

Example - Partial Length Cover Plate

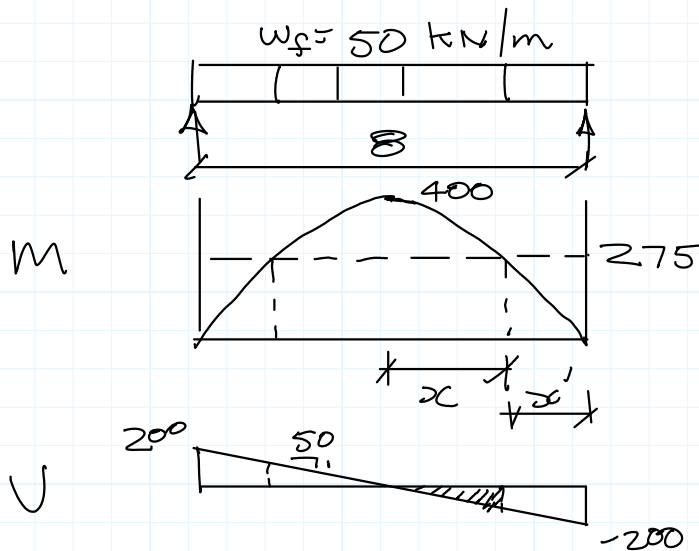
A simply supported beam carries a UDL and spans 8m. The existing beam is a W410x46 of grade 350W. Due to a change in use, the factored applied load has increased to 50 kN/m. Design partial length cover plates to enable use of the existing shape.

Assume:

- full lateral support of compr. flange
- deflection not to be checked.

W410x46

$$M_n = 275 \text{ kN-m}$$



$$M_f = 50 \times \frac{8^2}{8} = 400 \text{ kN-m}$$

From area under $V = \Delta M$

$$T.C.O.P.: x \times 50 \times x \times \frac{1}{2} = 400 - 275$$

$$x^2 = 5$$

$$x = 2.24 \text{ m}$$

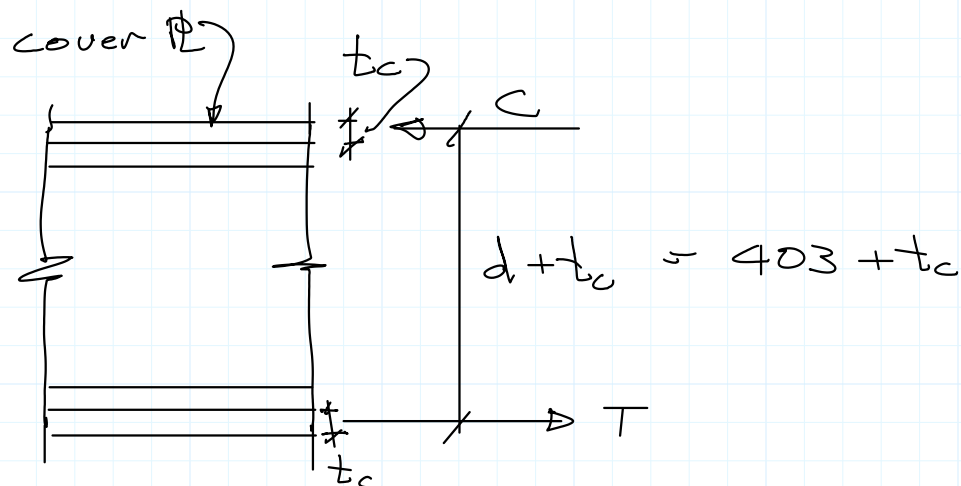
$$x' = 4 - 2.24 = 1.76 \text{ m}$$

$$W410x46 \quad b = 140 \text{ mm} \quad d = 403 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Try cover plate width} = 140 - 2 \times 10 = 120 \text{ mm}$$

Select cover plate to carry $400 - 275 = 125 \text{ kN-m}$ when fully yielded.

Choose thickness t_c



$$\begin{aligned}
 C = T &= \text{force in cover } \phi \\
 &= \phi A F_y \\
 &= 0.9 \times 120 \times t_c \times 350 \\
 &= 37,800 t_c
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M &= C (d + t_c) = 37,800 t_c (403 + t_c) \\
 &= 15.23 \times 10^6 t_c + 37,800 t_c^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating

$$15.23 \times 10^6 t_c + 37,800 t_c^2 = 125 \times 10^6 \text{ N-mm}$$

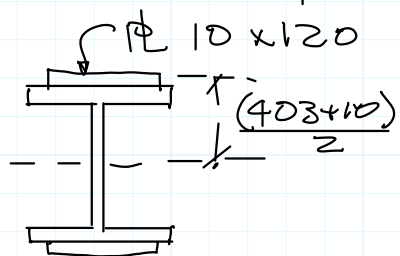
$$t_c^2 + 403 t_c - 3307 = 0$$

$$t_c = \frac{-403 + \sqrt{403^2 + 4 \times 1 \times 3307}}{2}$$

$$= 8.05 \text{ mm}$$

Use $t_c = 10 \text{ mm}$ (could probably use 8)

Properties of plated sections:



$$I_g = 156 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4 + 10 \times 120 \times \left(\frac{413}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 156 \times 10^6 + 51.2 \times 10^6 \\
 &= 207 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4
 \end{aligned}$$

§ 14.2.4

The past T.C.P. must be able to develop a tension force of at least

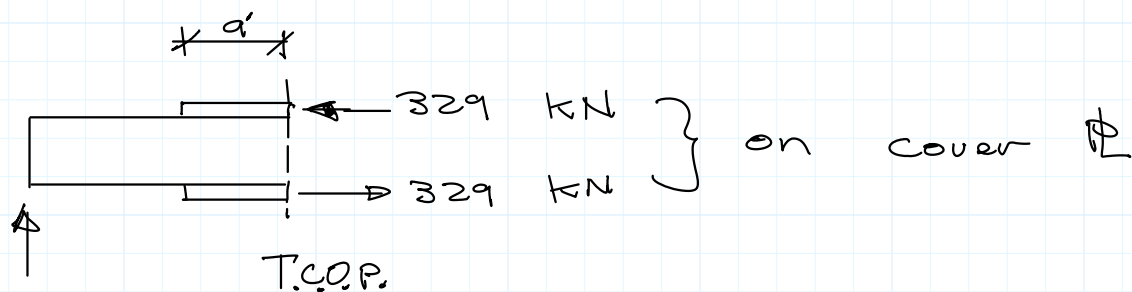
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$$P = \frac{A M_{fc} \gamma}{I_g}$$

$$= \frac{10 \times 120 \times 275 \times 10^6 \times \left(\frac{403 + 10}{2} \right)}{207 \times 10^6}$$

$$= 329000 \text{ N}$$

$$= 329 \text{ kN}$$



Cover plate welds:

min size = 5mm

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max size = 10-2 = 8mm

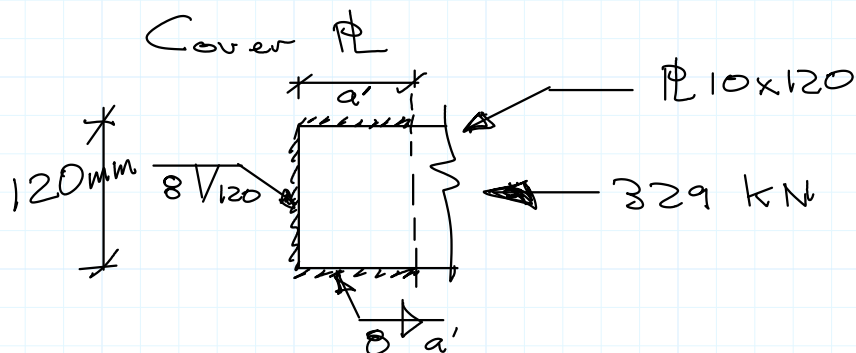
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Try 8mm welds

Try weld across end of cover plate & along both sides

then by § 14.2.4 $a'_{\max} = 120\text{mm}$

(case (a) $D \geq \frac{3}{4}t$ across end & along sides)



Capacity of transverse weld:

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§ 13.13.2.2. weld metal $\theta = 90^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned} V_r &= 0.67 \phi_w A_w X_u (1 + 0.5 \sin^{1.5} \theta) M_w \\ &= 0.67 \times 0.67 \times 8 \times 707 \times 120 \times 490 \times 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \\ &= 224 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

∴ Design weld on sides to develop

$$329 - 224 = 105 \text{ kN}$$

Longitudinal welds on sides:

Per 1mm length of 8mm weld:

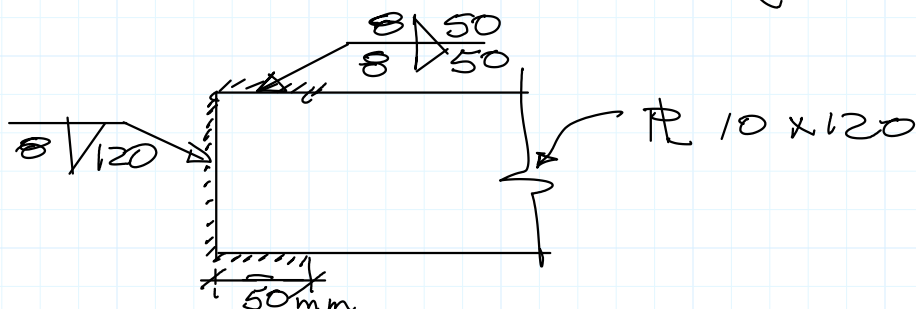
1^{mm} of weld metal $\theta = 0^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned} V_r &= 0.67 \times 0.67 \times 1 \times 8 \times 707 \times 490 \times 1 \times 0.85 \times 10^{-3} \\ &= 1.057 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

$$L_{\text{req.}} = \frac{105}{2 \times 1.057} = 49.7 \text{ mm}$$

$< a'_{\text{max}} (=120) \text{ o.k.}$
 $(> 38 \text{ or } 4D \text{ o.k.})$

Use 50 mm

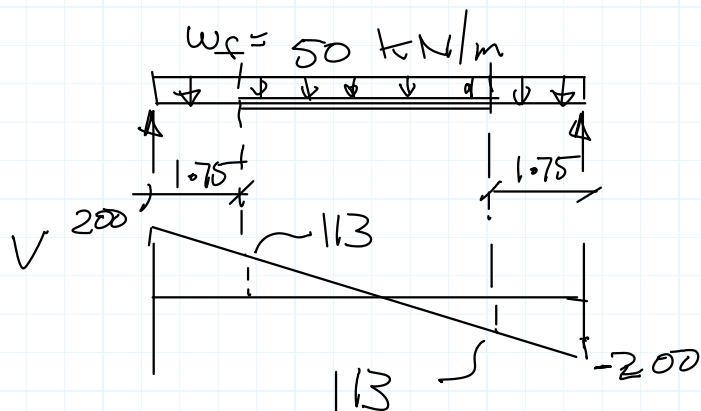


Welds throughout remainder of length to transfer shear flow

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$$q = \frac{VQ}{I_g}$$

Use cutoff @ 1.75m from ends



for q

$$V = 200 - 1.75 \times 50 = 113 \text{ kN}$$

$Q =$ 1st moment of area of cover fl

$$Q = 10 \times 120 \times \frac{403 + 10}{2} \times 2 = 495600 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$q = \frac{113 \text{ kN} \times 495600 \text{ mm}^3}{207 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4}$$

$$= 0.271 \text{ kN/mm of length} \parallel \text{ to beam}$$

There are 4 welds (2 on each fl)

$$\text{thus } q_{\text{weld}} = 0.0676 \text{ kN/mm of fl}$$

$$\text{Weld strength} = 1.06 \text{ kN/mm of weld}$$

Use intermittent welds, not staggered

$$\text{Min length of weld} = 38 \text{ mm or } 4t = 40 \text{ mm}$$

use 40 mm

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max. clear spacing between welds

$$\frac{330 t}{\sqrt{F_y}} = \frac{330 \times 10}{\sqrt{350}} = 176 \text{ mm} \quad (< 300)$$

use 40 mm welds @ 200 mm spa
 Clear spa = 160 < 176

In 200 mm of cover PL

total shear force to be xferred to PL's

$$= 200 \text{ mm} \times 0.271 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{mm}} = 54.2 \text{ kN}$$

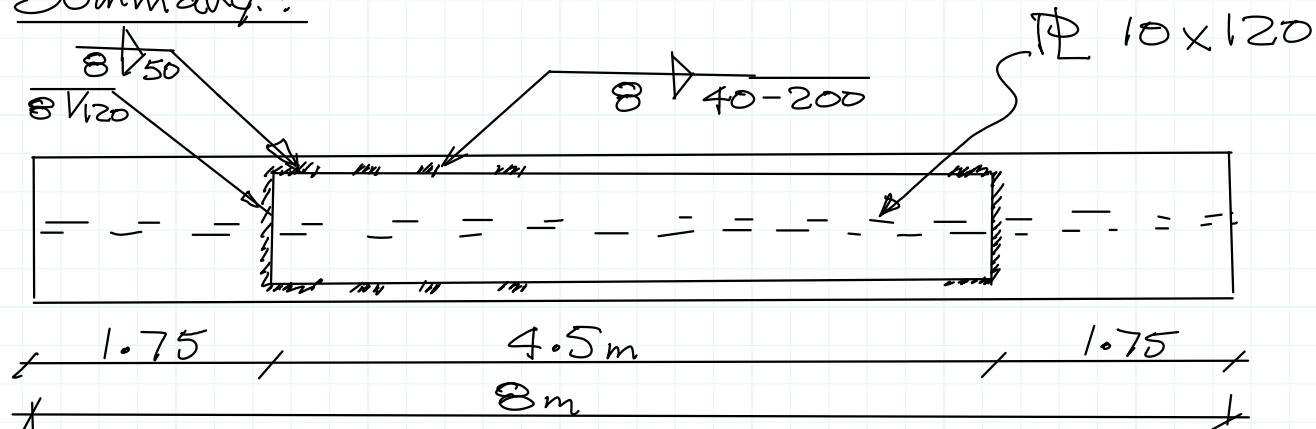
total amt of weld = $40 \times 4 = 160 \text{ mm}$.

weld capacity = 160×1.06

= $170 \text{ kN} >> 54.2$

Could possibly use a smaller weld (say 6mm) but its best not to use multiple sizes.

Summary:



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