

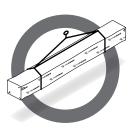
# **Installation Guide**



This Installation Guide is intended to provide general information for a proper **TRIFORCE**® open joist installation. This Installation Guide must be used in conjunction with the manufacturer's Specifier Guide or Placement Guide. For further information or assistance, contact a Barrette Structural Distribution representative.

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# Storage and Handling

- Keep TRIFORCE ® open joist bundles wrapped until the time of installation to protect them from bad weather.
- 2. Use wood filler to separate bundles.
- Always store, stack and handle TRIFORCE® open joist vertically and level never flat
- Do not store TRIFORCE®
   open joist in direct contact
   with the ground.
- Be cautious when using forklift to avoid damage. If the ground is uneven in the storage area, reduce forklift speed to avoid "bouncing" the load.

- When handling with a crane, use a spreader to pick up the load, if necessary, to minimize handling stresses. Keep TRIFORCE® open joist vertical.
- 7. Maintain stack height within safe limits.
- Handling of TRIFORCE® open joists with a crane or forklift should be done by lifting from below the bottom of the bundle.
- Do not stack other material on top of TRIFORCE® open joist bundles.
- Bundle wrap can be slippery, especially when wet or icy. Avoid walking on material.

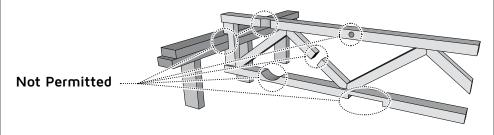
# Installation Instructions

- Except for trimming the joist length on the OSB end panel, chords should never be cut, drilled or notched.
- Install TRIFORCE® open joist so that top and bottom flanges are within 1/2" of true vertical alignment.
- 3. Joists must be restrained at the ends to prevent rollover.
- Apply concentrated loads only on top flanges. Do not suspend concentrated loads from bottom flanges, except for light loads such as ceiling fans or light fixtures.
- TRIFORCE® open joists must be protected from bad weather prior to installation.
- 6. Joists should be used in dry conditions only.
- Never install a damaged TRIFORCE® open joist.
- If optional strongbacks are installed, they must be made of dry lumber.
- End bearing must be a minimum of 1 ½". Placement Guide may specify longer bearings.
- 10. To transfer a vertical load applied above the joist to a

- bearing, it may be necessary to add a rim board, squash blocks or blocking panels.
- Joists must not be in direct contact with masonry or concrete.
- DO NOT WALK ON JOISTS until properly braced. Serious injury may occur.
- DO NOT PILE construction materials on joists until they are fully installed, braced and have subfloor installed.
- 14. When nailing into the joist flange, nails must be spaced at least 2 ½" o.c.
- 15. Details on the following pages show only the installation requirements specific to TRIFORCE® open joists. For other installation requirements, refer to the bulding code or manufacturers' instructions.
- 16. Adhesives used for floor systems should comply with ASTM D3498-O3 Standard Specification for Field-Gluing Plywood to Lumber Framing for Floor Systems. When gluing the subfloor to the joists, follow the instructions of the adhesive manufacturer.

# Not permitted

Never notch, cut or drill a joist member.



# Joist Identification and Orientation



# Bottom - Bas OJ418 Abajo

Joist Orientation

Each TRIFORCE® open
joist is marked to indicate
a bottom flange. In order
to achieve maximum
shear capacity, the joist
should be installed with
proper orientation.

Identification OJ418

Grades: 14 = 1.4E 15 = 1.5E 18 = 1.8E

Flange: 3 = 2x3

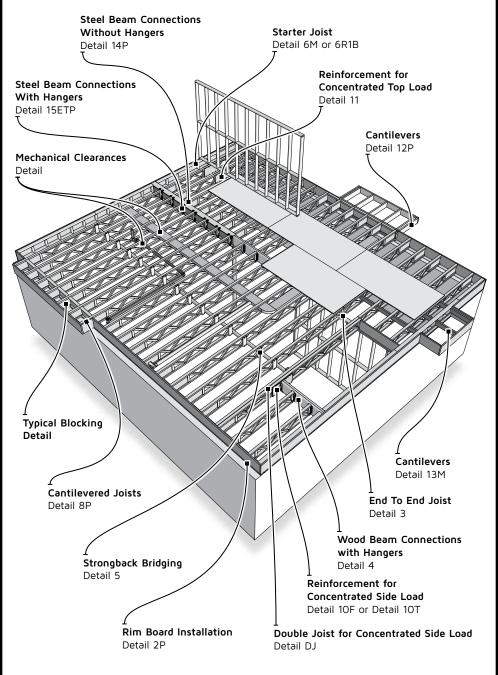
4 = 2x4

20 = 2.0E

### Standard Details

This section provides standard details for normal framing situations. For loads that are not uniformly distributed and/or for joists supported by bearings other than end bearings, joist capacity must be verified using the manufacturer's Analyzer software.

The project designer and/or general contractor is responsible for determining if standard details apply.



### Rim Board Installation

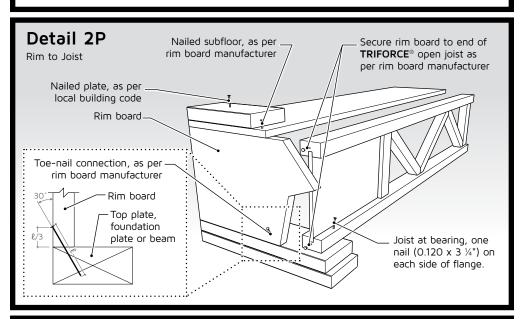
#### Standard Rim Board Sizes

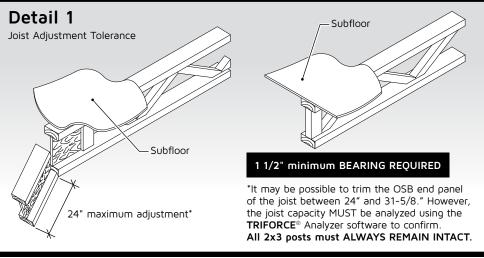
Depth (inches): 9 ½, 11 ¾, 14, 16.

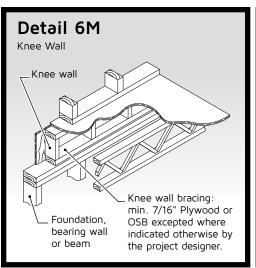
A structural rim board is required when **TRIFORCE**® open joists are installed perpendicular to bearing walls.

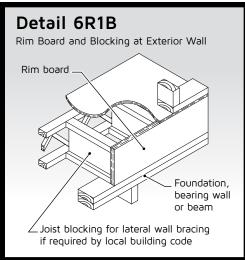
**TRIFORCE**® open joists should not be used as solo starter joists on exterior walls.

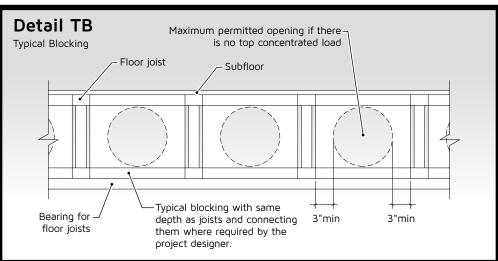
The vertical and/or horizontal loads to be transferred must be verified using the manufacturer's proprietary capacities.

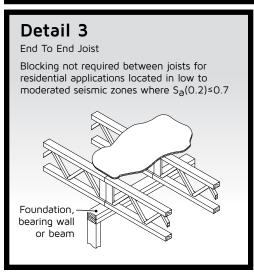


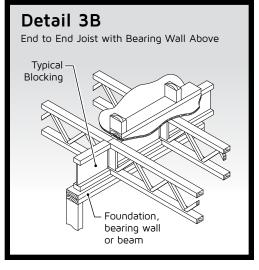


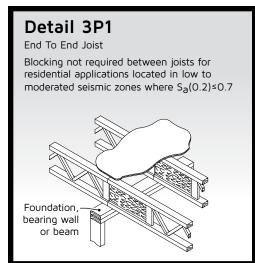


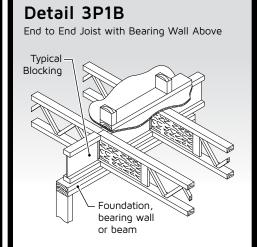


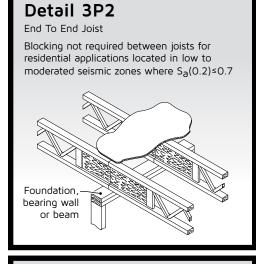


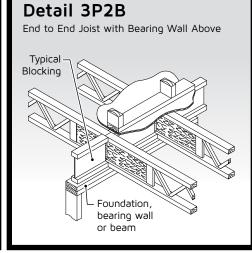


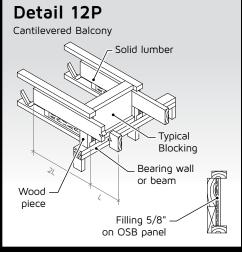


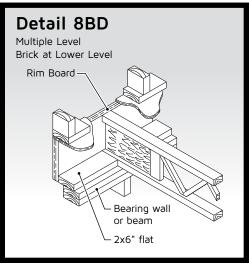


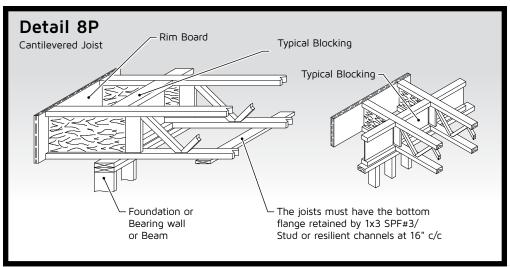


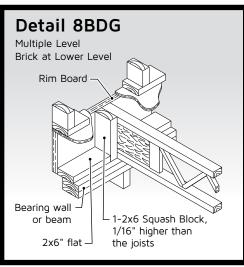


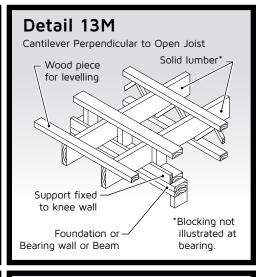


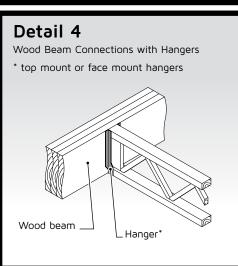


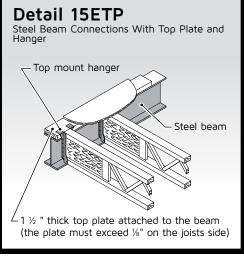


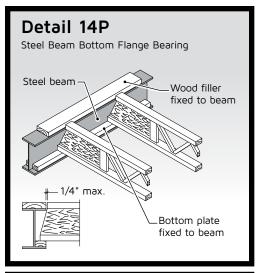


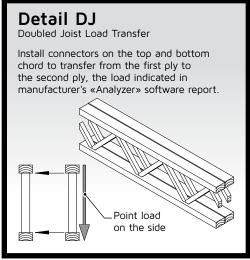


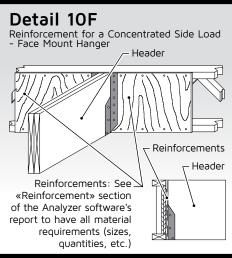


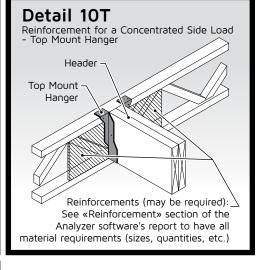


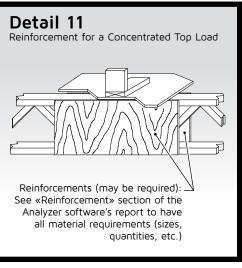






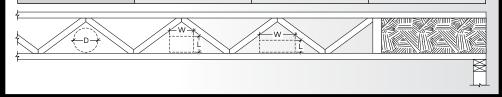






### Mechanical Clearances

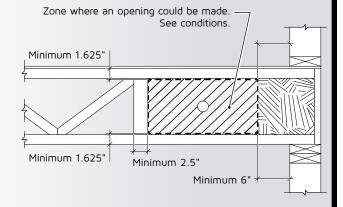
Maximum Size of Pipes, Ducts and Cable Trays Through Diagonal Web Members			
Depth	Round D	Square W x H	Rectangular W x L
9½"	5"	4" x 6"	3" x 9"
11%"	7¼"	5¾" x 5¾"	3" x 13"
14"	8½"	6½" x 6½"	3" x 14", 6" X 8"
16"	9½"	7½" x 7½"	3" x 15"



# Openings in the OSB End Panel of a Joist

#### Conditions:

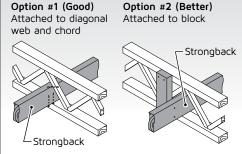
- One (1) round hole of 1.5" or less diameter can be made in this zone without any adjustment of the joist capacity.
- For any other quantity or type of hole, the joist capacity has to be analyzed using TRIFORCE® Analyzer software.



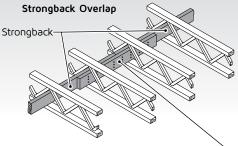
### Detail 5

Strongback Bridging

Use gun nails 0.122" x 3.25" or 3" screws to secure strongback at mid span of joist. If two strongbacks are specified, install the second one adjacent to the next closest diagonal web bay.



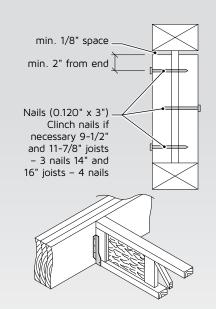
\*\*Use dry lumber for strongback\*\*



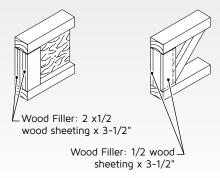
Joint cover: 32" of length, same thickness and depth as strongbacks, centered on splice.

## Lateral Bracing for a Single Joist with Hanger

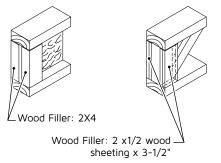
Only required if the hanger does not provide lateral support for the joist's top chord.



#### Joists with 3X2 chords

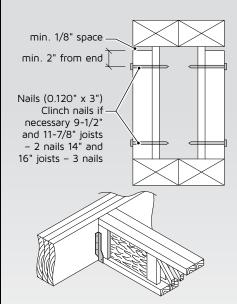


### Joists with 4X2 chords

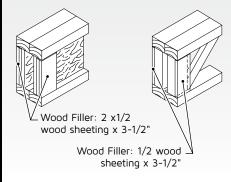


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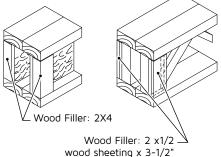
Only required if the hanger does not provide lateral support for the joist's top chord.



#### Joists with 3X2 chords



## Joists with 4X2 chords





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- excessive loads or tension not allowed for by Barrette Structural Distribution or abnormal
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  or use contrary to Barrette Structural Distribution's guidance and/or instructions,
  or under abnormal conditions of use or under unforeseeable conditions by Barrette
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