The best practice and ideal scenario is to avoid cutting AWP to less than 9 inches in height or width. Given that this is not always possible, panels may be cut to no less than 4 inches in height or width if necessary.

**Ultimate Clips**

Whenever possible, cut panels should be supported by cut Ultimate Clips, with at least 2 downward tabs engaged. Figure 1 shows that most of the tabs on the Ultimate Clip are spaced approximately 3.1” apart. Use a non-ferrous blade on a band or chop saw to cut clips.

The 4” cut height will also allow for 2 rows of face fasteners in a situation where cut panel clips cannot be used. This will give the cut panel proper support and prevent edge breaking or cracking.

![Ultimate Clips Diagram](image)

**Openings**

**Scenario A**: When a panel must be cut in a “U” shape to cap or cup an opening, in order for it to remain as one piece, the thinnest section must be 9” or greater. See Figure 3.

**Scenario B**: If the thinnest panel section over or under an opening is less than 9”, then the panel must be separated into two pieces. This is to reduce torque being placed on the thin section. See Figure 4.

![Openings Diagram](image)