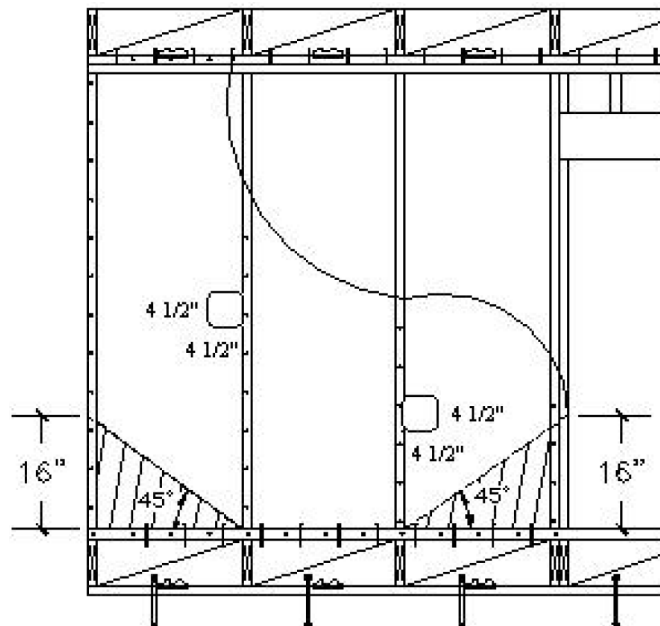


CUTTING, NOTCHING, AND BORING OF WOOD FRAMING MEMBERS

(Unless an alternate design is provided by a licensed Engineer or Architect)

PART 1 **Mechanical Penetrations of Wood Shear Wall Panels**

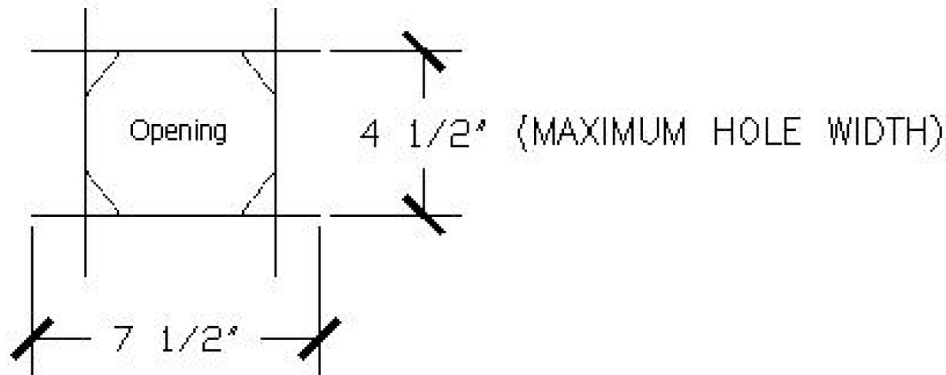
The maximum accumulated length of openings in a shear wall panel shall not exceed 20% of the wall length. Maximum length of each opening shall not exceed 4 1/2" in any direction. (See Figure 1).



2-4 1/2" WIDE CUTS = 9" IN A 4 FT. PANEL. THE 20% ALLOWABLE EQUALS 9.6"
 (NO CUTS OR HOLES IN SHEATHING WITHIN 16" OF CORNERS.)

Figure 1

It should be noted that the dimension of the opening shall be considered to be the maximum length of the cut made by the saw (See Figure 2). Only a circular bored hole or square hole cut with a radius on the corners is acceptable.

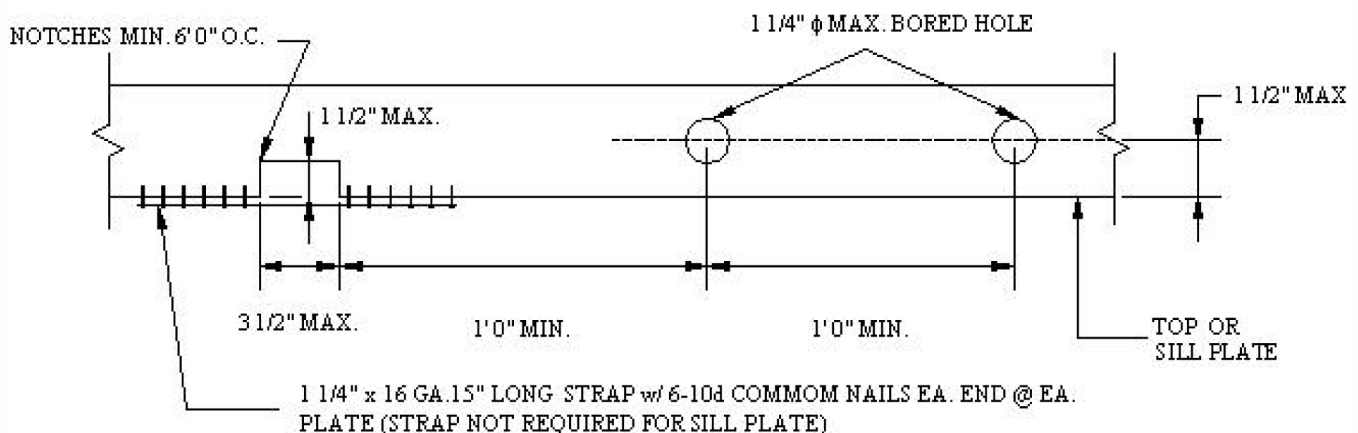


NON-ACCEPTABLE CUT
SAW SHALL NOT PASS OPENING

Figure 2

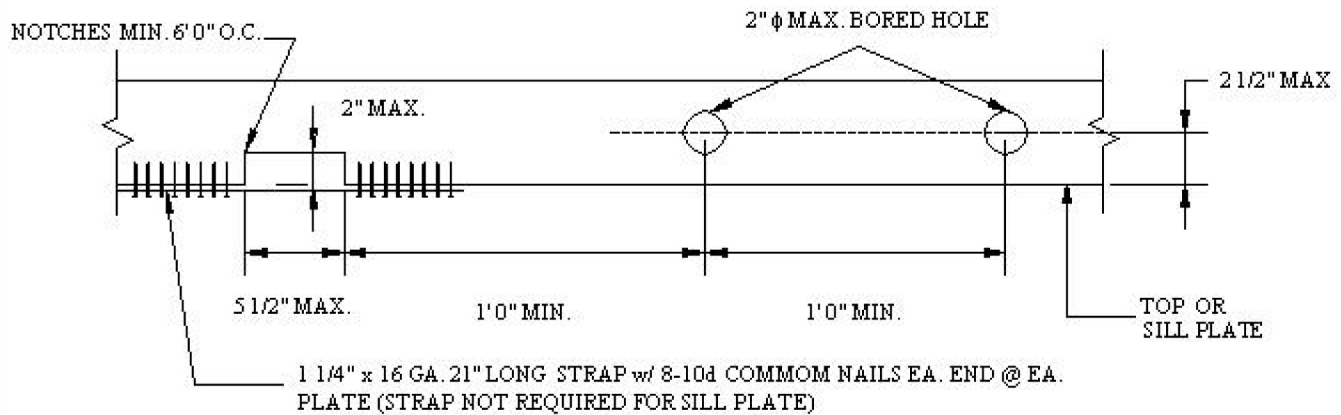
PART 2
Mechanical Penetrations of Top and Sill Plates of Wood Shear Walls

Plumbing, electrical and other mechanical penetrations of the top or sill plate framing members, when located within a wood panel shear wall, shall be limited to tolerances shown on Figure 3 (unless an alternate designed detail is shown on the approved plans).

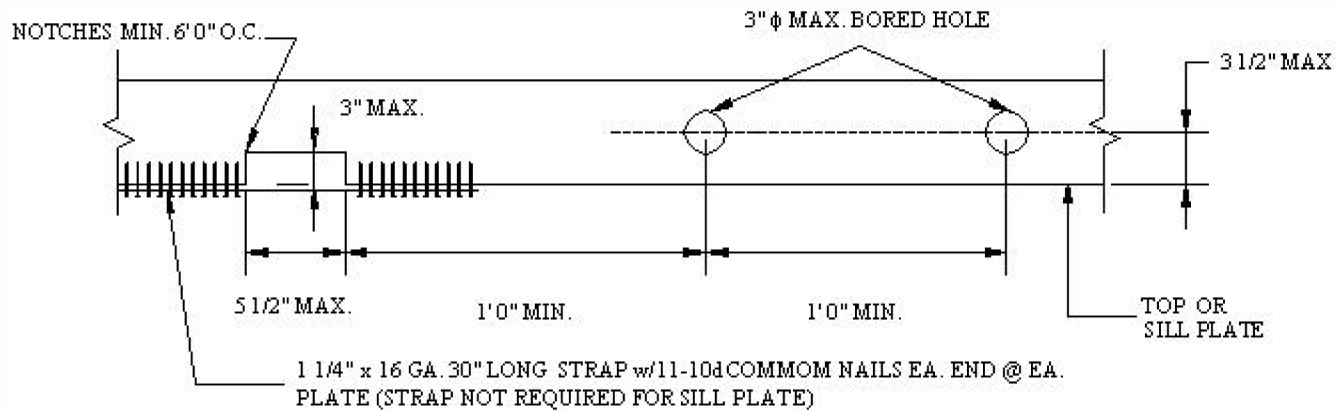


2 x 4 DBL. TOP PLATE, 2 x 4 or 3 x 4 SILL PLATE

Figure 3



2 x 6 DBL. TOP PLATE, 2 x 6 or 3 x 6 SILL PLATE



2 x 8 DBL. TOP PLATE, 2 x 8 or 3 x 8 SILL PLATE

Figure 3 (continued)

PART 3

Notching and Boring of Joists and Rafters

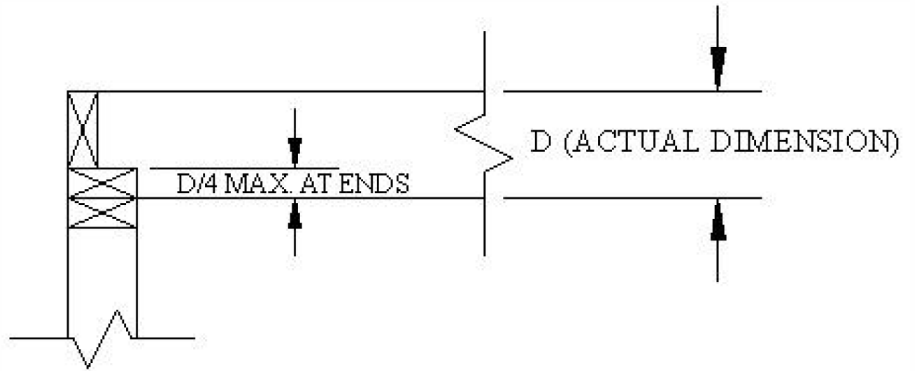
Section 91.2308.8.2 (Joists) & 91.2308.10.4.2 (Rafters) – Notches at the ends of joists or rafters shall not exceed one-fourth the depth. Holes bored in the joists or rafters shall not be within 2 inches of the top or bottom, and the diameter of any such hole shall not exceed one-third the depth of the member. Notches in the top or bottom of joists or rafters shall not exceed one-sixth the depth and shall not be located in the middle third of the span. **See Figure 4.**

(NOTE: If floor/ceiling assembly separates two dwelling units, allow 1/4 inch clearance around piping for sound transmission control).

D/4 Notching @ end

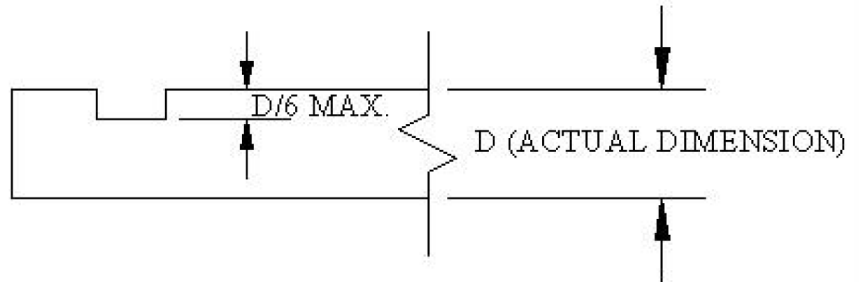
- 2 x 6 = 1 3/8"
- 2 x 8 = 1 13/16"
- 2 x 10 = 2 5/16"
- 2 x 12 = 2 13/16"

NOTE: Notching not permitted in middle 1/3 span

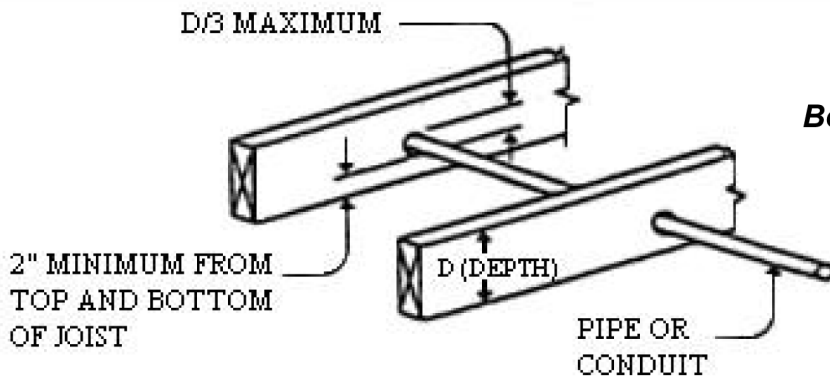


D/6 Notching @ end 1/3

- 2 x 6 = 29/32"
- 2 x 8 = 1 7/32"
- 2 x 10 = 1 17/32"
- 2 x 12 = 1 7/8"



CUTTING AND NOTCHING LIMITATIONS



Bored holes D/3

- 2 x 6 = 1 13/16"
- 2 x 8 = 2 7/16"
- 2 x 10 = 3 1/16"
- 2 x 12 = 3 3/4"

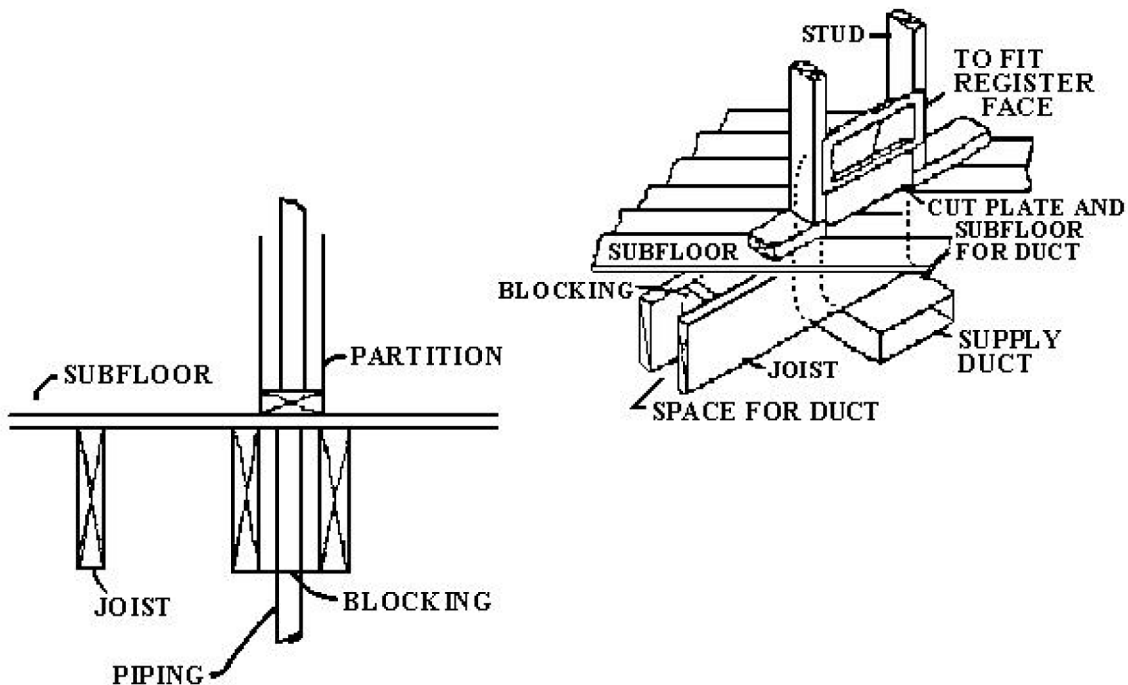
Figure 4

PART 4
Framing Around Openings For Horizontal Members

Section 91.2308.8.3 (Joists) & 91.2308.10.4.3 (Rafters) – When the span of the header around openings exceeds 4 feet, the trimmer and header joists or rafters shall be doubled or lumber of equivalent cross section shall be used. The header joists or rafters shall be supported by framing anchors or hangers, when its length exceeds 6 feet, unless it is bearing on a beam, partition, or wall. When the length of the tail joists exceeds 12 feet, framing anchors shall be provided to connect the tail joists to the header.

PART 5
Pipes in Walls

Section 91.2308.9.8 – Partitions containing plumbing, heating, or other pipes shall be so framed and the joists underneath so spaced as to give proper clearance for the piping. Where a partition containing such piping runs parallel to the floor joist, the joists underneath such partitions shall be doubled and spaced to permit the passage of such pipes and shall be bridged (**See Figure 5**).



**FLOOR FRAMING TO ACCOMMODATE
 PIPING AND DUCTWORK**

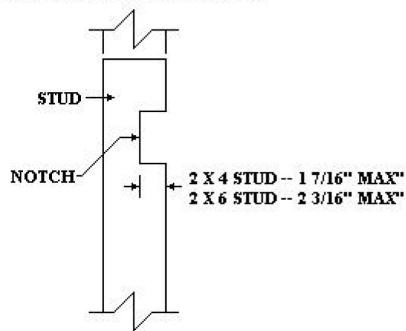
Figure 5

PART 6
Cutting and Notching of Wood Stud walls

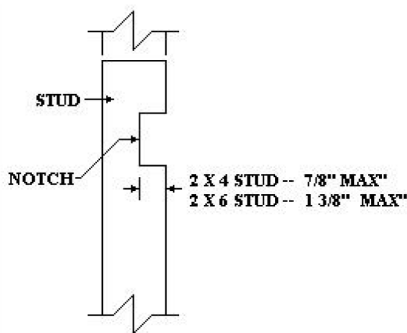
Section 91.2308.9.10 – In exterior walls and bearing partitions, any wood stud may be cut or notched to a depth not exceeding 25 percent of its width. Cutting or notching of studs to a depth not greater than 40 percent of the width of the stud is permitted in nonbearing partitions supporting no loads other than the weight of the partition. Remember that the depth of the notch is determined by the cut made by the saw and not just the depth of material removed in the notch. (Figure 6 Drawing 1 & 2). (NOTE: If wall assembly separates two dwelling units, allow ¼ inch clearance around piping for sound transmission control.)

NOTCHING AND BORING LIMITS FOR WOOD STUDS

CUTTING AND NOTCHING



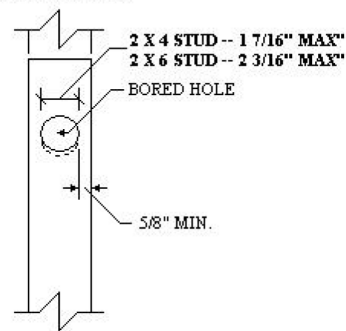
40% ALLOWED
 NONBEARING PARTITIONS
 DRAWING 1



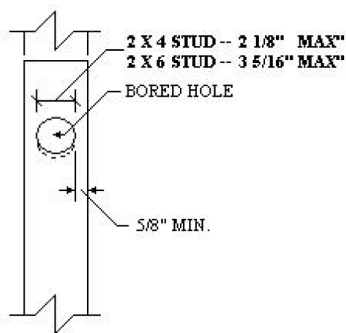
25% ALLOWED
 EXTERIOR WALLS AND
 BEARING PARTITIONS

DRAWING 2

BORED HOLES



40% ALLOWED ANY WALL
 DRAWING 3



60% ALLOWED
 ANY NONBEARING WALL
 OR EACH BORED STUD DOUBLED
 BORED HOLE NOT PERMITTED IN
 MORE THAN TWO SUCCESSIVE
 DOUBLED STUDS

DRAWING 4

Figure 6: Maximum Allowed Notching and Drilling for Normal Construction with 2x Studs

PART 7

Bored Holes in Wood Stud Walls

Section 91.2308.9.11 – A hole not greater in diameter than 40 percent of the stud width may be bored in any wood stud. Bored holes not greater than 60 percent of the width of the stud are permitted in nonbearing partitions or in any wall where each bored stud is doubled, provided not more than two such successive doubled studs are so bored.

In no case shall the edge of the bored hole be nearer than 5/8 inch to the edge of the stud. Bored holes shall not be located at the same section stud as a cut or a notch. (**See Figure 6 Drawing 3-4**). (**NOTE:** If wall assembly separates two dwelling units, allow 1/4 inch clearance around piping for sound transmission control.)

When a contractor is doing retrofit work such as repiping, installing HVAC or redoing the electrical system of the existing structure, these requirements should be used as limits. When removing considerable portions of drywall or cutting into an existing shear wall, a Building Permit (from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety) may be required. This permit may be issued to the Plumbing, Electrical, or HVAC contractor doing the retro-fit work which is part of their trade.

*All contractors should be aware of **fire & sound separations** as well as **structural standards** that shall be maintained when working on an existing commercial or multi-residential building.*