Welcome to the world of Profiling Shapes

Profiling shapes are created by software based tools to calculate cutting paths to profile a saddle connection for example. By entering parameters the predefined profiling shape will create a virtual cutting path which can be cut by HGG's cutting equipment. This document will explain which features the profiling shapes have and something about their application.

All profiling shapes have their own specific features depending on intersection, loads, weld requirements, cutting machine and application specific characteristics. HGG's profiling shapes are based on AWS, API and ASME standards.

Please contact HGG for more information about shapes and our in-house custom shape development for many different applications.

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HGG^{*}s Profiling shape terminology

This introduction page defines the terminology which will be used in this document to explain the basics of 3D profiling and to highlight features of the various profiling shapes.



Parts

Branch pipe

Sprouted member, mostly with an 'end' profiling shape.

Main pipe

Stem member, mostly with an 'intermediate' profiling shape. Also called 'run pipe'.

Zones

The joint of a saddle connection for example is split up into zones in order to comply with multiple welding requirements. The names of these zones are inspired by foot analogy which is shown in the figure above.



Example without and with calculated shape

Intersection geometry

Data to calculate the shape to fit another part over the full section (saddle, etc).

Slope

Acute angle between the main member and branch member axes.

Eccentricity

The offset between the centrelines of the current pipe and the mating pipe.





Example without and with groove

Weld preparation

Adaption for welding which will be defined by parameters and profiling shape specific settings.

Groove angle φ

The angle between opposing faces of the connected pipes which create a groove to be filled up with weld materials. Can be an inside or outside groove angle for weld preparation.



Weld detail (section view)



Bevel angle $\boldsymbol{\beta}$

The angle formed between a centre line perpendicular to the wall and the cut face of the wall. Equal to cutting angle and can be negative or positive.

- A perpendicular cut has β=0°;
- Largest β oxyfuel 70° (- or +);
- Largest β plasma 45° (- or +).

Dihedral angle ψ

Angle between the outer faces of the connected pipes. Calculations for optimal weld preparation are based on ψ .

Transition zone

The best type of weld (fillet, groove, butt) depends on the angle between two walls (ψ). On small sloped connections this angle differs strongly from heel to toe zone. In this case two different weld types can save weld volume and will be easier to weld. A transition zone is needed to change from one weld type smoothly to another.

Root opening (R)

The separation at the joint between the pipes after fitting. Technique to increase the joint penetration for stronger connections.

Shrinkage (S)

A length compensation of the pipe to correct shrinkage of the weld.

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Weld types and application

The picture below is a simplified view of the variation in dihedral angle on a small sloped pipe to pipe connection from toe zone to heel zone. The dihedral angle at the toe zone is too large for a fillet weld. A groove weld is the best option for a strong connection with a minimum of weld volume.

At the heel zone the dihedral angle is much smaller. A groove opening here needs a lot of weld volume to create a strong connection. A better option here is a fillet weld. It needs less weld volume, easier to weld and easier to cut.

Somewhere between these weld types along the joint is a zone where the change from one weld type to the other occurs. This zone is called the 'transition zone'.



De best weld type is determined by the dihedral angle.









Weld between an outer wall and a wall end





Butt Weld

Overview of used weld types for wall joints.

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Optimised weld preparation

A few practical examples of how HGG's profiling shapes achieve strong connections who are easy to cut and weld with a minimum of weld volume. The accuracy and the 3D cutting freedom of HGG's machines guarantees a quality cut in all circumstances.



*Heel groove reduction to 0,5ψ: Reference: Structural Welding Code AWS D1.1/D1.1M:2010; page 72, Table 3.6. **Reference: Structural Welding Code AWS D1.1/D1.1M:2010; page 121-123, Figure 3.8, 3.9 & 3.10

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Chamfer

A pipe to plate connection.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Multiple chamfer feature.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.
- Heel groove reduction available to reduce weld volume (expert level).*



Chamfer Intermediate

Profiling shape to cut off a part without scrap. Because the scrap side will be the first cut of the next part.*

Intersection geometry

• Adjustable slope.

Weld preparation

• Groove angle = 0











Chamfer Offshore



A pipe to plate connection with a slope less than 50° based on AWS for offshore industries.

Intersection geometry

• Adjustable slope <50°.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Transition zones: fixed start and end point by dihedral angle (ψ).
- Heel zone; choice between AWS 3.8 & 3.9. AWS 3.9 represents also figure 3.10.*
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



Chamfer Offshore ATB



A pipe to plate connection with extended weld preparation features for offshore industries.

Intersection geometry

• Adjustable slope <60°.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Transition zones: Adjustable start and end point by dihedral angle (ψ).
- Adjustable inside groove angle (φi).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



Chamfer PJP



For small sloped and highly dynamic pipe to plate connections. Easy cutting, fitting and welding.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Multiple chamfer feature.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Transition zones: predefined start and end point by dihedral angle (ψ). (95° 70°).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Easy fitting: no need for spacers to create the root opening and the slope. The large heel zone will fixate the correct position.



Chamfer X-cut



A pipe to plate connection with advanced bevelling options for weld volume reduction and taper cuts.

Intersection geometry

• Adjustable slope.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ) and depth of groove.
- Adjustable inside groove angle (φi) and depth of groove.
- A total groove depth (φ + φi) less than the wall thickness will automatically generate a root face (r)*.
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



Cone Saddle

For a pipe to cone connection for piping industries or steel structures.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.
- Adjustable centre line offset (Ocl).

Weld preparation

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



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Cone Saddle X-cut

A pipe to cone connection with weld volume reduction for thick walled pipes.

Toe zone

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.
- Adjustable centre line offset (Ocl).

Weld preparation

- Adjustable groove angle (φ) and depth of groove.
- Adjustable inside groove angle (φi) and depth of groove.
- A total groove depth (φ + φi) less than the wall thickness will automatically generate a root face (r)*.

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Heel zone

Side zone

- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



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Perpendicular







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Crossing Saddle

Eccentric and intermediate pipe to pipe connection that continues on both sides.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity (E).

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Adjustable root opening (R).





Crown



Offshore specific profiling shape for crown shim cutting to secure foundation piles on the top of a jacket leg.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable amount of teeth.
- Adjustable teeth amplitude.
- Adjustable teeth radius.

- Adjustable bevel angle (β)
- Add a second crown with bevel angle to create a tapering (please see picture).



Edge Cone Saddle

A pipe to cone edge connection for piping industries or steel structures.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.







Edge Saddle



Profiling shape to create a double saddle to connect with two connected pipes which will not run through (both colliding).

Intersection geometry

Adjustable Slopes.

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- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.









Elbow Chamfer



To shorten elbows to a certain angle including bevel. Ask your supplier for more information about the required accessories and suitable machines.

Intersection geometry

• Adjustable elbow angle (α).

Weld preparation

- Adjustable bevel angle (β).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



Angular



Elbow Saddle

Elbow support against gravity for piping industry.

Pofile

- Adjustable eccentricity (E).
- Adjustable centre line offset (Ocl).



- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



Elbow Saddle Offshore

Elbow support against gravity for offshore piping in based on AWS.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable eccentricity (E).
- Adjustable centre line offset (Ocl).

Weld preparation

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Heel zone: fixed inside perpendicular bevel angle.
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



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Ellipse Hole

Ellipse hole with bevel angle 0.

Intersection geometry

• Adjustable width (W) and length (L) of hole.

Weld preparation

• The bevel angle along the cut is 0°.









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Ellipse Hole set-in

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This intermediate shape enables to cut out an ellipse shape with weld preparation to insert a lifting eye for example.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable eccentricity.
- Adjustable width (W) and length (L) of hole.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Adjustable root opening.







Helix

Specific shape to create helical foundation piles.

Intersection geometry

• Adjustable pitch.



Adjustable groove angle (ϕ).







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Lobster Back

Tool to create series of closely spaced mitre bends.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable angle of total bend.
- Adjustable centre line radius.
- Adjustable amount of segments.
- Adjustable length of straight ends on both sides.



- Adjustable end bevel (β).
- Adjustable intermediate groove angle (φ).



Lobster back is a derivative of: ASME B31.1-2012 Power Piping, MANDATORY APPENDIX D ASME B31.3-2012 Process Piping, par. 304.2.3 Miter Bends, page 21-22 and MANDATORY APPENDIX D ASME B31.4-2012 Liquid Transportation Systems ASME B31.8, Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems

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Mitre

To make equal diameter pipe to pipe connections for low pressure piping.

Intersection geometry

• Adjustable slope.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ)*.
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Mitre Saddle: shrinkage compensation.





Strainer



This profiling shape is named due to it's application in piping systems. A strainer is a part which mechanically removes solids from flowing steam, gas or liquid piping systems to protect equipment.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable Slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity when the branch pipe has a smaller diameter.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ) and depth of groove.
- A groove depth less than the wall thickness will automatically generate a root face*.
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



Nozzle set-in

A quick fit method for perpendicular piping connections.

Intersection geometry

- Perpendicular connection.
- Adjustable nozzle depth (d).

Weld preparation

• No profiled nozzle needed to weld.





Oblong Hole

To fit inserted plates at pipe ends or to create intermediate oblong holes.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable eccentricity.
- Adjustable width (W) and length (L) of hole.

Weld preparation

- Adjustable groove angle (φ) along length sides.
- Adjustable root opening (R) along length sides.
- Adjustable radius (r).







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Eccentric

To fit inserted plates at pipe ends or to create intermediate slots.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable eccentricity. ٠
- Adjustable width (W) and length (L) of hole. ٠
- Adjustable radius (r). ٠
- Adjustable degrees of rotation. ٠
- Definable point of rotation (\bullet) . ٠











Rotated Oblong Hole

- Adjustable groove angle (ϕ) along width and length • sides independently.
- Adjustable root opening (R). ٠



Tapered Oblong Hole

Tapered slot to fit inserted slot pins for example.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable eccentricity.
- Adjustable widths and lengths of hole.
- Full tapered and half tapered holes.



Weld preparation

- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Adjustable radius (r) to optimise weld preparation.
- Adjustable weld preparation angle (φ) along all sides.







Eccentric

Reinforcement Pad

To save material costs by reinforcement of the weakest point on 'Saddle-Hole' connections.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable hole width.
- Adjustable flange width.
- Adjustable eccentricity.

Weld preparation

• Adjustable groove angle (φ).





Reinforcement pad is a derivative of:

ASME B31.1-2012 Power Piping, paragraphs; 104.3.1 'Branch Connections', 127.4.8 'Welded Branch Connections'

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ASME B31.3-2012 Process Piping, paragraphs; 304.3.3 'Reinforcement of Welded Branch Connections', 328.5.4 'Welded Branch Connections' ASME B31.8-2012 Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems, paragraph; 831.4 'Reinforcement of Welded Branch Connections'

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Saddle

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A pipe to pipe connection in tubular structures.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.
- Multiple saddle feature with option to switch off the running trough. in case of one colliding pipe

Weld preparation

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.
- Heel groove reduction available to reduce weld volume (expert level).*



*Heel groove reduction by 0.5ψ (if reduced ϕ < defined ϕ) Reference: Structural Welding Code AWS D1.1/D1.1M:2010; page 72, Table 3.6.

Saddle X-cut

A pipe to pipe connection with Weld Volume Reduction for thick walled pipes.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.



- Adjustable groove angle (φ) and depth of groove.
- Adjustable inside groove angle (ϕ i) and depth of groove.
- A total groove depth (φ + φi) less than the wall thickness will automatically generate a root face (r)*.
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



Hole set-on

To fit a saddle on a hole for example. Saddle is shown to view an application.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.



Weld preparation

None



Saddle Offshore



A pipe to pipe connection with a slope less than 50° based on AWS for offshore industries.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope <45°.
- Adjustable eccentricity.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Transition zones: fixed start and end point by dihedral angle (ψ).
- Heel zone; choice between AWS 3.8 & 3.9. AWS 3.9 represents also figure 3.10.*
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



Saddle Offshore ATB



A pipe to pipe connection with extended weld preparation features for offshore industries.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope <60°.
- Adjustable eccentricity.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Adjustable inside groove angle (φi).
- Transition zones: adjustable start and end point by dihedral angle (ψ).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



Saddle PJP



For small sloped and highly dynamic pipe to pipe connections. Easy cutting, fitting and welding.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Multiple saddle feature.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Transition zones: predefined start and end point by dihedral angle (ψ). (95° 70°).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Easy fitting: no need for spacers to create the root opening and the slope. The large heel zone will fixate the correct position.



Saddle set-in & Hole set-in

For pressure connections with a much smaller branch pipe diameter.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.

Weld preparation

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Adjustable root opening (R).



Eccentric





Hole set-in X-cut



A hole with advanced bevelling options for weld volume reduction on thick walled pipes. Showed with saddle set-in.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable Slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ) and depth of groove.
- Adjustable inside groove angle (ϕ i) and depth of groove.
- A total groove depth (φ + φi) less than the wall thickness will automatically generate a root face (r)*.
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



Slotted Hole



To fit plates centred into a pipe by creation of intermediate slotted holes with root face for weld volume reduction or better fit.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable width (W) and length (L) of slot.
- Adjustable radius (r).

- Adjustable groove angle (φ) along width and length sides independently.
- Adjustable root face*.
- Adjustable root opening (R).







Sphere Saddle

To connect a pipe to a ball.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable Slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ).
- Adjustable root opening (R).
- Shrinkage compensation.



Y Piece



A pipe to pipe connection made of three profiled pipes, to split or combine a flow of liquids or gasses symmetrically.

Intersection geometry

Weld preparation

• Adjustable slopes.

• Adjustable groove angle (φ).



Box Section to Pipe, Saddle

To connect a box section to a pipe.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.



 Adjustable groove angle (φ) on all sides independently. A groove opening of 0 degrees in the heel zone allows a fillet weld for small sloped connections.



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Box section set-in

A box section to pipe connection wherefore the box section don't need to be profiled.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.

- Adjustable groove angle (φ)
- Adjustable root opening (R).





Box Section, Hole set-in

A pipe to box section connection to fit round bars or pipes for example.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.

Weld preparation

• Adjustable groove angle (φ).





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Pipe to Box Section, Edge Chamfer

To connect a pipe to the edge or the side of a box section.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable Slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.
- Adjustable turn.
- Adjustable box section radius.

Weld preparation

• Adjustable groove angle (φ).







Box Section Chamfer

A box section to plate connection.

Intersection geometry

• Adjustable slope in two directions.



 Adjustable groove angle (φ) on all sides independently. A groove opening of 0 degrees in the heel zone allows a fillet weld for small sloped connections.



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Box Section Edge Chamfer

To connect a box section to the edge of a box section or two plates.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable Slope.
- Adjustable eccentricity.
- Adjustable box section radius.

Weld preparation

 Adjustable groove angle (φ) on all sides independently. A groove opening of 0 degrees in the heel zone allows a fillet weld for small sloped connections.





Box Section Nose

Box section profiling shape with a lot of parameters to fit many different contours.

Intersection geometry

Weld preparation

- Highly versatile shape achieved by edge positioning using X and Y coordinates (red dots).
- Adjustable groove angle (φ).



Many other possible



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Box Section Slot

To fit inserted plates at box section ends or to create intermediate oblong holes.

Intersection geometry

- Adjustable eccentricity.
- Adjustable width (W) and length (L).
- Adjustable radius (r).



 Adjustable groove angle (φ) along width and length sides independently.











