



## Bracing Systems







## Rod Bracing







HOW BRACING WORKS





#### The WIND load on Endwall panels...





#### is dispersed through Endwall framing...







into the Continuous Purlin system.







The Purlins transfer the load...







into the roof Brace Rods.





#### The load travels through the Roof bracing...







through the Eave Purlin ...





to the wall Diagonal Bracing ...













#### into the Building's foundation.







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## Transverse (Perpendicular to Sidewall)



Figure 1 Transverse load resisting systems







## Standard EP Location







#### Roof Rods Break at Endpost(s)







## Wind Bracing

If possible, keep endpost spacing

similar at each endwall for a more efficient bracing pattern.

BLUESCOPE STEEL	Тур	ical Ro	od Bracing Location
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Table 2 L	Brac	ed Bays	BLUESCOPE BUILDINGS General General BRACING 1 of 3 Building Bracing 1 (10/09)
of bays (n)	Minimum (default)	Additional (if more than min. is required)	Roof or Wall Plane
< 3	any <mark>o</mark> ne		
3	middle		
4 - 7	middle	2, n-1	
8 - 12	2, n-1	3, n-2	
> 12	2, n-1	4, n-3	

Notes:

= Bay not braced

= Braced bay – primary locations. For available BBNA lateral-force resisting systems see <u>DP 5.4</u>.

The same DP section also explains the permissible combinations of framing systems

= Braced bay location when additional bays of bracing are needed





Standard Bracing Methods





## **Diagonal Bracing**

- VP standard bracing utilizes Diagonal Bracing in the Roof and Walls.
- The bracing design is determined by:
  - Building Loads & Code
  - Building Size
  - Building Location





## **Diagonal Rod Bracing**

#### **Notes about Diagonal Rod Bracing:**

- Stiffest bracing system available
- Most economical bracing system







## **Diagonal Rods**







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### Alternate Diagonal Bracing







## Rod Brace Assembly







## Coupling Nuts







 Bracing may be single rods or angles depending upon loading/design



















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# Alternative Bracing Methods



## Alternative Bracing Methods

## **Torsional Bracing**

Rods are omitted from one sidewall.





## **Torsional Bracing**






# No Torsional Allowed if...

Torsion bracing Geometry/Environmental Limitations:

- Non-rectangular shape (maximum of 4 walls)
- Span exceeds 50 ft.
- Eave height exceeds 16 ft.
- Roof pitch exceeds 1:12
- Have less than 3 bays
- Portal braces
- Portal frames
- Cantilevered columns (fixed base wind posts)
- Partial height rods
- Have lean-to frames
- Has a mezzanine
- Has a crane
- Brittle finishes
- Facades
- Wind speed exceeds 110 mph
  - For Canadian jobs: Basic wind pressure exceeds 32 psf
- High Seismic Applications (IBC/ASCE: SDC D, e or F).
  - o For Canadian jobs:  $I_E F_a S_{a(0.2)} > 0.35$ , and all post-disaster buildings



# Alternative Bracing Methods

### **Notes About Torsional Bracing**

- Inexpensive
- Maximum building width of 50'
- Maximum eave height of 18'
- 100 mph maximum wind speed
- Minimum 3 bays

• Call your Service Center if close to these parameters





### Rod Brace to Floor



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# Alternative Bracing Methods

# **Portal Bracing**



#### Portal Brace Includes:

- Portal Beam
- Knee Braces
- Additional column support





# Portal Bracing



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### Portal Bracing









# **Bracing-Wind Posts**

#### Bracing

#### New Bracing Option

- Fixed Base Wind Post (with automated Wind Post Base Plate Design)
- Use at sidewalls or endwalls
- 35'-0" max. eave height
- Max. 24" column depth
- Connection at main frame is similar to that of portal frame







# Post and Beam Stability

Automated diaphragm check
If fails Rods may automatically be designed
Initially at interior bay
Then at endbay





# Post and Beam Stability





# Alternative Bracing Methods

## **Notes About Portal Bracing**

- More expensive than rod
- •Flexible, not as stiff as diagonal bracing
- •Maximum eave height of 20'
- Special clearances possible





# Portal Bracing







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# Portal Bracing???







# Alternative Bracing Methods

## **Portal Frames**

#### Portal Frame Includes:

- Portal Frame Beam
- Portal Frame Columns
- Load Transfer Clips
- Bolts and Nuts







#### Portal Frame



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### Portal Frame (1/2" offset)



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# Portal Frame







# Portal Frame





# Alternative Bracing Methods

# **Notes About Portal Frames**

- More expensive than rods
- Relatively stiff (can hold drift on frame)
- Special clearances possible

(Hold column & rafter depths)





### Portal Frame







#### Portal Frame (typical Anchor Rod Detail)









#### **Alternative Bracing Methods**



**Combination of Rods and Portal Frame** 

 May be more for building heights above 20' tall.





#### Partial Height Portal Frame





# Bracing Comparisons

(Building Size = 200 x 300 x 19, IBC, 85 MPH Wind - Book Price Shown)





# Strut Bracing at Wall



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### Tube Strut





### Rod Bracing at Truss Frame





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### Rod Bracing at Truss Frame





# Rod Bracing at Facade









# No Bracing?!?!?!

- As erection proceeds all Brace Rods, Flange Braces, Struts, Purlin/Girt Laps should be installed before proceeding.
- All buildings will require some temporary bracing until all erection is complete ! Do NOT take any chances !















### What Wind Can Do!







# Bracing Tips

- Bracing most effective at <u>45 degree</u> angle
- Diagonal bracing always most economical
- Consider <u>Interior Column Bracing</u> at wide buildings
- Consider "<u>shear walls</u>" with masonry, etc.





