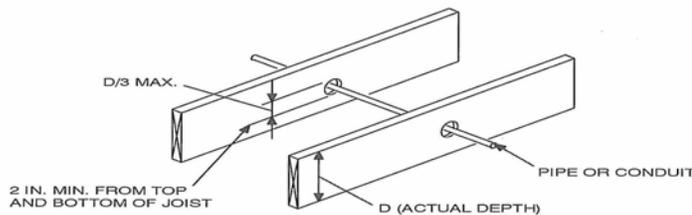
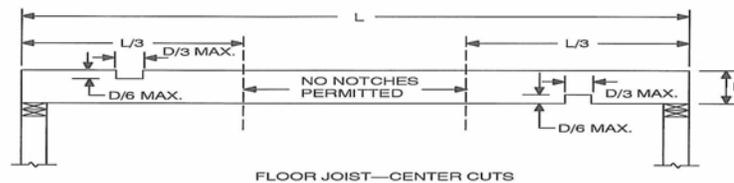


**DRILLING AND NOTCHING OF JOISTS**  
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**R502.8 Drilling and notching.** Structural floor members shall not be cut, bored or notched in excess of the limitations specified in this section.

**R502.8.1 Sawn Lumber.** Notches in solid lumber joists, rafters and beams shall not exceed one-sixth of the depth of the member, shall not be longer than one-third of the depth of the member and shall not be located in the middle one-third of the span. Notches at the ends of the member shall not exceed one-fourth the depth of the member. The tension side of members 4 inches (102 mm) or greater in nominal thickness shall not be notched except at the ends of the members. The diameter of holes bored or cut into members shall not exceed one-third the depth of the member. Holes shall not be closer than 2 inches (51mm) to the top or bottom of the member, or to any other hole located in the member. Where the member is also notched, the hole shall not be closer than 2 inches (51mm) to the notch.

**R502.8.2 Engineered wood products.** Cuts, notches and holes bored in trusses, structural composite lumber, structural glue-laminated members or I-joists are prohibited except where permitted by the manufacturer's recommendations or where the effects of such alterations are specifically considered in the design of the member by a registered design professional.



For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

**FIGURE R502.8**  
**CUTTING, NOTCHING AND DRILLING**

The intent of this code is to retain the structural integrity of these framing members. When in doubt, please consult with the Building Inspector at (541) 258-4255.