

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: DESIGN ENGINEERS

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SUBJECT: Design of Elastomeric Expansion Bearings

Effective immediately, use the following procedure to design elastomeric expansion bearings for steel spans.

Design of Expansion Slot and Elastomeric Pad

Moderate temperature range = 0° F. to 120° F.

Steel expansion coefficient = 0.0000065

Load Factor = 1.2

Sleeve diameter (inches)

Expansion length (inches)

Slot length (inches)

Installation temperature range = 40° F. to 80° F.

Bolt tolerance = 0.5 inches

Plan dimensions based on installation at 60° F.

Slot Length = $(120^\circ) (0.0000065)(1.2)(\text{Exp. Length}) + (\text{Sleeve Dia.}) + (0.5'') + (20^\circ) (2'')(0.0000065)(\text{Exp. Length})$.

Design Exp. Length for pad = $(60^\circ) (0.0000065)(1.2)(\text{Exp. Length}) + (20^\circ)(0.0000065) (\text{Exp. Length})$.