The Prefab Industry as a Whole

Modular Boxes

Structural Components









M.E.P. Assemblies

Architectural









Value

- Lower structural requirements than precast due to lightweight prefabricated panels.
- Reduced jobsite manpower needed for exterior wall installation.
- Jobsite scaffolding unnecessary for exterior wall installation.



Speed

Pre-determined and carefully controlled installation time.
Increased productivity as a result of experienced fabricators.
Construction schedule compression: panels can be manufactured while your site is being excavated and are ready for installation as soon as the site is ready.
Reduced onsite clutter and interference (i.e., scaffolding and debris).



Quality

- Precisely engineered prefabricated panels and connections.
- Quality controlled fabrication: skilled craftsmen fabricate panels in a climatecontrolled environment and materials adhere to strict manufacturers' recommendations (including temperature and humidity requirements) under a stringent QA/QC program.
- Extensive shipping protection prevents damage to the panels' factory-precise finish.
- Code compliant systems.
- Single source warranty.
- Experienced panel installers.





Safety

- OSHA refers to the controlling of a safety hazard at its source as <u>Engineering Control.</u> Prefabrication is viewed as a way of controlling potential jobsite hazards by moving the scope of this work to an offsite location. For example: of the "Fatal Four" cause of jobsite fatalities that OSHA lists on their site, falls account for almost 39% of total deaths in construction. (https://www.osha.gov/oshstats/commonstats.html)
- Our experience with prefabricating walls, roof systems and other materials is that we can limit the amount of exposure a worker has when it comes to height. This is almost always *substantially* less than what the worker would experience building it on site.
- Being able to build in a controlled, offsite environment with a qualified, lean construction crew makes it much easier to enforce safety protocols & procedures than on an active jobsite that is using "stick frame" construction. Added obstruction of the available space typically increases the chance of injury for one of the workers on these sites.

Costs

- Misconception that prefab is cheaper in comparison to field framing. In reality it is not. Prefab is a premium...
- …However prefab DOES offer significant cost savings when it comes to the total job costs.
- Job Schedule: Prefab can help improve and tighten the schedule for your construction project, in some cases as much as several months sooner that traditional framing. (E.G. Reduces schedule up to two months on an average 20,000 SFT building.)
- Lean Construction: No matter the weather, a prefab constructor can be working non-stop on their contracted scope for a project. Even if the jobsite itself is shut down, the prefab constructor continues to push forward to meet and exceed schedule deadlines. Fabrication continues efficiently during inclement weather.



- <u>Labor savings</u>: With material being assembled in an offsite area, less manpower is needed for the prefab portion on site. Less subsequent material needs to be provided on site. Typically Wall Panels only require 4 people to install (compared to 16 to do the same scope in traditional framing).
- Prefab Wall Panels can encompasses up to seven CSI spec sections and four trades into one complete assembly.
- <u>Quality</u>: Building in a climate controlled environment allows prefab manufactures greater control over the manufacturing quality of their scope. Greater control equals tighter QC protocol.
- You need to consider the total job costs when comparing prefab vs. traditional framing.

Typical Panel Types

Curtain Wall (non-load bearing)
 Vertical
 Horizontal
 JHS (Jamb, Header, Sill)
 Load Bearing
 Horizontal



Curtain Wall - Vertical

Multi-Story Residential
 Industrial (tilt-up)
 Commercial / Facilities



Ideal Conditions:
 Vertically Aligned Punched Openings
 1 to 4 Stories

Curtain Wall - Vertical



: Laterally & Vertically Supported

: Laterally Supported Only

Curtain Wall - Horizontal

Multi-Story Residential
Multi-Story Office
Healthcare



Ideal Conditions:
Punched Openings, Assorted Locations
1 or More Stories
When Intermediate Bearing is Required
Load Bearing Systems

Curtain Wall - Horizontal



: Laterally & Vertically Supported

: Laterally Supported Only

Curtain Wall - JHS (Jamb, Header, & Sill)

Office
Healthcare
Retail



Ideal Conditions: Large Openings Not Containable in a Single Panel

Curtain Wall – JHS (Jamb, Header, & Sill)



- : Laterally & Vertically Supported
- : Laterally Supported Only

Connection Challenges
 Proper Load Paths
 Capacities (Wall Member, Connector, or Building Element)
 Maximize Exterior Finish / Scope Potential
 Accessibility





Laterally & Vertically Supported

Connections









TYPICAL BY-PASS CONNECTION



BY-PASS CONNECTION AT TOP OF PLANK



TYPICAL BY-PASS CONNECTION





TYPICAL BY-PASS CONNECTION AT SLAB EDGE SUPPORTED RELIEVING ANGLE





IN-LINE FRAMING IS NOT A FRIEND OF PANELIZATION

