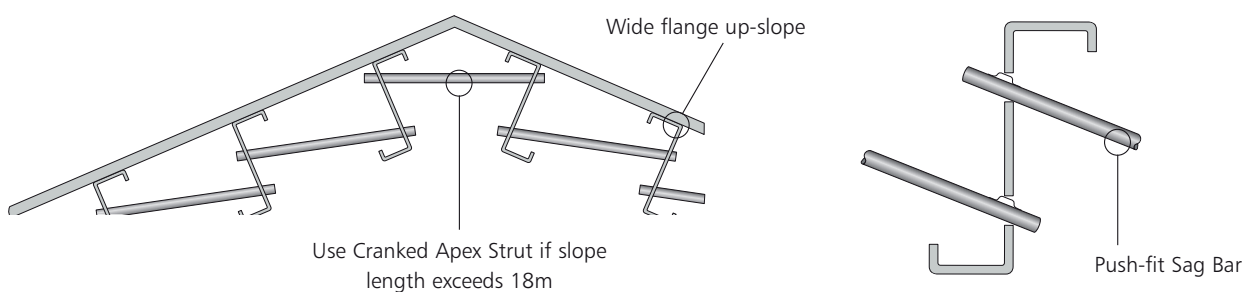
## ZED PURLIN SYSTEMS

### ROOF SAG BAR SYSTEM

Useful for restraining metal cladding and hook bolt cladding within the limit of the table. Suitable for purlins up to 240mm deep.

Push-fit sag bars are used up to 2.0m purlin centres. Refer to Steadmans if centres are greater than 2m.

(Refer to table on page 09 for limitations of use.)

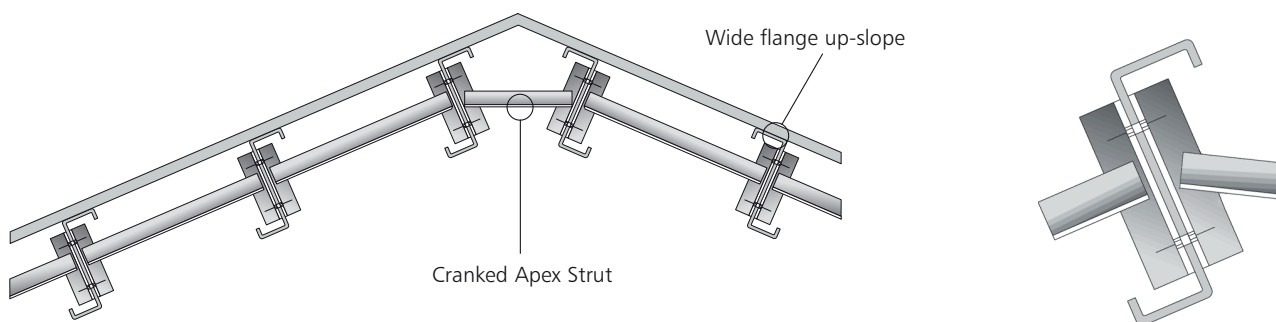


### ROOF ANGLE BRACE SYSTEM

Useful for non-restraining cladding, tiled roofs and for purlins 300mm deep and steep roofs (ie. over 25°)

45 x 45 x 2 angle braces may be used up to 2.0m purlin centres. Refer to Steadmans if centres are greater than 2m.

(Refer to table on page 09 for limitations of use.)



#### General Notes:

Note that where sag bar numbers are reduced, within the limits of this manual, it may be necessary to use temporary bracing to the top flange to avoid twisting of zed purlins during installation, particularly on roofs with shallow or steep slopes. In the case of 0 - rows of sag bars it is recommended that eaves braces are fitted (see Eaves Beam section of manual - page 16) and that a ridge bar or cranked apex strut is fitted, as in above details.

Where sag bars or angle braces are used they should be positioned at mid-span for a single row and at  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$  span for a double row, for optimum resistance to wind uplift.

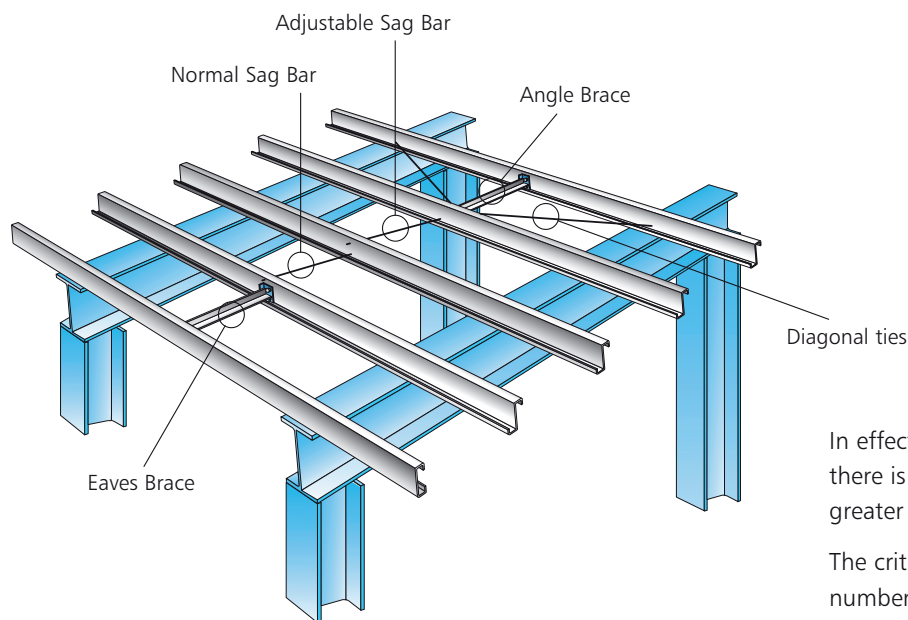
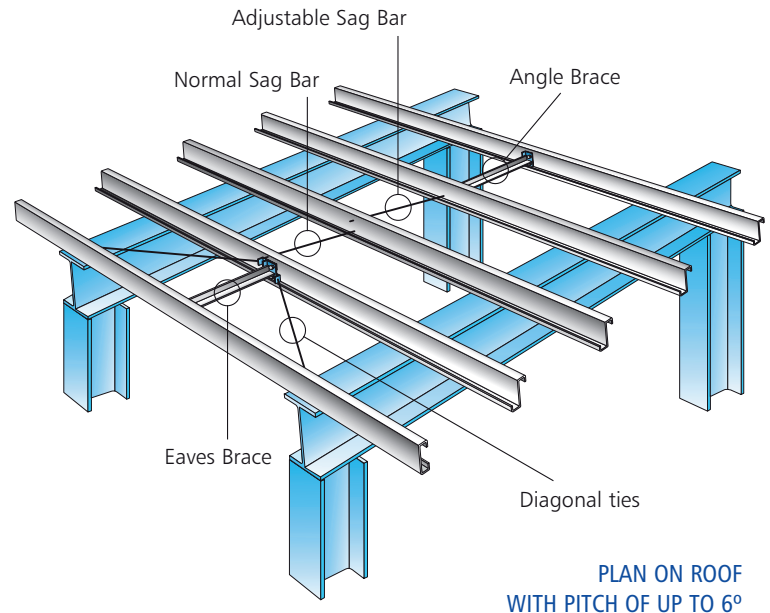
Refer to the Eaves Beam section of the manual (page 16) for general recommendations for sag systems at eaves.

Refer to the Tiled Roof section (page 14) for advice on dealing with such heavy roofing systems.



## MONOPITCH ROOFS

In a monopitch roof all the roof plane forces act up or down the roof unlike a ridged roof which has balancing roof load components acting through the ridge cladding and sag system. In the case of monopitches all roof-plane loads have to be resisted by the purlins, claddings, cleats and sag systems. However, with zed purlins the restraint forces which develop due to gravity loadings act in an up-slope direction, i.e. in opposition to the down-slope load component so that the roof system need only resist the net effect of these loads. (Note that a ridged roof which is not connected at the ridge should be considered as two monopitches.)



In effect, with roof pitches less than a critical value there is a net force acting up the slope and for greater roof slopes the force will act downslope.

The critical angle of roof pitch depends on a number of factors and can only be approximated with current knowledge. As an aid to designers it is recommended that diagonal ties and struts should be used to assist with load distribution in these roofs. The adjacent diagrams indicate the recommended placement of such elements for roof pitches less or greater than  $6^\circ$ , at which pitch roof forces are assumed to be approximately in balance.

**Note:** Anti-Sag bars (number of rows and type) to be taken from the table on page 09.

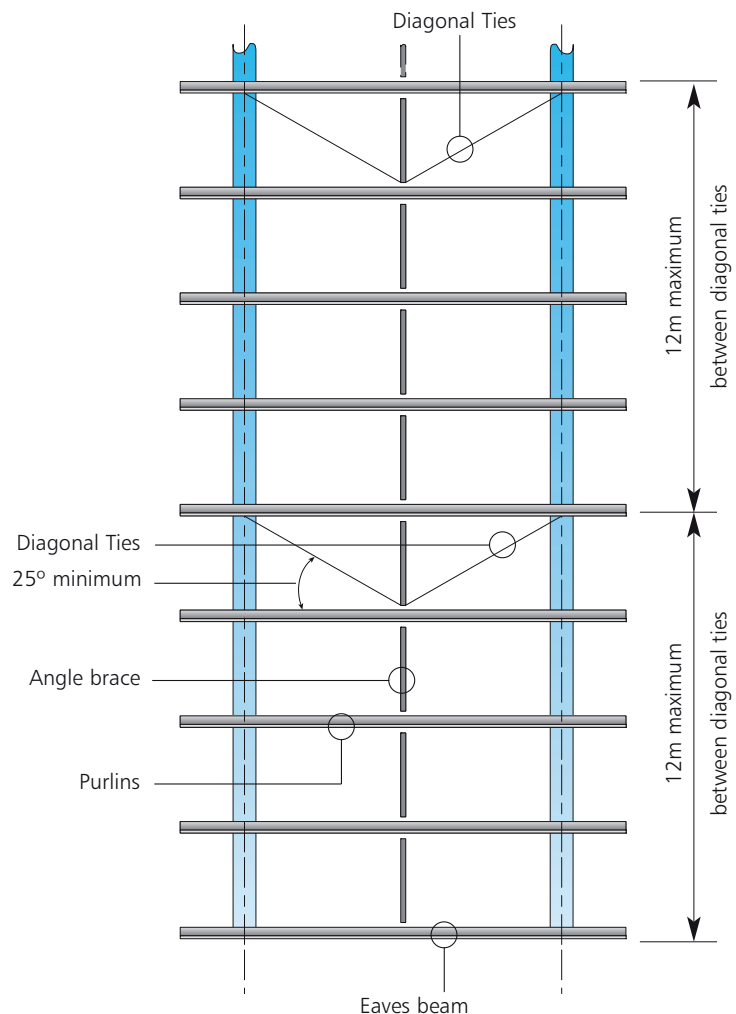
# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

## ZED PURLIN SYSTEMS

### STEEP PITCH ROOFS

Where roof slopes are greater than  $25^\circ$  but no greater than  $35^\circ$  the following points should be considered:

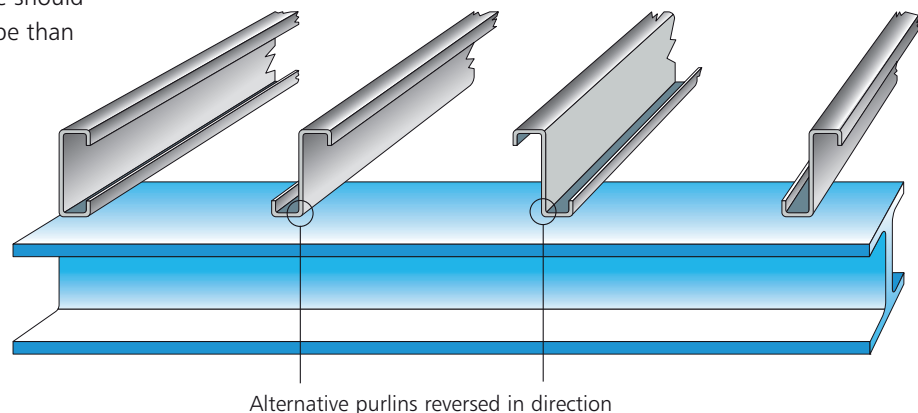
1. Use angle braces and cranked apex struts to replace normal sag bars. (Minimum number of rows provided on page 09).
2. Use diagonal ties at intervals of no more than 12m on the slope length, to assist with absorption of roof plane forces.
3. Reduce purlin capacity by including down-slope load component. This is most simply achieved by using the design program which automatically includes down-slope components for pitches greater than  $25^\circ$ .
4. Check purlin cleats for down-slope load component, use heavy duty cleats if required.



PLAN ON STEEP ROOF

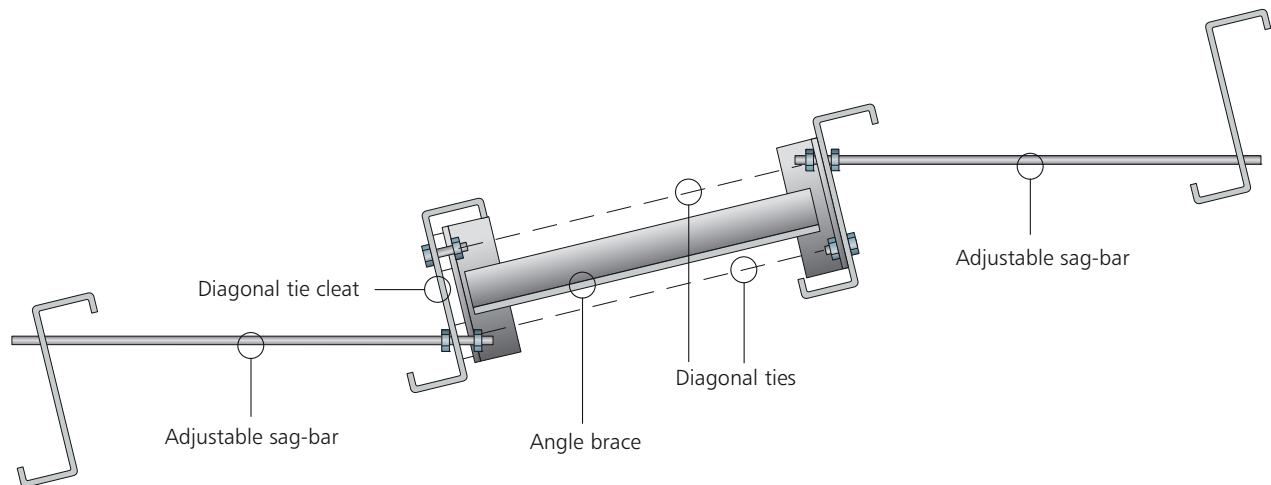
### SHALLOW PITCH ROOFS

For very flat roofs, say below  $3^\circ$ , particularly if the span exceeds 6m or if non restraining cladding is used then, in addition to the sag systems indicated in this manual the use of purlin reversals is highly recommended to balance the extensive up-slope restraint forces which develop due to the zed shape. This is particularly important in the case of any long slopes or monopitches and there should be slightly more zeds pointing up the slope than down slope.



## LONG ROOF SLOPES

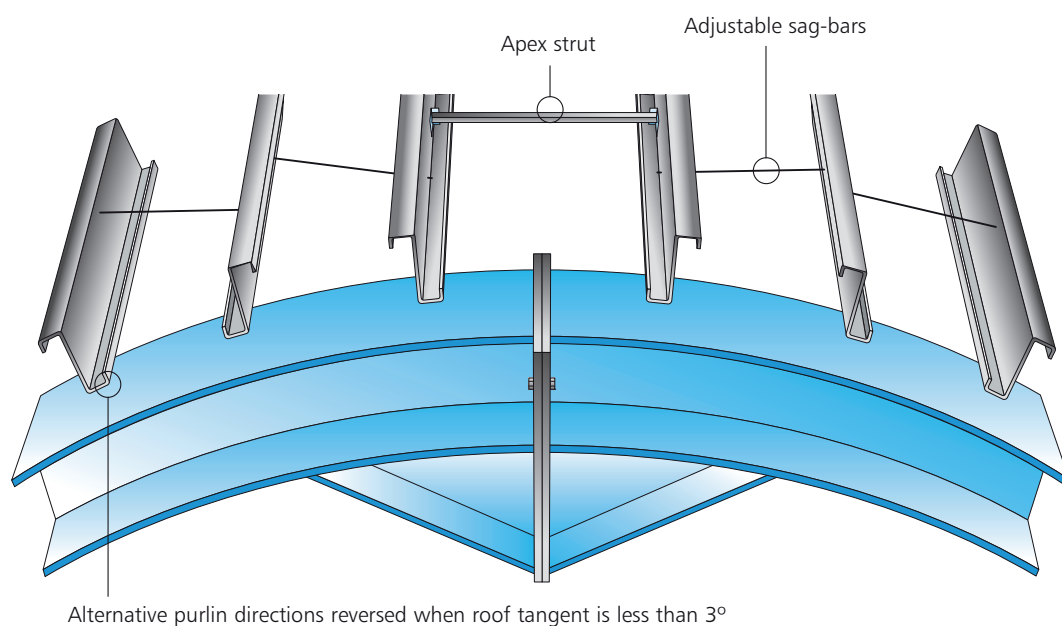
For roof slopes in excess of 20m in length (on the slope), and with a pitch of greater than  $3^\circ$  it is recommended that each sub-length is divided into 20m (maximum) length sections and that each section is stiffened in the roof plane by the addition of angle struts and diagonal ties, as indicated. For long roofs with a pitch below  $3^\circ$  a similar system should be adopted but the diagonal ties should be acting in the opposite direction.



## CURVED ROOFS

Curved roofs become flat near the apex and it is recommended that in the near-ridge zone, when the tangent to the roof cladding is less than  $3^\circ$ , then purlin reversals should be adopted as in the diagram. (ie The near-ridge zone is treated as a shallow pitch roof.)

**Note:** Anti-sag bars (number of rows and type) to be taken from the table on page 09.





# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

## ZED PURLIN SYSTEMS

### TILED ROOFS

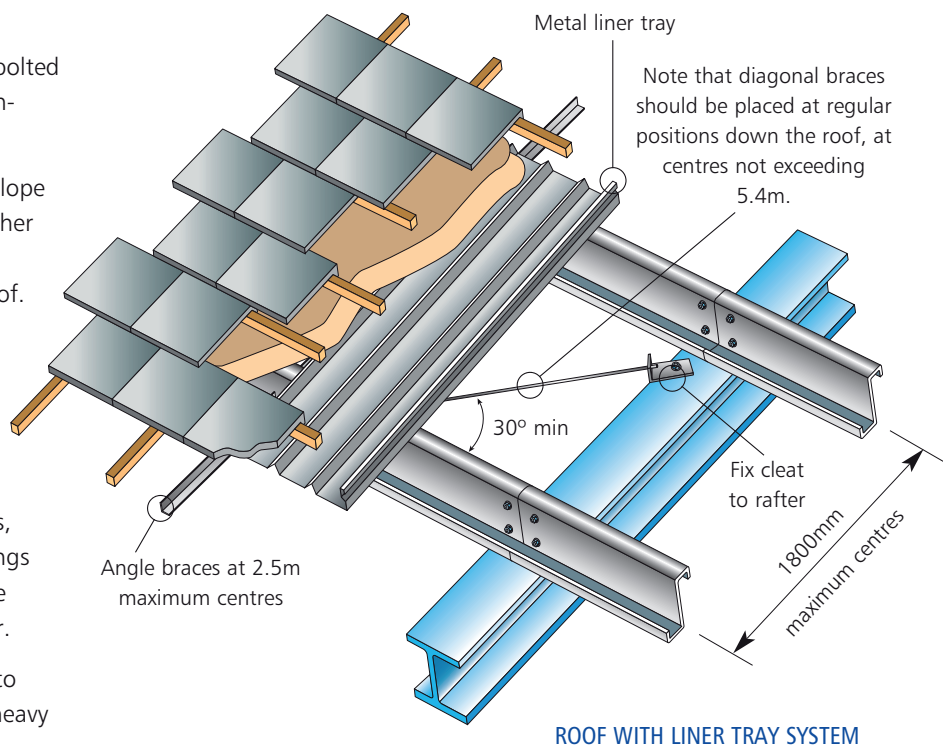
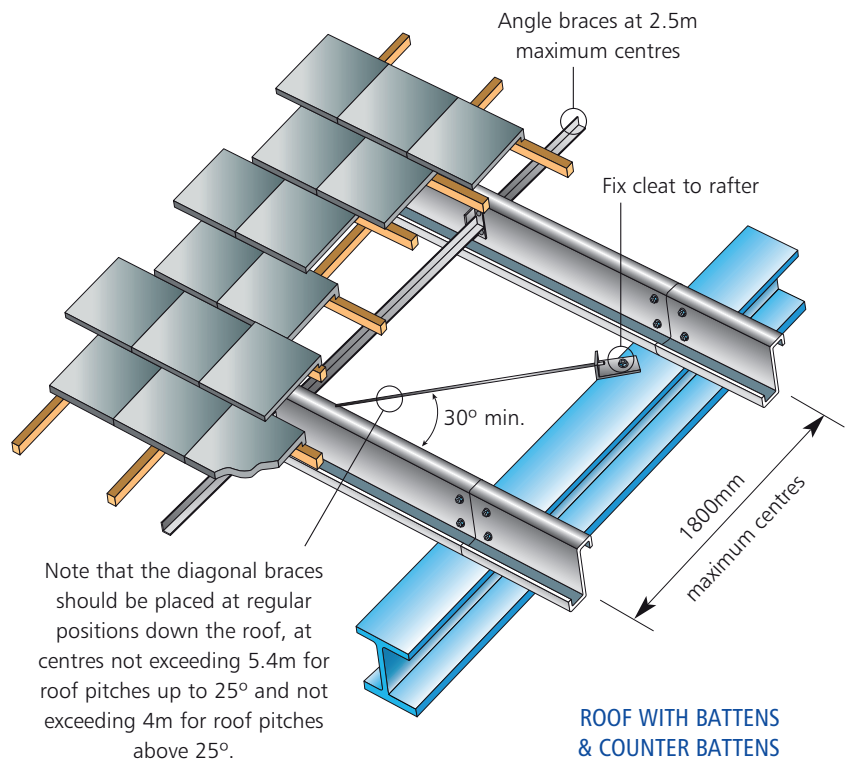
Cold rolled purlins are increasingly being used to support tiled roofs. This application is particularly suitable for Zeds which have principal axes inclined from the web axes and which consequently have upslope restraint forces acting in opposition to the downslope load component thus minimising the large downslope forces inherent to this form of roofing.

Two types of application are common for use with natural slate or concrete tile materials:

1. Tiles may be fitted to timber battens nailed to counter battens which are screw fixed to the top flange of the purlins.
2. Tiles may be fitted to timber battens fixed to a proprietary metal liner tray.

Some special considerations are required when designing a tiled roof:

1. Purlins should be limited to a deflection of span/300 in the web plane to avoid visible sag.
2. Where a building is ridged, when timber counter battens are used they should be bolted together at the ridge to balance the down-slope forces so far as is possible.
3. Any timber counter battens fixed up the slope of the roof should be attached to each other with metal straps to assist in carrying the tensile forces which will develop in the roof.
4. The Sag-System must be sufficiently robust to handle the down-slope load component, and the purlins require to be designed for two-way bending, as in the steep roof section above. Use angle braces at sag member positions, in conjunction with diagonal ties. If loadings are substantial the diagonal ties should be fixed directly to the steel supporting rafter.
5. Cleats should be checked for their ability to handle the large down-slope forces, use heavy duty cleats if necessary.

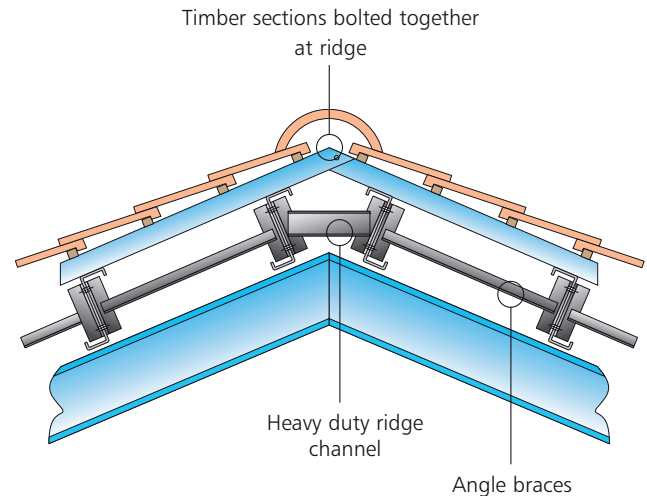


## TILED ROOFS

No load tables are provided for this application and assistance in particular situations can be obtained by discussing the requirements with Steadmans, or the design program can be used if the roof pitch exceeds  $25^\circ$ .

Some typical details are provided, for the purpose of general guidance in the design of these roofs.

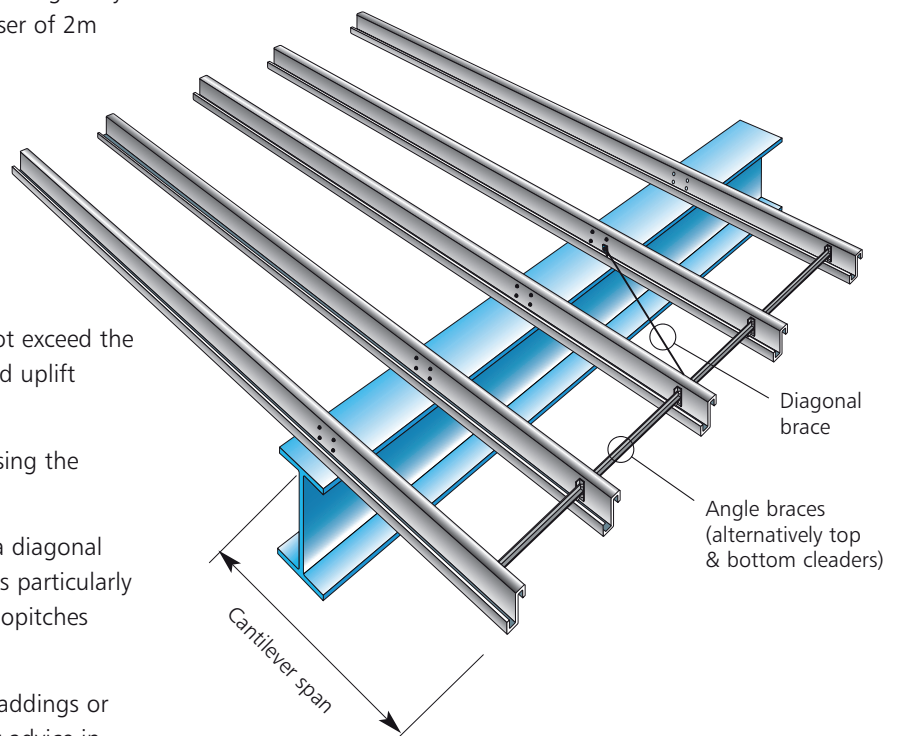
Note that in addition to the use of natural materials Steadmans offer the unique Meta-Slate roof system which combines the natural look of slate with the lightweight construction of pressed steel construction (see separate technical brochure). Purlins for this application should be designed as for non-restraining metal cladding.



## CANTILEVER PURLINS

These are frequently required to form gable overhangs, with or without deep soffit framing. Performance depends on the purlin section and on the backing span. The purlin section should be no less than that required for the adjacent main span, selected in the absence of the cantilever loading. Where deflections are critical the purlin section should be chosen accordingly, following the guidance below. Purlin sections should be confirmed by evaluation, considering the following parameters:

1. Purlin section must be continuous over the gable frame.
2. Maximum cantilever span is 30% of the backing span, but not greater than 3m.
3. Bottom flange should be restrained by cladding or by restraints at centres not exceeding the lesser of 2m and ten times the section depth.
4. Purlin ends should be braced with cleader angles top & bottom or with an angle brace providing torsional restraint, placed near the end. Restraint should be carried across the ridge where applicable.
5. The factored BM at the support should not exceed the purlin moment capacity for gravity or wind uplift effects ( $M_c$  in the section property table).
6. Tip deflection should be limited by increasing the purlin section, if required.
7. Where the cantilever span exceeds 1.0m a diagonal tie should be fitted as in the sketch. This is particularly important in the case of steep roofs, monopitches and heavy claddings.
8. Special care is required with heavy roof claddings or tiled roof systems. Refer to Steadmans for advice in particular cases.



# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

## EAVES BEAMS

### SECTIONS

Three depths of eaves beam are available. Folded indented sections with a maximum length of 10m are available in 200mm and 240mm depth. A 300mm deep Cee section eaves beam is available up to a span of 12.5m to complement the 300 series of purlin sections. These are available in the thicknesses indicated. Eaves beams are usually single spanning but the 200 and 240 series may be supplied as double-spanning up to a 5m span and the 300 series can be double-spanning up to a 7.5m span.

The 300mm deep eaves beams may be optionally used with counterformed holes and countersunk bolts, with either countersunk holes or spacer plates as indicated.

It is recommended that at least one row of eaves braces should be adopted, even where a zero row of sag bars is used with the purlins. Additionally the number of rows of eaves braces should not be less than the number of rows of sag bars for purlins, as in the table on page 09, or as selected by the designer to suit any particular design. Removal of eaves braces should only be carried out if the

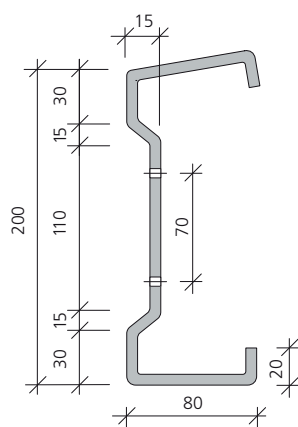
roof designer is confident that the structural implications have been fully considered.

Eaves braces perform the following functions:

1. Reduce the horizontal design span for side wind.
2. Assist with dispersing horizontal wind loads into the roof diaphragm.
3. Reduce any twisting due to eaves gutters and with erection of roof cladding.

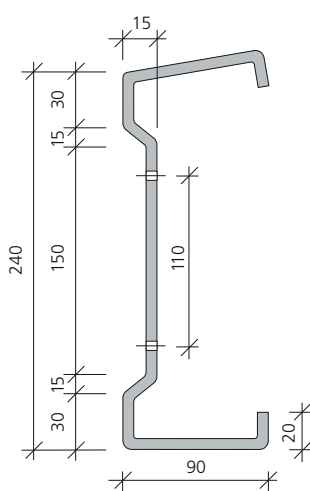
The eaves beam design tables and design disk are based on the assumption that the top flange is fully restrained by the roof cladding and care is required where this is not the case, for example where standing seam or clip-fixed cladding are used without a suitably stiff liner panel. Most design situations can be handled using the design disk but due to the many conditions that may be met in practise, section properties are provided to assist the designer with any individual designs that may be required.

200 EAVES BEAM SERIES



Rake to flanges available from 0° to 35°  
(above 35° contact Steadmans)

240 EAVES BEAM SERIES



300 EAVES BEAM SERIES

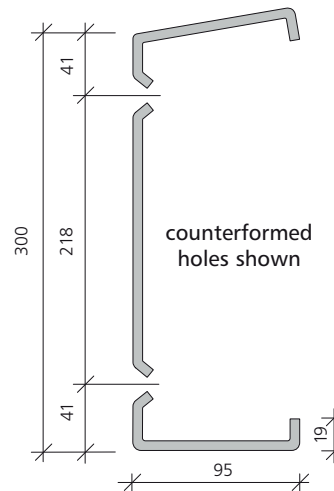


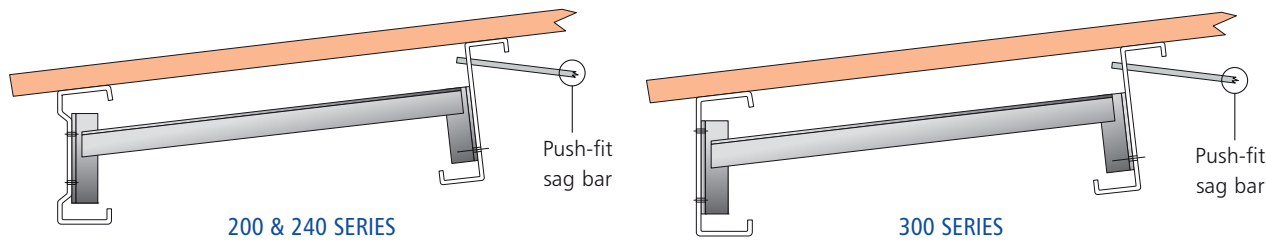
Table 05: Sections

| Section  | Weight (kg/m) | S <sub>xe</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> ) | I <sub>xx</sub> (cm <sup>4</sup> ) | Z <sub>yy</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> ) | I <sub>yy</sub> (cm <sup>4</sup> ) | R <sub>yy</sub> (mm) | P <sub>oc</sub> |
|----------|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| EB200/16 | 5.10          | 35.48                              | 373.8                              | 8.66                               | 44.9                               | 26.3                 | 350             |
| EB200/20 | 6.35          | 47.68                              | 487.7                              | 10.64                              | 55.1                               | 26.1                 | 350             |
| EB200/25 | 7.90          | 61.70                              | 620.3                              | 13.02                              | 67.3                               | 25.9                 | 350             |
| EB240/25 | 9.08          | 83.09                              | 1009.3                             | 15.80                              | 94.1                               | 28.5                 | 350             |
| EB240/30 | 10.84         | 101.18                             | 1218.0                             | 18.58                              | 110.6                              | 28.3                 | 350             |
| EB300/30 | 11.97         | 134.59                             | 2026.0                             | 22.32                              | 159.0                              | 32.3                 | 329             |

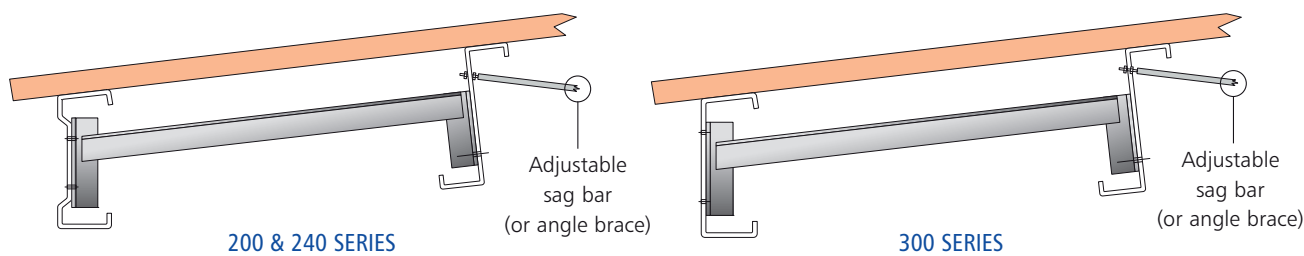


# TYPICAL EAVES BEAM DETAILS

## EAVES BRACES FOR ROOF SLOPE LENGTH UP TO 18M



## EAVES BRACES FOR ROOF SLOPE LENGTH GREATER THAN 18M



# TYPICAL CONNECTIONS TO COLUMN HEADS



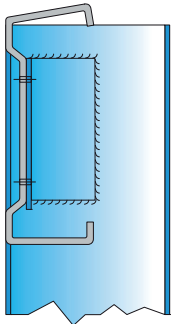
## OUTSTAND CONNECTIONS

# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

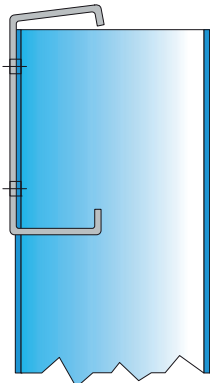
## EAVES BEAMS

### TYPICAL CONNECTIONS TO COLUMN HEADS

FLUSH COLUMN  
CONNECTIONS

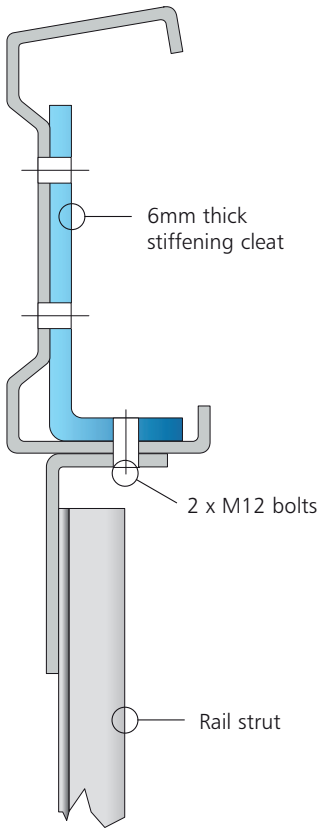


200 & 240 SERIES

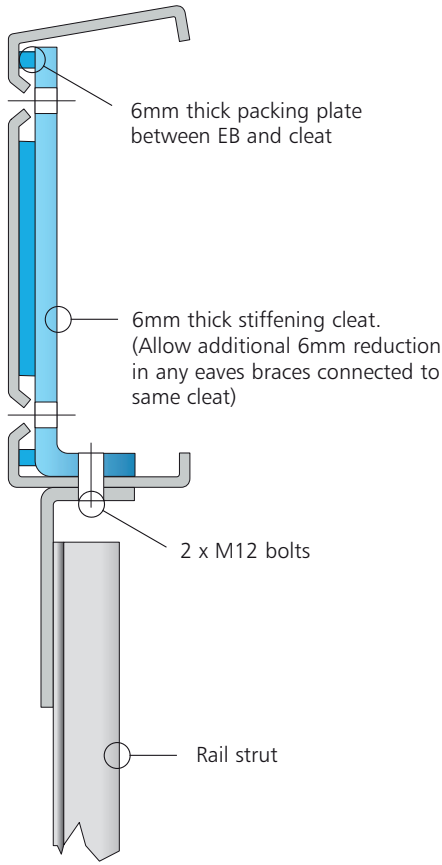


300 SERIES

### CONNECTIONS BETWEEN EAVES BEAMS AND RAIL STRUTS



200 & 240 SERIES



300 SERIES

## ZED AND CEE SHEETING RAILS

Sheeting rails may be selected as either Zed profile or Cee profile sections. These are formed from the same coils and are each available in the same depth and thickness range. Cees may be substituted for Zeds at window and door framing and at composite cladding joints, etc.

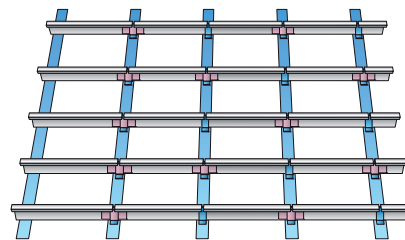
The two types of section can be mixed on the same rail line though it is not possible to locate sleeves on the junction between Zeds and Cees. Each system should be regarded separately between such junctions when considering load capacities.

Three basic systems are given in this manual, i.e. the Sleeved System, the Butted System and the Double Span (Brick Restraint) System. A Heavy End-Bay System can be used though in practice this may be hampered by interaction with door standards, etc, and the designer will require to exercise caution if this system is used (and indeed may require to anticipate the possibilities of future alterations to the wall structure). The design disc provides a method of load assessment for this system.

### SLEEVED SYSTEM

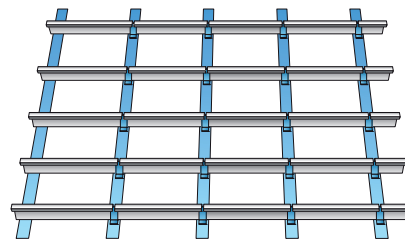
This is a system of single bay length sections with sleeves at penultimate supports and at alternative internal supports.

**Minimum number of spans is 2 and the maximum span is 12.5 metres.** Details are on page 32.



### BUTTED SYSTEM

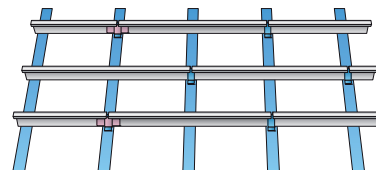
This is a single span system. The system is required for single bay length rails and is efficient for short spans or light wind loadings. Sections can be fitted running past the supports or may be within the depth of supporting sections. **Maximum span is 11.4 metres.** Details are on page 32.



### DOUBLE SPAN SYSTEM (BRICK RESTRAINT)

This is a relatively stiff system intended for use as brickwork restraints, or as window framing. **Minimum number of spans is 2 and maximum transport length of section is 15 metres thus maximum span is 7.5 metres.**

Use double-span sections for the full length if the wall has an even number of bays and use a triple-span rail, ie double-span plus a sleeve, if an odd number of bays. Section thickness may require to increase for the triple-span case to compensate for the reduced stiffness, when compared with the double span system. Details are on page 32.



DESIGN DISK ALLOWS FOR  
VARIATION IN DEFLECTION  
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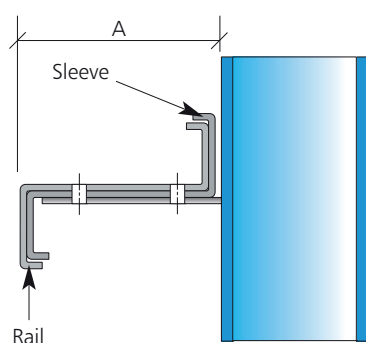
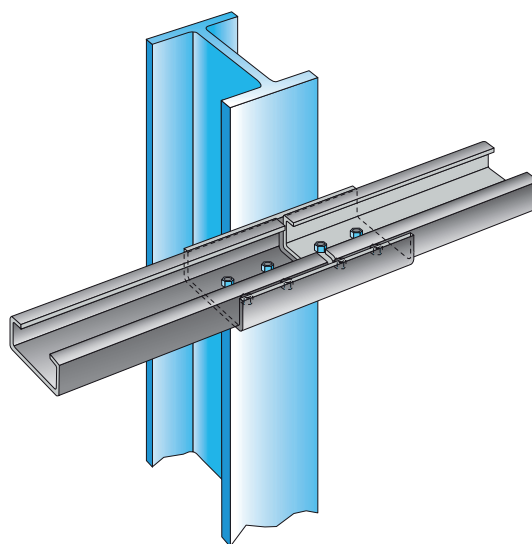
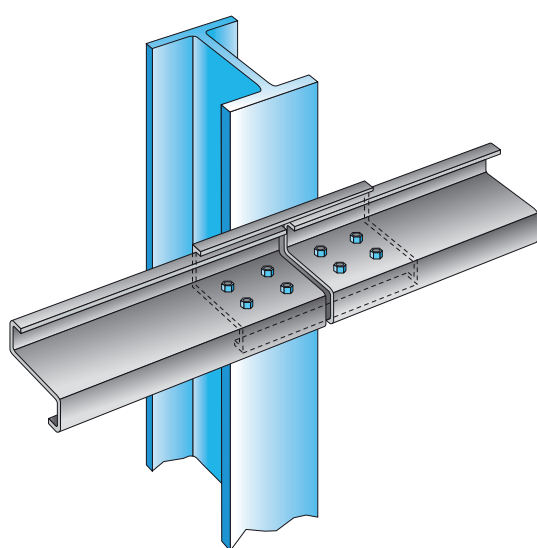
# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

## ZED AND CEE SHEETING RAILS

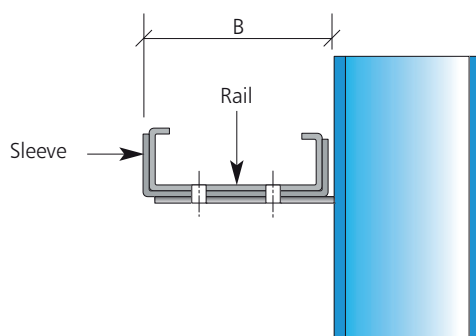
### SLEEVED RAIL SYSTEM

Typical connections are illustrated for sleeved joints for both Zed and Cee Sections.

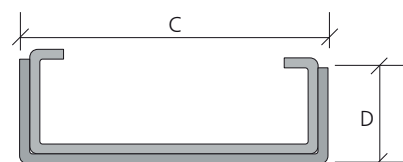
Note that the sleeves for the Zed System may be the same thickness as the rail section but sleeves for the Cee System are provided in one standard thickness for each rail depth.



ZED RAILS



CEE RAILS



SECTION AT SLEEVED CEE  
SECTION RAIL

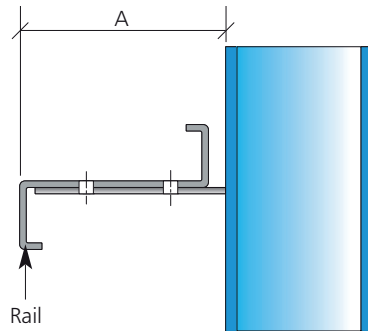
Table 06

| Rail Depth | Dimension A | Dimension B | Dimension C | Dimension D | Thickness for Cee Sleeve |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 140        | 148         | 147         | 146         | 60          | 2.0                      |
| 170        | 178         | 177         | 177         | 60          | 2.5                      |
| 200        | 208         | 207         | 207         | 70          | 2.5                      |
| 240        | 248         | 247         | 248         | 70          | 3.0                      |
| 300        | 308         | 307         | 308         | 90          | 3.0                      |

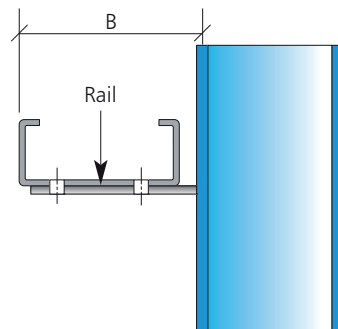
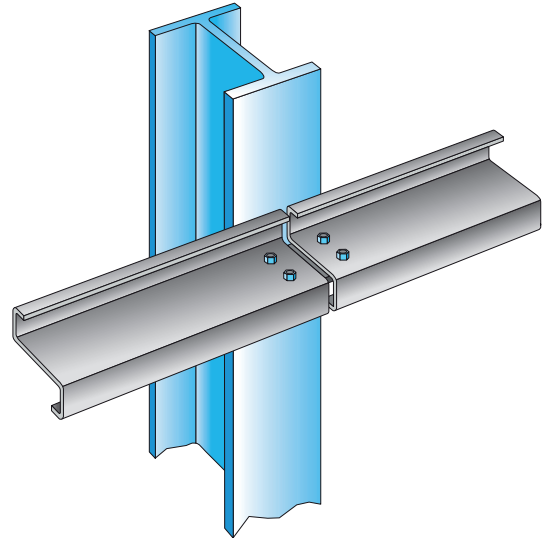
ZED RAIL FLANGE TO THE  
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## BUTTED & DOUBLE SPAN RAIL SYSTEM

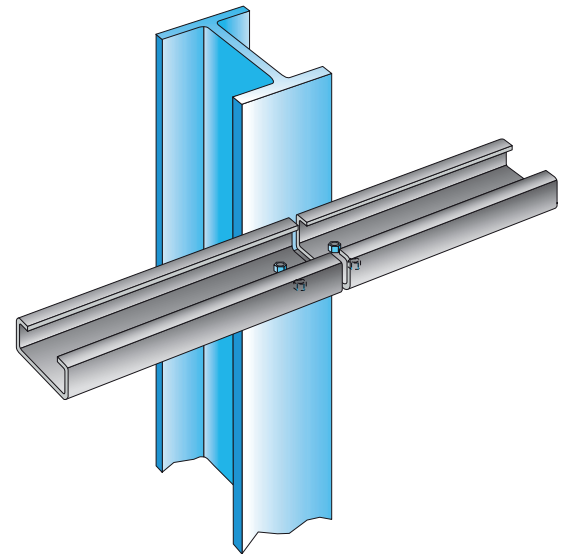
The connections for these two systems are identical except that the Butted System has a butted connection at every frame and the double-span system has a butted joint at alternative connections and is continuous over intermediate supports.



ZED RAILS



CEE RAILS

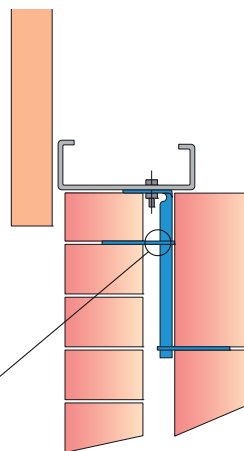


## TYPICAL BRICK RESTRAINT DETAILS

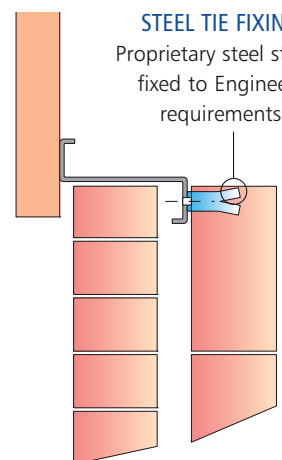
Typical details are indicated for illustration. The brickwork designer is responsible for design of the blockwork to rail connections and should select rails on the basis of a suitable deflection limit.

A deflection limit of  $\text{span}/300$  is commonly employed and the design program defaults to that limit for double span systems. The user may alter this as required.

**STEEL STRAP FIXING**  
Steel straps and ties to Engineers requirements



**STEEL TIE FIXING**  
Proprietary steel straps fixed to Engineers requirements





# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

## ZED AND CEE SHEETING RAILS

### SHEETING RAIL SAG-SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The user should note that it is assumed in the development of details and load tables that wall claddings will provide a diaphragm action and will be positively fixed to the rails, thereby eliminating vertical bending in the rails. Any claddings which do not meet these criteria should be referred to Steadmans, or the program may be used with the cladding weight included.

The number of rows of sags members for normal use is provided in the table, shown below for restraining-type metal cladding and fibre-cement cladding. The table also provides limiting dimensions for a number of cases.

Less limiting conditions can be applied for support of restraining type metal cladding, in certain cases. Where the cladding weight can be carried by floors, brick wall heads or eaves beams or by diaphragm action, and where the reduced wind load capacity is acceptable then 0 rows of sag bars may be adopted up to a 6.3m span, and a single row may be used up to a 7.6m span. In the case of 0 rows being adopted then temporary supports may be required to prevent sag in the rails during erection.

The usual system of rail restraints comprises the use of 45 x 45 x 2 angle section rail struts, with diagonal ties, as indicated on the next page.

**Table 07: Limiting Dimensions for normal conditions**

| Cladding type                   | Case   | Number of rows of sag members |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |  | 0                             | 1     | 2     | 3     |
| Restraining type metal cladding | Maximum span for Normal Sag System           | 3.0m                          | 6.3m  | 10.0m | 12.5m |
|                                 | Maximum panel height /set of diagonal braces | n/a                           | 10.0m | 10.0m | 7.5m  |
| Fibre-cement cladding           | Maximum span                                 | 2.4m                          | 5.1m  | 7.6m  | 10.0m |
|                                 | Maximum panel height /set of diagonal braces | n/a                           | 7.0m  | 7.0m  | 6.0m  |

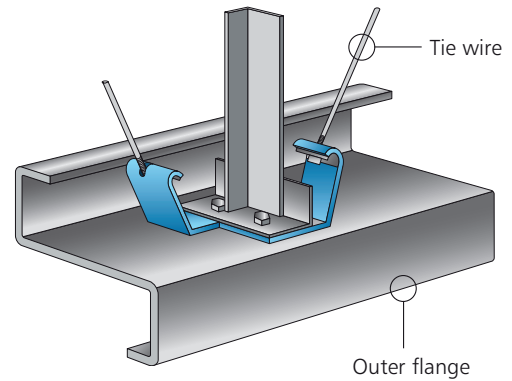
#### Additional Notes:

1. In the case of multiple rows of rails the maximum number of rails per set of diagonals should be limited to 8.
2. For double-row sag systems in walls the sag members are placed at 1/3 spans for a uniform appearance. For triple row systems place sag members at 1/4 spans.
3. For spans in excess of 10m use heavy duty angular diagonal ties in place of tie wires.
4. Advice should be sought from Steadmans when supporting any special claddings, such as clip fixed, which offer less restraint and reduced diaphragm action.
5. Support cleats should be checked for their capacity to handle wall cladding weight where this exceeds 13kg/m<sup>2</sup> or where flat plate cleats are used. Similarly if wall glazing or other deflection sensitive claddings are used then the designer should confirm that the cleats have adequate bending resistance and consideration should be given to using heavy duty angular diagonal ties in such conditions.

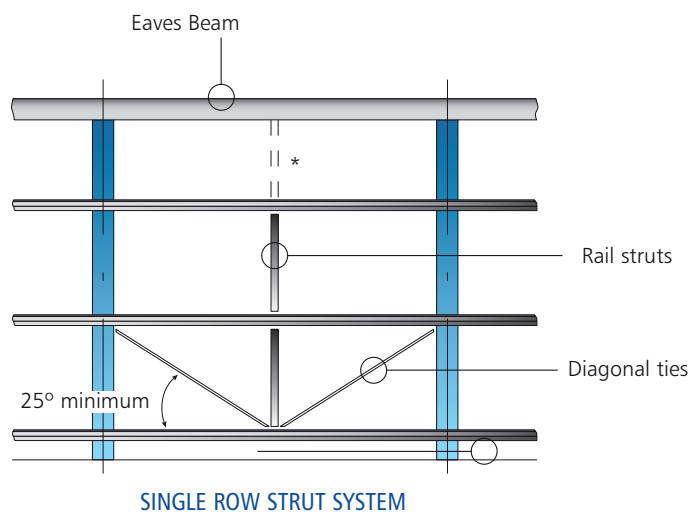
## SHEETING RAIL SAG SYSTEMS

\* Note that for restraining type metal cladding up to 10m high the diagonal ties may be removed if the rail struts are taken up and securely fixed to the underside of the eaves beam, provided the eaves beam is designed to carry its tributary weight of wall panel. The fixing to the eaves beam should incorporate a stiffening cleat for wall heights greater than 4m, or with heavy claddings.

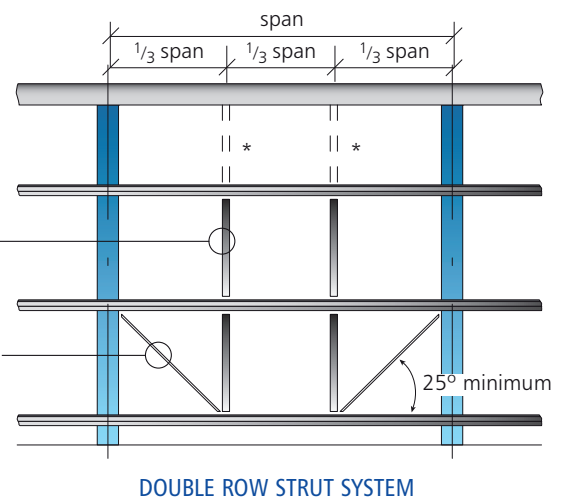
(See Eaves Beam section on page 16 for details.)



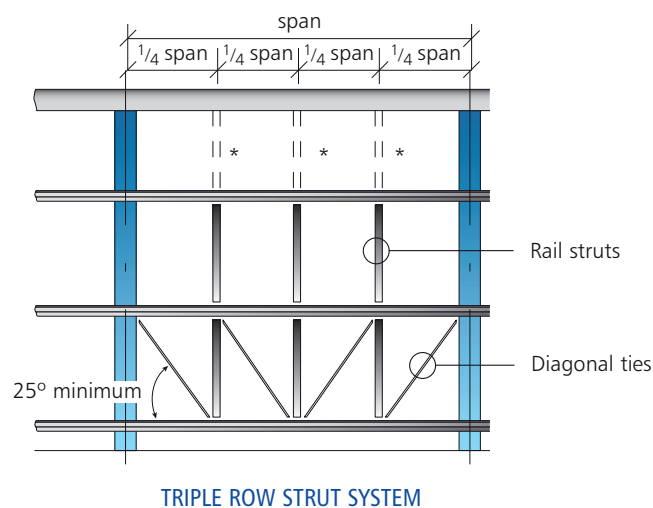
DIAGONAL TIE FIXING TO RAIL STRUT



SINGLE ROW STRUT SYSTEM



DOUBLE ROW STRUT SYSTEM



TRIPLE ROW STRUT SYSTEM

DIAGONAL TIES SHOULD  
BE ANCHORED TO THE  
CLEAT BOLTS NEAREST  
THE COLUMN FLANGE

# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

## ZED AND CEE SHEETING RAILS

### HORIZONTAL WALL CLADDING REQUIREMENTS

Horizontal cladding is often used in conjunction with cold rolled rail systems. Some examples are provided to assist the designer in deciding suitable cladding support. In all cases the eaves beam or structural top member should be checked for horizontal wind loading, in addition to any vertical loading.

#### Type 1

##### Eaves Beam designed for wall cladding weight

The number and position of vertical rails will depend on cladding requirements. Horizontal rails should generally be selected as for vertical claddings, but load capacity may require to be reduced when the spacing between vertical rails exceeds 2 metres. (Refer to Steadmans.)

#### Type 2

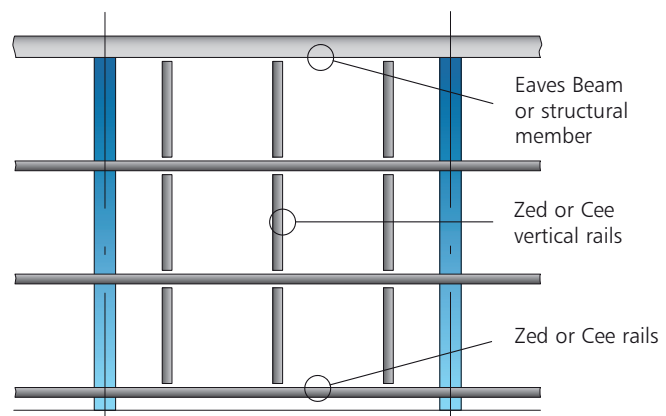
##### Eaves member not designed to carry wall cladding weight

Horizontal rails should be selected as above. The minimum number of sets of diagonal ties should be as given in the table on page 22. Vertical rails should be spaced to suit the cladding but should also satisfy the minimum angle shown for diagonal ties. Load capacity for horizontal rails may require to be reduced when the spacing between vertical rails exceeds 2 metres, as noted above. Support cleats should be checked for their capacity to handle wall cladding weight where this exceeds 13kg/m<sup>2</sup> or where flat plate cleats are used.

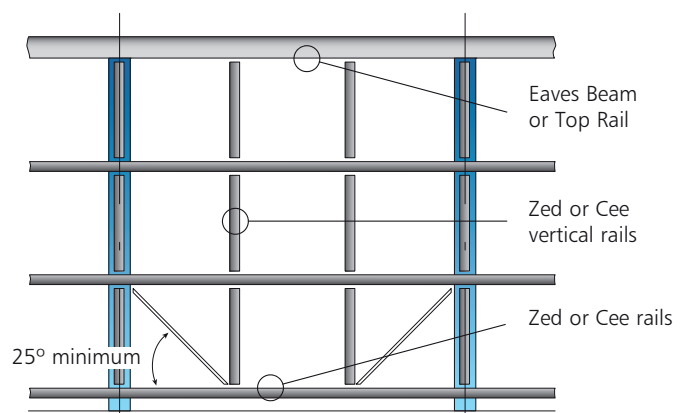
#### Type 3

##### Vertical Rail System

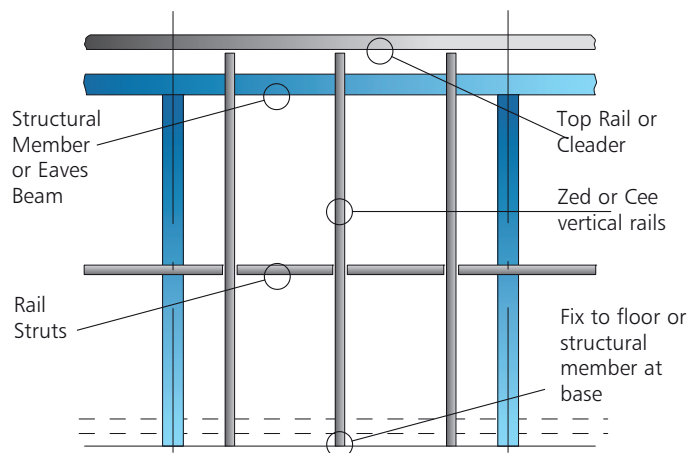
Vertical rails should be selected as for a Butted rail system of the same span as the vertical distance between top and bottom supports. Use horizontal struts at the minimum number of locations as recommended for sag members for the same span. The top member may be a structural section or eaves beam depending on the nature of construction. The base of the posts may be fixed to the floor or a structural section can be used. Top and bottom members must be designed for horizontal wind loading as dictated by the construction details.



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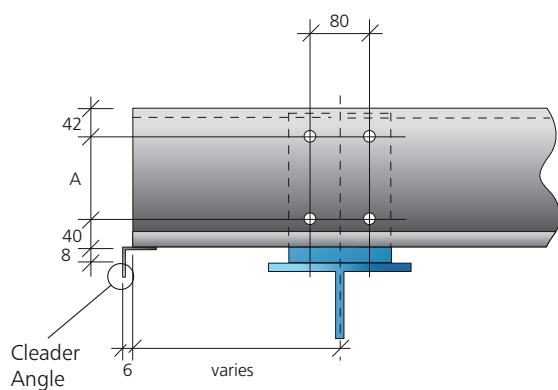


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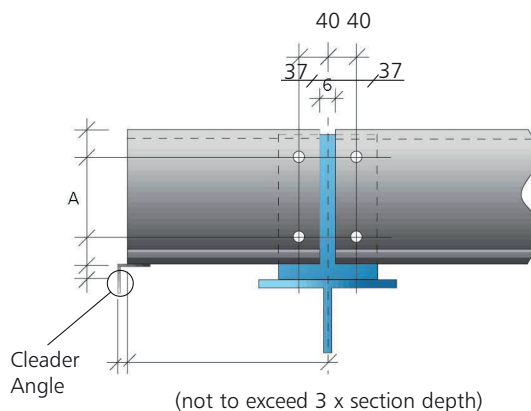


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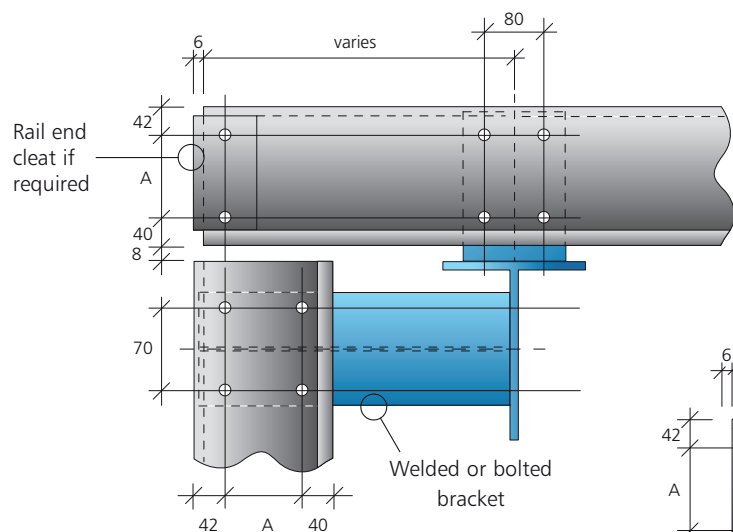
## TYPICAL ZED SECTION DETAILS (CEE SECTIONS SIMILAR)



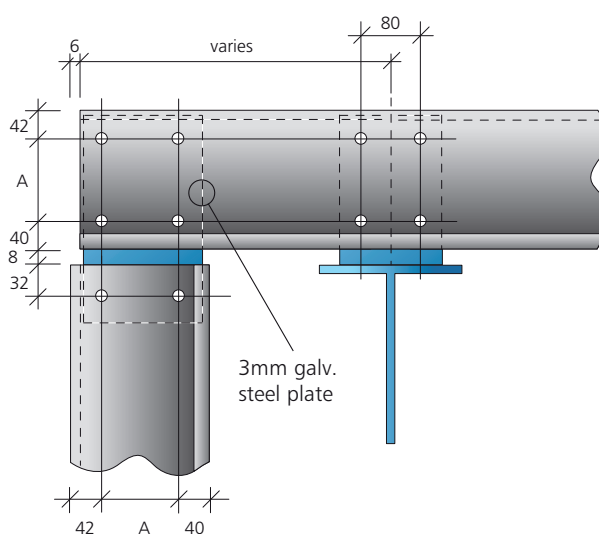
**GABLE PURLIN DETAIL**



**ALTERNATIVE GABLE PURLIN DETAIL**  
(or can use a sleeve at extendable gable)



**CORNER RAIL CONNECTIONS**



**ALTERNATIVE CORNER RAIL CONNECTION**

**Table 08**

| Depth | A   |
|-------|-----|
| 140   | 58  |
| 170   | 88  |
| 200   | 118 |
| 240   | 158 |
| 300   | 218 |

Dimensions in mm

# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

### PARAPET FRAMING

Steadmans produce a variety of zeds and cees which can provide a flexible range of solutions to parapet framing.

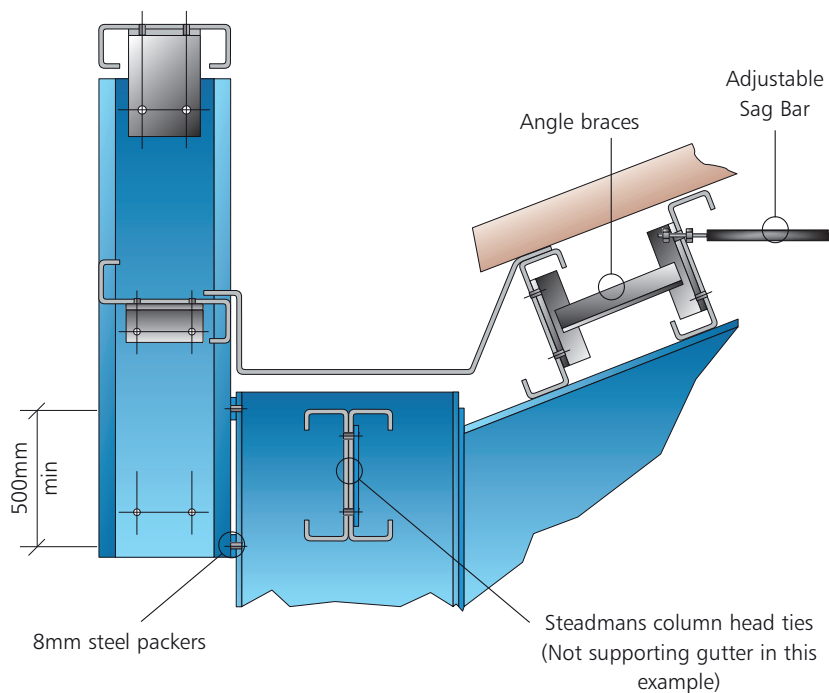
Parapet posts may be fabricated from standard Cee sections bolted together to form double-cees at rail positions and at centres not exceeding 1500mm. (Use the thickest section available for the post depth used, to assist with absorbing bolt tension at the connection.)

Use posts of same depth as rails for flush and convenient connections.

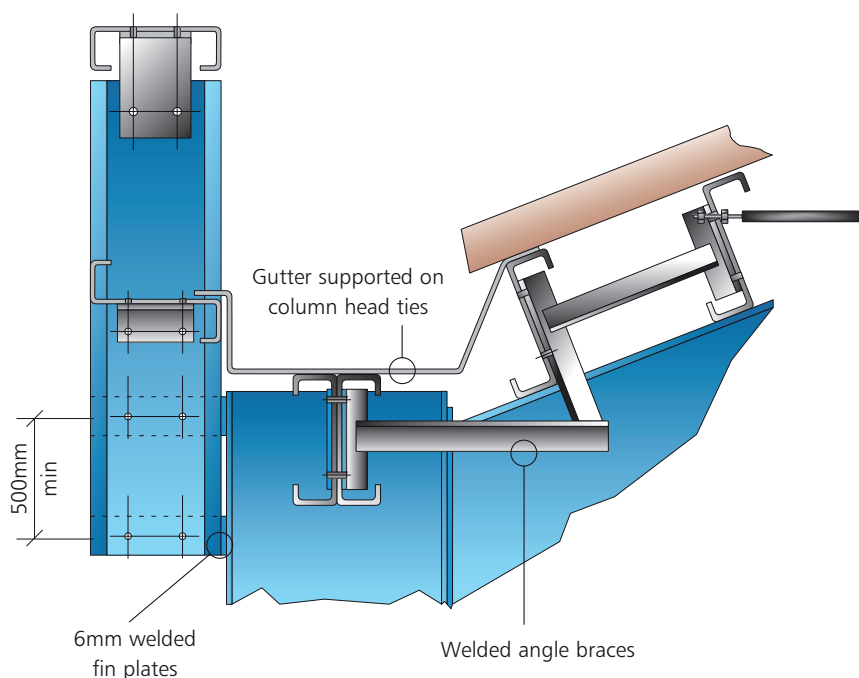
Posts may be bolted to columns via 8mm packer plates. Connection should be designed to suit height of parapet but height between pairs of bolts should not be less than 500mm and use backing plates at the flange when bolt tension exceeds the flange capacity.

Alternatively, for higher wind loadings it may be preferred to weld 6mm fin-plates to the column flanges and to bolt the cees sections on either side.

Particular attention should be paid to wall sag systems to remove sag, when gutters are supported from the rails.



EXAMPLE WITH POST BOLTED TO COLUMN FLANGE



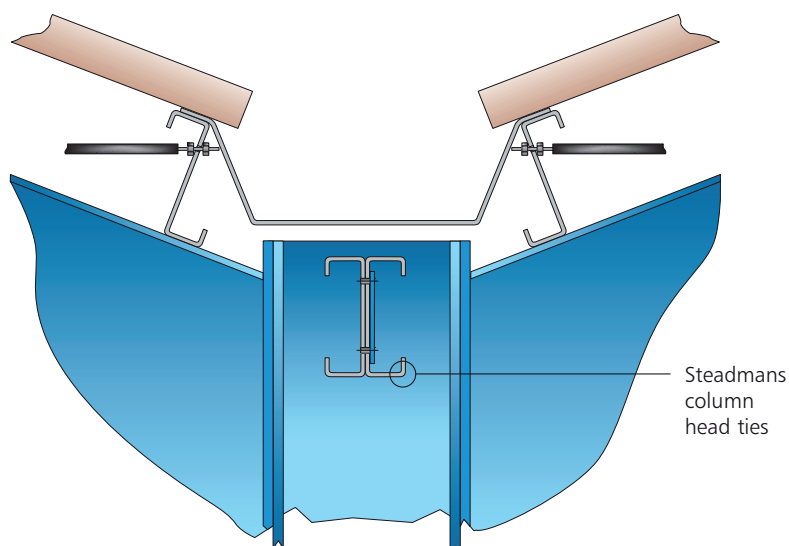
EXAMPLE WITH POST BOLTED TO FIN PLATES AND GUTTER SUPPORTED ON HEAD TIES



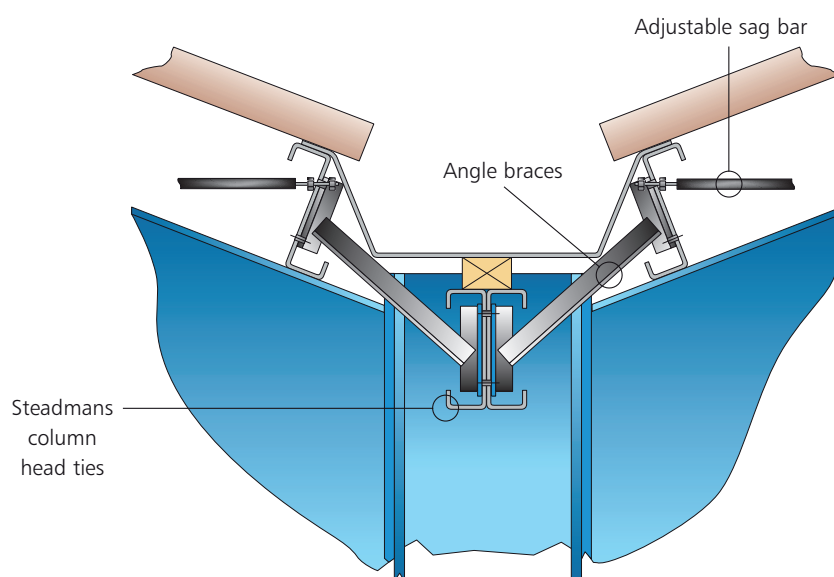
## VALLEY BEAM DETAILS

Cold rolled cees in back-to-back configuration are commonly adopted for support of valley gutters and/or valley column ties. Cees should be bolted together in pairs on the standard gauge lines at ends and at centres not exceeding 1500mm.

Section properties of selected double-Cee beams are provided to assist with design. Design should be carried out to BS EN 1993-1-3:2006 or by reference to Steadmans.



HEAD TIE DETAIL WITH NO GUTTER SUPPORT



HEAD TIE DETAIL WITH GUTTER SUPPORTED BY HEAD TIES

Table 09: Section properties for selected double-cee sections

| Section   | Weight (kg/m) | Sxe (cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Ixx (cm <sup>4</sup> ) | Ryy (mm) | Rxx (mm) | Mc (kNm) |
|-----------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2@C170/18 | 8.94          | 59.16                  | 508                    | 29.6     | 66.8     | 18.86    |
| 2@C200/18 | 10.06         | 76.58                  | 778                    | 30.8     | 77.9     | 24.26    |
| 2@C240/20 | 12.78         | 114.22                 | 1384                   | 31.8     | 92.2     | 35.48    |
| 2@C300/25 | 20.00         | 224.10                 | 3405                   | 40.1     | 116.0    | 69.50    |
| 2@C300/30 | 23.94         | 268.90                 | 4046                   | 40.0     | 115.0    | 88.48    |

# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

### DOOR AND WINDOW FRAMING

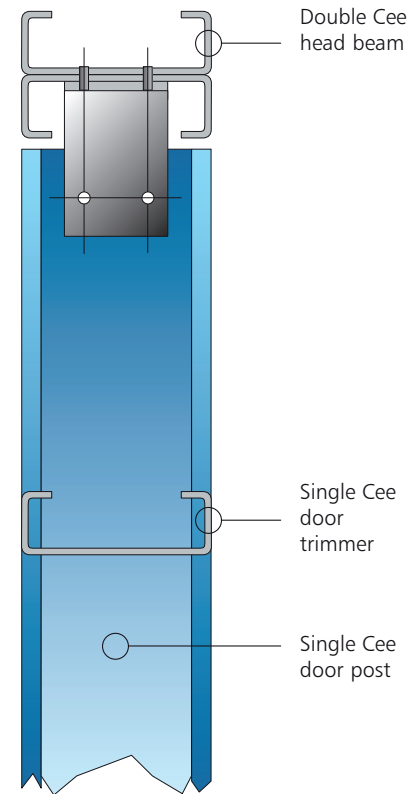
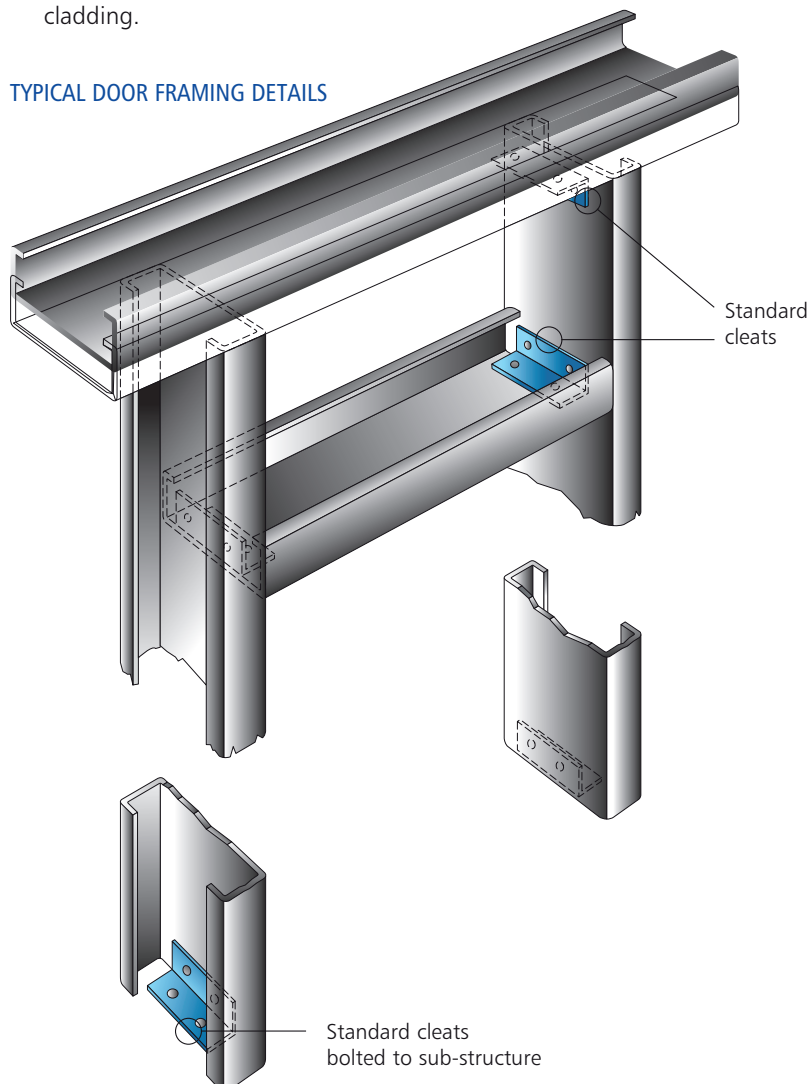
Cee Sections are particularly suited for trimming door and window frames.

Counterformed holes are available as an option, though the use of timber packers at windows and door frames are recommended in order to take up tolerances and slight misalignments and in these cases normal or thin-head bolts may be simpler and more economical.

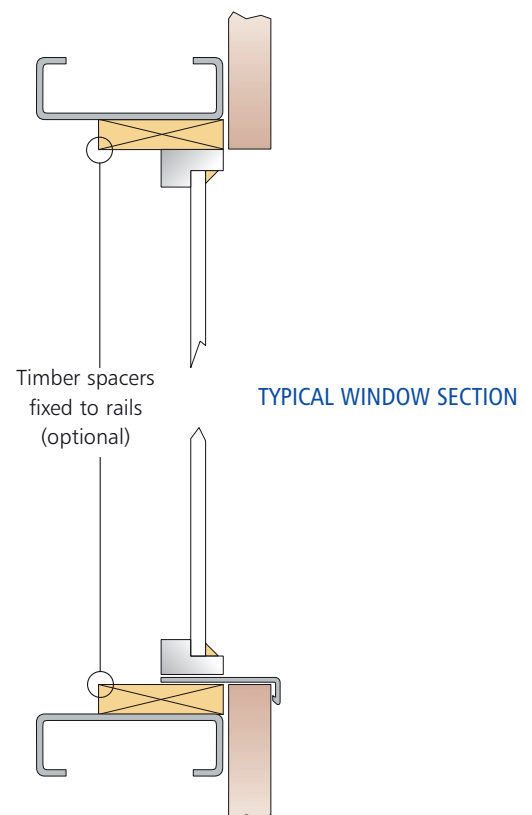
If cold rolled sections are used as framing for overhead doors, then:

1. Check that eaves beam can carry any horizontal wind forces, add eaves braces or a double-Cee head section, as required.
2. Confirm with door supplier that the thin section can carry local forces from the springs and rollers.
3. Use maximum available thickness for section depth utilised.
4. If impact damage is likely then add bollards to protect steelwork and cladding.

#### TYPICAL DOOR FRAMING DETAILS



#### SECTION THROUGH TYPICAL OVERHEAD DOOR



## SUSPENDED SERVICES & POINT LOADS

Services are commonly suspended from the purlins, such loads varying in nature and magnitude. This section gives guidance as to accommodation of the point loadings involved.

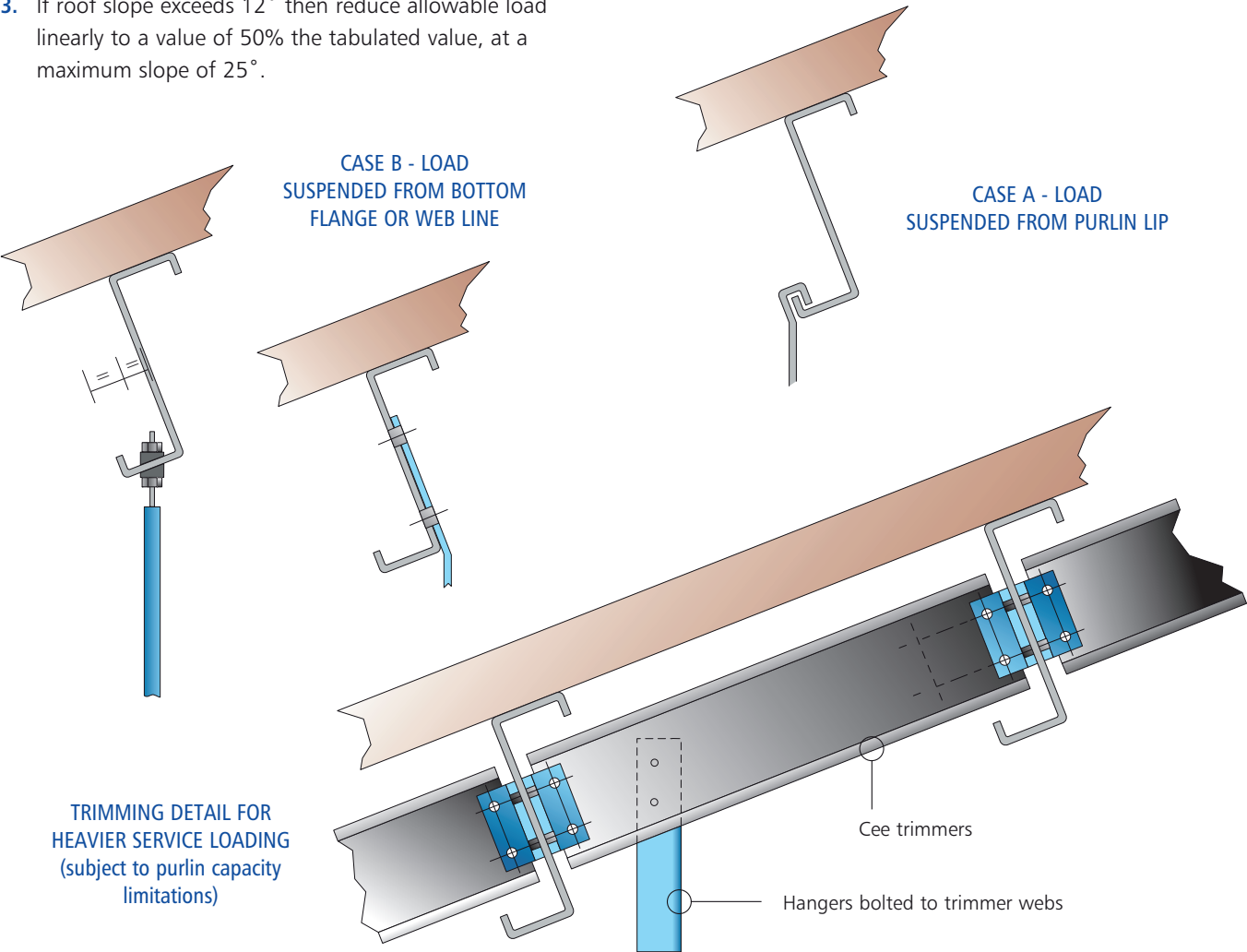
The table below gives the maximum single point load (unfactored) value for typical light loading applications. For use of this table three conditions must be satisfied;

- 1. Load centres to be not less than 500mm,
- 2. Purlin must be selected for a total UDL not less than the sum of the dead load + imposed load + a service load not less than the UDL value which would give the same mid span BM as the point loads on a simple beam of the same span,
- 3. If roof slope exceeds 12° then reduce allowable load linearly to a value of 50% the tabulated value, at a maximum slope of 25°.

For heavier point loadings a steel framework should be adopted as shown below. Maximum point loads applied to the purlin for this system should be determined in agreement with Steadmans.

Table 10: Maximum value for point loads for loading cases A and B

| Thickness | Type A | Type B |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1.4 - 1.6 | 10kg   | 20kg   |
| 1.8 - 2.0 | 15kg   | 30kg   |
| 2.5 - 3.0 | 20kg   | 40kg   |



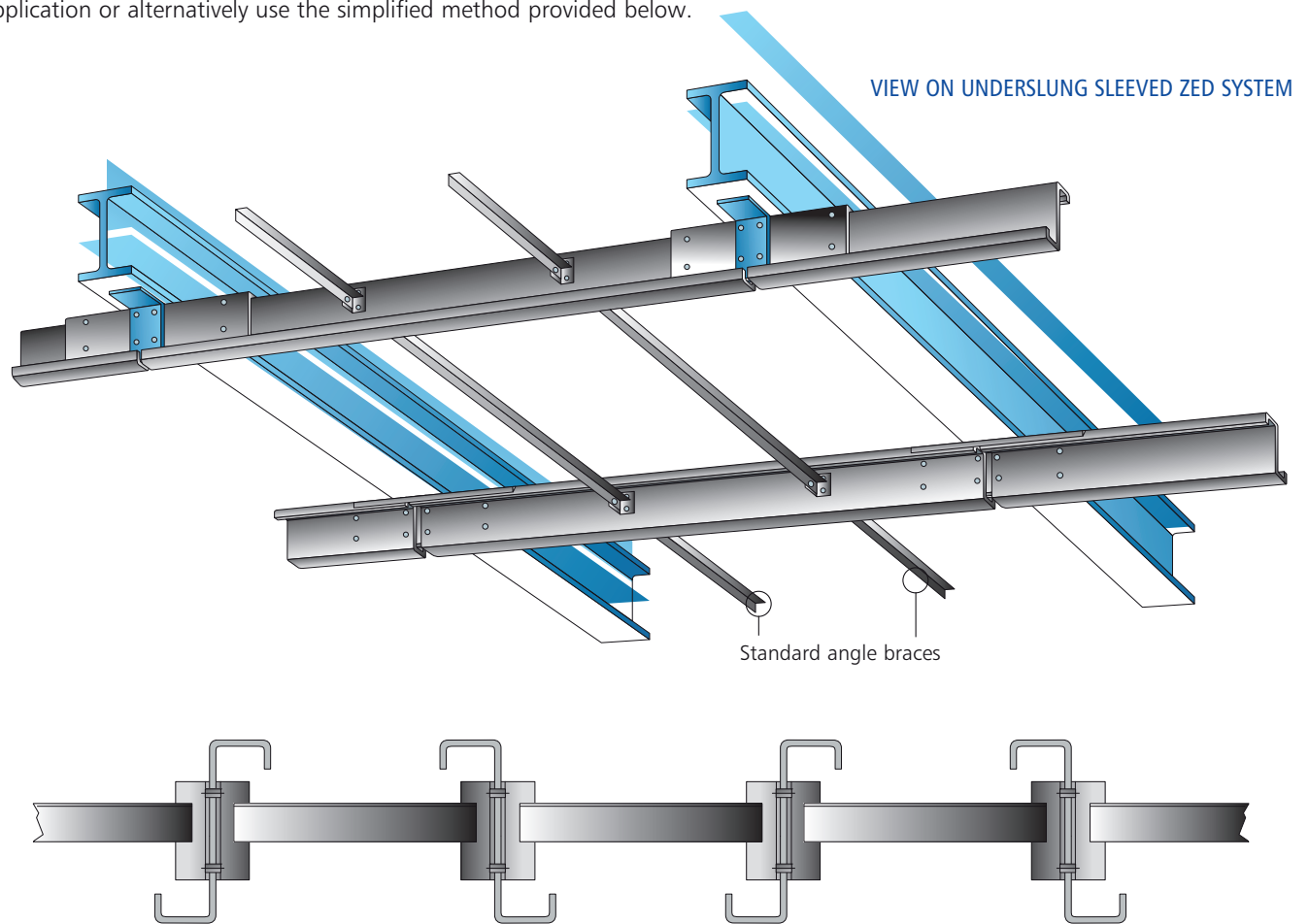
# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

### SUSPENDED CEILINGS

Cold rolled sections are increasingly being used as suspended ceiling supports. Support may be provided by either zeds or cees, provided that sections are properly restrained against twisting and buckling. Sections may be used over or under supports depending on individual circumstances.

Typical details are provided for illustration purposes. Steadmans may be contacted for advice and section design for any application or alternatively use the simplified method provided below.



#### Notes:

1. Torsional and lateral restraint should be applied at supports (cleats) and at mid-span for spans up to 6.1m and at third spans for spans up to 10m. Such restraints should be tied back to a suitable anchorage to prevent lateral movement of the support grid.
2. Select sections of a suitable stiffness to provide a deflection not exceeding the limits provided by the ceiling supplier (usually span/240 to span/360).
3. Zeds may be single spanning or may be sleeved, if details suit. Cees are generally used as single spanning sections.
4. Whether zeds or cees are used they should be used in opposing pairs, as illustrated, to minimise any twisting effects.
5. Sections may be selected from the load tables in the normal way but the tabulated gravity load capacities should be reduced by 50% to allow for the reduced restraint. (No reduction required for deflection controlled values.)

Alternatively, use the design program with 'non-restraining' cladding.

## ZED PURLIN AND RAIL HOLE PUNCHING DETAILS

### HEAVY END-BAY SYSTEM

With this system, heavy gauge sections are used in the end bays and at penultimate support sleeves. Care must be taken to properly identify components on site to avoid misplacement. Usually end-bay purlins can be detailed to be different from inner-bay sections but as sleeves look similar at all positions consideration may be given to using heavy gauge sleeve sections at all supports to avoid wrong positioning.

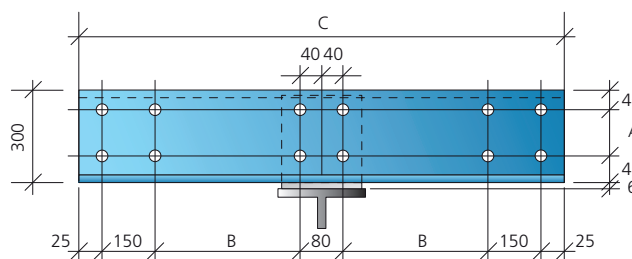
Table 11

| Depth | A   | B   | C    |
|-------|-----|-----|------|
| 140   | 58  | 235 | 600  |
| 170   | 88  | 285 | 700  |
| 200   | 118 | 335 | 800  |
| 240   | 158 | 435 | 1000 |
| 300   | 218 | 435 | 1300 |

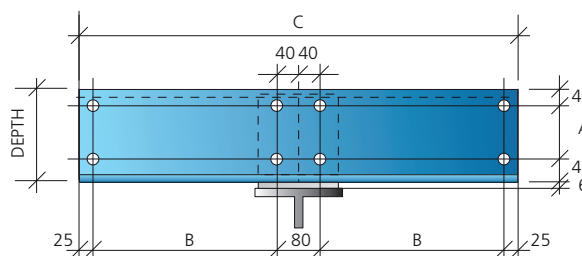
Dimensions  
in mm

**Note:** All holes 14mm dia for M12 bolts, minimum grade 8.8 use a washer under all bolt heads and nuts in contact with sections or sleeves.

### ZED SECTION SLEEVES



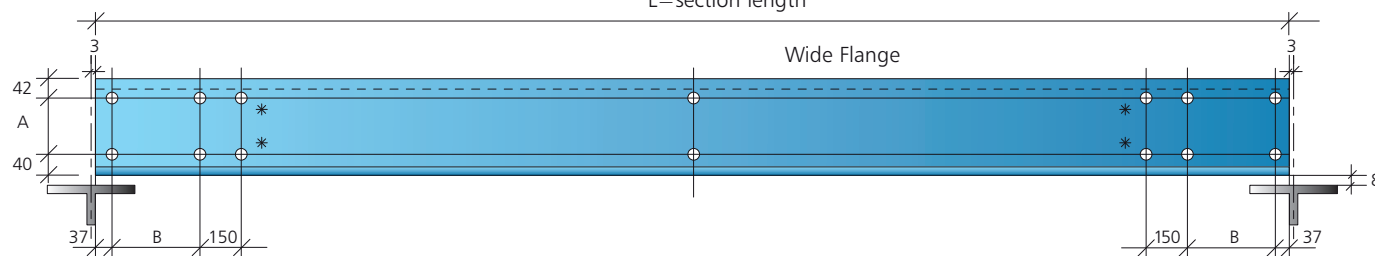
Sleeve for 300 Series



Sleeve for 140, 170, 200 and 240 Series

### ZED PURLINS & RAILS

L=section length



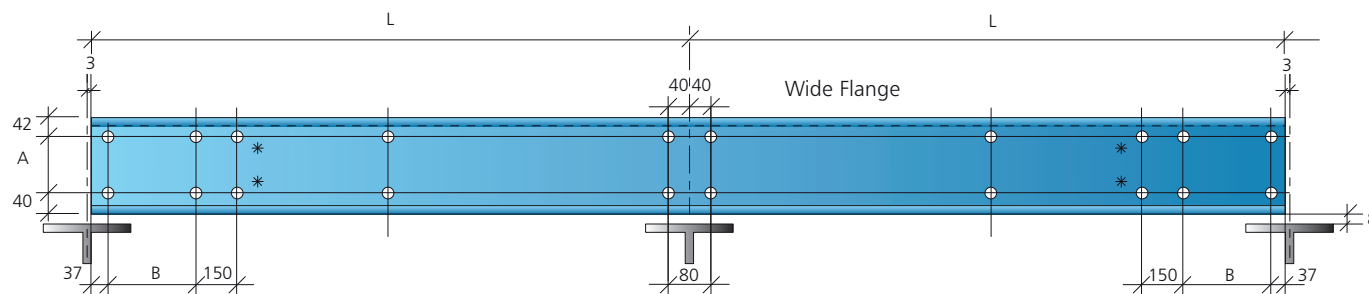
#### Single spans

Sag bar holing.

Purlins: Use holing at midspan for single row, at 3/8:1/4:3/8 span for double row.

Rails: Use holing at midspan for single row, at 1/3 spans for double row, 1/4 spans for triple row.

\* Additional holes required for 300 series sleeves only.



#### Double spans



# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

## DETAILING INFORMATION

### CEE RAIL HOLE PUNCHING DETAILS

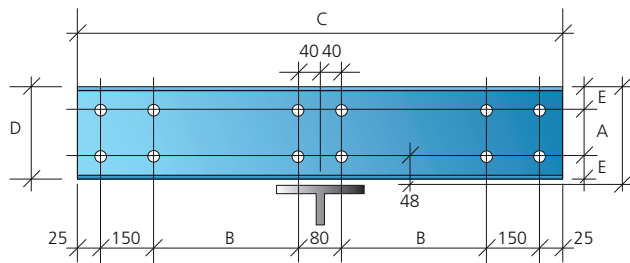
Table 12

| Rail Depth | Sleeve Thickness | A   | B   | C    | D   | E    | F     |
|------------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-------|
| 140        | 2.0              | 58  | 235 | 600  | 146 | 44.0 | 150   |
| 170        | 2.5              | 88  | 285 | 700  | 177 | 44.5 | 180.5 |
| 200        | 2.5              | 118 | 335 | 800  | 207 | 44.5 | 210.5 |
| 240        | 3.0              | 158 | 435 | 1000 | 248 | 45.0 | 251   |
| 300        | 3.0              | 218 | 435 | 1300 | 308 | 45.0 | 311   |

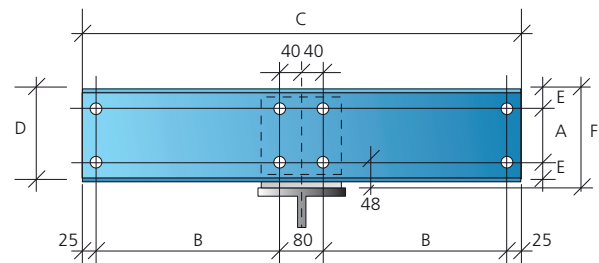
Dimensions in mm

**Note:** All holes 14mm dia for M12 bolts, minimum grade 8.8. Use a washer under all bolt heads and nuts in contact with sections or sleeves.

#### CEE SECTION SLEEVES



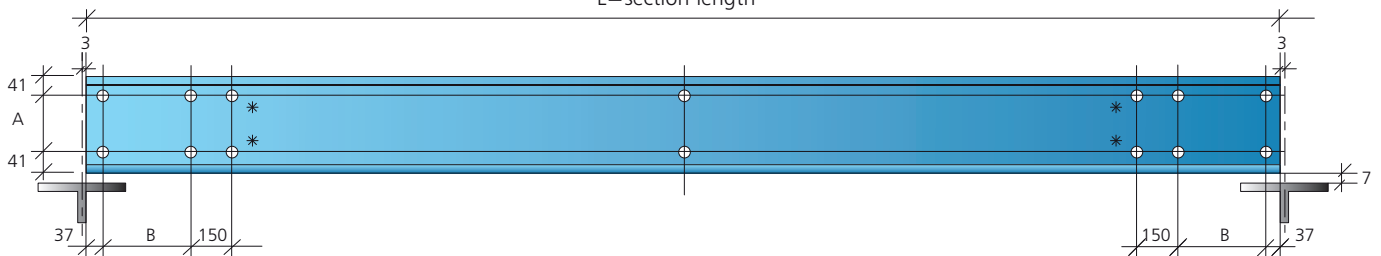
Sleeve for 300 series



Sleeve for 140, 170, 200 and 240 series

#### CEE PURLINS & RAILS

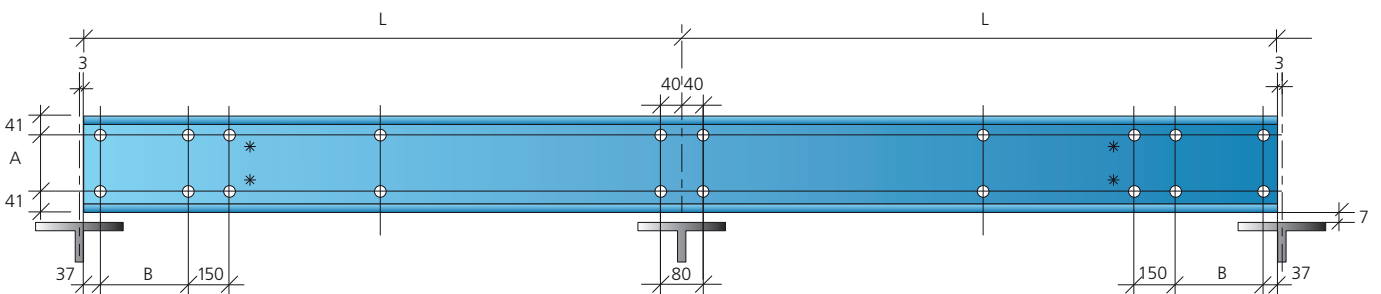
L=section length



Single spans

Sag bar holing at midspan for single row, at 1/3 spans for double row. 1/4 span for triple row.

\* Additional holes required for 300 series sleeves only.



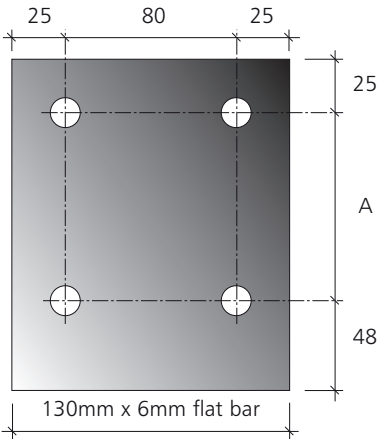
Double spans

# STANDARD CLEATS FOR PURLINS & RAILS

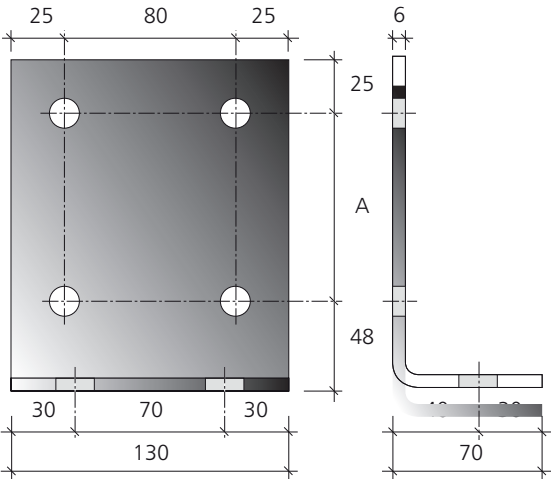
Standard formed cleats - finish: black mild steel

## Note for formed cleats:

1. Holes in cleat upstand are 14mm dia for M12 grade 8.8 bolts.
2. Holes in base plate for bolt-on cleats = 18mm dia.
3. For very heavily loaded, steep roofs or heavy wall claddings, Steadmans can on request provide heavy duty cleats reinforced with welded stiffeners.

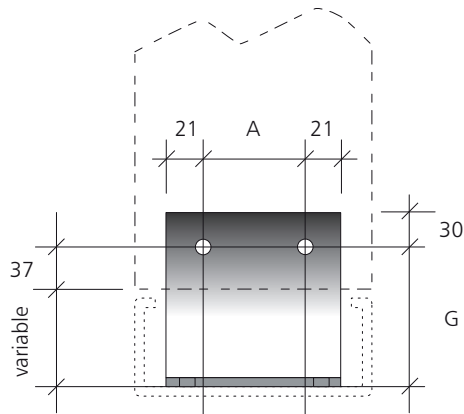


WELDED CLEATS



BOLT-ON CLEATS

## CLEATS



LONG TRIMMER CLEAT

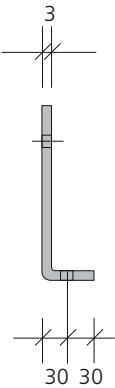
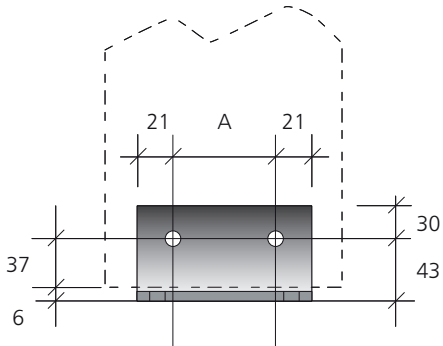


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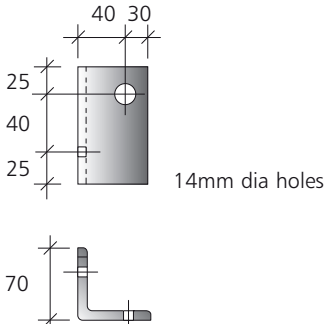
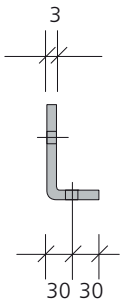
| Section Depth | A   | G   |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| 140           | 58  | 110 |
| 170           | 88  | 110 |
| 200           | 118 | 110 |
| 240           | 158 | 125 |
| 300           | 218 | 135 |

Dimensions in mm

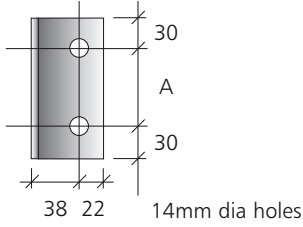
Cleats fabricated from 3mm Galv Z35. Holes 14mm dia for M12 grade 8.8 bolts.



SHORT TRIMMER CLEAT



STAY CLEAT

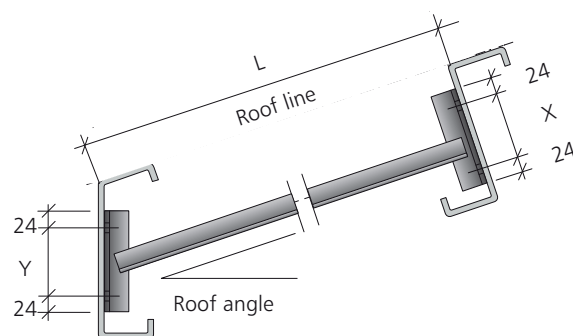
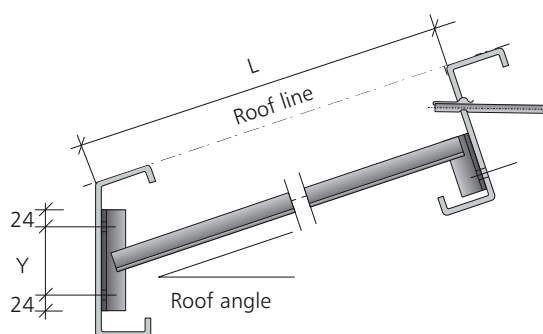
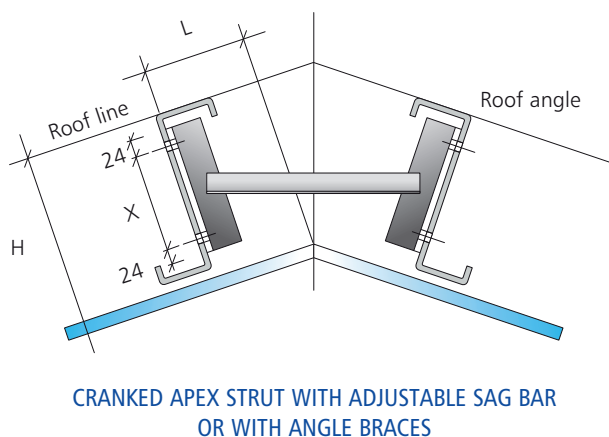
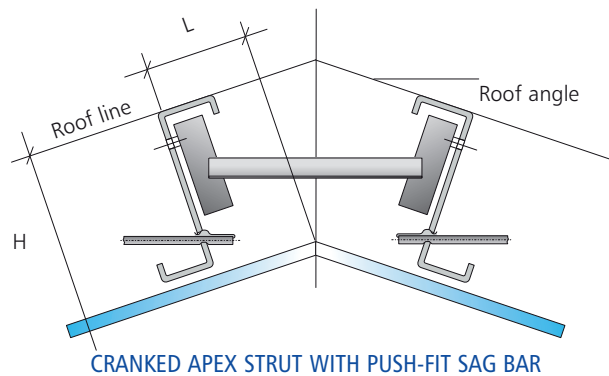
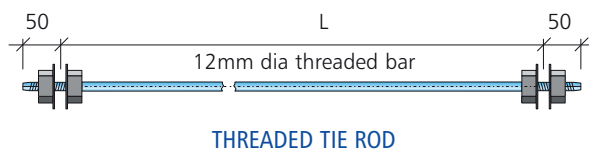
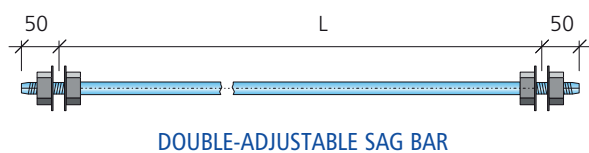
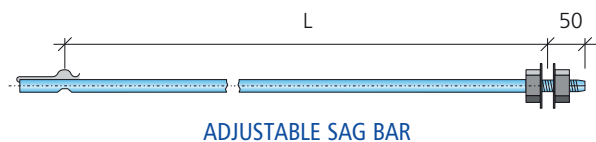
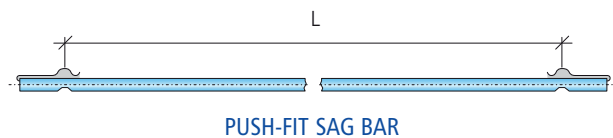


RAIL END CLEAT

# PURLINS, RAILS & EAVES BEAMS

## DETAILING INFORMATION

### ANTI-SAG SYSTEM COMPONENTS

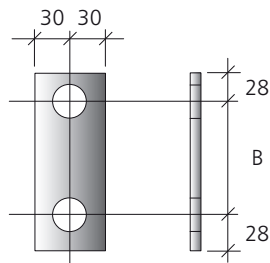


#### General Notes:

**Note:** All holes 14mm dia for M12 bolts, minimum grade 8.8

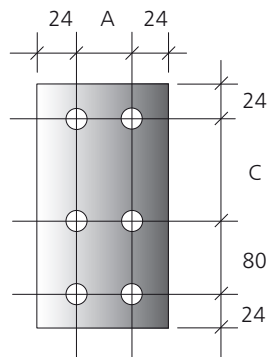
Note that the dimension X refers to the purlin and Y refers to the Eaves Beam. Anchor cleats should be placed at the holes above the rail strut end cleat (and nearest the sheeting) for a single sided diagonal tie position and under the rail strut cleat for a double sided diagonal tie position. The tie top fixing should be bolted to the cleat hole nearest the column.

## MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENTS



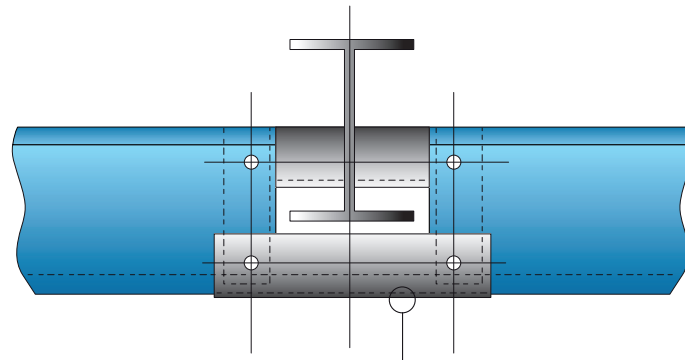
Galv 6mm thick  
plate 36mm dia holes

**PACKER PLATE AT  
COUNTERFORMED HOLES**



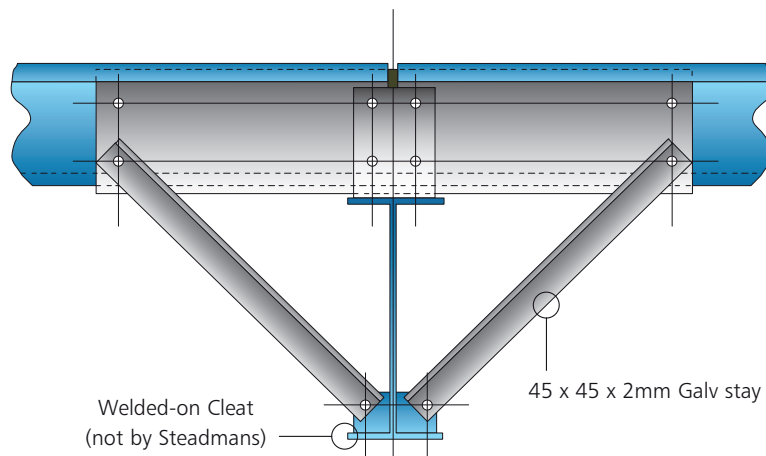
Galv steel 3mm  
thick 14mm dia holes

**RAIL CORNER JOINING PLATE**



Rail closer from 45 x 70 Galv angle x 2mm thick

**RAIL CLOSER DETAIL**



Welded-on Cleat  
(not by Steadmans)

45 x 45 x 2mm Galv stay

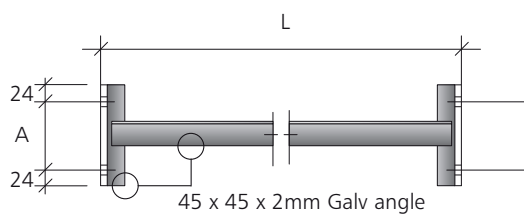
**RAFTER AND COLUMN STAY DETAIL**

**Table 16**

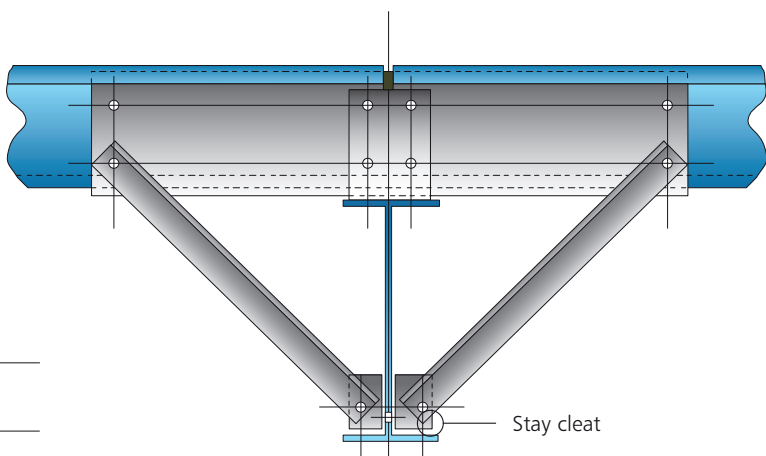
| Depth | A   |
|-------|-----|
| 140   | 58  |
| 170   | 88  |
| 200   | 118 |
| 240   | 158 |
| 300   | 218 |

Dimensions in mm

**Note:** All holes  
14mm dia for M12  
bolts, minimum  
grade 8.8  
(plated finish)



**STANDARD ANGLE BRACE AND RAIL STRUT**



**ALTERNATIVE STAY DETAIL(RAFTER AND COLUMN)**

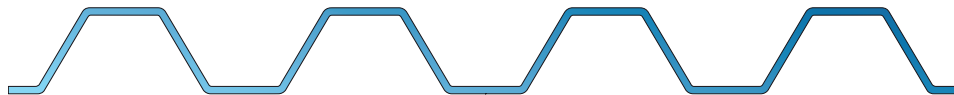
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## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

### CUSTOM SECTIONS

Steadmans have the ability to brake-press a wide variety of customised sections to suit customers individual requirements. Pressings may be up to 10m long and up to 3.0mm in thickness.

Some typical examples are indicated to illustrate the flexibility of this approach.



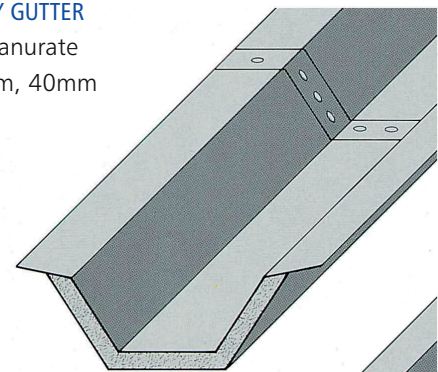
**SHEET PROFILES TO MATCH OBSOLETE CLADDING**



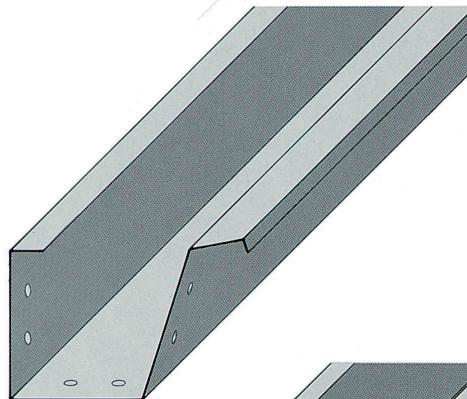
**CUSTOM SECTIONS**

#### COMPOSITE VALLEY GUTTER

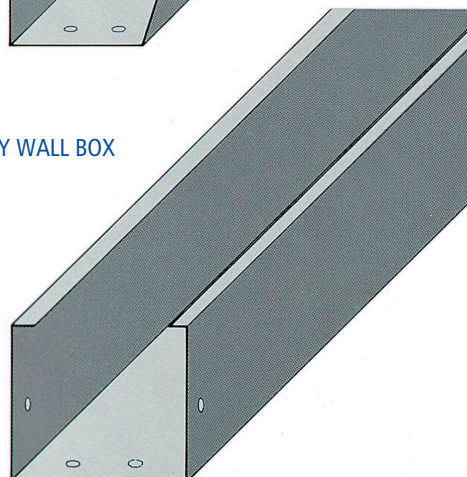
Bonded Polyisocyanurate  
Foam Core: 30mm, 40mm  
or 50mm thick.



#### STRUCTURAL GUTTER

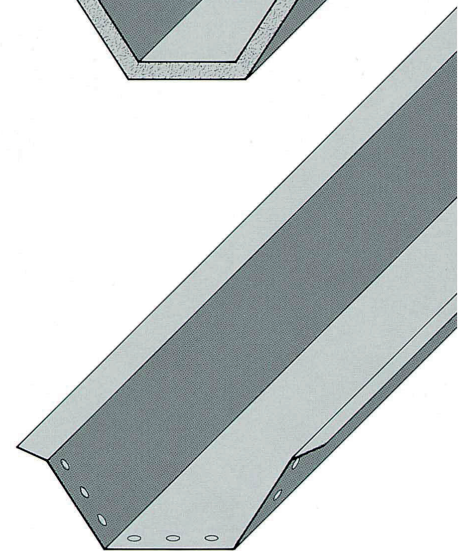


#### TYPICAL BOUNDARY WALL BOX GUTTER



#### TYPICAL VALLEY GUTTER

Available up to  
1250mm in girth.





Steadmans offers comprehensive technical support to designers and contractors working with Steadmans products and accessories, including:

- technical brochures and data sheets
- CAD details
- copies of test certificates
- loading calculations
- NBS Specifications
- design and installation guidance
- project showcase and case studies

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## TECHNICAL BROCHURES

Our technical brochures contain all the performance, design and sitework information specifiers require to select, incorporate and specify Steadmans products into a project.

All our brochures are available in PDF format for immediate download from our web site. Printed copies are also available upon request.

## CAD DETAILS

All the design details contained in our technical brochures are available in .dwg format being made for incorporating into project designs.

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## TEST CERTIFICATES

Copies of test certificates are available upon request from our Technical Department.

## LOADING CALCULATIONS

For loading calculations contact our Technical Department - see details opposite.

## NBS SPECIFICATIONS

NBS Plus is a library of technical product information written in NBS format, linked to NBS clauses and clause guidance.

With NBS Plus, specifiers can select products quickly and accurately then drop the product information directly into a specification.

NBS clauses for AS twin skin roof and wall systems and other Steadmans products are now available for NBS subscribers. To access NBS Plus, go to our web site and click on the link on the home page.

## DESIGN & INSTALLATION GUIDANCE

Design and installation guidance for the AS35 system, Single Skin system, Twin Skin system, Meta-Slate & Meta-Slate*Plus* systems are contained in the individual technical brochures and manuals.

These can all be downloaded from the 'Literature' section of the Steadmans web site.

In addition, we also provide installation instruction sheets for various applications. Links for these are located on the 'Downloads' page in the Support section of our web site.

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## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

### REFERENCES

- Approved Documents
  - A Structure
  - B Fire safety
  - C Site preparation and resistance to contaminants and moisture.
  - Approved Document L, Conservation of fuel and power, Volume 1: Dwellings
  - Approved Document L, Conservation of fuel and power, Volume 2: Buildings other than dwellings
- The Scottish Building Standards: Technical Handbook.
  - Non-domestic.
- BS 476 Fire tests on building material and structures.
  - BS 476-3:2004 Classification and method of test for external fire exposure to roofs.
  - BS 476-7:1997 Method of test to determine the classification of the surface spread of flame of products.
  - BS 476-22:1987 Methods for determination of the fire resistance of non-loadbearing elements of construction.
- BS 5250:2021 Code of practice for control of condensation in buildings.
- BS EN 1090-1:2009+A1:2011 Execution of steel structures and aluminium structures. Technical requirements for the execution of steel structures.
- BS EN 1993-1-3:2006 Eurocode 3. Design of steel structures. General rules. Supplementary rules for cold-formed members and sheeting
- BS EN 10143:2006 Continuously hot-dip coated steel sheet and strip. Tolerances on dimensions and shape.
- BS EN 10346:2015 Continuously hot-dip coated steel flat products. Technical delivery conditions.
- BS EN 12056 Gravity drainage systems inside buildings.
  - BS EN 12056-3:2000 Roof drainage, layout and calculation.
- BS EN ISO 10211:2017 Thermal bridges in building construction. Heat flows and surface temperatures. Detailed calculations.
- BS EN ISO 13788:2012 Hygrothermal performance of building components and building elements. Internal surface temperature to avoid critical surface humidity and interstitial condensation. Calculation methods.
- Document L2: 2021
- TM 37: Design for improved solar shading. 2006

Steadmans are always happy to provide advice on the specification of our single skin system and all of our other products for refurbishment and new build projects.



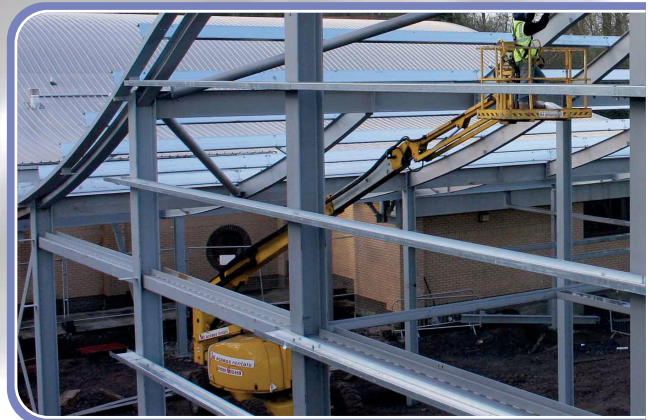
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