

**BASE CONNECTION DATA TABLE**

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W6X12	5/8" Ø x 3 1/2"	5"	2"	1 1/4"	2 3/4"	1 1/8"	3/4"	1/2"	1/4"	1 1/2"	4 3/8"	2 1/2"	1 1/4"	6"	3 1/2"	1 1/4"	1 5/8"	1 1/16"	3/4"	5/8"	24"	6'-0"	3'-0"	2 1/2"	0.70 C.Y.
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W10X22	3/4" Ø x 4 1/2"	6"	2 1/4"	1 3/8"	3 1/2"	1 1/4"	1"	3/4"	5/16"	1 3/32"	5 1/4"	3"	1 1/2"	5 3/4"	2 3/4"	1 1/2"	1 3/4"	1 3/16"	1/2"	3/4"					
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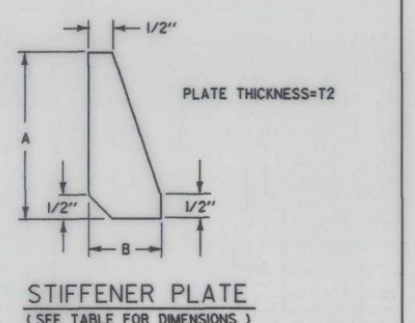
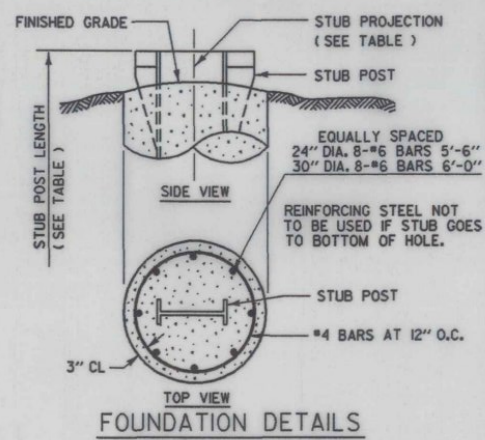
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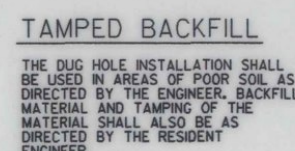
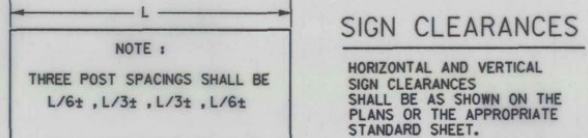
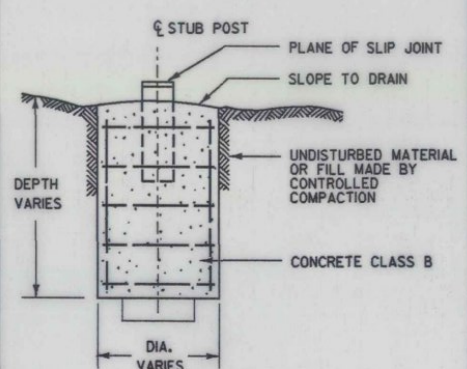
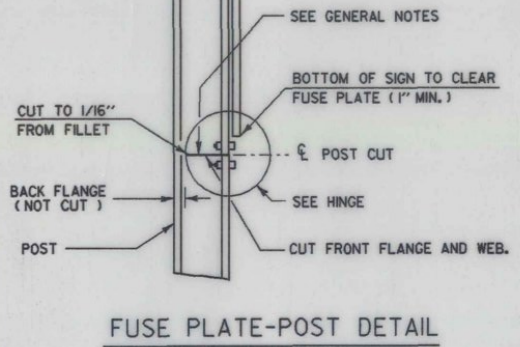
**PROCEDURE FOR ASSEMBLY OF BASE CONNECTION**

1. MAKE SURE ALL BOLTS ARE FROM THE SAME STOCK.
2. TRY NUTS ON BOLT THREADS MAKING SURE THEY TURN EASILY.
3. PLACE (3) BOLTS IN 'SKIDMORE - WILHELM' DEVICE. TORQUE TO PROPER TENSION IN DEVICE. CALIBRATE TORQUE WRENCH BY CHECKING TORQUE ON THESE THREE BOLTS WHEN UNDER PROPER TENSION IN DEVICE.
4. USE THE AVERAGE OF THE THREE TORQUES ON SIMILAR BOLTS IN THE REAL SUPPORT.
5. ASSEMBLE POSTS TO STUB WITH BOLTS AND WITH THREE 1/4" FLAT WASHERS, (ONE EACH UNDER HEAD OF BOLT, BETWEEN PLATES, AND UNDER NUT.)
6. SHIM AS REQUIRED TO PLUMB POST.
7. TIGHTEN ALL BOLTS THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE WITH A 12" TO 15" WRENCH TO BED WASHERS AND SHIMS AND TO CLEAN BOLT THREADS, THEN LOOSEN EACH BOLT IN TURN AND RETIGHTEN IN A SYSTEMATIC ORDER TO THE PRESCRIBED TENSION.
8. THE BASE PLATE BOLTS WILL BE TORQUED TO PRESCRIBED BOLT TENSION SHOWN BELOW. AFTER THE INITIAL TORQUING USE A SECOND NUT TO INSURE THAT THE FIRST NUT WILL NOT BACK OFF. THE CONTRACTOR WITH THE AGENCY INSPECTOR WILL RETURN TO THE SIGN TWO MORE TIMES AT INTERVALS OF 30 DAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHECKING AND REESTABLISHING THE PRESCRIBED TORQUE. THE SECOND NUT SHALL REMAIN AS A LOCK NUT.
9. THE 'SKIDMORE - WILHELM' DEVICE IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE V.A.O.T. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION.



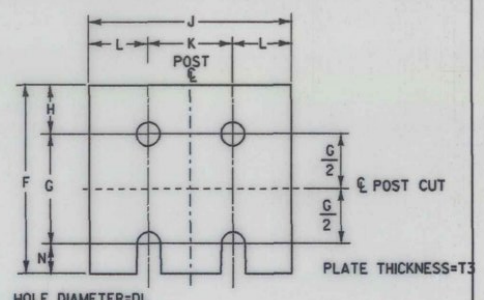
POST SHALL BE SAW CUT AFTER GALVANIZING AND THE CUT SURFACE TREATED WITH 2 COATS OF VT. L05 "ZINC RICH COATING".

CUT SURFACES SHALL NOT BE TREATED UNTIL PLATE IS INSTALLED AND ALL BOLTS FULLY TIGHTENED.

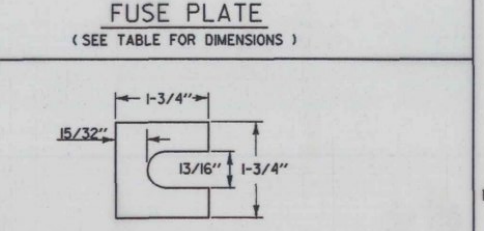


**CONSTRUCTION METHOD**

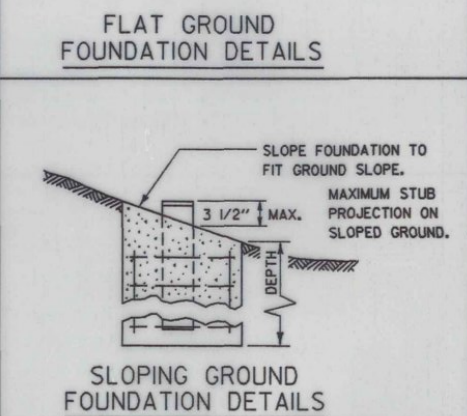
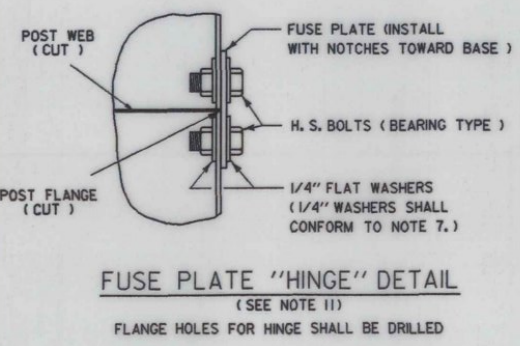
HOLES FOR POST FOOTINGS MAY BE AUGERED OR DUG. THE HOLES MAY BE LEFT WITH EARTH SIDES, IF THE MATERIAL IS FIRM, AND ALL DISTURBED SOIL AROUND THE CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE AUGERED HOLE IS REMOVED. IF NOT, A SUITABLE FORM APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER SHALL BE USED, CORRUGATED METAL CULVERT PIPE OR PAPER FORMS MANUFACTURED FOR USE AS CONCRETE COLUMN FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE. IF THE STUB IS EXTENDED TO THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE, A CONCRETE BLOCK FOOTING SHALL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE POST AND THE POST SHALL BE HELD SECURELY IN PLACE AT THE BOTTOM. THIS MAY BE DONE BY EMBEDDING THE POST AND CONCRETE BLOCK FOOTING IN WET CONCRETE AND ALLOWING TO SET WITH THE POST SECURED IN POSITION, PLUMBED AND PROPERLY BRACED, THE REMAINING FOOTING MAY BE POURED. THE TIME BETWEEN POURS FOR THE CURING OF THE CONCRETE SHALL BE AS DETERMINED BY THE ENGINEER. THE FORM SHALL BE LEFT IN PLACE AND THE HOLE BACKFILLED, AND COMPACTED AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER. NO PART OF THE FORM SHALL SHOW ABOVE THE GROUND LINE WHEN THE WORK IS COMPLETED.



USE H. S. BOLTS WITH HEX. HD. AND HEX. NUTS, ONE 1/4" THICK FLAT WASHERS UNDER EACH BOLT HEAD, AND ONE 1/4" THICK WASHER UNDER NUT. 1/4" WASHERS SHALL CONFORM TO NOTE 7.



FURNISH TWO .012" ± THICK AND TWO .032" ± THICK SHIMS PER POST. SHIMS SHALL BE FABRICATED FROM BRASS SHIM STOCK OR STRIP CONFORMING TO A.S.T.M. B-36.



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**W-SHAPED STEEL SIGN POST**



**STANDARD E-161**