## 3. Local (Structural) Stress Based Fatigue Design

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#### The Structural Hot-Spot Stress Approach

The Structural Hot-Spot Stress Approach is recommended for welded joints where there is no clearly defined nominal stress due to complicated geometric effects, and where the structural discontinuity is not comparable to a classified structural detail

- due to complicated geometry
- due to structural discontinuities
- due to complicated plate deformation













#### Definition of The Structural Hot-Spot Stress





 Hot Spot S-N Curves										
No	Structural detail	Description	Requirements	FAT Steel	FAT Alu.					
1	- <b>8</b> >	Butt joint	As welded, NDT	100	40					
2		Cruciform or T-joint with full penetration K-butt welds	K-butt welds, no lamellar tearing	100	40					
3	<u> </u>	Non load-carrying fillet welds	Transverse non-load carry- ing attachment, not thicker than main plate, as welded	100	40					
4	<b></b>	Bracket ends, ends of longitudinal stif- feners	Fillet welds welded around or not, as welded	100	40					
5		Cover plate ends and similar joints	As welded	100	40					
6	<b>€</b> → →	Cruciform joints with load-carrying fillet welds	Fillet welds, as welded	90	36					

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No	Structural detail	Description	Requirements	FAT Steel	FAT Alu.
7	•	Lap joint with load carrying fillt welds	Fillet welds, as welded	90	36
8	L <u>≤ 1</u> 00 mm	Type "b" joint with short attachment	Fillet or full penetration weld, as welded	100	40
9	L > 100 mm	Type "b" joint with long attachment	Fillet or full penetration weld, as welded	90	36



















### Fatigue Assessment of Cope Hole Details in Steel Bridges

















# Effect of shear on weld with cope holes in IIW



 $\tau$  : shear stress in web at weld end  $\sigma$  : nominal stress in flange at weld end

Description	FAT	FAT	Requirements and Remarks
(St.= steel; Al.= aluminium)	St.	Al.	
$ \begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	71 63 56 50 45 40 36	28 25 22 20 18 16 14	Analysis based on normal stress in flange and shear stress in web at weld ends. representation by formula?? steel 80· $(1 - \frac{\Delta \tau}{\Delta \sigma})$ but >=36 alum. 36· $(1 - \frac{\Delta \tau}{\Delta \sigma})$ but >=14

































