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Just read the article from Brian Keane, PE. ([See June/July 2002, p. 30-31, 33.](#)) He has got some very good points.

We have adopted that when we receive a set of engineered plans that contain a layout, we follow it as close as possible. Here are just a few reasons why, all of which are beyond our ability as a component manufacturer:

- Filled block cells under girders
- Enlarged footers or pads
- Drag strut conditions over shear walls
- Pre-sized door headers and window headers
- Lintel capacities

Truss manufacturers without an adequately trained design department end up missing these important factors when trying to get the most value out of a truss layout.

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Correction:

In the FAQ in the May 2002 issue of SBC, the example of the 2"x12" shrinkage on page 42 should be from a net width of 11.50" rather than 11.25", as green lumber is sized at 1-9/16" by 11-1/2". Thank you to Rob Finch, President of Macdonald Inspection Services for writing to let us know of this error.

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