



Hole location is minimum distance from inside face of support to nearest edge of hole.

DO NOT cut or drill flanges.

Allowable Hole Location for all BLI Joists (Simple or Multiple Span)

Joist Depth	Joist Clear Span	Hole Diameter													
		2"	3"	4"	5"	6¼"	7"	8"	8¾"	9"	10"	10¾"	11"	12"	12¾"
9½"	10'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-9"	3'-3"									
	12'	0'-6"	1'-3"	2'-3"	3'-3"	4'-6"									
	14'	0'-6"	1'-0"	2'-3"	3'-6"	5'-6"									
	16'	0'-6"	0'-6"	2'-0"	3'-6"	5'-9"									
	18'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	2'-6"	5'-0"									
11⅞"	12'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-9"	2'-6"	3'-9"	4'-6"						
	14'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-9"	3'-3"	4'-0"	5'-3"	6'-0"						
	16'	0'-6"	1'-3"	2'-3"	3'-3"	4'-6"	5'-6"	6'-6"	7'-6"						
	18'	1'-6"	2'-6"	3'-6"	4'-6"	6'-0"	6'-9"	8'-0"							
	20'	0'-9"	2'-0"	3'-3"	4'-6"	6'-3"	7'-3"	8'-9"							
	22'	1'-6"	2'-9"	4'-0"	5'-6"	7'-3"	8'-3"	9'-9"							
	24'	0'-6"	1'-9"	3'-3"	4'-9"	7'-0"	8'-3"	10'-0"	11'-3"						
14"	14'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-6"	2'-6"	3'-3"	3'-9"	4'-9"	5'-9"			
	16'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	2'-0"	2'-9"	4'-0"	4'-6"	5'-0"	6'-3"	7'-3"			
	18'	0'-6"	0'-6"	1'-0"	2'-0"	3'-3"	4'-3"	5'-3"	6'-0"	6'-6"	7'-9"				
	20'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-6"	3'-0"	4'-0"	5'-3"	6'-3"	6'-9"	8'-6"				
	22'	0'-6"	0'-6"	1'-6"	2'-9"	4'-3"	5'-6"	6'-9"	7'-9"	8'-3"	10'-0"				
	24'	0'-6"	1'-0"	2'-3"	3'-6"	5'-3"	6'-3"	7'-9"	8'-9"	9'-3"	10'-9"				
	26'	0'-6"	0'-6"	1'-0"	2'-6"	4'-6"	5'-9"	7'-6"	8'-6"	9'-3"	11'-3"				
	28'	0'-6"	0'-9"	2'-3"	3'-9"	5'-9"	7'-0"	8'-9"	10'-0"	10'-6"	12'-6"				
16"	14'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-3"	2'-6"	3'-3"	3'-6"	4'-9"	5'-6"	
	16'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-6"	2'-3"	2'-9"	3'-9"	4'-6"	5'-0"	6'-3"	7'-0"
	18'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-0"	2'-0"	3'-0"	3'-6"	4'-0"	5'-3"	6'-0"	6'-3"	7'-6"	
	20'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-3"	2'-6"	3'-3"	4'-3"	5'-0"	5'-6"	6'-6"	7'-6"	7'-9"	9'-0"	
	22'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-9"	2'-9"	4'-0"	4'-9"	5'-3"	6'-9"	7'-9"	8'-3"	9'-9"	
	24'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-6"	3'-0"	4'-0"	5'-3"	6'-0"	6'-9"	8'-0"	9'-9"	11'-3"		
	26'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	2'-0"	3'-9"	4'-9"	6'-0"	7'-0"	7'-6"	9'-0"	10'-3"	10'-6"	12'-3"	
	28'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	2'-6"	3'-6"	5'-3"	6'-3"	7'-0"	8'-9"	10'-3"	10'-9"	12'-9"	
	30'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-9"	3'-9"	5'-0"	6'-6"	7'-6"	8'-3"	10'-0"	11'-6"	11'-9"	13'-9"	
	32'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	2'-3"	3'-6"	5'-6"	6'-9"	7'-6"	9'-6"	11'-0"	11'-6"	13'-9"	
18"	16'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-6"	2'-3"	2'-6"	3'-6"	4'-6"
	18'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-6"	2'-6"	3'-3"	3'-9"	4'-9"
	20'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-9"	2'-3"	2'-9"	3'-9"	4'-9"	5'-0"	6'-3"	7'-3"
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	28'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-3"	2'-3"	3'-0"	4'-9"	6'-0"	6'-6"	8'-3"	9'-9"
	30'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	2'-6"	3'-9"	4'-3"	6'-0"	7'-3"	7'-9"	9'-9"	11'-3"
	32'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-9"	2'-6"	4'-6"	6'-0"	6'-6"	8'-9"	10'-6"
	34'	0'-6"	0'-6"	0'-9"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	1'-0"	2'-0"	2'-9"	4'-9"	6'-6"	7'-0"	9'-3"	11'-3"

NOTES:

- Hole locations are based on uniform loads of 40 psf live and 10 or 20 psf dead, and worst case of simple or multiple spans from page 7.
- For joist clear spans between those shown, check minimum distance for both spans adjacent to that span, and use the larger distance. Example: 7" diameter hole in 16" joist clear spanning 21'-9". At 20', tabulated distance is 3'-3"; at 22', distance is 2'-9". Use 3'-3" as minimum distance.
- For multiple span applications, use longest span to determine permissible hole locations in either span.
- Holes may be placed vertically anywhere in web, but a minimum clearance of 1/8" must be maintained from flange.
- To determine locations for rectangular holes, multiply longest side of rectangular hole by 1.33 and use table to find location for that round hole diameter. Then add (round hole diameter - rectangular hole length) / 2. Example: for a rectangular hole 4" long and 6" high, the longest side is 6", so the round hole diameter to look up would be 1.33 x 6, or 8". Say the tabulated minimum distance for the 8" hole is 10'-0". Adding (8" - 4") / 2, or 2" gives a minimum distance of 10'-2" for the rectangular hole.
- Small holes (1½" diameter and less) may be located anywhere in web if: A) Spaced a

- minimum horizontal clear distance of 2 diameters, but no less than 1", from any hole, B) No more than 2 small holes are placed next to each other and/or adjacent to larger holes, and C) Adjacent groups of small holes are spaced a minimum horizontal clear distance of 12".
- Holes larger than 1½" diameter must meet the following requirements for minimum clear distance between holes: A) Two round holes - 2 times the larger hole diameter. B) A rectangular hole and a round hole - 2 times the hole diameter or 2 times the rectangular hole width, whichever is greater.
- Multiple round holes grouped closely together may be considered as a single hole circumscribing them.
- For other conditions, or for more precise hole locations, use Doma Sizer™ software.

EXAMPLE:

Determine the allowable location for an 8" round hole in an 11⅞" BLI 60 joist spanning 17'-4". In the leftmost column locate the joist depth of 11⅞". In the next column, find both the 16' row and the 18' row. Following the 16' row across to the column for an 8" diameter hole yields a distance of 6'-6". The 18' row yields a distance of 8'-0". The larger distance controls, so 8'-0" is the minimum clear distance for an 8" round hole.