



AWS D1.1 Interpretation

Subject: Root Openings
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Code Provision: Figure 2.10.2
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Inquiry: Since zero root openings have a tendency to crack, should Figure 2.10.2 be revised to remove zero as an allowable fit-up condition?

Response: No. Figure 2.91 and 2.10.2 are recommendations only. A zero opening is a possible fit-up condition.

AWS D1.1, Structural Welding Code—Steel, is prepared by the AWS Structural Welding Committee. Because the Code is written in the form of a specification, it cannot present background material or discuss the committee's intent.

Since the publication of the first edition of the Code, the nature of inquiries directed to the American Welding Society and the Structural Welding Committee has indicated that there are some requirements in the Code that are either difficult to understand or not sufficiently specific, and other that appear to be overly conservative.

It should be recognized that the fundamental premise of the Code is to provide general stipulations applicable to any situation and to leave sufficient latitude for the exercise of engineering judgment. Another point to be recognized is that the Code represents the collective experience of the committee; and, while some provisions may seem overly conservative, they have been based on sound engineering practice.