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PREFACE

This handbook is a companion publication to the design guide BC1: 2012 which has been updated to include design recommendations to both BS 5950 and SS EN 1993 provisions, and additional steel materials, including re-used steel materials.

The main objective of this handbook is to provide clearer explanations on how to interpret and use the design guide BC1: 2012, i.e. how to classify the steel into the different classes, and the criteria to qualify for certified, non-certified and re-used steel materials.

Where appropriate, both British Standards and Eurocode's symbols are used in this handbook.

As a handbook, it only provides guidance and recommendations for material usage and it should not be construed as mandatory requirements from the Building and Construction Authority. The Qualified Persons should ensure that the ensuing design and execution of his/her projects are in accordance with the Authority's requirements.

Additional references should be made to the appropriate chapters in BS 5950 and SS EN 1993.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In Singapore, the current approved design code for structural steel design is BS 5950. SS EN 1993 is being phased in and will eventually replace BS 5950. Specifically, these design codes will specify clearly the steel materials which can be used to design to these codes.

This is a critical consideration as design codes are formulated taking into account the type of materials manufactured to specific material production standards, in this case, it will be those materials manufactured to BS EN production standards. The implication of this is that builders should only procure such steel materials to comply fully with the design adopted by the Qualified Person (QP) and the building regulations. Strictly speaking, other steel materials manufactured to non BS EN production standards cannot be used as they will be in conflict with the design requirements.

The Building and Construction Authority has taken steps to allow a wider choice of steel materials to achieve greater economy and sustainability, and to promote greater usage of structural steel in the building and construction industry. In the ensuing process, it will be necessary to ensure product conformity, quality and traceability in materials coming from various sources, and only adequate and reliable alternative materials are used to ensure public safety.

In this connection, the design guide BC 1: 2012 was written specifically for this purpose and a list of certified materials manufactured to BS ENs as well as non BS EN materials such as ASTM, AS/NZS, JIS and GB are compiled for design to both BS 5950 and SS EN 1993 design codes. The design guide also gives guidance on how to optimize the usage of such alternative materials, i.e. to use the full design strength for more competitive design if the certified materials can demonstrate adequately that they meet all the reliability requirements and qualify as Class 1 steel materials.

This handbook serves as a complimentary publication to the design guide BC 1: 2012 and the primary intention is to provide some background information and explain how to classify steel into the different classes in BC 1: 2012. In addition, it provides the design parameters to be adopted for BS EN, ASTM, JIS, AS/NZS and GB steel materials as well as a list of certified and non-certified steel materials.

2.0 DESIGN PROCEDURE

BC 1: 2012 classified the certified steel material into Class 1, 2 and 3. The design approaches are different based on this classification. This section explain in details the various design procedures which can be adopted during the design stage and the design implications based on the recommendations given in BC 1: 2012.

The design procedure is first based on classifying the steel materials by means of adequacy assessment and reliability assessment into the appropriate classes. The classified steel materials shall then be designed to BS5950 or SS EN 1993 based on the design requirements for that material class. The design flow chart is shown in Figure 2.1. A brief summary of the adequacy assessment and reliability assessment are given in Table 2.1.

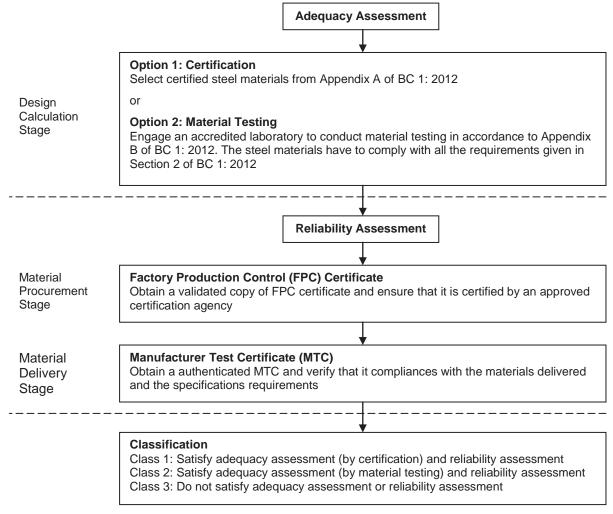


Figure 2.1: Classification of Steel Materials

	Adequacy Assessment	Reliability Assessment
Requirements to	Material performance requirements	Quality assurance requirements
satisfy	(Section 2 of BC 1: 2012)	(Section 3 of BC 1: 2012)
Objective of assessment	Steel materials properties	Steel materials manufacturers
Mode of assessment	Certification or material testing	Factory production control (FPC) certificate and Material test certificate (MTC)

Table 2.1: Summary of Adequacy Assessment and Reliability Assessment

2.1 ADEQUACY ASSESSMENT

The first step in the classification approach involves the verification of the steel material properties against the material performance requirements given in Section 2 of BC 1: 2012. Failure in the adequacy assessment shall result in the downgrade of the material class to Class 3. Two modes of adequacy assessment are possible, either by certification or material testing. The differences in the implementation these two modes of assessment and the respective results are given in Table 2.2.

2.1.1 Certification

Certification is the process of evaluating the material properties against the material performance requirements in Section 2 of BC 1: 2012 for British/European, American, Japanese, Australian/New Zealand and Chinese material standards. Materials which meet these requirements are classified as certified steel, whereas those which do not meet the requirements are classified as non-certified steel.

A list of certified steel materials in which their material properties comply with the relevant material performance requirements is listed in Appendix A of BC 1: 2012. The use of any steel material from this list of certified materials shall be considered as meeting the material performance requirements given in Section 2 of BC 1: 2012 and satisfying the adequacy assessment.

During the design stage, QPs shall select the steel material from the list of certified steel materials. The QPs shall then carry out the design and calculation using the design parameters recommended in Section 5.1 of BC 1: 2012 for the steel material selected. It is assumed that the materials will be sourced from manufacturers who can meet the quality assurance requirements and this will have to be verified during material procurement and delivery stage.

2.1.2 Material Testing

Basically, Material Testing is the process to demonstrate the adequacy of alternative steel other than those already considered in Section 2.1.1 through appropriate sample testing and test method given in Appendix B of BC 1: 2012.

Testing carried out for the purpose of adequacy assessment during the design stage shall not exempt the purchasers from performing the obligatory inspection and testing in accordance with appropriate regulations during contract execution stage.

Test reports from accredited laboratories under the Singapore Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (SINGLAS) or other laboratories accredited under a mutual recognition agreement with SINGLAS are required to prove that such materials are able to comply with all the material performance requirements given in Section 2 of BC 1: 2012.

When the limiting values are not given in Section 2 of BC 1: 2012, linear interpolation shall be allowed to determine the limiting value for the test parameters.

During the design stage, if the QPs decided to select a non-certified steel material, the QPs shall engage an accredited laboratory to conduct material sample testing in accordance to Appendix B of BC 1: 2012 and submit a test report containing the necessary information (see Table 2.3) to show that the materials complies with all the material performance requirements given in Section 2 of BC 1: 2012.

For non-certified steel which meet the test requirements, the QPs shall carry out the design and calculation using the design parameters recommended in Section 5.2 of BC 1: 2012. It is also assumed at this stage that the materials will be sourced from manufacturers who can meet the quality assurance requirements.

	Certification	Material Testing
Initiation	Based on Section 2 of BC 1: 2012	QPs to initiate testing
Steel materials coverage	Certified steel materials, as given in Appendix A of BC 1: 2012	Any material not listed in Appendix A of BC 1: 2012 manufactured to material standards which are current and confirmed, regardless of the country or region of origin
Condition to pass the assessment	QPs to select steel materials from the list of certified steel materials given in Appendix A of BC 1: 2012	QPs to engage an accredited laboratory to conduct material testing in accordance to Appendix B of BC 1: 2012 and show that the steel materials are in compliance with all the relevant requirements given in Section 2 of BC 1: 2012
Class of material, if pass the assessment	Class 1, if also pass the reliability assessment	Class 2, if also pass the reliability assessment
Class of material, if fail the assessment	Class 3, and review design	Class 3, and review design

Table 2.2: Implementation of Certification and Material Testing

Type of steel materials	Mandatory test results	
 Steel plates Hot rolled sections Hollow sections Steel for cold forming 	 Yield strength Tensile strength Elongation after fracture Impact energy Chemical content based on ladle or product analysis, of carbon, sulphur, phosphorous, silicon, manganese, copper, chromium, molybdenum, nickel, aluminum, niobium, titanium, vanadium, nitrogen and any other element intentionally added Carbon equivalent value computed based on equation: CEV(%) = %C + %Mn/6 + %Cr + %Mo + %V/5 5 + %Cu + %Ni/15 	
 Non-preloaded bolting assemblies Preloaded bolting assemblies 	 Yield strength (bolts) Tensile strength (bolts) Elongation after fracture (bolts) Hardness (bolts, nuts and washers) Proof load stress (nuts) Chemical content, based on product analysis, of carbon, sulphur and phosphorous (bolts and nuts) 	
Welding consumables	 Yield strength Tensile strength Elongation after fracture Impact energy 	

Profiled steel sheets	 Yield strength Tensile strength Chemical content based on ladle or product analysis, of carbon, sulphur, phosphorous, silicon, manganese, copper, chromium, molybdenum, nickel, aluminum, niobium, titanium, vanadium, nitrogen and any other element intentionally added
Stud shear connectors	Yield strengthTensile strengthElongation after fracture

Table 2.3: Mandatory test results to be indicated on Manufacturer Test Certificate

2.2 RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT

The second step in the classification involves the verification of the material reliability against the quality assurance requirements given in Section 3 of BC 1: 2012. The reliability assessment is to ensure that the steel materials are manufactured under stringent quality assurance system and that it shall meet the quality assurance requirements given in Section 3 of BC 1: 2012. Failure in the reliability assessment shall result in the immediate downgrade of the material to Class 3.

The implementation of reliability assessment shall involve the submission of valid factory production control certificates and manufacturer test certificates. The differences in the implementation of the reliability assessment are summarized in Table 2.4.

2.2.1 Factory Production Control Certification

The manufacturers shall have a factory production control (FPC) system attested by an independent third party certification agency acceptable to or recognized by BCA through initial inspection and subsequent continuous surveillance of the FPC system by the certification agency at least once per year. Examples of these certification agencies includes, but not limited to; American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), American Petroleum Institute (API), Bureau Veritas (BV), Korean Register (KR), Lloyd's Register, TÜV Rheinland, DNV GL, Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) etc.

Valid FPC certificates issued by the certification agency shall be produced by the manufacturers as an indicator of a FPC system acceptable to BCA.

General requirements on FPC are given in Section 3.1 of BC 1: 2012. However, the following shall be noted:

- ISO 9001 certificate for quality management system is complimentary. Having an ISO 9001 certificate alone is regarded as insufficient to demonstrate reliability of the FPC system for manufacturers in a production environment.
- FPC certificates shall form the only acceptable indicator for an attested production control system in manufacturing a particular type of steel materials.
- FPC certificates for BC1's certified steel materials should clearly indicate the validity period of 3 years in the certificates.
- FPC certificates for BS EN steel materials under the European Union Construction Directives or API Monograms, both which are already widely recognized in the European market and the oil and gas industry respectively, shall be considered 'acceptable in lieu'. The FPC system of such manufacturers in manufacturing the particular type of steel materials shall be considered already attested.

Upon confirmation of the source of the steel materials, QPs shall evaluate the validated copy of the FPC certificate, obtained either directly from the manufacturer or through the stockist or trader. The FPC certificate shall also be made available for subsequent inspection by BCA, if required.

	Factory production control (FPC) certification	Manufacturer test certification (MTC)
Requirements to meet	Factory production control, as given in 3.1 of BC 1: 2012	Manufacturer test certificates, as given in 3.2 of BC 1: 2012
Objective of assessment	The manufacturer of steel materials	The steel materials
Certificate to be produced by the manufacturers	A valid factory production control (FPC) certificate issued by a certification agency acceptable to or recognized by BCA	 A sample test certificate An authenticated test certificate containing complete information for every batch of steel materials delivered
Valid coverage of the certificate	The production control and quality assurance provided by the manufacturer in producing the particular type of steel materials	Quality assurance on the particular batch of steel materials delivered
Condition to pass assessment	QPs are to evaluate the certificate upon confirmation of source of materials	 QPs are to evaluate the sample certificate upon confirmation of source of materials QPs are to evaluate the actual certificate which shall also specify the actual quantity of steel materials delivered
Class of material, if	Class 1, if pass the adequacy assessment by certification	
pass both assessment	 Class 2, if pass the adequacy a 	ssessment by material testing
Class of material, if fail one of the assessment	Class 3	

Table 2.4: Implementation of Factory Production Control Certification and Manufacturer Test Certification

2.2.2 Manufacturer Test Certification

The manufacturer shall issue an authenticated test certificate for every batch of steel materials as a form of quality assurance on the steel materials delivered to site.

Mandatory information on test results corresponding to different type of steel materials is summarized in Table 2.3.

It shall be noted that the use of the test results of feedstock materials, if any, shall be clearly indicated. Actual quantity of steel materials purchased from the stockist or trader shall be clearly indicated and the validated copy of the authenticated test certificate corresponding to the steel materials delivered shall be given to the purchaser.

Upon confirmation of the source of steel materials, QPs shall evaluate sample copy of manufacturer test certificate, obtained directly from the manufacturer or through the stockist or trader.

Upon delivery of the steel materials to the site, QPs shall inspect and confirm that all the mandatory information is indicated on the actual manufacturer test certificate. The document shall also be made available for inspection by BCA, if required.

2.3 SUMMARY OF DESIGN PROCEDURE

The necessary actions to be taken by QPs during the various stages in the overall design procedure are summarized in Tables 2.5 and 2.6 for Class 1 and 2 steel materials respectively.

Stage	QPs	
	Select certified steel materials from Appendix A of BC 1: 2012	
Design calculation	Assume* materials to be Class 1 and adopt design parameters from Section 5.1 of BC 1: 2012	
	Submit the necessary design calculation as per authority requirements	
	Confirm the source of steel materials	
	Obtain a validated copy of the valid FPC certificate	
Material procurement	Obtain a sample of manufacturer test certificate to ensure all mandatory information can be provided	
	Keep copy of the above document for inspection	
Material delivery	Obtain an authenticated manufacturer test certificate (or its validated copy) and verify the compliance of the steel materials delivered to the specifications Keep copy of above documents for inspection.	
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^{*} It shall be noted that QPs can only assume that the materials will be Class 1 during the design calculation stage. The QPs need to perform the necessary follow-up checks during the material procurement and delivery stages to confirm the materials to be Class 1.

Table 2.5: Actions to be taken by QPs for Class 1 steel materials

Stage	QPs
	Engage an accredited laboratory to conduct sample material testing in accordance to Appendix B of BC 1: 2012 and show that the steel materials are in compliance with all the relevant requirements given in Section 2
Design calculation	Assume* materials to be Class 2 and adopt design parameters from 5.2 of BC 1: 2012
	Submit a copy of the test report and the necessary design calculation as per authority requirements
	Confirm the source of steel materials
	Obtain a validated copy of the valid FPC certificate
Material procurement	Obtain a sample of manufacturer test certificate to ensure all mandatory information can be provided
	Keep copy of above document for inspection
Material delivery	 Obtain an authenticated manufacturer test certificate (or its validated copy) and verify the compliance of the steel materials delivered to the specifications Keep copy of above documents for inspection
	Neep copy or above documents for inspection

^{*} It shall be noted that QPs can only assume that the materials will be Class 1 during the design calculation stage. The QPs need to perform the necessary follow-up checks during the material procurement and delivery stages to confirm the materials to be Class 2.

Table 2.6: Actions to be taken by QPs for Class 2 steel materials

2.4 ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE

In lieu of the adequacy and reliability assessments recommended in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 of BC 1: 2012, a material performance-based assessment based on rigorous material testing and control might be appropriate, subject to a case-by-case approval from BCA, as stated under Section 4.4 Special Case of BC 1: 2012.

If approved, the steel materials concerned may be treated as Class 2 materials if their adequacy and reliability can be guaranteed through rigorous control and testing plans of the materials delivery to site.

The assessment shall include but not limited to:

- 100% material visual inspection and non-destructive testing to confirm manufacturing tolerances and surface delivery conditions;
- A set of destructive material testing for each batch/lot (see Table 2.3 for tests required);
- Test reports from SINGLAS accredited laboratory; and
- A material assessment report from an independent expert consultant.

3.0 DESIGN PARAMETERS FOR CLASS 1 STEEL MATERIALS

This section list the steel design strengths and parameters to be adopted for the design of steel materials classified as Class 1.

3.1 BRITISH / EUROPEAN (BS EN) STEEL MATERIALS

Grade	Design strength p _y or f _y (N/mm ²), for thick			or thickness (mm) less than or ed		r equal to
Grade	16 40		63	80	100	150
S235	235	225	215	215	215	195
S275	275	265	255	245	235	225
S355	355	345	335	325	315	295
S420	420	400	390	370	360	340
S460	460	440	430	410	400	380
S500	500	500	480	480	480	440
S550	550	550	530	530	530	490
S620	620	620	580	580	580	560
S690	690	690	650	650	650	630

Table 3.1a: Design Strength of British / European (BS EN) Structural Steels

		BS 5950		SS EN	l 1993
Grade	Shear strength p _s (N/mm²)	Bearing strength p _{bb} (N/mm²)	Tension strength p _t (N/mm²)	Yield strength f _{yb} (N/mm²)	Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub} (N/mm²)
4.6	160	460	240	240	400
8.8	375	1000	560	640	800
10.9	400	1300	700	900	1000

Table 3.1b: Design Strength of British / European (BS EN) Non-Preloaded Bolts

	BS 5950		SS EN	l 1993
Grade	Shear strength p _s (N/mm²)	Tension strength p _t (N/mm²)	Yield strength f _{yb} (N/mm²)	Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub} (N/mm²)
8.8	375	560	640	800
10.9	400	700	900	1000

Table 3.1c: Design Strength of British / European (BS EN) Preloaded Bolts

Grade	Tensile strength U _e (N/mm ²)	Design strength p _w (N/mm ²)
35	440	
38	470	0.50U _e ≤ 0.55U _s
42	500	U _s = Tensile strength of parent
46	530	material
50	560	

Table 3.1d: Design Strength of Fillet Welds made of British / European (BS EN) Welding Consumables

		BS 5	5950		SS EN	l 1993	
Grade	Yield strength Y _s	Tensile strength U _e	Design st (N/n	trength p _y nm²)	Yield strength f _{vb}	Ultimate tensile	
	(N/mm²)	(N/mm²)	BS5950-4	BS5950-6	(N/mm²)	strength f _u (N/mm²)	
S220GD	220	300	0.93U₅	0.93U _s Y _s ≤ 0.84U		220	300
S250GD	250	330				250	330
S280GD	280	360			V < 0.0411	280	360
S320GD	320	390			$T_S = 0.040_S$	320	390
S350GD	350	420			350	420	
S550GD	550	560			550	560	

Table 3.1e: Design Strength of British / European (BS EN) Profiled Steel Sheets

Material Standards	Tensile strength f _u (N/mm²)
BS EN ISO 13918	450

Table 3.2f: Design Strength of British / European (BS EN) Stud Shear Connectors

3.2 AMERICAN (ASTM and API) STEEL MATERIALS

Grade	Design strength p _y or f _y (N/mm ²), for thickness (mm) less than or				
Grade	32	50	65	80	100
ASTM Structu	ral Steels				
36 [250]	250	240	230	220	210
42 [290]	290	280	270	260	250
50 [345]	345	335	325	315	305
55 [380]	380	370	360	350	340
60 [415]	415	405	395	385	375
65 [450]	450	440	430	420	410
70 [485]	485	475	465	455	445
100 [690]	690	680	670	660	650
API Line Pipes	3				
B [L245]	245	235	-	-	-
X42 [L290]	290	280	-	-	-
X46 [L320]	320	310	-	-	-
X52 [L360]	360	350	-	-	-
X56 [L390]	390	380	-	-	-
X60 [L415]	415	405	-	-	-
X65 [L450]	450	440	-	-	-

Table 3.2a: Design Strength of American (ASTM and API) Structural Steels

	BS 5950			SS EN	l 1993
Grade	Shear strength p _s (N/mm²)	Bearing strength p _{bb} (N/mm²)	Tension strength p _t (N/mm²)	Yield strength f _{yb} (N/mm²)	Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub} (N/mm ²)
307B	160	460	240	240	400
A325	290	640	500	560	725
A449	375	1000	560	640	800
A490	400	1300	700	900	1000

Table 3.2b: Design Strength of American (ASTM) Non-Preloaded Bolts

	BS !	5950	SS EN 1993		
Grade	Shear strength p _s (N/mm²)			Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub} (N/mm²)	
A325	290	500	560	725	
A354 BC	315	550	680	790	
A354 BD	385	675	790	960	
A490	400	700	900	1000	

Table 3.2c: Design Strength of American (ASTM) Preloaded Bolts

Grade	Tensile strength U _e (N/mm ²)	Design strength p _w (N/mm ²)	
E49xx	490	245	

Table 3.2d: Design Strength of Fillet Welds made of American (AWS) Welding Consumables

	BS 5950				SS EN	S EN 1993		
Grade	Yield strength Y _s	Tensile strength U _e		trength p _y nm²)	Yield strength f _{vb}	Ultimate tensile		
	(N/mm²)	(N/mm²)	BS5950-4	BS5950-6	(N/mm²)	strength f _u (N/mm²)		
210	210	320			210	320		
240	240	340			240	340		
275	275	380			275	380		
280	280	370	$0.93U_{\rm s}$	Y _s ≤ 0.84U _s	280	370		
300	300	390			300	390		
340	340	450			340	450		
410	410	480			410	480		

Table 3.2e: Design Strength of American (ASTM) Profiled Steel Sheets

Material Standards	Tensile strength f _u (N/mm²)
AWS D1.1 (Type B)	450

Table 3.2f: Design Strength of American (AWS) Stud Shear Connectors

3.3 JAPANESE (JIS) STEEL MATERIALS

Grade	Design str	rength p _y or f _y	, (N/mm ²), for thickness (mm) less than or equal to			
Grade	16	40	75	100	160	200
400	245	235	215	215	205	195
490	325	315	295	295	285	275
490Y	365	355	335	325	-	-
520	365	355	335	325	-	-
570	460	450	430	420	-	-

Table 3.3a: Design Strength of Japanese (JIS) Structural Steels

	BS 5950			SS EN	l 1993
Grade	Shear strength p _s (N/mm²)	Bearing strength p _{bb} (N/mm²)	Tension strength p _t (N/mm²)	Yield strength f _{yb} (N/mm²)	Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub} (N/mm ²)
4.6	160	460	240	240	400
8.8	375	1000	560	640	800
10.9	400	1300	700	900	1000

Table 3.3b: Design Strength of Japanese (JIS) Non-Preloaded Bolts

	BS !	5950	SS EN 1993			
Grade	Shear strength p _s (N/mm²)	Tension strength p _t (N/mm²)	Yield strength f _{yb} (N/mm²)	Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub} (N/mm²)		
F8T	375	560	640	800		
F10T	400	700	900	1000		
F11T	440	770	950	1100		
S10T	400	700	900	1000		

Table 3.3c: Design Strength of Japanese (JIS) Preloaded Bolts

Grade	Tensile strength U _e (N/mm ²)	Design strength p _w (N/mm ²)
D43xx	450	225
D50xx	510	255
D53xx	600	300

Table 3.3d: Design Strength of Fillet Welds made of Japanese (JIS) Welding Consumables

	BS 5950			SS EN 1993		
Grade	Yield Tensile strength U _e		Design strength p _y (N/mm²)		Yield strength f _{vb}	Ultimate tensile
	(N/mm²)	(N/mm²)	BS5950-4	BS5950-6	(N/mm²)	strength f _u (N/mm²)
340	245	340			245	340
400	295	400			295	400
440	335	440	0.93U _s	$Y_s \le 0.84U_s$	335	440
490	365	490			365	490
540	400	540			400	540

Table 3.3e: Design Strength of Japanese (JIS) Profiled Steel Sheets

Material Standards	Tensile strength f _u (N/mm²)
JIS B 1198	400

Table 3.3f: Design Strength of Japanese (JIS) Stud Shear Connectors

3.4 AUSTRALIAN / NEW ZEALAND (AS / NZS) STEEL MATERIALS

Grade	Design strength p _y (N/mm ²), for thickness (mm) less than or equ				equal to	
Grade	12	20	32	50	80	150
250	250	250	250	250	240	230
300	300	300	280	280	270	260
350	350	350	340	340	340	330
400	400	380	360	360	360	-
450	450	450	420	400	-	-
CA220	210	-	-	-	-	-
CA260	250	-	-	-	-	-
CA350	350	-	-	-	-	-
PT430	300	280	280	270	270	250
PT460	305	295	295	275	275	265
PT490	360	340	340	330	330	320
PT540	450	450	420	400	-	-

Table 3.4a: Design Strength of Australian / New Zealand (AS / NZS) Structural Steels

	BS 5950			SS EN 1993		
Grade	Shear strength p _s (N/mm²)	Bearing strength p _{bb} (N/mm²)	Tension strength p _t (N/mm²)	Yield strength f _{yb} (N/mm²)	Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub} (N/mm²)	
4.6	160	460	240	240	400	
8.8	375	1000	560	640	800	
10.9	400	1300	700	900	1000	

Table 3.4b: Design Strength of Australian / New Zealand (AS / NZS) Non-Preloaded Bolts

		BS !	5950	SS EN	l 1993	
	Grade	Shear strength p _s (N/mm²)	Tension strength p _t (N/mm²)	Yield strength f _{yb} (N/mm²)	Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub} (N/mm²)	
ı	8.8	375	560	640	800	
ı	10.9	400	700	900	1000	
ı	12.9	480	840	1080	1200	

Table 3.4c: Design Strength of Australian / New Zealand (AS / NZS) Preloaded Bolts

Grade	Tensile strength U _e (N/mm ²)	Design strength p _w (N/mm ²)
E43xx	430	215
E49xx	490	245
E55xx	550	275
E57xx	570	285

Table 3.4d: Design Strength of Fillet Welds made of Australian / New Zealand (AS / NZS) Welding Consumables

		BS !	5950		SS EN 1993		
Grade	Yield strength Y _s	Tensile strength U _e	Design strength p _y (N/mm²)		Yield strength f _{vb}	Ultimate tensile	
	(N/mm²)	(N/mm²)	BS5950-4	BS5950-6	(N/mm²)	strength f _u (N/mm²)	
250	250	320		$0.93U_{s}$ $Y_{s} \le 0.84U_{s}$	250	320	
300	300	340			300	340	
350	350	320	0.0311		350	320	
450	450	480	0.93U _s	$0.930_{\rm s}$ $r_{\rm s} \leq 0.64$	1 _S ≥ 0.04U _S	450	480
500	500	520			500	520	
550	550	550			550	550	

Table 3.4e: Design Strength of Australian / New Zealand (AS / NZS) Profiled Steel Sheets

Material Standards	Tensile strength f _u (N/mm ²)		
AS / NZS 1554.2	410		

Table 3.4f: Design Strength of Australian / New Zealand (AS / NZS) Stud Shear Connectors

3.5 CHINESE (GB) STEEL MATERIALS

Grade	Design strength p _y or f _y (N/mm ²), for thickness (mm) less than or equal to							
Grade	16	35	50	100	150			
Q235	235	225	215	215	195			
Q275	275	265	255	245	225			
Q295	295	275	255	235	-			
Q345	345	325	295	275	-			
Q355	355	345	335	325	-			
Q390	390	370	350	330	-			
Q420	420	400	380	360	-			
Q460	460	440	420	400	-			

Table 3.5a: Design Strength of Chinese (GB) Structural Steels

		BS 5950	SS EN 1993		
Grade	Shear strength p _s (N/mm²)	Bearing strength p _{bb} (N/mm²)	Tension strength p _t (N/mm²)	Yield strength f _{yb} (N/mm²)	Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub} (N/mm²)
4.6	125	320	200	190	320
8.8	250	720	400	450	560
10.9	310	930	500	630	700

Table 3.5b: Design Strength of Chinese (GB) Non-Preloaded Bolts

Ī		BS 5	5950	SS EN 1993		
	Grade	Shear strength p _s (N/mm²)	Tension strength p _t (N/mm²)	Yield strength f _{yb} (N/mm²)	Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub} (N/mm²)	
Ī	8.8	250	400	450	560	
ĺ	10.9	310	500	630	700	

Table 3.5c: Design Strength of Chinese (GB) Preloaded Bolts

Grade	Tensile strength U _e (N/mm ²)	Design strength p _w (N/mm ²)
43	420	210
50	490	245
55	540	270

Table 3.5d: Design Strength of Fillet Welds made of Chinese (GB) Welding Consumables

		BS !	5950		SS EN 1993	
Grade	Yield Tensile strength V _s			trength p _y nm²)	Yield strength f _{vb}	Ultimate tensile
	(N/mm ²)	(N/mm²)	BS5950-4	BS5950-6	(N/mm²)	strength f _u (N/mm²)
220	220	300		Y _s ≤ 0.84U _s	220	300
250	250	330			250	330
280	280	360			280	360
320	320	390	0.93U _s		320	390
350	350	420	0.930 _s		350	420
400	400	470			400	470
500	500	530			500	530
550	550	560			550	560

Table 3.5e: Design Strength of Chinese (GB) Profiled Steel Sheets

Material Standards	Tensile strength f _u (N/mm²)		
GB/T 10433	400		

Table 3.5f: Design Strength of Chinese (GB) Stud Shear Connectors

4.0 DESIGN PARAMETERS FOR CLASS 2 STEEL MATERIALS

This section list the steel design strengths and parameters to be adopted for design purposes for steel materials classified as Class 2. Generally, the design strengths of Class 2 materials are reduced by at least 10% from that of Class 1.

4.1 STRUCTURAL STEELS

Design strength p_y or f_y (N/mm ²), for thickness ^a (mm) less than or equal to								
16	40	63	80	100	150			
$p_{yo} = Y_s/1.1 \le U_s/1.3 \text{ or}$ 460 N/mm ²	0.95p _{yo}	0.92p _{yo}	0.90p _{yo}	0.85p _{yo}	0.80p _{yo}			
$f_{yo} = R_{eh}/1.1 \le R_{m}/1.3 \text{ or}$ 460 N/mm ²	0.95f _{yo}	0.92f _{yo}	0.90f _{yo}	0.85f _{yo}	0.80f _{yo}			
a) For rolled sections, used the specific thickness of the thickest element of the cross-section.								

Table 4.1: Design Strength of Class 2 Structural Steels

4.2 NON-PRELOADED BOLTS

			BS5950		SS EN 1993	
Tensile strength	Yield strength	Shear strength p _s	Bearing strength p _{bb}	Tension strength p _t	Yield strength f _{yb}	Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub}
$U_b \le 1000$ N/mm^2	Y _b	0.3U _b	$0.5(U_b + Y_b)$	0.5U _b ≤ Y _b	0.7Y _b	0.7U _b

Table 4.2: Design Strength of Class 2 Non-Preloaded Bolts

4.3 PRELOADED BOLTS

		BS5	950	SS EN 1993		
Tensile strength	Yield strength	Shear strength p _s	Tension strength p _t	Yield strength f _{yb}	Ultimate tensile strength f _{ub}	
$U_b \le 1000$ N/mm^2	Y _b	0.3U _b	0.5U _b ≤ Y _b	0.7Y _b	0.7U _b	

Table 4.3: Design Strength of Class 2 Preloaded Bolts

4.4 FILLET WELDS

Design strength $p_w = 0.40U_e \le 0.45U_s$

4.5 PROFILED STEEL SHEETS

Design strength (BS5950): $p_v = 0.85Y_s$

 $p_y = 0.85Y_s$ $p_y = 0.90Y_s \le 0.75U_s$

Yield strength (BS EN 1993): $f_{yb} = 0.9Y_s$ Ultimate tensile strength (BS EN 1993): $f_u = 0.9U_s$

4.6 STUD SHEAR CONNECTORS

Characteristic resistance (BS 5950):
$$Q_k = 0.25\alpha\,d^2\cdot\sqrt{0.8f_{cu}E_c} \ \leq \ 0.6f_u\cdot\frac{\pi d^2}{4}$$

where
$$\alpha = 0.2 \left(\frac{h}{d} + 1\right) \le 1$$
 for $\frac{h}{d} \ge 3$

Design shear resistance (SS EN 1993):
$$P_{Rd} = \frac{0.6 f_u \pi d^2/4}{\gamma_V} \quad or \quad \frac{0.25 \alpha d^2 \sqrt{f_{ck} E_{cm}}}{\gamma_V}$$

where
$$\alpha = 0.2 \left(\frac{h_{sc}}{d} + 1 \right) \le 1$$
 for $\frac{h_{sc}}{d} \ge 3$

5.0 DESIGN PARAMETERS FOR CLASS 3 STEEL MATERIALS

This section summarises the steel material properties to be adopted for design purposes for steel materials classified as Class 3. Only structural steels can be of Class 3 materials. All other sections (i.e. bolts, fillet welds, etc...) shall not be of Class 3 materials. Class 3 structural steel which meet the requirements in Table 5.1 shall only be restricted to non-structural purposes.

Design strength p_y or f_y (N/mm ²), for thickness ^a (mm) less than or equal to							
16 40 63 80 100 150							
170	160	155	150	145	135		
a) For rolled sections, used the specific thickness of the thickest element of the cross-section.							

Table 5.1: Design Strength of Class 3 Structural Steels

6.0 CERTIFIED STEEL MATERIALS

The design guide only covers certified steel materials manufactured to certain British/European standards (BS EN), American standards (API, ASTM and AWS), Japanese standards (JIS), Australian/ New Zealand standards (AS/NZS and AS) and Chinese standards (GB), and shall be updated in accordance with the latest version of the respective standards.

6.1 CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE AS CERTIFIED STEEL

The criteria can be broadly classified based on mechanical properties, chemical composition and dimensional and mass tolerances. The material has to satisfy <u>ALL</u> the relevant criteria below before it can be classified as a certified steel material. A list of certified steels manufactured to the different standards is presented in Sections 6.2 to 6.6 for ease of usage.

6.1.1 Mechanical Properties

6.1.1.1 Strength

6.1.1.1 Strength		
Material	Nominal yield strength (N/mm²)	Nominal tensile strength (N/mm²)
Steel Plates (t ≥ 3 mm)	235 to 690	300 to 1000
Hot Rolled Sections	235 to 460	300 to 750
Hollow Sections	235 to 460	300 to 750
Steel for Cold Forming	200 to 550	250 to 750
Non-Preloaded Bolts	-	300 to 1200
Grade 4.6	≥ 240	≥ 400
Grade 8.8	≥ 640	≥ 800
Grade 10.9	≥ 900	≥ 1000
Non-Preloaded Nuts	400 to 1200	-
Grade 4	≥ 400	-
Grade 8	≥ 800	-
Grade 10	≥ 1000	-
Preloaded Bolts	-	800 to 1200
Grade 8.8	≥ 800	≥ 640
Grade 10.9	≥ 1000	≥ 900
Preloaded Nuts	800 to 1200	-
Grade 8	≥ 800	-
Grade 10	≥ 1000	-
All-Weld Metal	355 to 690	-
Profiled Steel Sheets	220 to 550	275 to 600
Stud Shear Connectors	-	≥ 400

Table 6.1: Yield and Tensile Strength Requirements for Certified Steel Materials

6.1.1.2 Ductility

Material	Elongation after Fracture (%)	Tensile / Yield Strength Ratio, Nominal (Actual)
Steel Plate (Yield strength ≤ 460 N/mm ²)	≥ 15	≥ 1.2 (1.1)
Steel Plate (Yield strength > 460 N/mm ²)	≥ 10	≥ 1.2 (1.1)
Hot Rolled Sections	≥ 15	≥ 1.2 (1.1)
Hollow Sections	≥ 15	-
Steel for Cold Forming	≥ 15	_
(Yield strength ≤ 460 N/mm ²)		
Steel for Cold Forming	≥ 10	_
(Yield strength > 460 N/mm ²)	= 10	
Non-Preloaded Bolts	≥ 8	-
Preloaded Bolts	≥ 8	-
All-Weld Metal	≥ 15	-
Stud Shear Connectors	≥ 14	-

Table 6.2: Ductility Requirements for Certified Steel Materials

6.1.1.3 Impact Toughness

The material shall be able to absorb at least 27J of impact energy at 20°C.

6.1.1.4 Hardness

0.1.1.4 Haruness						
<u> </u>	Range of Hardness					
Grade of Bolts / Nuts	Vickers Hardness	Brinell Hardness	Rockwell Hardness			
	(HV)	(HB)	(HRB or HRC)			
Non-Preloaded Bolts						
4.6	120 to 220	114 to 209	67 to 95 (HRB)			
8.8	250 to 335	238 to 318	22 to 34 (HRC)			
10.9	320 to 380	304 to 361	32 to 39 (HRC)			
Non-Preloaded Nuts						
8	≤ 310	≤ 302	≤ 30 (HRC)			
10	≤ 370	≤ 353	≤ 36 (HRC)			
12	≤ 395	≤ 375	≤ 39 (HRC)			
Preloaded Bolts						
8.8	250 to 335	238 to 318	22 to 34 (HRC)			
10.9	320 to 380	304 to 361	32 to 39 (HRC)			
Preloaded Nuts						
8	175 to 310	166 to 302	88 (HRB) to 30 (HRC)			
10	258 to 370	248 to 353	24 (HRC) to 36 (HRC)			
12	≤ 395	≤ 375	≤ 39 (HRC)			

Table 6.3: Hardness Requirements for Bolts and Nuts for Certified Steel Materials

6.1.2 Chemical Composition

Material	Maximum Content (% by mass)				
	CEV	P ^a	S	С	
Steel Plates (t ≤ 16 mm) p _y (N/r	nm²)				
235	0.40	0.045	0.050	-	
275	0.44	0.045	0.050	-	
355	0.49	0.045	0.050	-	
420	0.52	0.040	0.050	-	
460	0.55	0.040	0.050	-	
460 ^b	0.50	0.040	0.040	-	
550 ^b	0.83	0.030	0.020	-	
690 ^b	0.83	0.030	0.020	-	
Hot Rolled Sections (t ≤ 16 mn	n) p _v (N/mm²)	•			
235	0.40	0.045	0.045	-	
275	0.44	0.045	0.045	-	
355	0.49	0.045	0.045	-	
420	0.52	0.040	0.040	_	
460	0.55	0.040	0.040	-	
Hot Finished Hollow Sections			, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
235	0.41	0.040	0.040	_	
275	0.45	0.040	0.040	_	
355	0.50	0.035	0.035	_	
420	0.52	0.035	0.035	_	
460	0.55	0.035	0.035	_	
Cold-Formed Hollow Sections			0.000		
235	0.37	0.040	0.040	_	
275	0.40	0.040	0.040		
355	0.48	0.035	0.035	_	
420	0.50	0.035	0.035	_	
460	0.53	0.035	0.035		
Steel for Cold Forming	0.55	0.033	0.033		
All Grades	0.48	0.050	0.050	0.25	
Non-Preloaded Bolts (Grade)	0.40	0.050	0.050	0.25	
		0.050	0.060	O E E	
≤ 6.8 > 0 0	-	0.050	0.060	0.55	
≥ 8.8		0.050	0.060	0.55	
Non-Preloaded Nuts (Grade)		0.440	0.450	0.50	
≤ 6	-	0.110	0.150	0.50	
8 40 and 40	-	0.060	0.150	0.58	
10 and 12	-	0.048	0.058	0.58	
Preloaded Bolts	1	0.000	0.000	0.55	
All Grades	-	0.060	0.060	0.55	
Preloaded Nuts (Grade)	1		1 0 4 = 5		
8	-	0.060	0.150	0.58	
10 and 12	-	0.050	0.060	0.58	
Profiled Steel Sheets					
All Grades	1	0.120	0.050	0.25	

Table 6.4: Chemical Composition Requirements based on Ladle Analysis for Certified Steel
Materials

6.1.3 Dimensional and Mass Tolerances

Material	Dimensional Tolerances Deviation in Actual Thickness	Mass Tolerances Deviation in Actual Mass from
	from Nominal Plate Thickness	Mass Computed
Steel Plates	≤ Smaller of ± 2 mm and ± 15%	Density of 7850 kg/m ³ and limited by Dimensional Tolerances
Hot Rolled Sections	Overall Dimensions ≤ Larger of ± 4 mm and ± 3%	Density of 7850 kg/m ³ All Sections (except T) ≤ ± 6%
Flot Nolled Sections	Thickness of Components ≤ Smaller of ± 2 mm and ± 15%	T-Sections ≤±8%
	Overall Dimensions ≤ ± 2%	
Hollow Sections	Wall Thickness	All Sections ≤ ± 6%
	≤ Smaller of ± 2 mm and ± 15%	
Steel for Cold Forming	≤ Smaller of ± 0.3 mm and ± 15%	Density of 7850 kg/m ³ and limited by Dimensional Tolerances
Profiled Steel Sheets	≤ Smaller of ± 0.2 mm and ± 15%	Density of 7850 kg/m ³ and limited by Dimensional Tolerances

Table 6.5: Dimensional and Mass Tolerances Requirements for Certified Steel Materials

6.2 **CERTIFIED BRITISH/EUROPEAN STEEL MATERIALS**

6.2.1 Certified British/European Steel Plates

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

BS EN 10025-2:	BS EN 10025-3:	BS EN 10025-4:	BS EN 10025-5:	BS EN 10025-6:
2004	2004	2004	2004	2009
 S235JR 	 S275N 	 S275M 	 S235J0W 	• S460Q
• S235J0	 S275NL 	 S275ML 	 S235J2W 	 S460QL
 S235J2 	 S355N 	 S355M 	 S355J0WP 	 S460QL1
 S275JR 	 S355NL 	 S355ML 	 S355J2WP 	• S500Q
• S275J0	 S420N 	 S420M 	 S355J0W 	 S500QL
 S275J2 	 S420NL 	 S420ML 	 S355J2W 	 S500QL1
 S355JR 	 S460N 	 S460M 	 S355K2W 	• S550Q
• S355J0	 S460NL 	 S460ML 		 S550QL
• S355J2			or	 S550QL1
• S355K2	or	or		• S620Q
				 S620QL

or

S690Q S690QL S690QL1

S620QL1

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with:

BS EN 10029: 2010

BS EN 10051: 2010 Category A

Class A

- Class B
- Class C
- Class D

or

Category B

6.2.2 Certified British/European Hot Rolled Sections

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

BS EN 10025-2:	BS EN 10025-3:	BS EN 10025-4:	BS EN 10025-5:	BS EN 10025-6:
2004	2004	2004	2004	2009
 S235JR 	 S275N 	 S275M 	 S235J0W 	 S460Q
 S235J0 	 S275NL 	 S275ML 	 S235J2W 	 S460QL
 S235J2 	 S355N 	 S355M 	 S355J0WP 	 S460QL1
 S275JR 	 S355NL 	 S355ML 	 S355J2WP 	
 S275J0 	 S420N 	 S420M 	 S355J0W 	
 S275J2 	 S420NL 	 S420ML 	 S355J2W 	
 S355JR 	 S460N 	 S460M 	 S355K2W 	
• S355J0	 S460NL 	 S460ML 		
 S355J2 			or	
 S355K2 	or	or		

or

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with:

BS EN 10024: 1995, BS EN 10034: 1993, BS EN 10055: 1996, BS EN 10056-1: 1999, BS EN 10279: 2000

6.2.3 Certified British/European Hollow Sections

Either any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

BS EN 10210-1: 2006

•	S235JRH	•	S275NLH	•	S355NH	•	S460NH
•	S275J0H	•	S355J0H	•	S355NLH	•	S460NLH
•	S275J2H	•	S355J2H	•	S420NH		
•	S275NH	•	S355K2H	•	S420NLH		

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with BS EN 10210-2: 2006

Or any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

BS EN 10219-1: 2006

•	S235JRH	•	S275NH	•	S355MH	•	S420MLH
•	S275J0H	•	S275NLH	•	S355MLH	•	S460MH
•	S275J2H	•	S355J0H	•	S355NH	•	S460MLH
•	S275MH	•	S355J2H	•	S355NLH	•	S460NH
•	S275MLH	•	S355K2H	•	S420MH	•	S460NLH

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with BS EN 10219-2: 2006

6.2.4 Certified British/European Steel for Cold Forming

Either any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

BS EN 10025-2: 2004 BS EN 10149-2: 1996 BS EN 10149-3: 1996

S235JR
 S235JO
 S235J2
 S315MC
 S355MC
 S420MC

S355MC
 S420MC
 S460MC
 S420NC

S260NC

• \$275J0 • \$500MC

• \$275J2 • \$550MC

• \$355JR

S275JR

S355J0S355J2

• S355K2

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with BS EN 10051: 2010

Or any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

BS EN 10346: 2009

- S220GD
- S250GD
- S280GD
- S320GD
- S350GD

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with BS EN 10143: 2006

6.2.5 Certified British/European Non-Preloaded Bolting Assemblies

Bolts manufactured to:

BS 4190: 2001

BS 7419: 1991

BS EN ISO 4014: 2001

BS EN ISO 4016: 2001

BS EN ISO 4017: 2001

BS EN ISO 4018: 2001

Nuts manufactured to:

BS 4190: 2001

BS EN ISO 4032: 2001

BS EN ISO 4033: 2001

BE EN ISO 4034: 2001

Washers manufactured to:

• BS 4320: 1968

• BS EN ISO 7091: 2000

6.2.6 Certified British/European Preloaded Bolting Assemblies

Bolts manufactured to:

• BS 4395-1: 1969

• BS 4395-2: 1969

BS EN 14399-3: 2005

• BS EN 14399-4: 2005

Nuts manufactured to:

• BS 4395-1: 1969

• BS 4395-2: 1969

BS EN 14399-3: 2005BS EN 14399-4: 2005

Washers manufactured to:

• BS 4395-1: 1969

• BS 4395-2: 1969

• BS EN 14399-5: 2005

• BS EN 14399-6: 2005

6.2.7 Certified British/European Welding Consumables

Welding consumables, which result in all-weld metals meeting the requirements in Section 6.1, and manufactured to:

• BS EN 760:1996

• BS EN ISO 14343:2009

BS EN ISO 18274:2010

BS EN ISO 636:2008

• BS EN ISO 16834:2007

BS EN ISO 21952:2007

BS EN ISO 2560:2009

• BS EN ISO 17632:2008

BS EN ISO 24373:2009

• BS EN ISO 14171:2010

• BS EN ISO 17633:2010

BS EN ISO 24598:2007

BS EN ISO 14341:2011

• BS EN ISO 17634:2006

BS EN ISO 26304:2011

6.2.8 Certified British/European Profiled Steel Sheets

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to BS EN 10346: 2009:

S220GD
 S250GD
 S250GD
 S280GD
 S550GD

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with BS EN 10143: 2006

6.2.9 Certified British/European Stud Shear Connectors

Stud shear connectors manufactured to BS EN ISO 13918: 2008.

6.2.10 Certified British/European Hot Rolled Steel Bars

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

BS EN 10025-2: 2004	BS EN 10025-3: 2004	BS EN 10025-4: 2004	BS EN 10025-6: 2009
 S235JR 	• S275N	■ S275M	■ S460Q
• S235J0	 S275NL 	■ S275ML	■ S460QL
• S235J2	• S355N	• S355M	■ S460QL1
 S275JR 	 S355NL 	■ S355ML	■ S500Q
• S275J0	• S420N	■ S420M	■ S500QL
• S275J2	• S420NL	■ S420ML	■ S500QL1
• S355JR	• S460N	■ S460M	■ S550Q
• S355J0	• S460NL	■ S460ML	■ S550QL
• S355J2	•		■ S550QL1
• S355K2		or	■ S620Q
	or		■ S620QL
or			■ S620QL1
			■ S690Q
			■ S690QL
			S690QL1

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with: BS EN 10058: 2003, BS EN 10059: 2003, BS EN 10060: 2003

6.2.11 Certified British/European Sheet Piling

Either any combination of steel grades manufactured to BS EN 10248-1: 1996, with dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with BS EN 10248-2: 1996.

Or any combination of steel grades manufactured to BS EN 10249-1: 1996, with dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with BS EN 10249-2: 1996.

Or any certified steel for cold forming in Section 6.2.4.

6.3 CERTIFIED AMERICAN STEEL MATERIALS

6.3.1 Certified American Steel Plates

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

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ASTM A36-2008	ASTM A572-2007	ASTM A588-2010	ASTM A709-2010
 Grade 250 	 Grade 290 	 Grade 345 	 Grade 250
	 Grade 345 		 Grade 345
or	 Grade 380 	or	 Grade 485
	 Grade 415 		 Grade 690
ASTM A242-2004	 Grade 450 	ASTM A945-2006	
 Grade 345 		 Grade 345 	
	or	 Grade 450 	
or			
		or	

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With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with ASTM A6-2010a

6.3.2 Certified American Hot Rolled Sections

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

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ASTM A36-2008	ASTM A572-2007	ASTM A709-2010	ASTM A913-2007
 Grade 250 	 Grade 290 	 Grade 250 	 Grade 345
	 Grade 345 	 Grade 345 	 Grade 415
or	 Grade 380 		 Grade 450
	 Grade 415 	or	
ASTM A588-2010	 Grade 450 		
 Grade 345 		ASTM A992-2006a	
	or	 Grade 345 	

or

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with ASTM A6-2010a

6.3.3 Certified American Hollow Sections

Steel grades manufactured to ASTM A501-2007:

• Grade 345

Or steel grades manufactured to API 5L-2004:

Grade B-PSL 2
 Grade X42-PSL 2
 Grade X46-PSL 2
 Grade X60-PSL 2
 Grade X65-PSL 2

• Grade X52-PSL 2

6.3.4 Certified American Steel for Cold Forming

Either any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

AS	STM A1011-2010	ASTM A1008-2010	ASTM A792-2010	ASTM A875-2010
•	Grade SS 205	 Grade SS 205 	 Grade SS 230 	 Grade SS 230
•	Grade SS 230	 Grade SS 230 	 Grade SS 255 	 Grade SS 255
•	Grade SS 250	 Grade SS 275 	Grade SS 275	 Grade SS 340
•	Grade SS 275	 Grade SS 310 	 Grade SS 340 	 Grade SS 550
•	Grade SS 310	 Grade SS 340 	 Grade SS 410 	
•	Grade SS 340	 Grade SS 410 	 Grade SS 480 	
•	Grade SS 380	 Grade SS 480 	 Grade SS 550 	
•	Grade SS 410	 Grade SS 550 		
•	Grade SS 480		or	
•	Grade SS 550	or		

or

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with: ASTM A568-2009a or ASTM A924-2010a

6.3.5 Certified American Non-Preloaded Bolting Assemblies

Bolts manufactured to:

- ASTM A193-2010a
- ASTM A307-2010 (Grade B)
- ASTM A325-2009
- ASTM A449-2010
- ASTM A490-2010

Nuts manufactured to:

- ASTM A563-2007
- ASTM A194-2010a

Washers manufactured to:

• ASTM F436-2010

6.3.6 Certified American Preloaded Bolting Assemblies

Bolts manufactured to:

- ASTM A325-2009
- ASTM A354-2007a (Grade BC and Grade BD)
- ASTM A490-2010

Nuts manufactured to:

- ASTM F1852-2008
- ASTM A563-2007

Washers manufactured to:

- ASTM F959-2007
- ASTM F436-2010

6.3.7 Certified American Welding Consumables

Welding consumables, which result in all-weld metals meeting requirements in Section 6.1 and manufactured to AWS A5.1-2004 and AWS A5.9: 2005.

6.3.8 Certified American Profiled Steel Sheets

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

ASTM A653-2010

ASTM A1046-2010a

Grade SS 230

• Grade SS 230

Grade SS 255

Grade SS 255

Grade SS 275

Grade SS 275

Grade SS 340

• Grade SS 340

• Grade SS 380

• Grade SS 550

- Grade SS 410
- Grade SS 480
- Grade SS 550

or

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with ASTM A924-2010a

6.3.9 Certified American Stud Shear Connectors

Stud shear connectors manufactured to:

AWS D1.1-2010

Type B

6.3.10 Certified American Hot Rolled Steel Bars

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to ASTM A709-2010, with dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with ASTM A6-2010a.

6.3.11 Certified American Sheet Piling

Either any combination of steel grades manufactured to ASTM A328-2007 or ASTM A857-2007, with dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with ASTM A6-2010a.

Or any certified steel for cold forming in Section 6.3.4.

6.4 **CERTIFIED JAPANESE STEEL MATERIALS**

6.4.1 Certified Japanese Steel Plates

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

JIS G 3106: 2008 JIS G 3114: 2008 JIS G 3136: 2005 SM400B SMA400BP

 SN400B SM400C SMA400BW • SN400C SM490B SMA400CP SN490B SM490C SMA400CW SN490C SM490YB SMA490BP

SM520B SMA490BW SM520C SMA490CP SM570 SMA490CW SMA570P or SMA570W

or

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with JIS G 3193: 2008

6.4.2 Certified Japanese Hot Rolled Sections

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

JIS G 3136: 2005 JIS G 3106: 2008 JIS G 3114: 2008 SM400B SMA400BP SN400B SM400C SMA400BW SN400C SM490B SMA400CP SN490B SN490C

SM490C SMA400CW SM490YB SMA490BP SMA490BW SM520B SM520C SMA490CP SM570 SMA490CW

SMA570P or **SMA570W**

or

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with JIS G 3192: 2010

6.4.3 Certified Japanese Hollow Sections

Steel grades manufactured to JIS G 3475: 2008:

- STKN400B
- STKN400W
- STKN490B

6.4.4 Certified Japanese Steel for Cold Forming

Either any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

JIS G 3106: 2008 JIS G 3114: 2008 JIS G 3136: 2005 SM400B SMA400BP SN400B SM400C SMA400BW **SN400C** SN490B SM490B SMA400CP SN490C SM490C SMA400CW SM490YB SMA490BP

SM520B
 SM520C
 SM520C
 SMA490CP
 SMA490CW
 SMA570P
 SMA570W

or

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with JIS G 3193: 2008

Or steel grade manufactured to JIS G 3350: 2009

• SSC400

6.4.5 Certified Japanese Non-Preloaded Bolting Assemblies

Bolts manufactured to:

• JIS B 1051: 2000

• JIS B 1052-2: 2009

• JIS B 1052-6: 2009

• JIS B 1181: 2009

• Washers manufactured to:

• JIS B 1052-6: 2009

• JIS B 1181: 2009

6.4.6 Certified Japanese Preloaded Bolting Assemblies

Bolts manufactured to:

Nuts manufactured to:

Washers manufactured to:

JIS B 1186: 2007

Usahers manufactured to:

JIS B 1186: 2007

• JSS II-09: 1981

6.4.7 Certified Japanese Welding Consumables

Welding consumables, which result in all-weld metals meeting requirements in Section 6.1, and manufactured to JIS Z 3211: 2008 and JIS Z 3313: 2009.

6.4.8 Certified Japanese Profiled Steel Sheets

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to: JIS G 3302: 2010

SGH340
 SGH440
 SGH540
 SGC400
 SGC440
 SGC490

6.4.9 Certified Japanese Stud Shear Connectors

Stud shear connectors manufactured to JIS B 1198: 2011

6.4.10 Certified Japanese Hot Rolled Steel Bars

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

JIS G 3106: 2008 JIS G 3114: 2008 JIS G 3136: 2005 SM400B SMA400BP SN400B

SM400C SMA400BW SN400C SM490B SMA400CP SN490B

SM490C SMA400CW SN490C SM490YB SMA490BP

SM520B SMA490BW SM520C SMA490CP SM570 SMA490CW

SMA570P

or **SMA570W**

or

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with JIS G 3191: 2010

6.4.11 Certified Japanese Sheet Piling

Steel grades manufactured to JIS A 5523: 2006 with dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with JIS A 5528: 2006

Or any certified steel for cold forming in Section 6.4.4.

6.5 **CERTIFIED AUSTRALIAN / NEW ZEALAND STEEL MATERIALS**

6.5.1 Certified Australian / New Zealand Steel Plates

Either any combination of steel grades manufactured to AS/NZS 3678-2011

Grade 250 Grade 400

Grade 300 Grade 450

Grade 350

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with AS/NZS 1365-1996, with plates rolled on continuous mills. If plates are rolling on reversing mills, width of plate should be less than 2.7m

Or steel grades manufactured to AS 1548-2008:

 PT430NL0 PT460NL0 PT490NL0 PT540TL20

PT430NL20 PT460NL20 PT490NL20 PT540TL40

PT430NL40 PT460NL40 PT490NL40 PT540TL50

PT430NRL0 PT460NL50 PT490NL50 PT460NRL0 PT490NR PT430NRL20

PT430NRL40 PT460NRL20 PT490NRL20 PT430TRL0 PT460NRL40 PT490NRL40

PT430TRL20 PT460NRL50 PT490NRL50

PT430TRL40 PT460TRL0 PT490T

PT460TRL20 PT490TRL20 PT460TRL40 PT490TRL40

> PT460TRL50 PT490TRL50

6.5.2 Certified Australian / New Zealand Hot Rolled Sections

Steel grades manufactured to AS/NZS 3679.1-2010:

- Grade 300L0
- Grade 300L15
- Grade 300S0
- Grade 350L0
- Grade 350S0

6.5.3 Certified Australian / New Zealand Hollow Sections

Steel grades manufactured to AS 1163-2009:

- Grade C250L0
- Grade C350L0
- Grade C450L0

6.5.4 Certified Australian / New Zealand Steel for Cold Forming

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to AS/NZS 1595-1998:

- CA 220
- CA 260
- CA 350

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with AS/NZS 1365-1996.

Or any combination of steel grades manufactured to AS/NZS 1397-2001:

- Grade 250
- Grade 300
- Grade 350
- Grade 400
- Grade 450

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with AS/NZS 1365-1996

6.5.5 Certified Australian / New Zealand Non-Preloaded Bolting Assemblies Bolts manufactured to:

- AS/NZS 1252-1996
- AS 4291.1-2000*
- AS/NZS 1559-2007

Note: *Grade 12.9 is non-certified

Nuts manufactured to:

- AS/NZS 1252-1996
- AS/NZS 4291.2-1995

Washers manufactured to:

AS/NZS 1252-1996

6.5.6 Certified Australian / New Zealand Preloaded Bolting Assemblies

Bolts manufactured to:

- AS/NZS 1252-1996
- AS 4291.1-2000

Nuts manufactured to:

- AS/NZS 1252-1996
- AS/NZS 4291.2-1995

Washers manufactured to:

AS/NZS 1252-1996

6.5.7 Certified Australian / New Zealand Welding Consumables

Welding consumables, which result in all-weld metals meeting material performance requirements in 2.7, and manufactured to:

- AS/NZS 1554.1-2004
- AS/NZS 4855-2007
- AS/NZS 4857-2006*
- AS 1858.1-2003**
- AS/NZS 2717.1-1996

Note: *Only grades 55, 62 and 69 are certified.

- **Z is non-certified
- ***Only grades W5xxx to W6xxx are certified; grade W5ZXH is non-certified

6.5.8 Certified Australian / New Zealand Steel for Profiled Steel Sheets

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to AS/NZS 1397-2001:

- Grade 250
- Grade 300
- Grade 350
- Grade 400
- Grade 450
- Grade 500
- Grade 550

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with AS/NZS 1365-1996.

6.5.9 Certified Australian / New Zealand Stud Shear Connectors

Stud shear connectors manufactured to AS/NZS 1554.2-2003 with stud diameter at least 15.9mm.

6.5.10 Certified Australian / New Zealand Hot Rolled Steel Bars

Steel grades manufactured to AS/NZS 3679.1-2010.

6.5.11 Certified Australian / New Zealand Sheet Piling

Any certified steel for cold forming in Section 6.5.4.

6.6 CERTIFIED CHINESE STEEL MATERIALS

6.6.1 Certified Chinese Steel Plates

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

GB/T 700-2006*	GB/T 1591-2008*		GB/T 4171-2008	GB/T 19879-2005
 Q235BZ 	 Q345B 	 Q460E 	 Q265GNH 	 Q235GJC
 Q235CZ 	 Q345C 	 Q500C 	 Q295GNH 	 Q235GJD
 Q235DTZ 	 Q345D 	 Q500D 	 Q310GNH 	 Q235GJE
 Q275BZ 	 Q345E 	 Q500E 	 Q355GNH 	 Q345GJC
 Q275CZ 	 Q390B 	 Q550C 	 Q235NH 	 Q345GJD
 Q275DTZ 	 Q390C 	 Q550D 	 Q295NH 	 Q345GJE
	 Q390D 	 Q550E 	 Q355NH 	 Q390GJC
or	 Q390E 	 Q620C 	 Q415NH 	 Q390GJD
	 Q420B 	 Q620D 	 Q460NH 	 Q390GJE
	 Q420C 	 Q620E 	 Q500NH 	 Q420GJC
	 Q420D 	 Q690C 	 Q550NH 	 Q420GJD
	 Q420E 	 Q690D 		 Q420GJE
	 Q460C 	 Q690E 	or	 Q460GJC
	 Q460D 			 Q460GJD
	 Q460E 	or		 Q460GJE

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with GB/T 709-2006*:

Class A
 Class N
 Class B
 PT.A
 PT.B

Note: *Steel plates manufactured to GB 912-2008 and GB/T 3274-2007, which make reference to GB/T 700-2006, GB/T 1591-2008 and GB/T 709-2006, shall be considered certified

6.6.2 Certified Chinese Hot Rolled Sections

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

GB/T 700-2006	GB/T 1591-2008		GB/T 4171-2008
 Q235BZ 	 Q295B 	• Q390E	 Q265GNH
 Q235CZ 	 Q345B 	 Q420B 	 Q295GNH
 Q235DTZ 	 Q345C 	 Q420C 	 Q310GNH
 Q275BZ 	 Q345D 	 Q420D 	 Q355GNH
 Q275CZ 	 Q345E 	 Q420E 	 Q235NH
 Q275DTZ 	 Q390B 	 Q460C 	 Q295NH
	• Q390C	 Q460D 	 Q355NH
or	 Q390D 	 Q460E 	 Q415NH
	 Q390E 		 Q460NH
		or	

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with GB/T 706-2008 and GB/T 11263-2010.

6.6.3 Certified Chinese Hollow Sections

Either any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

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GB/T 700-2006	GB/T 1591-2008		GB/T 4171-2008
 Q235CZ 	 Q345C 	 Q420C 	 Q265GNH
 Q235DTZ 	 Q345D 	 Q420D 	 Q295GNH
 Q275CZ 	 Q345E 	 Q420E 	 Q310GNH
 Q275DTZ 	 Q390C 	 Q460C 	 Q355GNH
	 Q390D 	 Q460D 	 Q235NH
or	 Q390E 	 Q460E 	 Q295NH
			 Q355NH
		or	 Q415NH
			 Q460NH

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with GB/T 6728-2002.

Or any combination of steel grades manufactured to GB/T 8162-2008:

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■ Q235B	■ Q275D	Q390B	Q420D
Q235C	Q295B	Q390C	Q420E
Q235D	Q345B	Q390D	Q460C
Q275B	Q345C	Q390E	Q460D
Q275C	Q345D	Q420B	Q460E
	Q345E	Q420C	

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with GB/T 8162-2008 and GB/T 17395-2008

6.6.4 Certified Chinese Steel for Cold Forming

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

GB/T 700-2006		GB/T 1591-2008	
 Q215AZ 	 Q275AZ 	 Q295A 	 Q390C
 Q215BZ 	 Q275BZ 	 Q295B 	 Q390D
 Q235AZ 	 Q275CZ 	 Q345A 	 Q390E
 Q235BZ 	 Q275DTZ 	 Q345B 	 Q420A
 Q235CZ 		 Q345C 	 Q420B
 Q235DTZ 	or	 Q345D 	 Q420C
		 Q345E 	 Q420D
		 Q390A 	 Q420E
		 Q390B 	

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with GB/T 709-2006

6.6.5 Certified Chinese Non-Preloaded Bolting Assemblies

Bolts manufactured to:

- GB/T 5780-2000
- GB/T 5781-2000
- GB/T 5782-2000
- GB/T 5783-2000

Nuts manufactured to:

- GB/T 41-2000
- GB/T 6170-2000
- GB/T 6175-2000

Washers manufactured to:

• GB/T 95-2002

6.6.6 Certified Chinese Preloaded Bolting Assemblies

6.6.7 Certified Chinese Welding Consumables

Welding consumables, which result in all-weld metals meeting requirements in Section 6.1, and manufactured to:

GB/T 5117-1995
GB/T 10045-2001
GB/T 5118-1995
GB/T 12470-2003
GB/T 5293-1999
GB/T 17493-2008

• GB/T 8110-2008

6.6.8 Certified Chinese steel for Profiled Steel Sheets

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to GB/T 2518-2008:

\$220GD
 \$250GD
 \$250GD
 \$350GD
 \$550GD

6.6.9 Certified Chinese Stud Shear Connectors

Stud shear connectors manufactured to GB/T 10433-2002.

6.6.10 Certified Chinese Hot Rolled Steel Bars

Any combination of steel grades manufactured to:

GB/T 700-2006	GB/T 1591-2008			GB/T 4171-2008
 Q235BZ 	 Q345B 	 Q420D 	 Q550D 	 Q265GNH
 Q235CZ 	 Q345C 	 Q420E 	 Q550E 	 Q295GNH
 Q235DTZ 	 Q345D 	 Q460C 	 Q620C 	 Q310GNH
 Q275BZ 	 Q345E 	 Q460D 	 Q620D 	 Q355GNH
 Q275CZ 	 Q390B 	 Q460E 	 Q620E 	 Q235NH
 Q275DTZ 	 Q390C 	 Q460E 	 Q690C 	 Q295NH
	 Q390D 	 Q500C 	 Q690D 	 Q355NH
or	 Q390E 	 Q500D 	 Q690E 	 Q415NH
	 Q420B 	 Q500E 		 Q460NH
	 Q420C 	 Q550C 	or	 Q500NH
				 Q550NH

With dimensional and/or mass tolerances in accordance with GB/T 709-2008:

6.6.11 Certified Chinese Sheet Piling

Steel grades manufactured to GB/T 20933-2007.

Or any certified steel for cold forming in Section 6.6.4.

7.0 NON-CERTIFIED STEEL MATERIALS

Any steel materials which do not satisfy the criteria in Section 6.1 in this handbook (Section 2 in BC1: 2012) shall be classified as non-certified steel materials. This chapter only covers non-certified steel materials manufactured to certain British/European standards (BS EN), American standards (API, ASTM and AWS), Japanese standards (JIS), Australian/ New Zealand standards (AS/NZS and AS) and Chinese standards (GB), and shall be updated in accordance with the latest version of the respective standards.

These materials are non-certified because one or more of the following parameters were not controlled or specified in the respective codes.

Strength: Not within the required strength range

Ductility: Did not elongation beyond the required ductility
 Impact Toughness: Not able to absorb the minimum required energy

Hardness:
 Dimensional Tolerance:
 Mass Tolerance:
 Beyond the required hardness
 Beyond the required mass

Usage: Not intended for usage for structural purpose

7.1 NON-CERTIFIED BRITISH/EUROPEAN STEEL MATERIALS

Material Standard	Steel Grades
Steel Plates	
BS EN 10025-2: 2004	E295, E335, E360, S185, S450J0
BS EN 10025-6: 2009	S890Q, S890QL, S890QL1, S960Q, S960QL
Hot Rolled Sections	
BS EN 10025-2: 2004	E295, E335, E360, S185, S450J0
BS EN 10025-6: 2009	S890Q, S890QL, S890QL1, S960Q, S960QL
Steel for Cold Forming	
BS EN 10025-2: 2004	E295, E335, E360, S185, S450J0
BS EN 10149-2: 1996	S600MC, S650MC, S700MC
BS EN 10326: 2004	S550GD

7.2 NON-CERTIFIED AMERICAN STEEL MATERIALS

Material Standard	Steel Grades
Steel Plates	·
ASTM A 283-2007	A, B, C, D
ASTM A 514-2009	All Grades
ASTM A 529-2009	50, 55
ASTM A 573-2009	440, 460
ASTM A 871-2007	60, 65
Hot Rolled Sections	
ASTM A 529-2009	50, 55
Hollow Sections	
API 5L-2004	PSL1
ASTM A 53-2010	A, B
ASTM A 268-2010	All Grades
ASTM A 333-2011	All Grades
ASTM A 423-2009	All Grades
ASTM A 500-2010a	A, B, C, D
ASTM A 501-2007	A

ASTM A 595-2011	All Grades
ASTM A 618-2010	la, 1b, II, III
ASTM A 847-2011	All Grades
Steel for Cold Forming	
ASTM A 109-2008	All Grades
ASTM A 308-2010	SS30, SS33, SS40
ASTM A 653-2011	All Grades
ASTM A 606-2009a	All Grades
ASTM A 875-2010	SS330
ASTM A 1003-2011e	ST230H, ST230L, ST255H, ST255L, ST275H, ST275L, ST340H,
	ST340L
ASTM A 1011-2010	HSLA480, HSLA-F480, HSLA-F550, HSLAS310, HSLAS340,
	HSLAS380, HSLAS410, HSLAS450, HSLAS-F410
Non-Preloaded Bolting Assem	blies
ASTM A 194-2010a	1, 2, 3, 6, 8
ASTM A 307-2010	A
ASTM A 563-2007a	8S3-B
Preloaded Bolting Assemblies	
ASTM A 193-2011	All Grades

7.3 NON-CERTIFIED JAPANESE STEEL MATERIALS

Material Standard	Steel Grades
Steel Plates	
JIS G 3101: 2010	SS330, SS400, SS490, SS540
JIS G 3106: 2008	SM400A, SM490A, (All type A material)
JIS G 3114: 2008	SMA400AW, SMA400AP, SMA490AW, SMA490AP
JIS G 3128: 2009	SHY685, SHY685N, SHY685NS
JIS G 3131: 2010	SPHC, SPHD, SPHE
JIS G 3132: 2011	SPHT1, SPHT2, SPHT3, SPHT4
JIS G 3136: 2005	SN400A, SN490A
Hot Rolled Sections	
JIS G 3101: 2010	SS330, SS400, SS490, SS540
JIS G 3106: 2008	SM400A, SM490A, (All type A material)
JIS G 3114: 2008	SMA400AW, SMA400AP, SMA490AW, SMA490AP
JIS G 3136: 2005	SN400A, SN490A
Hollow Sections	
JIS G 3444: 2010	STK290, STK400, STK500, STK490, STK540
JIS G 3466: 2010	STKR400, STKR490
Steel for Cold Forming	
JIS G 3101: 2010	SS330, SS400, SS490, SS540
JIS G 3106: 2008	SM400A, SM490A, (All type A material)
JIS G 3114: 2008	SMA400AW, SMA400AP, SMA490AW, SMA490AP
JIS G 3136: 2005	SN400A, SN490A
JIS G 3302: 2010	SGHC, SGH340, SGH400, SGH440, SGH490, SGH540, SGCC, SGCH, SGCD1, SGCD2, SGCD3, SGC340, SGC400, SGC440, SGC490, SGC570
JIS G 3312: 2008	CGCC, CGCH, CGCD1, CGC340, CGC400, CGC440, CGC490, CGC570
JIS G 3321: 2010	SGLHC, SGLH400, SGLH440, SGLH490, SGLH540, SGLCC, SGLCD, SGLC400, SGLC440, SGLC490, SGLC570
JIS G 3322: 2008	CGLCC, CGLCD, CGLC400, CGLC440, CGLC490, CGLC570
JIS G 3352: 2003	SDP1, SDP2, SDP3

Profiled Steel Sheets	
JIS G 3302: 2010	SGHC, SGCC, SGCH, SGCD1, SGCD2, SGCD3, SGC570
JIS G 3321: 2010	SGLHC, SGLH400, SGLH440, SGLH490, SGLH540, SGLCC,
	SGLCD, SGLC400, SGLC440, SGLC490, SGLC570

7.4 NON-CERTIFIED AUSTRALIAN / NEW ZEALAND STEEL MATERIALS

Material Standard	Steel Grades	
Steel Plates		
AS/NZS 1594-2002	All Grades	
Hot Rolled Sections		
AS/NZS 3679.1-2010	250, 400	
Steel for Cold Forming		
AS 1397-2001	G500, G550	
AS 1548-2008	5-490N or A, 7-430 N, R, T or A, 7-460 N, R, T or A, 7-490 N, R,	
	T or A	
AS/NZS 1594-2002	All Grades	
AS/NZS 1595-1998	CW300	

7.5 NON-CERTIFIED CHINESE STEEL MATERIALS

Material Standard	Steel Grades	
Steel Plates		
GB/T 700-2006	Q195F, Q195Z, Q215AF, Q215AZ, Q215BF, Q215BZ, Q235AF,	
	Q235AZ, Q235BF, Q275AF, Q275AZ	
GB/T 1591-2008	Q295A, Q345A, Q390A, Q420A	
Hot Rolled Sections		
GB/T 700-2006	Q195F, Q195Z, Q215AF, Q215AZ, Q215BF, Q215BZ, Q235AF,	
	Q235AZ, Q235BF, Q275AF, Q275AZ	
GB/T 1591-2008	Q295A, Q345A, Q390A, Q420A	
Hollow Sections		
GB/T 700-2006	Q195F, Q195Z, Q215AF, Q215AZ, Q215BF, Q215BZ, Q235AF,	
	Q235AZ, Q235BF, Q235BZ, Q275AF, Q275AZ, Q275BZ	
GB/T 1591-2008	Q295A, Q345A, Q345B, Q390A, Q390B, Q420A, Q420B	
Steel for Cold Forming		
GB/T 700-2006	Q195F, Q195Z, Q215AF, Q215BF, Q235AF, Q235BF, Q275AF	

8.0 REUSABILITY OF STEEL MATERIALS

The procedure for verifying the quality of re-used steel is similar to the classification of new steel material mentioned previously in Section 2 in which the re-used steel is also classified based on the traced certificates together with the material testing results. This section explain in details the procedures which can be adopted for verifying the quality of the ex-stock steel materials and to determine if it can be reused, based on the recommendations given in BC 1: 2012.

The verification procedure is first based on tracing the manufacturer test certificate (MTC) and factory production control (FPC) certificate. This is followed by material testing following the relevant tests. The steel materials are then classified by means of quality assessment into the appropriate classes. The classified steel materials are only considered reusable if it also satisfied the reusability requirements.

Currently, the usage of re-used steel shall only be restricted to sheet piles and structural steel materials used in steel strutting system for earth retaining and supporting structures (ERSS). The overall verification flow chart is summarized in Figure 8.1. A brief description of the quality assessment and reusability assessment are given in Table 8.1.

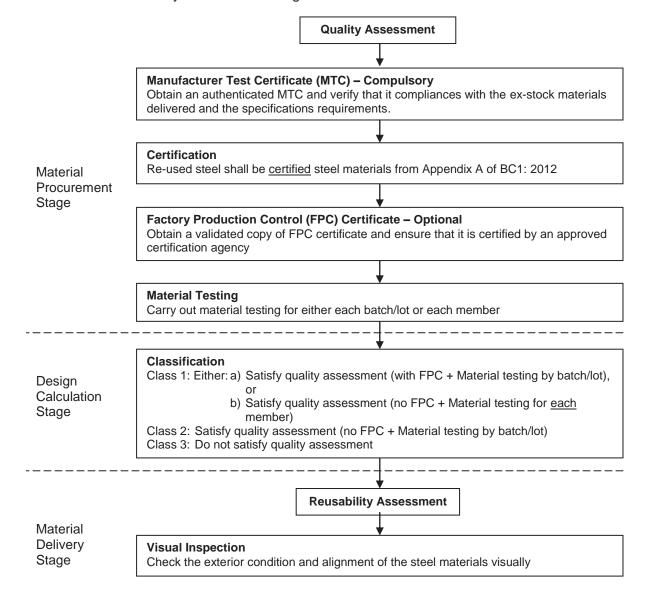


Figure 8.1: Verification on Reusability of Steel Materials

	Quality Assessment	Reusability Assessment
Requirements to satisfy	Quality assurance and Material performance requirements (Section 6 of BC 1: 2012)	Material condition requirements (Section 6 of BC 1: 2012)
Objective of assessment	Steel material manufacturers and properties	Steel material exterior condition
Mode of assessment	FPC, MTC certification and Material testing	Visual inspection

Table 8.1: Summary of Quality Assessment and Reusability Assessment

8.1 QUALITY ASSESSMENT

The first step in the classification approach involves the verification of the steel material quality by tracing the MTC and FPC certificates of the ex-stock materials. The steel material chosen must already be in the list of certified steel material in Section 6. The ability to trace the MTC and FPC will determine whether the steel material is classified as a Class 1 or Class 2 material. After tracing and verifying the certifications, material testing is to be carried out to verify the adequacy of the material properties of the steel material based on its existing condition. Failure of the material in either destructive or non-destructive testing will result in the immediate downgrade of the steel material to Class 3. A summary of the quality assessment and the respective results are given in Table 8.2.

8.1.1 Manufacturer Test Certificate and Factory Production Control Certificate

The steel supplier must be able to produce the manufacturer test certificate (MTC) for all the reused steel. The MTC shall meet the requirements stated in Section 2.2.2. Failure to produce valid MTC or if the MTC does not satisfy the requirements in Section 2.2.2 shall result in the downgrade of the re-used steel to Class 3.

Factory production control certificate (FPC) is an optional certificate to be submitted. The FPC shall meet the requirements stated in Section 2.2.1. The FPC shall affect the amount of material testing to be carried out and the classification of the re-used steel. Therefore, it would be preferable that supplier produce the FPC if the manufacturer of the steel material is known. Class 1 re-used steel shall either have a valid FPC and satisfactory material testing by batch/lot, or no FPC but satisfactory material testing (NDT) for every steel member. Class 2 re-used steel shall have no FPC and satisfactory material testing by batch/lot.

8.1.2 Certification

Certification is the process of evaluating the material properties of the re-used steel against the material performance requirements in Section 6 for British/European, American, Japanese, Australian/New Zealand and Chinese material standards. The comparison shall be based on the MTC submitted and material testing results. Materials which meet these requirements are classified as certified steel, whereas those which do not meet the requirements are classified as non-certified steel. The re-used steel must be certified steel before it can be classified as Class 1 or 2. Non-certified steel shall only be Class 3.

8.1.3 Material Testing

Material Testing is the process of demonstrating the adequacy of the re-used steel materials in its current condition through appropriate sample testing and test method given in Appendix B of BC 1: 2012. The requirements are similar to that stated in Section 2.1.2.

	MTC, FPC, Certification Material Testing	
Initiation	Steel material supplier	QPs to initiate testing
Steel materials coverage	Certified steel materials, as given in Section 6	All re-used steel materials
Condition to pass the assessment	Steel material supplier to submit valid MTC (compulsory) and FPC (optional) certifications QPs to engage an accredited laboratory to conduct material testing in accordance to Appendix B of BC1: 2012 and show that the steel materials are in compliance with all the relevant requirements given in Section 6	
Class of material	Class 1 (Valid FPC + Testing by batch) Class 1 (No valid FPC + Testing for every member) Class 2 (No valid FPC + Testing by batch) Class 3 (Do not meet requirements)	

Table 8.2: Implementation of Quality Assessment

8.2 REUSABILITY ASSESSMENT

The second step in the classification involves the verification of the reusability of the steel material based on the recommendations given in Section 6.2 of BC 1: 2012 by visually inspecting the exterior condition of the steel members and to check for any unique identification markings.

8.3 IN-HOUSE QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM

Steel supplier or fabricators with the intention to re-used steel materials shall have an established in-house quality assurance (QA) system. The primarily purpose of this QA system is to ensure the traceability of the materials.

The QA system shall address (but not limited to) the following:

- How the re-used materials are identified from the other materials.
- How the re-used materials will be stored.
- Detailed flow chart / steps on how the materials will be traced from the moment it entered the yard till it is delivered to site.
- Documentation (MTC, FPC, material test reports, history of usage) of the re-used materials
- Personnel involved in ensuring that the QA system is strictly adhered to.
- Independent certification body which has attested the QA system

8.4 SUMMARY OF DESIGN PROCEDURE FOR RE-USED STEEL

The necessary actions to be taken by the steel suppliers and QPs during the various stages in the overall design procedure for re-used steel are summarized in Table 8.3.

Stage	Steel Supplier	QPs
Material procurement	 Submit valid copies of MTC certificate Submit valid copies of FPC certificate 	 Confirm the source of steel materials and ensure that the re-used steel is in the certified steel list in Section 6 Obtain valid copies of MTC and FPC certificates and ensure that the material properties requirements are satisfied Keep copies of MTC and FPC for inspection
Design calculation	Prepare material for testing based on the steel material classification requirements	 Design to Class 1 or 2 depending on whether a valid FPC is available. Assume that material testing is satisfied.* Submit the necessary design calculation as per authority requirements
Material testing	Submit the steel material for testing in accordance to Appendix B of BC 1: 2012	Ensure that the material test results satisfy the requirements in Section 6
Visual inspection	Re-conditioned the steel materials for minor defects found during visual inspection	Visually inspect the exterior condition of the re- used steel materials

^{*} It shall be noted that QPs can only assume that the materials will be certified steel during the design calculation stage. The QPs need to ensure that the material testing results are satisfactory to confirm that the steel materials are certified.

Table 8.3: Actions to be taken by Steel Suppliers and QPs for Re-used Steel Materials



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