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This Standard was first published by the Door and Hardware Institute in a series of individual standards for wood and steel doors, and designated as A115. In 2001, the Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association reactivated the Joint Door and Hardware Standards Committee for the purpose of updating and promulgating the ANSI A115 standards for steel doors and frames. The development of the BHMA standard - ANSI/BHMA A156.115 Hardware Preparation in Steel Doors and Steel Frames - was a joint effort by members of the Steel Door Institute, Window and Door Manufacturers Association, Door and Hardware Institute, Hollow Metal Manufacturers Association, Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association and the Canadian Steel Door Manufacturers Association. The effort was chaired by SDI Technical Committee member Allan Ashachik.

On March 24, 2020 BHMA forfeited the maintenance of ANSI/BHMA A156.115 to SDI's Accredited Standards Committee A250 via Project Initiation Notification (PINS) form submitted to and approved by ANSI. It has since been revised and published by SDI in 2023 and is now designated as ANSI A250.14. Suggestions for improvement gained in the use of this standard will be welcome. They should be sent to the Steel Door Institute, 30200 Detroit Road, Cleveland, OH 44145-1967.

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Hardware Preparation in Steel Doors and Steel Frames

1. Scope and Purpose

1.1 This standard covers all significant dimensional attributes for mounting common hardware products in steel doors and frames. All dimensions shall be as shown on the accompanying drawings.

1.2 This standard was developed to show only the most commonly used preparations for door hardware, and provide targets for standardization. Where multiple configurations are in common usage, separate drawings are provided. For other configurations, it is recognized that these standards may be used in part, or with exceptions, while still providing some degree of basic guidance and standardization.

2. General Requirements

2.1 Preparations covered by this standard are intended for use in doors 1-3/4 inches and 1-3/8 inches in thickness unless otherwise specified.

2.2 The center line of the lock in the door shall be located in reference to the center line of its strike.

2.3 Location of operable parts in accessible openings shall be between 34 and 48 inches unless otherwise specified. Consult local building codes and Authority Having Jurisdiction for exceptions.

2.4 Door Edge - Doors shall be furnished with a beveled lock edge unless otherwise specified.

2.5 Door Reinforcement - Doors shall be reinforced to support the requirements of the hardware application.

2.6 Tolerances for preparations are shown on individual drawings.

3. Definitions

3.1 Bored Locks Bored lock is used herein to designate locks having cylindrical shaped bodies which are mounted in holes bored in the door.

3.2 Dead-latch A spring-bolt latch in which the bolt is deadlocked against end pressure but may be retracted by either the knob or key.

3.3 Door Edge The vertical surfaces of a door to which hinges, locking or latching hardware is attached.

3.4 Beveled Edged A vertical door edge having a 1/8" in 2" slope from a plane perpendicular to the pull-side face of the door.

3.5 Door Face Surface of the door exposed to view when the door is closed.

3.6 Face Cut Out A piercing of the door face for hardware, lites, louvers or accessories.

3.7 Flush Bolt A locking device for the inactive leaf of a pair of doors that latches and unlatches either automatically or manually

3.8 Frame Frame is that portion of an opening which gives a finished appearance to a cutout in a wall and provides a square and plumb opening on which to hang a door.

3.9 Grout Guard A metal cover attached to a frame behind reinforcement for mortised or recessed hardware items, to prevent grout from entering the mounting holes. Also referred to as Dust Cover Guard, Masonry Guard, Mortar Guard, or Plaster Guard.

3.10 Head Horizontal frame member atop of opening or top of transom frame.

3.11 Hinge Face That face of the door viewed when observing the hinge knuckles on the door and frame.

3.12 Interconnected Lock A mechanically interconnected locking mechanism having a separate latch bolt or dead locking latch bolt and dead bolt designed for installation in round bored openings in the edge and face of a door.

3.13 Junction Box A metal cover provided to allow for the connection or termination of electrified hardware component wiring.

3.14 Lock Backset The horizontal distance from the door edge centerline measured at the door thickness, to the centerline of the lock hub or cylinder.

3.15 Lock Case The main body of a mortise lock containing the working mechanism which operates the latch bolt and deadbolt.

3.16 Lock Front A plate fastened to the edge of a door through which the bolt(s) pass.

3.17 Strike A mortised or surface mounted plate fastened to the door frame into which the bolts project.

3.18 Lock Support Component inside the door used to keep the hardware in alignment.

3.19 Mortise Lock A lock or latch fitting into a mortised cavity prepared in the edge of a door. The bolts are operated by knobs, levers, turns, thumb pieces, paddles or cylinders engaging the mortise lock or latch through holes prepared in the faces of the door.

3.20 Open Back Strike A lock strike for use on pairs of doors permitting the inactive leaf to be opened or closed independently, eliminating the need for an astragal or coordinator.

3.21 Preassembled Lock A lock fitting into a notched cutout in a door.

3.22 Reinforcement Additional door material which provides structural support for hardware.

3.23 Square Edged Doors The lock and hinge edge of the door is 90 degrees to the face of the door. Also called Universal Edged Doors.

3.24 Stop Face That side of a door viewed when observing the stop side of a frame.

4. SDI Document Disclaimers

4.1 Tolerances

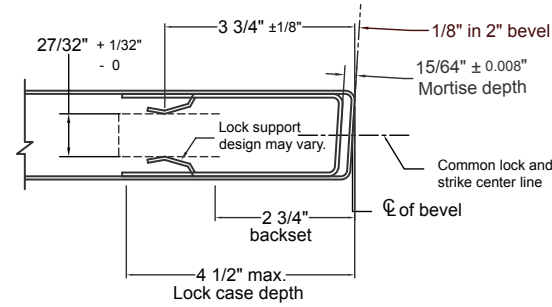
All values which do not carry specific tolerances or are not marked maximum or minimum shall have the following tolerances: Linear dimensions shall be $\pm 1/16$ inches. Weight or force shall be $\pm 2\%$. Angles shall be ± 2 degrees. Where only minus tolerances are given, the dimensions are permitted to be exceeded at the option of the manufacturers.

4.2 Gauge vs. Thickness

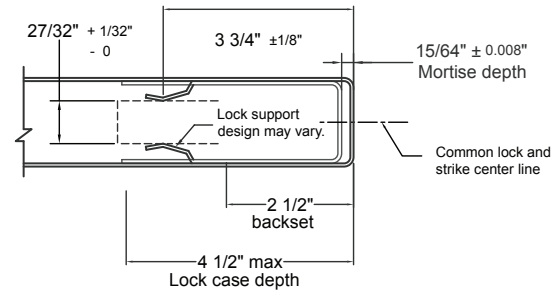
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4.3 Drawing

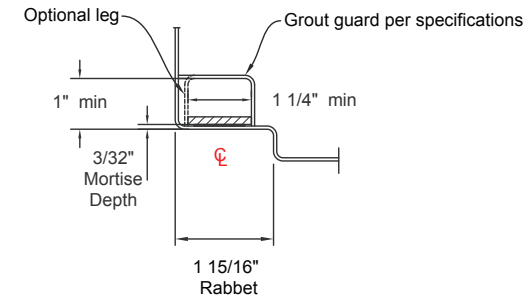
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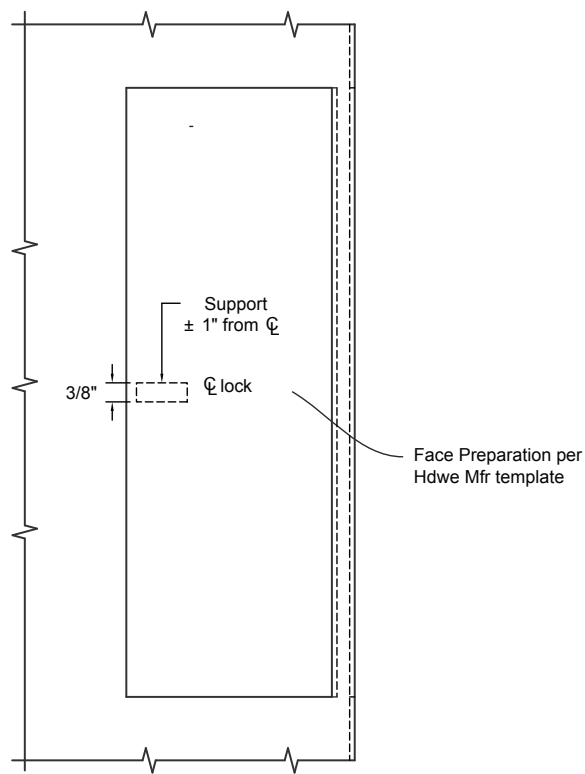
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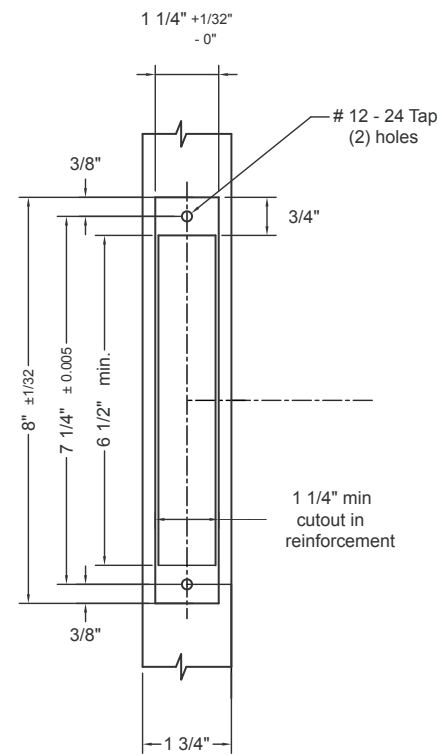
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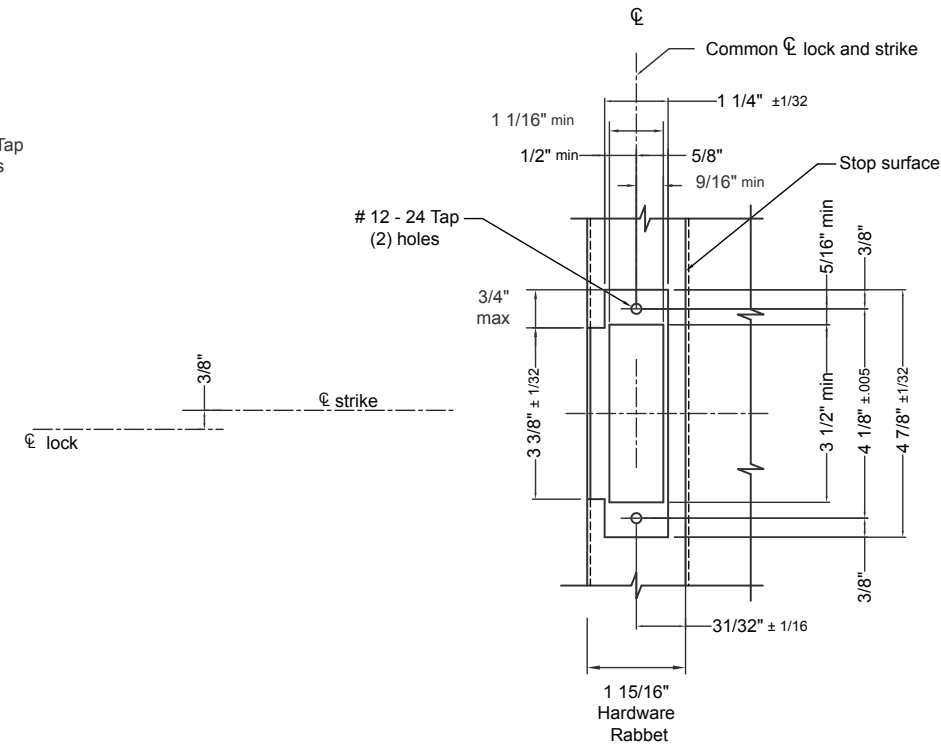
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Door Face



Door Edge



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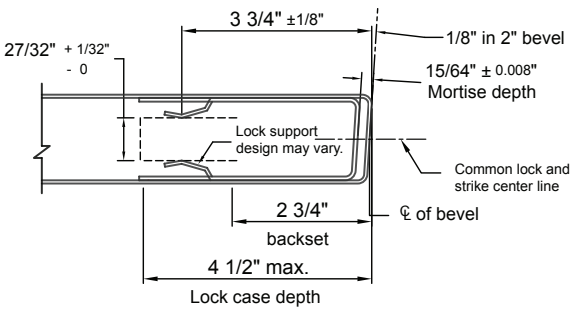
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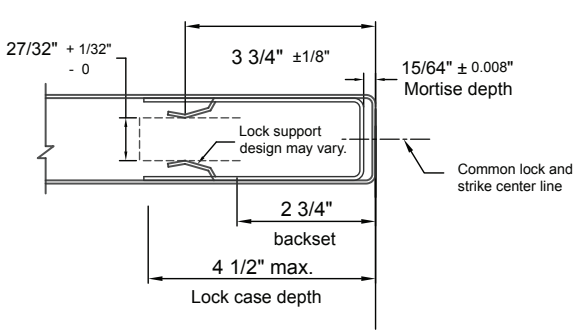
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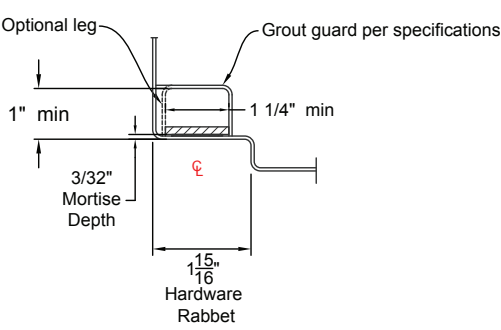
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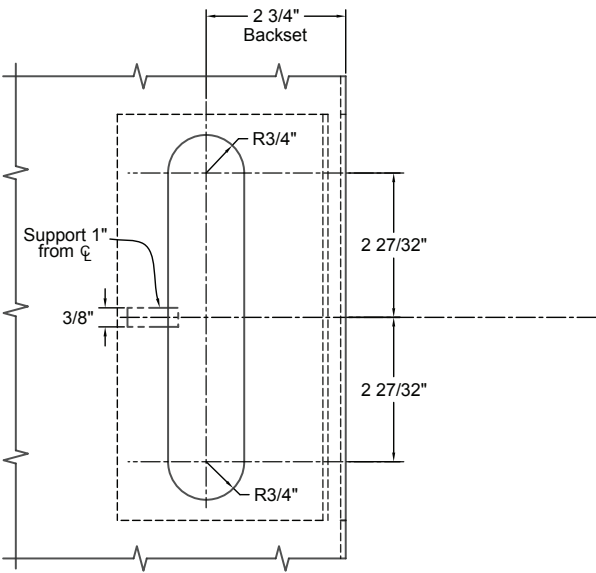
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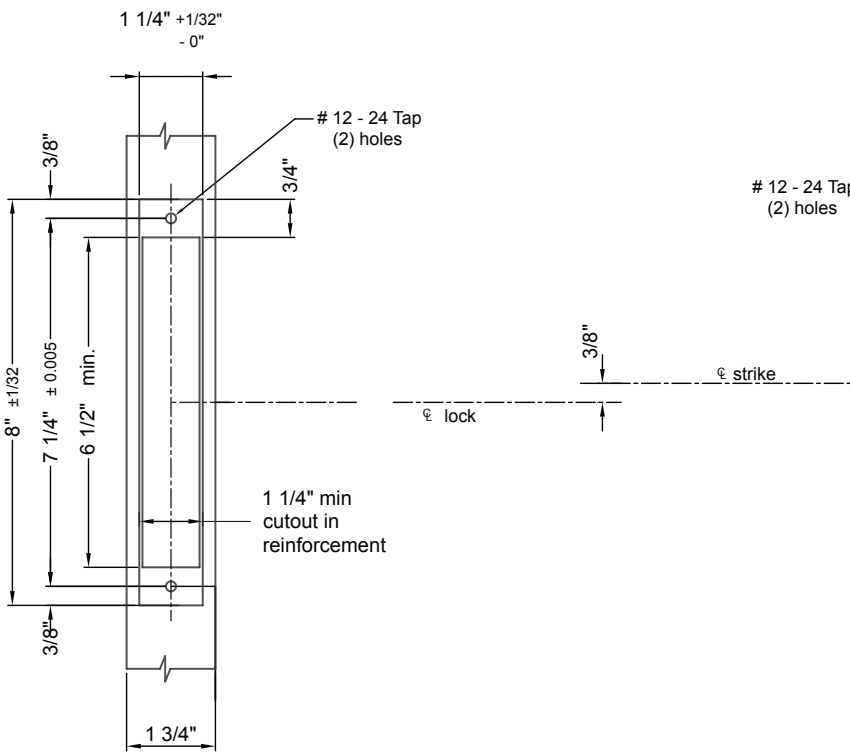
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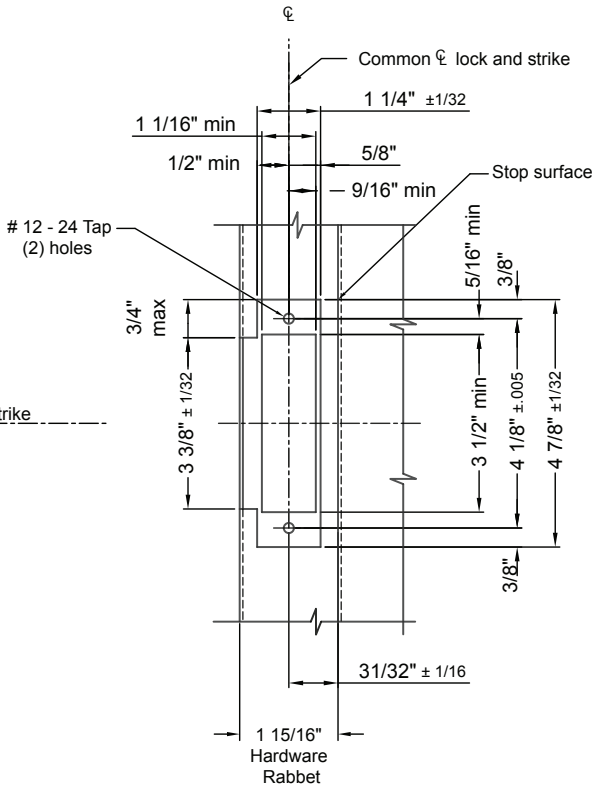
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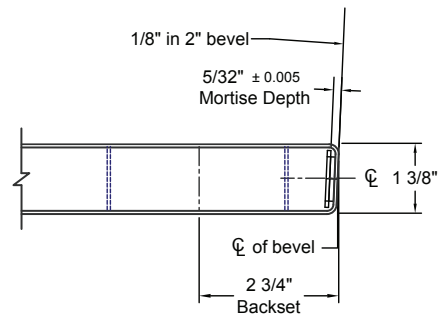
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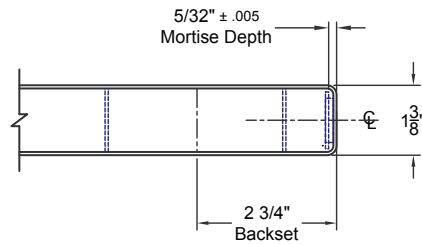
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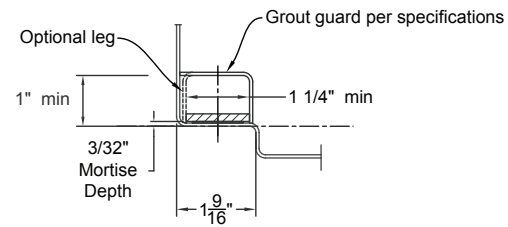
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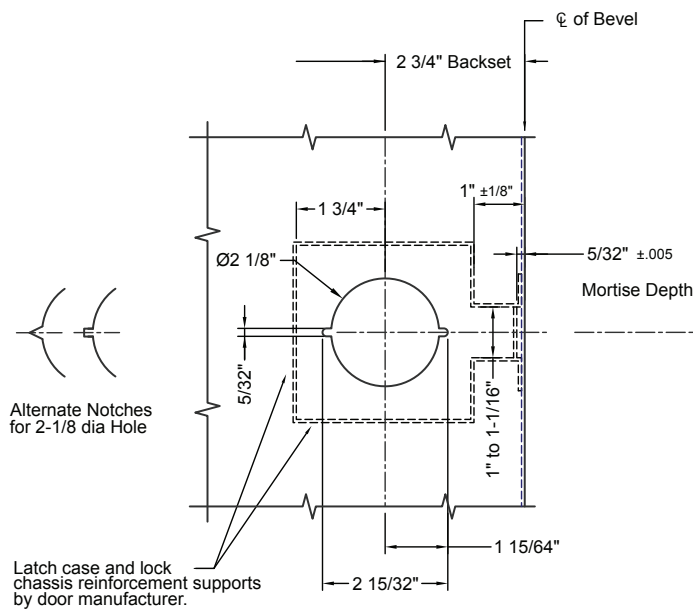
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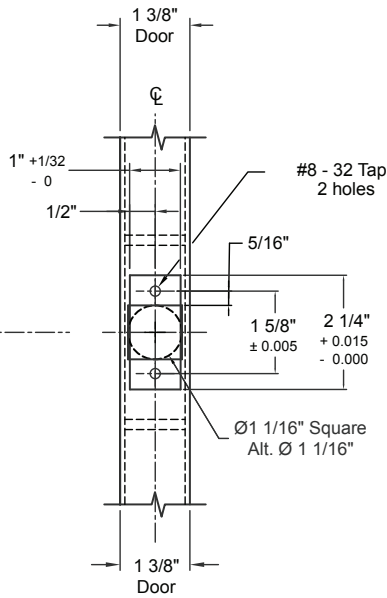
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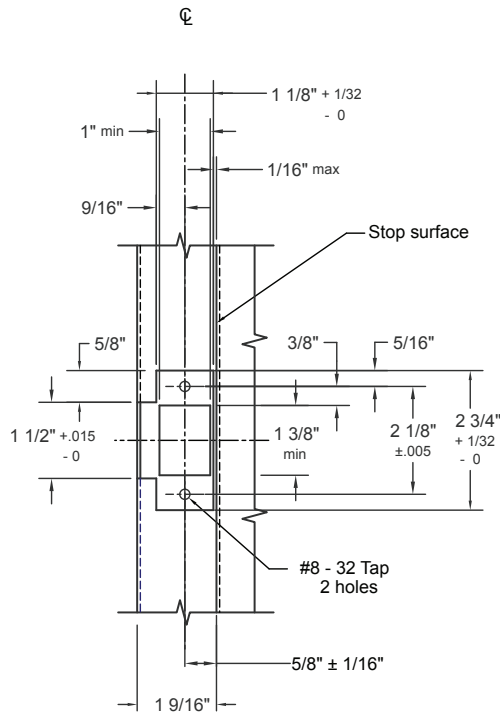
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Door Face



Door Edge



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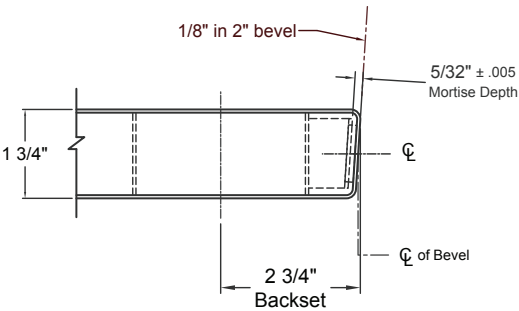
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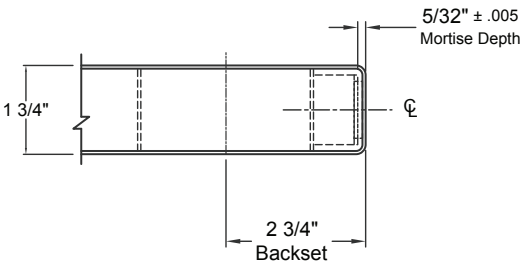
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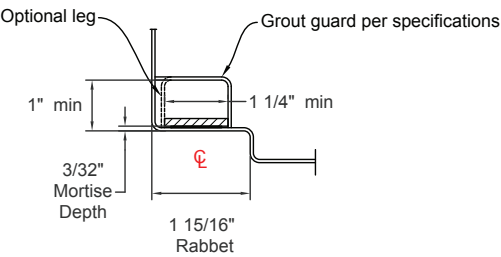
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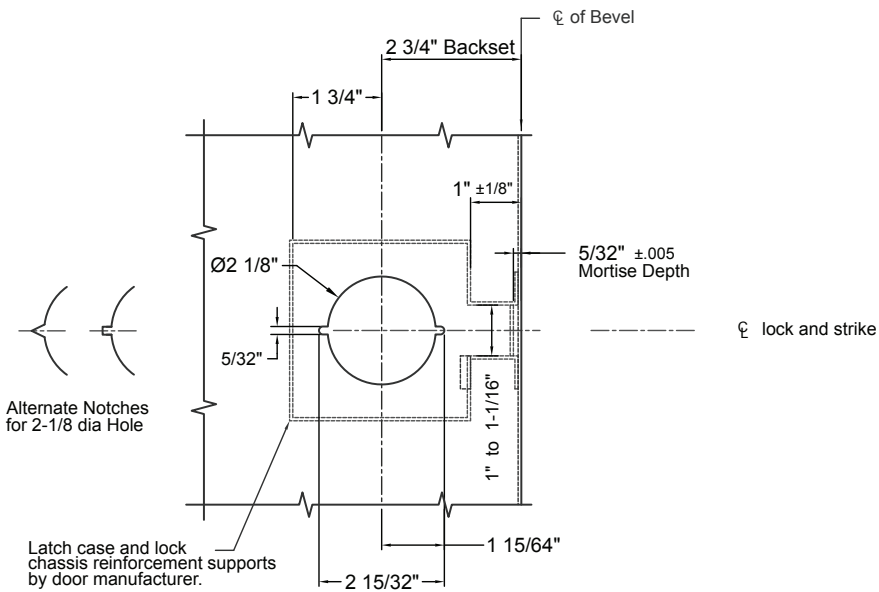
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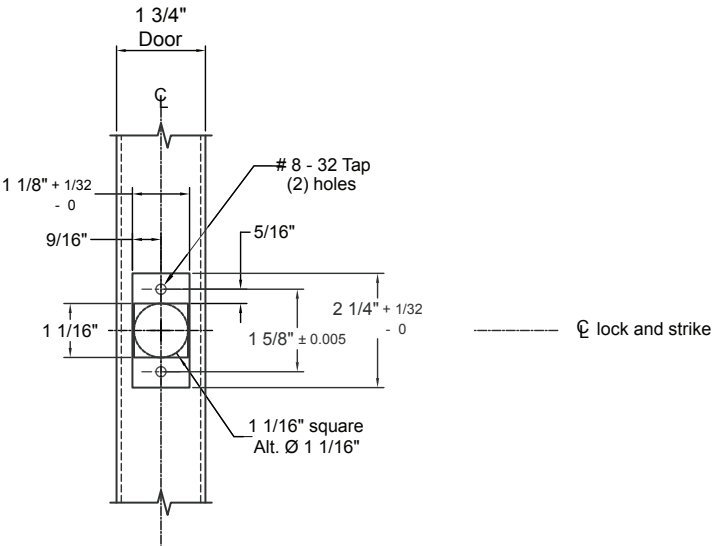
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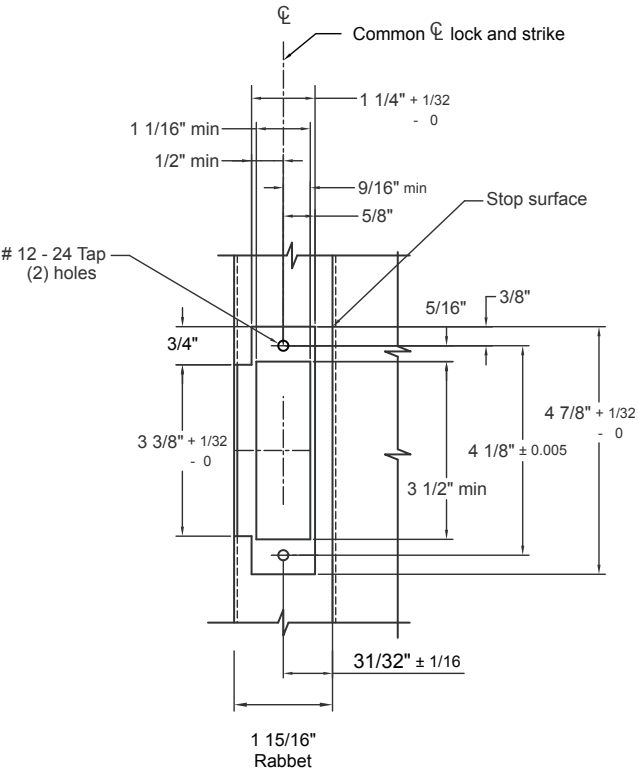
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Door Face



Door Edge



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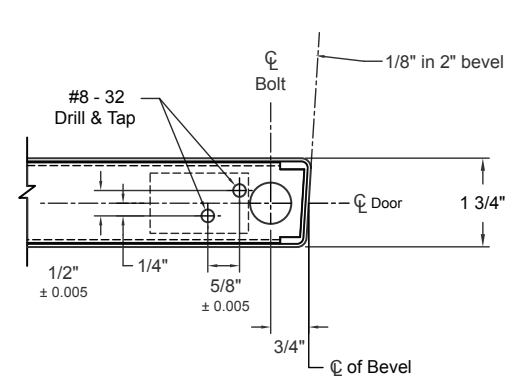
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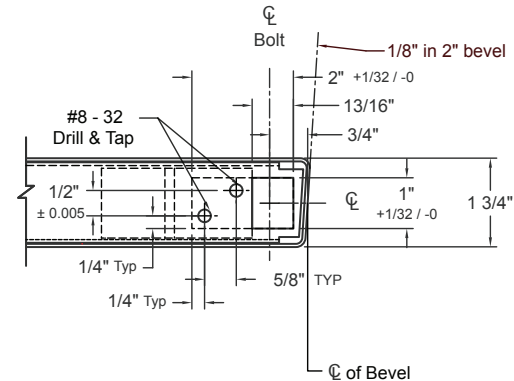
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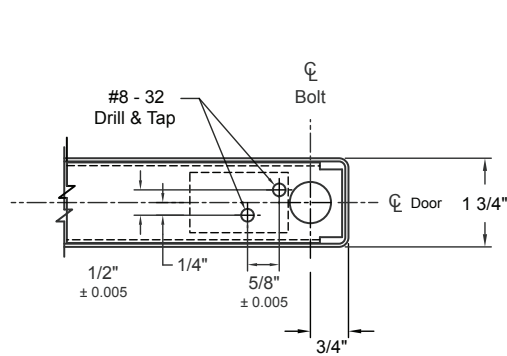
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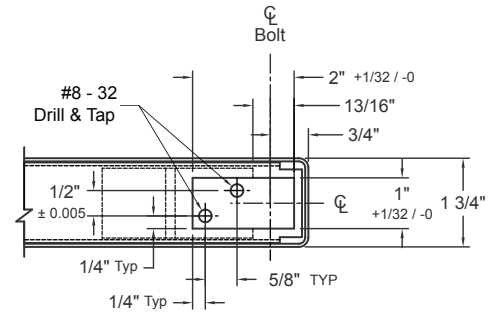
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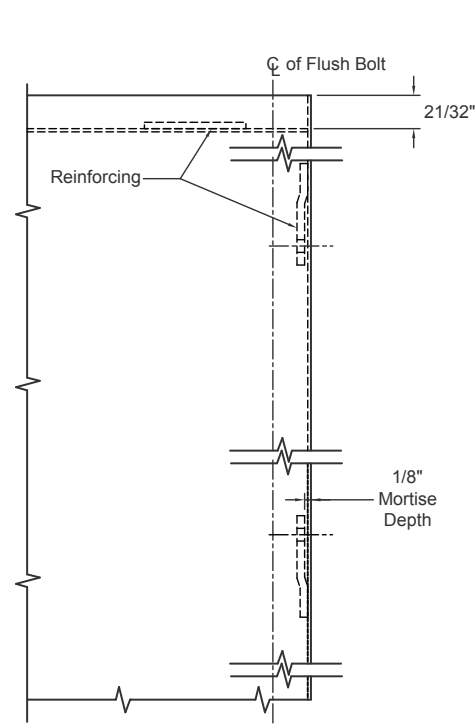
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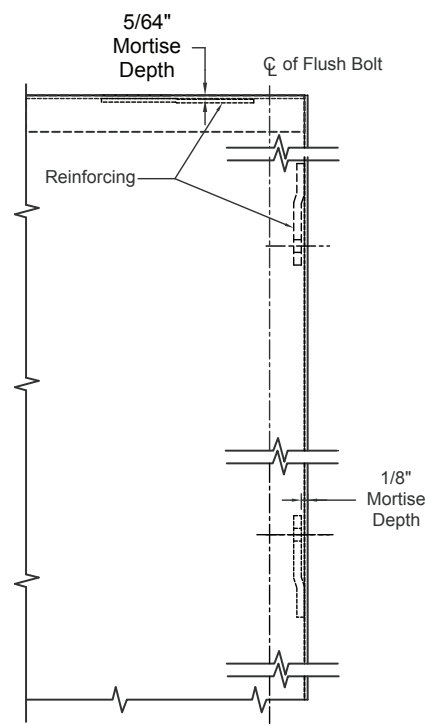
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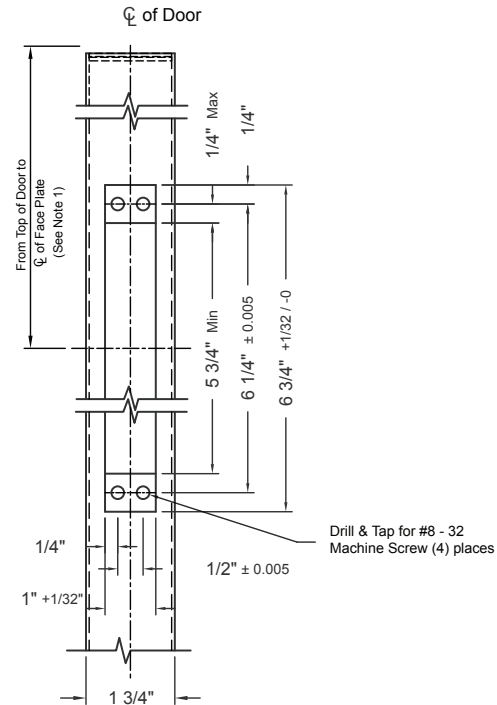
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Recessed
Top / Bottom



Flush
Top / Bottom



Door Edge

NOTES:

1. For Doors 84" or less in Height, the Center of the Face Plate shall be 12" from the Top and Bottom Edges of the Door

For Doors Over 84" in Height, the Center of the Top Face Plate shall not be over 72" from the Floor

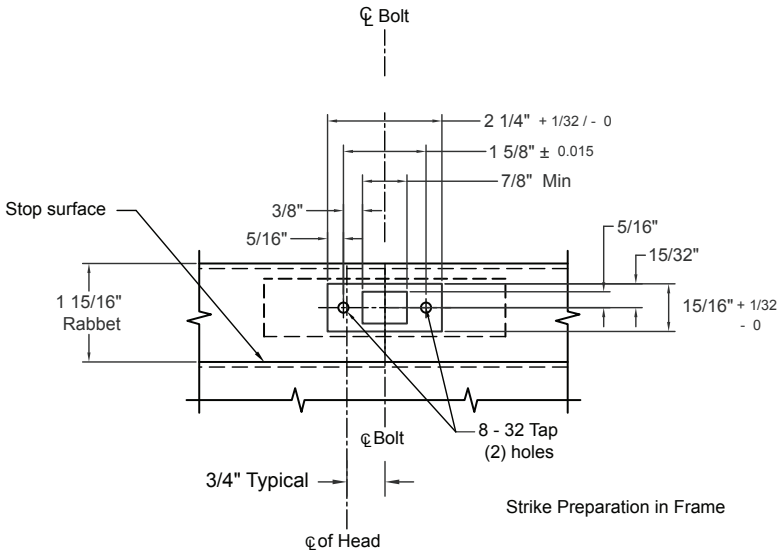
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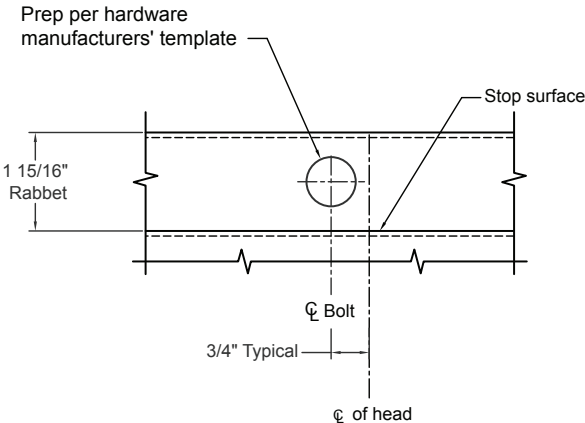
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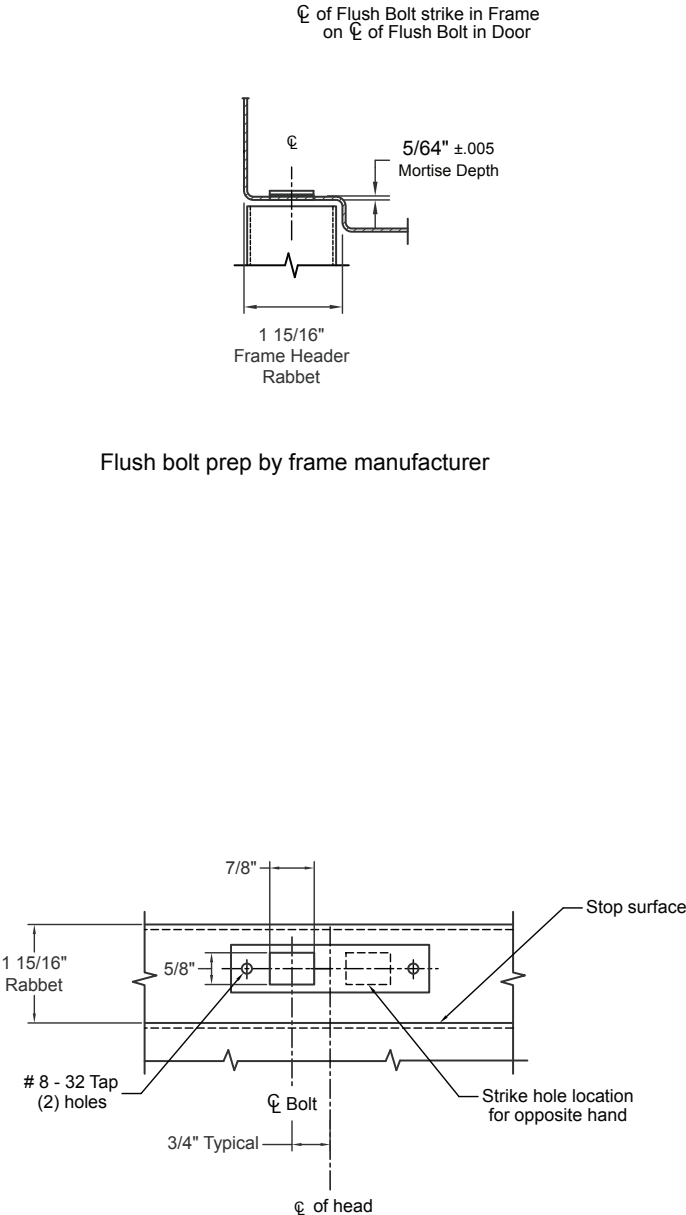
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Head Detail



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Optional Head Detail



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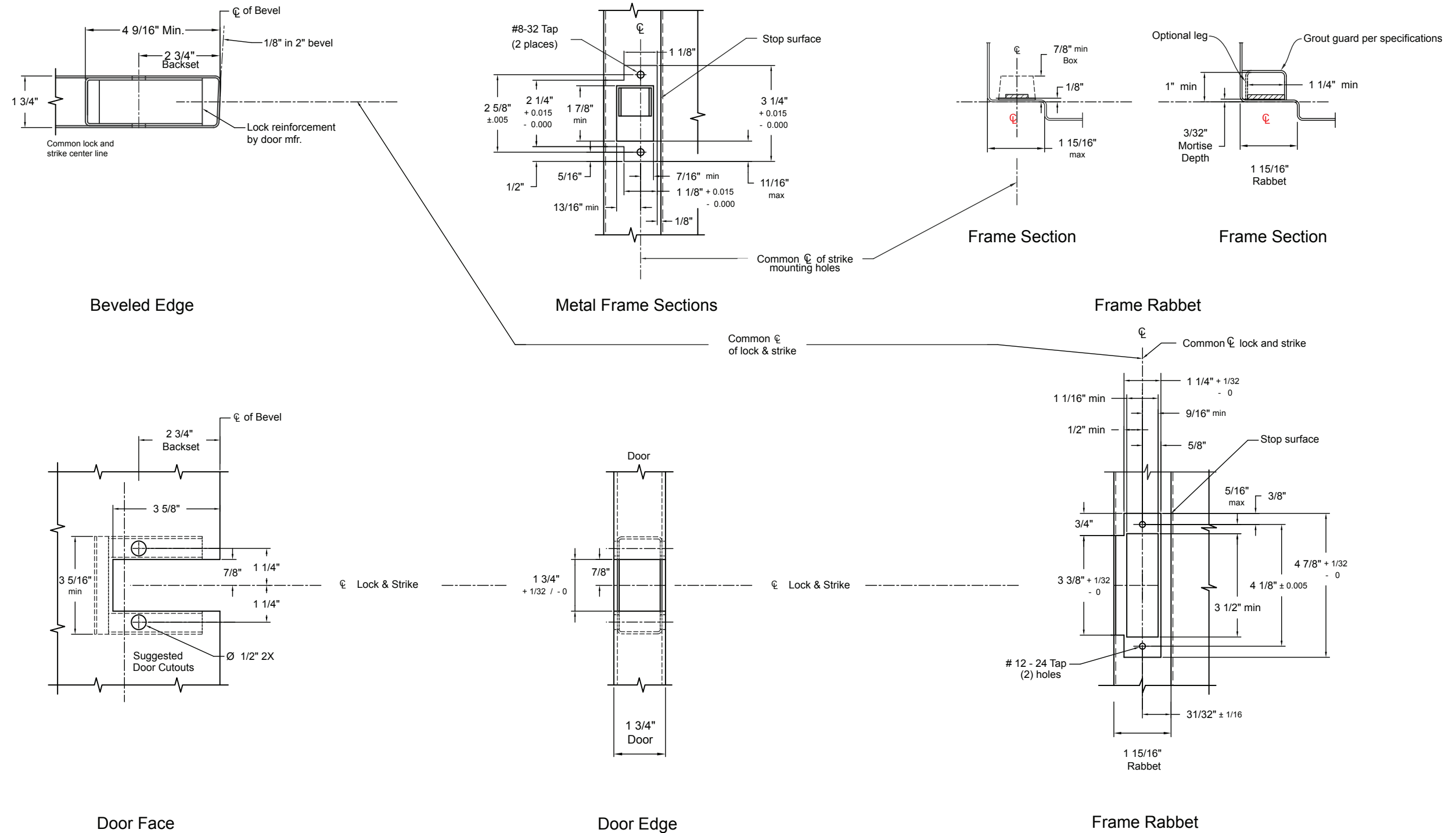
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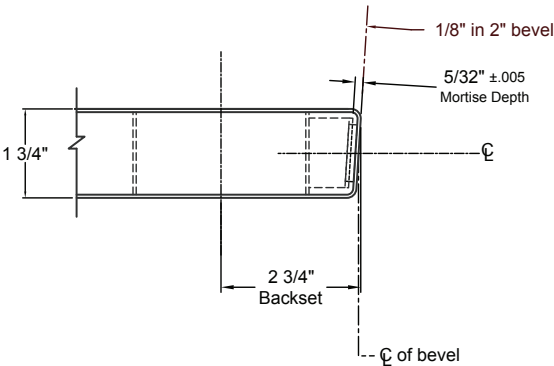
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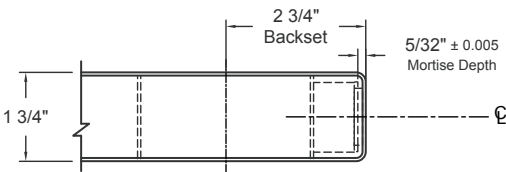
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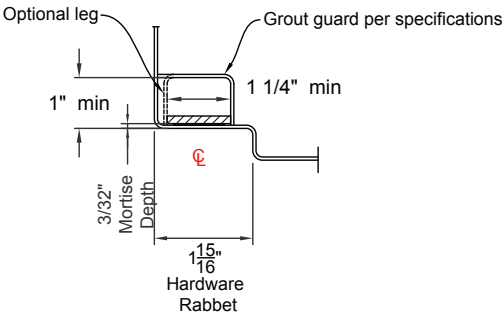
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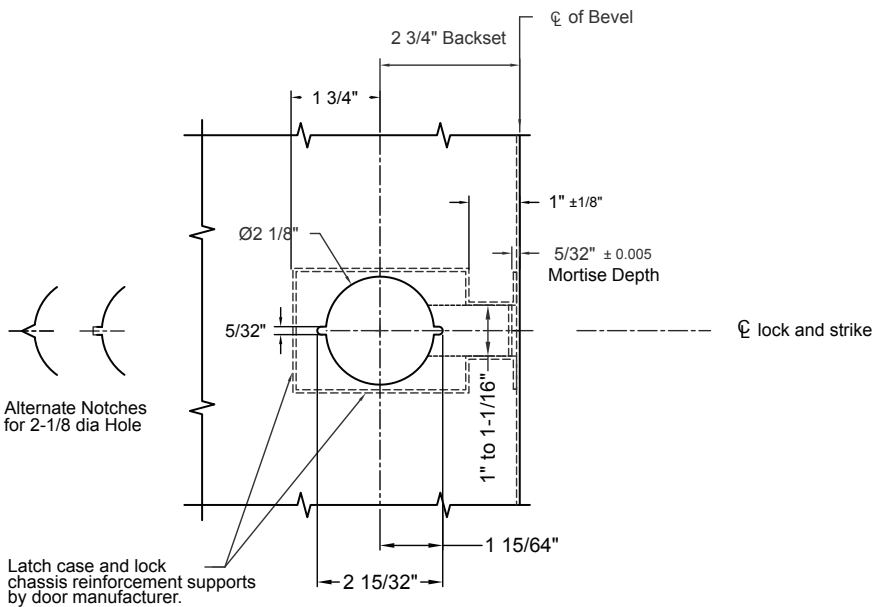
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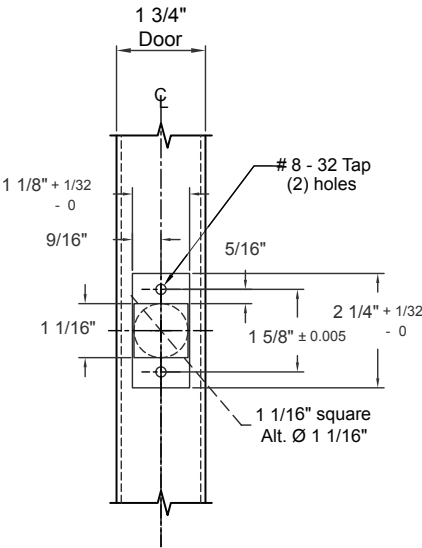
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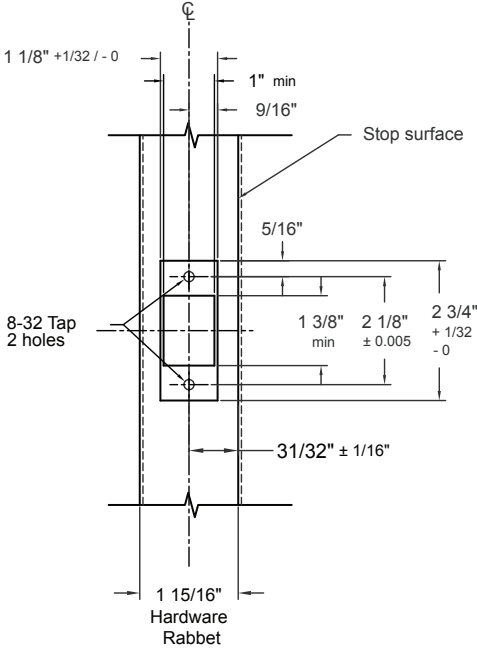
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Door Face



Door Edge



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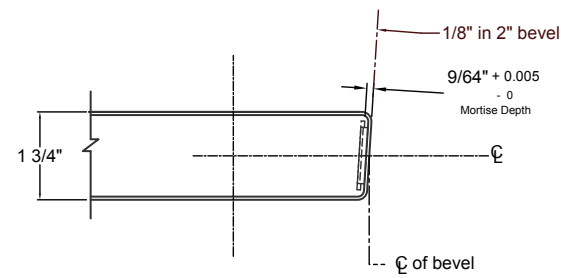
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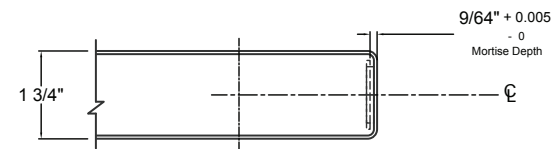
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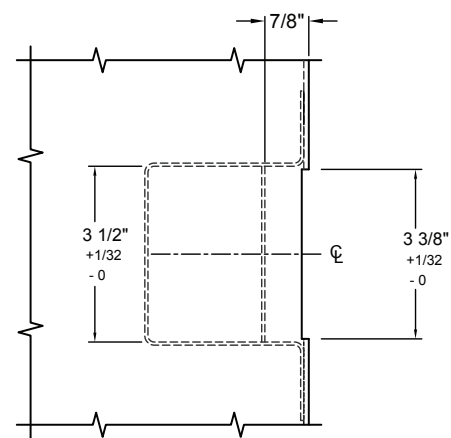
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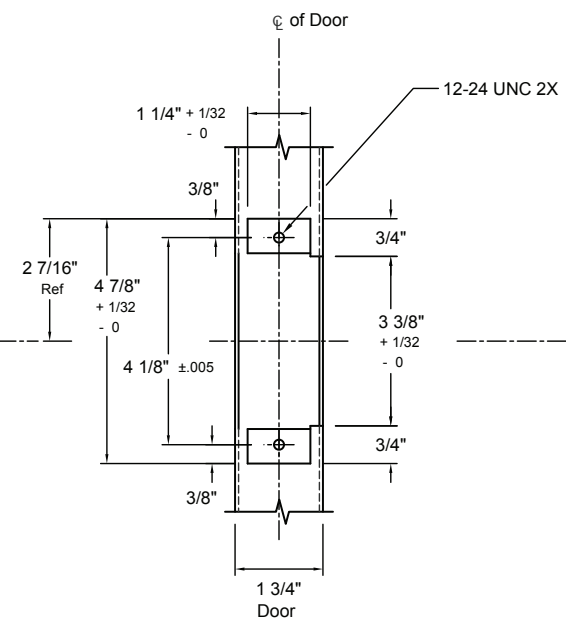
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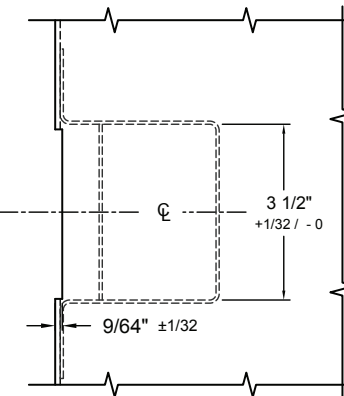
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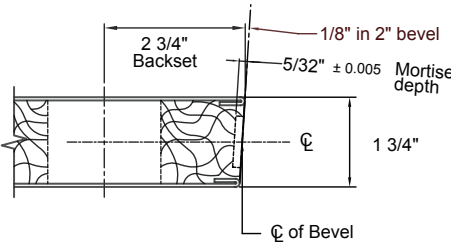
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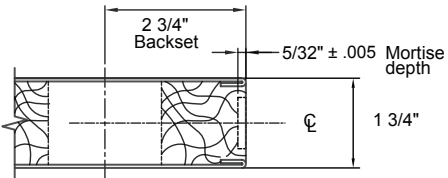
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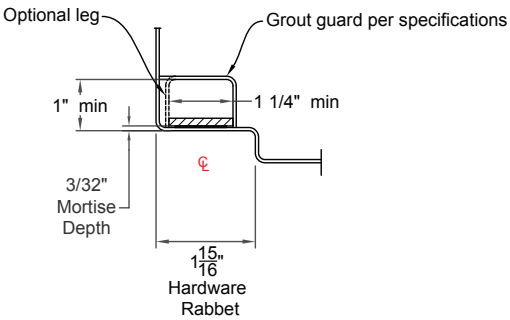
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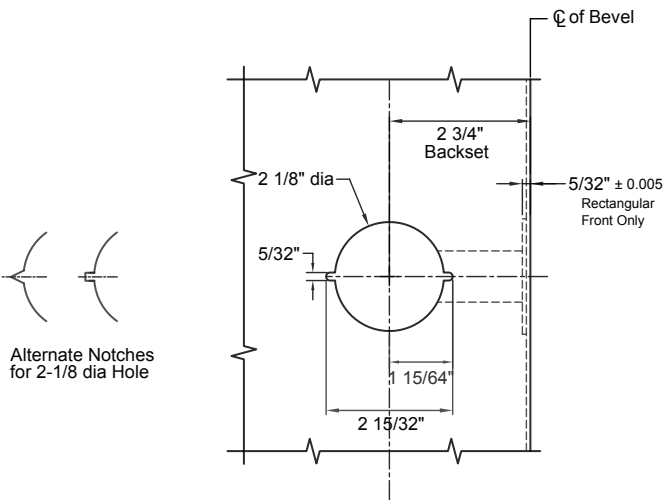
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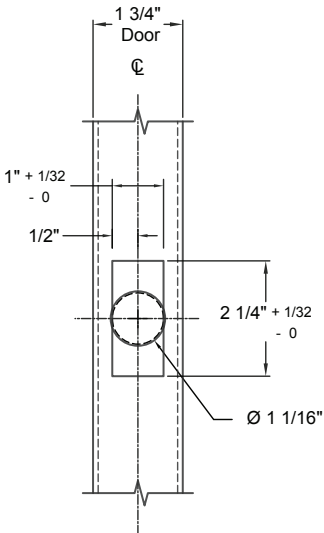
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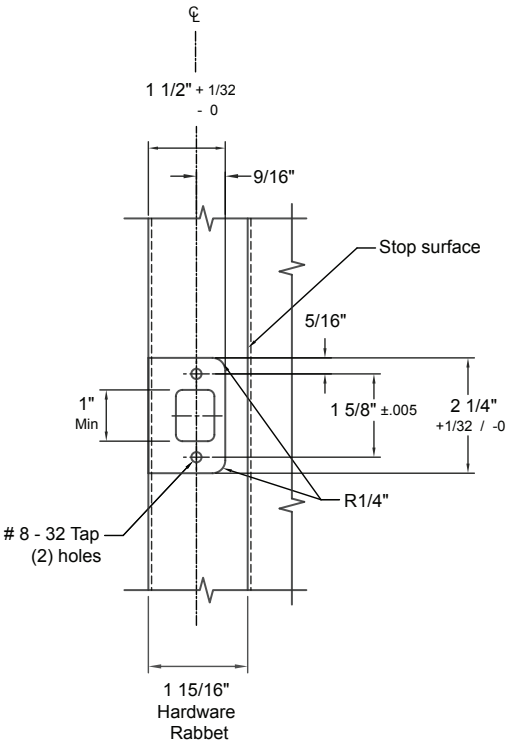


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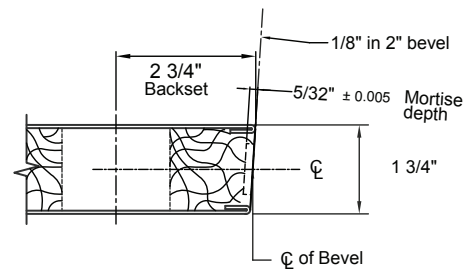
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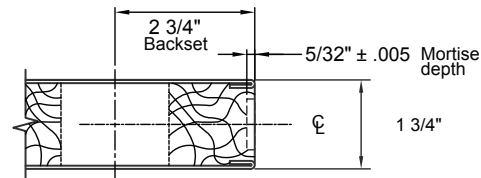
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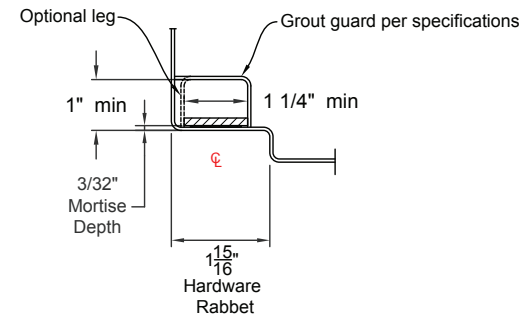
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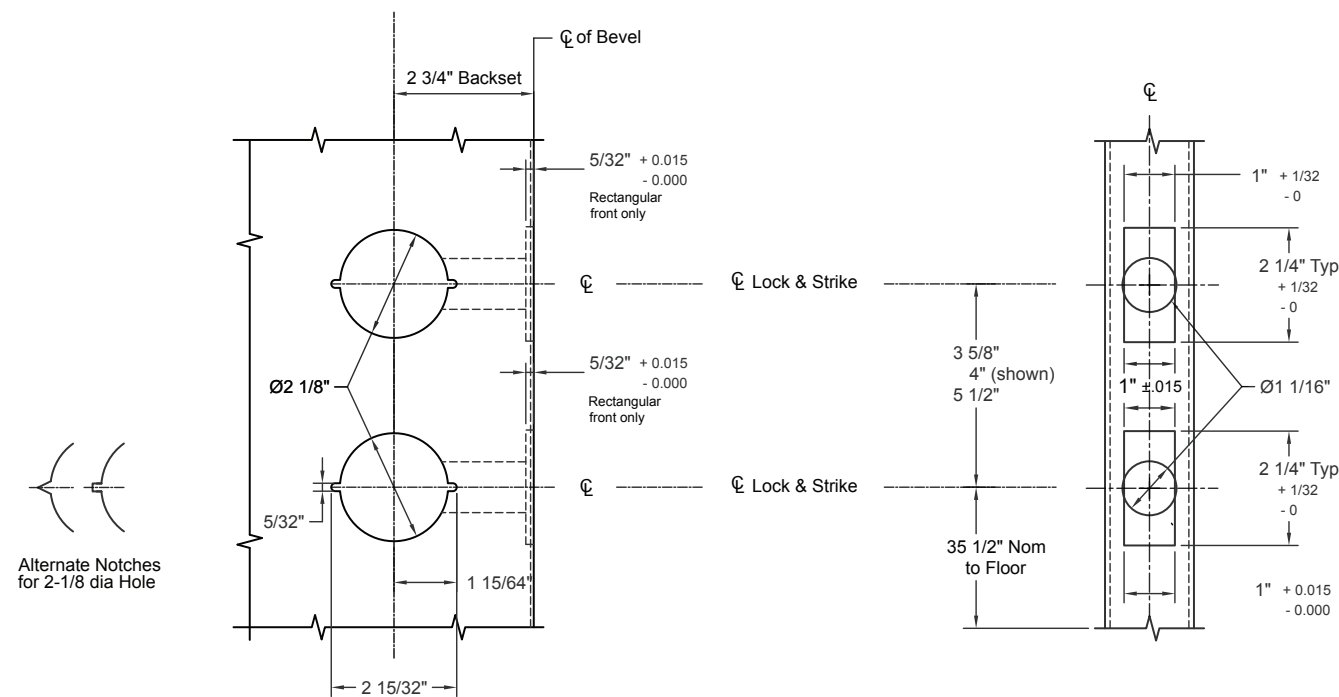
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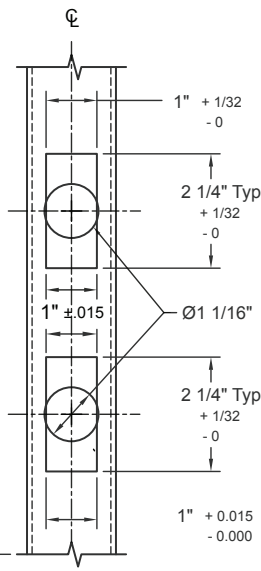
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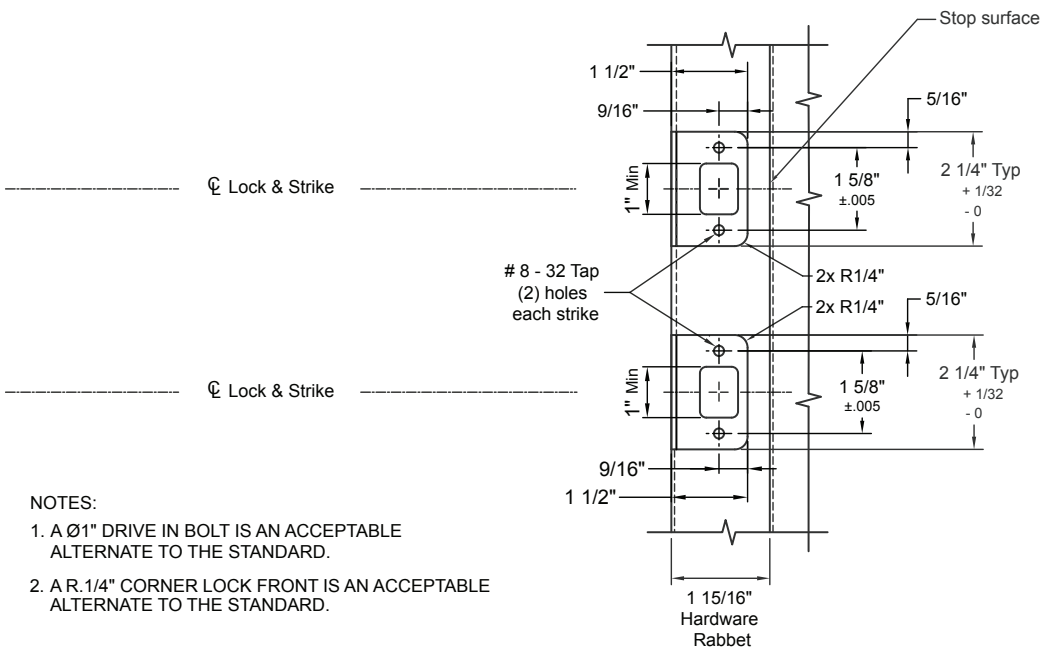
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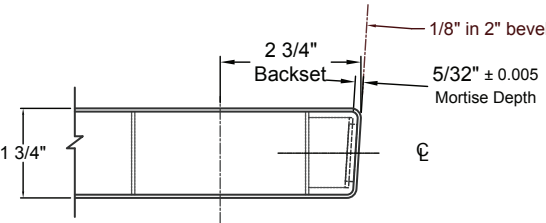


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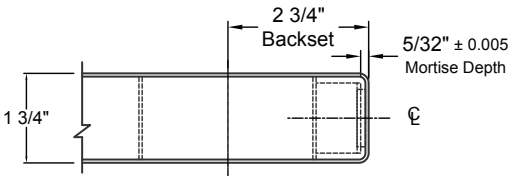


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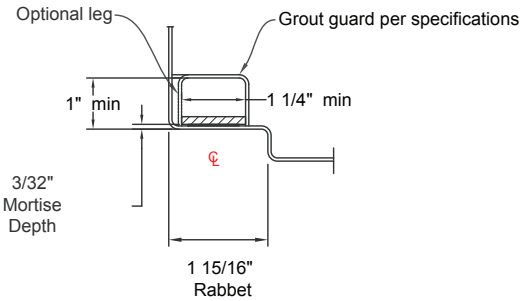
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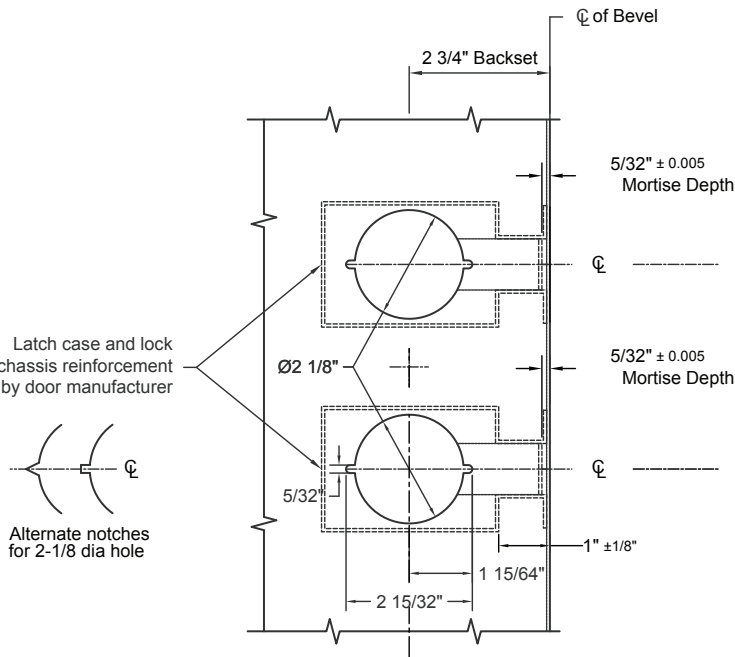
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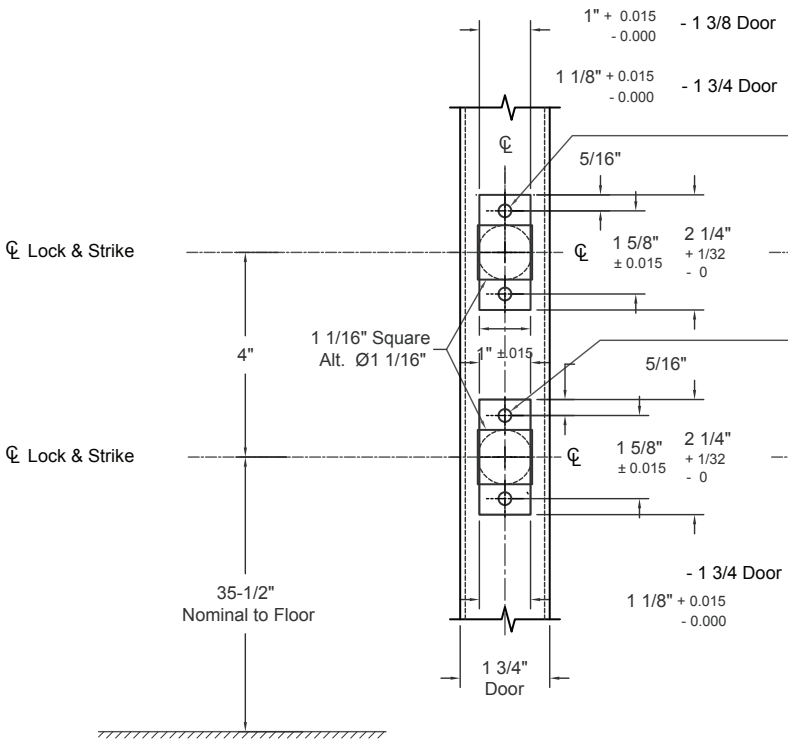
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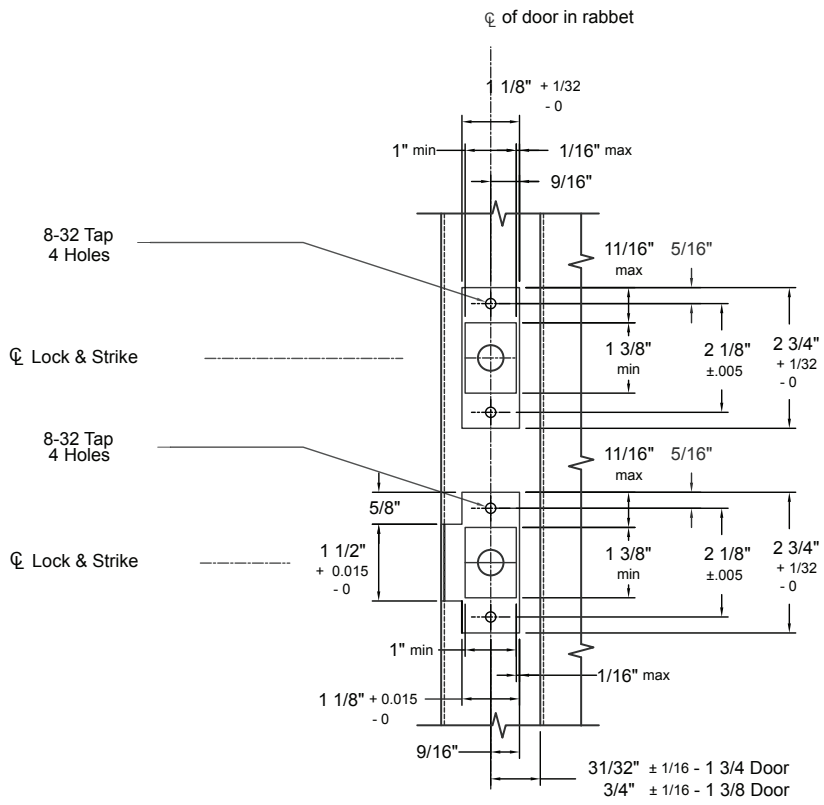
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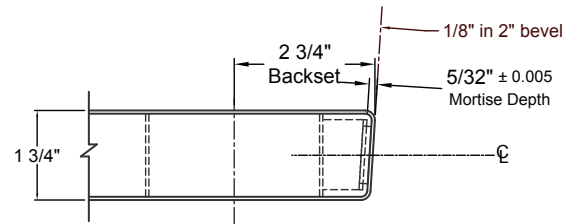
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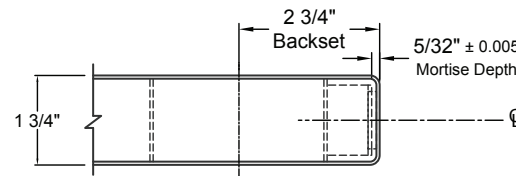
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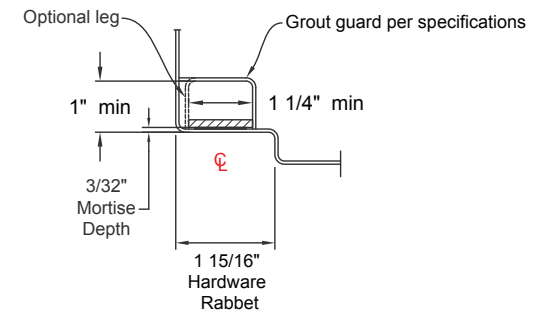
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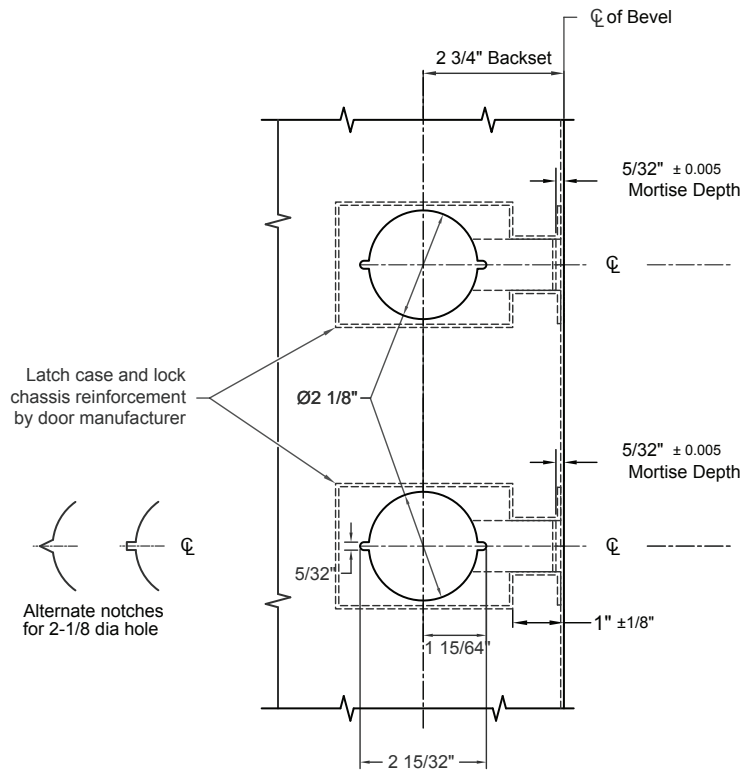
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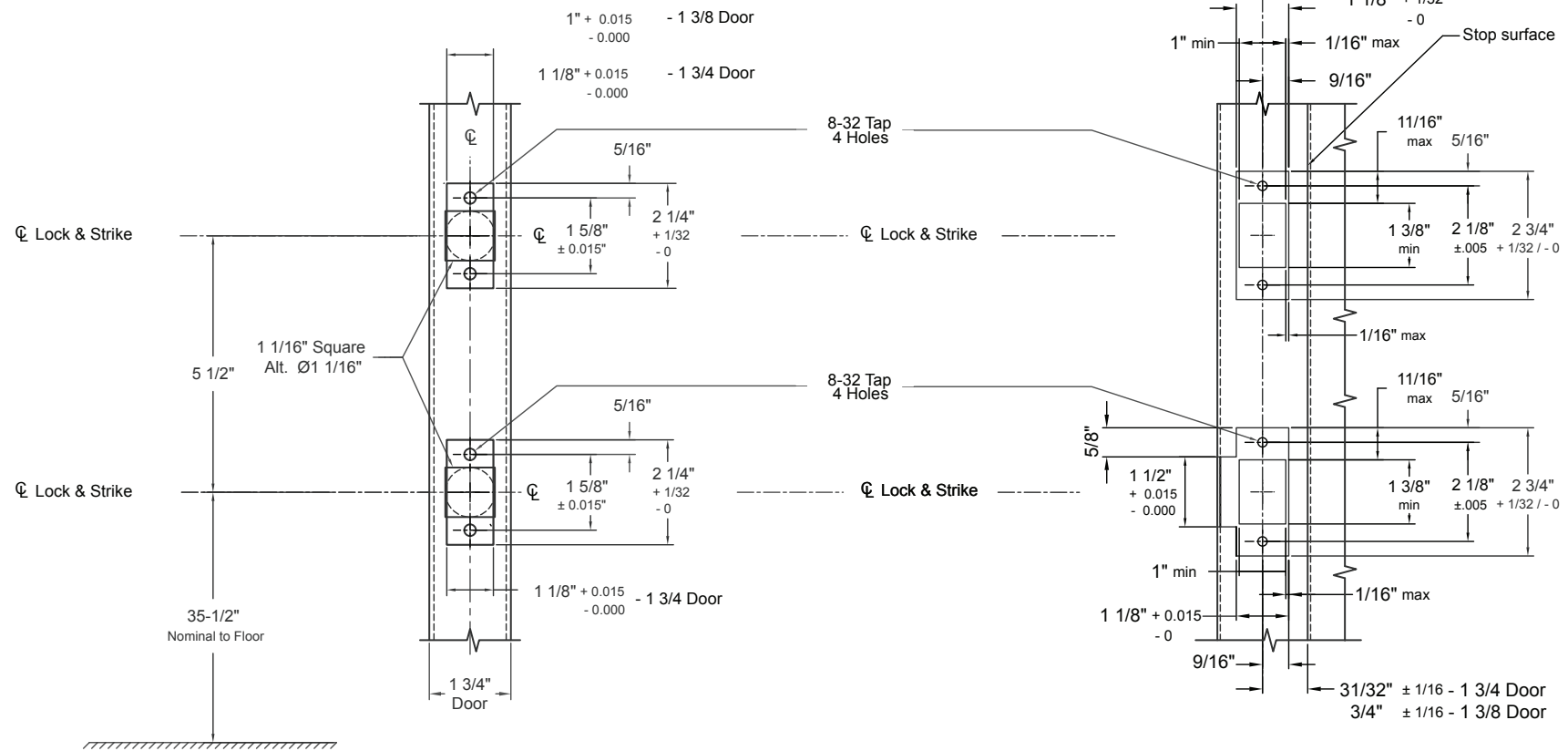
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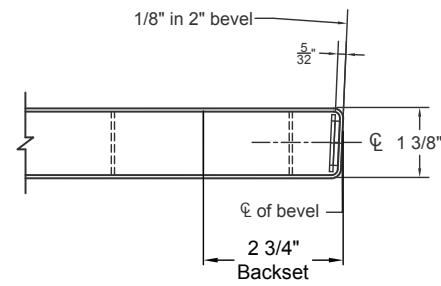
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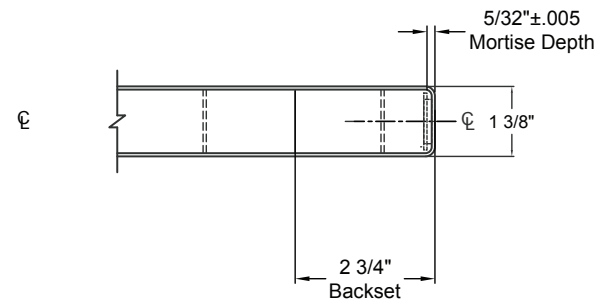
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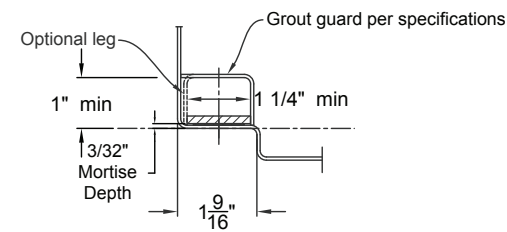
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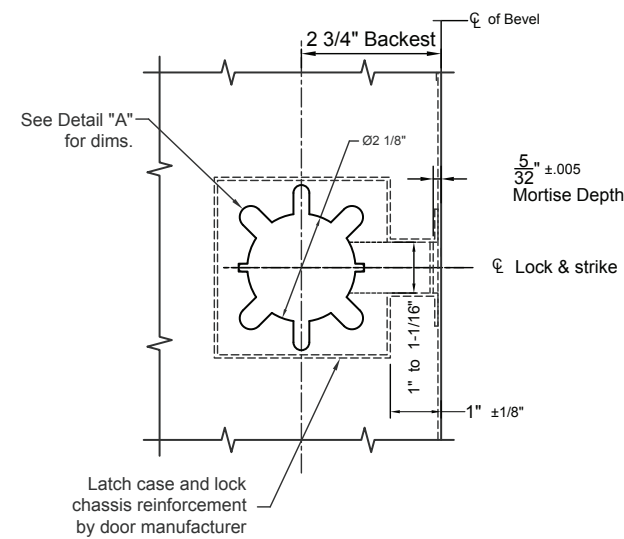
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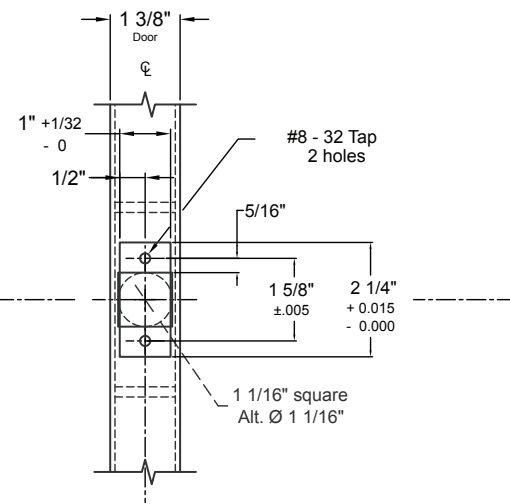
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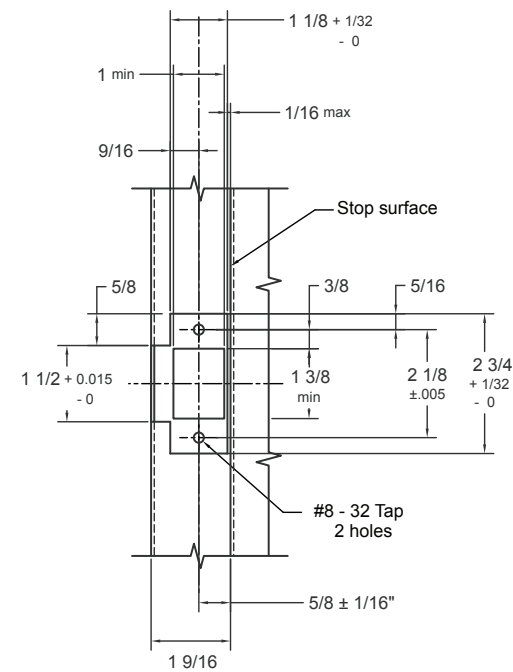
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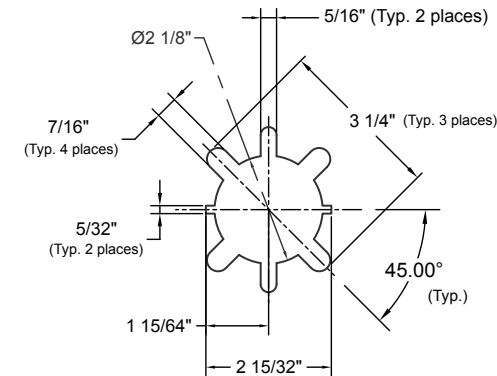
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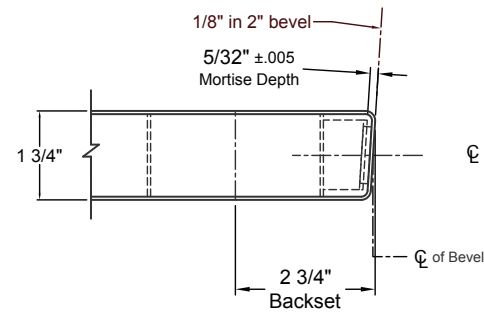
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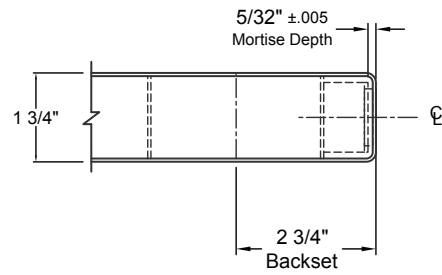
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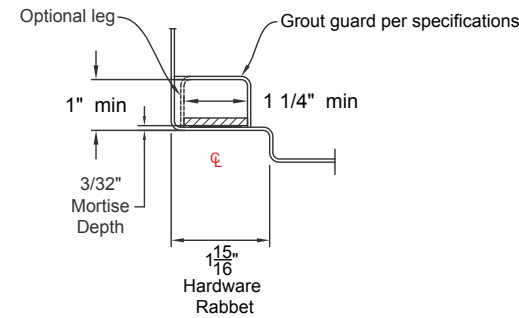
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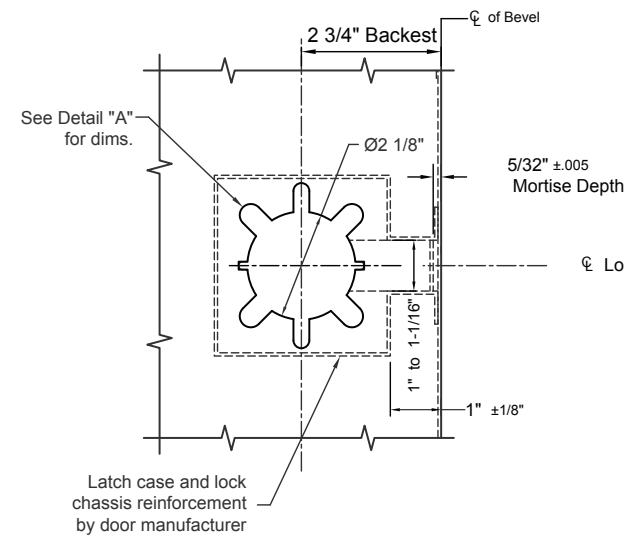
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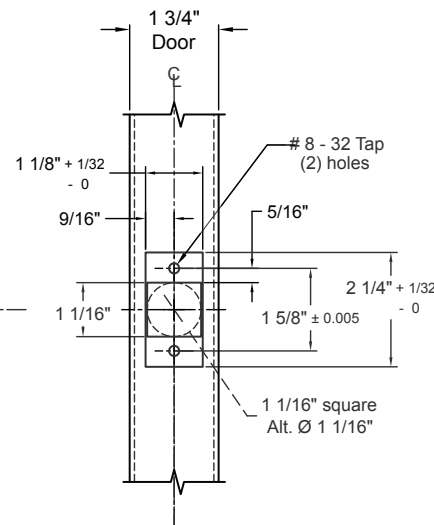
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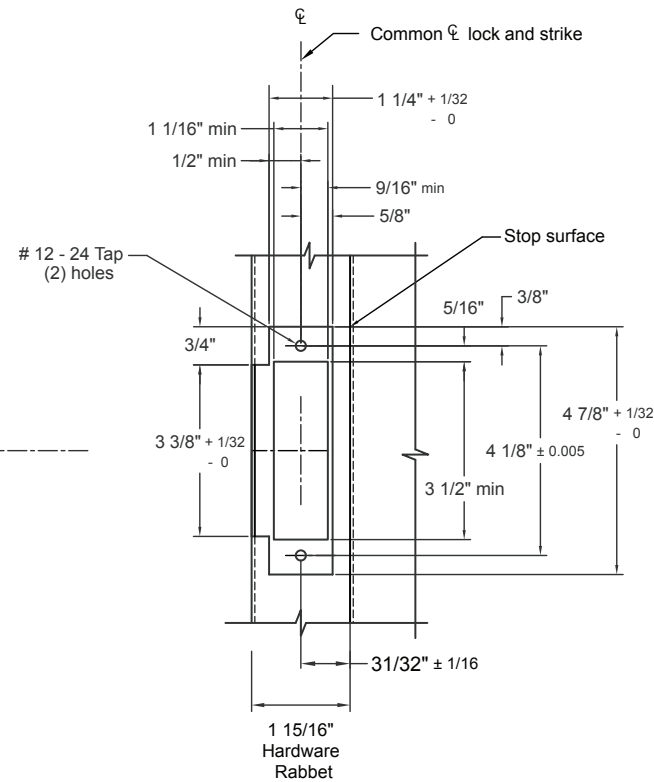
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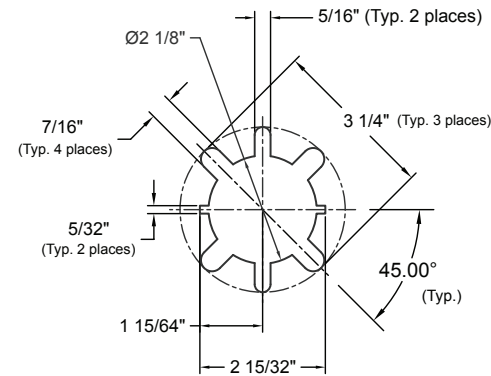
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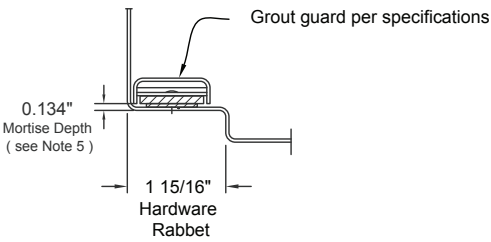
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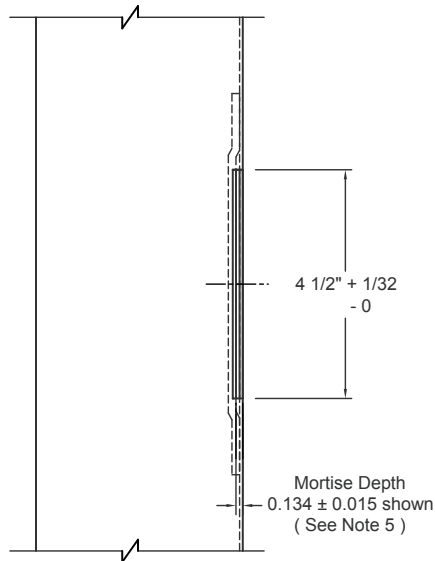


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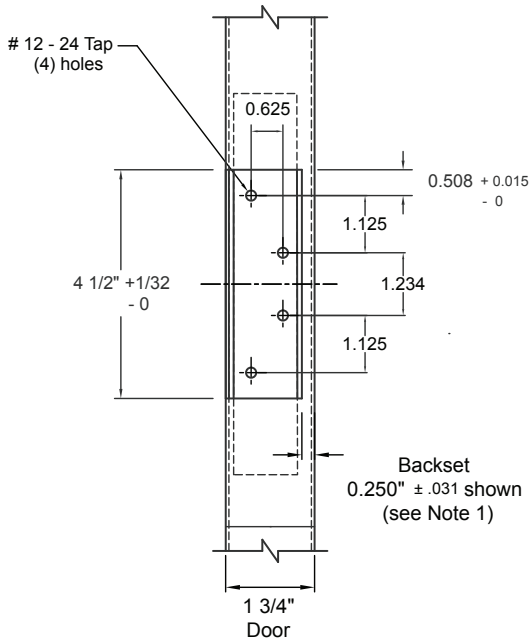
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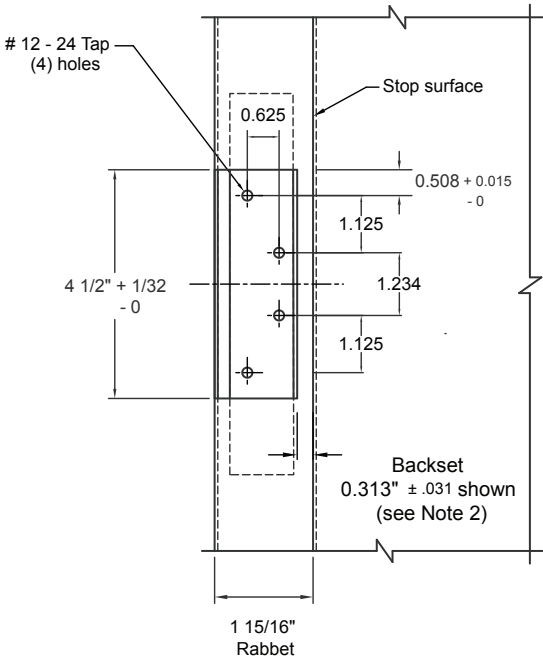
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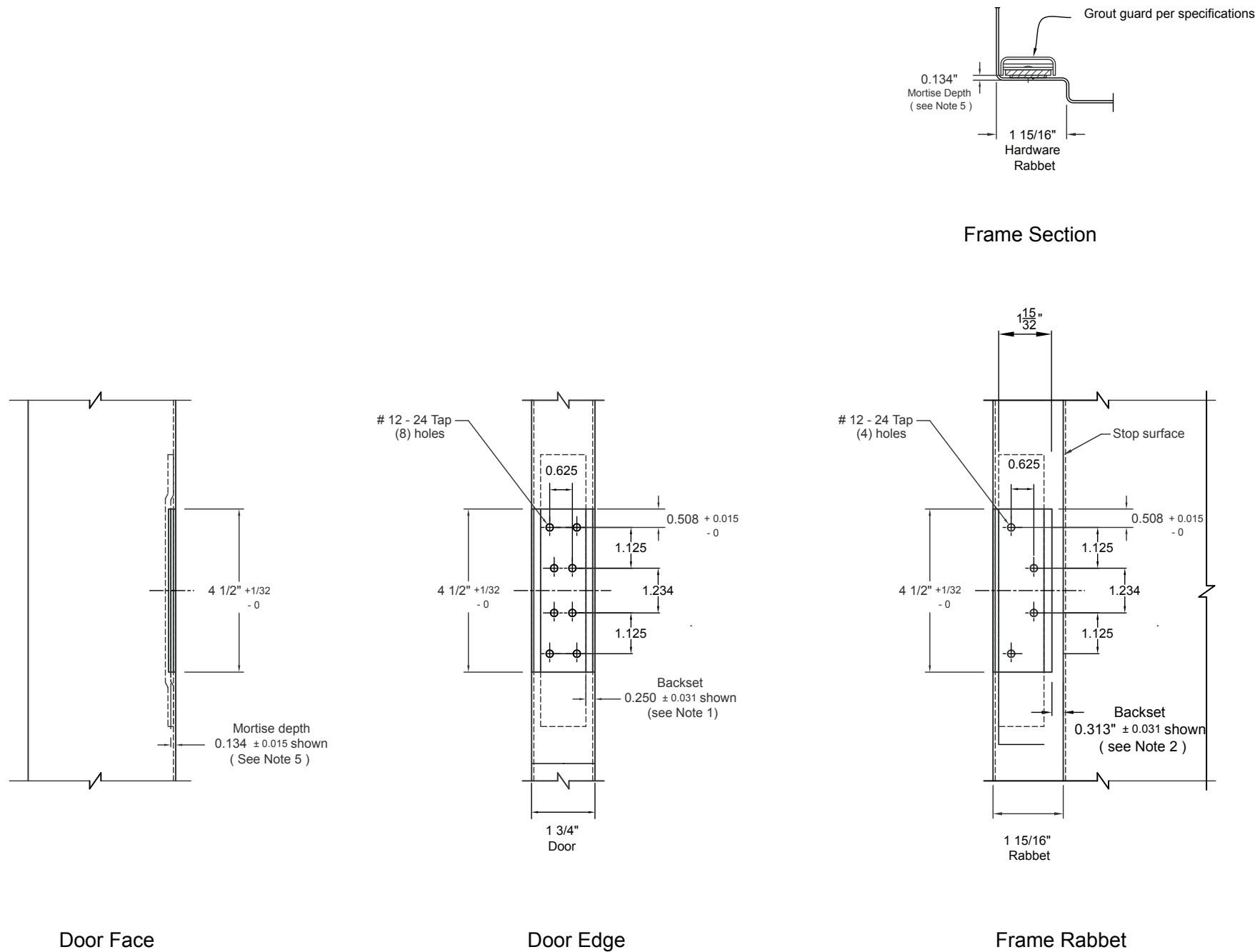
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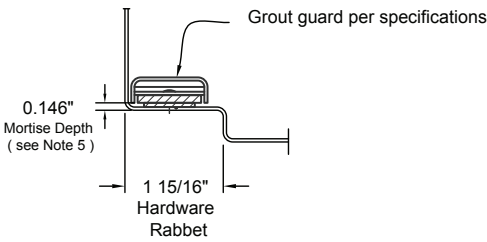
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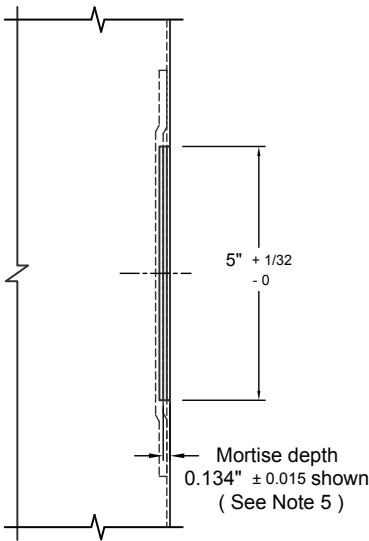
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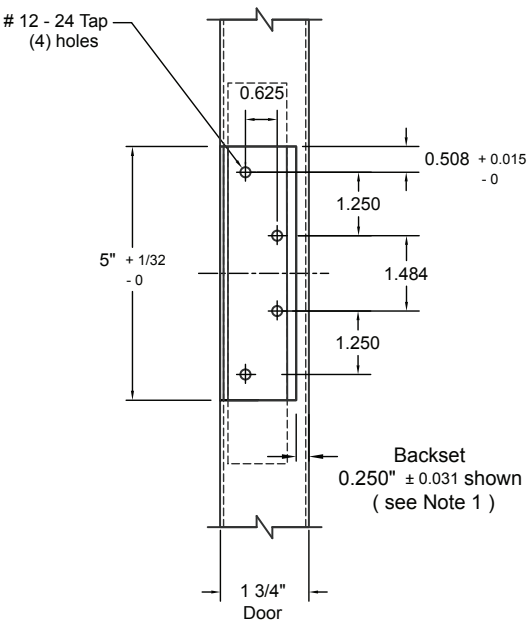
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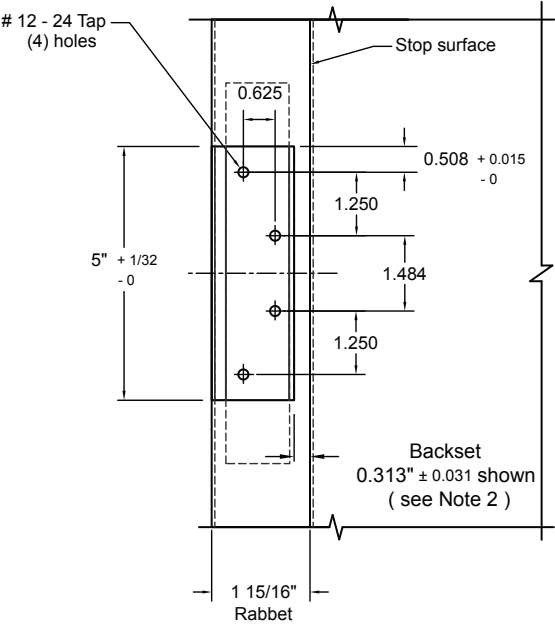
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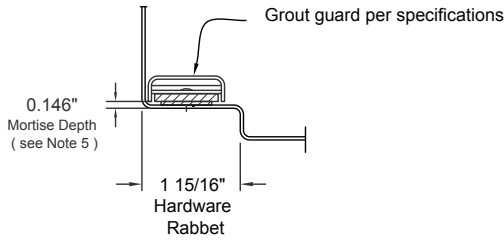


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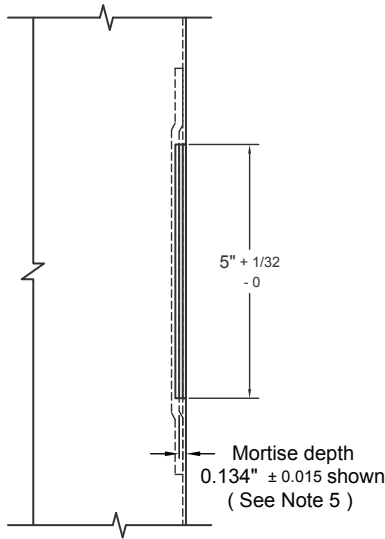
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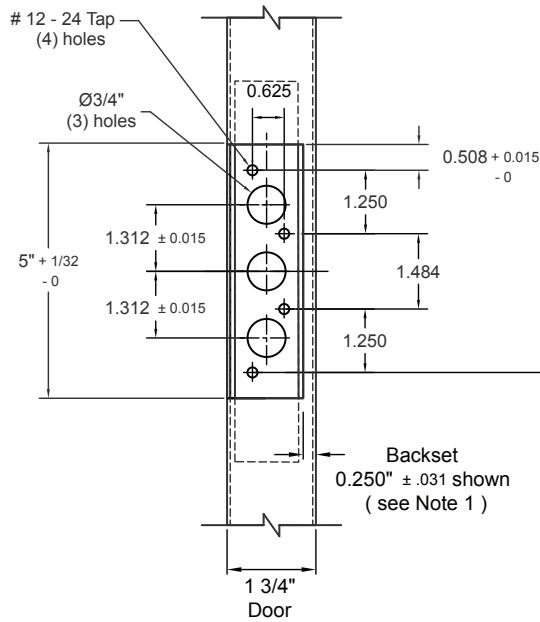




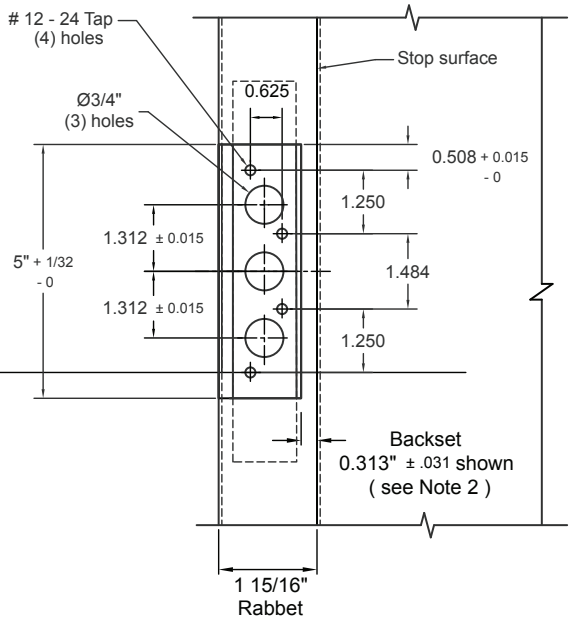
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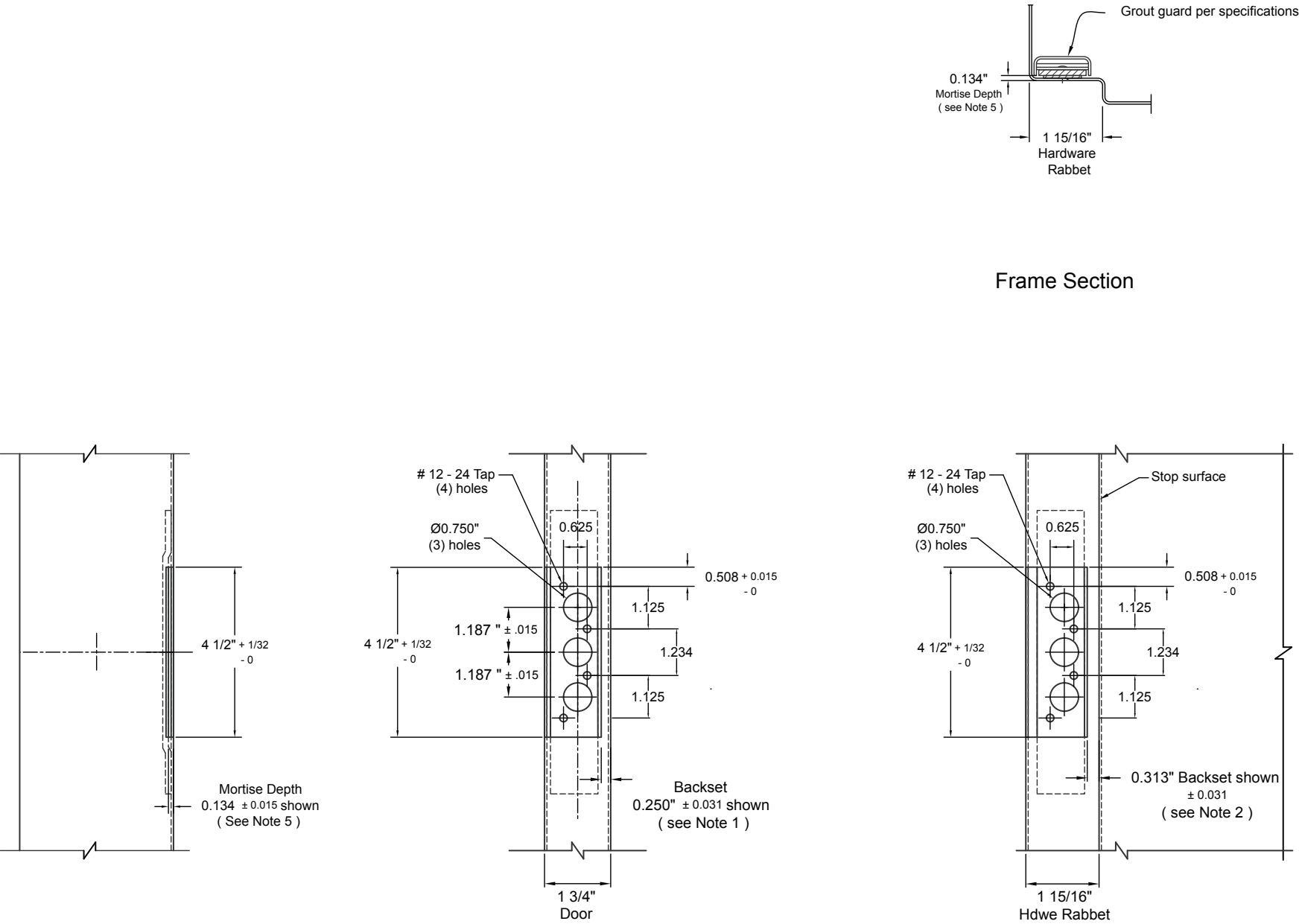
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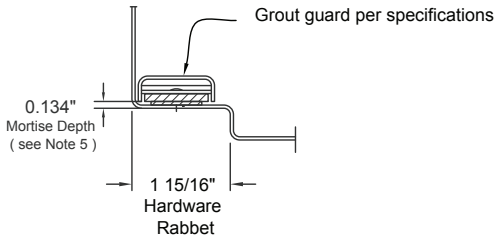
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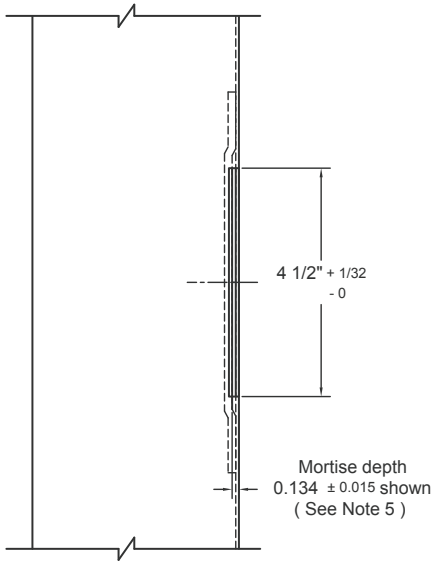
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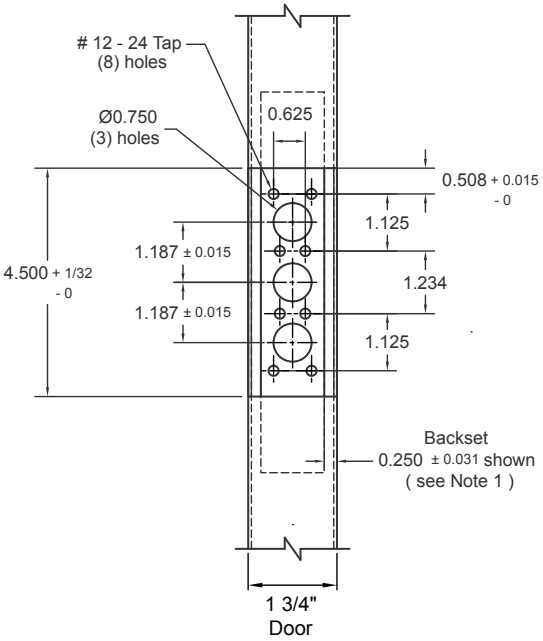
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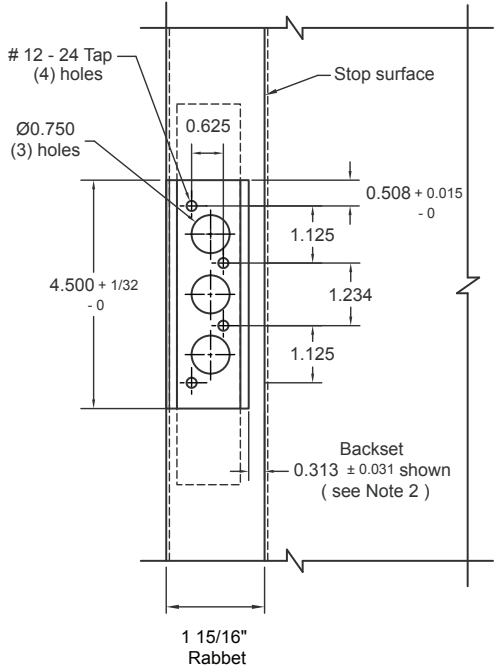
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AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS

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- ANSI/SDI A250.8** Specifications for Standard Steel Doors and Frames (SDI-100)
- ANSI/SDI A250.14** Hardware Preparation in Steel Doors and Steel Frames
- SDI-108** Recommended Selection & Usage Guide for Standard Steel Doors
- SDI-118** Basic Fire Door, Fire Door Frame, Transom/Sidelight Frame, and Window Frame Requirements
- SDI-128** Guidelines for Acoustical Performance of Standard Steel Doors and Frames
- SDI-129** Hinge and Strike Spacing
- SDI-133** Guideline for Specifying Steel Doors & Frames for Blast Resistance
- SDI-136** Guideline for Specifying Windstorm Products

Test Procedures

- ANSI/SDI A250.3** Test Procedure & Acceptance Criteria for Factory Applied Finish Coatings for Steel Doors and Frames
- ANSI/SDI A250.4** Test Procedure & Acceptance Criteria for Physical Endurance for Steel Doors, Frames and Frame Anchors
- ANSI/SDI A250.10** Test Procedure & Acceptance Criteria for Prime Painted Steel Surfaces for Steel Doors and Frames
- ANSI/SDI A250.13** Testing and Rating of Severe Windstorm Resistant Components for Swinging Door Assemblies for Protection of Building Envelopes (Not applicable for FEMA 320/361 or ICC-500 Shelters)
- SDI-113** Standard Practice for Determining the Steady-State Thermal Transmittance of Steel Door and Frame Assemblies
- SDI-131** Accelerated Physical Endurance Test Procedure for Steel Doors

Construction Details

- ANSI/SDI A250.11** Recommended Erection Instructions for Steel Frames
- SDI-110** Standard Steel Doors & Frames for Modular Masonry Construction
- SDI-111** Recommended Details for Standard Steel Doors, Frames, Accessories and Related Components
- SDI-122** Installation Troubleshooting Guide for Standard Steel Doors & Frames

Miscellaneous Documents

- SDI-112** Zinc-Coated (Galvanized/Galvannealed) Standard Steel Doors and Frames
- SDI-117** Manufacturing Tolerances for Standard Steel Doors and Frames
- SDI-124** Maintenance of Standard Steel Doors & Frames
- SDI-127** Industry Alert Series (A-L)
- SDI-130** Electronic Hinge Preparations
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