1.0 GENERAL

1.1 The purpose of this guideline is to assist the engineer/designer in designing FRP (Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic) pedestrian walkways utilizing molded and pultruded gratings, railing systems, ladder systems, and structural members. The guideline includes recommended sizes and configurations, recommended design criteria, and referenced standards, where applicable.

1.2 Drawing details of the FRP systems described in this guideline are also available electronically.

2.0 FRP GRATINGS AS PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS

2.1 Gratings

2.1.1 Fibergrate Composite Structures, Inc. FRP gratings are manufactured by open molding or pultrusion processes. Molded gratings are available in a variety of stock panel sizes (i.e. 0.9m x 3.1m, 1.2m x 2.4m, 1.5m x 3.1m, and 1.2m x 3.7m for 38mm deep, 38mm square mesh gratings). The designer should consider these sizes at the early stages of structure layout to efficiently utilize the material and minimize installation costs.

Molded gratings are available in a variety of resin systems and colors to meet specific project requirements. Detailed descriptions of the resin systems available are included in the Fibergrate Molded Product brochures.

Pultruded gratings are available in two resin systems and two colors. Detailed descriptions of these are given in the Safe-T-Span® Fiberglass Pultruded Grating brochure.
2.2 Minimum Grating Design Criteria

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<tr>
<th>Pedestrian Loads*</th>
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<tr>
<td>Uniform Live Load</td>
<td>2.4 kN/m² - 3.1 kN/m²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Concentrated Load</td>
<td>113 kg</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dead Load</td>
<td>0.2 kN/m²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum Deflection</td>
<td>Span L/120 or 9.5mm (whichever is less)</td>
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*Note that these design criteria are minimums, but exceed general building code requirements for office space. Other criteria are commonly used in specifications. For pedestrian walkways in industrial applications, the above are sufficient and are recommended to prevent excessive cost.

2.3 Application Notes: Molded FRP Gratings

2.3.1 Molded grating spans should be kept to 914mm or 1219mm from center to center of supporting members to most efficiently utilize grating panels. Typically, 25mm deep molded gratings have acceptable deflections at spans up to 914mm. 38mm deep molded gratings are acceptable for spans from 914mm to 1067mm, and 51mm deep molded gratings are acceptable for spans from 1219mm to 1372mm.

2.3.2 Grating panels installed over multiple spans will further reduce deflections. The deflection of the grating can be determined using standard AISC beam formulas and grating properties provided in the Fibergrate Molded Product brochures.

2.3.3 Molded gratings may be cantilevered as required to a maximum distance of 152mm (for 25mm deep gratings) and up to 305mm (for 51mm deep gratings) from the centerline of the last supporting member. Gratings used in this way must be held down to a minimum of two supports and have a minimum of three hold downs clips at each interior support to prevent overturning of the grating panel.

2.3.4 Hold Down Clips: Gratings must be mechanically fastened in place to prevent sliding. Each grating panel should be fastened to each supporting structure using a minimum of four "M" style hold down clips. For larger panels, 6 to 8 hold down clips are recommended. Gratings installed in trenches where they are captive in an embedment angle do not require hold down clips unless bearing surfaces are uneven and the grating panels would tend to rock.
2.3.5 Covered Gratings: Due to the nature of the manufacturing process, covered gratings are often slightly warped. As a result of this, covered gratings will rock and pose a trip hazard if they are not secured with the appropriate hold down clips. It is Fibergrate policy to recommend hold down clips for all covered grating applications. In fact, Fibergrate includes "W" type hold down clips with each covered grating stock panel order.

2.3.6 Abutting edges of molded grating panels should be supported by structural members or fastened together using "F" style clips at a maximum spacing of 610mm on center. This will prevent differential deflection when one of the abutting gratings is loaded.

2.3.7 Due to the bi-directional nature of square mesh molded gratings, unsupported holes of limited size may be cut into the edges or interior of the panels without the use of additional supports. This is very useful for applications which involve pipe penetrations. As a rule of thumb, as long as no more than 1/3 of the individual grating panel width is removed by such a hole, no additional support will be required.

2.3.8 Edge Banding: Unlike steel and aluminum gratings it is not necessary to edge band molded gratings for structural reasons. As FRP cannot be welded, edge banding will not transmit load to the grating. Fibergrate only recommends edge banding where personnel may be passing through the grating to prevent injury from stub bars.

2.3.9 Molded Grating Details: The attached drawings (A and B) give details of the "M" style hold down clip and the "F" style abutment clip.

2.4 Application Notes: Pultruded Gratings

2.4.1 As with molded gratings, pultruded gratings may also be used on multiple spans to reduce deflections. AISC beam formulas and grating design procedures apply.

2.4.2 Like molded gratings, edge banding is not required for pultruded gratings. Due to the construction of this type of grating, it is very difficult to install banding.

2.4.3 Pultruded Grating Details: The attached drawings (G and H) give details of the “M” and “FC” style hold down clip. Gratings must be mechanically fastened in place to prevent sliding.
3.0 DYNARAIL® FRP GUARDRAIL AND HANDRAIL SYSTEMS

3.1 Railing Arrangement & Dimensions

3.1.1 The Fibergrate Composite Structures’ Dynarail® guardrail system consists of a 54mm x 4.8mm thick square tube post with two 44mm x 3.2mm thick square tube rails. The mid-rail passes through the post at a routed square hole and is riveted and bonded in place. The top rail is fitted into a u-shaped routed slot in the top of the post and is riveted and bonded in place. The system includes a 102mm FRP toe-plate mounted at each post using a self tapping screw. The height of the top rail is 1067 above the walking surface. Fibergrate’s Dynarail handrail system (the offset rail that attaches to guardrails or walls) consists of 38mm x 6.4mm wall round tube, connectors and brackets. Recommended handrail installation height is 864mm above walking surface or leading edge of stair tread. Railing systems are available in vinyl ester and polyester fire-retardant resin formulations in a safety yellow color.

3.2 Design Criteria

3.2.1 The railing systems are designed to meet the loading requirements of OSHA 1910.23 and latest IBC, a concentrated load of 0.9 kN applied in any direction at any point on the rail or a uniform load of 0.7 kN/m applied in any direction on the rail. Loads are assumed not to act concurrently.

3.3 UV Protective Coatings

3.3.1 For applications where the railing system is to be used outdoors, a polyurethane based UV protective coating is recommended to preserve the long-term appearance of the railings.

3.4 Layout Guidelines

3.4.1 The following guidelines should be used in railing layout to most economically utilize this system and to maximize performance.

3.4.2 Post and offset handrail supports spacing: Post and offset handrail supports spacing must not exceed 1829mm to meet OSHA and IBC loading requirements.

3.4.3 Inside or Outside Corners: Posts cannot be placed at corners. At interior or exterior corners, two posts should be placed within 305mm of the corner, on both sides.
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3.4.4 Post Location With Respect to Structure: For side-mounted posts attaching to fiberglass structures, the post should be placed as close as practical but no more than 152mm to an element which torsionally fixes the element to which the post is attached. This will prevent excessive rotation of the structural element when the posts are under load.

3.4.5 Number of Posts Per Section: A minimum of two posts per straight guardrail section are recommended to improve durability in shipping and erection.

3.5 Guardrail and Handrail System Details

3.5.1 Refer to the attached drawings for railing assembly details, splicing, and post base mountings.

4.0 DYNARAIL® FRP LADDER SYSTEM

4.1 Ladder Arrangement & Dimensions

4.1.1 The Fibergrate Composite Structures Dynarail® ladder system consists of 44mm x 6.4mm thick square tube rails and 32mm diameter x 6.4mm thick fluted rungs. There is a clear horizontal distance of 457mm between the inside of the rails and a center to center distance between rungs of 305. Ladders are available in vinyl ester and polyester fire-retardant resin formulations in a safety yellow color. The designer is referred to the Dynarail® Fiberglass Guardrail, Handrail & Safety Ladders brochure for further description of this system.

4.2 Loading Requirements

4.2.1 This ladder system is designed to meet the loading requirements of OSHA 1910.27, "Fixed Ladders." The ladders are designed to meet the OSHA minimum live load requirement of a 0.9 kN concentrated load at the mid-point of the rung.
4.3 **Support Requirements**

4.3.1 Ladders will require support back to a wall or solid structure at intervals not to exceed 1829mm. Exceeding this spacing will result in a ladder installation that is too flexible for comfort or safety. Ladders are required to be base supported to structure or back to a wall or solid structure. All ladders are to include a minimum of one base support. The standard ladder wall mount bracket is not capable of supporting a vertical load. Ladders that cannot be base supported should include one pair of bottom wall brackets engineered to support design loads.

4.4 **Cages and Rest Platforms**

4.4.1 The designer is referred to OSHA 1910.27, "Fixed Ladders" for ladders requiring cages and rest platforms. These units are available in FRP as part of the ladder system. Generally, cages are required for ladders of more than 6.1m in length to a maximum unbroken length of 9.2m. Ladders with a length of more than 6.1m will require a cage and an intermediate rest platform at 9.2m and for every 9.2m thereafter. Cages are required to start at a minimum of 2.1m and a maximum of 2.4 above the platform. They are required to extend 1067mm above the landing at the top of the ladder.

4.5 **Ladder System Details**

4.5.1 Refer to the attached drawings for ladder system splicing, and mounting details.

5.0 **DYNAFORM® FRP STRUCTURAL MEMBERS**

5.1 **Availability**

5.1.1 Dynaform® structural shapes are available in FRP in the common structural shapes: angle, channel, square and round tubes, I-sections and W-sections. These are available in fire retardant vinyl ester (beige), fire retardant polyester (dark gray) and non-fire retardant polyester (green).
5.2 Design Criteria

5.2.1 The following design criteria is recommended for use in FRP structural members used as beams for supporting live loads plus the dead load of the FRP structure. Higher safety factors and deflection ratios may be needed for other conditions.

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<tr>
<th>FRP Structural Shapes*</th>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum Deflection</td>
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<td>Allowable Bearing Stress</td>
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*Assumes adequate lateral bracing of compression flange, see 5.6 and a b/t ≤ 12 (flange width-to-flange thickness ratio. Using a column failure analogy, we refer you to the Dynaform® Fiberglass Structural Shapes Design Guide.

5.3 Preferred Sizes

5.3.1 The table below gives a list of preferred sizes for FRP structural members. These sizes are available from stock without the added cost and delay of a mill run. Members are stocked in 6.1m lengths.

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<td>Wide Flange Sections</td>
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5.4 Beam and Column Selection Tables

5.4.1 The Dynaform® Fiberglass Structural Shapes Design Guide provides tables for selecting the common sizes of FRP structural members used as columns and beams. Note that these tables are based on adequate lateral support of the compression flange of bending members (see Section 5.6, Lateral Support Requirements). The Design Guide also provides information on corrosion resistance, section dimensions and properties, mechanical and physical properties, and thermal effects.
5.5 Availability of Other Shapes and Mill Run Quantities
5.5.1 Non-stock shapes can be obtained in mill run quantities. Consult Customer Service for availability. These members may be used economically if they are ordered in these quantities.

5.6 Lateral Support Requirements
5.6.1 The table below gives the maximum lateral support spacing required to produce the full bending capacity of these members.

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<td>(102mm x 6.4mm)</td>
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<td>(203mm x 9.5mm)</td>
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5.7 Connection Details
5.7.1 The attached drawings include example connection details for use with fiberglass structural shapes used as beams and columns. Note that these details are examples only and that Fibergrate Composite Structures will perform the detailed design needed to meet the loading requirements. Fibergrate Composite Structures can provide standard connection details designed to exceed the ultimate capacity of all standard FRP beams available.

5.7.2 The following tables outline allowables and requirements that should be considered when designing and detailing connections.
STRUCTURAL CONNECTIONS

BEARING ON FRP

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<tr>
<th>Material Thickness</th>
<th>3/8&quot; (9.5mm)</th>
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<td>43.09</td>
<td>51.71</td>
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(1) BEARING on FRP plate or web controls (Factor of Safety = 3.0; Fp=68.95 MPa). The designer must confirm that no other component of connection controls.

BOLT SHEAR

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<tr>
<th>Bolt Type &amp; Application</th>
<th>3/8&quot; (9.5mm)</th>
<th>1/2&quot; (13mm)</th>
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(2) The designer must confirm that no other component of connection controls.

(3) SHEAR of bolt controls. Fv = 0.17*FU = 0.17*517.1 MPa = 87.91 MPa

(4) SHEAR of FRP threaded rod controls (Factor of Safety = 4.0).

Ultimate values from Dynaform® Fiberglass Structural Shapes Design Guide

RATIO OF EDGE DISTANCE TO FASTENER DIAMETER (* - "cl" is centerline)

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<th>Type</th>
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<td>Edge Distance - cl* bolt to END</td>
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<td>Edge Distance - cl* bolt to SIDE</td>
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<td>Bolt Pitch - cl* to cl*</td>
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6.0 FRP STAIR SYSTEMS

6.1 Stair System Components

6.1.1 FRP structural shapes and special FRP gratings can be used in combination to create FRP stairs. The stair treads are typically made using 38mm deep, 38mm x 152mm mesh molded Fibertred® grating panels with an integral reinforced, gritted nosing. These stair treads are available in the same resin systems and colors as molded grating. Fibertred® panels are manufactured in a 565mm wide x 3048mm long panel and a 641mm wide x 3658mm long panel with solid nosing along the 3048mm and 3658mm sides. These panels can be best utilized if stair tread widths are kept to 610mm, 762mm, 914mm or 1067mm with depths of 286mm or less. Pultruded grating stair treads are also available in the Safe-T-Span® product line. These are manufactured using standard pultruded gratings with a stiffened nosing. The nosing bars are painted a contrasting color.

6.2 Design Criteria

6.2.1 The designer is referred to OSHA 1910.24, "Fixed Industrial Stairs" for guidelines in the design of stair systems in general. The stair should be designed for a moving live load of 4.45 kN (2.22 kN/stair stringer).

6.3 Tread Deflections

6.3.1 Tread deflections are typically limited to L/150 or less. The table below gives the load-deflection performance of Fibertred® for spans up to 1067mm. Spans greater than 1067mm will require a stiffened nosing or intermediate support to reduce deflections. The deflections are based on 1 kN and 2 kN point loads applied over a 102mm wide x 152mm deep load plate starting at the nosing edge to simulate the landing of a foot.

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<th>Load (kN)</th>
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<td>2</td>
<td>2.2mm</td>
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*Load deflection tables for pultruded stair treads are available in the Safe-T-Span® Fiberglass Pultruded Grating brochure.*
6.4 FRP Stair Design Notes

6.4.1 Most stairs can be satisfactorily designed using up to 203mm or 254mm channels as stringers with the flanges outward. The stringer must be designed to meet the loading requirements given in section 6.3.1. The individual stair treads are supported by 51mm x 51mm x 6.4mm angles bolted to the stringers with two 3/8" (9.5mm) diameter bolts.

6.4.2 The stair railings are manufactured using a system identical to the one described in section 3.0 for FRP Guardrails and Handrails. These are typically side-mounted to the channel stringers using a detail similar to Drawing K. Note that on OSHA compliant stairs the top of rail used as handrail is 762mm to 864mm above the leading edge of the nosing, while the offset rail used as handrail on IBC compliant stairs is 864mm to 965mm above the leading edge of the nosing or top of walkway surface.

6.4.3 Long stair runs may require intermediate support using columns and may require bracing to prevent excessive side sway. (See Charts)

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### Stringer Design Table - OSHA Design Criteria

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Notes:
1. Slope range is 30 to 50 degrees.
2. OSHA does not limit the maximum rise.
3. Design is for a 4.45 kN stair load, 2.22 kN point load/stringer L/D ≥180.
4. C8 = C 8" x 2-3/16" x 3/8"; C10 = C 10" x 2-3/4" x 1/2"
   (203mm x 56mm x 9.5mm; 254mm x 70mm x 13mm).

Stringers below double lines require lateral bracing. See detail.

Stringers below heavy black lines are longer than 6.1m. These require a splice or pull to length.
### Stringer Design Table - IBC Design Criteria (914mm Wide Stair Only)

**Notes:**
1. Slope range is 20 to 32.5 degrees.
2. Landings are required every 3.7m of rise.
3. Design is for a 4.8 kN/m² uniform load, L/D ≥ 180.
4. C8 = C 8” x 2-3/16” x 3/8”; C10 = C 10” x 2-3/4” x 1/2”
   (203mm x 56mm x 9.5mm; 254mm x 70mm x 13mm).

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### Stringer Design Table - IBC Design Criteria (1219mm Wide Stair Only)

**Notes:**
1. Slope range is 20 to 32.5 degrees.
2. Landings are required every 3.7m of rise.
3. Design is for a 4.8 kN psf uniform load, L/D ≥ 180.
4. C8 = C 8” x 2-3/16” x 3/8”; C10 = C 10” x 2-3/4” x 1/2”
   (203mm x 56mm x 9.5mm; 254mm x 70mm x 13mm).

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### 6.5 FRP Stair Details

6.5.1 The attached drawings provide typical details of stair systems using channel stringers.
**DRAWING A: F CLIP ASSEMBLY**

- 38mm x 38mm Square Mesh Grating
- F-2 Clip
- Grating Abutment
- Nut Attached to Clip
- 1/4" x 1-3/4" (6.4mm x 44mm) Bolt

**DRAWING B: M CLIP ASSEMBLY**

- M-2 Hold Down Clip
- 1/4" x 2-1/4" (6.4mm x 57mm) Bolt
- 38mm Grating
- Field Drill 5/16" (8mm) Hole
- 1/4" (6.4mm) Washer
- 1/4" (6.4mm) Nut
**DRAWING C:**
FRP EDGEBANDING
Straight Opening

FRP Plate Banding
3.2mm Thick
Shop Attached

3/16”Ø x 3” Lg.
(4.8mmØ x 76mm Lg.)
Hex Head Screw
Self Tapping

**DRAWING D:**
FRP EDGEBANDING
Radius Opening

FRP Plate Banding
3.2mm Thick
Shop Attached

3/16”Ø x 3” Lg.
(4.8mmØ x 76mm Lg.)
Hex Head Screw
Self Tapping

**DRAWING E:**
FRP KICKPLATE
Straight Opening

FRP Kickplate
6.4mm Thick

3/16”Ø x 3” Lg.
(4.8mmØ x 76mm Lg.)
Hex Head Screw
Self Tapping

**DRAWING F:**
FRP KICKPLATE
Radius Opening

FRP Kickplate
6.4mm Thick

3/16”Ø x 3” Lg.
(4.8mmØ x 76mm Lg.)
Hex Head Screw
Self Tapping
Guidelines for the Engineer & Designer

DRAWING G: MI-60 CLIP ASSEMBLY

1/4” x 2-1/4” (6.4mm x 57mm) Bolt

Pultruded Grating

MI-60 Hold Down Clip

Field Drill 5/16” (8mm) Hole

1/4” (6.4mm) Washer

1/4” (6.4mm) Nut

DRAWING H: FC CLIP ASSEMBLY

1/4”-20 x 1-1/2” (6.4mm x 38mm) SC-HD Bolt

Pultruded Grating

FC Hold Down Clip

Load Bar

Mounting Hole is 9/32” (0.281”, 7.1mm) diameter

1/4” (6.4mm) Washer

1/4” (6.4mm) Nut
DRAWING I: FRP GUARDRAIL CONNECTIONS

3/16" (4.8mm)ø Hole (Typ 2 Sides)

1/8"ø x 3/4" Lg.
2mmø x 19mm Lg.)
S.S. Rivet (Typ 2 Sides)

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3/16" (4.8mm)ø Hole

1/4"ø x 1" Lg.
(6.4mm x 25mm Lg.)
Self Tapping Screw

Rail Splice Kit

Sand, Apply Bond, and Rivet

44mm x 3.2mm Top Rail

Shop Bonded & Riveted

In-Line Kickplate Splice Kit

Sand, Apply Bond, and Rivet

44mm x 3.2mm Mid Rail

44mm x 3.2mm Post

3/16"ø x 3" Lg.
(4.8mmø x 76mm Lg.)
Hex Head Screw Self Tapping

DRAWING J: TOE PLATE SPLICE CONDITIONS

90° Angle Clip at Outside Turn Mount to Back of Toe Plate

Outside Turn

Straight Line Splice Shipped Attached to Right End of Handrail Assembly

Straight Line

Inside Turn 90° Angle Clip as Inside Turn Mount to Inside of Toe Plate
**DRAWING K: GUARDRAIL POST TO FRP STRUCTURE CONNECTION**

- **Guardrail Post**
- **Toe Plate**
- **Grating**
- **Square Tube Spacer**
- **FRP Structure**

**1/2" (12.7mm)ø Bolt Assembly**

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**DRAWING L: REMOVEABLE GUARDRAIL CONNECTION**

- **64mm x 4.8mm SQ Tube Post**
- **3.2mm Grating**
- **"H" Section Toe Plate**
- **1/2"ø x 7" Lg. (13mm x 178mm) S.S. Bolt Assembly (4 Required)**
- **44mm x 6.4mm SQ Tube Spacer (4 Required)**
- **152mm x 152mm x 16mm Thick FRP Plate**
**GUIDELINES FOR THE ENGINEER & DESIGNER**

**DRAWING M: STANCHION BASE**

- 2-1/8” Square Guardrail Post
- Stainless Steel Stanchion Base
- 1/2” (13mm)ø Bolt Assembly
- 1/2” (13mm)ø Anchor Bolt By Others

**DRAWING N: LADDER FLOOR MOUNT KIT**

- 3/8”ø x 3” Long (9.5mm x 76mm Long) Hex. Head Bolt Assembly
- 9/16” (14.3mm)ø Hole for 1/2” (13mm)ø Anchor Bolt (All Anchors by Others)
- 102mm x 102mm x 13mm Angle 70mm Long
**Guidelines for the Engineer & Designer**

**DRAWING O: LADDER WALL MOUNT KIT**

- **76mm x 200mm x 9.5mm**
  - Angle 152mm Long

- **9/16" (14.3mm)Ø Hole for**
  - 1/2" (13mm)Ø Anchor Bolt
  - (All Anchors by Others)

- **3/8"Ø x 3" Long**
  - (9.5mm x 76mm Long)
  - Bolt Assembly

**DRAWING P: LADDER SPLICE KIT**

- **44mm x 6.4mm Square**
  - Tube Ladder Rail

- **Ladder Rail**

- **Splice Bar**

- **32mmØ Rung**

- **Bond**
DRAWING Q: WIDE FLANGE COLUMN TOP

DRAWING R: WIDE FLANGE TO CHANNEL CONNECTION
Guidelines for the Engineer & Designer

**DRAWING S: WIDE FLANGE COLUMN BASE**

- Wide Flange Column
- Angle Clip
- Bolt Assembly
- Anchor Bolt (By Others)

**DRAWING T: BOTTOM STAIR STRINGER MOUNT**

- 203mm x 56mm x 9.5mm Channel
- 16mmØ x 152mm Long Bolt Assembly
- 54mm Square Tube Spacer
- 38mm Fibertred®
- 9/16” (14.3mm)Ø Hole for 1/2” (13mm)Ø Anchor Bolt (By Others)
DRAWING U: TOP STAIR STRINGER MOUNT

38mm Grating

203mm x 56mm x 9.5mm Channel

3/8" ø x 1-3/4" Long (9.5mm x 44mm Long) Bolt Assembly

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