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SUBJ: GLASS CURTAIN WALL  
POINT SUPPORTED WITH CRL SPIDER FITTINGS  
TEST WALL PROTOTYPE

This testing was performed on a glass curtain wall supported by CRL FMH series spider fittings with half mounted to glass buttress fins and half to tubular steel posts. The purpose of the test wall prototype was to test the components in a completed typical assembly to evaluate system strength in accordance with ASTM E330 - 02 *Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Doors, Skylights and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference*. This test is to determine the structural performance of the glass and spider fitting system under static air pressure to simulate wind loading. In addition the wall was tested for lateral drift in accordance with AAMA 501.4-09 and AAMA 501.6-09 to verify the allowable horizontal displacement for seismic performance to show compliance with ASCE/SEI 7-05 section 13.5.9.

200 pound concentrated load (1 sf) any direction, any location on the wall  
Live load 5 psf uniform load perpendicular glass, full area.  
Wind Load (28.2 psf for test set up) (110 mph 3 sec gust exposure B)  
Seismic loads – drift minimum of 0.0125\* story height = 3” for test wall  
tested drift = 4.5” for test specimen

For these conditions the system meets all applicable requirements of the 2006 International Building Code as adopted in the 2007 California Building Code. The wall strength and performance was verified by testing prepared by Smith-Emery Laboratories report number L-10-1477 dated August 27, 2010.

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Test protocol is based on AAMA 501-05:

Tests were performed in the order listed –

1.0 Preload the test specimen (ASTM E 330) at 50% of the specified positive design wind pressure (28.2 psf (194.4 kPa) full design pressure, 14.1 psf (97.2 kPa) at 50% load.)

2.0 The test for air leakage (ASTM E283) shall be conducted at an air pressure difference of 5 psf (34.47 kPa). The maximum allowable rate of air leakage must not exceed 0.06 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> (0.3 L/sm<sup>2</sup>).

3.0 The test for static water penetration (ASTM E331) shall be conducted at an air pressure difference of 6.9 psf (47.57 kPa). There shall be no water leakage as defined by AAMA 501.1 paragraph 5.5.

4.0 The test for water penetration under dynamic air pressure (AAMA 501.1) shall be conducted with a wind velocity equivalent to a static air pressure of 6.9 psf (47.57 kPa). There shall be no water leakage as defined by AAMA 501.1 paragraph 5.5 at this dynamic wind velocity.

5.0 Interstory displacement test shall be performed per AAMA 501.4 at 100% of the specified design displacement, 3.0". Repeat the air leakage (ASTM E 283) and static water resistance (ASTM E331) after the interstory displacement test.

6.0 The test for structural performance (ASTM E330) shall be conducted at the specified positive and negative design wind pressures, 20.0 psf (137.9 kPa). Deflection shall not exceed  $L/175 = 1.37"$ .

7.0 Repeat the test for static water resistance (ASTM E331).

8.0 Repeat the test for structural performance (ASTM E330) at 150% of positive and negative design pressures, 30 psf (206.8 kPa). At this load no glass breakage or permanent damage to panels, fasteners, or anchors, shall occur, and permanent deformation to wall framing members shall not exceed 0.2% of their clear spans.

9.0 Repeat lateral displacement test (AAMA 501.4) to a peak displacement of 4.5"

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**SEISMIC LOADS:**

Seismic loads typically are much less than wind loads  
 $F_p = [(0.4 * a_p S_{DS} I_p) / R_p] [1 + 2z/h]$ . ASCE/SEI 7-05 13.3.1

The primary seismic concern is the curtain wall's capacity to accommodate the story drift of the building frame as required in ASCE/SEI 7-05 13.5.9.

In accordance with ASCE/SEI 7-05 12.12 and Table 12.12-1 the allowable drift is dependent on the construction type and occupancy category.

The highest allowable drift is:

$$\Delta_a = 0.025h_{xx}$$

Thus the maximum drift capacity of the curtain wall (I = 1.0) is:

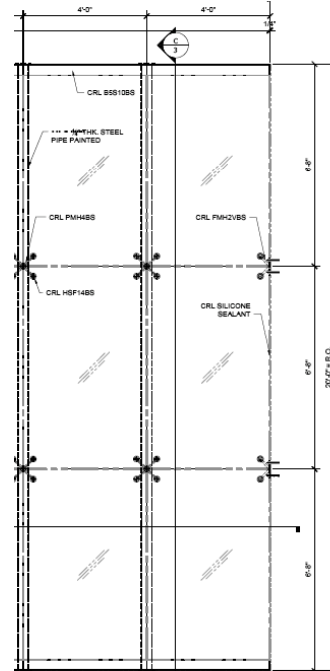
$$\Delta_a \geq I * 1.25 * 0.025h_{xx} = 0.03125h_{xx} \text{ maximum required}$$

$$\text{For the 20' height } \Delta_a = 0.03125 * 20' * 12''/\text{ft} = 7.5''$$

$$\Delta_a \geq I * 1.25 * 0.010h_{xx} = 0.0125h_{xx} \text{ minimum required}$$

$$\text{For the 20' height } \Delta_a = 0.0125 * 20' * 12''/\text{ft} = 3''$$

$$\text{Maximum tested} = 4.5'' = 0.01875h_{xx}$$

**GLASS STRENGTH**

All glass was fully tempered glass conforming to the specifications of ANSI Z97.1, ASTM C 1048-97b and CPSC 16 CFR 1201. The minimum Modulus of Rupture for the glass  $F_r = 24$  ksi, typical acceptable minimum safety factor is 2.5 for curtain walls.

Allowable glass bending stress:  $24,000/2.5 = 9,600$  psi. – Tension stress calculated.

$$\text{Allowable compression stress} = 24,000\text{psi}/4 = 9,600 \text{ psi.}$$

Bending strength of glass for the given thickness:

$$S = \frac{12'' * (t)^2}{6} = 2 * (t)^2 \text{ in}^3/\text{ft}$$

$$\text{For } 1/2'' \text{ glass, } t_{\min} = 0.469'' \text{ } S = 2 * (0.469)^2 = 0.44 \text{ in}^3/\text{ft}$$

$$M_{\text{allowable}} = 9,600\text{psi} * 0.44 \text{ in}^3/\text{ft} = 4,224\#''/\text{ft} = 352\#^2/\text{ft}$$

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**CHECK GLASS LOADS**

Check glass bending in typical panel

For middle lights each is supported near corners by spider fitting point supports.  
From flat plate theory the stress distribution may be conservatively modeled by calculating at the center and plate edge (mid span):

At edge of plate (always highest stress point):

$$M_w = C_e w b^2$$

$M_p = 2C_e P b$  load at center of plate edge

$$\alpha = a/b = 48''/80'' = 0.6$$

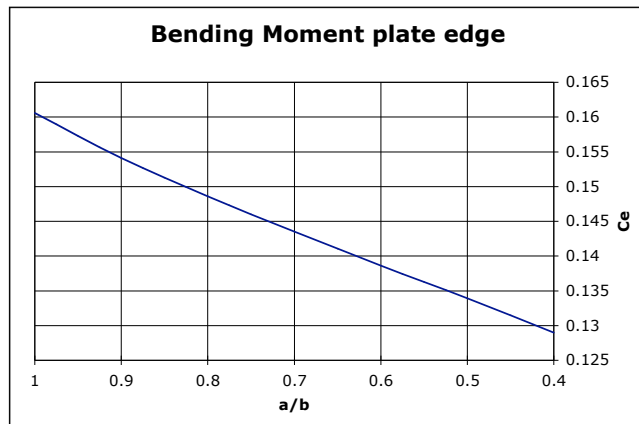
$$C_e = 0.137$$

determine maximum allowable wind load based on glass strength:

$$w = 352' \# / (0.137 * 6.67'^2) = 57.7 \text{ psf}$$

Check deflection limit:

$$\Delta \leq 1/60 = 80''/60 = 1.333''$$



$$\Delta = D_c w b^4 / (E t^3)$$

$$D_c = 0.0147 \text{ (from chart for } a/b = 0.6)$$

w in psi

b = in inches

solving for w:

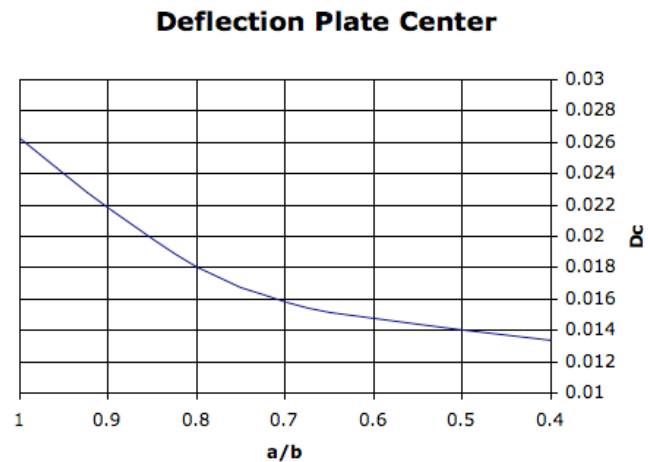
$$\Delta * (E t^3) / [12 D_c b^4] = w$$

$$w = 1.33 (10.4 \times 10^6 * 0.5^3) / [12 * 0.0147 * 80^4]$$

$$w = 0.239 \text{ psi} = 34.5 \text{ psf}$$

Limit wind load to 34.5 psf.

Maximum tested wind load was 30.0 psf.





Glass bearing and shear strength is adequate.

**Center Splice**

Moment creates two stress modes in the splice plates:  
Tension/compression tie,  
Shear transfer.

For tension compression loads:

From  $\sum M$  about center of fin:

$$T = C = (1,534' \# * 12) / 11.75$$

$$T = C = 1,567 \#$$

Shear at each bolt:

$$V = 1,567 \# / 3 = 522 \#$$

For moment from shear transfer:

1/2 of shear load to each side:

$$v = 230 \# / 2 = 115 \#$$

moment about center hole-

$$M = 115 \# * 17.125 = 1,969'' \#$$

For  $\sum M$  about the center bolt

determine reaction on other two bolts -

$$0 = 1,969'' \# - 3'' * B - 3'' * B$$

Where B = reaction on end bolt; solving for B:

$$B = 1,969'' \# / 6 = 328 \#$$

Resultant reaction on bolts:

$$V_B = \sqrt{(522 \#^2 + 328 \#^2)} = 617 \#$$

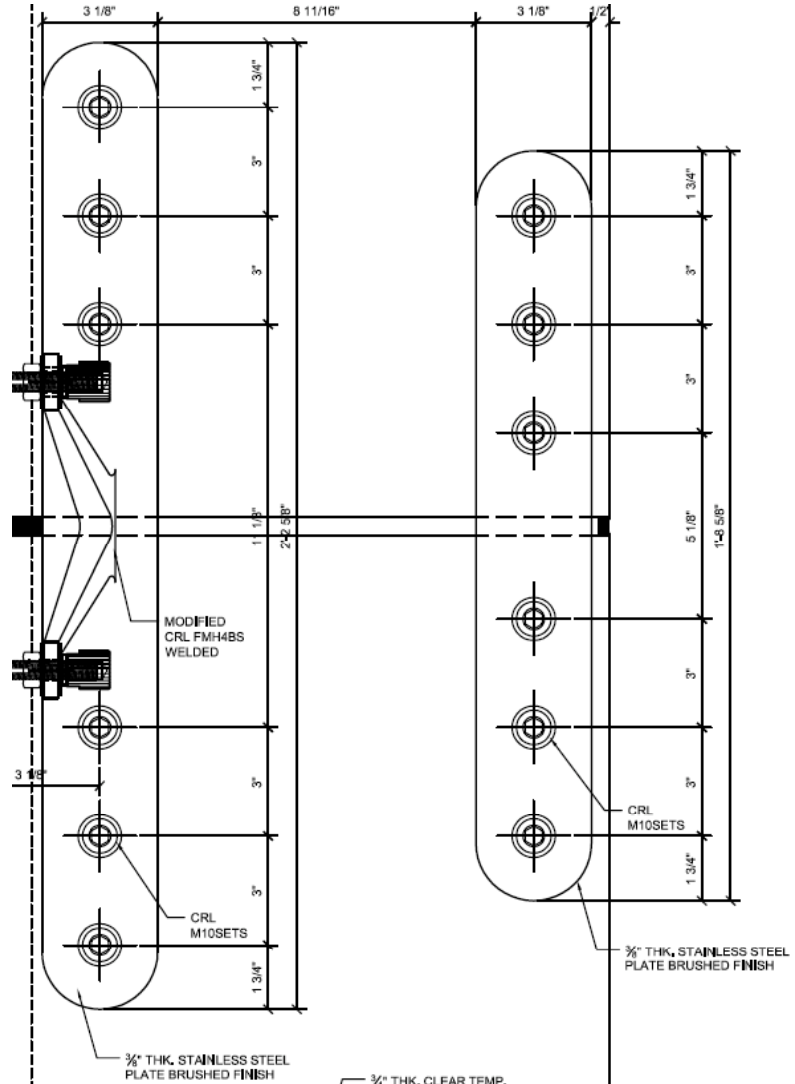
Check glass shear at bolts:

Holes are 2" from edge

$$f_v = 617 \# / (2'' * 0.75'') = 411 \text{ psi} < 3,000 \text{ psi okay}$$

Check glass bearing at bolts: 3/4" diameter holes

$$f_B = 617 \# / (0.75'' * 0.75'') = 1,097 \text{ psi} < 6,000 \text{ psi:}$$



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**STEEL PIPE SUPPORT:**

For spider fittings mounted to steel pipe support:

The pipe stiffness is much less than the stiffness of the glass fin so the pipe will behave as an elastic (spring) support. This will result in the top and bottom lights contributing only 3/8 of their height to the spider fittings attached to the posts and 5/8 tributary to the rigid base shoes at the top and bottom.

Dead load of bottom light will be carried by base shoe

Load to spider fitting:

$$2*(230\# + 173\#) = 806\# \text{ each}$$

Pipe size = 4" Schedule 40 A500 Grade B

$$OD = 4.500''$$

$$t = 0.237''$$

$$I = 7.23 \text{ in}^4$$

$$Z = (4.5^3 - 4.026^3)/6 = 4.311 \text{ in}^3$$

$$F_y = 46 \text{ ksi (ASTM A312)}$$

$$\phi M_n = 0.9 * 4.311 * 46 \text{ ksi} = 178.5 \text{ k}'' = 14,875' \#$$

Maximum moment based on top and bottom pinned and continuous pipe:

$$M_u = 1.6 * 806\# * 6.667' + 1.2 * 86.7 * 2 * 0.69'$$

$$M_u = 8,741' \#$$

Check pipe deflection from this load:

$$\Delta = Pa(3L^2 - 4a^2)/(24EI)$$

$$\Delta = 806\# * 80''(3 * 240^2 - 4 * 80^2)/(24 * 29 * 10^6 * 7.23) = 1.677 \text{ in}$$

$$L/\Delta = 240/1.677'' = 143$$

recommended maximum deflection is L/175.

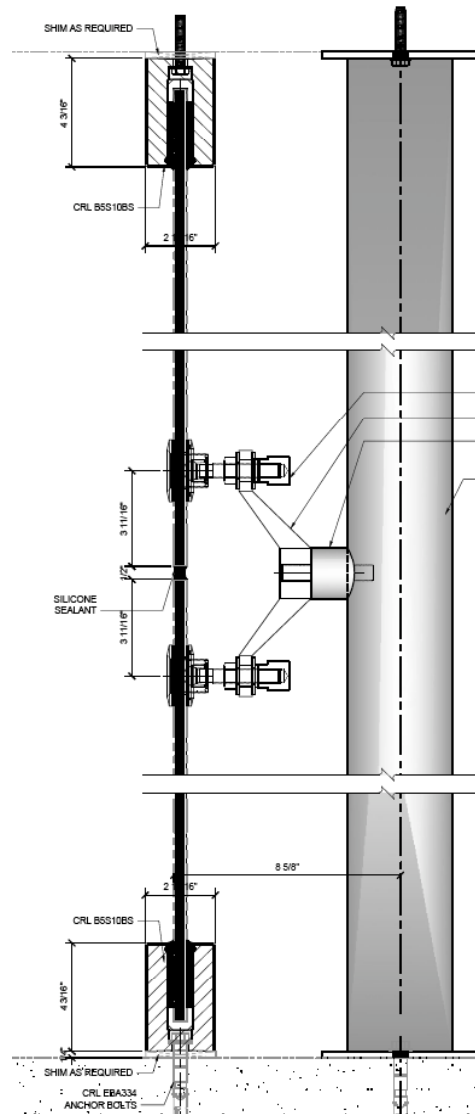
Based on recommended deflection of L/175:

$$\Delta_r = 240/175 = 1.371''$$

Allowable wind pressure based on the recommended deflection limit:

$$w = (1.371/1.677) * 34.5 = 28.2 \text{ psf}$$

For high wind pressures up to 34.5 psf pipe size may be increased to 5" schedule 40, 4" schedule 80, HSS 4x4x5/16, or HSS 4.5x4.5x3/16.



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**CURTAINWALL DEFLECTIONS**

Based on a deflection limit of  $L/175$  in accordance with AAMA TIR-A11-04 and IBC 2403.3 the maximum allowable deflection is:

$$\Delta = 240/175 = 1.371''$$

Since this current wall design is unframed AAMA TIR-A11-04 and IBC 2403.3 is not strictly applicable since this applies to the frame around glazing. In this current wall the glazing is point supported is unframed.

Based on IBC Section 1604 there is no clear limit on the allowable deflections for a curtain wall. The closest limit from IBC Table 1604.3 is for Exterior walls with flexible finishes with the deflection limit of  $l/120$  for wind loads.

In accordance with IBC Table 1604.3 footnote f “The wind load is permitted to be taken as 0.7 times the “component and cladding” loads for the purpose of determine deflection limits herein.

Based on the deflection criteria in the code and curtainwall standards the appropriate deflection limit is determined to be  $\Delta \leq L/175$  at 70% of the design wind load. This is based on the industry standard curtainwall deflection criteria and the code defined load for checking the deflection limit.

**TESTED DEFLECTIONS:**

Based on the deflections in the test report prepared by Smith-Emery Laboratories report number L-10-1477 dated August 27, 2010.

At 20 psf wind load (70% of 28.2 psf target design wind load).

Glass buttress fins with tie bar splice:

Deflections measured at spider fittings – 1/3 points on wall height:

at 6.67':  $\Delta = 1.127''$     at 13.33' :  $\Delta = 0.924''$  For Positive pressure.  
at 6.67':  $\Delta = 1.053''$     at 13.33' :  $\Delta = 1.293''$  For Negative pressure.

Steel pipe, 4" Schedule 40 A500 Grade B :

Deflections measured at spider fittings – 1/3 points on wall height:

at 6.67':  $\Delta = 0.901''$     at 13.33' :  $\Delta = 0.784''$  For Positive pressure.  
at 6.67':  $\Delta = 0.925''$     at 13.33' :  $\Delta = 1.060''$  For Negative pressure.

Testing demonstrates that the glass buttress fin and the pipe support have adequate strength and stiffness to limit deflections below the allowable.

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**SPIDER FITTINGS**

FMH4

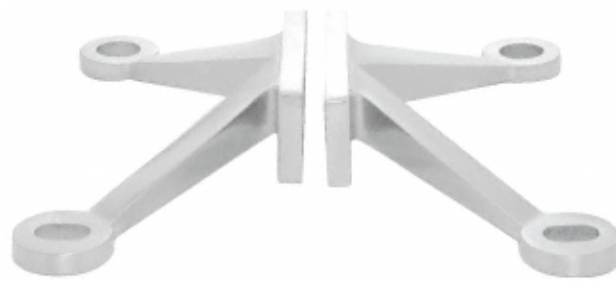
Determine standoff strength:

$$M = P * 2.5'' \text{ where } P = V \text{ or } H$$

Shear on screw =  $Z = H \text{ or } V$

$$C = T = M / (1.75''/2) = P * (2.5''/0.875'')$$

$$= 2.86P$$



Strength of bolts into support plate  
 screw 316 Condition CW ASTM F593-86a  
 size 10 mm

$$A_t = 57.99\text{mm}^2 = 0.0899\text{in}^2$$

$$A_v = 78.54\text{mm}^2 = 0.1217\text{in}^2$$

$$\phi V_n = 0.65 * 0.1217\text{in}^2 * 42.8 \text{ ksi} = 3,386\#$$

$$\phi T_n = 0.75 * 0.0899\text{in}^2 * 71.2 \text{ ksi} = 4,800\#$$

Moment resistance of connection:

For vertical parallel loading

$$\phi M_n = 3,386\# * (5'') = 16,930\#''$$

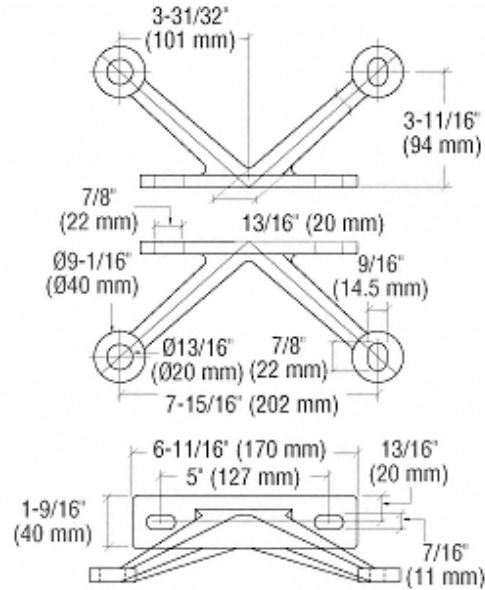
$$M_s = \phi M_n / 1.6 = 16,930 / 1.6 = 10,581\#''$$

$$V_s = \phi V_n / 1.6 = 2 * 3,386 / 1.6 = 4,232.5\#$$

Determine allowable horizontal load:

$$V = \sqrt{[4,232.5^2 - (10,581\#''/4'')^2]} = 3,304\#$$

$$3,304 < 2 * (10,581/4) = 5,290\#$$



For Horizontal load:

$$\phi M_n = 4,800\# * (1.5625''/2) = 3,750\#''$$

$$M_s = \phi M_n / 1.6 = 3,750 / 1.6 = 2,344\#''$$

$$H_s = 2,344\#'' / 3.6875 = 636\#$$

$$V_s = \phi V_n / 1.6 = 2 * 3,386 / 1.6 = 4,232.5\#$$

Determine service load of standoff from interaction equation where:

$$(M/M_s)^2 + (Z/Z_s)^2 \leq 1.0$$

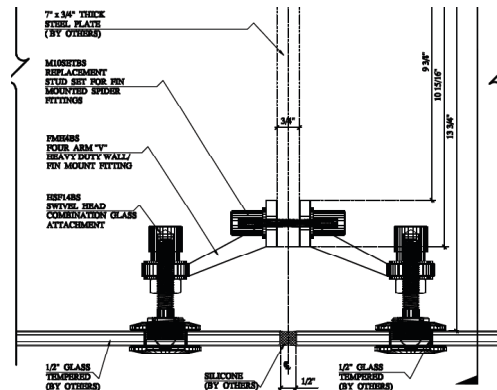
$$P = \sqrt{(H^2 + V^2)} = Z \text{ and } M = 3.6875'' * P$$

substituting using P:

$$(3.6875P/2,344)^2 + (P/4,232.5)^2 = 1 \text{ then solving for } P$$

$$P = \{1 / [(3.6875/2,344)^2 + 1/4,232.5^2]\}^{1/2}$$

$$P = 629\# = \text{Maximum horizontal load}$$



Vertical (dead load) will not reduce the allowable horizontal load until it is over:

$$0.2 * 2 * 3,386 = 1,354\#$$

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This greatly exceeds the maximum light weight because of other limitations.

Check strength of spider fitting arm

horizontal bending strength

@ junction  $b = 5/8''$ ,  $h = 7/8''$ ,  $a = 4.399''$

$$Z_{xx} = 5/8 * 0.875^2 / 4 = 0.1196 \text{ in}^3$$

$$M_s = \phi M_n / 1.6 = 0.9 * 0.1196 * 45 / 1.6 = 3,028 \#''$$

$$H_s = 3,028 \#'' / 4.399'' = 688 \#$$

Allowable horizontal load on glass lite  
each corner

$$H = 688 \# * 4 \text{ fittings} = 2,752 \#$$

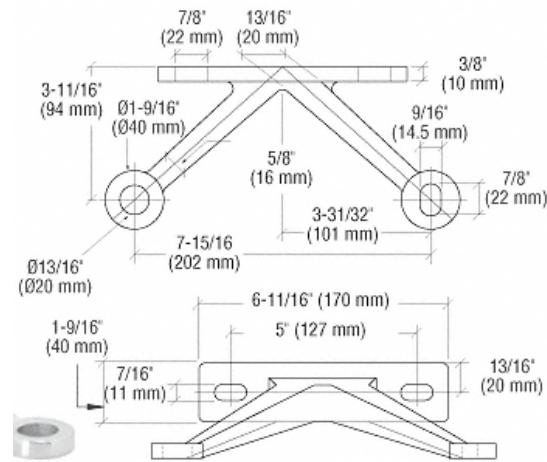
For vertical loads:

$$Z_{yy} = 0.875 * 0.884^2 / 4 = 0.1709 \text{ in}^3$$

$$M_s = \phi M_n / 1.6 = 0.9 * 0.1709 * 45 / 1.2 = 5,769 \#''$$

$$H_s = 5,769 \#'' / 3.3125'' = 1,742 \# > 1,354 \#$$

Vertical/dead load will not control loads on fittings



Fitting variations:

FMH2

Fitting is identical to the FMH4 except only installed on one side of the support fin.

Same allowable load per arm.

Same allowable load on fitting.

FMH1

single arm allowable vertical load  
is 167# per fitting.

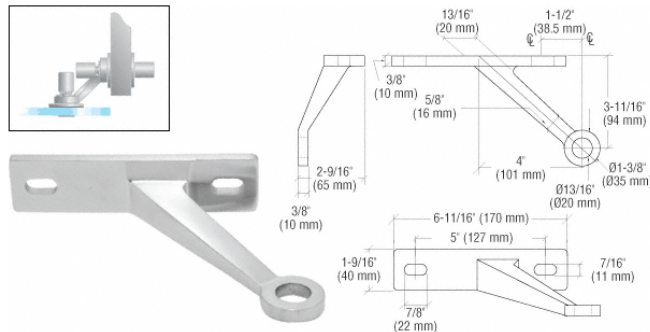
Check eccentricity in fin plate:

$$Z = 1.5625 * 0.375^2 / 4$$

$$Z = 0.0549 \text{ in}^3$$

$$\phi M_n = 0.9 * 0.0549 * 45 \text{ ksi} = 2,225 \#''$$

$$V_s = 2,225 \#'' / (1.2 * 3.3125) = 560 \#$$



Bending in fin plate will limit  
vertical/dead load to 560# maximum.

Torsional strength:

Plate size =  $3/8'' \times 1 \text{ 9/16''}$ ,  $b/c = 1.5625 / 0.375 = 4.17$ ,  $\alpha = 0.279$

$$T_n = \tau_y * (\alpha b c^3) = 45 \text{ ksi} * (0.279 * 1.5625 * 0.375^2) = 2,763 \#''$$

$$\phi M_{nt} = 0.85 * 2 * 2,763 = 4,697 \#''$$

$$H_n = \phi M_{nt} / a_t = 4,697 \#'' / 3.6875'' = 1,274 \#$$

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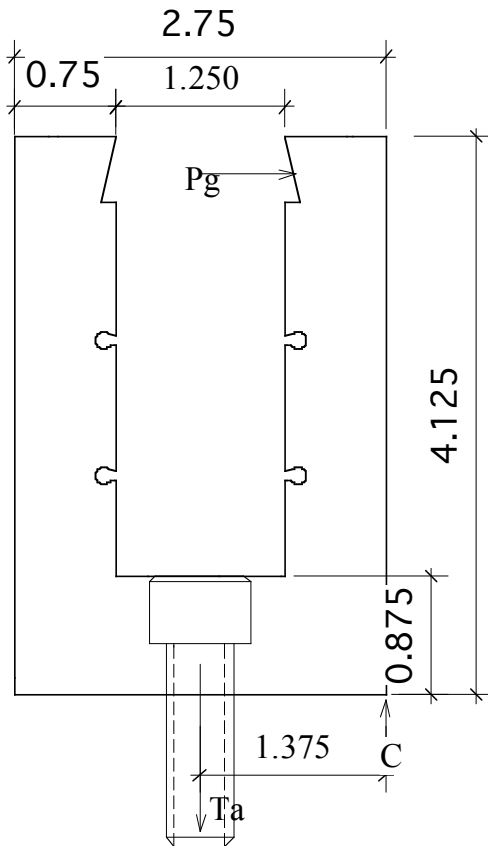
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**2 3/4" X 4 1/8" GLASS BALUSTRADE BASE SHOE**

6063-T6 Aluminum extrusion

Fully tempered glass glazed in place, either weight glazing cement or GlassWedges®.

Shoe strength – Vertical legs:

Glass reaction by bearing on legs to form couple. Allowable moment on legs:

$$M_a = S_1 F_y$$

$$F_y = 20 \text{ ksi (ADM Table 2-24, Sec 3.4.4)}$$

$$S_1 = 12'' * 0.5''^2 / 6 = 0.5 \text{ in}^3/\text{ft}$$

$$M_a = 20 \text{ ksi} * 0.5 \text{ in}^3/\text{ft} = 10,000''\#/ft$$

Leg shear strength @ groove

$$t_{\min} = 0.343''$$

$$F_v = 8.5 \text{ ksi (ADM Table 2-24, Sec 3.4.20)}$$

$$V_{\text{all}} = 0.343'' * 12''/\text{ft} * 8.5 \text{ ksi} = 35 \text{ k/ft}$$

Imposed moment from design load:

$$M = 76' \#/ft$$

Solve for anchor strength:

From  $\sum M$  about edge of base shoe = 0 and solve for bolt tension:

$$T = 76' \# * 12'' / 1.375'' = 663\# \text{ per foot}$$

Anchor bolts: 3/8" Powers wedge-bolt+ into concrete deck with 3" embedment:

Strength based on ESR-2526 will exceed 663# per bolt.

Anchor strength from Powers Fasteners catalog for the specified anchors in accordance with ESR-2526

**Allowable Load Capacities for Wedge-Bolt and Wedge-Bolt OT installed in Normal-Weight Concrete at Critical Spacing and Edge Distances<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>**

Anchor Diameter <i>d</i> in. (mm)	Minimum Embedment Depth <i>h<sub>v</sub></i> in. (mm)	Minimum Concrete Compressive Strength ( <i>f<sub>c</sub></i> )					
		2,000 psi (13.8 MPa)		4,000 psi (27.6 MPa)		6,000 psi (41.4 MPa)	
		Tension lbs. (kN)	Shear lbs. (kN)	Tension lbs. (kN)	Shear lbs. (kN)	Tension lbs. (kN)	Shear lbs. (kN)
1/4 (6.4)	1 (25.4)	180 (0.8)	260 (1.2)	335 (1.5)	520 (2.3)	415 (1.9)	600 (2.7)
	1 1/2 (38.1)	360 (1.6)	550 (2.5)	535 (2.4)	550 (2.5)	620 (2.8)	625 (2.8)
	2 (50.8)	600 (2.7)	550 (2.5)	985 (4.4)	550 (2.5)	1,245 (5.6)	730 (3.3)
	2 1/2 (63.5)	880 (4.0)	550 (2.5)	1,165 (5.2)	550 (2.5)	1,315 (5.9)	730 (3.3)
3/8 (9.5)	1 1/2 (38.1)	475 (2.1)	845 (3.8)	630 (2.8)	1,170 (5.3)	760 (3.4)	1,710 (7.7)
	2 (50.8)	750 (3.4)	1,110 (5.0)	980 (4.4)	1,270 (5.7)	1,300 (5.9)	1,710 (7.7)
	2 1/2 (63.5)	1,025 (4.6)	1,370 (6.2)	1,330 (6.0)	1,370 (6.2)	1,835 (8.3)	1,710 (7.7)
	3 (76.2)	1,450 (6.5)	1,425 (6.4)	1,935 (8.7)	1,480 (6.7)	2,475 (11.1)	1,710 (7.7)
	3 1/2 (88.9)	1,875 (8.4)	1,475 (6.6)	2,535 (11.4)	1,590 (7.2)	3,110 (14.0)	1,710 (7.7)

Edge distance is over 4.5" – no reduction for edge distance

Spacing is over 9" sp no reduction for spacing

For 3,000 psi minimum concrete strength the interpolated anchor strength is:

$$T_a = (1,450 + 1,935) / 2 = 1,692\#$$

Based on allowable anchor tension load the anchor spacing may be increased to 24".

For bottom lights the glass is continuously supported at the bottom and point supported at the top corners.

Maximum moments:

at base shoe:

$$M_b = wb^2/8$$

at edge of glass at 5/8 b above base shoe:

$$M_e = C_y * 9/128 * wb^2$$

at center top edge of glass:

$$M_t = C_x * 1/8 * wa^2$$

For maximum light size of

5'11" x 9'

$$M_b = 5 \text{ psf} * 9^2 / 8 = 50.6 \text{ '#/ft}$$

$$a/b = 71'' / 108'' = 0.66$$

$$b/a = 108/71 = 1.52$$

$$C_x = 1.28 \text{ (from } b/a)$$

$$C_y = 1.03 \text{ (from } a/b)$$

$$M_e = 1.03 * 9/128 * 5 * 9^2 = 29.3 \text{ '#}$$

at center top edge of glass:

$$M_t = 1.28 * 1/8 * 5 \text{ psf} * 5.92^2 = 28.04 \text{ '#}$$

For concentrated load (maximum occurs at base for load at 0.57b above base shoe)

at plate edge

$$M_p = C_y^2 * 0.192 * P * b/a = 1.03^2 * 0.192 * 200 * 9' / 5.92 = 61.9 \text{ '#}$$

For narrowest bottom light:

4-11.5" x 9'

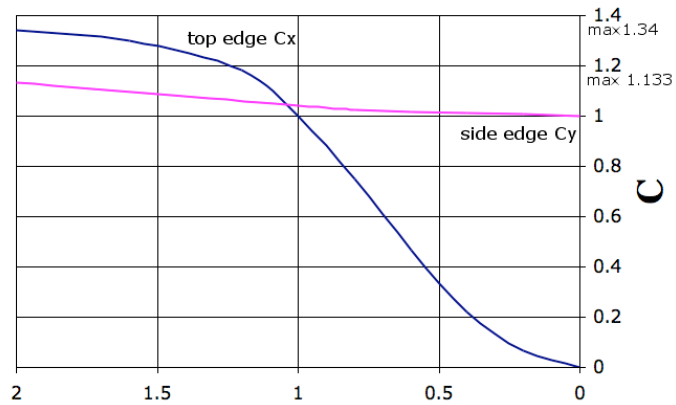
$$a/b = 4.96/9 = 0.55, C_y = 1.02$$

$$M_p = C_y^2 * 0.192 * P * b/a = 1.02^2 * 0.192 * 200 * 9' / 4.96 = 72.5 \text{ '#}$$

For top lights moments will be significantly less since maximum light height is 6'-5".

Based on allowable bending moments for 1/2" glass all lights are okay for bending.

### Moment Plate Edge



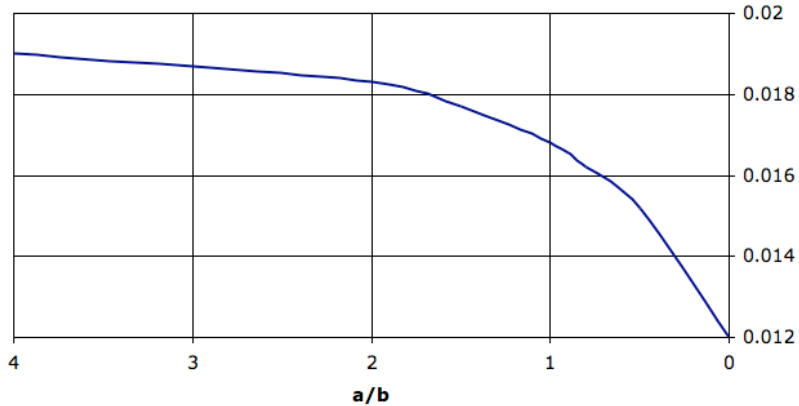
Check deflection of bottom light from concentrated load:

For 200# concentrated load at mid height the maximum deflection can be estimated as:

$$\Delta = \eta P b^3 / (EI)$$

where I is calculated using the average glass thickness and a tributary width of actual light width or 1/2 b (light height) whichever is smaller.

**Max Deflection @ Plate Edge**



$$a/b = 6' / 9' = 0.667$$

from graph  $\eta = 0.0155$

$$I = 4.5' * 0.5''^3 = 0.5625 \text{ in}^4$$

$$\Delta = 0.0155 * 200 * 108''^3 / (10,400,000 * 0.5625) = 0.67''$$

