

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

General Requirements

The requirements of this section apply to the shear walls, which are part of the lateral force resisting system of the structure.

The thickness of any part of the wall shall preferably, not be less than 150 mm.

- **Thickness ≥ 150 mm (preferably)**
 - Thinner walls have a tendency to buckle out of plane

GENERAL PROVISIONS...

The effective flange width, to be used in the design of flanged wall sections, shall be assumed to extend beyond the face of the web for a distance which shall be the smaller of (a) half the distance to an adjacent shear wall web, and (b) 1/10 th of the total wall height.

- **Effective flange width, beyond face of web, smaller of**
 - Half distance to next wall web
 - 1/10 of total wall height

GENERAL PROVISIONS...

Shear walls shall be provided with reinforcement in the longitudinal and transverse directions in the plane of the wall. The minimum reinforcement ratio shall be 0.0025 of the gross area in each direction. This reinforcement shall be distributed uniformly across the cross section of the wall.

- **Minimum reinforcement in walls**
 - Vertical and horizontal direction 0.25% of gross area

GENERAL PROVISIONS...

- **Minimum reinforcement in walls...**

Vertical 0.25% of Gross Area

Horizontal 0.25% of Gross Area

Both faces together

GENERAL PROVISIONS...

If the factored shear stress in the wall exceeds $0.25 \sqrt{f_{ck}}$ or if the wall thickness exceeds 200 mm, reinforcement shall be provided in two curtains, each having bars running in the longitudinal and transverse directions in the plane of the wall.

- **Two curtains of reinforcement, if**
 - Factored shear stress $> 0.25 \sqrt{f_{ck}}$; or
 - Wall thickness > 200 mm
 - Two curtains reduce fragmentation and early deterioration of concrete under cyclic response.

GENERAL PROVISIONS...

- Two curtains of reinforcement...

Single curtain of reinforcement

Two curtains of reinforcement

$\tau_v > 0.25\sqrt{f_{ck}}$, or
 $t_w > 200\text{mm}$

GENERAL PROVISIONS...

The diameter of the bars to be used in any part of the wall shall not exceed 1/10th of the thickness of that part.

- Diameter of bars $\leq 1/10\text{th}$ wall thickness

GENERAL PROVISIONS...

The maximum spacing of reinforcement in either direction shall not exceed the smaller of $l_w/5$, $3t_w$, and 450 mm; where l_w is the horizontal length of the wall, and t_w is the thickness of the wall web.

- Maximum reinforcement spacing \leq
 - $- l_w/5$
 - $- 3t_w$
 - $- 450\text{ mm}$

GENERAL PROVISIONS...

- Maximum reinforcement spacing...
 - Vertical: Maximum spacing of vertical reinforcement not more than $l_w/5, t_w$ or 450mm
 - Horizontal: Maximum spacing of vertical reinforcement not more than $l_w/5, t_w$ or 450mm

SHEAR STRENGTH

The nominal shear stress, τ_v , shall be calculated as:

$$\tau_v = \frac{V_u}{t_w d_w}$$

where

- V_u = factored shear force,
- t_w = thickness of the web, and
- d_w = effective depth of wall section. This may be taken as $0.8 l_w$ for rectangular sections.

The design shear strength of concrete, τ_c , shall be calculated as per Table 13 of IS 456 : 1978.

SHEAR STRENGTH...

The nominal shear stress in the wall, τ_v , shall not exceed $\tau_{c, \text{max}}$, as per Table 14 of IS 456 : 1978.

When τ_v is less than τ_c shear reinforcement shall be provided in accordance

When τ_v is greater than τ_c , the area of horizontal shear reinforcement, A_h , to be provided within a vertical spacing, S_v , is given by

$$V_{u2} = \frac{0.87 f_y A_h d_w}{S_v}$$

where $V_{u2} = (V_u - \tau_c t_w d_w)$, is the shear force to be resisted by the horizontal reinforcement. However, the amount of horizontal reinforcement provided shall not be less than the minimum

SHEAR STRENGTH...

- provide same shear design provisions as in IS:456-2000 for beams

$$\tau_v < \tau_c$$

Minimum Reinforcement

$$\tau_c < \tau_v < \tau_{c,max}$$

Design Reinforcement

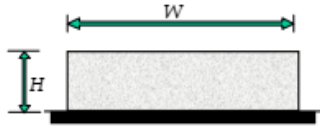
$$\tau_{c,max} < \tau_v$$

Redesign Section

SHEAR STRENGTH...

The vertical reinforcement, that is uniformly distributed in the wall, shall not be less than the horizontal reinforcement calculated

- Uniformly distributed vertical reinforcement \geq Horizontal reinforcement calculated for shear
 - Particularly important for walls with height-to-width ratio of 1.0 or less

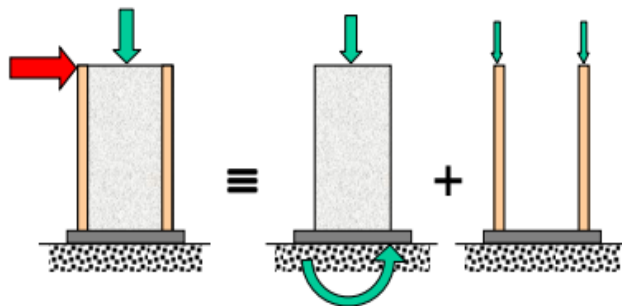


FLEXURAL STRENGTH

The moment of resistance, M_{uv} , of the wall section may be calculated as for columns subjected to combined bending and axial load as per IS 456 : 1978. The moment of resistance of slender rectangular shear wall section with uniformly distributed vertical reinforcement is given in Annex A.

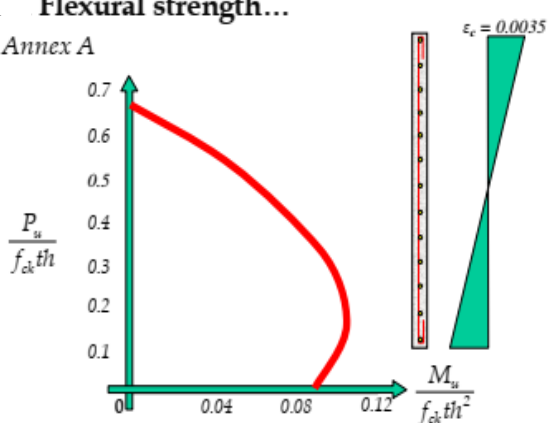
- Flexural strength similarly calculated as for columns under axial loads (IS:456).
 - Can use Annex A equations for assessing flexural strength under uniform distribution of reinforcement

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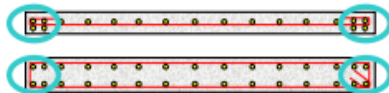
The cracked flexural strength of the wall section should be greater than its uncracked flexural strength.

- Cracked flexural strength $>$ Uncracked flexural strength
 - Avoid brittle behaviour

FLEXURAL STRENGTH...

In walls that do not have boundary elements, vertical reinforcement shall be concentrated at the ends of the wall. Each concentration shall consist of a minimum of 4 bars of 12 mm diameter arranged in at least 2 layers.

- **If no boundary elements**
 - Provide 4 bars of 12 mm diameter
 - In two layers at either end
 - Good to have more reinforcement near wall ends

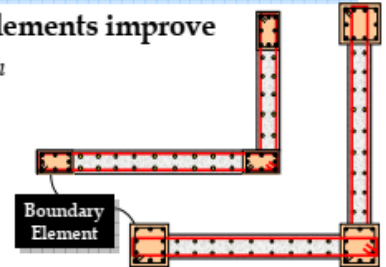


BOUNDARY ELEMENTS

Boundary Elements

Boundary elements are portions along the wall edges that are strengthened by longitudinal and transverse reinforcement. Though they may have the same thickness as that of the wall web it is advantageous to provide them with greater thickness.

- **Boundary elements improve**
 - Flexural strength
 - Shear strength
 - Ductility



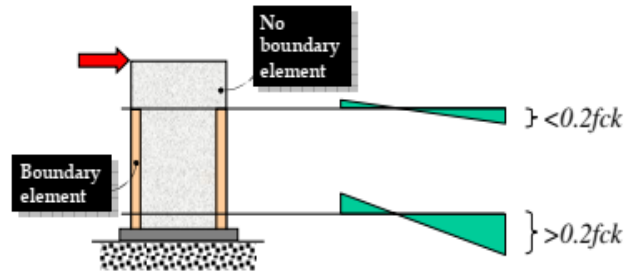
BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

Where the extreme fibre compressive stress in the wall due to factored gravity loads plus factored earthquake force exceeds $0.2f_{ck}$, boundary elements shall be provided along the vertical boundaries of walls. The boundary elements may be discontinued where the calculated compressive stress becomes less than $0.15f_{ck}$. The compressive stress shall be calculated using a linearly elastic model and gross section properties.

BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

- **Boundary elements required**

- When extreme fiber compressive stress $> 0.2f_{ck}$
- May discontinue boundary element
 - When extreme fiber compressive stress $< 0.2f_{ck}$



BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

A boundary element shall have adequate axial load carrying capacity, assuming short column action, so as to enable it to carry an axial compression equal to the sum of factored gravity load on it and the additional compressive load induced by the seismic force. The latter may be calculated as:

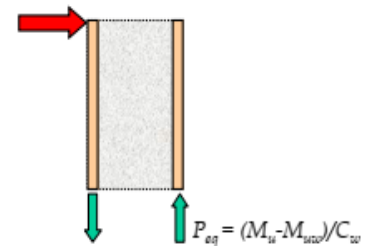
$$\frac{M_u - M_{uv}}{C_w}$$

where

- M_u = factored design moment on the entire wall section,
- M_{uv} = moment of resistance provided by distributed vertical reinforcement across the wall section, and
- C_w = center to center distance between the boundary elements along the two vertical edges of the wall.

BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

- **Boundary element to carry axial**
 - Gravity load P_w (its own share proportional to area)
 - Vertical load P_{eq} induced by EQ
 - Vertical force couple caused by EQ overturning moment



BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

- Example**
 - Given

	Axial Load P on boundary element	Moment M_u on entire wall
Gravity	400 kN	-
Seismic	± 50 kN	10,000 kNm

- M_u resisted by web = 6,000 kNm
- M_{ub} resisted by boundary elements
 $= 10,000 - 6,000 = 4,000$ kNm
- C/c distance of boundary element = 5 m
- Axial force induced by 4,000 kNm moment =
 $\pm \frac{4,000}{5} = \pm 800$ kN

BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

If the gravity load adds to the strength of the wall, its load factor shall be taken as 0.8.

- When gravity load adds to strength**
 - Load factor is 0.8 (as against 1.2 or 1.5)


Example:

- Let load factor be 1.2 for gravity.
- Design factored axial force
 - Compression: $1.2(400+50+800)=1,500$ kN
 - Tension: $(0.8 \times 400) - (1.2 \times 50) - (1.2 \times 800) = -700$ kN

BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

The percentage of vertical reinforcement in the boundary elements shall not be less than 0.8 percent, nor greater than 6 percent. In order to avoid congestion, the practical upper limit would be 4 percent.

- Vertical reinforcement in boundary element**
 - ≥ 0.8 % gross area of boundary element
 - ≤ 6 % (practically 4%)
 - Just like a column



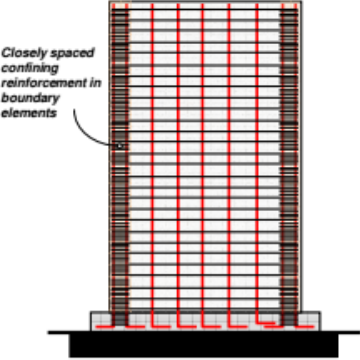
BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

Boundary elements, where required, shall be provided throughout their height with special confining reinforcement

- Confinement reinforcement required throughout height of boundary element**

BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

- Confinement reinforcement...**

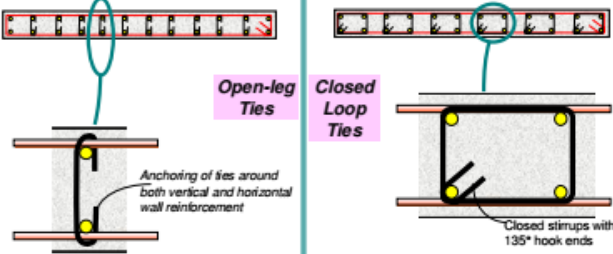


Closely spaced confining reinforcement in boundary elements

BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

Boundary elements need not be provided, if the entire wall section is provided with special confining reinforcement, as per 7.4.

- If entire wall is confined, boundary element not required.**



Open-leg Ties

Closed Loop Ties

Anchoring of ties around both vertical and horizontal wall reinforcement

Closed stirrups with 135° hook ends

COUPLED SHEAR WALLS

Coupled shear walls shall be connected by ductile coupling beams. If the earthquake induced shear stress in the coupling beam exceeds

$$\frac{0.1 l_b \sqrt{f_{ck}}}{D}$$

where l_b is the clear span of the coupling beam and D is its overall depth, the entire earthquake induced shear and flexure shall, preferably, be resisted by diagonal reinforcement.

- Coupling beams to be ductile**
 - When shear stress in coupling beam exceeds given value, entire seismic shear and flexure to be taken by diagonal reinforcement (preferably).

COUPLED SHEAR WALLS...

- Coupling beams to be ductile...**

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Special confining reinforcement spacing > 100 mm centers

Wall reinforcement not shown

COUPLED SHEAR WALLS...

The area of reinforcement to be provided along each diagonal in a diagonally reinforced coupling beam shall be:

$$A_{sd} = \frac{V_u}{1.74 f_y \sin \alpha}$$

where V_u is the factored shear force, and α is the angle made by the diagonal reinforcement with the horizontal. At least 4 bars of 8 mm diameter shall be provided along each diagonal. The reinforcement along each diagonal shall be enclosed by special confining reinforcement. The pitch of spiral or spacing of ties shall not exceed 100 mm.

COUPLED SHEAR WALLS...

- C_u and T_u intersect at mid-span**
 - Moment resisted at mid-span by diagonal bars is zero

COUPLED SHEAR WALLS...

- ...
 - $$V_u = 2T_u \sin \alpha \quad \therefore V_u = 1.74 f_y A_{sd} \sin \alpha$$

$$T_u = 0.87 f_y A_{sd} \quad A_{sd} = \frac{V_u}{1.74 f_y \sin \alpha}$$

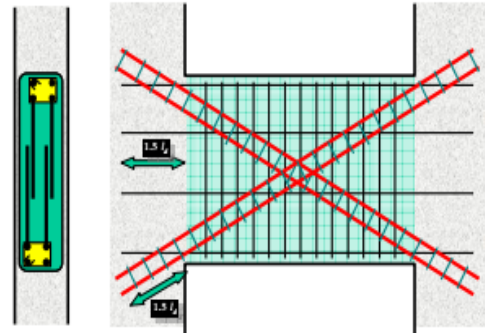
COUPLED SHEAR WALLS...

The diagonal or horizontal bars of a coupling beam shall be anchored in the adjacent walls with an anchorage length of 1.5 times the development length in tension.

- **Diagonal/horizontal bars**
- Anchored in wall by $1.5L_{dt}$

COUPLED SHEAR WALLS...

- **Diagonal/horizontal bars...**



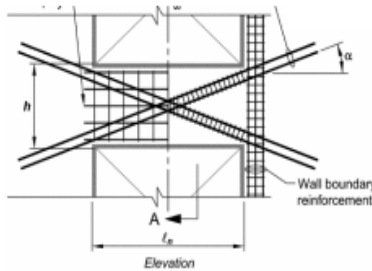
COUPLED SHEAR WALLS...

- **ACI 318 - 11: Coupling Beams**

- Diagonal reinforcement effective

$$\frac{l_n}{h} < 4$$

for $\frac{l_n}{h} < 2$

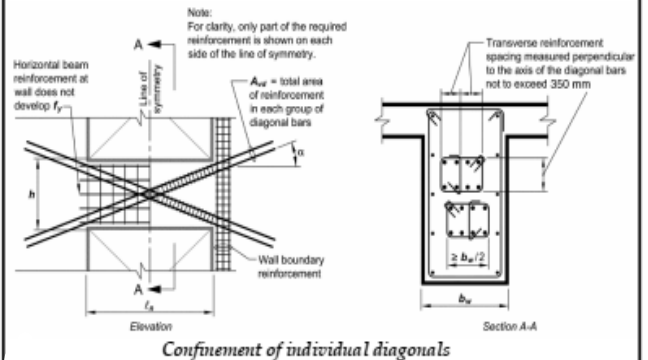


- necessary to reinforced with two intersecting group of diagonally placed bars

COUPLED SHEAR WALLS...

- **ACI 318 - 11: Diagonal/horizontal bars**

Detailing option 1



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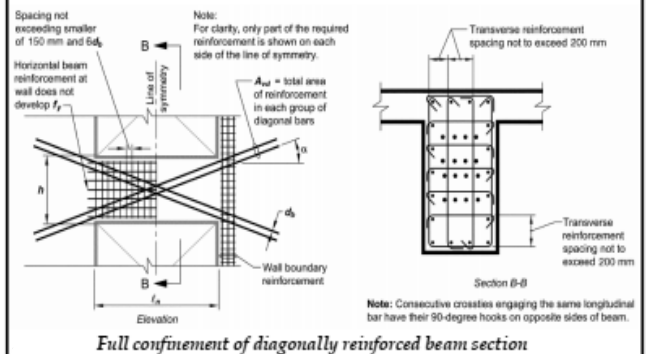
(c) Each group of diagonal bars shall be enclosed by transverse reinforcement having out-to-out dimensions not smaller than $b_w/2$ in the direction parallel to b_w and $b_w/5$ along the other sides, where b_w is the web width of the coupling beam. The transverse reinforcement shall be distributed around the beam perimeter with total area in each direction not less than $0.002b_w s$ and spacing not exceeding 300 mm.

Additional longitudinal and transverse reinforcement shall be distributed around the beam perimeter with total area in each direction not less than $0.002b_w s$ and spacing not exceeding 300 mm.

COUPLED SHEAR WALLS...

- **ACI 318 - 11: Diagonal/horizontal bars...**

Detailing option 2



COUPLED SHEAR WALLS...

- ACI 318 - 11: Diagonal/horizontal bars**
Detailing option 2
 (d) Transverse reinforcement shall be provided for the entire beam cross section satisfying 21.6.4.2, 21.6.4.4, and 21.6.4.7, with longitudinal spacing not exceeding the smaller of 150 mm and six times the diameter of the diagonal bars, and with spacing of crossies or legs of hoops both vertically and horizontally in the plane of the beam cross section not exceeding 200 mm. Each crossie and each hoop leg shall engage a longitudinal bar of equal or larger diameter. It shall be permitted to configure hoops as specified in 21.5.3.6.

OPENINGS IN WALLS

The shear strength of a wall with openings should be checked along critical planes that pass through openings.

- Shear strength to be checked along planes passing through openings**

The diagram shows a vertical wall with several rectangular openings. Horizontal red lines indicate 'Critical Sections' that pass through the center of each opening. Orange arrows on the left represent shear forces acting on the wall.

OPENINGS IN WALLS...

Reinforcement shall be provided along the edges of openings in walls. The area of the vertical and horizontal bars should be such as to equal that of the respective interrupted bars. The vertical bars should extend for the full storey height. The horizontal bars should be provided with development length in tension beyond the sides of the opening.

- Reinforcement interrupted by opening to be provided along edges**
 - Vertical edge reinforcement to extend full storey height
 - Horizontal edge reinforcement to have development length in tension

OPENINGS IN WALLS...

- Reinforcement at openings...**

The diagram shows a wall with a central opening. Vertical bars are interrupted at the opening. 'Replacement steel' is provided on both sides of the opening. Horizontal bars are provided at the top and bottom edges of the opening. A label L_{dt} indicates the development length of the bars.

DISCONTINUOUS WALLS

Discontinuous Walls

Columns supporting discontinuous walls shall be provided with special confining reinforcement.

- Special confinement reinforcement required over full height of columns supporting walls**

DISCONTINUOUS WALLS...

- Special confinement reinforcement...**

The diagram shows a column supporting a wall. The column is divided into a 'Regular floor' section and an 'RC Wall' section. The 'RC Wall' section is highlighted with a red grid, indicating 'Special confinement reinforcement: closely spaced transverse ties throughout the short column'. A label indicates that the 'Region over which special confining reinforcement must extend into the column above' is the height of the wall. A 'Development length of longitudinal bar in column' is also shown.

CONSTRUCTION JOINTS

Construction Joints

The vertical reinforcement ratio across a horizontal construction joint shall not be less than:

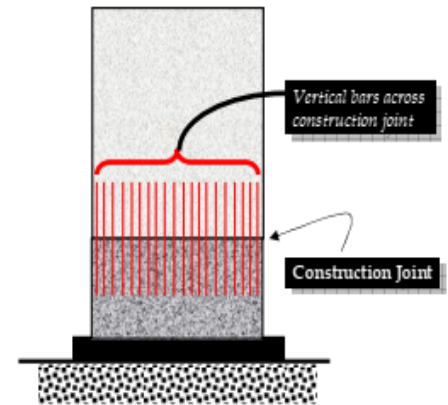
$$\frac{0.92}{f_y} \left(\tau_v - \frac{P_u}{A_g} \right)$$

where τ_v is the factored shear stress at the joint, P_u is the factored axial force (positive for compression), and A_g is the gross cross sectional area of the joint.

- **Minimum vertical reinforcement across the construction joint**

CONSTRUCTION JOINTS...

- **Construction Joints...**



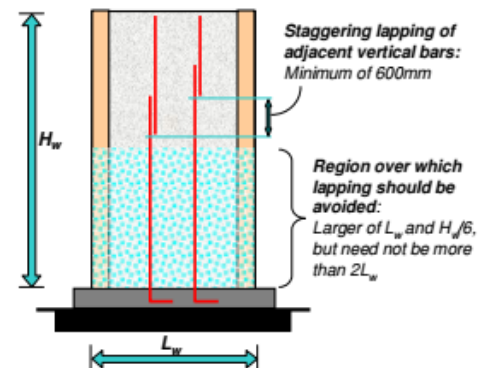
DEVELOPMENT, SPLICE & ANCHORAGE REQUIREMENT

Horizontal reinforcement shall be anchored near the edges of the wall or in the confined core of the boundary elements.

Splicing of vertical flexural reinforcement should be avoided, as far as possible, in regions where yielding may take place. This zone of flexural yielding may be considered to extend for a distance of l_w above the base of the wall or one sixth of the wall height, whichever is more. However, this distance need not be greater than $2 l_w$. Not more than one third of this vertical reinforcement shall be spliced at such a section. Splices in adjacent bars should be staggered by a minimum of 600 mm.

DEVELOPMENT, SPLICE & ANCHORAGE REQ....

- **Splicing of vertical reinforcement to be avoided in critical regions**



DEVELOPMENT, SPLICE & ANCHORAGE REQ....

Lateral ties shall be provided around lapped spliced bars that are larger than 16 mm in diameter. The diameter of the tie shall not be less than one fourth that of the spliced bar nor less than 6 mm. The spacing of ties shall not exceed 150 mm center to center.


- **Lateral tie requirements for lapped spliced bars**

DEVELOPMENT, SPLICE & ANCHORAGE REQ....

Welded splices and mechanical connections shall conform to 25.2.5.2 of IS 456 : 1978. However, not more than half the reinforcement shall be spliced at a section, where flexural yielding may take place.

- **Welded splices and mechanical connections as per IS:456.**

Example: RC Shear Wall Design

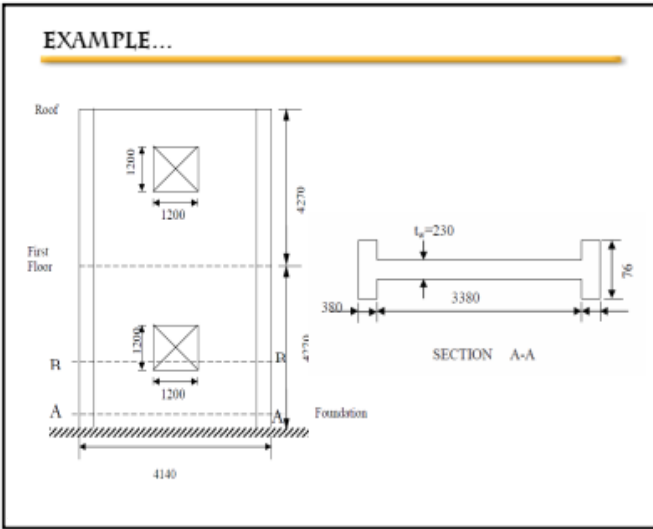


EXAMPLE

- Design a shear wall for a two-storey building as shown in Figure. The materials are M20 concrete and Fe415 steel. The example shows design for load combination 1.2(DL + LL +EL) only. In practice all other combinations should also be considered. The unfactored forces in the panel between the ground level and first floor are obtained by analysis as

S.No	Load Case	Bending Moment	Axial Force	Shear Force
1.	(DL+LL)	-577.5	1922.9	19.7
2.	Earthquake	4830.9	255.7	699.1

Explanatory Examples for Ductile Detailing of RC Buildings



EXAMPLE...

- Factored bending moment on the section,
 - $M_u = 1.2 \times (577.5 + 4830.9) = 6490 \text{ kNm}$
- The maximum factored shear force,
 - $V_u = 1.2 \times (19.7 + 699.1) = 863 \text{ kN}$
- Effective depth
 - $d_e = 3380 + (380/2) + (380/2) = 3760 \text{ mm}$
- Shear stress, $\tau_v = \frac{V_u}{d_e \times t_w} = 0.998$
- Let the minimum vertical reinforcement = 0.25% provided in the web

SHEAR DESIGN...

- As per Table 19 of IS: 456-2000, $\tau_c = 0.36 \text{ N/mm}^2$.
- Shear carried by concrete,

$$V_{uc} = \tau_c \times d_e \times t = 311 \text{ kN}$$
- Shear to be resisted by horizontal reinforcement,

$$V_{us} = V_u - V_{uc} = (863 - 311) = 552 \text{ kN}$$

$$V_{us} = \frac{0.87 f_y A_h d_e}{S_v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A_h}{S_v} = 0.41$$

- Minimum horizontal reinforcement (0.25%) requires this ratio to be 0.575
- For $t_w > 200 \text{ mm}$, the reinforcement shall be in 2 layers
- Provide horizontal reinf. of 8mm dia. bars at 175 mm c/c in 2 layers

SHEAR DESIGN AT OPENING...

- Effective depth of wall on each side of opening
 - = $(1090 + 380/2) = 1280 \text{ mm}$
 - $\tau_v = 1.47 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- Shear to be resisted by reinforcement on each side of opening
 - $V_{us} = 326 \text{ kN}$.
- Provide 8 mm diameter 2-legged stirrups at 140 mm c/c on each side of opening

FLEXURAL STRENGTH OF WEB...

- Vertical reinf. in web is 0.25 percent
- $L_w = 4140$ mm and $t_w = 230$ mm
- Axial compression will increase moment capacity of wall
 - **Factored axial force**
 - $P_u = 0.8 \times 1922.9 + 1.2 \times 255.7 = 1845$ kN
 - **Assuming this axial load to be uniformly distributed, load on web** = $0.574 \times 1845 = 1059$ kN
- The moment of resistance of a slender rectangular shear wall section with uniformly distributed vertical reinf. can be estimated as per IS 13920: 1993 (**Annex A**)

FLEXURAL STRENGTH OF WEB...

(a) For $x_u/l_w < x_u^*/l_w$

$$\frac{M_{uw}}{f_{ck} t_w l_w^2} = \phi \left[\left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{\phi} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - 0.416 \frac{x_u}{l_w} \right) - \left(\frac{x_u}{l_w} \right)^2 \left(0.168 + \frac{\beta^2}{3} \right) \right] \quad (1)$$

where

$$\frac{x_u}{l_w} = \left(\frac{\phi + \lambda}{2\phi + 0.36} \right) \quad x_u^* = \left(\frac{0.0035}{0.0035 + 0.87 f_t / E_s} \right)$$

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{P_u}{f_{ck} t_w l_w} \right) \quad \phi = \left(\frac{0.87 f_t \rho}{f_{ck}} \right)$$

ρ = vertical reinforcement ratio = $A_{st} / (t_w l_w)$,
 A_{st} = area of uniformly distributed vertical reinforcement,
 β = $0.87 f_t / (0.0035 E_s)$,
 E_s = elastic modulus of steel, and
 P_u = axial compression on wall.

FLEXURAL STRENGTH OF WEB...

(b) For $x_u^*/l_w < x_u/l_w < 1.0$

$$\frac{M_{uw}}{f_{ck} t_w l_w^2} = \alpha_1 \left(\frac{x_u}{l_w} \right) - \alpha_2 \left(\frac{x_u}{l_w} \right)^2 - \alpha_3 - \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\alpha_1 = \left[0.36 + \phi \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{2} - \frac{1}{2\beta} \right) \right] \quad \alpha_2 = \left[0.15 + \frac{\phi}{2} \left(1 - \beta + \frac{\beta^2}{3} - \frac{1}{3\beta} \right) \right]; \text{ and}$$

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{\phi}{6\beta} \left(\frac{1}{(x_u/l_w)} - 3 \right)$$

Value of x_u/l_w calculated from the quadratic equation

$$\alpha_1 - \left(\frac{x_u}{l_w} \right) + \alpha_2 \left(\frac{x_u}{l_w} \right)^2 - \alpha_3 = 0$$

where

$$\alpha_1 = \left(\frac{\phi + \lambda}{\beta} \right); \text{ and } \alpha_2 = \left(\frac{\phi}{2\beta} \right)$$

FLEXURAL STRENGTH OF WEB...

- As $x_u/l_w < x_u^*/l_w$,
 - we get the value as:
 - $\lambda = 0.056$, $\phi = 0.045$, $x_u/l_w = 0.233$,
 - $x_u^*/l_w = 0.660$, and $\beta = 0.516$
- Moment of resistance of the web
 - $M_{uw} = 3296$ kNm
- Remaining moment will be resisted by reinf. in boundary elements
 - $(M_u - M_{uw}) = (6490 - 3296) = 3194$ kNm

BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

- Due to combined axial load and bending, axial compression at the extreme fibre = 6.81 N/mm²
 - $> 0.2f_{ck}$ → Boundary elements are mandatory
- Center to center dist. b/w the boundary elements, $C_w = 3760$ mm
- Axial force on the boundary element due to earthquake loading
 - = $(M_u - M_{uw}) / C_w = 3194 / 3.76 = 849$ kN
- Maximum factored compression on the boundary element
 - $[849 + 0.213 \times 1.2 \times (1922.9 + 255.7)] = 1406$ kN
- Factored tension on the boundary element,
 - $[0.213 \times (0.8 \times 1922.9 - 1.2 \times 255.7) - 849] = -587$ kN

BOUNDARY ELEMENTS...

- Assuming short column action
 - the axial load capacity of the boundary element with min. reinf. of 0.8% = 2953 kN
- 12 bars of 16 mm diameter will be adequate to take the compression as well as tension
- Also, provide special confining reinf. as per **Cl. 9.4.5**

REINFORCEMENT AROUND OPENING...

- Opening size = 1200 mm by 1200 mm
- Area of vertical and horizontal reinforcement in the web (0.25%) that is interrupted by it is 690 mm²
 - Provide area of bars equal to the respective interrupted bars
- Thus, one bar of 16 mm diameter should be provided per layer of reinforcement on each side of the opening
 - The vertical bar should extend for the full storey height
 - The horizontal bar should be provided with development length in tension beyond the sides of the opening

REINFORCEMENT DETAILS...

