## ERECTION OF ARTICULATED STRUCTURES

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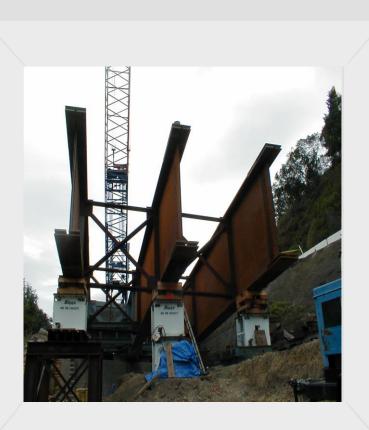






# What are Articulated Structures?

A structure in which relative motion is allowed to occur between parts, usually by means of a hinged or sliding joint or joints.



## What is Erection of Structures?

The erection of structural steelwork consists of the assembly of steel components into a frame on site. The processes involve lifting and placing components into position, then connecting them together. Generally this is achieved through bolting but sometimes site welding is used.



## Sequence and methods of Erection in Steel Structures.

The Sequence and Methods od **Erection of Steel Structures are** generally dependent on the layout and arrangement of the steel structural components. Erection of steel structures involves the on-site installation of steel members into a frame. Lifting and positioning the individual components into position, then joining them together, are all part of the process. Bolting is the most common method, however, site welding is also employed.

### Generally, the erection of steel structures consists primarily of four tasks:-

- Ensure that the foundations are suitable and safe before starting the erection process.
- Generally, cranes are used to lift and place components into place, however, jacking is also used. Bolted connections can be used to secure components in place, but they will not be fully tightened. Similarly, bracings may not be completely secure.
- Aligning the building, primarily by making sure that the column bases are lined and level, and that the steel columns/stanchions are plumb. To allow for column plumb adjustment, the packing in beam-to-column connections may need to be modified.
- Bolting-up the frame by ensuring that all bolted connections are fully installed in order to secure and make the frame rigid.





# Sequence for Erection of Steel Structures



Before the steelwork erection commences, the sizes and exact locations of the holding-down bolts on the foundation and base plates are doubly-checked.

Sometimes, discrepancies can occur due to errors from setting out thereby causing the erection timetable to be delayed. Following these checks, the following procedures are carried out:-

- Install the columns on the base plates.
- Align the columns properly to be straight and plumb.
- Under the base plate, adjust the holding-down bolts with adjustable screws to maintain the required grout gap between the bottom of the base plate and the foundation.
- Use temporary bracings to keep the columns true to their vertical positions and prevent them from swaying in any direction.
- The columns or stanchions are erected in parts and fastened together on site when they are quite long.



**Base Plate** 



Bracings

- Install the central portion of each rafter. When trusses are to be used, the whole section may be erected in one piece after fabrication on the ground.
- Connect the truss to the column ends with bolts to form the full structural frame





After final alignments and adjustments of the frame placements, install the vertical column bracing and roof bracings to make the entire structure stable.

#### Stage 4

 Use bolted connection to secure all roof purlins and sheeting rails to the framework.



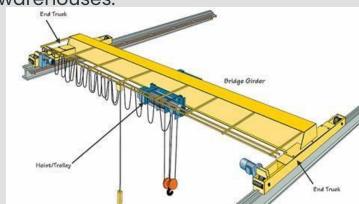
Gantry crane girder

#### Stage 5

ls necessary, erect gantry crane girder, which is used for industrial buildings and warehouses.

#### Stage 6

overhead cranes on the crane girders where required.



Overhead Crane

 Install the roof and side panels.



#### Stage 8

• After the erection is complete, fill the undersides of the base plates with non-shrinking grout.

## Lifting of Steel Members

**Cranes** or **Mobile Elevating Work Platforms** (MEWPs) are commonly used for the erection of steel structures, even though other methods may be utilized for steel bridge construction.

the number of crane lifts required determines typical erection speeds and, as a result, the site programme of works. Pre-assembled units should be used to the maximum extent possible to reduce the number of crane lifts. If crane availability is an issue, steel decking, which can be installed by hand, is a better option than precast concrete units, which require a crane for individual placement. The designer can utilize a 'piece count' to estimate the number of lifts required of lifts required and thus the erection time.



## **Alignment and Pumping**

Lining, levelling, and plumbing involve collaboration between the site engineer. Who uses a survey instrument, and the erection crew, who tightens and shimmies the last bolts. The erection gang persuades the frame to move to a position acceptable to the checking engineer by using wedges, jacks, pull-lifts, and proprietary pulling devices such as Tirfors, and then bolts it up firmly. Some misalignment is overcome, and some are produced, as a result of this process. If the later is unfavourable, local adjustments are made.





## 3. CONNECTIONS



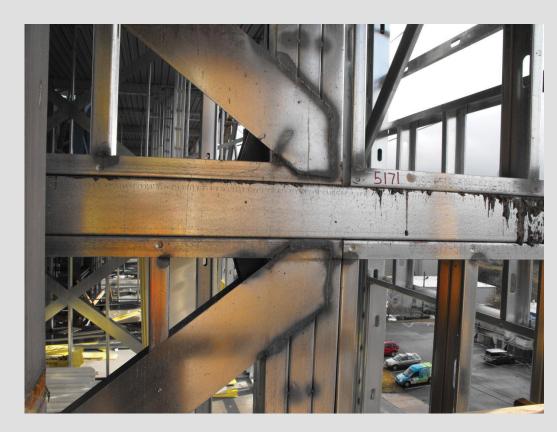
## **Bolted Connections**

- Bolted connections are preferable to site welding because it is faster, less sensitive to bad weather, and have less access restrictions and inspection requirements.
- Property class 4.6 and 8.8 non-preloaded bolts to BS EN 15048 are commonly used in mm clearance holes in structural bolting operations for buildings. M20 8.8 completely threaded bolts, which are the recommended solution, are widely accessible. Bolts with property class 4.6 are typically used only for fixing lighter components like purlins or sheeting rails, when 12 mm or 16 mm bolts can be used instead.
- Fully threaded bolts are commonly specified, implying that one bolt size can be used for a wide range of connections. It is advised that M20, 8.8 completely threaded bolts 60 mm long can be used, as they can be used to make roughly 90% of basic connections. Preloaded bolts should only be utilized in situations where relative movement of linked parts (slip) is objectionable or if dynamic loading is a possibility.
- It is best to avoid using different grade bolts of the same diameter on the same project. With non-preloaded bolts in typical clearance holes, washers are not required for strength. Bolts, nuts, and washers should be supplied with a corrosion-resistant coating that does not require further protection on-site when possible.



## **Welded Connections**

 If bolted connections can be made, site welding is usually avoided. When site welding is used, it is necessary to provide cover from bad weather as well as good access for both welding and inspection. Apart from the extra cost implications, providing such protection and access may have program consequences.



## **Erection Handover**

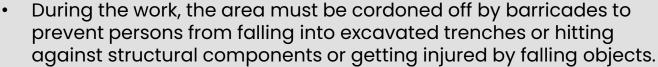


- The final goal of the erection process is to hand over the frame in good working order to the subsequent trades. The crucial criterion here is the erected frame's positional precision, which is dependent on an understanding of how a steel frame's erected position is regulated.
- A steel-framed structure is a massive structure made up of a huge number of relatively thin and flexible components. Plumb and line accuracies of about 1 part in 1000 are targeted for the completed construction, employing components that can be fabricated with greater variability than 1 part in 1000 separately. Deformations such as the flexure of the structure under the selfweight of steel also have an impact on its real position.

## Safety for Men



- The men assigned for the job should undergo a health check-up and the supervisor should make sure that they are skilled in their jobs.
- The safety helmets and goggles shall be worn properly and at all times during the works, such as drilling, cutting, and welding.
- The gas cutters and welders shall be equipped with proper protective equipment like gloves, safety boots, aprons, and hand shields.



- The warning signs shall be displayed where necessary to indicate hazards, for example-
- 1. 440 VOLTS
- 2. DO NOT SMOKE
- 3. MEN WORKING AHEAD, etc.



## Safety for Men

- Handlamps used shall be of low voltage, preferably 24V to avoid electrical hazards.
- All electrically operated hand tools must be provided with double earthing.
- When a large number of trusses or girders are loaded in a truck and are to be unloaded one by one, the remaining members shall be tied until the lifted member is unloaded.
- The erection workers shall have an adequate supply of bolts, rivets, washers, pins, etc. of the required size.
- Minimum of 2 number of bolts shall be used in connecting each piece to ensure that the joint must not fail due to erection load and dead loads.
- The rope used for the safety purpose shall be chemically treated to resist dew and rotting and shall not be tied on sharp edges of steel structures.
- While working a tall and heavy guy derrick, it is advisable to control tension in guys by hand winches to avoid jerks, which may cause an accident.

## Safety against Fire



- If the work involves flame-cutting, burning, heating, riveting, or any operation that could start a fire, a fire protection procedure must be set up.
- The workers should be strictly instructed not to throw objects like hot rivets, cigarette stubs, etc. around.
- A sufficient number of fire extinguishers of soda acid type shall be placed at designated points.
- Extinguishers must be placed in cranes, compressors, hoists, and similar places.
- In places where electrical equipment is involved, instead of soda acid type, CO2 or dry powder extinguishers shall be provided.
- Wire rope with broken strand shall not be used for erection work.
  - Manila ropes or wire ropes conforming to acceptable standards shall only be used for guying.



## Thanks.

