

FIGURE P3.4-6

Block Shear

3.5-1 The tension member is a $PL^{3/8} \times 5^{1/2}$ of A242 steel. It is connected to a 3/8-in. thick gusset plate, also of A242 steel, with 3/4-inch diameter bolts as shown in Figure P3.5-1. Determine the nominal block shear strength of the tension member.



3.5-2 A square hollow structural section (HSS) is used as a tension member and is welded to a gusset plate of A36 steel as shown in Figure P3.5-2. Compute the nominal block shear strength of the gusset plate.



3.5-3 A WT8 \times 13 of A992 steel is used as a tension member. The connection is with $\frac{7}{8}$ -in. diameter bolts as shown in Figure P3.5-3. Compute the nominal block shear strength.



FIGURE P3.5-3

- **3.5-4** Compute the available block shear strength of the gusset plate.
 - a. Use LRFD.
 - b. Use ASD.



FIGURE P3.5-4