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# Designing the Column Base Plate of a Steel Industrial Building according to AISC-LRFD Method

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#### Abstract

Base plates used in steel column-concrete block connections as one of the most important elements in steel structures can influence the total behaviour of structures. Behaviour of base plates as one of the connections that are used in buildings, has its own complexity. The existence of different materials such as steel and concrete, interaction between materials, existence of axial force, shear and moment are the most important problems in analysing these connections. In this study, column-base plate connection design procedure of a steel industrial building according to the AISC Base Plate and Anchor Rod Design Guide 1-LRFD method was studied, the column base plate design procedure was explained for different five load cases. In this study, two dimensional analysis for an industrial building that supports was act as fixed was done in SAP2000 program, then the support reactions that taken from analysis results were used to evaluate column base plate dimensions according to AISC-LRFD procedure and details of column base plate connection was checked in ASDIP-steel program according to AISC-LRFD. As results, the chosen base plate and footing dimensions and anchor bolts were adequate for the design criteria.

Keyword: Steel, Industrial building, Column base plate, LRFD.

# **INTRODUCTION**

Column base connections are critical components in steel structures because they must transfer column forces and bending moments safely to the foundation. Column base plates that used in steel structures may generally be classified into two groups, "exposed column base plates" and "embedded column base plates" [1]. When laterally loaded, exposed base plate used for steel columns bases deform under bending moments and (associated) shear forces mainly by rotations. Behaviour of column base plate connections is of major importance in the overall structural behavior under lateral loading conditions [2]. A lot of reports about exposed column base plates conclude that the exposed base plates must be modeled as a semirigid connection in order to more accurately represent the behaviour of frames subjected to important lateral forces [1]. Previous research studies, showed that connections between columns and foundation elements behave in a semi-rigid manner and, in most of the cases, heavily influence the overall structural system [1,3,4]. Typical steel column base with exposed base plate and concrete block connections are shown in Figure 1.

Base plates as one of the most important connection elements in steel structures can be influenced the total behaviour of structures. The existence of different materials such as steel and concrete, interaction between materials, existence of axial force, shear and moment are the most important problems in analysing these connections. The technical analysis of these connections has always had its special complexities, because the large number of parameters involve in the behaviour of column base plates [5]. In this study, a steel industrial building column base plate design was done according to LRFD design procedure that shown in AISC Design Guide 1: Base Plate and Anchor Rod Design [6]. This Guide is based on the 2005 AISC specification for structural steel buildings [7] and includes design guidance in accordance with both "Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD)" and "Allowable Stress Design (ASD)". In this study, an industrial building that column bases acts as fixed affected by horizontal and vertical loads and moments, base plate design was done according to AISC Design Guide 1-LRFD method (AISC-LRFD method) based on forces and moments that occurs do to applied loads. Column base plate connections controls were done in ASDIP-steel program according to AISC-LRFD method.



Figure 1. Typical steel column base with base plate and concrete block connection

Design of Steel Column Base Plate According To AISC-LRFD Method

### AISC Design Guide 1 provides the design requirements for typical column base plate connections for five different design load cases; "concentric compressive axial loads", "tensile axial loads"," base plates with small moments", "base plates with large moments" and "design for shear". In this study, selected building column base was fixed so base plate under moment effect and tensile axial load design procedure was explained in detail and evaluate base plate dimensions.

### **Concentric Compressive Axial Loads**

When a column base resists only compressive axial loads, the base plate must be large enough to resist the bearing forces transferred from the base plate and the base plate must be of sufficient thickness [6]. The design of column base plate subjected to axial compressive loads only is done according to three cases that are; A2 = A1,  $A2 \ge 4A1$  and A1 < A2 < 4A1, where A1 is area of the base plate and A2 is maximum area of the portion of the supporting (footing area).

# Base Plate With Moment (Small and Large Moments)

In AISC-LRFD method, when base plate affected by moment, the column base design is performed according to small or large eccentricities [6]. In Table 1, general design procedure in AISC Design Guide 1-LRFD method for a base plate under moment effect is shown.

#### **Tensile Axial Loads**

In AISC-LRFD method, the design of anchor rods for tension consists of four steps [6]. These are; "determine the maximum net uplift for the column", "select the anchor rod material and the number and size of anchor rods required to resist uplift", "determine the appropriate base plate size, thickness, and welding to transfer the uplift forces" and "determine the method for developing the strength of the anchor rod in the concrete (i.e., transferring the tension force from the anchor rod to the concrete foundation)".

#### **Anchor Rod Tension**

The tensile strength of an anchor rod is equal to the strength of the concrete anchorage of the anchor rod group (or those anchor rods participating in tension in the case of tension due to moment) or the sum of the steel tensile strengths of the contributing anchor rods according to the AISC design guide 1.

The limiting tension on an anchor rod is based on the minimum area along the maximum stressed length of that rod. For an anchor rod, this is typically within the threaded portion (except upset rods). ANSI / ASME B1.1 defines the rod threaded area as [6]:

$$A_{ts} = 0.785 \left( D - \frac{0.974}{n} \right)^2 \tag{1}$$

where, n is number of threads per inch, D is major diameter. The nominal tensile strength of an anchor rod according to the AISC Specification stipulates as:

$$R_n = 0.75 F_u A_b \tag{2}$$

 $\phi$ =0.75 value must be used to obtain the design tensile strength for LRFD;

$$\phi R_n = (0.75)(0.75)F_u A_b = 0.563F_u A_b \tag{3}$$

ACI 318-08, Appendix D provides the design tensile strength of an anchor by Eq. (4),

$$\phi R_n = \phi F_u A_{ts} = 0.75 F_{uta} A_{ts} \tag{4}$$

Where,  $\phi = 0.75$ ,  $A_b =$  nominal bolt area, in<sup>2</sup>,  $A_{ts} =$  tensile stress area, in<sup>2</sup> and  $F_{uta}$  is lesser of  $F_u$ , 1.9 $F_y$  and 125 ksi (861.84 MPa).

### **Concrete Anchorage for Tensile Forces**

Base plate design under tensile force effect includes "concrete pullout strength", "concrete capacity design method (breakout strength)" and "development by lapping with concrete reinforcement". ACI concrete pullout strength is based on the ACI 318-08, Appendix D provisions (Section D5.3), [8]. Concrete pullout strength can be determined by Equation (5).

$$\phi N_{p} = \phi \psi_{4} A_{pro} 8 f_{c}^{'} \tag{5}$$

In this equation,  $\phi = 0.70$  and  $\psi_4 = 1.4$  if the anchor is located in a region of a concrete member where analysis indicates no cracking at service levels, otherwise  $\psi_4 = 1.0$ .  $f_c$  is specified compressive strength of concrete,psi and  $A_{brg}$  is net bearing area of the anchor rod head,in<sup>2</sup>.

In the concrete capacity design (CCD) method, the concrete cone is considered to be formed at an angle of approximately 34° (1 to 1.5 slope). The cone is considered to be square rather than round in plan (Figure 2)[6]. According to ACI 318-08 Appendix D, the CCD method is valid for anchors with diameters not exceeding 2 in. (50.8 mm) and tensile embedment length not exceeding 25 in. (635 mm) in depth. The concrete breakout strength for a group of cast-in anchors in normal weight concrete is [8]:

$$\phi N_{cbg} = \phi \psi_{3} 24 \sqrt{f_{c}} h_{ef}^{1.5} \frac{A_{N}}{A_{No}} \text{ for } h_{ef} < 11 \text{ in}(279 \text{ mm})$$

$$\phi N_{cb} = \phi \psi_{3} \sqrt{f_{c}} h_{ef}^{5/3} \frac{A_{N}}{A_{No}} \text{ for }$$
(6.a)

$$\phi N_{cbg} = \phi \psi_3 \sqrt{f_c} h_{ef}^{5/5} \frac{N}{A_{No}} for \qquad (6.b)$$

25 in (635 mm)  $\ge h_{ef} \ge 11$  in (279 mm)

Where,  $\phi = 0.70$ ,  $\psi_3=1.25$  considering the concrete to be uncracked at service loads, otherwise  $\psi_3=1.0$ .  $h_{ef}$  is depth of embedment, in.,  $A_N$  is concrete breakout cone area for group, in<sup>2</sup>,  $A_{No}$  is concrete breakout cone area for single anchor, in<sup>2</sup>. In development by lapping with concrete reinforcement the extent of the stress cone is a function of the embedment depth, the thickness of the concrete, the spacing between adjacent anchors, and the location of adjacent free edges in the concrete. The shapes of these stress cones for different situations are shown in Figures 2, 3 and 4. The anchor rod embedment lengths can be defined by the required development length of the spliced reinforcement. Hooks or bends can be added to the reinforcing steel (Figure 5) according to ACI 318-08, Appendix D [6].

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 Table 1. General design procedure for base plate with moment according to AISC Design Guide 1-LRFD method

 Base plate with small moment

 Base plate with large moment

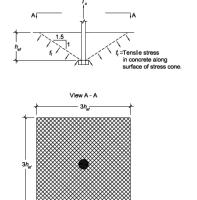


Figure 2. Full breakout cone do to tension force [6]

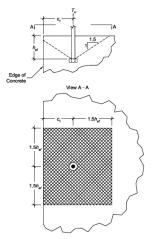
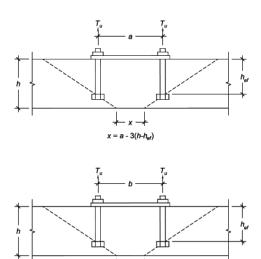


Figure 3. Breakout cone do to tension force near edge in concrete block [6]



 $y = b - 3(h - h_{ef})$ 

Figure 4. Breakout cone for group anchors [6]

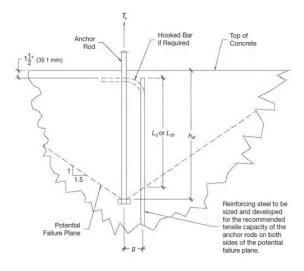


Figure 5. The use of steel reinforcement for in thin slab developing anchor rods [6]

### **Design for Shear**

There are three principal ways for transferring shear effect from column base plates into concrete [6]. They are, "friction between the base plate and the grout or concrete surface", "bearing of the column and base plate, and/or shear lug, against a concrete surface" and "shear in the anchor rods".

# Friction between the base plate and the grout or concrete surface

The shear strength can be calculated using Equation (7) in accordance with ACI 318-08 and ACI 349-06 Appendix D criteria,

 $\phi V_n = \phi \mu P_u \leq (\phi 0.2 f_c A_c \text{ or } \phi 800A_c, \text{whichever is smaller})$  (7)

For friction between steel base plates and concrete a  $\mu$  value of 0.4 is given in ACI 349-06[9], Appendix D,  $\phi = 0.75$ 

# Bearing of the column and base plate, and/or shear lug, against a concrete surface

ACI 349-06, Section D.4.6.2 recommended the bearing limit as shown in equation below;

$$\phi P_{ubrg} = \phi 1.3 f_c A_1 and$$
 (8)  
for  $\phi = 0.65$ ,  $\phi P_{ubrg} = 0.8 f_c A_1$ 

In here,  $A_l$  is embedded area of the shear lug. For bearing against an embedded base plate or column section where the bearing area is adjacent to the concrete surface, ACI 318-08 recommends that

$$\phi P_{ubrg} = 0.55 f_c A_{brg} \tag{9}$$

In here,  $A_{brg}$  is contact area between the base plate and/or column against the concrete.

### Shear in the anchor rods

For the typical cast-in-place anchor group used in building construction, the shear strength determined by concrete breakout can be evaluated using Equations (10) and (11) according to the AISC Design Guide 1.

$$\phi V_{cbg} = \phi \frac{A_v}{A_{vo}} \psi_5 \psi_6 \psi_7 V_b , kips$$
(10)  
$$V_b = 7 \left(\frac{l}{d_o}\right)^{0.2} \sqrt{d_o} \sqrt{f_c} c_1^{1.5} \text{ for normal weight concrete}}$$
(11)

In these equations,  $\psi_5 = 1.0$  for all anchors at same load, ,  $\psi_6 =$  a modifier to reflect the capacity reduction when side cover limits the size of the breakout cone,  $\psi_7 = 1.4$  for uncracked or with adequate supplementary reinforcement and  $\phi = 0$ . In here,  $c_1$  is the edge distance (in.) in the direction of load

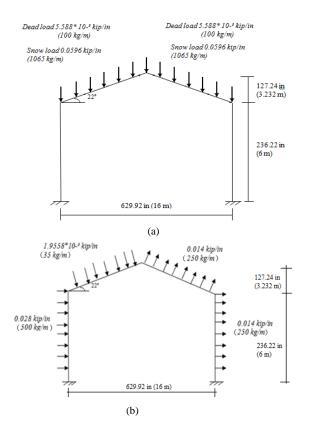
The pryout strength of a single anchor in shear is defined by Equation (12) according to ACI 318-08 [6].

$$\varphi V_{cp} = \varphi \, k_{cp} \, N_{cb} \tag{12}$$

In the Eq. (12) ;  $\varphi = 0.70$ ,  $k_{cp} = 1.0$  for  $h_{ef} < 2.5$  in. (63.5mm),  $k_{cp}=2.0$  for  $h_{ef} \ge 2.5$  in. (63.5mm).

### Determination of Column Base Plate Dimensions That Used in Steel Industrial Building

In this study, the design of column base plate for a steel industrial building column shown in Figure (6) that had fixed support was evaluated, then checked according to AISC-LRFD method in ASDIP-steel program[10]. The considered loads on industrial building and schematic view of base plate dimensions are shown in Figure (6) and (7), respectively [11]. The column and beam sections for industrial building are, W18 x 119, d=18.97 in (482 mm),  $b_{f}$ =11.265 in (286 mm), steel material properties was taken as Grade 36, yield strength  $f_y=36$  ksi (244.8 MPa) and concrete compressive strength  $f_c'=4$  ksi (27.2 MPa). In SAP 2000 program [12], the two dimensional analysis for industrial building according to load combinations that used in AISC-LRFD method was done and results for support for the most critical load combination (1.2Dead+1.6Snow+0.8Wind) was taken. The support reactions that obtained from analysis results were, moment  $M_u$ =-2350.279 kip.in (-265.55 kN.m), vertical reaction  $P_u$ = 39.076 kip (173.82 kN), horizontal reaction  $V_{\mu}$  = - 22.136 kip (- 98.466 kN).



**Figure 6.** (a) Dead and snow loads distribution, (b) wind load distribution on two dimensional industrial building

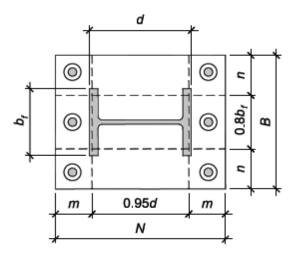


Figure 7. Schematic view of steel column base plate assumed bending lines

## **Base Plate Dimensions and Thickness Calculation**

The support reactions that obtained from analysis results used to calculate the base plate dimensions according to AISC design guide 1-LRFD method, as below

N > d+ 2 (3 in); N > 18.97+ 2\*3 = 24.97 in (634.2 mm)B > bf + 2 (3 in); B > 11.265 + 2\*3 = 17.267 in (438.5 mm)

Trial base plate size  $N \times B = 30 \times 25$  in (762 x 635 mm). Eccentricity:

$$e = \frac{M_u}{P_u} = \frac{2350.279}{39.076} = 60.15 \text{ in. (1527.8 mm)}$$
$$f_{p(\text{max})} = \phi_c (0.85f_c^{+}) \sqrt{\frac{A_1}{A_2}} = 0.65 * 0.85 * 4 * 1 = 2.21 \text{ ksi}$$
$$(15.028 \text{ MPa})$$

$$q_{(\max)} = f_{p(\max)} \cdot B = 2.21 * 25 = 55.25 \ kip / in \ (9.675 \ kN / mm)$$

$$e_{crit} = \frac{N}{2} - \frac{P_u}{2q_{max}} = \frac{30}{2} - \frac{39.076}{2*55.25} = 14.65$$
 in (372.11 mm)

 $e > e_{crit}$ , so base plate is at large moment effect. The anchor rod edge distance was assumed 2.5 *in.* (63.5 *mm*).

According to AISC design guide 1-LRFD design procedure, the calculation controls were done and the chosen dimensions were found sufficient as shown below.

$$f = \frac{N}{2} - 2.5 = \frac{30}{2} - 2.5 = 12.5 \text{ in } (317.5 \text{ mm})$$
$$\left(f + \frac{N}{2}\right)^2 = \left(12.5 + \frac{30}{2}\right)^2 = 756.25 \text{ in}^2(487902.25 \text{ mm}^2) \ge \frac{2P_u(e+f)}{q_{\max}} = \frac{2*39.076*(60.15+12.5)}{55.25} = 102.76 \text{ in}^2$$
$$(66296.64 \text{ mm}^2)$$

At large moment effect according to AISC Steel Design Guide 1 the tensile force  $T_u$  that must transfer by anchor bolt was calculated as shown below.

$$Y = f + \frac{N}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(f + \frac{N}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{2P_u(e+f)}{q_{\max}}} =$$

$$\left(12.5 + \frac{30}{2}\right) \pm \sqrt{\left(12.5 + \frac{30}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{2*39.076(60.15+12.5)}{55.25}} =$$

$$27.5 \pm 25.56 = 53.06 \text{ in } (1347.7 \text{ mm}) = 1.94 \text{ in } (49.3 \text{ mm})$$

$$T_u = q_{\max}Y - P_u = (55.25*1.94) - 39.076 = 68.109 \ kip$$
(302.96 kN)

Base plate thickness was calculated according to bearing and tension interfaces and chosen the largest one.

a) Thickness calculation at bearing interface:

$$m = \frac{N - 0.95d}{2} = \frac{30 - (0.95 * 18.97)}{2} = 5.99 \text{ in (152.1 mm)}$$
  
$$f_p = f_{p(\text{max})} = 2.21 \text{ ksi (15.028 MPa)}$$

for 
$$Y < m$$
:  
 $t_{p(req)} = 2.11 \sqrt{\frac{f_{p(max)} \cdot Y \cdot (m - Y/2)}{F_y}} = 2.11 \sqrt{\frac{2.21 \times 1.94 \times (5.99 - 1.94/2)}{36}} = 1.63 \text{ in}(41.4 \text{ mm})$ 

b) Thickness calculation at tension interface:

$$X = \frac{N}{2} - \frac{d}{2} + \frac{t_f}{2} - 2.5 = \frac{30}{2} - \frac{18.97}{2} + \frac{1.06}{2} - 2.5 = 3.545 \text{ in}$$
(90.04 mm)

$$t_{p(req)} = 2.11 \sqrt{\frac{T_u.x}{B.F_y}} = 2.11 \sqrt{\frac{68.109*3.545}{25*36}} = 1.09$$
 in  
(27.69 mm)

The thickness was checked using the value of n.

$$n = \frac{B - 0.8b_f}{2} = \frac{25 - (0.8*11.265)}{2} = 7.994 \text{ in (203 mm)}$$
$$t_{p(req)} = 2.11 \sqrt{\frac{f_{p(max)} \cdot Y \cdot (n - Y/2)}{F_y}} = 2.11 \sqrt{\frac{2.21*1.94*(7.994 - 1.94/2)}{36}} = 1.93 \text{ in (49 mm)}$$

According to thickness calculation at bearing and tension interfaces results, the base plate thickness was taken as 2 in. (50.8 mm).

### **Determination of Anchor Bolt Size**

According to base plate dimensions and the tension force that must be carried by anchor bolt, three anchor bolts were used on each face of the column. From above calculation tensile force that effect the base plate  $T_u$ =

68.109 kip (302.96 kN), the force per rod = 22.703 kip (100.988 kN). From AISC Steel Design Guide 1, Table 3.1 for ASTM F1554 Grade 36 steel and 1 1/4 in (31.75 mm) diameter anchor bolt available tensile strength= 40 kip (177.92 kN), from this table the hole size for 1 1/4 in (31.75 mm) diameter anchor bolt was 2 1/16 in (52.4 mm). From this table, for  $f_{c'}$  =4,000 psi (27.2 MPa) and 1 1/4 in (31.75 mm) diameter anchor bolt, the anchor bolt concrete pullout strength was determined as 50.2 kip (223.29 kN). This shows that the chosen anchor bolt carried force 50.2 kip (223.29 kN) was greater than the force that anchor rod must be transferred it 22.703 kip (100.988 kN), so the anchor rod size was sufficient.

Addition to base plate dimensions and anchor bolt sizes determination, anchor bolt embedment length= 20 in.(508 mm), concrete block thickness= 40 in (1016 mm) and concrete block dimensions ( $80 \times 80$ ) in. ( $2032 \times 2034 mm$ ) were selected.

### **Design in ASDIP-STEEL Program**

ASDIP is an engineering software program using for steel, concrete and footing design. In ASDIP Steel 3 version 3.5.1 program, AISC 360 (ASD (Allowable Stress Design), LRFD (Load and Resistance Factor Design)) and ACI 318 Appendix D codes are used for steel element design. In this study, the steel industrial building column base which initial dimensions was calculated above was checked according to AISC-LRFD in ASDIP-steel. The obtained results details are shown in Table 2 to 6. In Figure 8, load distribution under base plate, tension breakout area and shear breakout area determined by ASDIP are shown.

Table 2. Base plate design details for axially loaded plate	
Axially loaded plates	
Bearing stress $f_p = P/(W^*L) = 39.1/(25^*30) = 0.1$ ksi (0.689 MPa)	
Bearing strength $F_p = 0.85 * fc' \sqrt{\frac{A_1}{A_2}} = 0.85 * 4 \sqrt{\frac{6000}{750}} = 6.8 \text{ ksi} (46.88 \text{MPa})$	ACI 10.14.1
Under –strength factor $\Phi = 0.65$	ACI 9.3.2.4
<b>Bearing strength ratio</b> = $\frac{f_p}{\phi F_p} = \frac{0.1}{0.65 * 6.8} = 0.01 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$	
Critical section $m = 0.5*(L-0.95*d)=0.5*(30-0.95*19)=6$ in (152.4 mm) Critical section $n = 0.5*(W-0.80*b_f) = 0.5*(25-0.80*11.3) = 8$ in (203.2 mm)	AISC-DG#13.1.2
$X = \left[\frac{4*d*b_f}{(d+b_f)^2}\right]*Bearing \ ratio = \left[\frac{4*19*11.3}{(19+11.3)^2}\right]*0.01 = 0.01$	AISC-DG#13.1.2
$\lambda = \frac{2\sqrt{X}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - X}} = \frac{2\sqrt{0.01}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - 0.01}} = 0.11$	
$n' = 0.25\sqrt{d.b_f} = 0.25 * \sqrt{19 * 11.3} = 3.7$ in (93.98 mm)	
Controlling section k = Max (m, n, $\lambda_n$ ) = Max (6, 8, 0.11*3.7) = 8 in (203.2 mm)	
Plate moment $M = f_p * k^2/2 = 0.1 * 8^2/2 = 1.7$ k.in/in (19.21 KN.mm/mm)	
Plate thickness $t = k \sqrt{\frac{2.f_p}{P_{hi}.f_y}} = 8 * \sqrt{\frac{2*0.1}{0.9*36}} = 0.45$ in (11.4 mm)	AISC-DG#13.1

Table 3. Base plate design details for plate under moment

Base plate with moment	
Blodgett Method	
Eccentricity $e=M/P=195.9*12/39.1=60.1$ in (152.65cm) > (L-Rod offset)/3= (30-12.5)/3 = 5.8 in	(147.3 mm)
Factor $kI = 3*(e - L/2) = 3*(60.1 - 30/2) = 135.4$	
Factor $k2 = 6 * n *$ Tension rods * Area/ $W *$ (Rod offset + $e$ ) = 6* 8*3*1.23/25*(12.5+60.1) = 515.9	
Factor $k3 = -k2 * (L/2 + \text{Rod offset}) = -515.9 * (30/2 + 12.5) = -14188.0$	
Solving the polynomial $Y^3 + k1 * Y^2 + k2 * Y + k3 = 0$	
Bearing length Y=8.3 in (210.8 mm)	
Tension $T = -P^*[(L/2 - Y/3 - e) / (L/2 - Y/3 + \text{Rod offset })]$ $T = -39.1^*[(30/2 - 8.3/3 - 60.1) / (30/2 - 8.3/3 + 12.5)] = 75.7 \text{ kip } (336.73 \text{ kN})$	
Max bearing stress $f_p = \frac{2*(P+T)}{Y+W} = \frac{2*(39.1+75.7)}{8.3*25} = 1.1$ ksi (7.584 MPa)	
Bearing at critical section $f_{p1}$ =(Y-m)* $f_p/Y$ = (8.3-6)*1.1/8.3=0.3 ksi (2.068 MPa)	
Moment due to bearing $M_b=0.5*[f_{p1}*m^2 + m^2*2/3*(f_p - f_p 1)]$ $M_b=0.5*[0.3*6^2 + 6^2*2/3*(1.1 - 0.3)]= 15$ k.in/in (169.48 kN.mm/mm)	
Moment due to tension $M_t = T^*[m - (L/2 - \text{Rod offset})] / [2^*(m - (L/2 - \text{Rod offset}))]$ $M_t = 25.2^*[6 - (30/2 - 12.5)]/[2^*(6 - (30/2 - 12.5))] = 12.6 \text{ k.in/in} (142.36 \text{ kN.mm})$	n/mm)
Plate thickness $t = \sqrt{\frac{4.M_c}{P_{hi}.f_y}} = \sqrt{\frac{4*15}{0.9*36}} = 1.36$ in (34.5 mm)	AISC-DG#13.1.2

 Table 4. Base plate design details for anchorage design

Anchorage Design
Rod material specificationA36
6 Rods , $f_{ya}$ = 36 ksi (244.8 MPa), $f_{uta}$ = 58 ksi (394.4 MPa)
Anchor rod siz 1-1/4" diam. ×20 in emb. $A_{se} = 0.97 \text{ in}^2 (626 \text{ mm}^2), A_{brg} = 2.24 \text{ in}^2 (1445 \text{ mm}^2)$

 Table 5. Base plate design detail for anchorage design in tension force effect

Tension Analysis	ACI D.5
Total tension force $N_u = 75.7$ kip (336.73 kN). # of tension rods = 3	
Tension force per rod $N_{ui}$ = 25.2 kip (112.095 kN)	
-Steel strengt.h of anchors in tension	ACI D.5.1
steel strength $N_{sa} = A_{se} * f_{uta} = 0.969 * 58 = 56.2$ kip (249.99 kN)	ACI Eq.(D-2)
Under-strength factor $\boldsymbol{\Phi} = 0.75$	ACI D.4.3
Steelstrength ratio = $\frac{N_{ui}}{\phi N_{sa}} = \frac{25.2}{0.75 * 56.2} = 0.60 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$	ACI D.4.1.1
-Concrete breakout strength of anchors in tension	
No reinforcing bars provided	ACI D.5.2
Effective embedment $h_{ef} = 20$ in (50.8 cm)	ACI D.5.2.3
Anchor group area $A_{nc} = (C_a + C_{b1})^*(C_a + S_a + Cb_1)$	
$A_{nc} = (30 + 27.5) * (30 + 20 + 27.5) = 4600 \text{ in}^2 (29677.36 \text{ cm}^2)$	ACI D.5.2.1
Single anchor area $A_{nco} = 9 h_{ef}^2 = 9*(20)^2 = 3600 \text{ in}^2 (23225.76 \text{ cm}^2)$	Eq.(D-5)
Single anchor strength $N_b = 24\sqrt{f_c}$ . $h_{ef}^{1.5} = 24\sqrt{4000} * 20^{1.5} = 135.8$ kip (604.068 kN)	Eq. (D-6)
Eccentricity factor $\Psi_{ec}$ = 1.00 (No eccentric load)	ACI D.5.2.4
Edge effects factor $\psi_{ed} = 0.7 + 0.3 * \frac{C_{a,\min}}{1.5 \cdot h_{ef}} = 0.7 + 0.3 * \frac{27.5}{1.5 * 20} = 0.98$	ACI D.5.2.5
Cracking factor $\Psi_{cn}$ = 1.25 (Uncracked concrete at service load level)	ACI D.5.2.6
Breakout strength $N_{cbg} = \frac{A_{nc}}{A_{nco}} \psi_{ec} \psi_{ed} \psi_{cn} N_b$	
$N_{cbg} = \frac{4600}{3600} * 1.00 * 0.98 * 1.25 * 135.8 = 211.4 \text{ kip (940.35 kN)}$	Eq.(D-4)
Under –strength factor $\Phi = 0.70$	ACI D.4.3
<b>Breakout strength ratio</b> = $\frac{N_u}{\phi N_{cbg}} = \frac{75.7}{0.70 * 211.4} = 0.51 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$	ACI D.4.1.1
Breakout strength ratio controls $(0.51 < 1.51)$	ACI D.5.2.9

-Concrete pullout strength of anchors in tension	ACI D.5.3
Single anchor strength $N_p = 8 A_{brg} f_c = 8*2.24*4=71.6 \text{ kip}(318.49 \text{ KN})$	ACI Eq(D-14)
Cracking factor $\Psi_{cp}$ =1.40 (Uncracked concrete at service load level)	ACI D.5.3.6
Pullout strength $N_{pn}$ = $\Psi_{cp} N_p$ = 1.40*71.6 = 100.2 kip (445.71 KN)	ACI Eq(D-13)
Under –strength factor $\boldsymbol{\Phi} = 0.70$	ACI D.4.3
<b>Pullout strength ratio</b> = $\frac{N_u}{\phi N_p} = \frac{25.2}{0.70*100.2} = 0.36 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$	ACI D.4.1.1
-Concrete side-face blowout strength of anchors in tension	ACI D.5.4
Side –face blowout $N_{sbg}$ = N.A. (Embed < 2.5Ca .20<2.5*27.5=68.8)	ACI D.5.4.1
<b>Tension design ratio</b> = $\frac{N_u}{\phi N_n}$ = <b>0.60</b> < <b>1.0 OK</b>	ACI D.4.1.1

 Table 6. Base plate design details for anchorage design in shear force effect

 Shear Analysis

Shear Analysis	ACI D.5
Shear resisted by anchor rods only (Anchor rods are not welded to the base plate)	
Total shear force $V_u$ = 22.1kip (98.305 kN). Shear per rod $V_i$ = 7.4kip (32.92 kN) (Only from	t rods are effective)
-Steel strength of anchor rods in shear	
Steel strength $V_{sa}=0.6*A_{se}*f_{uta}*$ groutfactor=0.6*0.97*58*0.8=27kip(120.10 kN)	ACI D.6.1.2
Under –strength factor $\boldsymbol{\Phi} = 0.65$	ACI D.4.3
Steelstrength ratio = $\frac{V_i}{\phi V_{sa}} = \frac{7.4}{0.65 * 27} = 0.42 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$	ACI D.4.1.1
-Concrete breakout strength of anchors in shear	ACI D.5.2
No reinforcing bars provided	
Anchor group area $A_{\nu c} = (1.5 \text{*Ca}_1) \text{*(Ca}_2 + \text{Sa} + \text{Cb})$	
$A_{\nu c} = (1.5*26.67)*(30+40+30) = 3200 \text{ in}^2 (20645.12 \text{ cm}^2)$	ACI D.6.2.1
Single anchor area $A_{vco}$ =4.5*Ca <sup>2</sup> =4.5*(26.67) <sup>2</sup> =3200in <sup>2</sup> (20645.12cm <sup>2</sup> )	Eq.(D-32)
Single anchor strength $V_b = 7 \cdot \left[ \frac{f_e}{d_a} \right]^2 \cdot \sqrt{d_a} \cdot \sqrt{f_c} \cdot C_a^{1.5}$	
$V_b = 7 * \left[\frac{10}{1.2}\right]^2 * \sqrt{1.2} * \sqrt{4000} * 26.7^{1.5} = 78.4 \text{ kip } (348.74 \text{ kN})$	Eq.(D-33)
Eccentricity factor $\Psi_{ec}$ = 1.00 (No eccentric load )	ACI D.6.2.5
Edge effects factor $\psi_{ed} = 0.7 + 0.3 \frac{c_a}{1.5c_a} = 0.7 + 0.3 * \frac{30}{1.5 * 26.7} = 0.93$	ACI D.6.2.6
Cracking factor $\Psi_{cv}$ = 1.4 (Uncracked concrete at service load level)	ACI D.6.2.7
Thickness factor $\Psi_{hv} = 1.0$	ACI D.6.2.8
Breakout strength $V_{cbg} = \frac{A_{vc}}{A_{vco}} \psi_{ec} \cdot \psi_{ed} \cdot \psi_{cv} \cdot \psi_{hv} \cdot V_b$ $V_{cbg} = \frac{3200}{3200} * 1.00 * 0.93 * 1.40 * 1.00$	*78.4 = 101.5 kip (451.49 )
	Eq.(D-31)
Under –strength factor $\boldsymbol{\Phi} = 0.70$	ACI D.4.3
<b>Breakout strength ratio</b> = $\frac{V_u}{\phi V_{cbg}} = \frac{22.1}{0.70*101.5} = 0.31 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$	ACI D.4.1.1
Breakout strength ratio controls (0.31 < 0.68)	ACI D.6.2.9
-Concrete pryout strength of anchors in shear	
	ACI D.6.3.1
Pryout strength $V_{cpg} = 2.0 * V_{cbg} = 2.0 * 101.5 = 422.8 \text{ kip} (1880.71 \text{ KN})$ Under-strength factor $\boldsymbol{\Phi} = 0.65$	ACI D.6.3.1 ACI D.4.3
Pryout strength $V_{cpg} = 2.0 * V_{cbg} = 2.0 * 101.5 = 422.8 \text{ kip} (1880.71 \text{ KN})$	ACI D.4.3
Pryout strength $V_{cpg} = 2.0 * V_{cbg} = 2.0 * 101.5 = 422.8 \text{ kip} (1880.71 \text{ KN})$ Under-strength factor $\boldsymbol{\Phi} = 0.65$	ACI D.4.3 ACI D.4.1.1
Pryout strength $V_{cpg} = 2.0 * V_{cbg} = 2.0 * 101.5 = 422.8 \text{ kip (1880.71 KN)}$ Under-strength factor $\Phi = 0.65$ Pryout strength ratio $= \frac{V_u}{\phi V_{cpg}} = \frac{22.1}{0.65 * 422.8} = 0.07 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$ Shear design ratio $= \frac{V_u}{\phi V_n} = 0.42 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$ -Tension-Shear interaction	ACI D.4.3 ACI D.4.1.1
Pryout strength $V_{cpg} = 2.0 * V_{cbg} = 2.0 * 101.5 = 422.8 \text{ kip (1880.71 KN)}$ Under-strength factor $\Phi = 0.65$ Pryout strength ratio $= \frac{V_u}{\phi V_{cpg}} = \frac{22.1}{0.65 * 422.8} = 0.07 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$ Shear design ratio $= \frac{V_u}{\phi V_n} = 0.42 < 1.0 \text{ OK}$	ACI D.6.3.1 ACI D.4.3 ACI D.4.1.1 ACI D.4.1.1

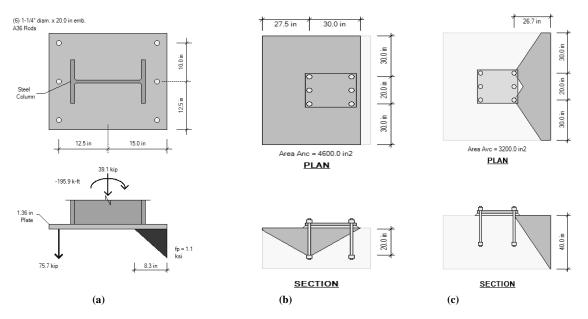


Figure 8. ASDIP-steel results (a) load distribution under base plate in ASDIP program (b) tension breakout area, (c) shear breakout area

## CONCLUSIONS

A steel column base consists of a column, a base plate, concrete block and an anchoring assembly. In steel structures, column bases are critical components that must transfer loads from building into foundation system. In general, they are designed with unstiffened base plates, but stiffened base plates may be used where the connection is required to transfer high bending moments. In this study, column base plate design procedure was explained based on AISC design guide 1-LRFD method and ACI-318 code. Loaded steel industrial building column base plate dimensions were calculated and the required plate thickness was found as 2 inch (50.8 mm). Then, the obtained base plate dimensions and anchorage members were checked in ASDIP-Steel program according to AISC-LRFD and ACI318 code. In this program; plate thickness, maximum bearing stress, bearing strength and design ratio were calculated. The design was obtained ductile, anchorage and base plate design were adequate the design criteria and reliable results were obtained.

## NOTATIONS

- A1 : Area of the base plate
- A1 : Embedded area of the shear lug (design for shear)
- *A2* : Maximum area of the portion of the supporting

 $A_{brg}$ : Contact area between the base plate and/or column against the concrete

- $A_b$ : Nominal bolt area
- $A_{ts}$ : Tensile stress area
- $A_{No}, A_{nco}$ : Concrete breakout cone area for single anchor
- $A_N, A_{nc}$ : Concrete breakout cone area for group

 $A_{\nu}, A_{\nu c}$ : The total breakout shear area for a single anchor, or a group of anchors

 $A_{vo}$ ,  $A_{vco}$ . The area of the full shear cone for a single anchor or a group of anchors

- $A_c$ : Area of concrete section resisting shear transfer
- $A_{se}$ : Effective cross-sectional area of anchor in shear or tension
- *B* : Base plate width
- $b_f$ : Column flange width

 $c_1$ : The edge distance in the direction of load

 $C_a$ : Distance from the center of an anchor shaft to the edge of concrete in one direction

 $C_{bl}$ : Smaller of: the distance from center of a bar or wire to nearest concrete surface, and one-half the center-to-center spacing of bars or wires being developed

- d : Overall column depth
- $d_o$ : The rod diameter
- $d_a$ : Outside diameter of anchor or shaft diameter of headed stud, headed bolt, or hooked bolt
- *e* : The eccentricity
- $e_{cri}$ : The critical eccentricity
- $F_u$ : Factored force acting in a strut, tie, bearing area, or nodal zone in a strut-and-tie model
- $f_p$ : Bearing stress between the plate and concrete
- $f_{p1}$ : Bearing stress at critical section
- $F_p$  : Bearing strength
- $f_{c'}$ : Specified compressive strength of concrete
- $F_y$ : Specified yield stress of base plate
- $f_{uta}$  : Specified tensile strength of anchor steel
- $h_{ef}$ : Depth of embedment
- $\ell$  : Embedment depth

 $L_d$ : Development length in tension of deformed bar, deformed wire, plain and deformed welded wire reinforcement, or pretensioned strand

 $L_{dh}$ : Development length in tension of deformed bar or deformed wire with a standard hook, measured from critical section to outside end of hook

 $M_r$ : Bending moment  $M_u$  according to Drake and Elkin assumption

- $M_u$ : The factored bending moment
- $M_b$ : Moment due to bearing
- $M_t$ : Moment due to tension
- N : Base plate length
- $N_{cbg}$ : Concrete breakout strength for a group of anchors
- $N_n$ : Nominal tension force
- $N_{sa}$ : Steel strength
- $N_{rg}$ : Rebars strength
- $N_{sbg}$ : Side-face blowout strength of a group of anchors
- $N_u$ : Total tension force
- $N_{ui}$ : Tension force per rod

 $N_{cb}$  : Nominal concrete breakout strength in tension of a single anchor

 $N_b$ : Basic concrete breakout strength in tension of a single anchor in cracked concrete

 $N_p$ : Pullout strength in tension of a single anchor in cracked concrete

 $N_{pp}$ : Nominal pullout strength in tension of a single anchor

n': Yield-line theory cantilever distance from column web or column flange

 $P_r$ : Axial force  $P_u$  according to Drake and Elkin assumption

 $P_u$ : The factored axial compressive force

 $q_{max}$ : Maximum bearing force

- $q_Y$  : Resultant bearing force
- $S_a$ : Center-to-center spacing of bolts
- $T_u$ : Tensile force in the anchor rod
- $t_{p(req)}$ : Minimum plate thickness
- $V_u$ : The factored shear force
- $V_n$ : Nominal shear strength V: Total shear force or shear force per rod
- $V_{sa}$ : Steel strength
- $V_{rg}$  : Rebars strength

 $V_{b}^{\circ}$ : Basic concrete breakout strength in shear of a single anchor in cracked concrete

 $V_{cbe}$ : Nominal concrete breakout strength in shear of a group of anchors

 $V_{cpg}$ : Nominal concrete pryout strength of a group of anchors

*Y* : Bearing length

 $P_{ubrg}$ : The bearing limit (design for shear)

 $\phi$ : Strength reduction factor

 $\mu$ : The friction coefficient

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