

SJI Engineering Practice Committee Oversees Joist Specs

The steel joist industry has a committee that maintains the specifications for joist and girder design, producing documents such as the *42nd Edition Catalog of Standard Specifications and Load Tables for Steel Joists and Joist Girders* and the *2007 First Edition Steel Joist Institute Composite Steel Joist Catalog*.

“The committee is currently in the process of extending the range of standard joists out to 120 inches deep and 240 feet long,” according to Tim Holtermann, P.E., Canam’s corporate engineering manager and chair of the [Steel Joist Institute](#)’s Engineering Practice Committee.

The 11-member committee is made up of volunteers from SJI-member companies, the Institute’s Consulting Engineer, and the Institute’s Technical Director, Dr. Perry Green. Specifications completed by the committee go through an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accreditation process before being ‘approved for use.’

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