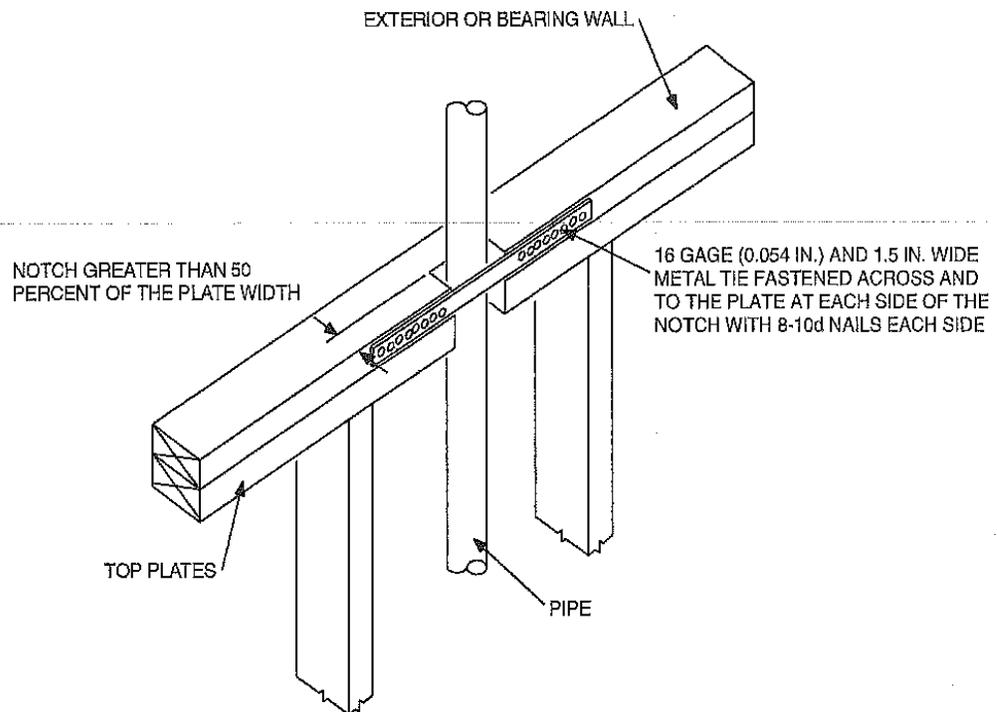


DRILLING AND NOTCHING OF TOP PLATE 2013 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE R602.6.1



For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

When piping or ductwork is placed in or partly in an exterior wall or interior load-bearing wall, necessitating cutting, drilling or notching of the top plate by more than 50 percent of its width, a galvanized metal tie not less than 0.054 inch thick (1.37 mm) (16 ga) and 1 ½ inches (38 mm) wide shall be fastened across and to the plate at each side of the opening with not less than eight 10d (0.148 inch diameter) having a minimum length of 1 ½ inches (38mm) at each side or equivalent. The metal tie must extend a minimum of 6 inches past the opening.

Exception: When the entire side of the wall with the notch or cut is covered by wood structural panel sheathing.