FIXING & BRACING GUIDELINES FOR TIMBER ROOF TRUSSES

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**Design**

1. Trusses are designed for normal roof, ceiling and wind loads to suit specific jobs and conditions. Additional loading such as Solar Units, Hot Water Tanks, Air Conditioning, etc. require special consideration. Advice should be sought from the truss fabricator prior to commencing construction.

2. Wall frames and beams supporting trusses must be designed for the correct roof loads. Refer AS1684 “Residential Timber-Frame Construction” for details.

3. Wind load is an important factor in the design and performance of roof trusses. Ensure that you have correctly advised the truss fabricator with regard to wind load requirements and that adequate provision has been made to fix trusses to the support structure to withstand wind uplift forces.

4. Trusses are generally designed to be supported on the outer wall with inner walls being non load bearing. Where it is necessary to use internal walls for load bearing, these will be clearly shown on layouts.

5. Before ordering trusses, ensure that your particular requirements have been provided for and that all relevant information has been supplied to the truss manufacturer. If non standard trusses are being used, ensure that erection and bracing details are known before erection commences.

6. For environments where the atmosphere may be conducive to corrosion, such as some types of industrial and agricultural buildings, or buildings near the ocean and subject to salt spray, consideration should be given to the use of GBS stainless steel connector plates.

**Important Note**

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2. Trusses are designed for specific loading, geometry and support conditions. Under no circumstances should truss timber be cut, removed or trusses be modified in any way without prior approval from the truss fabricator.

3. Make sure all bracing is permanently fixed and all bolts and brackets are tightened prior to the loading of the roof.

**Transport**

Trusses must be fully supported when being transported in either a horizontal or vertical plane. Care must be taken when tying down, not to put strain on chords or webs.

Timber or metal right angle protectors are a satisfactory method of avoiding damage. Unloading and handling is described below.

**Job Storage and Lifting**

Trusses should be inspected on arrival at site. Any damaged trusses should be reported immediately and not site repaired without approval of the truss fabricator.

Where it is anticipated that trusses will be stored on site for an extended period of time before use, adequate provision should be made to protect trusses against the effects of weather.

Protective covering, where used, should allow free air circulation around trusses.

Trusses when stored on the job site should be on timber fillets clear of the ground and in a flat position to avoid distortion.

When lifting, care must be taken to avoid damaging of joints and timber. Spreaders bars with attachment to the panel points should be used where span exceeds 9000 mm. Never lift by the apex joint only.

The trusses may also be placed on the top plates by pulling them up on skids, spread at 3000 mm, taking the same precaution as described above.

Ensure that the trusses are not distorted or allowed to sag between supports.

The recommended method of lifting trusses will depend on a number of factors, including truss length and shape.

In general, sling truss from top chord panel points as shown below. Slings should be located at equal distance from truss centreline and be approximately 1/6 to 1/3 truss length apart.

The angle between sling legs should be 60° or less and where truss spans are greater than 9000 mm a spreader bar or strongback should be used. Some typical examples are shown below.

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Dutch Hip

Gable

NOTE: End gable truss to be located over end wall unless otherwise advised by supplier.

T Shaped

L Shaped

Gable Ends
Where a gable end is required, consult your truss fabricator for details of construction and erection.

Supporting Structure
(Frame or Brick)
A structure that is not level and is out of square will result in an ugly and unsatisfactory roof line. Time is well spent in ensuring:

1. The load bearing top plates are level.
2. The structure is of the correct dimension.
3. The top plates as well as being level, are straight in their length.
4. The internal walls are set below the outer wall level by:
   - Unbattened ceiling – 10 mm.
   - Battened ceiling – 10 mm plus batten thickness.

Note: For 900 mm spaced trusses, plasterers prefer to use 50 mm battens.

Wall Frame Construction
The load bearing frames should be checked for:
1. Lintel sizes suitable for truss loading. Consult AS1684 or your truss fabricator.
2. If trusses are not located directly over studs the top plate size must be in accordance with AS1684.
3. Girder trusses may require the strengthening of studs at the points of support. Check the loading with your truss fabricator and refer to AS1684. Points circled on the layout notes are critical.

The supporting structure construction must be adequate to resist wind up-lift forces.

Frame Bracing
The frame must be fully braced, plumb, and nailed home before the erection of trusses is commenced.

Erection and Fixing
It is convenient to mark the truss position on the wall plates before lifting trusses. Use the layout drawing as your guide and note that the truss design spacing must not be exceeded.

Ensure first truss is installed carefully and within erection tolerances.

WARNING – Do not use web as ladder to climb up or down the roof during installation. This can cause damage to the web and lead to serious injury.

Gable Roofs – start with a gable truss at each end, fixing it to the top plate at the position marked. These trusses must be temporarily braced back to the ground or frame at the panel points.

Hip or Dutch Gable – start with the Dutch girder truss or the truncated girder, placing it on the top plate at the position marked and temporarily bracing it back to the frame. Locate hip and jack trusses and adjust girder truss position before fixing.

Line – Using a stringline along the Apex, place each intermediate truss and fix it to the top plate at the position marked, spacing it with gauging rods and ties.
Camber

Trusses are built with a camber in the bottom chord. The camber is designed to suit the span and load. A girder truss will have more camber than other trusses. The camber is progressively taken up as the load from the roof covering and ceiling is applied. Under no circumstances should trusses be supported along the span (unless designed for) by blocking or propping.

If a truss has been designed to be supported internally a “SUPPORT HERE” label is affixed to the appropriate point.

Erection Bracing

The trusses must be braced during erection. If this is not done, then two problems can occur.

1. Collapse during erection
2. Erection tolerance will be exceeded, causing overloading, buckling and possible permanent damage.

The exact details of erection bracing will, for practical purposes, differ from job to job. The following recommendations are for guidance only as the details employed are the erectors responsibility.

The first truss should be erected straight and plumb to erection tolerances given previously and temporarily braced to a rigid element, e.g. wall or ground as shown on diagram following.

Each successive truss should be spaced using GT Spacers. GT Spacers are recommended in lieu of gauging rod or timber ties, as these can be fixed to the trusses prior to lifting trusses on to top plates.

Do not stand on a truss that does not have all its GT Spacers or temporary ties fixed.

The purpose of temporary bracing is to hold trusses straight and plumb prior to fixing permanent bracing. All permanent bracing, ties, hold down, etc. must be fixed prior to loading roof.

Code requirements - Australian Standard for the installation of nailplated trusses AS4440-1997 requires that temporary ties are to be used on top chords at spacings no greater than 3000 mm and on bottom chords at spacings no greater than 4000 mm. However, it is good practice to place top chord ties at each top chord panel point.

The GT Spacer is designed to replace the temporary chord ties as required by AS4440. To conform with AS4440-1997 requirements use GT Spacers as below.

Important Note

These recommendations are a guide only for the erection of standard gable trusses up to 13000 mm span, and spaced at centres not exceeding 1200 mm. For trusses beyond these conditions, consult your truss fabricator.

Erection Tolerances

Tolerance is critical for both a good roof line and effective bracing. A stringline, a plumb line or level should be used.

1. Trusses to be erected with overall bow or bow in any chord not to exceed the lesser of L/200 or 50 mm (L is the chord length).
2. Trusses erected with apex not more than the lesser of span/200 mm or 50 mm from a vertical plane through the supports.
3. At any section the local out of plumb should not exceed the truss height/50 or max. 50 mm.

Generally if a bow or tilt is evident to the eye, the truss has been erected outside the tolerances.
INTERNAL OR NON-LOAD BEARING WALLS.

(a) Non-Bracing Wall
If internal or non-load bearing walls are not designed as bracing walls, fix the truss with the INTERNAL WALL BRACKET with nails at the top of the slot to allow for truss settlement as it is loaded. Brackets are fixed at 1.8 m centres along unsupported sections of the wall. Where trusses are parallel to walls, trim between the bottom chords and fix brackets to the trimmer. Where non-load-bearing walls are stable in their own right, no Internal Wall Brackets are required.

Trusses parallel to bracing wall

Trusses at right angle to bracing wall

(b) Bracing Wall
Where internal walls are non-load bearing but are designed as bracing walls, trusses should be fixed to the top plate using structural connections of equivalent strength to the bracing strength of that particular bracing wall. The connection should also allow the truss to deflect vertically when it is loaded.

Table 1 - Fixing details for Bracing Walls

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N - Not Suitable
Fixing to Girder Trusses
Special Girder Brackets are available for supporting standard trusses on the bottom chords of Girder Trusses. These brackets should be fully fixed in accordance with details supplied by the truss fabricator prior to loading roof. (Refer page 14).

Fixing of Valley (saddle) Trusses
Connection of valley (saddle) trusses to be in accordance with details supplied by the truss fabricator or those in AS4440.

Hip End Fixing
The following details recommend the minimum requirements for fixing hip ends. These recommendations are suitable for use with trusses up to 900 mm maximum spacing supporting tiles roof and 1200 mm maximum spacing supporting sheet roof. Maximum truncated girder station is 3600 mm.

Notes:
1. These connections are adequate, based on general domestic construction practices which include at least two 2.5 mm skew nails, with a penetration of 10 times of nail diameter to supporting member, connecting each member.
2. Nails details may be substituted by screws with equivalent capacity.
3. These details are also applicable for use in conjunction with conventional hip ends.

For Wind Classification N1, N2, N3 or C1
Connection of trusses at hip end for wind classification N1, N2, N3 or C1 are in accordance with the details shown and described in Figure 1 and Detail A1 to E1.

Figure 1. Typical trussed hip end connection for Wind Classification N1, N2, N3 or C1

Notes:
1. For effective skew nailing, the nail shall be driven into one member not closer than 25 mm to no more than 38 mm from the arris in contact with the adjacent member. The nail shall be driven at an angle between 30° and 45° to the face into which the nail is driven.
2. Where nails are smaller than the nominated size or other than plain shank nails, or machine driven, or both, their performance shall not be inferior to the nail size given.
3. Roof battens or purlins and ceiling battens shall be fixed to trusses in accordance with approved specifications.

Detail A1 - Hip Truss to Truncated Girder Truss

Detail B1 - Jack Truss to Truncated Girder Truss

Note: For wind classification N2 and tile roofs, truncated girder with spans up to 8000mm and station up to 2400mm, detail B may be used.

Detail C1 - Extended Jack or Hip Truss to top chord of Truncated Standard Trusses

Detail D1 - Jack Truss to Hip Truss (maximum jack station 1800 mm)

Detail E1 - Jack Truss to Hip Truss (maximum jack station 3000 mm)
For Wind Classification N4, C2 or C3

Connection of trusses at hip end for wind classification N4, C2 or C3 are in accordance with the details shown and described in Figure 1 and Detail A2 to E2.

**Figure 2. Typical trussed hip end connection for Wind Classification N4, C2 or C3**

Notes:

1. For effective skew nailing, the nail shall be driven into one member not closer than 25 mm to no more than 38 mm from the arris in contact with the adjacent member. The nail shall be driven at an angle between 30° and 45° to the face into which the nail is driven.

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3. Roof battens or purlins and ceiling battens shall be fixed to trusses in accordance with approved specifications.

4. Jack trusses are assumed to be supported in the horizontal top chord of the truncated girder.

**Detail A2 - Hip Truss to Truncated Girder Truss**

One 30 x 0.8mm Structural Tie Down Strap with 4/ø2.8mm x 30mm reinforced head nails into each leg.

Use one Creeper Connector with 6/ø2.8mm x 30mm reinforced head nails into each face.

**Detail B2 - Jack Truss to Truncated Girder Truss**

Station up to 2400mm. One TLG bent to suit with 4/ø2.8mm x 30mm reinforced head nails into the side of each top chord for truncated girder.

**Detail B2 - Jack Truss to Truncated Girder Truss cont.**

Station 2450mm to 3600mm. One 30 x 0.8mm Structural Tie Down Strap bent under the horizontal top chord, fixed with 4/ø2.8mm x 30mm reinforced head nails to each leg.

One TLG bent to suit with 4/ø2.8mm x 30mm reinforced head nails into the side of each bottom chord.

**Detail C2 - Intersection of Jack and Hip Truss to Truncated Standard Trusses**

One Creeper Connector with 6/ø2.8mm x 30mm reinforced head nails into each face.

One TLG with 4/ø2.8mm x 30mm reinforced head nails into the side of each top chord.

**Detail D2 - Extended Jack or Hip Truss to top chord of Truncated Standard Trusses**

One TLG with 4/ø2.8mm x 30mm reinforced head nails into the side of each top chord.

**Detail E2 - Jack Truss to Hip Truss (maximum jack station 2400mm)**

One Creeper Connector with 6/ø2.8mm x 30mm reinforced head nails into each face.
Suitable for pitches from 13° to 12.5° pitched chords.

CC200R and CC200L Creeper Connectors ($\alpha = 70^\circ$)
Suitable for pitches from 13° to 30° and that suffix L and R defines that the product is designed for left hand or right hand connection.

Roofing Battens
The stability of any roof system is reliant on the tile or sheeting battens. The contract with the roofer should include the following provisions:

- Roofing battens should be fixed securely to all truss top chords in accordance with AS1684 unless otherwise specified by local building regulations. For multiple ply trusses, battens should be fixed securely to each ply of truss top chord with at least one nail or other mechanical fixing. Battens wider than 50mm should be secured with two fixings to each ply.
- Battens to be arranged so that on any truss top chord, not more than 1 in 3 battens are spliced and no two splices are adjacent.
- In the areas of roof not bounded on both sides by diagonal bracing, battens should be continuous, if not use “Batten Strapnails” to splice.
- Roof should not be loaded until all roofing battens are securely fixed.

Permanent Bracing
Before loading, roof trusses must be permanently braced back to the rigid building element, such as support walls, to prevent rotation or buckling of trusses under the weight of roof and ceiling material or under wind uplift.

These recommendations provide for:
- Wind Classifications for areas up to C3 (W60C).
- Walls being stable and braced in their own right.
- Roof spans up to 16000 mm.

For conditions beyond these, consult your truss manufacturer.

SPEEDBRACE
Speedbrace is a bracing system for the bracing of trussed roofs in both low wind speed and cyclone areas.

Speedbrace is manufactured in accordance to AS4440-1997’s steelbrace specification.

- Applied to top of top chord – speed and simplicity.
- Pre-tension – no turnbuckles or similar device is required to tension the brace.
- Maximum load is governed by end fixing and splicing which are to be made strictly in accordance with details shown in this publication.
- Pre-punched – nailing made quick and easy with special 30 x 2.8 galvanized reinforced head nails.
- Uniform strength – assured performance.
- Side by side splicing for easy layout and fixing.
- Positive end fixing – wrap around at apex, splice and frame.

(Clouts should not be used in fixing Speedbrace.)

Bottom Chord Bracing
Permanent bottom chord bracing is required to hold truss bottom chord straight under loading.

For batten roofs use batten sizes as required by AS16844 – “Residential Timber-Frame Construction”. Batten centres are not to exceed restraint centres specified on truss design drawings.

For suspended ceilings or where ceiling battens do not provide restraint to bottom chords, (e.g. metal Furring Channels clipped to trusses), bottom chord ties and diagonal bracing may be required. Refer truss layout and design drawings for size and spacing.

For trusses at close centres with ceilings fixed direct to bottom chord by either glue or nails, adopt bottom chord ties as specified under Erection Bracing. Bottom chord ties to be fixed and/or braced back to a rigid building element.

Top Chord Bracing
The bracing layout is related to the span and shape of the roof.

![Speedbrace Diagram](image-url)
Roof spans less than 8000 mm

The forces in a roof of less than 8000 mm span are relatively low and may be restrained by the use of a single Speedbrace in a “V” configuration. The angle of Speedbrace to wall frame should be between 30° and 45°, and each truss should be crossed with at least two braces.

For roof lengths less than half span (h) use detail for Very Short Roofs below.

1. Very Short Roof – where the roof length “L” is 1 to 1¼ times the half span “h” of the roof truss.

2. Short Roof – where the roof length “L” is 1¼ to 3¼ times the half span “h” of the roof truss.

3. Long Roof – where the roof length “L” is 3¼ to 4 times the half span “h” of the roof truss.

4. Very Long Roof – where the roof length “L” is more than 4 times the half span “h” of the roof truss.

Roof Spans 8000 mm to 13000 mm

The increase in span increases the forces to be restrained requiring the use of Speedbrace in an “X” configuration. The angle of Speedbrace to the frame should be between 30° and 45°. Use a single Speedbrace with maximum overall truss length not exceeding values in Table 2.

Each truss should be crossed with at least four braces and bracing bays should extend from the end trusses of the building unless noted otherwise.

1. Very Short Roofs. Where the roof length “L” is very short compared to the half span “h” of the roof trusses and would result in a brace angle greater than 45°, a diagonal bracing arrangement is required each side of the ridge line as given below. Bracing bays should be spaced across roof such that the brace angle is always between 30° and 45°.

2. Short Roofs. Where the roof length “L” is of length to give a brace angle between 30° and 45° then only one bay of bracing is required each side of the ridge line as shown.

3. Long Roofs. Where the roof length “L” is long compared to the half span “h” of the roof trusses and would result in a brace angle less than 30°, two or more crossed bracing bays are required each side of the ridge to ensure the brace angle is between 30° and 45° as shown.

4. Very Long Roofs. As for long roofs, except continue bracing for length of building such that each truss is crossed with at least four braces.

For a roof with overall truss span greater than the maximum values specified in Table 2, but less than 13.0 m, use a double Speedbrace as shown below.

Table 2 - Maximum truss span (m) for single Speedbrace of roof spans 8 m to 13 m

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Roof Spans 13000 mm to 16000 mm

a) For standard trusses, refer to Table 3 to determine whether single or double Speedbrace can be used in an 'X' configuration over the whole roof with an additional braced bay at each end as shown.

Table 3 - Maximum truss span (m) for single and double Speedbrace of roof spans 13 m to 16 m

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b) For jack trusses or rafters, use single Speedbrace in an 'X' configuration and the angle of Speedbrace to end wall should be between 30° and 45°.

1. Where the horizontal top chord length (HTL) is less than the truncated girder station (TGS).

2. Where the horizontal top chord length (HTL) is 1 to 1.5 times the truncated girder station (TGS).

3. Where the horizontal top chord length (HTL) is longer than 1.5 times the truncated girder station (TGS).

Typical Bracing Layouts

Gable Roof
Select a roof layout such that the angle between the ridge line and the brace is between 30° and 45°. There are eight basic bracing arrangements to consider depending on truss span and building length as given above. Bracing bays should extend from end trusses on the building.

Hip Roof
For roofs on buildings of rectangular plan with trussed hip ends or dutch hip ends, bracing is required between apex of hip ends only. In such cases the building length "L" is taken as being the distance between the intersection of hip and ridge lines at each end of the building and either of the above gable recommendations adopted.

Dual Pitched
On dual pitched roofs and cut-off roofs where the ridge line is not central on the building it may be necessary to determine bracing layout from a combination of 1, 2, 3 and 4 above. In such cases each side of the ridge shall be considered as a separate case.

Bell Roof
Bell trusses should be braced as shown. The Speedbrace should be spliced at bell breaks.
Skillion
Where the roof consists of half trusses, the span of the half truss should be taken as the half span "h" when using the above recommendations, and the apex braced to supporting structure. See section on Treatment of Internal Supports etc.

NOTE:
The previous are typical layouts for bracing. However, for special circumstances, e.g. small spans and complex roof shapes, bracing layout will be supplied.

Speedbrace Fixing Details
1. Always use 30 mm long x 2.8 mm dia. Galvanized Reinforced Head Nails when fixing Speedbrace.
2. At each truss, fix Speedbrace to the top of the top chord with two nails. Select nail holes most central to the timber edge. Flatten bracing while nailing to avoid interference with battens.
3. At end truss fix off the Speedbrace as shown. A pair of tinsnips will cut the brace. After fixing to top of top chord use your hammer to form a tight bend and fix to face of top chord with three nails.

Typical End Fixing Details
Two nails to top of end truss top chord

Bend brace over end truss top chord and fix with three nails to the face of the top chord

4. To splice Speedbrace, overlap or wrap around over one truss and fix with three nails. Splice to be located at least 3500 mm from heel end fixing, measured along brace.

Typical Splice Detail
(Overlap Splice)
Lap brace over rafter or top chord and fix with three 30 x 2.8mm galvanized reinforced head nails

Typical Splice Detail
(Wrap-around Splice)
Two nails to each top chord through each brace
Bend both brace ends over top chord and fix with three nails to each face of top chord

5. At the heel, Speedbrace should be fixed in one of the following ways:-
The simplest method, where roof geometry permits is to fix directly to the wall top plate as shown below. The brace must be kept straight between the last braced truss and wall top plate. Also the angle between the brace and the wall top plate must not exceed 45°, i.e. 1:1 slope.

Heel End Fixing Details
Two nails to each top chord

CAUTION
The Speedbrace must be positively fixed to the top plate otherwise the bracing will be ineffective.

An alternative method can be used where it is desired to extend the brace to the last truss or where the angles do not permit ready fixing to the top plate. The last two trusses should be fixed to the wall top plate with a minimum of two Trip-L-Grips to each truss, and timber block between trusses as shown.

Alternative Heel End Fixing Detail
Two nails to each top chord
Bend brace over and fix with three nails to the face of the top chord

Where the standard trusses are supported by a girder truss or a beam rather than a wall top plate, fix Speedbrace at truss heel as shown following.

Heel End Fixing at Girder or Beam

Girder Bracket

Two nails to the top of the truss and three to the side

Timber block of similar size to truss chord fitted tightly between trusses using two nails to truss and three nails to top plate

Trip-L-Grip, one to each side of truss

Two nails to each top chord

90 x 35 F5 minimum timber block fixed in line with bottom of bottom chord fitted tightly between trusses using framing anchors as shown.

Treatment at Cantilevers
The force in the top chord bracing must be carried through to the wall plate by diagonal bracing from the top chord to wall plate, as shown below.

Cantilever Bracing Details
Refer to End Fixing Details

Timber block of similar size to truss top chord fitted tightly between trusses. Use two nails to fix each truss and three nails to fix to top plate.

Speedbrace continuous to truss heel

Refer to End Fixing Details

90 x 35 F5 minimum timber block fixed in line with bottom of bottom chord fitted tightly between trusses using framing anchors as shown.
Treatment at Internal Supports, Cut-off or Half trusses

In addition to top chord bracing, cut-off and half trusses require bracing from top chord to top plate at end nearest apex. Apply one bay of diagonal bracing at each end of the run of trusses and intermediate bays at 10m centres for long runs of trusses.

End Bracing for Cut-off and Half Trusses

2 nails to each web intersection

Web Ties & Stiffeners

Some truss designs require longitudinal ties, stiffeners or other supplementary members to be applied to webs. Where longitudinal ties are used, they should be 70 x 35 (F5) or as specified by the truss fabricator. Where longitudinal ties are used, they should be continuous and fixed to web of each truss at mid-height with 2 x 3.75 dia. nails and braced back to truss with one bay of crossed Speed brace at each end and intermediate bay at 10m centres fixed as shown below. Ties may be spaced by lapping over 2 adjacent trusses.

Web stiffeners may be specified in lieu of web ties where it is difficult to fit web ties because of the small number of trusses or the varying position of the webs. eg. Truncated trusses and Hip trusses.

Web stiffeners may be timber sections fitted on-site or steel Eliminator stiffeners fixed during manufacture. Where timber stiffeners are used these should be the size and grade specified by the truss designer and should be continuous for the full length of the web. Timber stiffeners are to be fixed as below.

GT Spacer for Web Tie

The GT Spacer can also be used as permanent lateral bracing for webs in standard roof trusses for domestic constructions. The GT Spacer can be used as a web tie where truss designs require bracing to be applied to webs for the following conditions.

Roof materials: Sheet or tile roof
Ceiling material: 13mm plasterboard, battened
Spacing: 600 and 900mm
Pitch: 45° max.
Span: 16m
Wind Classification: Up to C2

Hold-Down Details For Trusses – Cyclonic & Non-Cyclonic

Fixing types for roof load width, spacings and roof covering are given in Table 4.

Uplift Load Width (ULW) is used to determine the tie-down fixing type for standard trusses only and calculated as follows:

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ULW = \frac{SPAN}{2} + OVERHANG
\]

Minimum 35mm thick wall plate (Refer to AS1684 for fixing of wall plate to brickwork)

Minimum 45mm thick timber block fitted tightly between trusses and nailed down to wall plate

Angle of brace to wall to be between 30° and 45°

Brace to cross web at mid-height to match tie

Web Ties as specified. Fix to each truss web at mid-height with 2 x 3.75mm nails.

Angle of brace to wall to be between 30° and 45°

Fix to each truss web at mid-height with 2 x 3.75mm nails.

WEB TIES

2 nails to web of each intersection and truss

Braces to cross web at mid-height to match tie

3.15mm dia. nails at 225mm max. centres staggered to each member

3.15mm dia. nails at 225mm max. centres

Bend brace over chord and fix with 5 nails to face of chord. Typical both ends of brace.

Bend Speedbrace to side of top plate and under plate (if necessary). Fix with 5 nails to side and/or under top plate. Nails must be no closer than 10mm to edge of timber (TYPICAL).

Speedbrace fixed with two nails

Trip-L-Grip each side

Fix with five nails to side of wall plate and timber block

Wrap brace over timber block and fix with 5 nails

Timber block of similar size to truss top chord. Fix to truss at each end with 2 nails and 1 Trip-L-Grip

The Uplift Load Widths (ULW) in Table 4 have been designed for the following criteria:

Roof materials: Steel sheet with 13 mm plasterboard ceiling fixed with battens, or concrete tile with 13 mm plasterboard fixed direct to truss bottom chord.

Overhang: 600mm

Maximum pitch: 25°

Minimum joint group for calculating hold down: JD4

Wind Load:

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Pressure coefficients used are for the extreme case. Reductions may be achieved depending on building type, dimensions, room layout, etc.

For a more accurate assessment of hold down requirements on specific jobs, refer to truss design outputs.

The details should be used as a guide only as hold down requirements will vary depending on the type of supporting structure. The method of hold down is the responsibility of the builder.

Details for fixing wall plates to foundations are to be provided by others. The supporting structure must also be designed by others to resist all vertical and horizontal loadings.

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2 CYCLONE TIES

When using 2 Cyclone Ties (CT600), refer to Table 5 to ensure the tie is long enough to wrap under the top plate.

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**Girder Brackets**

Girder Brackets have been developed to support standard trusses on the bottom chord of girder trusses or beams, and may also be used to connect beams to beams. The brackets have been designed and tested to ensure that the load of the standard truss is transferred to the girder truss or beam without inducing rotation in the supporting member.

**Determination of Bracket Type**

A range of Girder Brackets are available. The type of bracket required for your project will depend on the loads which it is required to carry. The selection of bracket type should be done in conjunction with your MiTek fabricator or a Structural Engineer.

**MKII Girder Bracket**

MKII Girder Bracket has an integral tongue which prevents the rotation of the girder truss bottom chord when the trusses are loaded, and aids the location of the bracket during installation.
Connect multiple ply trusses with nails or screws before fixing the Girder Bracket to avoid truss separation. Machine-driven nails can also be used to connect multiple ply trusses provided they are glue coated or deformed shank nails. The minimum diameters of machine-driven nails are to be 3.05mm for hardwood and cypress, and 3.33mm for softwood timbers.

4. Position Standard Truss in the bracket so that it is hard against the face of the Girder Truss bottom chord.

5. Fix Standard Truss bottom chord to bracket as per specific fixing diagrams for particular Girder Bracket.

6. Ensure all bolts are tightened, screws and nails are fixed as soon as the supported truss is located correctly.

7. Proceed to install the other Standard Trusses.

GENERAL NOTES apply to all Girder Bracket types:

1. Holes to be drilled to suit M12 bolts. Do not drill oversized holes. Use hexagonal head bolts. DO NOT USE REDUCED SHANK OR CUP HEAD BOLTS.

2. Use 50 x 50 x 3 mm square or 55 mm diameter x 3 mm round washer for M12 bolts.

3. Nails, where specified, to be 30 x 2.8mm diameter galvanised reinforced head nails.

4. Minimum Girder Truss bottom chords apply to each type of Girder Bracket. Refer Installation Instruction drawings.

5. Where ceiling is to be fixed directly to bottom chord, notching of the heel of supported trusses is recommended to obtain a better ceiling line, when using Press On, MKII and Fast Fit short tab Girder Brackets.

6. Screws, where specified, to be MiTek Type 17 point hex head self drilling screws, with class 3 corrosion protection as per AS3566. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN SCREWS. Use suitable power screw driver (not power drill) with torque clutch properly adjusted, or depth limiting driver.

7. When screws are to be driven through connector plates or into F17 or other dense timbers, pre-drilling or using 14g x 30 Type ASD screws to facilitate driving.

8. When driving screws into denser hardwood, screws should be driven in a single action. Do not partly drive screws and attempt to re-start. Remove partly driven screws and start process again.

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5. Fix Standard Truss bottom chord to bracket as per specific fixing diagrams for particular Girder Bracket.

6. Ensure all bolts are tightened, screws and nails are fixed as soon as the supported truss is located correctly.

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4. Position Standard Truss in the bracket so that it is hard against the face of the Girder Truss bottom chord.

5. Fix Standard Truss bottom chord to bracket as per specific fixing diagrams for particular Girder Bracket.

6. Ensure all bolts are tightened, screws and nails are fixed as soon as the supported truss is located correctly.

7. Proceed to install the other Standard Trusses.

GENERAL NOTES apply to all Girder Bracket types:

1. Holes to be drilled to suit M12 bolts. Do not drill oversized holes. Use hexagonal head bolts. DO NOT USE REDUCED SHANK OR CUP HEAD BOLTS.

2. Use 50 x 50 x 3 mm square or 55 mm diameter x 3 mm round washer for M12 bolts.

3. Nails, where specified, to be 30 x 2.8mm diameter galvanised reinforced head nails.

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Fast Fit MKIII - bolt fitting

Supported Truss
M12 bolts

1 locating nail to each wing to hold bracket while drilling holes

Optional locator tab
Girder Truss Bottom Chord

Fast Fit MKIII - screw fitting

Supported Truss
4 screws to each wing and each flange

1 locating nail to each wing to hold bracket while driving screws

Optional locator tab
Girder Truss Bottom Chord

For Girder Bracket MK III in Cyclonic Areas.
Use 3 MiTek screws to each wing in addition to M12 bolts. Washers are also required on both sides of flanges. If length of heel plate is less than 175mm then the supported truss should be either manufactured with GQ4075 Anti-Split plates, or alternatively have 3T10 Tylok Plates installed on site. (See diagram).

Fast Fit MKIII - bolt fitting

Supported Truss
M12 bolts

1 locating nail to each wing to hold bracket while drilling holes

Optional locator tab
Girder Truss Bottom Chord

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Fast Fit MKIII Cyclonic

Supported Truss
55mm x 3.0mm thick washers both sides

3 screws and 1 M12 bolt to each wing for cyclonic wind conditions

GQ4075 or 3T10 Tylok Anti-Split plates (both sides)
10mm from end of MKIII Girder Bracket (if heel plate less than 175mm long).

Fast Fit MKIII Girder Bracket

1 locating nail to each wing to hold bracket

Heel Plate
Optional locator tab
Girder Truss 120mm Bottom Chord depth

3 MiTek Screws
Washer
M12 Bolts

For Girder Bracket Press On

Press On Girder Brackets are to be installed by truss manufacturer using suitable hydraulic press and tooling. Press On Girder Brackets are not suitable for on-site installation.

Press On

Supported Truss
4 nails each side

4 nails to under side of Girder Truss Bottom Chord
2 nails to under side of Supported Truss

Universal Girder Brackets

Hi-Load Girder Bracket

Hi-Load Girder Brackets will support trusses 35mm to 90mm thick. The supported truss can also be located on either side of the cleat making the location of the bracket much simpler. The Hi-Load Girder Bracket is suitable for gird truss bottom chords of 130mm and deeper.

Hi-Load Girder Brackets are manufactured with a long cleat to prevent the twisting of the bottom chord of the girder truss. The cleat also has a cut away section which avoids the possibility of interference with ceiling linings.
**Mid-Load Girder Bracket**

Mid-Load Girder Brackets incorporate M12 bolts, therefore reducing cost and allowing the use of 100mm deep bottom chords. The supported truss may be located on either side of the cleat.

**Boomerang Girder Bracket**

Specifications for Boomerang Girder Bracket are the same as Universal Hi-Load Girder Bracket except for cleat angle. When ordering specify left hand (LH) or right hand (RH) and the angle required. Boomerang Girder Brackets are available with 22.5° or 45° cleats only. For other angles use a wedge as specified in installation instructions.

**FIXING INSTRUCTIONS FOR HI-LOAD AND MID-LOAD GIRDER BRACKETS:**

1. Install the Girder Truss straight and plumb. Apply temporary and/or permanent bracing as required by design.
2. Locate bracket on Girder Truss bottom chord and fix into position by nailing through locating holes.
3. Drill through pre-punched bolt holes into Girder Truss bottom chord. Fix bracket to Girder Truss bottom chord with bolts ensuring correct washers are used to provide bearing against the timber.
4. Position Standard Truss in the bracket so that it is hard against both the cleat and the vertical leg of angle.
5. Fix truss being carried to Girder Bracket by drilling through pre-punched holes in Girder Bracket cleat.
6. Ensure washers are fitted and all bolts are tightened before loading roof.

**NOTES:**

1. Holes to be drilled to suit M16 bolts for Girder Bracket Hi-Load and M12 bolts for Girder Bracket Mid-Load. Do not drill oversized holes and use hexagonal head bolts. DO NOT USE REDUCED SHANK OR CUP HEAD BOLTS.
2. Girder Truss bottom chords to be a minimum of 130 mm (nominal) for Girder Bracket Hi-Load and 90 mm for Girder Bracket Mid-Load.
3. Where ceiling is to be fixed directly to bottom chord, notching of the heel of supported trusses is recommended to obtain a better ceiling line.
4. Supported Truss bottom chords to be a minimum of 90 mm (nominal) for Girder Bracket Mid-Load.
FIXING INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOOMERANG GIRDER BRACKETS:

1. Follow steps 1 to 6 as for Hi-Load and Mid-Load Girder Brackets on previous page.
2. For trusses with intersecting angles that do not correspond to cleat angle, cut suitable dry timber wedges to match angle.
3. Install standard truss and clamp wedges on both sides as shown at right.
4. Drill through pre-punched holes and fit 2/M16 bolts.

NOTES:

1. Holes to be drilled to suit M16 all thread bolts for Girder Bracket Boomerang. Do not drill oversized holes and use hexagonal head nuts. DO NOT USE REDUCED SHANK OR CUP HEAD BOLTS.
2. Where ceiling is to be fixed directly to bottom chord, notching of the heel of supported trusses is recommended to obtain a better ceiling line.
3. Supported Truss bottom chords to be a minimum of 90 mm (nominal) for Girder Bracket Boomerang.

Truss Modifications

A stiffener member is to be fixed to the side of a jack rafter or truss top chord overhang at each point where a guardrail post is located and where the overhang exceeds the value in Table 6 and 7.

The stiffener is to be continuous and extend from the end of the overhang to the first panel point of the truss top chord plus 200 mm or to the entire length of a jack rafter. Refer to detail A.

Stiffener is to be the same grade as the overhang and fixed with minimum 65 mm long by 2.8 mm diameter nails, staggered to one side only as shown in Figure 1. In addition, fix two nails at the truss heel (or support point) and at ends of the stiffener. Where screws are used in lieu of nails, use minimum No. 10 gauge screws at the same spacing and pattern, provided that they penetrate a minimum of 75% into the thickness of the final receiving member.

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Truss Installation

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