

# FIRMLOK®

## Light Structural Beams

QUICK SELECTION GUIDE

# LYSAGHT



# LYSAGHT FIRMLOK structural beams

LYSAGHT FIRMLOK® structural beams consist of two interlocking C-sections. They are light, strong and universal in their application. A range of connection types and accessories allows you to erect your project with ease.

FIRMLOK is uniform in quality, it doesn't warp or split and it doesn't need painting. Consistent straightness simplifies alignment. LYSAGHT FIRMLOK beams are available in three sizes F10011, F15015 & F20020 depending on your application and aesthetic preference.

This publication demonstrates FIRMLOK in its application as roofing members, combined with our range of roof sheeting. Typical applications include patios, carports and awnings.

## Material specifications

- Next generation ZINCALUME® aluminium/zinc/magnesium alloy coated steel complies with AS1397:2011 G550, AM125 (550 MPa minimum yield stress, 125 g/m<sup>2</sup> minimum coating mass)
- COLORBOND® is prepainted steel for exterior roofing and walling. It is the most widely used. The painting complies with AS/NZS 2728:2013 and the steel base is an aluminium/zinc alloy-coated steel complying with AS 1397:2011. Minimum yield strengths are G550 (550MPa). Minimum coating mass is AM100 (100g/m<sup>2</sup>)

The base metal thicknesses are 0.55, 0.75 and 1.00mm.

## Colours

FIRMLOK beams are available in ZINCALUME® steel and a range of COLORBOND® steel colours.

The FIRMLOK universal brackets are also available powder coated to match the COLORBOND® steel colours.

'Unlock the potential of FIRMLOK' and discover how versatile building can be.

## Translucent sheeting

Our cover illustration shows an example of translucent roof sheeting used with FIRMLOK beams.

For instructions on the use and installation of translucent sheeting, refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

## Identification

The format of the number code is:

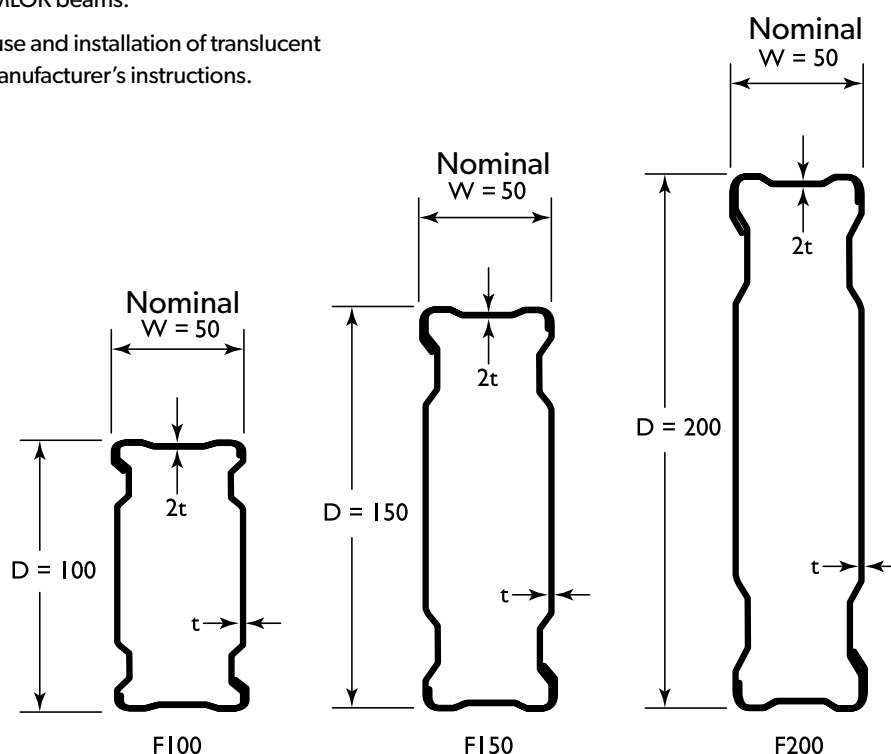
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F = FIRMLOK	xxx = Section depth D (mm)	xx = 2 t x 10 (mm)

## Lengths

Stock lengths may vary from state to state. Please enquire at your local distribution outlet for available lengths.

Alternatively, FIRMLOK may be ordered to length (maximum length at 12000mm). Extended lead times may apply.

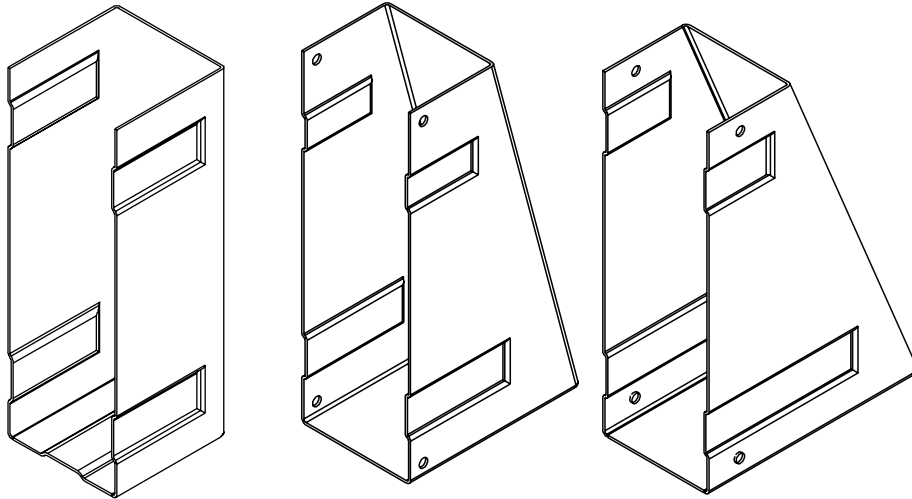
FIRMLOK Section	Dimensions D x W (mm x mm)	Web Thickness t <sub>w</sub> (mm)	Full Section Area A (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Mass ZINCALUME®/COLORBOND® (kg/m)
<b>F10011</b>	100 x 50	0.55	234	1.91/(1.94)
<b>F15015</b>	150 x 50	0.75	393	3.17/(3.21)
<b>F20020</b>	200 x 50	1.0	620	4.97/(5.01)



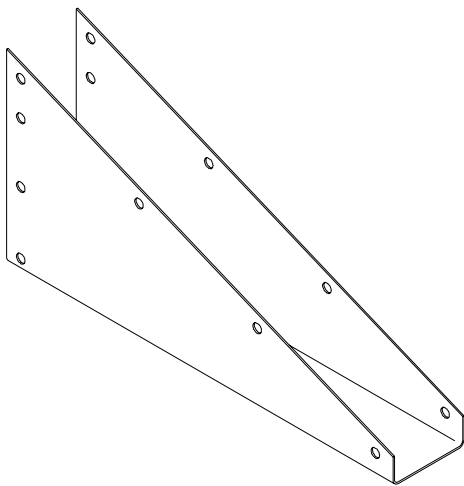
# FIRMLOK accessories

Lysaght offers a range of FIRMLOK beam accessories, to ensure design and construction is as easy and stylish as possible. They can be used to complement a LYSAGHT "Quick Selection" roof solution, or purchased individually as part of your individual design.

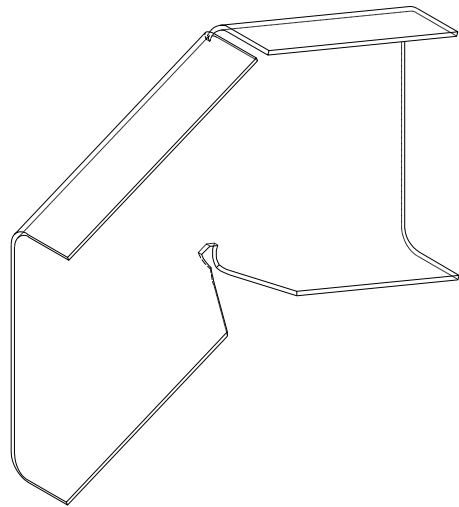
All visible accessories are available powder coated to match the colour of the FIRMLOK beam.



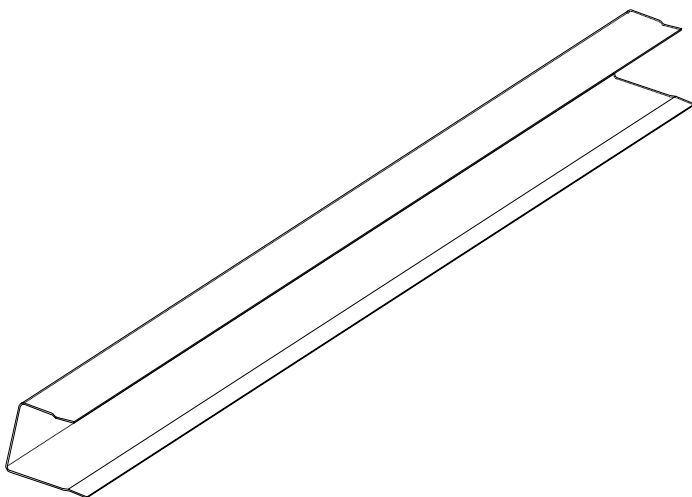
**LYSAGHT FIRMLOK universal brackets for different pitches**



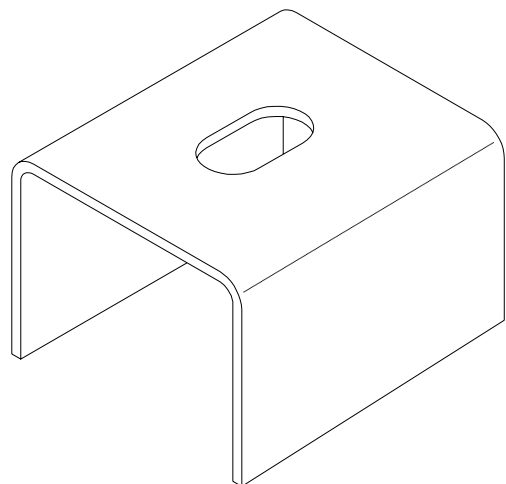
**Collar Tie Bracket**



**LYSAGHT FIRMLOK Apex Bracket**



**Receiver Channel**



**LYSAGHT Column Insert**

# FIRMLOK roofing quick selection tables

## Introduction

FIRMLOK Roofing "Quick Selection Tables" provide an easy tool for determining the roof layout of your structure, using FIRMLOK beams and LYSAGHT cladding.

The tables are divided into three sections; Attached Patios, Flat Free-standing structures and Pitched Free-standing structures. Each section comprises of diagrams and span tables. The diagrams assist with selecting your structure type and the tables determine the span of each member.

When using the Quick Selection tables, member designation is important.

- Rafters generally run parallel to the ribs on your cladding and have purlins attached
- Purlins run at ninety degrees to the ribs of your cladding.

## Using LYSAGHT FIRMLOK roofing "Quick Selection Tables"

The Quick Selection tables have been developed to be comprehensive and flexible, whilst remaining easy to use. The three sections allow you to design most typical structures with little effort.

Note: The sections for free-standing structures can be used to design similar attached structures, provided correct design of tie back to existing structure is performed.

## Translucent sheeting

For instructions on the use and installation of translucent sheeting, refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

To begin, you will need to determine:

- **Structure Type (Patio, Flat free-standing, or Pitched free-standing)**

This will indicate which section of the "Quick Selection Tables" is appropriate to your design.

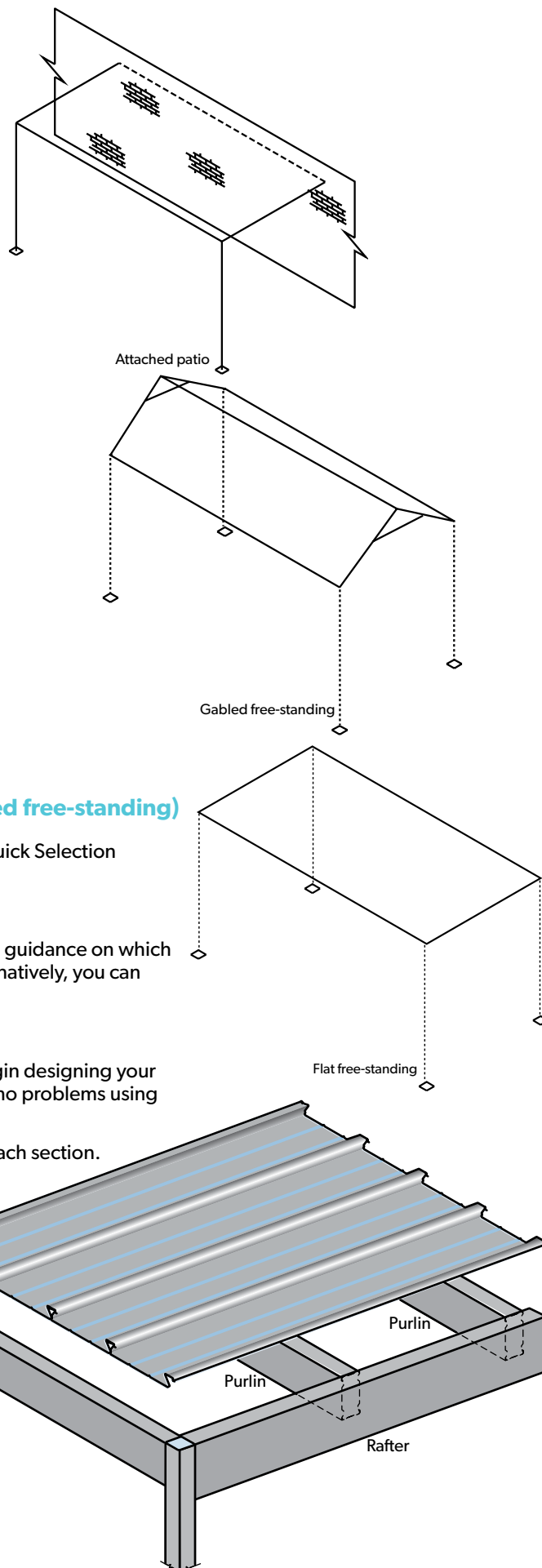
- **Wind classification (N1& N2, N3 or N4).**

Your local building authority can give you guidance on which classification you should design for. Alternatively, you can refer to AS4055-2006.

- **Structure size The boundary dimensions**

This is all the information you need to begin designing your structure. An experienced user will have no problems using the tables to design each structure.

A first time user may wish to refer to the example at the end of each section.



# Design conditions for the tables

## General

LYSAGHT FIRMLOK "Quick Selection Tables" have been prepared in accordance with the appropriate Australian standards. Cladding, beam and connection capacities are based on limit state design and testing at BlueScope Lysaght's Technology centre. The following standards have been referred to;

- AS/NZS 4600:2005 Cold formed steel structures
- AS/NZS 1170.0-2002 Part 0: General principles
- AS/NZS 1170.1-2002 Part 1: Permanent, imposed and other actions
- AS/NZS 1170.2-2002 Part 2: Wind Actions
- AS 4055-2006 Wind loads for housing
- AS 1562.1-1992 Sheet roof and wall cladding Part 1: Metal
- AS 4040.2-1992 Methods of testing sheet roof and wall cladding – Resistance to wind pressure for non-cyclone regions

The tables presented in this booklet are for non-cyclonic conditions only.

Wind Loads - Design Wind speeds have been based on the classification system used in AS4055. Factors used to calculate the design net pressures have been derived from AS1170.2. For each structure, two situations have been considered:

- one side enclosed (typically attached to one side of an existing house) or no more than 50% cross sectional area blocked
- three sides enclosed (typically attached to three sides of an existing house) or more than 75% cross sectional area blocked.

Flat roofs must have a roof slope no greater than 5 degrees. Roof slopes beyond 5 degrees may experience greater wind loads than have been designed for.

Pitched roofs must have a roof slope no greater than 22.5 degrees

Dead Loads - Self weight of both sheeting and FIRMLOK beam have been considered. NO allowance for ceilings have been made.

Live Loads - A Live load of 0.25kPa has been considered to account for the accumulation of hail. No additional live load has been considered. NO consideration has been made for concentrated loads arising from maintenance. All cladding spans are based on 'No Foot Traffic'.

### Serviceability

- Deflection limit adopted for the design of FIRMLOK beams is;
- Dead Load: Span/300
- Wind Load: Span/150
- Live Load: Span/150

## For Attached patios

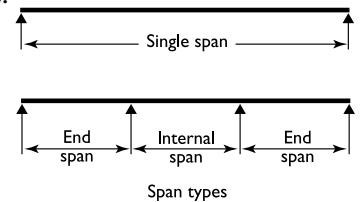
- Deflection limit adopted for the design of claddings is: Span/120 + Pitch/30
- LYSAGHT FLATDEK® cladding spans may result in noticeable deflections under max. loads.

At low pitches and situations where deflections are deemed critical, spans should be reduced to 75%.

The capacity of the existing structure to withstand the additional loads arising from the attached patio must be verified by a suitably qualified engineer. It's advised to check with your local government authority to determine any specific requirements for the attachment to existing structures.

Patios have not been designed to account for any additional rainwater runoff, other than that falling directly onto its roof area. Rainwater must not be distributed from existing roofs onto patios.

LYSAGHT FIRMLOK "Quick Selection Tables" have been designed and tested using LYSAGHT components.



Maximum spans (mm), for wind loading on attached and free roofs, for structures attached on 1 side or <50% of cross sectional area blocked. Flat and Pitched (No Foot Traffic)

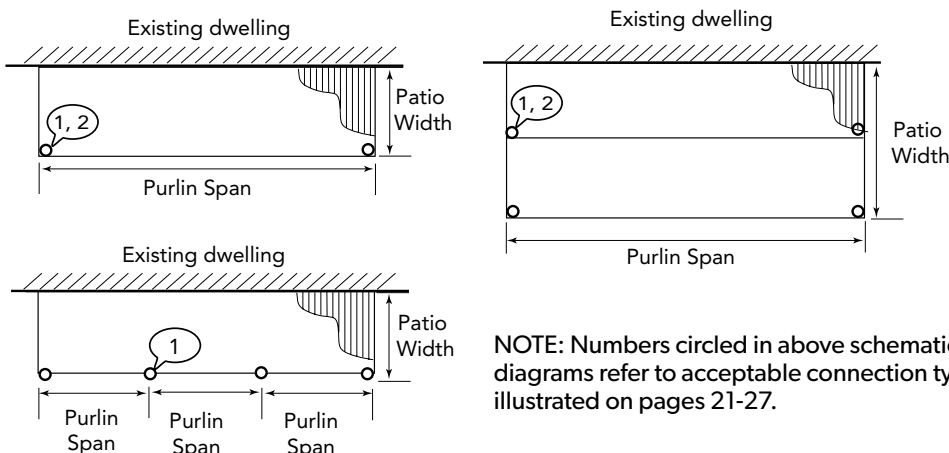
	BMT	Minimum Roof Pitch	Span Type	N2(W33) Flat/Pitched	(W37) Flat/Pitched	N3 (W41) Flat/Pitched	N4 (W50) Flat/Pitched	Allowable overhang
FLATDEK/ FLATDEK II (Qld only)	0.42	2° (1 in 30)	Single	5100	5100	4500	3300	600
			End/Internal	4800	4800	4500	3300	
CUSTOM ORB 3 fast's per sheet per support	0.42	5° (1 in 12)	Single	1800	1800	1800	1800	300
			End/Internal	2700	2700	2700	2700	
TRIMDEK every rib	0.42	2° (1 in 30)	Single	2400	2400	2400	2400	300
			End/Internal	3000	3000	3000	3000	
SPANDEK 3 fast's per sheet per support	0.42	3° (1 in 20)	Single	3000	3000	2950	2550	600
			End/Internal	3000	3000	3000	2200	
KL700HS clip fixed	0.42	2° (1 in 30)	Single	3300	3300	3200	2550	450
			End/Internal	3600	3600	3600	3100	
KL700HS screw fixed (pan)	0.48	1° (1 in 50)	Single	3300	3300	3300	2850	500
			End/Internal	3600	3600	3600	3350	
SPANRIB (Qld only)	0.42	2° (1 in 30)	Single	3900	3900	3800	3450	450
			End/Internal	4200	4200	No value present	4100	3600
SPANRIB (Qld only)	0.48	5° (1 in 12)	Single	2700	2500	2300	1800	300
			End/Internal	3600	3600	3300	2600	350
	0.48		Single	3000	3000	3000	3000	
			End/Internal	3600	3600	3600	3600	

Maximum spans (mm), for wind loading on attached and free roofs, for structures attached on 3 sides or 75% of cross sectional area blocked. Flat and Pitched (No Foot Traffic)

	BMT	Minimum Roof Pitch	Span Type	N2(W33) Flat/Pitched	W37 Flat/Pitched	N3 (W41) Flat/Pitched	N4 (W50) Flat/Pitched	Allowable overhang
FLATDEK/ FLATDEK II (Qld only)	0.42	2° (1 in 30)	Single	5100	4800	4250	3300	600
			End/Internal	4800	4800	4200	3200	
CUSTOM ORB 3 fast's per sheet per support	0.42	5° (1 in 12)	Single	1800	1750	1650	1350	300
			End/Internal	2600	2400	2150	1600	
TRIMDEK every rib	0.48	2° (1 in 30)	Single	1800	1800	1750	1300	350
			End/Internal	2700	2700	2650	2100	
SPANDEK 3 fast's per sheet per support	0.42	3° (1 in 20)	Single	2400	2400	2250	1850	300
			End/Internal	3000	3000	2850	2300	
KL700HS clip fixed	0.48	1° (1 in 50)	Single	2700	2400	2200	1950	350
			End/Internal	3000	3000	2900	2250	
KL700HS screw fixed (pan)	0.42	2° (1 in 30)	Single	2700	2450	2250	1800	600
			End/Internal	2650	2100	1850	1450	
SPANRIB (Qld only)	0.48	5° (1 in 12)	Single	2950	2800	2600	2200	600
			End/Internal	3000	3000	2600	1750	
SPANRIB (Qld only)	0.42	2° (1 in 30)	Single	2800	2400	2100	1500	450
			End/Internal	3300	3000	2550	1450	
SPANRIB (Qld only)	0.48	1° (1 in 50)	Single	3250	2650	2300	1750	500
			End/Internal	3550	3250	2900	1900	
SPANRIB (Qld only)	0.42	2° (1 in 30)	Single	3600	3350	3100	na	450
			End/Internal	3750	3500	No value present	3300	2750
SPANRIB (Qld only)	0.48	5° (1 in 12)	Single	2000	1750	1500	1150	300
			End/Internal	2900	2500	2300	1450	350
	0.48		Single	3000	3000	2500	2350	
			End/Internal	3000	3000	2800	1700	

Note: All claddings are crest fastened (rib fixed) unless otherwise stated. The design of posts, anchoring of posts and footings does not fall under the scope of this document. This shall be carried out by a suitably qualified person.

## Simply supported patios - no cladding overhang



NOTE: Numbers circled in above schematic diagrams refer to acceptable connection type, as illustrated on pages 21-27.

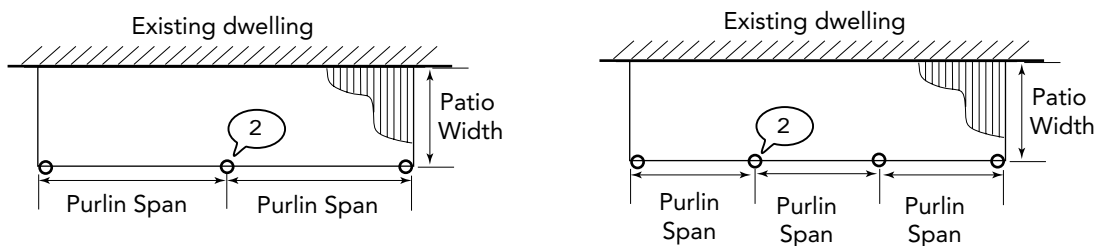
## Maximum Purlin Span (simple spans)

No cladding overhang

Wind Category	FIRMLOK Beam Size	Patio Width															
		1500	1800	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800	5100	5400	5700	6000
W33 (N2)	F10011	5134	4831	4589	4389	4220	4075	3947	3834	3734	3642	3560	3484	3414	3350	3290	3234
	F15015	7883	7418	7047	6740	6480	6257	6061	5888	5733	5593	5466	5349	5242	5143	5051	4966
	F20020	10959	10312	9796	9369	9009	8698	8426	8185	7969	7775	7598	7436	7288	7150	7022	6903
W37	F10011	5134	4831	4589	4389	4220	4075	3947	3834	3734	3642	3560	3484	3414	3350	3290	3231
	F15015	7883	7418	7047	6740	6480	6257	6061	5888	5733	5593	5466	5349	5242	5143	5051	4966
	F20020	10959	10312	9796	9369	9009	8698	8426	8185	7969	7775	7598	7436	7288	7150	7022	6903
W41 (N3)	F10011	5134	4831	4589	4389	4220	4075	3903	3736	3588	3456	3338	3231	3134	3046	2964	2888
	F15015	7883	7418	7047	6740	6480	6257	6061	5836	5604	5397	5212	5045	4893	4753	4625	4507
	F20020	10959	10312	9796	9369	9009	8698	8426	8185	7894	7601	7339	7102	6886	6689	6508	6341
W50 (N4)	F10011	4669	4301	3979	3719	3505	3324	3168	3032	2913	2806	2711	2624	2545	2473	2407	2346
	F15015	7169	6726	6218	5810	5474	5189	4945	4733	4545	4379	4229	4094	3971	3858	3754	3659
	F20020	9965	9378	8767	8188	7710	7307	6961	6660	6395	6159	5948	5757	5583	5424	5278	5143
Reduction factor		0.84	0.82	0.81	0.80	0.79	0.77	0.77	0.76	0.75	0.74	0.74	0.73	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.70

Apply to Maximum Purlin Span when patio is attached on three sides

## Continuous patios - no cladding overhang



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## Maximum Purlin Span (continuous spans)

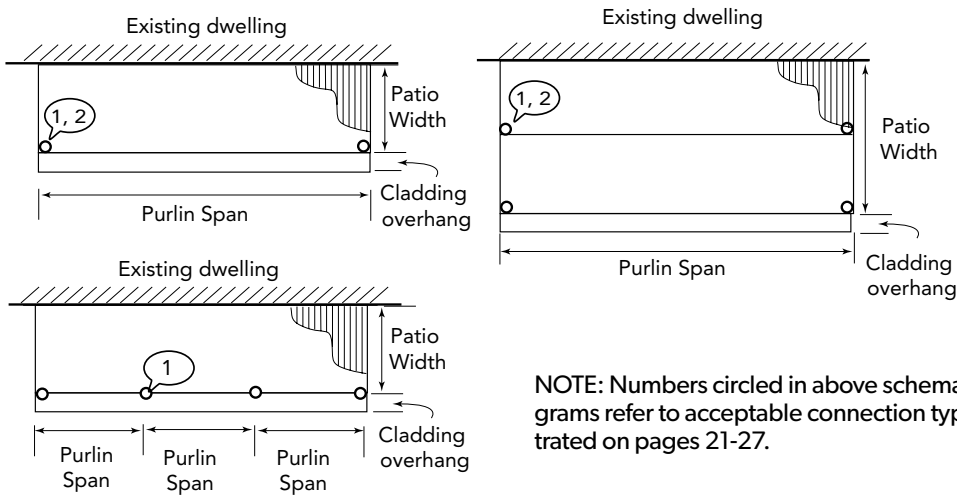
No cladding overhang

Wind Category	FIRMLOK Beam Size	Patio Width															
		1500	1800	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800	5100	5400	5700	6000
W33 (N2)	F10011	6885	6479	6154	5886	5660	5464	5293	5142	5007	4884	4773	4672	4545	4383	4234	4096
	F15015	10571	9948	9449	9038	8690	8390	8128	7895	7687	7500	7329	7173	6976	6720	6484	6265
	F20020	14695	13829	13136	12564	12080	11663	11299	10976	10687	10426	10189	9972	9772	9588	9417	9168
W37	F10011	6885	6479	6154	5886	5660	5387	5091	4825	4590	4380	4190	4018	3861	3717	3584	3460
	F15015	10571	9948	9449	9038	8690	8326	7844	7422	7048	6715	6414	6142	5893	5665	5455	5260
	F20020	14695	13829	13136	12564	12080	11663	11299	10789	10265	9798	9378	8997	8649	8330	8037	7651
W41 (N3)	F10011	6843	6236	5766	5388	5023	4706	4432	4192	3979	3789	3617	3462	3320	3189	3069	2958
	F15015	10571	9770	9026	8329	7736	7232	6797	6416	6080	5779	5508	5262	5038	4833	4645	4470
	F20020	14695	13827	12758	11905	11202	10522	9913	9381	8910	8489	8111	7655	7198	6792	6429	6103
W50 (N4)	F10011	5543	4996	4539	4168	3859	3596	3369	3170	2994	2826	2636	2471	2325	2195	2079	1975
	F15015	8622	7693	6968	6379	5890	5474	5116	4803	4526	4264	3978	3727	3507	3310	3135	2977
	F20020	12254	11152	10152	9329	8645	8064	7354	6732	6207	5758	5369	5030	4731	4465	4228	4015
Reduction factor		0.75	0.72	0.69	0.67	0.64	0.62	0.60	0.59	0.57	0.56	0.55	0.54	0.53	0.52	0.51	0.51

Apply to Maximum Purlin Span when patio is attached on three sides

Note: Some lengths given in the above table may exceed the maximum size available in your area.

## Simply supported patios - with cladding overhang



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## Maximum Purlin Span (simple spans)

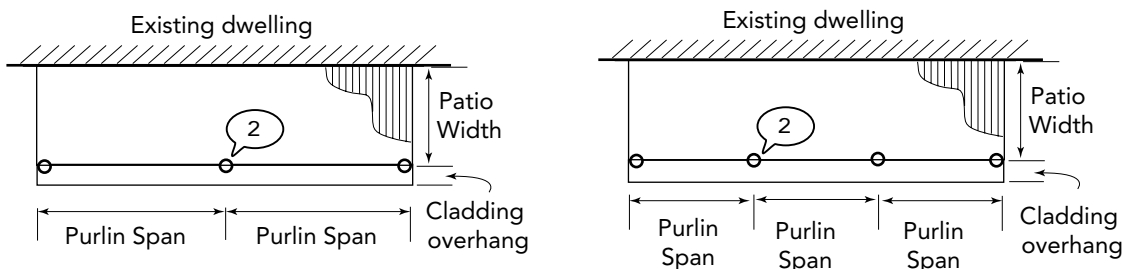
With cladding overhang

Wind Category	FIRMLOK Beam Size	Patio Width															
		1500	1800	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800	5100	5400	5700	6000
W33 (N2)	F10011	4220	4075	3947	3834	3734	3642	3560	3484	3414	3350	3290	3234	3182	3133	3087	3043
	F15015	6480	6257	6061	5888	5733	5593	5466	5349	5242	5143	5051	4966	4886	4811	4740	4673
	F20020	9009	8698	8426	8185	7969	7775	7598	7436	7288	7150	7022	6903	6792	6687	6589	6496
W37	F10011	4220	4075	3947	3834	3734	3642	3560	3484	3414	3350	3290	3231	3152	3079	3011	2948
	F15015	6480	6257	6061	5888	5733	5593	5466	5349	5242	5143	5051	4966	4886	4806	4700	4600
	F20020	9009	8698	8426	8185	7969	7775	7598	7436	7288	7150	7022	6903	6792	6687	6589	6472
W41 (N3)	F10011	4220	4075	3903	3736	3588	3456	3338	3231	3134	3046	2964	2888	2818	2753	2692	2636
	F15015	6480	6257	6061	5836	5604	5397	5212	5045	4893	4753	4625	4507	4398	4296	4201	4112
	F20020	9009	8698	8426	8185	7894	7601	7339	7102	6886	6689	6508	6341	6186	6042	5908	5782
W50 (N4)	F10011	3505	3324	3168	3032	2913	2806	2711	2624	2545	2473	2407	2346	2289	2236	2187	2141
	F15015	5474	5189	4945	4733	4545	4379	4229	4094	3971	3858	3754	3659	3570	3488	3411	3338
	F20020	7710	7307	6961	6660	6395	6159	5948	5757	5583	5424	5278	5143	5018	4902	4793	4691

Reduction factor	0.79	0.77	0.77	0.76	0.75	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.73	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.70	0.69	0.68	0.68	0.67
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Apply to Maximum Purlin Span when patio is attached on three sides

## Continuous patios - with cladding overhang



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## Maximum Purlin Span (continuous spans)

With cladding overhang

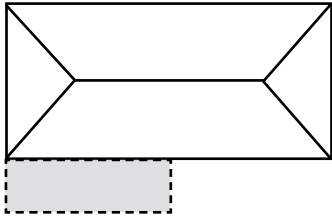
Wind Category	FIRMLOK Beam Size	Patio Width															
		1500	1800	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800	5100	5400	5700	6000
W33 (N2)	F10011	5660	5464	5293	5142	5007	4884	4773	4672	4545	4383	4234	4096	3967	3847	3735	3630
	F15015	8690	8390	8128	7895	7687	7500	7329	7173	6976	6720	6484	6265	6061	5871	5694	5528
	F20020	12080	11663	11299	10976	10687	10426	10189	9972	9772	9588	9417	9168	8884	8619	8371	8138
W37	F10011	5660	5387	5091	4825	4590	4380	4190	4018	3861	3717	3584	3460	3346	3239	3139	3045
	F15015	8690	8326	7844	7422	7048	6715	6414	6142	5893	5665	5455	5260	5080	4911	4754	4607
	F20020	12080	11663	11299	10789	10265	9798	9378	8997	8649	8330	8037	7651	7281	6945	6638	6358
W41 (N3)	F10011	5023	4706	4432	4192	3979	3789	3617	3462	3320	3189	3069	2958	2850	2720	2601	2492
	F15015	7736	7232	6797	6416	6080	5779	5508	5262	5038	4833	4645	4470	4302	4105	3925	3760
	F20020	11202	10522	9913	9381	8910	8489	8111	7655	7198	6792	6429	6103	5809	5541	5298	5074
W50 (N4)	F10011	3859	3596	3369	3170	2994	2826	2636	2471	2325	2195	2079	1975	1880	1795	1716	1645
	F15015	5890	5474	5116	4803	4526	4264	3978	3727	3507	3310	3135	2977	2835	2705	2587	2479
	F20020	8645	8064	7354	6732	6207	5758	5369	5030	4731	4465	4228	4015	3822	3647	3487	3341

Reduction factor	0.64	0.62	0.60	0.59	0.57	0.56	0.55	0.54	0.53	0.52	0.51	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.49
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Apply to Maximum Purlin Span when patio is attached on three sides

Note: Some lengths given in the above table may exceed the maximum size available in your area.

# Attached patio example 1



## Step 1: Required Information before you start

- Determine the wind area you are in.
- Select the boundary dimensions.
- Will the patio be attached on one or more sides?

## Step 2: Cladding Design

- Select your cladding.
- Select the maximum span LYSAGHT TRIMDEK® roof cladding can do from the table on P5.
- Can your cladding span the patio width in one go?
- Can the cladding span the patio width in two spans?
- Do you want the cladding to overhang?

## Step 3: FIRMLOK purlin design

Using the table on p6 'Allowable purlin span (simple spans)' determine whether a purlin can span the full 6400mm.

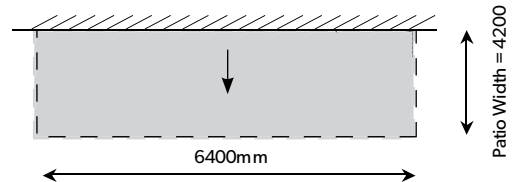
## Step 4: Select connection

Determine the type of connection you wish to adopt.

### Task:

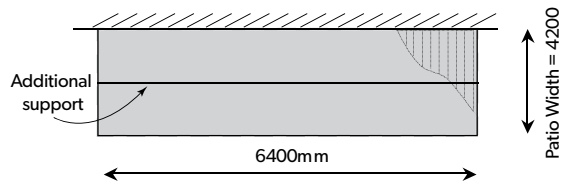
Determine a suitable patio to cover an existing paved area 4200 x 6400mm.

In our example, we will choose wind condition W33 (N2), the boundary is 4200 x 6400mm and we will be attaching on one side only.



We will be choosing TRIMDEK.

TRIMDEK can span 2400mm 0.42BMT or 2700mm 0.48BMT. 2400 & 2700 < 4200mm, therefore TRIMDEK cannot span the width in one span. We will need an extra support.



End spans for TRIMDEK are 3000mm.

$$2 \times (3000) = 6000\text{mm} > 4200\text{mm}.$$

Yes - TRIMDEK 0.42BMT is OK to span the patio width in two spans.

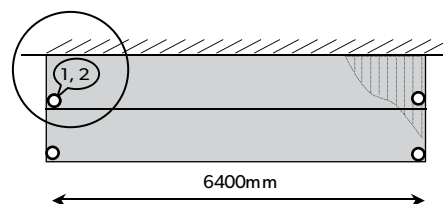
No - we don't want any overhang.

For Wind Category = W33 (N2), Patio Width = 4200mm

From the table, F20020 will span 7775mm > 6400mm, therefore, it will do the span.

Refer to the diagrams above the table used to select which connection to use. In this case, the table used was allowable purlin span (simple spans) no cladding overhang, and the diagram which resembles your structure should be chosen.

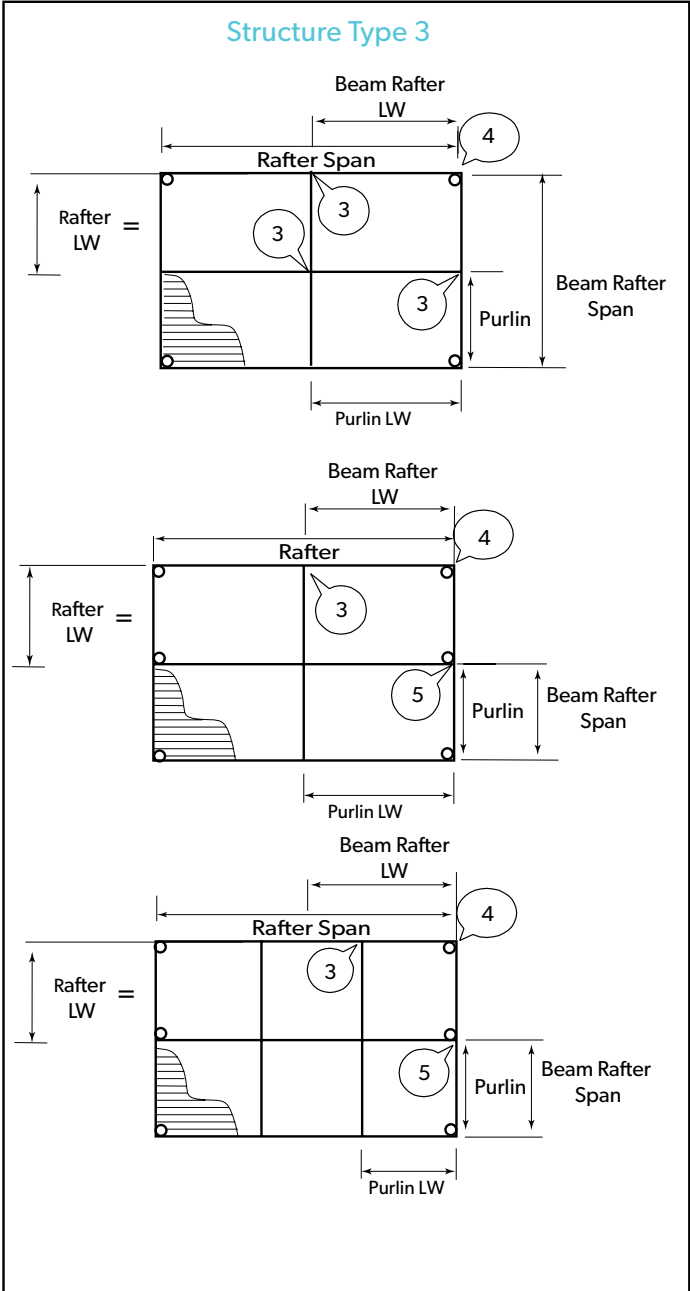
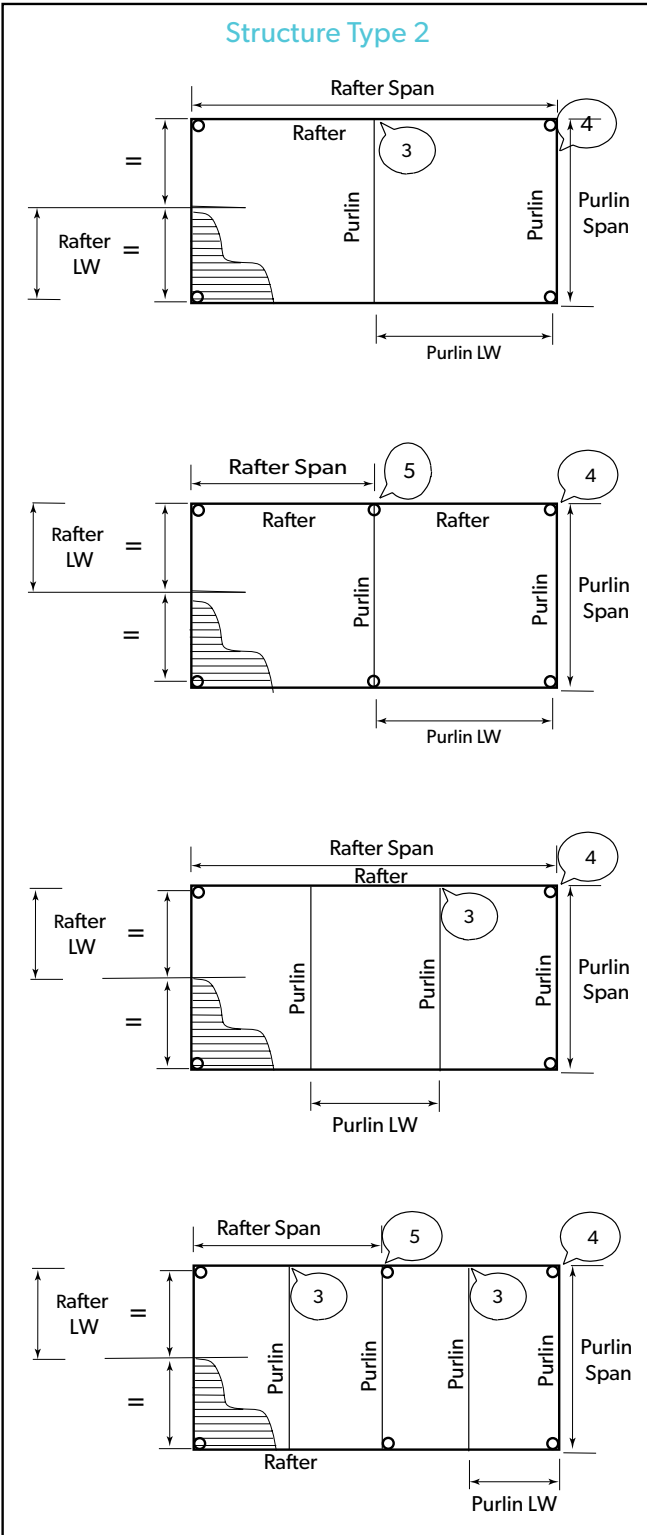
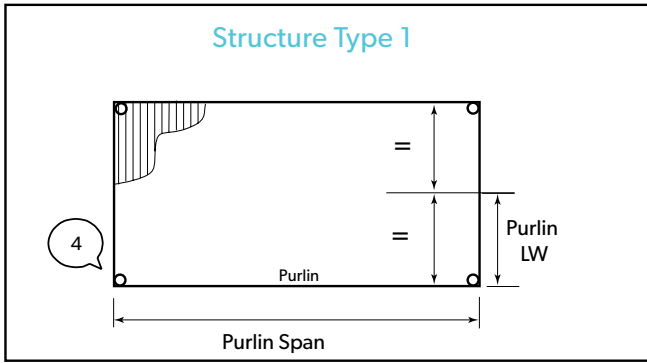
In this case connections 1 or 2 are applicable. See below.



NOTE: Numbers circled in above schematic diagram refers to acceptable connection type, as illustrated on pages 21 - 27.



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NOTE: Numbers circled in above schematic diagrams refer to acceptable connection type, as illustrated on pages 21 - 27.

## Maximum Purlin Span

Wind Category	FIRMILOK Beam Size	Purlin Load Width														
		1500	1800	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800	5100	5400	5700
W33	F10011	4075	3834	3642	3484	3350	3234	3133	3043	2963	2891	2825	2765	2659	2611	2567
	F15015	6257	5888	5593	5349	5143	4966	4811	4673	4550	4439	4338	4246	4161	4082	3941
	F20020	8698	8185	7775	7436	7150	6903	6687	6496	6325	6171	6030	5902	5784	5675	5479
W37	F10011	4075	3834	3642	3484	3350	3231	3079	2948	2831	2728	2635	2551	2474	2340	2281
	F15015	6257	5888	5593	5349	5143	4966	4806	4600	4418	4256	4111	3979	3859	3750	3557
	F20020	8698	8185	7775	7436	7150	6903	6687	6472	6215	5986	5781	5595	5426	5130	4999
W41	F10011	4075	3736	3456	3231	3046	2888	2753	2636	2532	2439	2356	2281	2150	2093	2040
	F15015	6257	5836	5397	5045	4753	4507	4296	4112	3949	3805	3675	3557	3451	3353	3156
	F20020	8698	8185	7601	7102	6689	6341	6042	5782	5553	5349	5166	5000	4850	4712	4468
W50	F10011	3324	3032	2806	2624	2473	2346	2236	2141	2057	1982	1913	1793	1688	1594	1434
	F15015	5189	4733	4379	4094	3858	3659	3488	3338	3207	2979	2780	2605	2452	2315	2193
	F20020	7307	6660	6159	5757	5424	5143	4902	4691	4506	4341	4193	4059	3911	3693	3322

Reduction factor 

0.77	0.76	0.74	0.73	0.71	0.70	0.68	0.67	0.65	0.64	0.62	0.61	0.60	0.58	0.57	0.56
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Apply to maximum purlin span when structure is attached on three sides or 75% of cross sectional area is blocked.

## Maximum Rafter Span (simple spans)

Wind Category	FIRMILOK Beam Size	Rafter Load Width																							
		1500		1800		2100		2400		2700		3000		3300		3600		3900		4200		4500		4800	
W33	F10011	4389	4207	4131	3959	3924	3761	3753	3597	3608	3458	3484	3339	3375	3235	3278	3142	3192	3059	3114	2985	3043	2917	2979	2855
	F15015	6740	6460	6342	6079	6025	5774	5762	5523	5541	5310	5349	5127	5182	4967	5034	4825	4901	4698	4782	4583	4673	4479	4574	4383
	F20020	8090	8980	7682	8450	7353	8027	7080	7678	6848	7382	6646	7127	6469	6904	6312	6707	6170	6530	6042	6371	5926	6226	5817	6094
W37	F10011	4389	4207	4131	3959	3924	3761	3753	3597	3608	3458	3484	3339	3375	3235	3278	3142	3192	3059	3114	2985	3043	2917	2979	2855
	F15015	6446	6460	6116	6079	5839	5774	5598	5523	5386	5310	5198	5127	5028	4967	4825	4736	4698	4609	4583	4492	4479	4383	4383	
	F20020	7579	8980	7197	8450	6889	8027	6634	7678	6416	7382	6228	7127	6062	6904	5914	6707	5780	6530	5656	6371	5541	6226	5433	6094
W41	F10011	4389	4207	4131	3959	3924	3761	3753	3597	3608	3458	3484	3339	3375	3235	3158	3142	3049	3059	2945	2985	2840	2917	2745	2830
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	F20020	7102	8755	6745	8297	6457	7909	6217	7574	6013	7279	5837	7018	5677	6785	5531	6574	5397	6382	5273	6207	5157	6046	5049	5898
W50	F10011	3833	3650	3500	3322	3420	3134	3271	2975	3079	2814	2905	2676	2754	2555	2623	2448	2506	2353	2402	2267	2308	2189	2223	
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Reduction factor 

0.81	0.84	0.80	0.83	0.79	0.82	0.78	0.81	0.78	0.80	0.77	0.79	0.76	0.78	0.76	0.77	0.75	0.76	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.73
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## Maximum Rafter Span (continuous spans)

Wind Category	FIRMILOK Beam Size	Rafter load width																							
		1500		1800		2100		2400		2700		3000		3300		3600		3900		4200		4500		4800	
W33	F10011	5530	5301	5204	4988	4944	4738	4728	4532	4546	4357	4389	4207	4252	4075	4131	3959	4022	3855	3924	3761	3834	3665	3753	3535
	F15015	7455	8139	7078	7659	6774	7275	6522	6959	6307	6691	6117	6460	5946	6258	5789	6079	5644	5919	5511	5774	5387	5617	5271	5453
	F20020	8764	9970	8321	9468	7965	9064	7668	8725	7416	8431	7198	8166	7006	7927	6835	7708	6682	7507	6543	7322	6417	7151	6301	6991
W37	F10011	5496	5301	5148	4988	4861	4738	4619	4532	4411	4281	4229	4041	4069	3833	3926	3651	3798	3491	3682	3347	3570	3217	3445	3099
	F15015	6983	7797	6630	7314	6346	6914	6105	6575	5893	6283	5703	6028	5531	5803	5375	5602	5231	5384	5100	5158	4978	4954	4865	
	F20020	8210	9342	7795	8872	7462	8485	7184	8150	6948	7853	6744	7589	6564	7350	6405	7134	6261	6937	6131	6756	6013	6588	5904	
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Reduction factor 

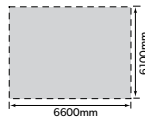
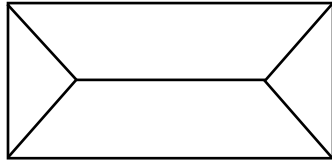
0.79	0.74	0.78	0.71	0.76	0.68	0.74	0.64	0.72	0.61	0.70	0.59	0.68	0.56	0.62	0.66	0.54	0.64	0.52	0.62	0.51	0.60	0.50	0.58	0.50
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Apply to maximum rafter span when structure is attached on three sides or 75% of cross sectional area is blocked.

**Note:**

Structure Type 3 has additional Beam Rafters. The span of these should be obtained from the tables below, using Beam Rafter LW instead of Rafter LW.

# Free-standing flat roof: Example 2



## Task:

Determine a suitable freestanding carport to cover an existing slabbed area 6100 x 6600mm

## Steps

### Step 1: Required Information before you start

- Determine the wind area you are in.
- Select the boundary dimensions.
- Will the structure be attached on one or more sides or blocked by 75% or greater?

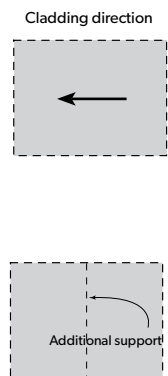
## Worked example

In our example, we will choose wind condition W41 (N3), the boundary is 6100 x 6600mm and the structure is not blocked.

### Step 2: Cladding Design

- Select your cladding.
- Select your cladding direction.
- Select the maximum span FLATDEK can do from the table on page 5.
- Can your cladding span the length in one span?
- Can the cladding span the length in two spans?

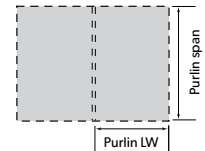
We will be choosing FLATDEK.  
 FLATDEK can span 4500mm 0.42mm BMT.  
 $4500 < 6600\text{mm}$ , therefore FLATDEK cannot. We will need an extra support.  
 End spans for FLATDEK are 4500mm.  
 $2 \times (4500) = 9000\text{mm} > 6600\text{mm}$ .  
 Yes - FLATDEK is OK to span the structure length in two spans.  
 We are Structure Type 2.



### Step 3: Structure type

- Select your structure type from the diagrams on page 9.

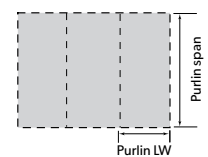
Using Structure 2 diagrams:  
 for Wind Category W41 (N3)  
 Purlin LW = 3300 Purlin span = 6100  
 F20020 will span 6042 =  $6042 \leq 6100$   
 Therefore, not suitable.  
 Purlin LW = 2200 Purlin span = 6100  
 $7434 \geq 6100$ , therefore OK



### Step 4: FIRMLOK purlin design

- Using the table on page 10 'Maximum Purlin Span' determine whether a purlin can span the full 6100mm at the given spacing.
- Add additional purlin and see if the purlin design is adequate.

For Wind Category W41 (N3),  
 Rafter LW = 3050  
 Rafter Span = 6600mm  
 Number of intermediate purlins = 2  
 From the table for F20020 -  
 Simple span = 7010  $\geq 6100$ , therefore,  
 it will do the span.

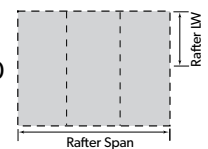


In this case connections 3 or 4 are applicable.  
 It is OK to span the structure length in two spans.

### Step 5: Rafter design

- Using the table on page 10 Maximum Rafter Span (simple spans) determine whether the rafter can span the full length.

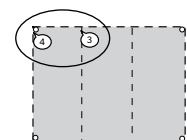
We are Structure Type 2.  
 Using Structure 2 diagrams:  
 for Wind Category W41 (N3)  
 Purlin LW = 3300 Purlin span = 6100  
 F20020 will span 6042 =  $6042 \leq 6100$   
 Therefore, not suitable.  
 Purlin LW = 2200 Purlin span = 6100  
 $7434 \geq 6100$ , therefore OK



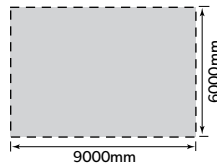
### Step 6: Select connection

- For your structure type, the diagrams on page 8 indicate which connections you can have.

For Wind Category W41 (N3),  
 Rafter LW = 3050  
 Rafter Span = 6600mm  
 Number of intermediate purlins = 2  
 From the table for F20020 -  
 Simple span = 7010  $\geq 6100$ , therefore,  
 it will do the span.  
 In this case connections 3 or 4 are applicable.



# Free-standing flat roof: Example 3



## Task:

Determine a suitable freestanding carport to cover an existing slabbed area 9000 x 6000mm

## Steps

### Step 1: Required Information before you start

- Determine the wind area you are in.
- Select the boundary dimensions.
- Will the structure be attached on one or more sides or blocked by 75% or greater?

### Worked example

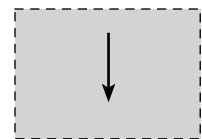
In our example, we will choose wind condition W33 (N2), the boundary is 6000 x 9000mm and the structure is not blocked.

### Step 2: Cladding Design

- Select your cladding.
- Select your cladding direction (typically in the largest direction)
- Select the maximum span CUSTOM ORB can do from the table on p5.
- Can your cladding span the length in one span?
- Can the cladding span the length in two spans?
- Can the cladding span the length in three spans?

We will be choosing CUSTOM ORB.

Cladding direction



CUSTOM ORB can span 1800mm  
0.42BMT and 0.48BMT

1800 < 6000mm, therefore CUSTOM ORB cannot span the distance in one span. We will need an extra support.

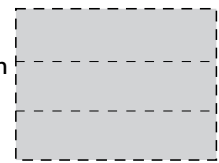
End spans for CUSTOM ORB are 2700mm.

$$2 \times (2700) = 5400\text{mm} < 6000\text{mm}.$$

Therefore CUSTOM ORB cannot span the distance in two spans.

$$3 \times (2700) = 8100\text{mm} > 6000\text{mm}.$$

Therefore, CUSTOM ORB is OK to span the structure length in three spans.



### Step 3: Structure type

Select your structure type from the diagrams on p. 9.

We are Structure Type 2.

### Step 4: FIRMLOK purlin design

Using the table on p10 'Maximum Purlin Span' determine whether a purlin can span the full 9000mm at the given spacing.

Add additional purlin and see if the purlin design is adequate.

Alternatively, add an additional rafter and review purlin design. Note: The structure type is now Type 3.

Using Structure 2 diagrams: for Wind Category W33 (N2)

Purlin LW = 2000 Purlin span = 9000

F20020 will span  $7911 \leq 9000$

Therefore, not suitable.

Purlin LW = 1500 Purlin span = 9000

F20020 will span  $8698 \leq 9000$

Therefore, not suitable.

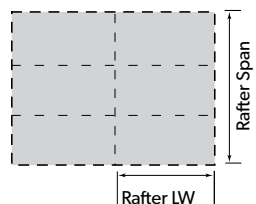
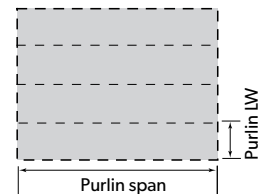
Using Structure 2 diagrams: for Wind Category W33 (N2)

Purlin LW = 2000 Purlin span = 4500

F20020 will span  $7911 \geq 4500$

or F15015 will span  $5691 \geq 4500$

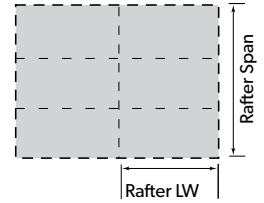
Therefore, both are suitable.



**Step 5: Rafter design**

Using the table Maximum Rafter Span on p10 (simple spans) determine whether the rafter can span the full length.

For Wind Category W33 (N2),  
 Rafter LW = 4500  
 Rafter Span = 6000mm  
 Number of intermediate purlins = 2  
 From the table for F20020 -  
 Simple span = 6226  $\geq$  6000 , therefore, it will do the span.

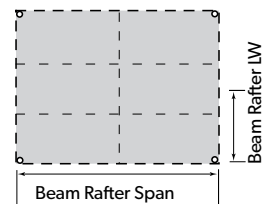


**Step 6: Beam Rafter Design**

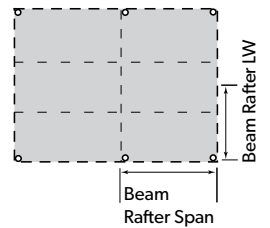
Using the table Maximum Rafter Span on p10 (simple spans) using Beam Rafter load widths instead of beam load Widths determine whether the rafter can span the full length.

Add post to support beam rafter and review Beam Rafter design.

For Wind Category W33 (N2),  
 Beam Rafter LW = 3000  
 Beam Rafter Span = 9000mm  
 Number of intermediate purlins = 1  
 From the table for F20020 -  
 Simple span = 6646 < 9000 , therefore, it will not do the span.



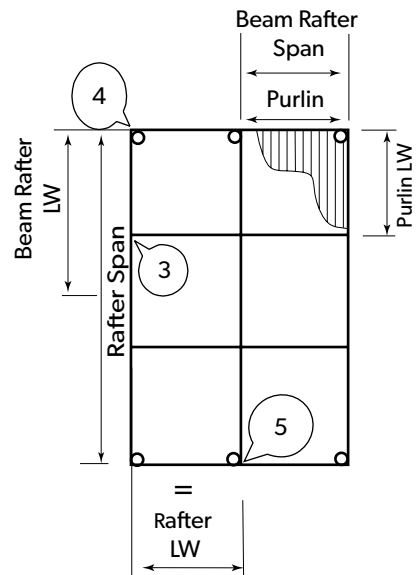
For Wind Category W33 (N2),  
 Beam Rafter Span is reduced to 4500mm, therefore OK.



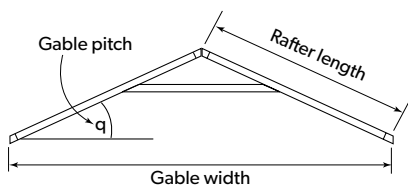
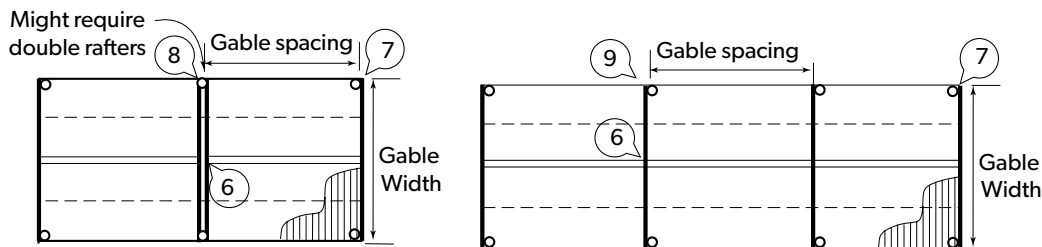
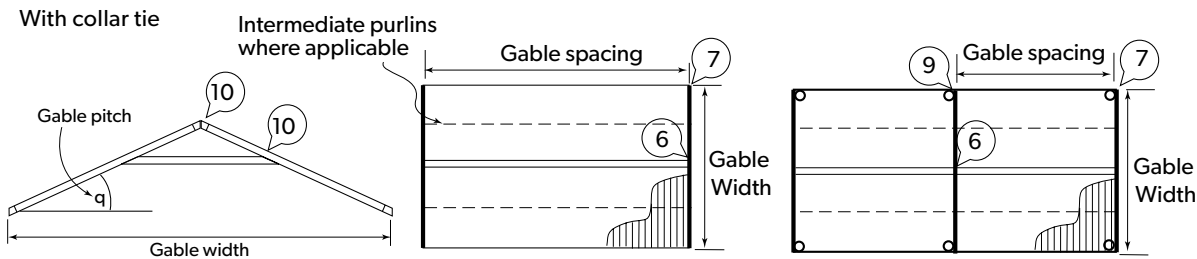
**Step 7: Select connection**

For your structure type, the diagrams on page 9 indicate which connections you can have.

In this case connections 3, 4 or 5 are applicable. See below.



# Gable roofs



When checking cladding span, rafter length must be calculated using the following formula:  
 For a 15° gable pitch, Rafter length = 0.52 x gable width  
 For a 22.5° gable pitch, Rafter length = 0.54 x gable width  
 Note: These equations are estimations for choosing the cladding only, not precise dimensions for construction.

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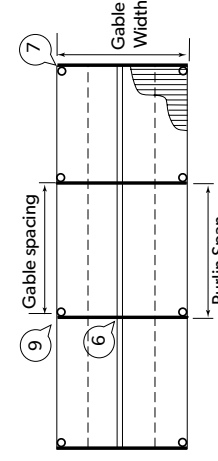
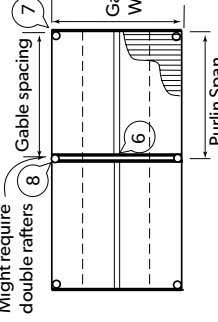
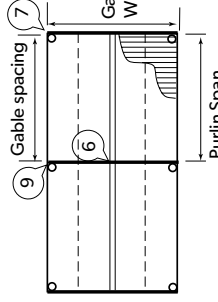
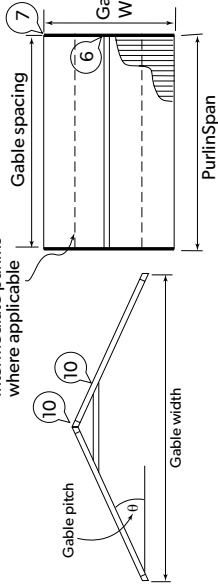
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Collar ties must be placed on all gable rafters. Collar ties must always be positioned in accordance with Connection 10. (p26)

Gable width goes to backside of bracket.

**With collar tie**

Intermediate purlins where applicable



**Maximum Purlin Span - Gable Structure with Collar Tie**

Gable pitch	Wind Category	FIRMIKOK Beam Size	Gable Width																					
			3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800	5100	5400	5700	6000	6300	6600	6900	7200	7500	7800	8100	8400	8700	9000	
15°	W33 (N2)	F10011	5075	4916	4776	4650	4537	4433	4339	4252	4172	4097	4028	3963	3902	3845	3790	3739	3691	3644	3601	3559	3519	3480
		F15015	7792	7549	7333	7140	6966	6807	6662	6529	6406	6291	6185	6085	5991	5903	5820	5741	5667	5596	5529	5464	5403	5343
		F20020	10833	10494	10194	9925	9683	9463	9262	9076	8905	8746	8598	8459	8329	8206	8091	7981	7878	7779	7686	7596	7511	7431
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Reduction factor

Apply to maximum purlin span when structure is attached on three sides or 75% of cross sectional area is blocked.

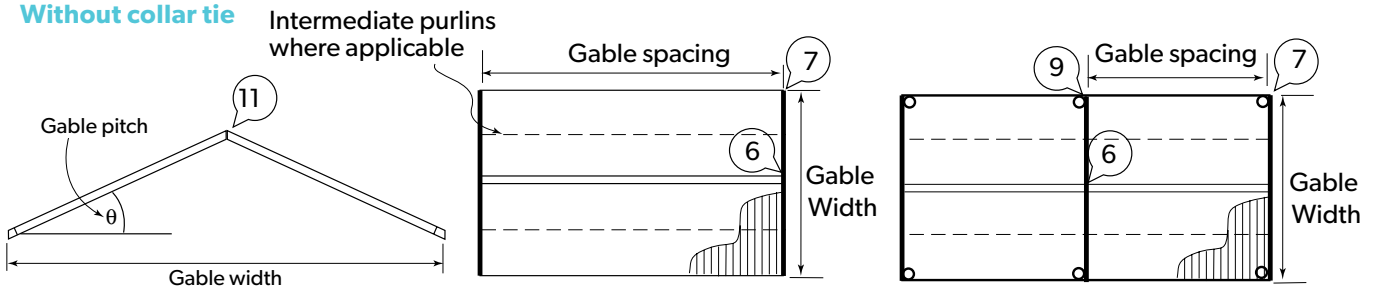
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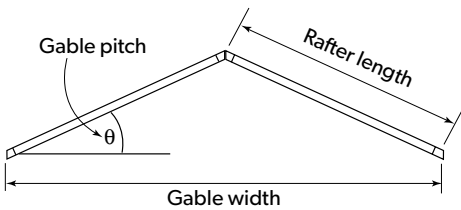
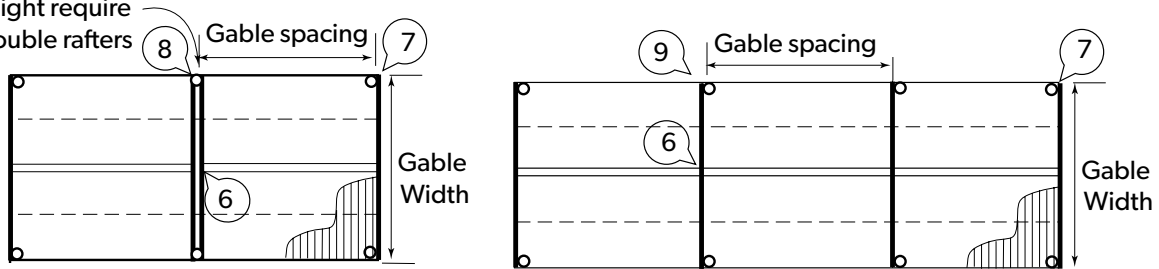


# Gable roofs

## Without collar tie



Might require double rafters

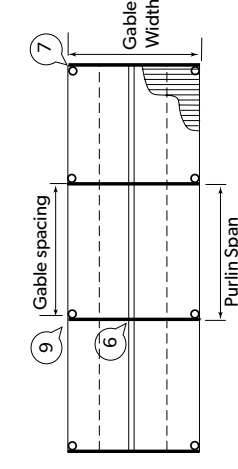
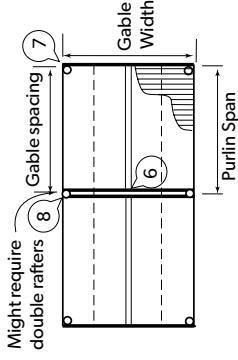
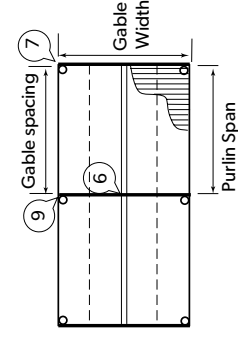
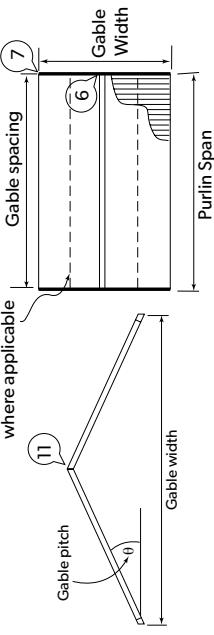


When checking cladding span, rafter length must be calculated using the following formula:  
 For a 15° gable pitch, Rafter length = 0.52 x gable width  
 For a 22.5° gable pitch, Rafter length = 0.54 x gable width  
 Note: These equations are estimations for choosing the cladding only, not precise dimensions for construction.

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Gable width goes to backside of bracket.

**Without collar tie** Intermediate purlins where applicable



**Maximum Purlin Span - Gable Structure**

Gable pitch	Wind Category	FIRMLOK Beam Size	Gable Width																				
			3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800	5100	5400	5700	6000	6300	6600	6900	7200	7500	7800	8100	8400	8700	9000
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Reduction factor

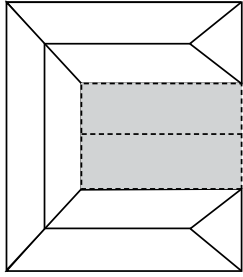
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Apply to the maximum allowable purlin span when the structure is attached on three sides or 75% of the cross sectional area is blocked.

NOTE: Numbers circled in above schematic diagrams refer to acceptable connection type, as illustrated on pages 21-27.



# Gable roof: Example 4



**Task:** Determine a suitable gable structure to cover an internal paved area 5100 x 4800mm.

## Steps

### Step 1: Required Information before you start

- Determine the wind area you are in.
- Select the boundary dimensions.
- Will the structure be attached on one or more sides or blocked by 75% or greater?

## Worked example

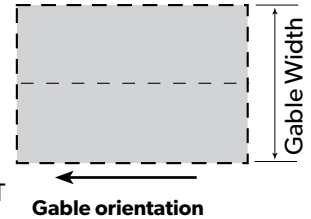
In our example, we will choose wind condition W33 (N2), the boundary is 5100 x 4800mm and the structure is attached on three sides. (i.e. blocked)

### Step 2: Cladding Design

- Select your cladding.
- Select your gable orientation (Gable width is typically in the shortest direction)
- Select your roof pitch.
- Select the maximum span SPANDEK can do from the table on page 5.
- Can your cladding span the length in one span?

We will be choosing SPANDEK.

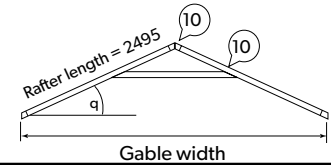
We will be choosing a 15° roof pitch.  
SPANDEK can span 2700mm 0.42BMT and 2950 0.48BMT  
The rafter length for this gable is 2495mm, hence 0.42 or 0.48BMT will do it in one span.



### Step 3: Structure type

- Select whether you want your gable with or without a collar tie.

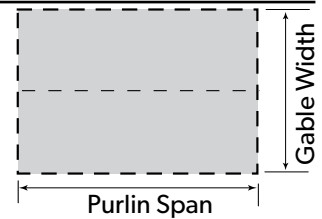
We have a collar tie.



### Step 4: firmlok purlin design

- Using the table on page 15 'Allowable purlin span' gable structure, determine whether a purlin can span the full 5100mm at the given spacing.

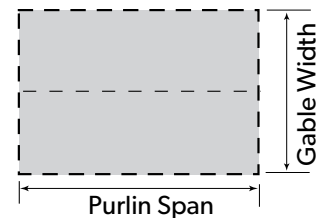
For our structure, Purlin Span = 5100 Gable width = 4800mm  
F15015 will span 6662 (0.79) = 5262 ≥ 5100  
Therefore, purlin can span the full length.



### Step 5: Gable design

- Using the table Allowable Gable Width on p16 (Gable with collar tie) determine whether a gable at each end is satisfactory.

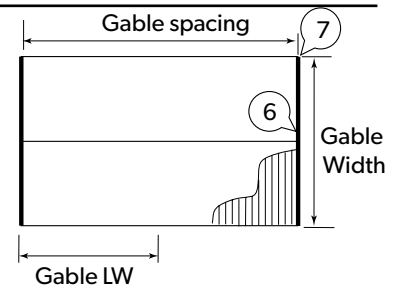
For our structure,  
Gable LW = 2550  
Gable Width = 4800  
No. of intermediate purlins = 0  
From the table, for F15015 allowable gable width is = 6344 x 0.61 = 3838 < 4800 hence 15015 is not suitable. For F20020 allowable gable width = 8784 x 0.61 = 5314 > 4800 hence F20020 is suitable.



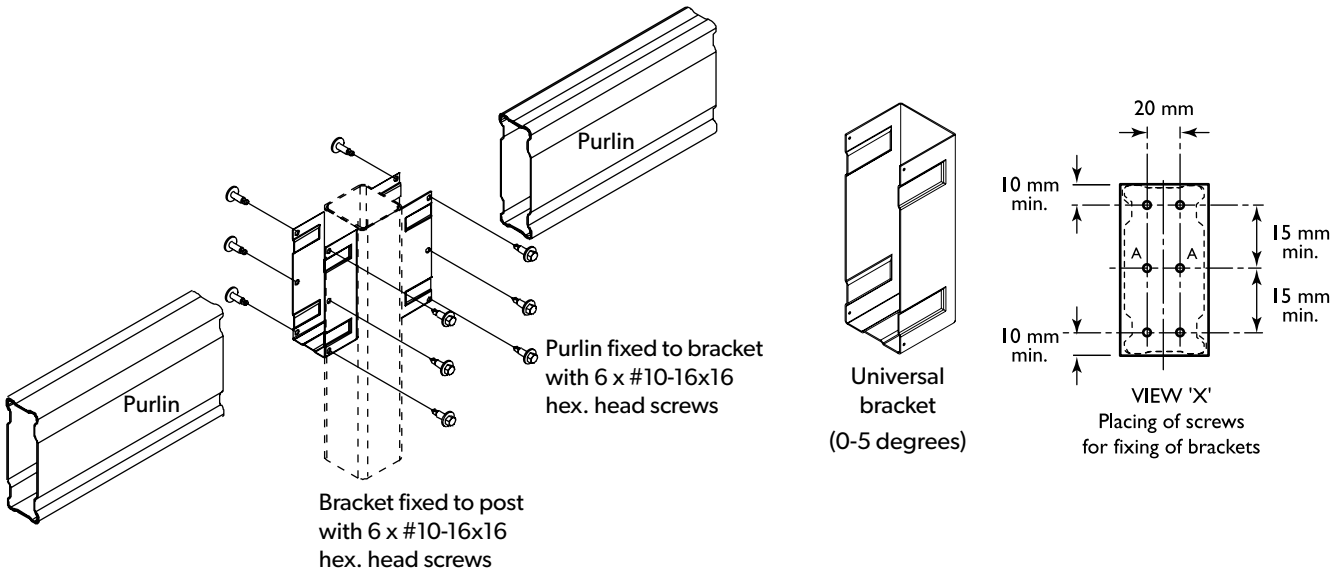
### Step 6: Select connection

- For this structure type, the diagrams on page 11 indicate which connections you can have.

In this case connections 3 or 4 are applicable.  
See below.



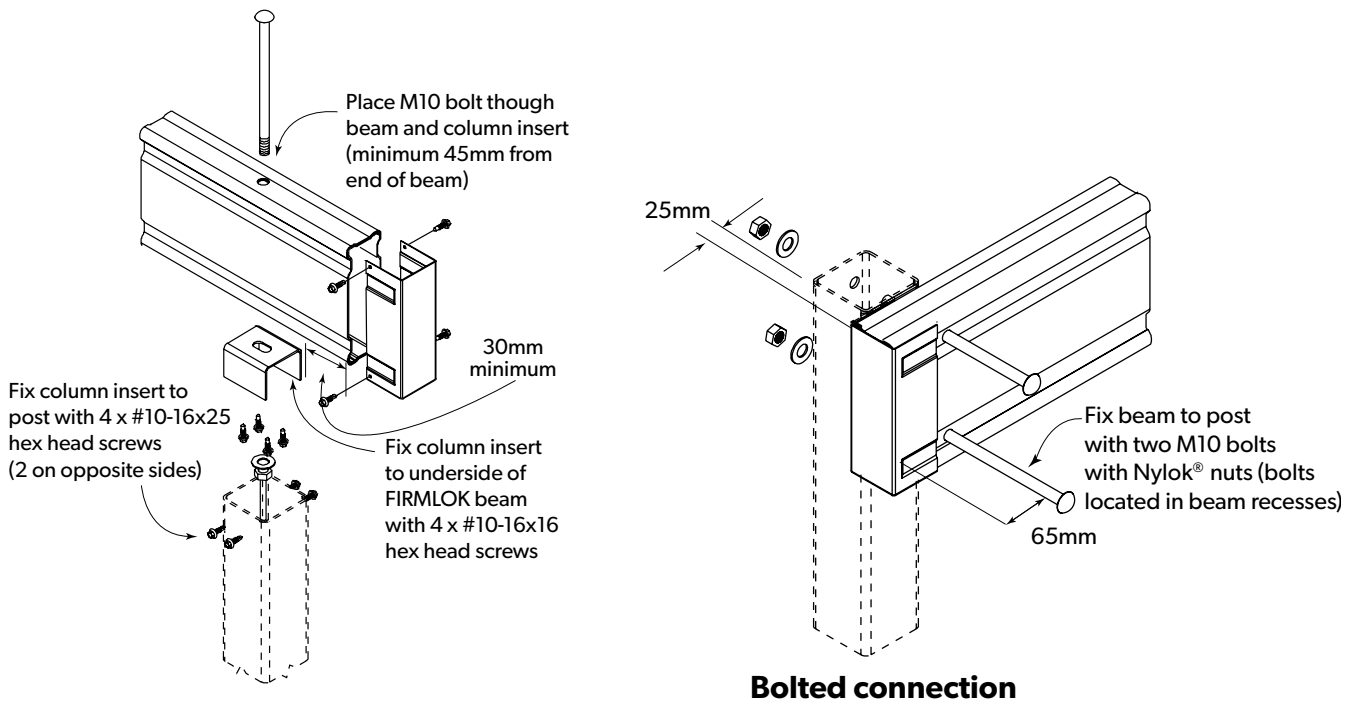
# Connections



## Connection 1

(Simple spans)

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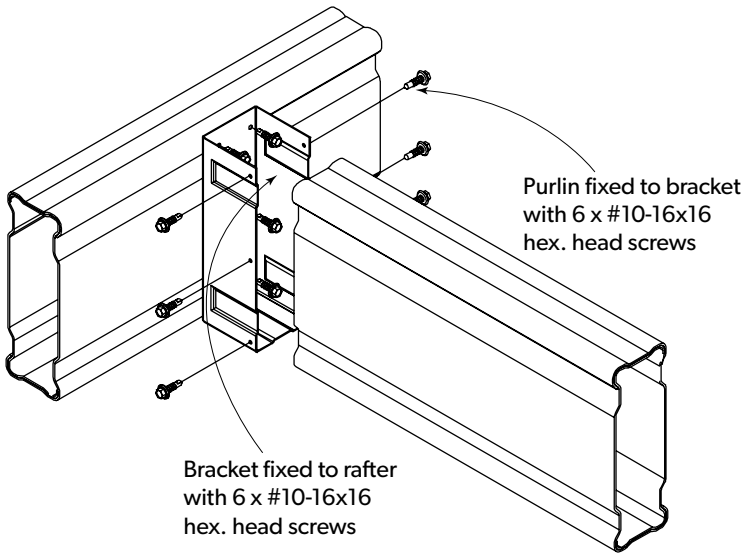


## Column insert

## Connection 2

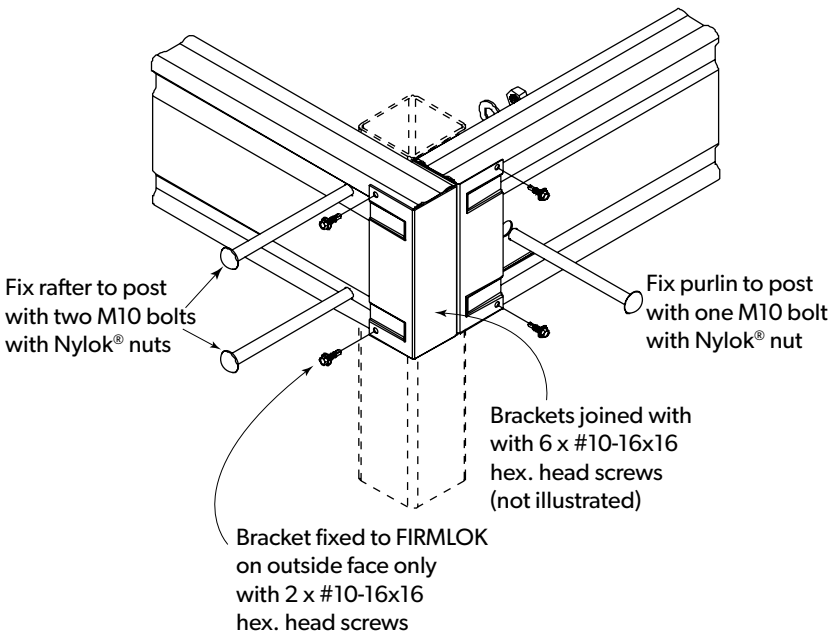
(Continuous spans)

LYSAGHT column insert or bolted connection



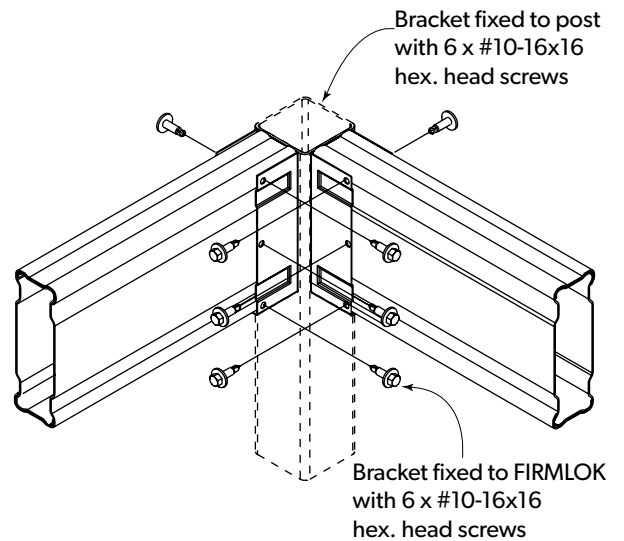
### Connection 3

(Purlin to rafter or rafter to beam connection)



### Connection 4

(Typical bolted corner connection)

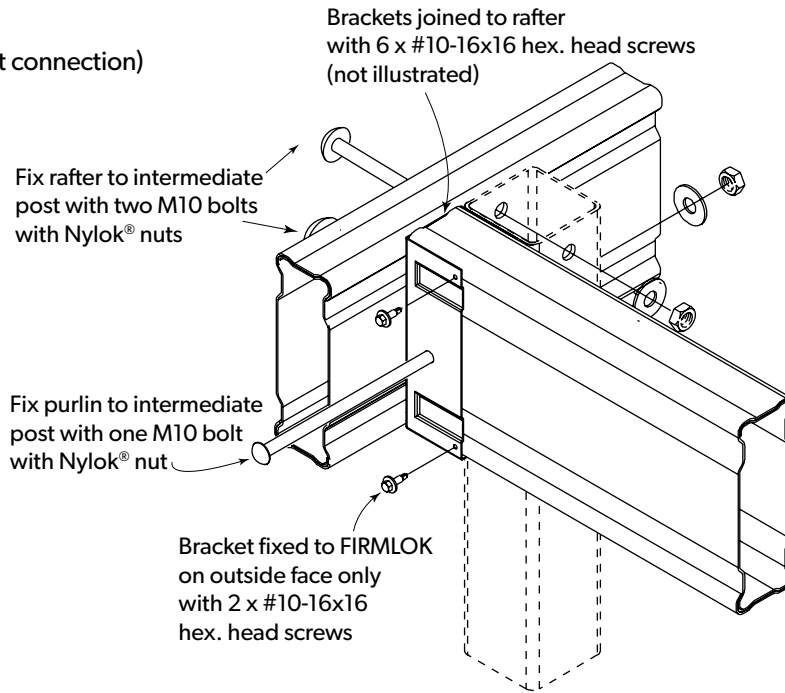


### Connection 4

(Typical screwed corner connection)

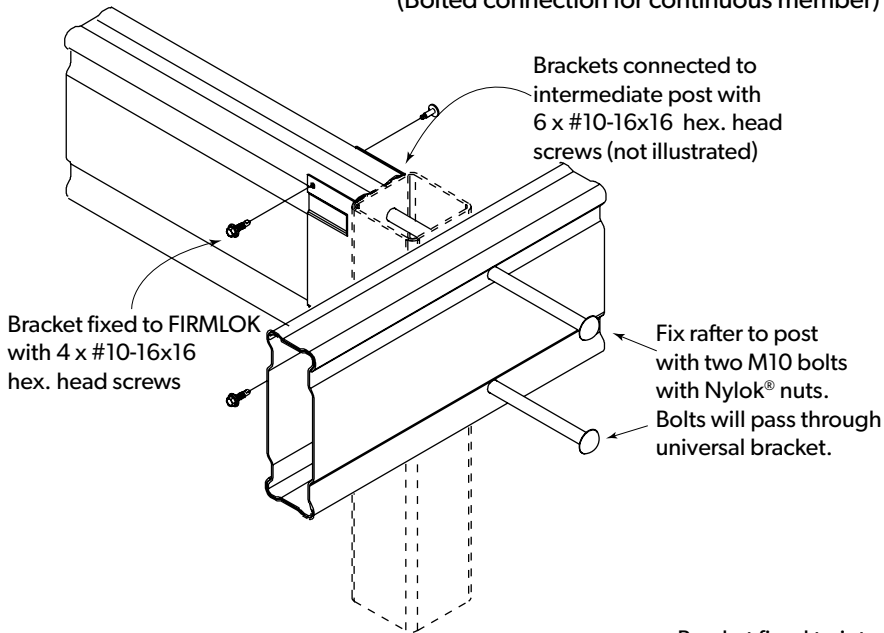
### Connection 5

(Intermediate post connection)



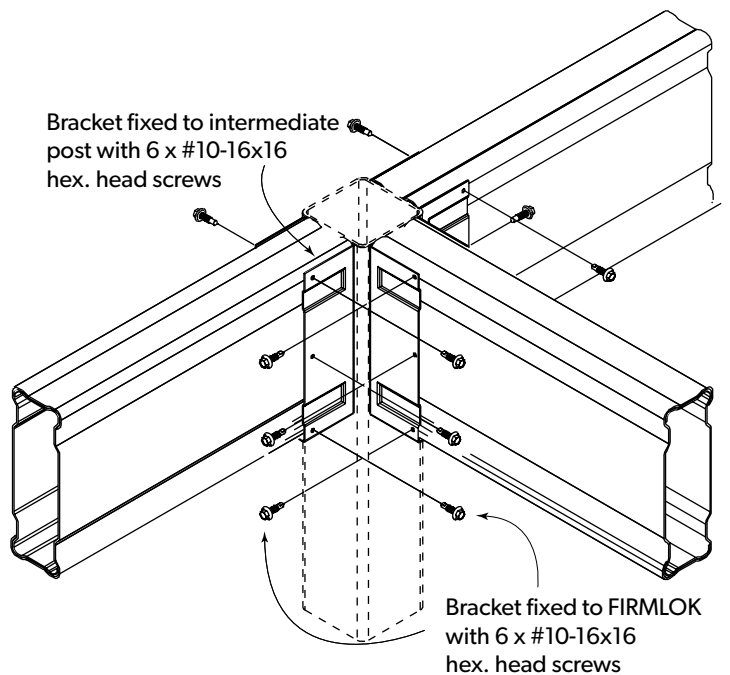
### Connection 5

(Bolted connection for continuous member)



### Connection 5

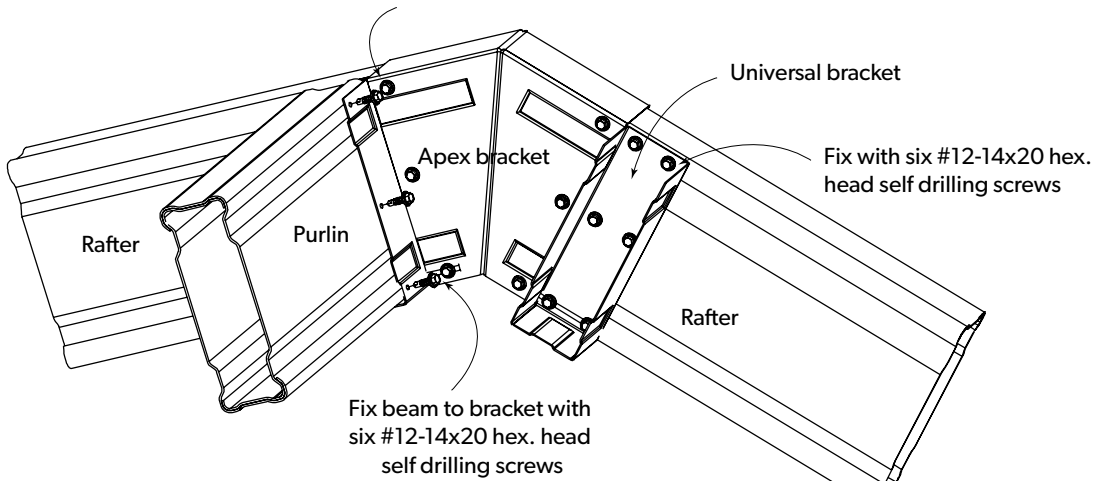
(Screwed connection for continuous member)



### Connection 5

(Screwed connection for simple spanned member)

Fix with six #12-14x20 hex. head self drilling screws each side

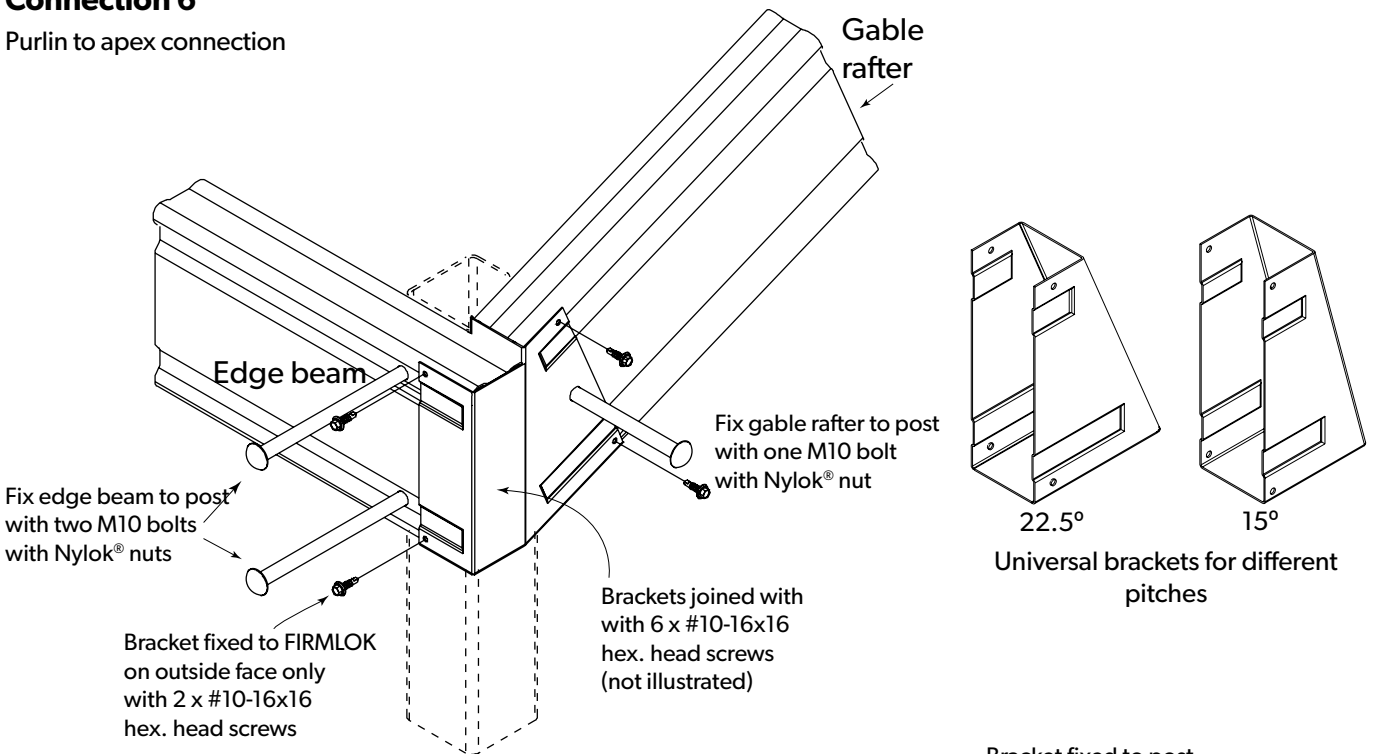


Fix beam to bracket with six #12-14x20 hex. head self drilling screws

Note: Back to back Apex Bracket shown. Can also be used with internal apex.

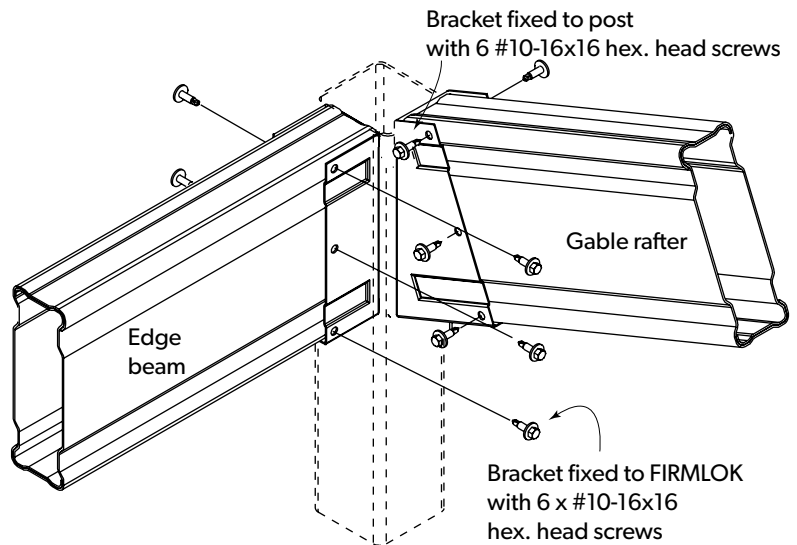
### Connection 6

Purlin to apex connection



### Connection 7

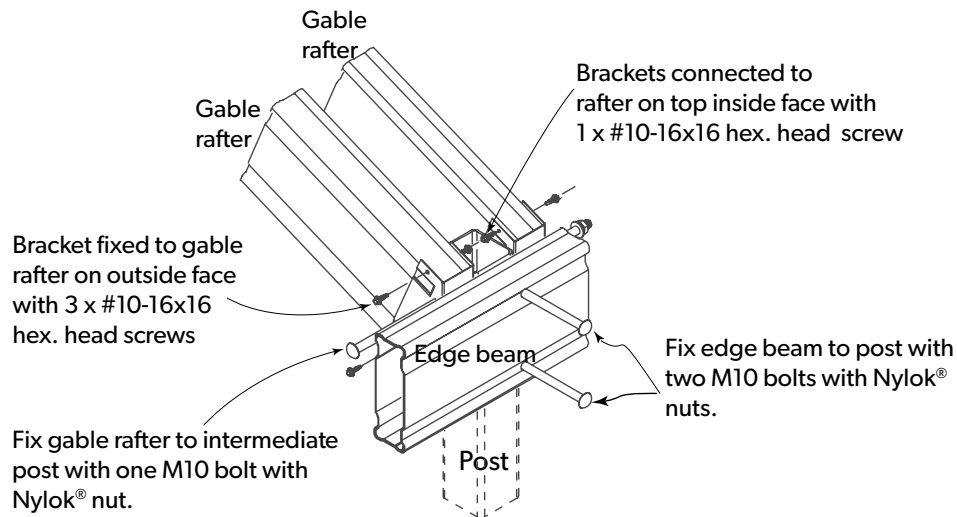
(Gabled corner connection - bolted)



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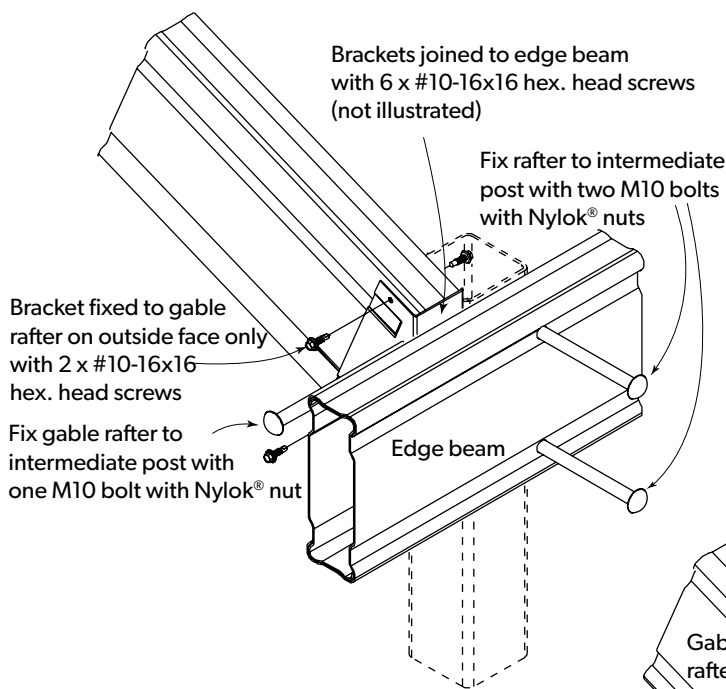
(Gabled corner connection - screwed)





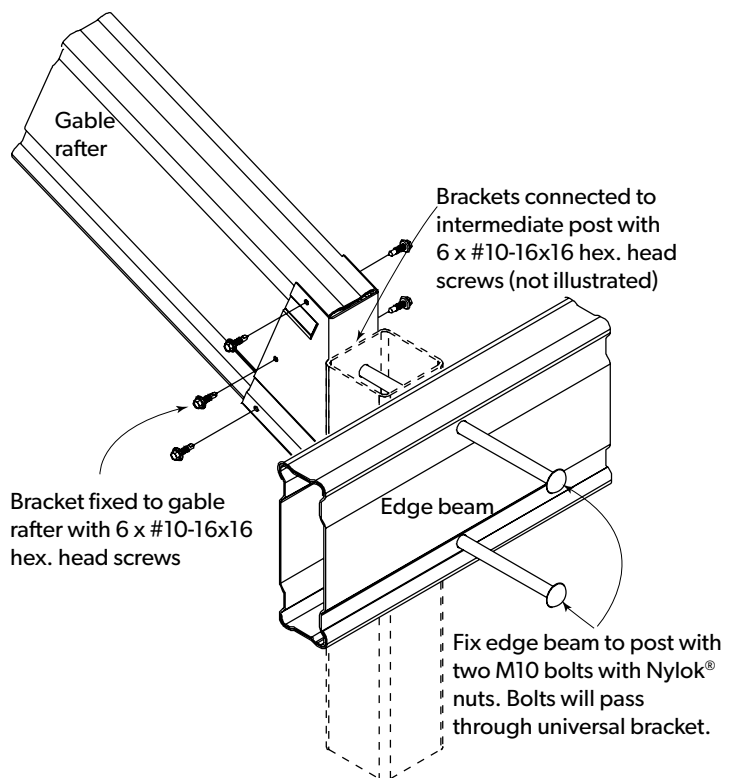
**Connection 8**

(Intermediate gable connection -twin rafter with post)



**Connection 9**

(Bolted intermediate gable connection - with post)

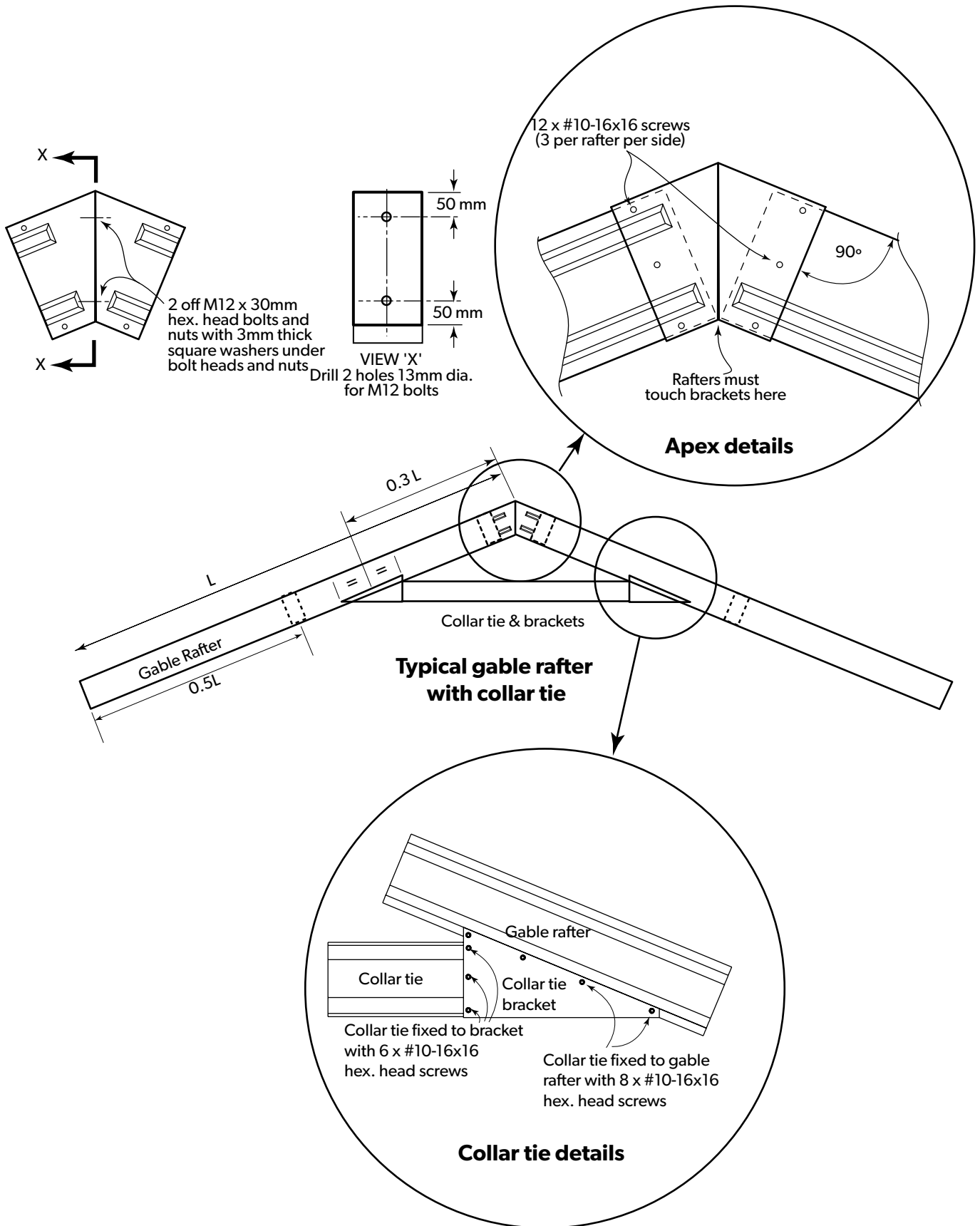


**Connection 9**

(Screwed intermediate gable connection - with post)

## Connection 10

Gable with collar tie - Apex and collar tie connection



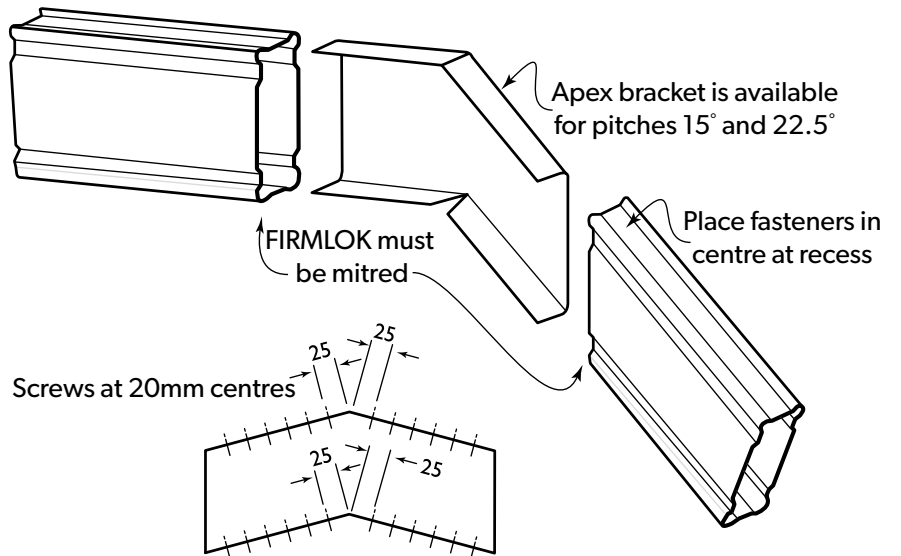
## Connection 11

Gable without collar tie - internal apex connection

### LYSAGHT FIRMLOK apex brackets

For each bracket use:

- 24 x 12 -14 x 20 screws for wind classifications



On all 4 faces of bracket:  
For wind classifications  
N1 (W28) use 5 screws  
N2 (W33) & N3 (W41) use 6 screws

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