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PREFACE TO ACI 318M-14

The "Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete" ("Code") provides minimum requirements for the materials, design, and detailing of structural concrete buildings and, where applicable, nonbuilding structures. This Code addresses structural systems, members, and connections, including cast-in-place, precast, plain, nonprestressed, prestressed, and composite construction. Among the subjects covered are: design and construction for strength, serviceability, and durability; load combinations, load factors, and strength reduction factors; structural analysis methods; deflection limits; mechanical and adhesive anchoring to concrete; development and splicing of reinforcement; construction document information; field inspection and testing; and methods to evaluate the strength of existing structures. "Building Code Requirements for Concrete Thin Shells" (ACI 318.2) is adopted by reference in this Code.

The Code user will find that ACI 318-14 has been substantially reorganized and reformatted from previous editions. The principal objectives of this reorganization are to present all design and detailing requirements for structural systems or for individual members in chapters devoted to those individual subjects, and to arrange the chapters in a manner that generally follows the process and chronology of design and construction. Information and procedures that are common to the design of members are located in utility chapters.

The quality and testing of materials used in construction are covered by reference to the appropriate ASTM standard specifications. Welding of reinforcement is covered by reference to the appropriate American Welding Society (AWS) standard.

Uses of the Code include adoption by reference in a general building code, and earlier editions have been widely used in this manner. The Code is written in a format that allows such reference without change to its language. Therefore, background details or suggestions for carrying out the requirements or intent of the Code provisions cannot be included within the Code itself. The Commentary is provided for this purpose.

Some of the considerations of the committee in developing the Code are discussed within the Commentary, with emphasis given to the explanation of new or revised provisions. Much of the research data referenced in preparing the Code is cited for the user desiring to study individual questions in greater detail. Other documents that provide suggestions for carrying out the requirements of the Code are also cited.

Technical changes from ACI 318-11 to ACI 318-14 are outlined in the May 2014 issue of Concrete International.

Transition keys showing how the code was reorganized are provided on the ACI website on the 318 Resource Page under Topics in Concrete.

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admixtures; aggregates; anchorage (structural); beam-column frame; beams (supports); building codes; cements; cold weather construction; columns (supports); combined stress; composite construction (concrete and steel); composite construction (concrete to concrete); compressive strength; concrete construction; concrete slabs; concretes; construction joints; continuity (structural); construction documents; contraction joints; cover; curing; deep beams; deflections; earthquake-resistant structures; embedded service ducts; flexural strength; floors; folded plates; footings; formwork (construction); frames; hot weather construction; inspection; isolation joints; joints (junctions); joists; lightweight concretes; load tests (structural); loads (forces); materials; mixing; mixture proportioning; modulus of elasticity; moments; pipe columns; pipes (tubing); placing; plain concrete; precast concrete; prestressed concrete; prestressing steels; quality control; reinforced concrete; reinforcing steels; roofs; serviceability; shear strength; shear walls; shells (structural forms); spans; splicing; strength; strength analysis; stresses; structural analysis; structural concrete; structural design; structural integrity; T-beams; torsion; walls; water; welded wire reinforcement.

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ACI 318M-14, Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete, and ACI 318RM-14, Commentary, are presented in a side-by-side column format. These are two separate but coordinated documents, with Code text placed in the left column and the corresponding Commentary text aligned in the right column. Commentary section numbers are preceded by an "R" to further distinguish them from Code section numbers.

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INTRODUCTION

This Commentary discusses some of the considerations of Committee 318 in developing the provisions contained in "Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318-14)," hereinafter called the Code or the 2014 Code. Emphasis is given to the explanation of new or revised provisions that may be unfamiliar to Code users. In addition, comments are included for some items contained in previous editions of the Code to make the present commentary independent of the previous editions. Comments on specific provisions are made under the corresponding chapter and section numbers of the Code.

The Commentary is not intended to provide a complete historical background concerning the development of the Code, nor is it intended to provide a detailed résumé of the studies and research data reviewed by the committee in formulating the provisions of the Code. However, references to some of the research data are provided for those who wish to study the background material in depth.

As the name implies, "Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete" is meant to be used as part of a legally adopted building code and as such must differ in form and substance from documents that provide detailed specifications, recommended practice, complete design procedures, or design aids.

The Code is intended to cover all buildings of the usual types, both large and small. Requirements more stringent than the Code provisions may be desirable for unusual construction. The Code and Commentary cannot replace sound engineering knowledge, experience, and judgment.

A building code states only the minimum requirements necessary to provide for public health and safety. The Code is based on this principle. For any structure, the owner or the licensed design professional may require the quality of materials and construction to be higher than the minimum requirements necessary to protect the public as stated in the Code. However, lower standards are not permitted.

The Commentary directs attention to other documents that provide suggestions for carrying out the requirements and intent of the Code. However, those documents and the Commentary are not a part of the Code.

The Code has no legal status unless it is adopted by the government bodies having the police power to regulate building design and construction. Where the Code has not been adopted, it may serve as a reference to good practice even though it has no legal status.

The Code provides a means of establishing minimum standards for acceptance of designs and construction by legally appointed building officials or their designated representatives. The Code and Commentary are not intended for use in settling disputes between the owner, engineer, architect, contractor, or their agents, subcontractors, material suppliers, or testing agencies. Therefore, the Code cannot define the contract responsibility of each of the parties in usual construction. General references requiring compliance with the Code in the project specifications should be avoided since the contractor is rarely in a position to accept responsibility for design details or construction requirements that depend on a detailed knowledge of the design. Design-build construction contractors, however, typically combine the design and construction responsibility. Generally, the contract documents should contain all of the necessary requirements to ensure compliance with the Code. In part, this can be accomplished by reference to specific Code sections in the project specifications. Other ACI publications, such as "Specifications for Structural Concrete (ACI 301)" are written specifically for use as contract documents for construction.

It is recommended to have testing and certification programs for the individual parties involved with the execution of work performed in accordance with this Code. Available for this purpose are the plant certification programs of the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute, the Post-Tensioning Institute, and the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association; the personnel certification programs of the American Concrete Institute and the Post-Tensioning Institute; and the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute's Voluntary Certification Program for Fusion-Bonded Epoxy Coating Applicator Plants. In addition, "Standard Specification for Agencies Engaged in Construction Inspecting and/or Testing" (ASTM E329-09) specifies performance requirements for inspection and testing agencies.

Design reference materials illustrating applications of the Code requirements may be found in the following documents. The design aids listed may be obtained from the sponsoring organization.

Design aids:

"ACI Design Handbook," Publication SP-17(11), American Concrete Institute, Farmington Hills, MI, 2011, 539 pp. (This provides tables and charts for design of eccentrically loaded columns by the Strength Design Method of the 2009 Code. Provides design aids for use in the engineering design and analysis of reinforced concrete slab systems carrying loads by two-way action. Design aids are also provided for the selection of slab thickness and for reinforcement required to control deformation and assure adequate shear and flexural strengths.)

For a history of the ACI Building Code, see Kerekes, F., and Reid, H. B., Jr., "Fifty Years of Development in Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete," ACI Journal, V. 50, No. 6, Feb. 1954, p. 441. For a discussion of code philosophy, see Siess, C. P., " Research, Building Codes, and Engineering Practice," ACI Journal, V. 56, No. 5, May 1960, p. 1105.

"ACI Detailing Manual—2004," ACI Committee 315, Publication SP-66(04), American Concrete Institute, Farmington Hills, MI, 2004, 212 pp. (Includes the standard, ACI 315-99, and report, ACI 315R-04. Provides recommended methods and standards for preparing engineering drawings, typical details, and drawings placing reinforcing steel in reinforced concrete structures. Separate sections deﬁne responsibilities of both engineer and reinforcing bar detailer.)

"Guide to Durable Concrete (ACI 201.2R-08)," ACI Committee 201, American Concrete Institute, Farmington Hills, MI, 2008, 49 pp. (This describes speciﬁc types of concrete deterioration. It contains a discussion of the mechanisms involved in deterioration and the recommended requirements for individual components of the concrete, quality considerations for concrete mixtures, construction procedures, and inﬂuences of the exposure environment.)

"Guide for the Design and Construction of Durable Parking Structures (362.1R-12)," ACI Committee 362, American Concrete Institute, Farmington Hills, MI, 2012, 24 pp. (This summarizes practical information regarding design of parking structures for durability. It also includes information about design issues related to parking structure construction and maintenance.)

"CRSI Handbook," Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, Schaumburg, IL, tenth edition, 2008, 777 pp. (This provides tabulated designs for structural elements and slab systems. Design examples are provided to show the basis and use of the load tables. Tabulated designs are given for beams; square, round, and rectangular columns; one-way slabs; and one-way joist construction. The design tables for two-way slab systems include ﬂat plates, ﬂat slabs, and wafﬂe slabs. The chapters on foundations provide design tables for square footings, pile caps, drilled piers (caissons), and cantilevered retaining walls. Other design aids are presented for crack control and development of reinforcement and lap splices.)

"Reinforcement Anchorages and Splices," Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, Schaumburg, IL, ﬁfth edition, 2008, 100 pp. (This provides accepted practices in splicing reinforcement. The use of lap splices, mechanical splices,

and welded splices are described. Design data are presented for development and lap splicing of reinforcement.)

"Structural Welded Wire Reinforcement Manual of Standard Practice," Wire Reinforcement Institute, Hartford, CT, eighth edition, Apr. 2010, 35 pp. (This describes welded wire reinforcement material, gives nomenclature and wire size and weight tables. Lists speciﬁcations and properties and manufacturing limitations. Book has latest code requirements as code affects welded wire. Also gives development length and splice length tables. Manual contains customary units and soft metric units.)

"Structural Welded Wire Reinforcement Detailing Manual," Wire Reinforcement Institute, Hartford, CT, 1994, 252 pp. (The manual, in addition to including ACI 318 provisions and design aids, also includes: detailing guidance on welded wire reinforcement in one-way and two-way slabs; precast/prestressed concrete components; columns and beams; cast-in-place walls; and slabs-on-ground. In addition, there are tables to compare areas and spacings of high-strength welded wire with conventional reinforcing.)

"PCI Design Handbook—Precast and Prestressed Concrete," Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute, Chicago, IL, seventh edition, 2010, 804 pp. (This provides load tables for common industry products, and procedures for design and analysis of precast and prestressed elements and structures composed of these elements. Provides design aids and examples.)

"Design and Typical Details of Connections for Precast and Prestressed Concrete," Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute, Chicago, IL, second edition, 1988, 270 pp. (This updates available information on design of connections for both structural and architectural products, and presents a full spectrum of typical details. This provides design aids and examples.)

"Post-Tensioning Manual," Post-Tensioning Institute, Farmington Hills, MI, sixth edition, 2006, 354 pp. (This provides comprehensive coverage of post-tensioning systems, speciﬁcations, design aids, and construction concepts.)

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1.2—General

1.2.1 ACI 318, "Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete," is hereafter referred to as "this Code."

1.2.2 In this Code, the general building code refers to the building code adopted in a jurisdiction. When adopted, this Code forms part of the general building code.

1.2.3 The official version of this Code is the English language version, using inch-pound units, published by the American Concrete Institute.

1.2.4 In case of conflict between the official version of this Code and other versions of this Code, the official version governs.

1.2.5 This Code provides minimum requirements for the materials, design, construction, and strength evaluation of structural concrete members and systems in any structure designed and constructed under the requirements of the general building code.

1.2.6 Modifications to this Code that are adopted by a particular jurisdiction are part of the laws of that jurisdiction, but are not a part of this Code.

1.2.7 If no general building code is adopted, this Code provides minimum requirements for the materials, design, construction, and strength evaluation of members and systems in any structure within the scope of this Code.

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R1.1—Scope of ACI 318

R1.1.1 This Code includes provisions for the design of concrete used for structural purposes, including plain concrete; concrete containing nonprestressed reinforcement, prestressed reinforcement, or both; composite columns with structural steel shapes, pipes, or tubing; and anchoring to concrete.

This Code is substantially reorganized from the previous version, ACI 318M-11. This chapter includes a number of provisions that explain where this Code applies and how it is to be interpreted.

R1.2—General

R1.2.2 The American Concrete Institute recommends that this Code be adopted in its entirety.

R1.2.3 Committee 318 develops the Code in English, using inch-pound units. Based on that version, Committee 318 approved three other versions:

(a) In English using SI units (ACI 318M)
(b) In Spanish using SI units (ACI 318S)
(c) In Spanish using inch-pound units (ACI 318SUS).

Jurisdictions may adopt ACI 318, ACI 318M, ACI 318S, or ACI 318SUS.

R1.2.5 This Code provides minimum requirements and exceeding these minimum requirements is not a violation of the Code.

The licensed design professional may specify project requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of this Code.

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1.3—Purpose

1.3.1 The purpose of this Code is to provide for public health and safety by establishing minimum requirements for strength, stability, serviceability, durability, and integrity of concrete structures.

1.3.2 This Code does not address all design considerations.

1.3.3 Construction means and methods are not addressed in this Code.

1.4—Applicability

1.4.1 This Code shall apply to concrete structures designed and constructed under the requirements of the general building code.

1.4.2 Applicable provisions of this Code shall be permitted to be used for structures not governed by the general building code.

1.4.3 The design of thin shells and folded plate concrete structures shall be in accordance with ACI 318.2, "Building Code Requirements for Concrete Thin Shells."

1.4.4 This Code shall apply to the design of slabs cast on stay-in-place, noncomposite steel decks.

1.4.5 For one- and two-family dwellings, multiple single-family dwellings, townhouses, and accessory structures to

R1.3—Purpose

R1.3.1 This Code provides a means of establishing minimum requirements for the design and construction of structural concrete, as well as for acceptance of design and construction of concrete structures by the building of¿cials or their designated representatives.

This Code does not provide a comprehensive statement of all duties of all parties to a contract or all requirements of a contract for a project constructed under this Code.

R1.3.2 The minimum requirements in this Code do not replace sound professional judgment or the licensed design professional's knowledge of the speci¿c factors surrounding a project, its design, the project site, and other speci¿c or unusual circumstances to the project.

R1.4—Applicability

R1.4.2 Structures such as arches, bins and silos, blast-resistant structures, chimneys, underground utility structures, gravity walls, and shielding walls involve design and construction requirements that are not speci¿cally addressed by this Code. Many Code provisions, however, such as concrete quality and design principles, are applicable for these structures. Recommendations for design and construction of some of these structures are given in the following:

• "Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete Chimneys and Commentary" (ACI 307-08)
• "Standard Practice for Design and Construction of Concrete Silos and Stacking Tubes for Storing Granular Materials" (ACI 313-97)
• "Code Requirements for Nuclear Safety-Related Concrete Structures and Commentary" (ACI 349)
• "Code for Concrete Containments" (ACI 359)

R1.4.4 In its most basic application, the noncomposite steel deck serves as a form, and the concrete slab is designed to resist all loads, while in other applications the concrete slab may be designed to resist only the superimposed loads. The design of a steel deck in a load-resisting application is given in "Standard for Non-Composite Steel Floor Deck" (SDI NC). The SDI standard refers to this Code for the design and construction of the structural concrete slab.

R1.4.5 ACI 332 addresses only the design and construction of cast-in-place footings, foundation walls supported on

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these types of dwellings, the design and construction of cast-in-place footings, foundation walls, and slabs-on-ground in accordance with ACI 332 shall be permitted.

1.4.6 This Code does not apply to the design and installation of concrete piles, drilled piers, and caissons embedded in ground, except as provided in (a) or (b):

(a) For portions in air or water, or in soil incapable of providing adequate lateral restraint to prevent buckling throughout their length
(b) For structures assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, and F

1.4.7 This Code does not apply to design and construction of slabs-on-ground, unless the slab transmits vertical loads or lateral forces from other portions of the structure to the soil.

1.4.8 This Code does not apply to the design and construction of tanks and reservoirs.

1.4.9 This Code does not apply to composite design slabs cast on stay-in-place composite steel deck. Concrete used in the construction of such slabs shall be governed by this Code, where applicable. Portions of such slabs designed as reinforced concrete are governed by this Code.

1.5—Interpretation

1.5.1 The principles of interpretation in this section shall apply to this Code as a whole unless otherwise stated.

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continuous footings, and slabs-on-ground for limited residential construction applications. Multiple single-family dwellings include structures such as townhomes.

R1.4.6 The design and installation of concrete piles fully embedded in the ground is regulated by the general building code. Recommendations for concrete piles are given in ACI 543R. Recommendations for drilled piers are given in ACI 336.3R. Recommendations for precast prestressed concrete piles are given in "Recommended Practice for Design, Manufacture, and Installation of Prestressed Concrete Piling" (PCI 1993).
Refer to 18.13.4 for supplemental requirements for concrete piles, drilled piers, and caissons in structures assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, and F.

R1.4.7 Detailed recommendations for design and construction of slabs-on-ground and floors that do not transmit vertical loads or lateral forces from other portions of the structure to the soil, and residential post-tensioned slabs-on-ground, are given in the following publications:

- ACI 360R presents information on the design of slabs-on-ground, primarily industrial floors and the slabs adjacent to them. The report addresses the planning, design, and detailing of the slabs. Background information on the design theories is followed by discussion of the soil support system, loadings, and types of slabs. Design methods are given for structural plain concrete, reinforced concrete, shrinkage-compensating concrete, and post-tensioned concrete slabs.
- The Post-Tensioning Institute (DC 10.5-12) provides standard requirements for post-tensioned slab-on-ground foundations, soil investigation, design, and analysis of post-tensioned residential and light commercial slabs on expansive soils.

R1.4.8 Requirements and recommendations for the design and construction of tanks and reservoirs are given in ACI 350, ACI 334.1R, and ACI 372R.

R1.4.9 In this type of construction, the steel deck serves as the positive moment reinforcement. The design and construction of concrete-steel deck slabs is described in "Standard for Composite Steel Floor Deck-Slabs" (SDI C). The standard refers to the appropriate portions of this Code for the design and construction of the concrete portion of the composite assembly. SDI C also provides guidance for design of composite-concrete-steel deck slabs. The design of negative moment reinforcement to create continuity at supports is a common example where a portion of the slab is designed in conformance with this Code.

R1.5—Interpretation

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1.5.2 This Code consists of chapters and appendixes, including text, headings, tables, figures, footnotes to tables and figures, and referenced standards.

1.5.3 The Commentary consists of a preface, introduction, commentary text, tables, figures, and cited publications. The Commentary is intended to provide contextual information, but is not part of this Code, does not provide binding requirements, and shall not be used to create a conflict with or ambiguity in this Code.

1.5.4 This Code shall be interpreted in a manner that avoids conflict between or among its provisions. Specific provisions shall govern over general provisions.

R1.5.4 General provisions are broad statements, such as a building needs to be serviceable. Specific provisions, such as explicit reinforcement distribution requirements for crack control, govern over the general provisions.

1.5.5 This Code shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the plain meaning of the words and terms used. Specific definitions of words and terms in this Code shall be used where provided and applicable, regardless of whether other materials, standards, or resources outside of this Code provide a different definition.

R1.5.5 ACI Concrete Terminology (2013) is the primary resource to help determine the meaning of words or terms that are not defined in the Code. Dictionaries and other reference materials commonly used by licensed design professionals may be used as secondary resources.

1.5.6 The following words and terms in this Code shall be interpreted in accordance with (a) through (e):

(a) The word "shall" is always mandatory.
(b) Provisions of this Code are mandatory even if the word "shall" is not used.
(c) Words used in the present tense shall include the future.
(d) The word "and" indicates that all of the connected items, conditions, requirements, or events shall apply.
(e) The word "or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, requirements, or events are alternatives, at least one of which shall be satisfied.

1.5.7 In any case in which one or more provisions of this Code are declared by a court or tribunal to be invalid, that ruling shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Code, which are severable. The ruling of a court or tribunal shall be effective only in that court's jurisdiction, and shall not affect the content or interpretation of this Code in other jurisdictions.

R.1.5.7 This Code addresses numerous requirements that can be implemented fully without modification if other requirements in this Code are determined to be invalid. This severability requirement is intended to preserve this Code and allow it to be implemented to the extent possible following legal decisions affecting one or more of its provisions.

1.5.8 If conflicts occur between provisions of this Code and those of standards and documents referenced in Chapter 3, this Code shall apply.

1.6—Building official

1.6.1 All references in this Code to the building official shall be understood to mean persons who administer and enforce this Code.

R1.6—Building official

R1.6.1 Building official is defined in 2.3.

1.6.2 Actions and decisions by the building official affect only the specific jurisdiction and do not change this Code.

R1.6.2 Only the American Concrete Institute has the authority to alter or amend this Code.

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1.6.3 The building official shall have the right to order testing of any materials used in concrete construction to determine if materials are of the quality specified.

1.7—Licensed design professional

1.7.1 All references in this Code to the licensed design professional shall be understood to mean the person who is licensed and responsible for, and in charge of, the structural design or inspection.

1.8—Construction documents and design records

1.8.1 The licensed design professional shall provide in the construction documents the information required in Chapter 26 and that required by the jurisdiction.

1.8.2 Calculations pertinent to design shall be filed with the construction documents if required by the building official. Analyses and designs using computer programs shall be permitted provided design assumptions, user input, and computer-generated output are submitted. Model analysis shall be permitted to supplement calculations.

R1.7—Licensed design professional

R1.7.1 Licensed design professional is defined in 2.3.

R1.8—Construction documents and design records

R1.8.1 The provisions of Chapter 26 for preparing project drawings and specifications are, in general, consistent with those of most general building codes. Additional information may be required by the building official.

R1.8.2 Documented computer output is acceptable instead of manual calculations. The extent of input and output information required will vary according to the specific requirements of individual building officials. However, if a computer program has been used, only skeleton data should normally be required. This should consist of sufficient input and output data and other information to allow the building official to perform a detailed review and make comparisons using another program or manual calculations. Input data should be identified as to member designation, applied loads, and span lengths. The related output data should include member designation and the shears, moments, and reactions at key points in the span. For column design, it is desirable to include moment magnification factors in the output where applicable.

The Code permits model analysis to be used to supplement structural analysis and design calculations. Documentation of the model analysis should be provided with the related calculations. Model analysis should be performed by an individual having experience in this technique.

1.9—Testing and inspection

1.9.1 Concrete materials shall be tested in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 26.

1.9.2 Concrete construction shall be inspected in accordance with the general building code and in accordance with Chapters 17 and 26.

1.9.3 Inspection records shall include information required in Chapters 17 and 26.

1.10—Approval of special systems of design, construction, or alternative construction materials

1.10.1 Sponsors of any system of design, construction, or alternative construction materials within the scope of this Code, the adequacy of which has been shown by successful use or by analysis or test, but which does not conform to or is not covered by this Code, shall have the right to present the data on which their design is based to the building official

R1.10—Approval of special systems of design, construction, or alternative construction materials

R1.10.1 New methods of design, new materials, and new uses of materials should undergo a period of development before being covered in a code. Hence, good systems or components might be excluded from use by implication if means were not available to obtain acceptance.

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or to a board of examiners appointed by the building official. This board shall be composed of competent engineers and shall have authority to investigate the data so submitted, require tests, and formulate rules governing design and construction of such systems to meet the intent of this Code. These rules, when approved by the building official and promulgated, shall be of the same force and effect as the provisions of this Code.

For special systems considered under this section, specific tests, load factors, deflection limits, and other pertinent requirements should be set by the board of examiners, and should be consistent with the intent of the Code.

The provisions of this section do not apply to model tests used to supplement calculations under 1.8.2 or to strength evaluation of existing structures under Chapter 27.

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CHAPTER 2—NOTATION AND TERMINOLOGY

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2.1—Scope

2.1.1 This chapter de¿nes notation and terminology used in this Code.

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a = depth of equivalent rectangular stress block, mm

a_v = shear span, equal to distance from center of concentrated load to either: (a) face of support for continuous or cantilevered members, or (b) center of support for simply supported members, mm

A_b = area of an individual bar or wire, mm^2

A_{brg} = net bearing area of the head of stud, anchor bolt, or headed deformed bar, mm^2

A_c = area of concrete section resisting shear transfer, mm^2

A_{cf} = greater gross cross-sectional area of the slab-beam strips of the two orthogonal equivalent frames intersecting at a column of a two-way slab, mm^2

A_{ch} = cross-sectional area of a member measured to the outside edges of transverse reinforcement, mm^2

A_{cp} = area enclosed by outside perimeter of concrete cross section, mm^2

A_{cs} = cross-sectional area at one end of a strut in a strut-and-tie model, taken perpendicular to the axis of the strut, mm^2

A_{ct} = area of that part of cross section between the flexural tension face and centroid of gross section, mm^2

A_{cv} = gross area of concrete section bounded by web thickness and length of section in the direction of shear force considered in the case of walls, and gross area of concrete section in the case of diaphragms, not to exceed the thickness times the width of the diaphragm, mm^2

A_{cw} = area of concrete section of an individual pier, horizontal wall segment, or coupling beam resisting shear, mm^2

A_f = area of reinforcement in bracket or corbel resisting design moment, mm^2

A_g = gross area of concrete section, mm^2 For a hollow section, A_g is the area of the concrete only and does not include the area of the void(s)

A_h = total area of shear reinforcement parallel to primary tension reinforcement in a corbel or bracket, mm^2

A_j = effective cross-sectional area within a joint in a plane parallel to plane of beam reinforcement generating shear in the joint, mm^2

A_ℓ = total area of longitudinal reinforcement to resist torsion, mm^2

$A_{\ell,min}$ = minimum area of longitudinal reinforcement to resist torsion, mm^2

A_n = area of reinforcement in bracket or corbel resisting factored tensile force N_{uc}, mm^2

A_{nz} = area of a face of a nodal zone or a section through a nodal zone, mm^2

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A_{Na} = projected influence area of a single adhesive anchor or group of adhesive anchors, for calculation of bond strength in tension, mm^2

A_{Nao} = projected influence area of a single adhesive anchor, for calculation of bond strength in tension if not limited by edge distance or spacing, mm^2

A_{Nc} = projected concrete failure area of a single anchor or group of anchors, for calculation of strength in tension, mm^2

A_{Nco} = projected concrete failure area of a single anchor, for calculation of strength in tension if not limited by edge distance or spacing, mm^2

A_o = gross area enclosed by torsional shear flow path, mm^2

A_{oh} = area enclosed by centerline of the outermost closed transverse torsional reinforcement, mm^2

A_{pd} = total area occupied by duct, sheathing, and prestressing reinforcement, mm^2

A_{ps} = area of prestressed longitudinal tension reinforcement, mm^2

A_{pt} = total area of prestressing reinforcement, mm^2

A_s = area of nonprestressed longitudinal tension reinforcement, mm^2

A_s' = area of compression reinforcement, mm^2

A_{sc} = area of primary tension reinforcement in a corbel or bracket, mm^2

$A_{se,N}$ = effective cross-sectional area of anchor in tension, mm^2

$A_{se,V}$ = effective cross-sectional area of anchor in shear, mm^2

A_{sh} = total cross-sectional area of transverse reinforcement, including crossties, within spacing s and perpendicular to dimension b_c, mm^2

A_{si} = total area of surface reinforcement at spacing s_i in the i-th layer crossing a strut, with reinforcement at an angle α_i to the axis of the strut, mm^2

$A_{s,min}$ = minimum area of flexural reinforcement, mm^2

A_{st} = total area of nonprestressed longitudinal reinforcement including bars or steel shapes, and excluding prestressing reinforcement, mm^2

A_{sx} = area of steel shape, pipe, or tubing in a composite section, mm^2

A_t = area of one leg of a closed stirrup, hoop, or tie resisting torsion within spacing s, mm^2

A_{tp} = area of prestressing reinforcement in a tie, mm^2

A_{tr} = total cross-sectional area of all transverse reinforcement within spacing s that crosses the potential plane of splitting through the reinforcement being developed, mm^2

A_{ts} = area of nonprestressed reinforcement in a tie, mm^2

A_v = area of shear reinforcement within spacing s, mm^2

A_{vd} = total area of reinforcement in each group of diagonal bars in a diagonally reinforced coupling beam, mm^2

A_{vf} = area of shear-friction reinforcement, mm^2

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A_{vh} = area of shear reinforcement parallel to flexural tension reinforcement within spacing s_2, mm^2

$A_{v,min}$ = minimum area of shear reinforcement within spacing s, mm^2

A_{Vc} = projected concrete failure area of a single anchor or group of anchors, for calculation of strength in shear, mm^2

A_{Vco} = projected concrete failure area of a single anchor, for calculation of strength in shear, if not limited by corner influences, spacing, or member thickness, mm^2

A_l = loaded area for consideration of bearing strength, mm^2

A_2 = area of the lower base of the largest frustum of a pyramid, cone, or tapered wedge contained wholly within the support and having its upper base equal to the loaded area. The sides of the pyramid, cone, or tapered wedge shall be sloped one vertical to two horizontal, mm^2

b = width of compression face of member, mm

b_c = cross-sectional dimension of member core measured to the outside edges of the transverse reinforcement composing area A_{sh}, mm

b_f = effective flange width of T section, mm

b_o = perimeter of critical section for two-way shear in slabs and footings, mm

b_s = width of strut, mm

b_{slab} = effective slab width resisting $\gamma_f M_{sc}$, mm

b_t = width of that part of cross section containing the closed stirrups resisting torsion, mm

b_v = width of cross section at contact surface being investigated for horizontal shear, mm

b_w = web width or diameter of circular section, mm

b_1 = dimension of the critical section b_o measured in the direction of the span for which moments are determined, mm

b_2 = dimension of the critical section b_o measured in the direction perpendicular to b_1, mm

B_n = nominal bearing strength, N

B_u = factored bearing load, N

c = distance from extreme compression fiber to neutral axis, mm

c_{ac} = critical edge distance required to develop the basic strength as controlled by concrete breakout or bond of a post-installed anchor in tension in uncracked concrete without supplementary reinforcement to control splitting, mm

$c_{a,max}$ = maximum distance from center of an anchor shaft to the edge of concrete, mm

$c_{a,min}$ = minimum distance from center of an anchor shaft to the edge of concrete, mm

c_{a1} = distance from the center of an anchor shaft to the edge of concrete in one direction, mm If shear is applied to anchor, c_{a1} is taken in the direction of the applied shear. If tension is applied to the anchor, c_{a1} is the minimum edge distance. Where anchors

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subject to shear are located in narrow sections of limited thickness, see 17.5.2.4

c'_{a1} = limiting value of c_{a1} where anchors are located less than $1.5c_{a1}$ from three or more edges, mm; see Fig. R17.5.2.4

c_{a2} = distance from center of an anchor shaft to the edge of concrete in the direction perpendicular to c_{a1}, mm

c_b = lesser of: (a) the distance from center of a bar or wire to nearest concrete surface, and (b) one-half the center-to-center spacing of bars or wires being developed, mm

c_c = clear cover of reinforcement, mm

c_{Na} = projected distance from center of an anchor shaft on one side of the anchor required to develop the full bond strength of a single adhesive anchor, mm

c_t = distance from the interior face of the column to the slab edge measured parallel to c_1, but not exceeding c_1, mm

c_1 = dimension of rectangular or equivalent rectangular column, capital, or bracket measured in the direction of the span for which moments are being determined, mm

c_2 = dimension of rectangular or equivalent rectangular column, capital, or bracket measured in the direction perpendicular to c_1, mm

C = cross-sectional constant to define torsional properties of slab and beam

C = compressive force acting on a nodal zone, N

C_m = factor relating actual moment diagram to an equivalent uniform moment diagram

d = distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal tension reinforcement, mm

d' = distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal compression reinforcement, mm

d_a = outside diameter of anchor or shaft diameter of headed stud, headed bolt, or hooked bolt, mm

d_a' = value substituted for d_a if an oversized anchor is used, mm

d_{agg} = nominal maximum size of coarse aggregate, mm

d_b = nominal diameter of bar, wire, or prestressing strand, mm

d_{burst} = distance from the anchorage device to the centroid of the bursting force, T_{burst}, N

d_p = distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of prestressing reinforcement, mm

d_{pile} = diameter of pile at footing base, mm

D = effect of service dead load

e_{anc} = eccentricity of the anchorage device or group of devices with respect to the centroid of the cross section, mm

e_h = distance from the inner surface of the shaft of a J- or L-bolt to the outer tip of the J- or L-bolt, mm

e'_N = distance between resultant tension load on a group of anchors loaded in tension and the centroid of the group of anchors loaded in tension, mm; e_N' is always positive

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e'_V = distance between resultant shear load on a group of anchors loaded in shear in the same direction, and the centroid of the group of anchors loaded in shear in the same direction, mm; e_V' is always positive

E = effect of horizontal and vertical earthquake-induced forces

E_c = modulus of elasticity of concrete, MPa

E_{cb} = modulus of elasticity of beam concrete, MPa

E_{cs} = modulus of elasticity of slab concrete, MPa

EI = flexural stiffness of member, N-mm^2

$(EI)_{eff}$ = effective flexural stiffness of member, N-mm^2

E_p = modulus of elasticity of prestressing reinforcement, MPa

E_s = modulus of elasticity of reinforcement and structural steel, excluding prestressing reinforcement, MPa

f_c' = specified compressive strength of concrete, MPa

$\sqrt{f_c'}$ = square root of specified compressive strength of concrete, MPa

f_{ci}' = specified compressive strength of concrete at time of initial prestress, MPa

$\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$ = square root of specified compressive strength of concrete at time of initial prestress, MPa

f_{ce} = effective compressive strength of the concrete in a strut or a nodal zone, MPa

f_{cm} = measured average compressive strength of concrete, MPa

f_{ct} = measured average splitting tensile strength of lightweight concrete, MPa

f_d = stress due to unfactored dead load, at extreme fiber of section where tensile stress is caused by externally applied loads, MPa

f_{dc} = decompression stress; stress in the prestressing reinforcement if stress is zero in the concrete at the same level as the centroid of the prestressing reinforcement, MPa

f_{pc} = compressive stress in concrete, after allowance for all prestress losses, at centroid of cross section resisting externally applied loads or at junction of web and flange where the centroid lies within the flange, MPa. In a composite member, f_{pc} is the resultant compressive stress at centroid of composite section, or at junction of web and flange where the centroid lies within the flange, due to both prestress and moments resisted by precast member acting alone

f_{pe} = compressive stress in concrete due only to effective prestress forces, after allowance for all prestress losses, at extreme fiber of section if tensile stress is caused by externally applied loads, MPa

f_{ps} = stress in prestressing reinforcement at nominal flexural strength, MPa

f_{pu} = specified tensile strength of prestressing reinforcement, MPa

f_{py} = specified yield strength of prestressing reinforcement, MPa

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f_r = modulus of rupture of concrete, MPa

f_s = tensile stress in reinforcement at service loads, excluding prestressing reinforcement, MPa

f_s' = compressive stress in reinforcement under factored loads, excluding prestressing reinforcement, MPa

f_{se} = effective stress in prestressing reinforcement, after allowance for all prestress losses, MPa

f_t = extreme ¿ber stress in the precompressed tension zone calculated at service loads using gross section properties after allowance of all prestress losses, MPa

f_{uta} = speci¿ed tensile strength of anchor steel, MPa

f_y = speci¿ed yield strength for nonprestressed reinforcement, MPa

f_{ya} = speci¿ed yield strength of anchor steel, MPa

f_{yt} = speci¿ed yield strength of transverse reinforcement, MPa

F = effect of service lateral load due to Àuids with well-de¿ned pressures and maximum heights

F_{nn} = nominal strength at face of a nodal zone, N

F_{ns} = nominal strength of a strut, N

F_{nt} = nominal strength of a tie, N

F_{un} = factored force on the face of a node, N

F_{us} = factored compressive force in a strut, N

F_{ut} = factored tensile force in a tie, N

h = overall thickness, height, or depth of member, mm

h_a = thickness of member in which an anchor is located, measured parallel to anchor axis, mm

h_{ef} = effective embedment depth of anchor, mm

h_{sx} = story height for story x, mm

h_u = laterally unsupported height at extreme compression ¿ber of wall or wall pier, mm, equivalent to ℓ_u for compression members

h_v = depth of shearhead cross section, mm

h_w = height of entire wall from base to top, or clear height of wall segment or wall pier considered, mm

h_x = maximum center-to-center spacing of longitudinal bars laterally supported by corners of crossties or hoop legs around the perimeter of the column, mm

H = effect of service load due to lateral earth pressure, ground water pressure, or pressure of bulk materials, N

I = moment of inertia of section about centroidal axis, mm^4

I_b = moment of inertia of gross section of beam about centroidal axis, mm^4

I_{cr} = moment of inertia of cracked section transformed to concrete, mm^4

I_e = effective moment of inertia for calculation of deÀection, mm^4

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f_{si} = stress in the i-th layer of surface reinforcement, MPa

h_{anc} = dimension of anchorage device or single group of closely spaced devices in the direction of bursting being considered, mm

h'_{ef} = limiting value of h_{ef} where anchors are located less than $1.5h_{ef}$ from three or more edges, mm; refer to Fig. R17.4.2.3

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I_g = moment of inertia of gross concrete section about centroidal axis, neglecting reinforcement, mm^4

I_s = moment of inertia of gross section of slab about centroidal axis, mm^4

I_{se} = moment of inertia of reinforcement about centroidal axis of member cross section, mm^4

I_{sx} = moment of inertia of structural steel shape, pipe, or tubing about centroidal axis of composite member cross section, mm^4

k = effective length factor for compression members

k_c = coefﬁcient for basic concrete breakout strength in tension

k_{cp} = coefﬁcient for pryout strength

k_f = concrete strength factor

k_n = conﬁnement effectiveness factor

K_{tr} = transverse reinforcement index, mm

ℓ = span length of beam or one-way slab; clear projection of cantilever, mm

ℓ_a = additional embedment length beyond centerline of support or point of inﬂection, mm

ℓ_c = length of compression member, measured center-to-center of the joints, mm

ℓ_d = development length in tension of deformed bar, deformed wire, plain and deformed welded wire reinforcement, or pretensioned strand, mm

ℓ_{dc} = development length in compression of deformed bars and deformed wire, mm

ℓ_{db} = debonded length of prestressed reinforcement at end of member, mm

ℓ_{dh} = development length in tension of deformed bar or deformed wire with a standard hook, measured from outside end of hook, point of tangency, toward critical section, mm

ℓ_{dt} = development length in tension of headed deformed bar, measured from the bearing face of the head toward the critical section, mm

ℓ_e = load bearing length of anchor for shear, mm

ℓ_{ext} = straight extension at the end of a standard hook, mm

ℓ_n = length of clear span measured face-to-face of supports, mm

ℓ_o = length, measured from joint face along axis of member, over which special transverse reinforcement must be provided, mm

ℓ_{sc} = compression lap splice length, mm

ℓ_{st} = tension lap splice length, mm

ℓ_t = span of member under load test, taken as the shorter span for two-way slab systems, mm. Span is the lesser of: (a) distance between centers of supports, and (b) clear distance between supports plus thickness h of member. Span for a cantilever shall be

K_t = torsional stiffness of member; moment per unit rotation

K_{05} = coefﬁcient associated with the 5 percent fractile

ℓ_{anc} = length along which anchorage of a tie must occur, mm

ℓ_b = width of bearing, mm

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taken as twice the distance from face of support to cantilever end

ℓ_{tr} = transfer length of prestressed reinforcement, mm

ℓ_u = unsupported length of column or wall, mm

ℓ_v = length of shearhead arm from centroid of concentrated load or reaction, mm

ℓ_w = length of entire wall, or length of wall segment or wall pier considered in direction of shear force, mm

ℓ_1 = length of span in direction that moments are being determined, measured center-to-center of supports, mm

ℓ_2 = length of span in direction perpendicular to ℓ_1, measured center-to-center of supports, mm

L = effect of service live load

L_r = effect of service roof live load

M_a = maximum moment in member due to service loads at stage deflection is calculated, N-mm

M_c = factored moment amplified for the effects of member curvature used for design of compression member, N-mm

M_{cr} = cracking moment, N-mm

M_{cre} = moment causing flexural cracking at section due to externally applied loads, N-mm

M_{max} = maximum factored moment at section due to externally applied loads, N-mm

M_n = nominal flexural strength at section, N-mm

M_{nb} = nominal flexural strength of beam including slab where in tension, framing into joint, N-mm

M_{nc} = nominal flexural strength of column framing into joint, calculated for factored axial force, consistent with the direction of lateral forces considered, resulting in lowest flexural strength, N-mm

M_o = total factored static moment, N-mm

M_p = required plastic moment strength of shearhead cross section, N-mm

M_{pr} = probable flexural strength of members, with or without axial load, determined using the properties of the member at joint faces assuming a tensile stress in the longitudinal bars of at least $1.25f_y$ and a strength reduction factor ϕ of 1.0, N-mm

M_{sa} = maximum moment in wall due to service loads, excluding PΔ effects, N-mm

M_{sc} = factored slab moment that is resisted by the column at a joint, N-mm

M_u = factored moment at section, N-mm

M_{ua} = moment at midheight of wall due to factored lateral and eccentric vertical loads, not including PΔ effects, N-mm

M_v = moment resistance contributed by shearhead reinforcement, N-mm

M_1 = lesser factored end moment on a compression member, N-mm

M_{1ns} = factored end moment on a compression member at the end at which M_1 acts, due to loads that cause no

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M = moment acting on anchor or anchor group, N-mm

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appreciable sidesway, calculated using a first-order elastic frame analysis, N-mm

M_{1s} = factored end moment on compression member at the end at which M_1 acts, due to loads that cause appreciable sidesway, calculated using a first-order elastic frame analysis, N-mm

M_2 = greater factored end moment on a compression member. If transverse loading occurs between supports, M_2 is taken as the largest moment occurring in member. Value of M_2 is always positive, N-mm

$M_{2,min}$ = minimum value of M_2, N-mm

M_{2ns} = factored end moment on compression member at the end at which M_2 acts, due to loads that cause no appreciable sidesway, calculated using a first-order elastic frame analysis, N-mm

M_{2s} = factored end moment on compression member at the end at which M_2 acts, due to loads that cause appreciable sidesway, calculated using a first-order elastic frame analysis, N-mm

n = number of items, such as, bars, wires, monostrand anchorage devices, anchors, or shearhead arms

n_ℓ = number of longitudinal bars around the perimeter of a column core with rectilinear hoops that are laterally supported by the corner of hoops or by seismic hooks. A bundle of bars is counted as a single bar

n_t = number of threads per inch

N = tension force acting on anchor or anchor group, N

N_a = nominal bond strength in tension of a single adhesive anchor, N

N_{ag} = nominal bond strength in tension of a group of adhesive anchors, N

N_b = basic concrete breakout strength in tension of a single anchor in cracked concrete, N

N_{ba} = basic bond strength in tension of a single adhesive anchor, N

N_c = resultant tensile force acting on the portion of the concrete cross section that is subjected to tensile stresses due to the combined effects of service loads and effective prestress, N

N_{cb} = nominal concrete breakout strength in tension of a single anchor, N

N_{cbg} = nominal concrete breakout strength in tension of a group of anchors, N

N_{cp} = basic concrete pryout strength of a single anchor, N

N_{cpg} = basic concrete pryout strength of a group of anchors, N

N_n = nominal strength in tension, N

N_p = pullout strength in tension of a single anchor in cracked concrete, N

N_{pn} = nominal pullout strength in tension of a single anchor, N

N_{sa} = nominal strength of a single anchor or individual anchor in a group of anchors in tension as governed by the steel strength, N

N_{sb} = side-face blowout strength of a single anchor, N

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N_{sbg} = side-face blowout strength of a group of anchors, N

N_u = factored axial force normal to cross section occurring simultaneously with V_u or T_u; to be taken as positive for compression and negative for tension, N

N_{ua} = factored tensile force applied to anchor or individual anchor in a group of anchors, N

$N_{ua,g}$ = total factored tensile force applied to anchor group, N

$N_{ua,i}$ = factored tensile force applied to most highly stressed anchor in a group of anchors, N

$N_{ua,s}$ = factored sustained tension load, N

N_{uc} = factored horizontal tensile force applied at top of bracket or corbel acting simultaneously with V_u, to be taken as positive for tension, N

p_{cp} = outside perimeter of concrete cross section, mm

p_h = perimeter of centerline of outermost closed transverse torsional reinforcement, mm

$P\delta$ = secondary moment due to individual member slenderness, N-mm

P_c = critical buckling load, N

P_n = nominal axial compressive strength of member, N

$P_{n,max}$ = maximum nominal axial compressive strength of a member, N

P_{nt} = nominal axial tensile strength of member, N

$P_{nt,max}$ = maximum nominal axial tensile strength of member, N

P_o = nominal axial strength at zero eccentricity, N

P_{pu} = factored prestressing force at anchorage device, N

P_s = unfactored axial load at the design, midheight section including effects of self-weight, N

P_u = factored axial force; to be taken as positive for compression and negative for tension, N

$P\Delta$ = secondary moment due to lateral deflection, N-mm

q_{Du} = factored dead load per unit area, N/m^2

q_{Lu} = factored live load per unit area, N/m^2

q_u = factored load per unit area, N/m^2

Q = stability index for a story

r = radius of gyration of cross section, mm

R = cumulative load effect of service rain load

R = reaction, N

s = center-to-center spacing of items, such as longitudinal reinforcement, transverse reinforcement, tendons, or anchors, mm

s_i = center-to-center spacing of reinforcement in the i-th direction adjacent to the surface of the member, mm

s_o = center-to-center spacing of transverse reinforcement within the length ℓ_o, mm

s_s = sample standard deviation, MPa

s_w = clear distance between adjacent webs, mm

s_2 = center-to-center spacing of longitudinal shear or torsional reinforcement, mm

S = effect of service snow load

S_e = moment, shear, or axial force at connection corresponding to development of probable strength at intended yield locations, based on the governing

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S_m = elastic section modulus, mm³

S_n = nominal moment, shear, axial, torsional, or bearing strength

S_y = yield strength of connection, based on f_y of the connected part, for moment, shear, or axial force, MPa

t = wall thickness of hollow section, mm

t_f = thickness of flange, mm

T = cumulative effects of service temperature, creep, shrinkage, differential settlement, and shrinkage-compensating concrete

T = tension force acting on a nodal zone in a strut-and-tie model, N (T is also used to define the cumulative effects of service temperature, creep, shrinkage, differential settlement, and shrinkage-compensating concrete in the load combinations defined in 5.3.6.)

T_{burst} = tensile force in general zone acting ahead of the anchorage device caused by spreading of the anchorage force, N

T_{cr} = cracking torsional moment, N-mm

T_t = total test load, N

T_{th} = threshold torsional moment, N-mm

T_n = nominal torsional moment strength, N-mm

T_u = factored torsional moment at section, N-mm

U = strength of a member or cross section required to resist factored loads or related internal moments and forces in such combinations as stipulated in this Code

v_c = stress corresponding to nominal two-way shear strength provided by concrete, MPa

v_n = equivalent concrete stress corresponding to nominal two-way shear strength of slab or footing, MPa

v_s = equivalent concrete stress corresponding to nominal two-way shear strength provided by reinforcement, MPa

v_u = maximum factored two-way shear stress calculated around the perimeter of a given critical section, MPa

v_{ug} = factored shear stress on the slab critical section for two-way action due to gravity loads without moment transfer, MPa

V = shear force acting on anchor or anchor group, N

V_b = basic concrete breakout strength in shear of a single anchor in cracked concrete, N

V_c = nominal shear strength provided by concrete, N

V_{cb} = nominal concrete breakout strength in shear of a single anchor, N

V_{cbg} = nominal concrete breakout strength in shear of a group of anchors, N

V_{ci} = nominal shear strength provided by concrete where diagonal cracking results from combined shear and moment, N

V_{cp} = nominal concrete pryout strength of a single anchor, N

V_{cpg} = nominal concrete pryout strength of a group of anchors, N

V_{cw} = nominal shear strength provided by concrete where diagonal cracking results from high principal tensile stress in web, N

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V_d = shear force at section due to unfactored dead load, N

V_e = design shear force for load combinations including earthquake effects, N

V_i = factored shear force at section due to externally applied loads occurring simultaneously with M_{max}, N

V_n = nominal shear strength, N

V_{nh} = nominal horizontal shear strength, N

V_p = vertical component of effective prestress force at section, N

V_s = nominal shear strength provided by shear reinforcement, N

V_{sa} = nominal shear strength of a single anchor or individual anchor in a group of anchors as governed by the steel strength, N

V_u = factored shear force at section, N

V_{ua} = factored shear force applied to a single anchor or group of anchors, N

$V_{ua,g}$ = total factored shear force applied to anchor group, N

$V_{ua,i}$ = factored shear force applied to most highly stressed anchor in a group of anchors, N

V_{uh} = factored shear force along contact surface in composite concrete flexural member, N

V_{us} = factored horizontal shear in a story, N

V = maximum shear force that can be applied parallel to the edge, N

$V_\perp$ = maximum shear force that can be applied perpendicular to the edge, N

w_c = density, unit weight, of normalweight concrete or equilibrium density of lightweight concrete, kg/m^3

w_s = width of a strut perpendicular to the axis of the strut, mm

w_t = effective height of concrete concentric with a tie, used to dimension nodal zone, mm

$w_{t,max}$ = maximum effective height of concrete concentric with a tie, mm

w_u = factored load per unit length of beam or one-way slab, N/mm

w/cm = water-cementitious material ratio

W = effect of wind load

W_a = service-level wind load, N

x = shorter overall dimension of rectangular part of cross section, mm

y = longer overall dimension of rectangular part of cross section, mm

y_t = distance from centroidal axis of gross section, neglecting reinforcement, to tension face, mm

α = angle defining the orientation of reinforcement

α_c = coefficient defining the relative contribution of concrete strength to nominal wall shear strength

α_f = ratio of flexural stiffness of beam section to flexural stiffness of a width of slab bounded laterally by centerlines of adjacent panels, if any, on each side of the beam

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α_{fm} = average value of α_f for all beams on edges of a panel

α_{f1} = α_f in direction of ℓ_1

α_{f2} = α_f in direction of ℓ_2

α_i = angle between the axis of a strut and the bars in the i-th layer of reinforcement crossing that strut

α_s = constant used to calculate V_c in slabs and footings

α_v = ratio of flexural stiffness of shearhead arm to that of the surrounding composite slab section

α_1 = orientation of distributed reinforcement in a strut

α_2 = orientation of reinforcement orthogonal to α_1 in a strut

β = ratio of long to short dimensions: clear spans for two-way slabs, sides of column, concentrated load or reaction area; or sides of a footing

β_b = ratio of area of reinforcement cut off to total area of tension reinforcement at section

β_{dns} = ratio used to account for reduction of stiffness of columns due to sustained axial loads

β_{ds} = the ratio of maximum factored sustained shear within a story to the maximum factored shear in that story associated with the same load combination

β_n = factor used to account for the effect of the anchorage of ties on the effective compressive strength of a nodal zone

β_s = factor used to account for the effect of cracking and confining reinforcement on the effective compressive strength of the concrete in a strut

β_t = ratio of torsional stiffness of edge beam section to flexural stiffness of a width of slab equal to span length of beam, center-to-center of supports

β_1 = factor relating depth of equivalent rectangular compressive stress block to depth of neutral axis

γ_f = factor used to determine the fraction of M_{sc} transferred by slab flexure at slab-column connections

γ_p = factor used for type of prestressing reinforcement

γ_s = factor used to determine the portion of reinforcement located in center band of footing

γ_v = factor used to determine the fraction of M_{sc} transferred by eccentricity of shear at slab-column connections

δ = moment magnification factor used to reflect effects of member curvature between ends of a compression member

δ_s = moment magnification factor used for frames not braced against sidesway, to reflect lateral drift resulting from lateral and gravity loads

δ_u = design displacement, mm

Δ_{cr} = calculated out-of-plane deflection at midheight of wall corresponding to cracking moment M_{cr}, mm

Δ_n = calculated out-of-plane deflection at midheight of wall corresponding to nominal flexural strength M_n, mm

Δ_o = relative lateral deflection between the top and bottom of a story due to V_{us}, mm

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Δf_p = increase in stress in prestressing reinforcement due to factored loads, MPa

Δf_{ps} = stress in prestressing reinforcement at service loads less decompression stress, MPa

Δf_{pt} = difference between the stress that can be developed in the strand at the section under consideration and the stress required to resist factored bending moment at section, M_u/ϕ, MPa

Δ_r = residual deflection measured 24 hours after removal of the test load. For the first load test, residual deflection is measured relative to the position of the structure at the beginning of the first load test. For the second load test, residual deflection is measured relative to the position of the structure at the beginning of the second load test, mm

Δ_s = out-of-plane deflection due to service loads, mm

Δ_u = calculated out-of-plane deflection at midheight of wall due to factored loads, mm

Δ_x = design story drift of story x, mm

Δ_1 = maximum deflection, during first load test, measured 24 hours after application of the full test load, mm

Δ_2 = maximum deflection, during second load test, measured 24 hours after application of the full test load. Deflection is measured relative to the position of the structure at the beginning of the second load test, mm

ε_{cu} = maximum usable strain at extreme concrete compression fiber

ε_t = net tensile strain in extreme layer of longitudinal tension reinforcement at nominal strength, excluding strains due to effective prestress, creep, shrinkage, and temperature

ε_{ty} = value of net tensile strain in the extreme layer of longitudinal tension reinforcement used to define a compression-controlled section

θ = angle between axis of strut, compression diagonal, or compression field and the tension chord of the members

λ = modification factor to reflect the reduced mechanical properties of lightweight concrete relative to normalweight concrete of the same compressive strength

λ_a = modification factor to reflect the reduced mechanical properties of lightweight concrete in certain concrete anchorage applications

λ_Δ = multiplier used for additional deflection due to long-term effects

μ = coefficient of friction

ξ = time-dependent factor for sustained load

ρ = ratio of A_s to bd

ρ' = ratio of A_s' to bd

ρ_t = ratio of area of distributed longitudinal reinforcement to gross concrete area perpendicular to that reinforcement

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ρ_p = ratio of A_{ps} to bd_p

ρ_s = ratio of volume of spiral reinforcement to total volume of core con¿ned by the spiral, measured out-to-out of spirals

ρ_t = ratio of area of distributed transverse reinforcement to gross concrete area perpendicular to that reinforcement

ρ_v = ratio of tie reinforcement area to area of contact surface

ρ_w = ratio of A_s to $b_w d$

ς = exponent symbol in tensile/shear force interaction equation

ϕ = strength reduction factor

ϕ_K = stiffness reduction factor

σ = wall boundary extreme ¿ber concrete nominal compressive stress, MPa

τ_{cr} = characteristic bond stress of adhesive anchor in cracked concrete, MPa

τ_{uncr} = characteristic bond stress of adhesive anchor in uncracked concrete, MPa

ψ_c = factor used to modify development length based on cover

$\psi_{c,N}$ = factor used to modify tensile strength of anchors based on presence or absence of cracks in concrete

$\psi_{c,P}$ = factor used to modify pullout strength of anchors based on presence or absence of cracks in concrete

$\psi_{c,V}$ = factor used to modify shear strength of anchors based on presence or absence of cracks in concrete and presence or absence of supplementary reinforcement

$\psi_{cp,N}$ = factor used to modify tensile strength of post-installed anchors intended for use in uncracked concrete without supplementary reinforcement to account for the splitting tensile stresses due to installation

$\psi_{cp,Na}$ = factor used to modify tensile strength of adhesive anchors intended for use in uncracked concrete without supplementary reinforcement to account for the splitting tensile stresses due to installation

ψ_e = factor used to modify development length based on reinforcement coating

$\psi_{ec,N}$ = factor used to modify tensile strength of anchors based on eccentricity of applied loads

$\psi_{ec,Na}$ = factor used to modify tensile strength of adhesive anchors based on eccentricity of applied loads

$\psi_{ec,V}$ = factor used to modify shear strength of anchors based on eccentricity of applied loads

$\psi_{ed,N}$ = factor used to modify tensile strength of anchors based on proximity to edges of concrete member

$\psi_{ed,Na}$ = factor used to modify tensile strength of adhesive anchors based on proximity to edges of concrete member

$\psi_{ed,V}$ = factor used to modify shear strength of anchors based on proximity to edges of concrete member

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$\psi_{h,V}$ = factor used to modify shear strength of anchors located in concrete members with $h_a < 1.5c_{a1}$

ψ_r = factor used to modify development length based on confining reinforcement

ψ_s = factor used to modify development length based on reinforcement size

ψ_t = factor used to modify development length for casting location in tension

ψ_w = factor used to modify development length for welded deformed wire reinforcement in tension

Ω_o = amplification factor to account for overstrength of the seismic-force-resisting system determined in accordance with the general building code

2.3—Terminology

adhesive—chemical components formulated from organic polymers, or a combination of organic polymers and inorganic materials that cure if blended together.

admixture—material other than water, aggregate, or hydraulic cement, used as an ingredient of concrete and added to concrete before or during its mixing to modify its properties.

aggregate—granular material, such as sand, gravel, crushed stone, and iron blast-furnace slag, used with a cementing medium to form concrete or mortar.

aggregate, lightweight—aggregate meeting the requirements of ASTM C330M and having a loose bulk density of 1120 kg/m³ or less, determined in accordance with ASTM C29M.

anchor—a steel element either cast into concrete or post-installed into a hardened concrete member and used to transmit applied loads to the concrete.

anchor, adhesive—a post-installed anchor, inserted into hardened concrete with an anchor hole diameter not greater than 1.5 times the anchor diameter, that transfers loads to the concrete by bond between the anchor and the adhesive, and bond between the adhesive and the concrete.

anchor, cast-in—headed bolt, headed stud, or hooked bolt installed before placing concrete.

anchor, expansion—post-installed anchor, inserted into hardened concrete that transfers loads to or from the concrete by direct bearing or friction, or both.

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aggregate, lightweight—In some standards, the term "lightweight aggregate" is being replaced by the term "low-density aggregate."

anchor—Cast-in anchors include headed bolts, hooked bolts (J- or L-bolt), and headed studs. Post-installed anchors include expansion anchors, undercut anchors, and adhesive anchors; steel elements for adhesive anchors include threaded rods, deformed reinforcing bars, or internally threaded steel sleeves with external deformations. Anchor types are shown in Fig. R2.1.

anchor, adhesive—The design model included in Chapter 17 for adhesive anchors is based on the behavior of anchors with hole diameters not exceeding 1.5 times the anchor diameter. Anchors with hole diameters exceeding 1.5 times the anchor diameter behave differently and are therefore excluded from the scope of Chapter 17 and ACI 355.4. To limit shrinkage and reduce displacement under load, most adhesive anchor systems require the annular gap to be as narrow as practical while still maintaining sufficient clearance for insertion of the anchor element in the adhesive filled hole and ensuring complete coverage of the bonded area over the embedded length. The annular gap for reinforcing bars is generally greater than that for threaded rods. The required hole size is provided in the Manufacturer's Printed Installation Instructions (MPII).

anchor, expansion—Expansion anchors may be torque-controlled, where the expansion is achieved by a torque acting on the screw or bolt; or displacement controlled, where the expansion is achieved by impact forces acting on

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anchor, horizontal or upwardly inclined—Anchor installed in a hole drilled horizontally or in a hole drilled at any orientation above horizontal.

anchor, post-installed—anchor installed in hardened concrete; adhesive, expansion, and undercut anchors are examples of post-installed anchors.

anchor, undercut—post-installed anchor that develops its tensile strength from the mechanical interlock provided by undercutting of the concrete at the embedded end of the anchor. Undercutting is achieved with a special drill before installing the anchor or alternatively by the anchor itself during its installation.

a sleeve or plug and the expansion is controlled by the length of travel of the sleeve or plug.

anchor, horizontal or upwardly inclined—Figure R2.2 illustrates the potential hole orientations for horizontal or upwardly inclined anchors.
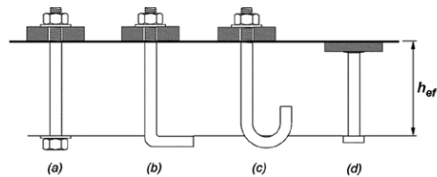
(A) Cast-in anchors: (a) hex head bolt with washer; (b) L-bolt; (c) J-bolt; and (d) welded headed stud.
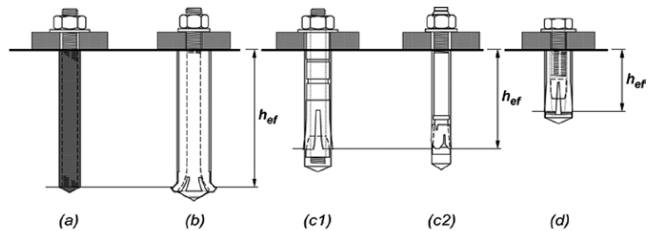
(B) Post-installed anchors: (a) adhesive anchor; (b) undercut anchor; (c) torque-controlled expansion anchors ((c1) sleeve-type and (c2) stud-type); and (d) drop-in type displacement-controlled expansion anchor.

Fig. R2.1—Types of anchors.
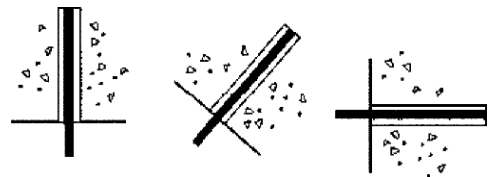
Fig. R2.2—Possible orientations of overhead, upwardly inclined, or horizontal anchors.

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anchor group—a number of similar anchors having approximately equal effective embedment depths with spacing s between adjacent anchors such that the projected areas overlap.

anchor pullout strength—the strength corresponding to the anchoring device or a major component of the device sliding out from the concrete without breaking out a substantial portion of the surrounding concrete.

anchorage device—in post-tensioned members, the hardware used to transfer force from prestressed reinforcement to the concrete.

anchorage device, basic monostrand—anchorage device used with any single strand or a single 15 mm or smaller diameter bar that is in accordance with 25.8.1, 25.8.2, and 25.9.3.1(a).

anchorage device, basic multistrand—anchorage device used with multiple strands, bars, or wires, or with single bars larger than 15 mm diameter that satis¿es 25.8.1, 25.8.2 and 25.9.3.1(b).

anchorage device, special—anchorage device that satis-¿es tests required in 25.9.3.1(c).

anchorage zone—in post-tensioned members, portion of the member through which the concentrated prestressing force is transferred to concrete and distributed more uniformly across the section; its extent is equal to the largest dimension of the cross section; for anchorage devices located away from the end of a member, the anchorage zone includes the disturbed regions ahead of and behind the anchorage device.

attachment—structural assembly, external to the surface of the concrete, that transmits loads to or receives loads from the anchor.

B-region—portion of a member in which it is reasonable to assume that strains due to Àexure vary linearly through section.

base of structure—level at which horizontal earthquake ground motions are assumed to be imparted to a building. This level does not necessarily coincide with the ground level.

beam—member subjected primarily to Àexure and shear, with or without axial force or torsion; beams in a moment frame that forms part of the lateral-force-resisting system are predominantly horizontal members; a girder is a beam.

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anchor group—For all potential failure modes (steel, concrete breakout, pullout, side-face blowout, and pryout), only those anchors susceptible to a particular failure mode should be considered when evaluating the strength associated with that failure mode.

anchorage device—Most anchorage devices for post-tensioning are standard manufactured devices available from commercial sources. In some cases, non-standard details or assemblages are developed that combine various wedges and wedge plates for anchoring prestressed reinforcement. Both standard and non-standard anchorage devices may be classi¿ed as basic anchorage devices or special anchorage devices as de¿ned in this Code and AASHTO LFRDUS.

anchorage device, basic—Devices that are so proportioned that they can be checked analytically for compliance with bearing stress and stiffness requirements without having to undergo the acceptance-testing program required of special anchorage devices.

anchorage device, special—Special anchorage devices are any devices (monostrand or multistrand) that do not meet the relevant PTI or AASHTO LFRDUS bearing stress and, where applicable, stiffness requirements. Most commercially marketed multi-bearing surface anchorage devices are special anchorage devices. As provided in 25.9.3, such devices can be used only if they have been shown experimentally to be in compliance with the AASHTO requirements. This demonstration of compliance will ordinarily be furnished by the device manufacturer.

anchorage zone—In post-tensioned members, the portion of the member through which the concentrated prestressing force is transferred to the concrete and distributed more uniformly across the section. Its extent is equal to the largest dimension of the cross section. For anchorage devices located away from the end of a member, the anchorage zone includes the disturbed regions ahead of and behind the anchorage devices. Refer to Fig. R25.9.1.1b.

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boundary element—portion along wall and diaphragm edge, including edges of openings, strengthened by longitudinal and transverse reinforcement.

breakout strength, concrete—strength corresponding to a volume of concrete surrounding the anchor or group of anchors separating from the member.

building official—term used to identify the Authority having jurisdiction or individual charged with administration and enforcement of provisions of the building code. Such terms as building commissioner or building inspector are variations of the title, and the term "building official" as used in this Code, is intended to include those variations, as well as others that are used in the same sense.

cementitious materials—materials that have cementing value if used in concrete either by themselves, such as portland cement, blended hydraulic cements, and expansive cement; or such materials in combination with fly ash, other raw or calcined natural pozzolans, silica fume, and slag cement.

collector—element that acts in axial tension or compression to transmit forces between a diaphragm and a vertical element of the lateral-force-resisting system.

column—member, usually vertical or predominantly vertical, used primarily to support axial compressive load, but that can also resist moment, shear, or torsion. Columns used as part of a lateral-force-resisting system resist combined axial load, moment, and shear. See also moment frame.

column capital—enlargement of the top of a concrete column located directly below the slab or drop panel that is cast monolithically with the column.

compliance requirements—construction-related code requirements directed to the contractor to be incorporated into construction documents by the licensed design professional, as applicable.

composite concrete flexural members—concrete flexural members of precast or cast-in-place concrete elements, constructed in separate placements but connected so that all elements respond to loads as a unit.

compression-controlled section—cross section in which the net tensile strain in the extreme tension reinforcement at nominal strength is less than or equal to the compression-controlled strain limit.

compression-controlled strain limit—net tensile strain at balanced strain conditions.

concrete—mixture of portland cement or any other cementitious material, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate, and water, with or without admixtures.

concrete, all-lightweight—lightweight concrete containing only lightweight coarse and fine aggregates that conform to ASTM C330M.

concrete, lightweight—concrete containing lightweight aggregate and having an equilibrium density, as determined by ASTM C567, between 1440 and 1840 kg/m^3.

concrete, nonprestressed—reinforced concrete with at least the minimum amount of nonprestressed reinforcement

compliance requirements—Although primarily directed to the contractor, the compliance requirements are also commonly used by others involved with the project.

concrete, nonprestressed—Nonprestressed concrete usually contains no prestressed reinforcement. Prestressed two-way slabs require a minimum level of compressive

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and no prestressed reinforcement; or for two-way slabs, with less than the minimum amount of prestressed reinforcement.

concrete, normalweight—concrete containing only coarse and ¿ne aggregates that conform to ASTM C33M.

concrete, plain—structural concrete with no reinforcement or with less than the minimum amount of reinforcement speci¿ed for reinforced concrete.

concrete, precast—structural concrete element cast elsewhere than its ¿nal position in the structure.

concrete, prestressed—reinforced concrete in which internal stresses have been introduced by prestressed reinforcement to reduce potential tensile stresses in concrete resulting from loads, and for two-way slabs, with at least the minimum amount of prestressed reinforcement.

concrete, reinforced—structural concrete reinforced with at least the minimum amount of nonprestressed reinforcement, prestressed reinforcement, or both, as speci¿ed in this Code.

concrete, sand-lightweight—lightweight concrete containing only normalweight ¿ne aggregate that conforms to ASTM C33M and lightweight coarse aggregate that conforms to ASTM C330M.

concrete, steel ¿ber-reinforced—concrete containing a prescribed amount of dispersed, randomly oriented, discontinuous deformed steel ¿bers.

concrete strength, speci¿ed compressive, (f_c')—compressive strength of concrete used in design and evaluated in accordance with provisions of this Code, MPa; wherever the quantity f_c' is under a radical sign, the square root of numerical value only is intended, and the result has units of MPa.

connection—region of a structure that joins two or more members; a connection also refers to a region that joins members of which one or more is precast.

connection, ductile—connection between one or more precast elements that experiences yielding as a result of the earthquake design displacements.

connection, strong—connection between one or more precast elements that remains elastic while adjoining members experience yielding as a result of earthquake design displacements.

construction documents—written and graphic documents and speci¿cations prepared or assembled for describing the

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stress in the concrete due to effective prestress in accordance with 8.6.2.1. Two-way slabs with less than this minimum level of precompression are required to be designed as nonprestressed concrete.

concrete, normalweight—Normalweight concrete typically has a density (unit weight) between 2155 and 2560 kg/m³, and is normally taken as 2320 to 2400 kg/m³.

concrete, plain—The presence of reinforcement, nonprestressed or prestressed, does not exclude the member from being classi¿ed as plain concrete, provided all requirements of Chapter 14 are satis¿ed.

concrete, prestressed—Classes of prestressed Àexural members are de¿ned in 24.5.2.1. Prestressed two-way slabs require a minimum level of compressive stress in the concrete due to effective prestress in accordance with 8.6.2.1. Although the behavior of prestressed members with unbonded tendons may vary from that of members with continuously bonded prestressed reinforcement, bonded and unbonded prestressed concrete are combined with nonprestressed concrete under the generic term "reinforced concrete." Provisions common to both prestressed and nonprestressed concrete are integrated to avoid overlapping and conÀicting provisions.

concrete, reinforced—Includes members satisfying the requirements for nonprestressed and prestressed concrete.

concrete, sand-lightweight—By Code terminology, sand-lightweight concrete is lightweight concrete with all of the ¿ne aggregate replaced by sand. This de¿nition may not be in agreement with usage by some material suppliers or contractors where the majority, but not all, of the lightweight ¿nes are replaced by sand. For proper application of the Code provisions, the replacement limits should be stated, with interpolation if partial sand replacement is used.

location, design, materials, and physical characteristics of the elements of a project necessary for obtaining a building permit and construction of the project.

contraction joint—formed, sawed, or tooled groove in a concrete structure to create a weakened plane and regulate the location of cracking resulting from the dimensional change of different parts of the structure.

cover, specified concrete—distance between the outermost surface of embedded reinforcement and the closest outer surface of the concrete.

crosstie—a continuous reinforcing bar having a seismic hook at one end and a hook not less than 90 degrees with at least a $6d_b$ extension at the other end. The hooks shall engage peripheral longitudinal bars. The 90-degree hooks of two successive crossties engaging the same longitudinal bars shall be alternated end for end.

D-region—portion of a member within a distance h of a force discontinuity or a geometric discontinuity.

design displacement—total calculated lateral displacement expected for the design-basis earthquake.

design information—project-specific information to be incorporated into construction documents by the licensed design professional, as applicable.

design load combination—combination of factored loads and forces.

design story drift ratio—relative difference of design displacement between the top and bottom of a story, divided by the story height.

development length—length of embedded reinforcement, including pretensioned strand, required to develop the design strength of reinforcement at a critical section.

discontinuity—abrupt change in geometry or loading.

distance sleeve—sleeve that encases the center part of an undercut anchor, a torque-controlled expansion anchor, or a displacement-controlled expansion anchor, but does not expand.

drop panel—projection below the slab used to reduce the amount of negative reinforcement over a column or the minimum required slab thickness, and to increase the slab shear strength.

duct—conduit, plain or corrugated, to accommodate prestressing reinforcement for post-tensioning applications.

durability—ability of a structure or member to resist deterioration that impairs performance or limits service life of the structure in the relevant environment considered in design.

design displacement—The design displacement is an index of the maximum lateral displacement expected in design for the design-basis earthquake. In documents such as ASCE/SEI 7 and the International Building Code, the design displacement is calculated using static or dynamic linear elastic analysis under code-specified actions considering effects of cracked sections, effects of torsion, effects of vertical forces acting through lateral displacements, and modification factors to account for expected inelastic response. The design displacement generally is greater than the displacement calculated from design-level forces applied to a linear-elastic model of the building.

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edge distance—distance from the edge of the concrete surface to the center of the nearest anchor.

effective depth of section—distance measured from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal tension reinforcement.

effective embedment depth—overall depth through which the anchor transfers force to or from the surrounding concrete; effective embedment depth will normally be the depth of the concrete failure surface in tension applications; for cast-in headed anchor bolts and headed studs, the effective embedment depth is measured from the bearing contact surface of the head.

effective prestress—stress remaining in prestressed reinforcement after losses in 20.3.2.6 have occurred.

embedments—items embedded in concrete, excluding reinforcement as defined in Chapter 20 and anchors as defined in Chapter 17. Reinforcement or anchors welded, bolted or otherwise connected to the embedded item to develop the strength of the assembly, are considered to be part of the embedment.

embedments, pipe—embedded pipes, conduits, and sleeves.

embedment length—length of embedded reinforcement provided beyond a critical section.

equilibrium density—density of lightweight concrete determined in accordance with ASTM C567 after exposure to a relative humidity of 50 ± 5 percent and a temperature of $23 \pm 2°C$ for a period of time sufficient to reach constant density.

expansion sleeve—outer part of an expansion anchor that is forced outward by the center part, either by applied torque or impact, to bear against the sides of the predrilled hole. See also anchor, expansion.

extreme tension reinforcement—layer of prestressed or nonprestressed reinforcement that is the farthest from the extreme compression fiber.

finite element analysis—a numerical modeling technique in which a structure is divided into a number of discrete elements for analysis.

five percent fractile—statistical term meaning 90 percent confidence that there is 95 percent probability of the actual strength exceeding the nominal strength.

headed deformed bars—deformed bars with heads attached at one or both ends.

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effective embedment depth—Effective embedment depths for a variety of anchor types are shown in Fig. R2.1.

five percent fractile—The determination of the coefficient K_{05} associated with the 5 percent fractile, $\overline{x} - K_{05}s_s$ depends on the number of tests, n, used to calculate the sample mean, $\overline{x}$, and sample standard deviation, s_s. Values of K_{05} range, for example, from 1.645 for $n = \infty$, to 2.010 for $n = 40$, and 2.568 for $n = 10$. With this definition of the 5 percent fractile, the nominal strength in Chapter 17 is the same as the characteristic strength in ACI 355.2 and ACI 355.4.

headed deformed bars—The bearing area of a headed deformed bar is, for the most part, perpendicular to the bar axis. In contrast, the bearing area of the head of headed stud reinforcement is a nonplanar spatial surface of revolution, as shown in Fig. R20.5.1. The two types of reinforcement differ in other ways. The shanks of headed studs are smooth, not deformed as with headed deformed bars. The minimum net bearing area of the head of a headed deformed bar is permitted to be as small as four times the bar area.

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In contrast, the minimum stud head area is not speci¿ed in terms of the bearing area, but by the total head area which must be at least 10 times the area of the shank.

headed bolt—cast-in steel anchor that develops its tensile strength from the mechanical interlock provided by either a head or nut at the embedded end of the anchor.

headed stud—a steel anchor conforming to the requirements of AWS D1.1 and af¿xed to a plate or similar steel attachment by the stud arc welding process before casting; also referred to as a welded headed stud.

headed shear stud reinforcement—reinforcement consisting of individual headed studs or groups of studs, with anchorage provided by a head at each end, or by a head at one end and a common base rail consisting of a steel plate or shape at the other end.

hooked bolt—cast-in anchor anchored mainly by bearing of the 90-degree bend (L-bolt) or 180-degree bend (J-bolt) against the concrete, at its embedded end, and having a minimum e_h equal to $3d_a$.

hoop—closed tie or continuously wound tie, made up of one or several reinforcement elements, each having seismic hooks at both ends. A closed tie shall not be made up of interlocking headed deformed bars. See 25.7.4.

inspection—observation, veri¿cation, and required documentation of the materials, installation, fabrication, erection, or placement of components and connections to determine compliance with construction documents and referenced standards.

inspection, continuous—the full-time observation, veri¿cation, and required documentation of work in the area where the work is being performed.

inspection, periodic—the part-time or intermittent observation, veri¿cation, and required documentation of work in the area where the work is being performed.

isolation joint—separation between adjoining parts of a concrete structure, usually a vertical plane at a designed location such as to interfere least with performance of the structure, yet such as to allow relative movement in three directions and avoid formation of cracks elsewhere in the concrete, and through which all or part of the bonded reinforcement is interrupted.

jacking force—in prestressed concrete, temporary force exerted by a device that introduces tension into prestressing reinforcement.

joint—portion of structure common to intersecting members

joint—The effective cross-sectional area of a joint of a special moment frame, A_j, for shear strength computations is given in 18.8.4.3.

licensed design professional—an individual who is licensed to practice structural design as de¿ned by the statutory requirements of the professional licensing laws of the state or jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed, and who is in responsible charge of the structural design.

licensed design professional—May also be referred to as "registered design professional" in other documents.

load—forces or other actions that result from the weight of all building materials, occupants, and their possessions, environmental effects, differential movement, and restrained dimensional changes; permanent loads are those loads in

loads—A number of de¿nitions for loads are given as the Code contains requirements that are to be met at various load levels. The terms "dead load" and "live load" refer to the unfactored, sometimes called "service" loads speci-

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which variations over time are rare or of small magnitude; all other loads are variable loads.

load, dead—(a) the weights of the members, supported structure, and permanent attachments or accessories that are likely to be present on a structure in service; or (b) loads meeting specific criteria found in the general building code; without load factors.

load, factored—load, multiplied by appropriate load factors.

load, live—(a) load that is not permanently applied to a structure, but is likely to occur during the service life of the structure (excluding environmental loads); or (b) loads meeting specific criteria found in the general building code; without load factors.

load, roof live—a load on a roof produced: (a) during maintenance by workers, equipment, and materials, and (b) during the life of the structure by movable objects, such as planters or other similar small decorative appurtenances that are not occupancy related; or loads meeting specific criteria found in the general building code; without load factors.

load, service—all loads, static or transitory, imposed on a structure or element thereof, during the operation of a facility, without load factors.

load path—sequence of members and connections designed to transfer the factored loads and forces in such combinations as are stipulated in this Code, from the point of application or origination through the structure to the final support location or the foundation.

Manufacturer's Printed Installation Instructions (MPII)—published instructions for the correct installation of an adhesive anchor under all covered installation conditions as supplied in the product packaging.

modulus of elasticity—ratio of normal stress to corresponding strain for tensile or compressive stresses below proportional limit of material.

moment frame—frame in which beams, slabs, columns, and joints resist forces predominantly through flexure, shear, and axial force; beams or slabs are predominantly horizontal or nearly horizontal; columns are predominantly vertical or nearly vertical.

moment frame, intermediate—cast-in-place beam-column frame or two-way slab-column frame without beams complying with 18.4.

moment frame, ordinary—cast-in-place or precast concrete beam-column or slab-column frame complying with 18.3.

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fied or defined by the general building code. Service loads (loads without load factors) are to be used where specified in the Code to proportion or investigate members for adequate serviceability. Loads used to proportion a member for adequate strength are defined as factored loads. Factored loads are service loads multiplied by the appropriate load factors for required strength except Wind and Earthquake which are already specified as strength loads in ASCE/SEI 7. The factored load terminology clarifies where the load factors are applied to a particular load, moment, or shear value as used in the Code provisions.

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moment frame, special—cast-in-place beam-column frame complying with 18.2.3 through 18.2.8; and 18.6 through 18.8. A precast beam-column frame complying with 18.2.3 through 18.2.8 and 18.9.

net tensile strain—the tensile strain at nominal strength exclusive of strains due to effective prestress, creep, shrinkage, and temperature.

nodal zone—volume of concrete around a node that is assumed to transfer strut-and-tie forces through the node.

node—point in a strut-and-tie model where the axes of the struts, ties, and concentrated forces acting on the joint intersect.

one-way construction—members designed to be capable of supporting all loads through bending in a single direction; see also two-way construction.

one-way construction—Joists, beams, girders, and some slabs and foundations are considered one-way construction.

pedestal—member with a ratio of height-to-least lateral dimension less than or equal to 3 used primarily to support axial compressive load; for a tapered member, the least lateral dimension is the average of the top and bottom dimensions of the smaller side.

plastic hinge region—length of frame element over which flexural yielding is intended to occur due to earthquake design displacements, extending not less than a distance h from the critical section where flexural yielding initiates.

post-tensioning—method of prestressing in which prestressing reinforcement is tensioned after concrete has hardened.

precompressed tension zone—portion of a prestressed member where flexural tension, calculated using gross section properties, would occur under service loads if the prestress force was not present.

pretensioning—method of prestressing in which prestressing reinforcement is tensioned before concrete is cast.

projected area—area on the free surface of the concrete member that is used to represent the greater base of the assumed rectilinear failure surface.

projected influence area—rectilinear area on the free surface of the concrete member that is used to calculate the bond strength of adhesive anchors.

pryout strength, concrete—strength corresponding to formation of a concrete spall behind short, stiff anchors displaced in the direction opposite to the applied shear force.

reinforcement—steel element or elements embedded in concrete and conforming to 20.2 through 20.5. Prestressed reinforcement in external tendons is also considered reinforcement.

reinforcement, anchor—reinforcement used to transfer the design load from the anchors into the structural member.

reinforcement, anchor—Anchor reinforcement is designed and detailed specifically for the purpose of transferring anchor loads from the anchors into the member. Hairpins are generally used for this purpose (refer to 17.4.2.9 and 17.5.2.9); however, other configurations that can be shown to effectively transfer the anchor load are acceptable.

reinforcement, bonded prestressed—pretensioned reinforcement or prestressed reinforcement in a bonded tendon.

reinforcement, deformed—deformed bars, welded bar mats, deformed wire, and welded wire reinforcement

reinforcement, deformed—Deformed reinforcement is defined as that meeting the reinforcement specifications in

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conforming to 20.2.1.3, 20.2.1.5, or 20.2.1.7, excluding plain wire.

reinforcement, nonprestressed—bonded reinforcement that is not prestressed.

reinforcement, plain—bars or wires conforming to 20.2.1.4 or 20.2.1.7 that do not conform to definition of deformed reinforcement.

reinforcement, prestressed—prestressing reinforcement that has been tensioned to impart forces to concrete.

reinforcement, prestressing—high-strength reinforcement such as strand, wire, or bar conforming to 20.3.1.

reinforcement, supplementary—reinforcement that acts to restrain the potential concrete breakout but is not designed to transfer the design load from the anchors into the structural member.

reinforcement, welded deformed steel bar mat—mat conforming to 20.2.1.5 consisting of two layers of deformed bars at right angles to each other welded at the intersections.

reinforcement, welded wire—plain or deformed wire fabricated into sheets or rolls conforming to 20.2.1.7.

Seismic Design Category—classification assigned to a structure based on its occupancy category and the severity of the design earthquake ground motion at the site, as defined by the general building code. Also denoted by the abbreviation SDC.

seismic-force-resisting system—portion of the structure designed to resist earthquake effects required by the general building code using the applicable provisions and load combinations.

seismic hook—hook on a stirrup, hoop, or crosstie having a bend not less than 135 degrees, except that circular hoops shall have a bend not less than 90 degrees; hooks shall have an extension of at least $6d_b$, but not less than 75 mm. The hooks shall engage the longitudinal reinforcement and the extension shall project into the interior of the stirrup or hoop.

shear cap—projection below the slab used to increase the slab shear strength.

sheathing—material encasing prestressing reinforcement to prevent bonding of the prestressing reinforcement with the surrounding concrete, to provide corrosion protection, and to contain the corrosion-inhibiting coating.

side-face blowout strength, concrete—strength of anchors with deep embedment and thin side-face cover such that spalling occurs on the side face around the embedded head without breakout occurring at the top concrete surface.

spacing—center-to-center distance between adjacent items, such as longitudinal reinforcement, transverse reinforcement, prestressing reinforcement, or anchors.

spacing, clear—least dimension between the outermost surfaces of adjacent items.

span length—distance between supports.

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the Code. No other reinforcement qualifies. This definition permits accurate statement of development lengths. Bars or wire not meeting the deformation requirements or welded wire reinforcement not meeting the spacing requirements are "plain reinforcement," for code purposes, and may be used only for spirals.

reinforcement, supplementary—Supplementary reinforcement has a configuration and placement similar to anchor reinforcement but is not specifically designed to transfer loads from the anchors into the member. Stirrups, as used for shear reinforcement, may fall into this category.

sheathing—Typically, sheathing is a continuous, seamless, high-density polyethylene material extruded directly on the coated prestressing reinforcement.

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special seismic systems—structural systems that use special moment frames, special structural walls, or both.

specialty insert—predesigned and prefabricated cast-in anchors speci¿cally designed for attachment of bolted or slotted connections.

specialty insert—Specialty inserts are devices often used for handling, transportation, erection, and anchoring elements; specialty inserts are not within the scope of this Code.

spiral reinforcement—continuously wound reinforcement in the form of a cylindrical helix.

splitting tensile strength (f_{ct})—tensile strength of concrete determined in accordance with ASTM C496M as described in ASTM C330M.

steel element, brittle—element with a tensile test elongation of less than 14 percent, or reduction in area of less than 30 percent at failure.

steel element, brittle—The 14 percent elongation should be measured over the gauge length speci¿ed in the appropriate ASTM standard for the steel.

steel element, ductile—element with a tensile test elongation of at least 14 percent and reduction in area of at least 30 percent; steel element meeting the requirements of ASTM A307 shall be considered ductile; except as modi¿ed by for earthquake effects, deformed reinforcing bars meeting the requirements of ASTM A615M, A706M, or A955M shall be considered as ductile steel elements.

steel element, ductile—The 14 percent elongation should be measured over the gauge length speci¿ed in the appropriate ASTM standard for steel. Due to concerns over fracture in cut threads, it should be veri¿ed that threaded deformed reinforcing bars satisfy the strength requirements of 25.5.7.1.

stirrup—reinforcement used to resist shear and torsion forces in a member; typically deformed bars, deformed wires, or welded wire reinforcement either single leg or bent into L, U, or rectangular shapes and located perpendicular to, or at an angle to, longitudinal reinforcement. See also tie.

stirrup—The term "stirrup" is usually applied to transverse reinforcement in beams or slabs and the term "ties" or "hoops" to transverse reinforcement in compression members.

strength, design—nominal strength multiplied by a strength reduction factor ϕ.

strength, nominal—strength of a member or cross section calculated in accordance with provisions and assumptions of the strength design method of this Code before application of any strength reduction factors.

strength, nominal—Nominal or speci¿ed values of material strengths and dimensions are used in the calculation of nominal strength. The subscript n is used to denote the nominal strengths; for example, nominal axial load strength P_n, nominal moment strength M_n, and nominal shear strength V_n. For additional discussion on the concepts and nomenclature for strength design, refer to the Commentary of Chapter 22.

strength, required—strength of a member or cross section required to resist factored loads or related internal moments and forces in such combinations as stipulated in this Code.

strength, required—The subscript u is used only to denote the required strengths; for example, required axial load strength P_u, required moment strength M_u, and required shear strength V_u, calculated from the applied factored loads and forces. The basic requirement for strength design may be expressed as follows: design strength ≥ required strength; for example, $\phi P_n \geq P_u$; $\phi M_n \geq M_u$; $\phi V_n \geq V_u$. For additional discussion on the concepts and nomenclature for strength design, refer to the Commentary of Chapter 22.

stretch length—length of anchor, extending beyond concrete in which it is anchored, subject to full tensile load applied to anchor, and for which cross-sectional area is minimum and constant.

stretch length—Length of an anchor over which inelastic elongations are designed to occur under earthquake loadings. Examples illustrating stretch length are shown in Fig. R17.2.3.4.3.

structural concrete—concrete used for structural purposes, including plain and reinforced concrete.

structural diaphragm—member, such as a Àoor or roof slab, that transmits forces acting in the plane of the member to vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system. A structural diaphragm may include chords and collectors as part of the diaphragm.

structural integrity—ability of a structure through strength, redundancy, ductility, and detailing of reinforce-

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ment to redistribute stresses and maintain overall stability if localized damage or signi¿cant overstress occurs.

structural system—interconnected members designed to meet performance requirements.

structural truss—assemblage of reinforced concrete members subjected primarily to axial forces.

structural wall—wall proportioned to resist combinations of shears, moments, and axial forces in the plane of the wall; a shear wall is a structural wall.

structural wall, ordinary reinforced concrete—a wall complying with Chapter 11.

structural wall, ordinary plain concrete—a wall complying with Chapter 14.

structural wall, intermediate precast—a wall complying with 18.5.

structural wall, intermediate precast—Requirements of 18.5 are intended to result in an intermediate precast structural wall having minimum strength and toughness equivalent to that for an ordinary reinforced concrete structural wall of cast-in-place concrete. A precast concrete wall not satisfying the requirements of 18.5 is considered to have ductility and structural integrity less than that for an intermediate precast structural wall.

structural wall, special—a cast-in-place structural wall in accordance with 18.2.3 through 18.2.8 and 18.10; or a precast structural wall in accordance with 18.2.3 through 18.2.8 and 18.11.

structural wall, special—Requirements of 18.2.3 through 18.2.8 and 18.11 are intended to result in a special precast structural wall having minimum strength and toughness equivalent to that for a special reinforced concrete structural wall of cast-in-place concrete.

strut—compression member in a strut-and-tie model representing the resultant of a parallel or a fan-shaped compression ¿eld.

strut, bottle-shaped—strut that is wider at mid-length than at its ends.

strut-and-tie model—truss model of a member or of a D-region in such a member, made up of struts and ties connected at nodes and capable of transferring the factored loads to the supports or to adjacent B-regions.

tendon—in post-tensioned members, a tendon is a complete assembly consisting of anchorages, prestressing reinforcement, and sheathing with coating for unbonded applications or ducts ¿lled with grout for bonded applications.

tendon, bonded—tendon in which prestressed reinforcement is continuously bonded to the concrete through grouting of ducts embedded within the concrete cross section.

tendon, external—a tendon external to the member concrete cross section in post-tensioned applications.

tendon, external—In new or existing post-tensioned applications, a tendon totally or partially external to the member concrete cross section, or inside a box section, and attached at the anchor device and deviation points.

tendon, unbonded—tendon in which prestressed reinforcement is prevented from bonding to the concrete. The prestressing force is permanently transferred to the concrete at the tendon ends by the anchorages only.

tension-controlled section—a cross section in which the net tensile strain in the extreme tension steel at nominal strength is greater than or equal to 0.005.

tie—(a) loop of reinforcing bar or wire enclosing longitudinal reinforcement; a continuously wound transverse bar or wire in the form of a circle, rectangle, or other polygonal

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shape without reentrant corners enclosing longitudinal reinforcement; see also stirrup, hoop; (b) tension element in a strut-and-tie model.

transfer—act of transferring stress in prestressing reinforcement from jacks or pretensioning bed to concrete member.

transfer length—length of embedded pretensioned reinforcement required to transfer the effective prestress to the concrete.

two-way construction—members designed to be capable of supporting loads through bending in two directions; some slabs and foundations are considered two-way construction. See also one-way construction.

wall—a vertical element designed to resist axial load, lateral load, or both, with a horizontal length-to-thickness ratio greater than 3, used to enclose or separate spaces.

wall segment—portion of wall bounded by vertical or horizontal openings or edges.

wall segment, horizontal—segment of a structural wall, bounded vertically by two openings or by an opening and an edge.

wall segment, vertical—segment of a structural wall, bounded horizontally by two openings or by an opening and an edge; wall piers are vertical wall segments.

wall pier—a vertical wall segment within a structural wall, bounded horizontally by two openings or by an opening and an edge, with ratio of horizontal length to wall thickness (ℓ_w/b_w) less than or equal to 6.0, and ratio of clear height to horizontal length (h_w/ℓ_w) greater than or equal to 2.0.

water-cementitious materials ratio—ratio of mass of water, excluding that absorbed by the aggregate, to the mass of cementitious materials in a mixture, stated as a decimal.

work—the entire construction or separately identifiable parts thereof that are required to be furnished under the construction documents.

yield strength—specified minimum yield strength or yield point of reinforcement; yield strength or yield point shall be determined in tension according to applicable ASTM standards as modified by this Code.

wall segment, horizontal—A horizontal wall segment is shown in Fig. R18.10.4.5.

wall pier—Wall piers are vertical wall segments with dimensions and reinforcement intended to result in shear demand being limited by flexural yielding of the vertical reinforcement in the pier.

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CHAPTER 3—REFERENCED STANDARDS

3.1—Scope

3.1.1 Standards, or speciﬁc sections thereof, cited in this Code, including Annex, Appendixes, or Supplements where prescribed, are referenced without exception in this Code, unless speciﬁcally noted. Cited standards are listed in the following with their serial designations, including year of adoption or revision.

3.2—Referenced standards

3.2.1 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Ofﬁcials (AASHTO)

LRFDUS-6—LRFD Bridge Design Speciﬁcations, 6th Edition, 2012, Articles 5.10.9.6, 5.10.9.7.2, and 5.10.9.7.3

LRFDCONS-3—LRFD Bridge Construction Speciﬁcations, 3rd Edition, 2010, Article 10.3.2.3

3.2.2 American Concrete Institute (ACI)

301-10—Speciﬁcations for Structural Concrete, Article 4.2.3

318.2-14—Building Code Requirements for Concrete Thin Shells and Commentary

332-14—Residential Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary

355.2-07—Qualiﬁcation of Post-Installed Mechanical Anchors in Concrete and Commentary

355.4-11—Qualiﬁcation of Post-Installed Adhesive Anchors in Concrete

374.1-05—Acceptance Criteria for Moment Frames Based on Structural Testing

423.7-14—Speciﬁcation for Unbonded Single-Strand Tendon Materials

550.3-13—Design Speciﬁcation for Unbonded Post-Tensioned Precast Concrete Special Moment Frames Satisfying ACI 374.1 and Commentary

ITG-5.1-07—Acceptance Criteria for Special Unbonded Post-Tensioned Precast Structural Walls Based on Validation Testing

ITG-5.2-09—Requirements for Design of a Special Unbonded Post-Tensioned Precast Wall Sastifying ACI ITG-5.1 and Commentary

3.2.3 American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

ASCE/SEI 7-10—Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures, Sections 2.3.3, Load Combinations Including Flood Loads; and 2.3.4, Load Combinations Including Atmospheric Ice Loads

3.2.4 ASTM International

A36/A36M-12—Standard Speciﬁcation for Carbon Structural Steel

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R3—REFERENCED STANDARDS

R3.1—Scope

R3.1.1 In this Code, references to standard speciﬁcations or other material are to a speciﬁc edition of the cited document. This is done by using the complete serial designation for the referenced standard including the title that indicates the subject and year of adoption. All standards referenced in this Code are listed in this chapter, with the title and complete serial designation. In other sections of the Code, referenced standards are abbreviated to include only the serial designation without a title or date. These abbreviated references correspond to speciﬁc standards listed in this chapter.

R3.2—Referenced standards

R3.2.1 Three articles of the AASHTO LRFD Speciﬁcations for Highway Bridge Design (AASHTO LRFDUS) and one article of the AASHTO LRFD Construction Speciﬁcations (AASHTO LRFDCONS) are cited in Chapters 2 and 25 of this Code.

R3.2.2 Article 4.2.3 of ACI 301 is referenced for the method of mixture proportioning cited in 26.4.3.1(b).

Prior to 2014, the provisions of ACI 318.2 were speciﬁed in Chapter 19 of the ACI 318 Building Code.

ACI 355.2 contains qualiﬁcation requirements for testing and evaluating post-installed expansion and undercut anchors for use in both cracked and uncracked concrete.

ACI 355.4 contains qualiﬁcation requirements for testing and evaluating adhesive anchors for use in both cracked and uncracked concrete.

ACI 423.7 requires the use of encapsulated tendon systems for applications subject to this Code.

R3.2.3 The two speciﬁc sections of ASCE 7 are referenced for the purposes cited in 5.3.9 and 5.3.10.

R3.2.4 The ASTM standards listed are the latest editions at the time these code provisions were adopted. ASTM standards are revised frequently relative to the revision cycle for

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A53/A53M-12—Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless

A184/A184M-06(2011)—Standard Specification for Welded Deformed Steel Bar Mats for Concrete Reinforcement

A242/A242M-13—Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel

A307-12—Standard Specification for Carbon Steel Bolts, Studs, and Threaded Rod 60000 PSI Tensile Strength

A370-14—Standard Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

A416/A416M-12a—Standard Specification for Steel Strand, Uncoated Seven-Wire for Prestressed Concrete

A421/A421M-10—Standard Specification for Uncoated Stress-Relieved Steel Wire for Prestressed Concrete, including Supplementary Requirement SI, Low-Relaxation Wire and Relaxation Testing

A500/A500M-13—Standard Specification for Cold-Formed Welded and Seamless Carbon Steel Structural Tubing in Rounds and Shapes

A501-07—Standard Specification for Hot-Formed Welded and Seamless Carbon Steel Structural Tubing

A572/A572M-13a—Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Columbium-Vanadium Structural Steel

A588/A588M-10—Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel, up to 50 ksi [345 MPa] Minimum Yield Point, with Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance

A615/A615M-14—Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement

A706/A706M-14—Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Low-Alloy Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement

A722/A722M-12—Standard Specification for Uncoated High-Strength Steel Bars for Prestressing Concrete

A767/A767M-09—Standard Specification for Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement

A775/A775M-07b(2014)—Standard Specification for Epoxy-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars

A820/A820M-11—Standard Specification for Steel Fibers for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete

A884/A884M-14—Standard Specification for Epoxy-Coated Steel Wire and Welded Wire Reinforcement

A934/A934M-13—Standard Specification for Epoxy-Coated Prefabricated Steel Reinforcing Bars

A955/A955M-14—Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Stainless-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement

A970/A970M-13a—Standard Specification for Headed Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement, including Annex A1 Requirements for Class HA Head Dimensions

A992/A992M-11—Standard Specification for Structural Steel Shapes

A996/A996M-14—Standard Specification for Rail-Steel and Axle-Steel Deformed Bars for Concrete Reinforcement

A1022/A1022M-14—Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Stainless Steel Wire and Welded Wire for Concrete Reinforcement

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the Code. Current and historical editions of the referenced standards can be obtained from ASTM International. Use of an edition of a standard other than that referenced in the Code obligates the user to evaluate if any differences in the nonconforming edition are significant to use of the standard.

Many of the ASTM standards are combined standards as denoted by the dual designation, such as ASTM A36/A36M. For simplicity, these combined standards are referenced without the metric (M) designation within the text of the Code and Commentary. In this provision, however, the complete designation is given because that is the official designation for the standard.

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A1035/A1035M-14—Standard Speci¿cation for Deformed and Plain, Low-Carbon, Chromium, Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement

A1044/A1044M-05(2010)—Standard Speci¿cation for Steel Stud Assemblies for Shear Reinforcement of Concrete

A1055/A1055M-10ᵉ¹—Standard Speci¿cation for Zinc and Epoxy Dual-Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars

A1060/A1060M-14—Standard Speci¿cation for Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain and Deformed, for Concrete

A1064/A1064M-13—Standard Speci¿cation for Carbon-Steel Wire and Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain and Deformed, for Concrete

A1085-13—Standard Speci¿cation for Cold-Formed Welded Carbon Steel Hollow Structural Sections (HSS)

C29/C29M-09—Standard Test Method for Bulk Density ("Unit Weight") and Voids in Aggregate

C31/C31M-12—Standard Practice for Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Field

C33/C33M-13—Standard Speci¿cation for Concrete Aggregates

C39/C39M-14a—Standard Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens

C42/C42M-13—Standard Test Method for Obtaining and Testing Drilled Cores and Sawed Beams of Concrete

C94/C94M-14—Standard Speci¿cation for Ready-Mixed Concrete

C144-11—Standard Speci¿cation for Aggregate for Masonry Mortar

C150/C150M-12—Standard Speci¿cation for Portland Cement

C172/C172M-14—Standard Practice for Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete

C173/C173M-14—Standard Test Method for Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Volumetric Method

C231/C231M-14—Standard Test Method for Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method

C260/C260M-10a—Standard Speci¿cation for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete

C330/C330M-14—Standard Speci¿cation for Light-weight Aggregates for Structural Concrete

C494/C494M-13—Standard Speci¿cation for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete

C496/C496M-11—Standard Test Method for Splitting Tensile Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens

C567/C567M-14—Standard Test Method for Determining Density of Structural Lightweight Concrete

C595/C595M-14—Standard Speci¿cation for Blended Hydraulic Cements

C618-12a—Standard Speci¿cation for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete

C685/C685M-11—Standard Speci¿cation for Concrete Made by Volumetric Batching and Continuous Mixing

C845/C845M-12—Standard Speci¿cation for Expansive Hydraulic Cement

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C989/C989M-13—Standard Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortars

C1012/C1012M-13—Standard Test Method for Length Change of Hydraulic-Cement Mortars Exposed to a Sulfate Solution

C1017/C1017M-13—Standard Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Use in Producing Flowing Concrete

C1077-14—Standard Practice for Laboratories Testing Concrete and Concrete Aggregates for Use in Construction and Criteria for Testing Agency Evaluation

C1116/C1116M-10a—Standard Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete

C1157/C1157M-11—Standard Performance Specification for Hydraulic Cement

C1218/C1218M-99(2008)—Standard Test Method for Water-Soluble Chloride in Mortar and Concrete

C1240-14—Standard Specification for Silica Fume Used in Cementitious Mixtures

C1580-09[ε1]—Standard Test for Water-Soluble Sulfate in Soil

C1582/C1582M-11—Standard Specification for Admixtures to Inhibit Chloride-Induced Corrosion of Reinforcing Steel in Concrete

C1602/C1602M-12—Standard Specification for Mixing Water Used in the Production of Hydraulic Cement Concrete

C1609/C1609M-12—Standard Test Method for Flexural Performance of Fiber-Reinforced Concrete (Using Beam with Third-Point Loading)

D516-11—Standard Test Method for Sulfate Ion in Water

D4130-08—Standard Test Method for Sulfate Ion in Brackish Water, Seawater, and Brines

3.2.5 American Welding Society (AWS)

D1.1/D1.1M: 2010—Structural Welding Code – Steel

D1.4/D1.4M: 2011—Structural Welding Code – Reinforcing Steel

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CHAPTER 4—STRUCTURAL SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

4.1—Scope

4.1.1 This chapter shall apply to design of structural concrete in structures or portions of structures defined in Chapter 1.

4.2—Materials

4.2.1 Design properties of concrete shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 19.

4.2.2 Design properties of reinforcement shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 20.

4.3—Design loads

4.3.1 Loads and load combinations considered in design shall be in accordance with Chapter 5.

4.4—Structural system and load paths

4.4.1 The structural system shall include (a) through (g), as applicable:

(a) Floor construction and roof construction, including one-way and two-way slabs
(b) Beams and joists
(c) Columns
(d) Walls
(e) Diaphragms
(f) Foundations
(g) Joints, connections, and anchors as required to transmit forces from one component to another

4.4.2 Design of structural members including joints and connections given in 4.4.1 shall be in accordance with Chapters 7 through 18.

R4—STRUCTURAL SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

R4.1—Scope

This chapter was added to the 2014 Code to introduce structural system requirements. Requirements more stringent than the Code provisions may be desirable for unusual construction or construction where enhanced performance is appropriate. The Code and Commentary must be supplemented with sound engineering knowledge, experience, and judgment.

R4.2—Materials

Chapter 3 identifies the referenced standards permitted for design. Chapters 19 and 20 establish properties of concrete and steel reinforcement permitted for design. Chapter 26 presents construction requirements for concrete materials, proportioning, and acceptance of concrete.

R4.3—Design loads

R4.3.1 The provisions in Chapter 5 are based on ASCE/SEI 7. The design loads include, but are not limited to, dead loads, live loads, snow loads, wind loads, earthquake effects, prestressing effects, crane loads, vibration, impact, shrinkage, temperature changes, creep, expansion of shrinkage-compensating concrete, and predicted unequal settlement of supports. Other project-specific loads may be specified by the licensed design professional.

R4.4—Structural system and load paths

R4.4.1 Structural concrete design has evolved from emphasizing the design of individual members to designing the structure as an entire system. A structural system consists of structural members, joints, and connections, each performing a specific role or function. A structural member may belong to one or more structural systems, serving different roles in each system and having to meet all the detailing requirements of the structural systems of which they are a part. Joints and connections are locations common to intersecting members or are items used to connect one member to another, but the distinction between members, joints, and connections can depend on how the structure is idealized. Throughout this chapter, the term "members" often refers to "structural members, joints, and connections."

Although the Code is written considering that a structural system comprises these members, many alternative arrangements are possible because not all structural member types are used in all building structural systems. The selection of the members to use in a specific project and the role or roles these member types play is made by the licensed design professional complying with requirements of the Code.

R4.4.2 In the chapter for each type of structural member, requirements follow the same general sequence and scope, including general requirements, design limits, required strength, design strength, reinforcement limits, reinforce-

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ment detailing, and other requirements unique to the type of member.

4.4.3 It shall be permitted to design a structural system comprising structural members not in accordance with 4.4.1 and 4.4.2, provided the structural system is approved in accordance with 1.10.1.

R4.4.3 Some materials, structural members, or systems that may not be recognized in the prescriptive provisions of the Code may still be acceptable if they meet the intent of the Code. Section 1.10.1 outlines the procedures for obtaining approval of alternative materials and systems.

4.4.4 The structural system shall be designed to resist the factored loads in load combinations given in 4.3 without exceeding the appropriate member design strengths, considering one or more continuous load paths from the point of load application or origination to the ¿nal point of resistance.

R4.4.4 The design should be based on members and connections that provide design strengths not less than the strengths required to transfer the loads along the load path. The licensed design professional may need to study one or more alternative paths to identify weak links along the sequence of elements that constitute each load path.

4.4.5 Structural systems shall be designed to accommodate anticipated volume change and differential settlement.

R4.4.5 The effects of column and wall creep and shrinkage, restraint of creep and shrinkage in long roof and Àoor systems, creep caused by prestress forces, volume changes caused by temperature variation, as well as potential damage to supporting members caused by these volume changes should be considered in design. Reinforcement, closure strips, or expansion joints are common ways of accommodating these effects. Minimum shrinkage and temperature reinforcement controls cracking to an acceptable level in many concrete structures of ordinary proportions and exposures.

Differential settlement or heave may be an important consideration in design. Geotechnical recommendations to allow for nominal values of differential settlement and heave are not normally included in design load combinations for ordinary building structures.

4.4.6 Seismic-force-resisting system

R4.4.6 Seismic-force-resisting system

4.4.6.1 Every structure shall be assigned to a Seismic Design Category in accordance with the general building code or as determined by the authority having jurisdiction in areas without a legally adopted building code.

R4.4.6.1 Design requirements in the Code are based on the seismic design category to which the structure is assigned. In general, the seismic design category relates to seismic risk level, soil type, occupancy, and building use. Assignment of a building to a seismic design category is under the jurisdiction of a general building code rather than this Code. In the absence of a general building code, ASCE/SEI 7 provides the assignment of a building to a seismic design category.

4.4.6.2 Structural systems designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be restricted to those systems designated by the general building code or as determined by the authority having jurisdiction in areas without a legally adopted building code.

R4.4.6.2 The general building code prescribes, through ASCE/SEI 7, the types of structural systems permitted as part of the seismic-force-resisting system based on considerations such as seismic design category and building height. The seismic design requirements for systems assigned to Seismic Design Categories B through F are prescribed in Chapter 18. Other systems can be used if approved by the building of¿cial.

4.4.6.3 Structural systems assigned to Seismic Design Category A shall satisfy the applicable requirements of this Code. Structures assigned to Seismic Design Category A are not required to be designed in accordance with Chapter 18.

R4.4.6.3 Structures assigned to Seismic Design Category A are subject to the lowest seismic hazard. Chapter 18 does not apply.

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4.4.6.4 Structural systems assigned to Seismic Design Category B, C, D, E, or F shall satisfy the requirements of Chapter 18 in addition to applicable requirements of other chapters of this Code.

R4.4.6.4 Chapter 18 contains provisions that are applicable depending on the seismic design category and on the seismic-force-resisting system used. Not all structural member types have speci¿c requirements in all seismic design categories. For example, Chapter 18 does not include requirements for structural walls in Seismic Design Categories B and C, but does include special provisions for Seismic Design Categories D, E, and F.

4.4.6.5 Structural members assumed not to be part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be permitted, subject to the requirements of 4.4.6.5.1 and 4.4.6.5.2.

R4.4.6.5 In Seismic Design Categories D, E, and F, structural members not considered part of the seismic-force-resisting system are required to be designed to accommodate drifts and forces that occur as the building responds to an earthquake.

4.4.6.5.1 In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category B, C, D, E, or F, the effects of those structural members on the response of the system shall be considered and accommodated in the structural design.

4.4.6.5.2 In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category B, C, D, E, or F, the consequences of damage to those structural members shall be considered.

4.4.6.5.3 In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E, or F, structural members not considered part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall meet the applicable requirements in Chapter 18.

4.4.6.6 Effects of nonstructural members shall be accounted for as described in 18.2.2.1 and consequences of damage to nonstructural members shall be considered.

R4.4.6.6 Although the design of nonstructural elements for earthquake effects is not included in the scope of this Code, the potential negative effects of nonstructural elements on the structural behavior need to be considered in Seismic Design Categories B, C, D, E, and F. Interaction of nonstructural elements with the structural system—for example, the short-column effect—had led to failure of structural members and collapse of some structures during earthquakes in the past.

4.4.7 Diaphragms

R4.4.7 Diaphragms—Floor and roof slabs play a dual role by simultaneously supporting gravity loads and transmitting lateral forces in their own plane as a diaphragm. General requirements for diaphragms are provided in Chapter 12, and roles of the diaphragm described in the Commentary to that chapter. Additional requirements for design of diaphragms in structures assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, and F are prescribed in Chapter 18.

4.4.7.1 Diaphragms, such as Àoor or roof slabs, shall be designed to resist simultaneously both out-of-plane gravity loads and in-plane lateral forces in load combinations given in 4.3.

4.4.7.2 Diaphragms and their connections to framing members shall be designed to transfer forces between the diaphragm and framing members.

4.4.7.3 Diaphragms and their connections shall be designed to provide lateral support to vertical, horizontal, and inclined elements.

4.4.7.4 Diaphragms shall be designed to resist applicable lateral loads from soil and hydrostatic pressure and other loads assigned to the diaphragm by structural analysis.

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4.4.7.5 Collectors shall be provided where required to transmit forces between diaphragms and vertical elements.

R4.4.7.5 All structural systems must have a complete load path in accordance with 4.4.4. The load path includes collectors where required.

4.4.7.6 Diaphragms that are part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be designed for the applied forces. In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E, and F, the diaphragm design shall be in accordance with Chapter 18.

4.5—Structural analysis

4.5.1 Analytical procedures shall satisfy compatibility of deformations and equilibrium of forces.

4.5.2 The methods of analysis given in Chapter 6 shall be permitted.

R4.5—Structural analysis

The role of analysis is to estimate the internal forces and deformations of the structural system and to establish compliance with the strength, serviceability, and stability requirements of the Code. The use of computers in structural engineering has made it feasible to perform analysis of complex structures. The Code requires that the analytical procedure used meets the fundamental principles of equilibrium and compatibility of deformations, permitting a number of analytical techniques, including the strut-and-tie method required for discontinuity regions, as provided in Chapter 6.

4.6—Strength

4.6.1 Design strength of a member and its joints and connections, in terms of moment, axial force, shear, torsion, and bearing, shall be taken as the nominal strength S_n multiplied by the applicable strength reduction factor ϕ.

4.6.2 Structures and structural members shall have design strength at all sections, ϕS_n, greater than or equal to the required strength U calculated for the factored loads and forces in such combinations as required by this Code or the general building code.

R4.6—Strength

The basic requirement for strength design may be expressed as follows:

$$\text{design strength} \geq \text{required strength}$$

$$\phi S_n \geq U$$

In the strength design procedure, the level of safety is provided by a combination of factors applied to the loads and strength reduction factors ϕ applied to the nominal strengths.

The strength of a member or cross section, calculated using standard assumptions and strength equations, along with nominal values of material strengths and dimensions, is referred to as nominal strength and is generally designated S_n. Design strength or usable strength of a member or cross section is the nominal strength reduced by the applicable strength reduction factor ϕ. The purpose of the strength reduction factor is to account for the probability of understrength due to variations of in-place material strengths and dimensions, the effect of simplifying assumptions in the design equations, the degree of ductility, potential failure mode of the member, the required reliability, and significance of failure and existence of alternative load paths for the member in the structure.

This Code, or the general building code, prescribes design load combinations, also known as factored load combinations, which define the way different types of loads are multiplied (factored) by individual load factors and then combined to obtain a factored load U. The individual load factors and additive combination reflect the variability in magnitude of the individual load effect, the probability of simultaneous occurrence of various load effects, and the assumptions and approximations made in the structural analysis when determining required design strengths.

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A typical design approach, when linear analysis is applicable, is to analyze the structure for individual unfactored load cases, and then combine the individual unfactored load cases in a factored load combination to determine the design load effects. Where effects of loads are nonlinear—for example, in foundation uplift—the factored loads are applied simultaneously to determine the nonlinear, factored load effect. The load effect includes moments, shears, axial forces, torsions, and bearing forces. Required strength or strengths are the maximum absolute values of negative and positive factored load effects as applicable. Sometimes, design displacements are determined for factored load effects.

In the course of applying these principles, the licensed design professional should be aware that providing more strength than required does not necessarily lead to a safer structure because doing so may change the potential failure mode. For example, increasing longitudinal reinforcement area beyond that required for moment strength as derived from analysis without increasing transverse reinforcement could increase the probability of a shear failure occurring prior to a flexural failure.

4.7—Serviceability

4.7.1 Evaluation of performance at service load conditions shall consider reactions, moments, torsions, shears, and axial forces induced by prestressing, creep, shrinkage, temperature change, axial deformation, restraint of attached structural members, and foundation settlement.

4.7.2 For structures, structural members, and their connections, the requirements of 4.7.1 shall be deemed to be satisfied if designed in accordance with the provisions of the applicable member chapters.

R4.7—Serviceability

Serviceability refers to the ability of the structural system or structural member to provide appropriate behavior and functionality under the actions affecting the system. Serviceability requirements address issues such as deflections and cracking, among others.

Except as stated in Chapter 24, service-level load combinations are not defined in this Code, but are discussed in Appendix C of ASCE/SEI 7-10. Appendixes to ASCE/SEI 7 are not considered mandatory parts of the standard.

4.8—Durability

4.8.1 Concrete mixtures shall be designed in accordance with the requirements of 19.3.2 and 26.4, considering applicable environmental exposure to provide required durability.

4.8.2 Reinforcement shall be protected from corrosion in accordance with 20.6.

R4.8—Durability

The environment where the structure will be located will dictate the exposure category for materials selection, design details, and construction requirements to minimize potential for premature deterioration of the structure caused by environmental effects. Durability of a structure is also impacted by the level of preventative maintenance, which is not addressed in the Code.

Chapter 19 provides requirements for protecting concrete against major environmental causes of deterioration.

4.9—Sustainability

4.9.1 The licensed design professional shall be permitted to specify in the construction documents sustainability requirements in addition to strength, serviceability, and durability requirements of this Code.

4.9.2 The strength, serviceability, and durability requirements of this Code shall take precedence over sustainability considerations.

R4.9—Sustainability

The Code provisions for strength, serviceability, and durability are minimum requirements to achieve a safe and durable concrete structure. The Code permits the owner or the licensed design professional to specify requirements higher than the minimums mandated in the Code. Such optional requirements can include higher strengths, more restrictive deflection limits, enhanced durability, and sustainability provisions.

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4.10—Structural integrity

4.10.1 General

4.10.1.1 Reinforcement and connections shall be detailed to tie the structure together effectively and to improve overall structural integrity.

4.10.2 Minimum requirements for structural integrity

4.10.2.1 Structural members and their connections shall be in accordance with structural integrity requirements in Table 4.10.2.1.

Table 4.10.2.1—Minimum requirements for structural integrity

Member type	Section
Nonprestressed two-way slabs	8.7.4.2
Prestressed two-way slabs	8.7.5.6
Nonprestressed two-way joist systems	8.8.1.6
Cast-in-place beam	9.7.7
Nonprestressed one-way joist system	9.8.1.6
Precast joints and connections	16.2.1.8

4.11—Fire resistance

4.11.1 Structural concrete members shall satisfy the ¿re protection requirements of the general building code.

4.11.2 Where the general building code requires a thickness of concrete cover for ¿re protection greater than the concrete cover speci¿ed in 20.6.1, such greater thickness shall govern.

4.12—Requirements for speci☐c types of construction

4.12.1 Precast concrete systems

4.12.1.1 Design of precast concrete members and connections shall include loading and restraint conditions from initial fabrication to end use in the structure, including form removal, storage, transportation, and erection.

4.12.1.2 Design, fabrication, and construction of precast members and their connections shall include the effects of tolerances.

R4.10—Structural integrity

R4.10.1 General

R4.10.1.1 It is the intent of the structural integrity requirements to improve redundancy and ductility through detailing of reinforcement and connections so that, in the event of damage to a major supporting element or an abnormal loading, the resulting damage will be localized and the structure will have a higher probability of maintaining overall stability.

Integrity requirements for selected structural member types are included in the corresponding member chapter in the sections noted.

R4.10.2 Minimum requirements for structural integrity—Structural members and their connections referred to in this section include only member types that have speci¿c requirements for structural integrity. Notwithstanding, detailing requirements for other member types address structural integrity indirectly. Such is the case for detailing of one-way slabs as provided in 7.7.

R4.11—Fire resistance

Additional guidance on ¿re resistance of structural concrete is provided by ACI 216.1.

R4.12—Requirements for speci☐c types of construction

This section contains requirements that are related to speci¿c types of construction. Additional requirements that are speci¿c to member types appear in the corresponding member chapters.

R4.12.1 Precast concrete systems—All requirements in the Code apply to precast systems and members unless speci¿cally excluded. In addition, some requirements apply speci¿cally to precast concrete. This section contains speci¿c requirements for precast systems. Other sections of this Code also provide speci¿c requirements, such as required concrete cover, for precast systems.

Precast systems differ from monolithic systems in that the type of restraint at supports, the location of supports, and the induced stresses in the body of the member vary during

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4.12.1.3 When precast members are incorporated into a structural system, the forces and deformations occurring in and adjacent to connections shall be included in the design.

4.12.1.4 Where system behavior requires in-plane loads to be transferred between the members of a precast floor or wall system, (a) and (b) shall be satisfied:

(a) In-plane load paths shall be continuous through both connections and members.
(b) Where tension loads occur, a load path of steel or steel reinforcement, with or without splices, shall be provided.

4.12.1.5 Distribution of forces that act perpendicular to the plane of precast members shall be established by analysis or test.

4.12.2 Prestressed concrete systems

4.12.2.1 Design of prestressed members and systems shall be based on strength and on behavior at service conditions at all critical stages during the life of the structure from the time prestress is first applied.

4.12.2.2 Provisions shall be made for effects on adjoining construction of elastic and plastic deformations, deflections, changes in length, and rotations due to prestressing. Effects of temperature change, restraint of attached structural members, foundation settlement, creep, and shrinkage shall also be considered.

4.12.2.3 Stress concentrations due to prestressing shall be considered in design.

4.12.2.4 Effect of loss of area due to open ducts shall be considered in computing section properties before grout in post-tensioning ducts has attained design strength.

4.12.2.5 Post-tensioning tendons shall be permitted to be external to any concrete section of a member. Strength and serviceability design requirements of this Code shall be used to evaluate the effects of external tendon forces on the concrete structure.

4.12.3 Composite concrete flexural members

4.12.3.1 This Code shall apply to composite concrete flexural members as defined in Chapter 2.

4.12.3.2 Individual members shall be designed for all critical stages of loading.

4.12.3.3 Members shall be designed to support all loads introduced prior to full development of design strength of composite members.

fabrication, storage, transportation, erection, and the final interconnected configuration. Consequently, the member design forces to be considered may differ in magnitude and direction with varying critical sections at various stages of construction. For example, a precast flexural member may be simply supported for dead load effects before continuity at the supporting connections is established and may be a continuous member for live or environmental load effects due to the moment continuity created by the connections after erection.

R4.12.2 Prestressed concrete systems—Prestressing, as used in the Code, may apply to pretensioning, bonded post-tensioning, or unbonded post-tensioning. All requirements in the Code apply to prestressed systems and members, unless specifically excluded. This section contains specific requirements for prestressed concrete systems. Other sections of this Code also provide specific requirements, such as required concrete cover for prestressed systems.

Creep and shrinkage effects may be greater in prestressed than in nonprestressed concrete structures because of the prestressing forces and because prestressed structures typically have less bonded reinforcement. Effects of movements due to creep and shrinkage may require more attention than is normally required for nonprestressed concrete. These movements may increase prestress losses.

Design of externally post-tensioned construction should consider aspects of corrosion protection and fire resistance that are applicable to this structural system.

R4.12.3 Composite concrete flexural members—This section addresses structural concrete members, either precast or cast-in-place, prestressed or nonprestressed, consisting of concrete cast at different times intended to act as a composite member when loaded after concrete of the last stage of casting has set. All requirements in the Code apply to these members unless specifically excluded. In addition, some requirements apply specifically to composite concrete flexural members. This section contains requirements that are specific to these elements and are not covered in the applicable member chapters.

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4.12.3.4 Reinforcement shall be detailed to minimize cracking and to prevent separation of individual components of composite members.

4.12.4 Composite steel and concrete construction

R4.12.4 Composite steel and concrete construction—This Code only addresses composite steel and concrete columns within its scope.

4.12.4.1 Composite compression members shall include all members reinforced longitudinally with structural steel shapes, pipe, or tubing with or without longitudinal bars.

4.12.4.2 The design of composite compression members shall be in accordance with Chapter 10.

4.12.5 Structural plain concrete systems

4.12.5.1 The design of structural plain concrete members, both cast-in-place and precast, shall be in accordance with Chapter 14.

4.13—Construction and inspection

4.13.1 Specifications for construction execution shall be in accordance with Chapter 26.

4.13.2 Inspection during construction shall be in accordance with Chapter 26 and the general building code.

R4.13—Construction and inspection

Chapter 26 has been organized to collect into one location the design information, compliance requirements, and inspection provisions from the Code that should be included in construction documents There may be other information that should be included in construction documents that is not covered in Chapter 26.

4.14—Strength evaluation of existing structures

4.14.1 Strength evaluation of existing structures shall be in accordance with Chapter 27.

R4.14—Strength evaluation of existing structures

Requirements in Chapter 27 for strength evaluation of existing structures by physical load test address the evaluation of structures subjected to gravity loads only. Chapter 27 also covers strength evaluation of existing structures by analytical evaluation, which may be used for gravity as well as other loadings such as earthquake or wind.

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CHAPTER 5—LOADS

R5—LOADS

5.1—Scope

5.1.1 This chapter shall apply to selection of load factors and combinations used in design, except as permitted in Chapter 27.

5.2—General

5.2.1 Loads shall include self-weight; applied loads; and effects of prestressing, earthquakes, restraint of volume change, and differential settlement.

R5.2—General

R5.2.1 Provisions in the Code are associated with dead, live, wind, and earthquake loads such as those recommended in ASCE/SEI 7.

If the service loads speci¿ed by the general building code differ from those of ASCE/SEI 7, the general building code governs. However, if the nature of the loads contained in a general building code differs considerably from ASCE/SEI 7 loads, some provisions of this Code may need modi¿cation to reÀect the difference.

5.2.2 Loads and Seismic Design Categories (SDCs) shall be in accordance with the general building code, or determined by the authority having jurisdiction.

R5.2.2 Seismic Design Categories (SDCs) in this Code are adopted directly from ASCE/SEI 7. Similar designations are used by the International Building Code (2012 IBC) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 5000 2012). The BOCA National Building Code (BOCA 1999) and "The Standard Building Code" (SBC 1999) used seismic performance categories. The "Uniform Building Code" (IBCO 1997) relates seismic design requirements to seismic zones, whereas editions of ACI 318 prior to 2008 related seismic design requirements to seismic risk levels. Table R5.2.2 correlates SDC to seismic risk terminology used in ACI 318 for several editions before the 2008 edition, and to the various methods of assigning design requirements used in the United States under the various model building codes, the ASCE/SEI 7 standard, and the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP 1994).

Design requirements for earthquake-resistant structures in this Code are determined by the SDC to which the structure is assigned. In general, the SDC relates to seismic hazard level, soil type, occupancy, and building use. Assignment of a building to an SDC is under the jurisdiction of the general building code rather than this Code.

5.2.3 Live load reductions shall be permitted in accordance with the general building code or, in the absence of a general building code, in accordance with ASCE/SEI 7.

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Table R5.2.2—Correlation between seismic-related terminology in model codes

Code, standard, or resource document and edition	Level of seismic risk or assigned seismic performance or design categories as defined in the Code		
ACI 318-08, ACI 318-11, ACI 318-14; IBC of 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012; NFPA 5000 of 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012; ASCE 7-98, 7-02, 7-05, 7-10; NEHRP 1997, 2000, 2003, 2009	SDC[1] A, B	SDC C	SDC D, E, F
ACI 318-05 and previous editions	Low seismic risk	Moderate/ intermediate seismic risk	High seismic risk
BOCA National Building Code 1993, 1996, 1999; Standard Building Code 1994, 1997, 1999; ASCE 7-93, 7-95; NEHRP 1991, 1994	SPC[2] A, B	SPC C	SPC D, E
Uniform Building Code 1991, 1994, 1997	Seismic Zone 0, 1	Seismic Zone 2	Seismic Zone 3, 4

[1]SDC = seismic design category as defined in code, standard, or resource document.
[2]SPC = seismic performance category as defined in code, standard, or resource document.

In the absence of a general building code that prescribes earthquake loads and seismic zoning, it is the intent of Committee 318 that application of provisions for earthquake-resistant design be consistent with national standards or model building codes such as ASCE/SEI 7, 2012 IBC, and NFPA 5000. The model building codes also specify overstrength factors Ω_o that are related to the seismic-force-resisting system used for the structure and design of certain elements.

5.3—Load factors and combinations

5.3.1 Required strength U shall be at least equal to the effects of factored loads in Table 5.3.1, with exceptions and additions in 5.3.3 through 5.3.12.

Table 5.3.1—Load combinations

Load combination	Equation	Primary load
U = 1.4D	(5.3.1a)	D
U = 1.2D + 1.6L + 0.5(L_r or S or R)	(5.3.1b)	L
U = 1.2D + 1.6(L_r or S or R) + (1.0L or 0.5W)	(5.3.1c)	L_r or S or R
U = 1.2D + 1.0W + 1.0L + 0.5(L_r or S or R)	(5.3.1d)	W
U = 1.2D + 1.0E + 1.0L + 0.2S	(5.3.1e)	E
U = 0.9D + 1.0W	(5.3.1f)	W
U = 0.9D + 1.0E	(5.3.1g)	E

R5.3—Load factors and combinations

R5.3.1 The required strength U is expressed in terms of factored loads, or related internal moments and forces. Factored loads are the loads specified in the general building code multiplied by appropriate load factors.

The factor assigned to each load is influenced by the degree of accuracy to which the load effect usually can be calculated and the variation that might be expected in the load during the lifetime of the structure. Dead loads, because they are more accurately determined and less variable, are assigned a lower load factor than live loads. Load factors also account for variability in the structural analysis used to calculate moments and shears.

The Code gives load factors for specific combinations of loads. In assigning factors to combinations of loading, some consideration is given to the probability of simultaneous occurrence. While most of the usual combinations of loadings are included, it should not be assumed that all cases are covered.

Due regard is to be given to the sign (positive or negative) in determining U for combinations of loadings, as one type of loading may produce effects of opposite sense to that

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produced by another type. The load combinations with 0.9D are included for the case where a higher dead load reduces the effects of other loads. The loading case may also be critical for tension-controlled column sections. In such a case, a reduction in compressive axial load or development of tension with or without an increase in moment may result in a critical load combination.

Consideration should be given to various combinations of loading to determine the most critical design condition. This is particularly true when strength is dependent on more than one load effect, such as strength for combined flexure and axial load or shear strength in members with axial load.

If unusual circumstances require greater reliance on the strength of particular members than circumstances encountered in usual practice, some reduction in the stipulated strength reduction factors ϕ or increase in the stipulated load factors may be appropriate for such members.

Rain load R in Eq. (5.3.1b), (5.3.1c), and (5.3.1d) should account for all likely accumulations of water. Roofs should be designed with sufficient slope or camber to ensure adequate drainage accounting for any long-term deflection of the roof due to the dead loads. If deflection of roof members may result in ponding of water accompanied by increased deflection and additional ponding, the design should ensure that this process is self-limiting.

Model building codes and design load references refer to earthquake forces at the strength level, and the corresponding load factor is 1.0 (ASCE/SEI 7; BOCA (1999); SBC (1999); UBC (ICBO 1997); 2012 IBC). In the absence of a general building code that prescribes strength level earthquake effects, a higher load factor on E would be required.

5.3.2 The effect of one or more loads not acting simultaneously shall be investigated.

5.3.3 The load factor on live load L in Eq. (5.3.1c), (5.3.1d), and (5.3.1e) shall be permitted to be reduced to 0.5 except for (a), (b), or (c):

(a) Garages
(b) Areas occupied as places of public assembly
(c) Areas where L is greater than 4.8 kN/m^2

R5.3.3 The load modification factor in this provision is different than the live load reductions based on the loaded area that may be allowed in the general building code. The live load reduction, based on loaded area, adjusts the nominal live load (L_0 in ASCE/SEI 7) to L. The live load reduction, as specified in the general building code, can be used in combination with the 0.5 load factor specified in this provision.

5.3.4 If applicable, L shall include (a) through (f):

(a) Concentrated live loads
(b) Vehicular loads
(c) Crane loads
(d) Loads on hand rails, guardrails, and vehicular barrier systems
(e) Impact effects
(f) Vibration effects

5.3.5 If wind load W is based on service-level loads, 1.6W shall be used in place of 1.0W in Eq. (5.3.1d) and (5.3.1f), and 0.8W shall be used in place of 0.5W in Eq. (5.3.1c).

R5.3.5 ASCE/SEI 7 has converted wind loads to strength level and reduced the wind load factor to 1.0. The Code requires use of the previous load factor for wind loads, 1.6,

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when service-level wind loads are used. For serviceability checks, the commentary to Appendix C of ASCE/SEI 7 provides service-level wind loads W_a.

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5.3.6 The structural effects of forces due to restraint of volume change and differential settlement T shall be considered in combination with other loads if the effects of T can adversely affect structural safety or performance. The load factor for T shall be established considering the uncertainty associated with the likely magnitude of T, the probability that the maximum effect of T will occur simultaneously with other applied loads, and the potential adverse consequences if the effect of T is greater than assumed. The load factor on T shall not have a value less than 1.0.

R5.3.6 Several strategies can be used to accommodate movements due to volume change and differential settlement. Restraint of such movements can cause significant member forces and moments, such as tension in slabs and shear forces and moments in vertical members. Forces due to T effects are not commonly calculated and combined with other load effects. Rather, designs rely on successful past practices using compliant structural members and ductile connections to accommodate differential settlement and volume change movement while providing the needed resistance to gravity and lateral loads. Expansion joints and construction closure strips are used to limit volume change movements based on the performance of similar structures. Shrinkage and temperature reinforcement, which may exceed the required flexural reinforcement, is commonly proportioned based on gross concrete area rather than calculated force.

Where structural movements can lead to damage of nonductile elements, calculation of the predicted force should consider the inherent variability of the expected movement and structural response.

A long-term study of the volume change behavior of precast concrete buildings (Klein and Lindenberg 2009) recommends procedures to account for connection stiffness, thermal exposure, member softening due to creep, and other factors that influence T forces.

Fintel et al. (1986) provides information on the magnitudes of volume change effects in tall structures and recommends procedures for including the forces resulting from these effects in design.

5.3.7 If fluid load F is present, it shall be included in the load combination equations of 5.3.1 in accordance with (a), (b), (c) or (d):

(a) If F acts alone or adds to the effects of D, it shall be included with a load factor of 1.4 in Eq. (5.3.1a).
(b) If F adds to the primary load, it shall be included with a load factor of 1.2 in Eq. (5.3.1b) through (5.3.1e).
(c) If the effect of F is permanent and counteracts the primary load, it shall be included with a load factor of 0.9 in Eq. (5.3.1g).
(d) If the effect of F is not permanent but, when present, counteracts the primary load, F shall not be included in Eq. (5.3.1a) through (5.3.1g).

5.3.8 If lateral earth pressure H is present, it shall be included in the load combination equations of 5.3.1 in accordance with (a), (b), or (c):

(a) If H acts alone or adds to the primary load effect, it shall be included with a load factor of 1.6.

R5.3.8 The required load factors for lateral pressures from soil, water in soil, and other materials, reflect their variability and the possibility that the materials may be removed. The commentary of ASCE/SEI 7 includes additional useful discussion pertaining to load factors for H.

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(b) If the effect of H is permanent and counteracts the primary load effect, it shall be included with a load factor of 0.9.

(c) If the effect of H is not permanent but, when present, counteracts the primary load effect, H shall not be included.

5.3.9 If a structure is in a flood zone, the flood loads and the appropriate load factors and combinations of ASCE/SEI 7 shall be used.

R5.3.9 Areas subject to flooding are defined by flood hazard maps, usually maintained by local governmental jurisdictions.

5.3.10 If a structure is subjected to forces from atmospheric ice loads, the ice loads and the appropriate load factors and combinations of ASCE/SEI 7 shall be used.

R5.3.10 Ice buildup on a structural member increases the applied load and the projected area exposed to wind. ASCE/SEI 7 provides maps of probable ice thicknesses due to freezing rain, with concurrent 3-second gust speeds, for a 50-year return period.

5.3.11 Required strength U shall include internal load effects due to reactions induced by prestressing with a load factor of 1.0.

R5.3.11 For statically indeterminate structures, the internal load effects due to reactions induced by prestressing forces, sometimes referred to as secondary moments, can be significant (Bondy 2003; Lin and Thornton 1972; Collins and Mitchell 1997).

5.3.12 For post-tensioned anchorage zone design, a load factor of 1.2 shall be applied to the maximum prestressing reinforcement jacking force.

R5.3.12 The load factor of 1.2 applied to the maximum tendon jacking force results in a design load of about 113 percent of the specified prestressing reinforcement yield strength, but not more than 96 percent of the nominal tensile strength of the prestressing reinforcement. This compares well with the maximum anchorage capacity, which is at least 95 percent of the nominal tensile strength of the prestressing steel.

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CHAPTER 6—STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

6.1—Scope
6.1.1 This chapter shall apply to methods of analysis, modeling of members and structural systems, and calculation of load effects.

R6—STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

R6.1—Scope
The structural analysis provisions of previous codes have been reorganized to clarify the analysis requirements of this Code.

Section 6.2 provides general requirements that are applicable for all analysis procedures.

Section 6.2.4 directs the licensed design professional to specific analysis provisions that are not contained in this chapter. Sections 6.2.4.1 and 6.2.4.2 identify analysis provisions that are specific to two-way slabs and walls.

Section 6.3 addresses modeling assumptions used in establishing the analysis model.

Section 6.4 prescribes the arrangements of live loads that are to be considered in the analysis.

Section 6.5 provides a simplified method of analysis for nonprestressed continuous beams and one-way slabs that can be used in place of a more rigorous analysis when the stipulated conditions are satisfied.

Section 6.6 includes provisions for a comprehensive first-order analysis. Cracked sections and creep are included in the analysis.

Section 6.7 includes provisions for an elastic second-order analysis. Inclusion of the effects of cracking and creep is required.

Section 6.8 includes provisions for an inelastic, second-order analysis.

Section 6.9 includes provisions for the use of the finite element method.

6.2—General
6.2.1 Members and structural systems shall be permitted to be modeled in accordance with 6.3.

6.2.2 All members and structural systems shall be analyzed for the maximum effects of loads including the arrangements of live load in accordance with 6.4.

6.2.3 Methods of analysis permitted by this chapter shall be (a) through (e):

(a) The simplified method for analysis of continuous beams and one-way slabs for gravity loads in 6.5
(b) First-order in 6.6
(c) Elastic second-order in 6.7
(d) Inelastic second-order in 6.8
(e) Finite element in 6.9

R6.2—General

R6.2.3 A first-order analysis satisfies the equations of equilibrium using the original undeformed geometry of the structure. When only first-order results are considered, slenderness effects are not accounted for. Because these effects can be important, 6.6 provides procedures to calculate both individual member slenderness ($P\delta$) effects and sidesway ($P\Delta$) effects for the overall structure using the first-order results.

A second-order analysis satisfies the equations of equilibrium using the deformed geometry of the structure. If the second-order analysis uses nodes along compression members, the analysis accounts for slenderness effects due to lateral deformations along individual members, as well as sidesway of the overall structure. If the second-order analysis uses nodes at the member intersections only, the analysis captures the sidesway effects for the overall structure but neglects individual member slenderness effects. In this case, the moment magnifier method (6.6.4) is used to determine individual member slenderness effects.

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Finite element analysis was introduced in the 2014 Code to explicitly recognize a widely used analysis method.

6.2.4 Additional analysis methods that are permitted include 6.2.4.1 through 6.2.4.4.

6.2.4.1 Two-way slabs shall be permitted to be analyzed for gravity loads in accordance with (a) or (b):

(a) Direct design method in 8.10
(b) Equivalent frame method in 8.11

6.2.4.2 Slender walls shall be permitted to be analyzed in accordance with 11.8 for out-of-plane effects.

6.2.4.3 Diaphragms shall be permitted to be analyzed in accordance with 12.4.2.

6.2.4.4 A member or region shall be permitted to be analyzed and designed using the strut-and-tie method in accordance with Chapter 23.

6.2.5 Slenderness effects shall be permitted to be neglected if (a) or (b) is satisﬁed:

(a) For columns not braced against sidesway

$$\frac{k l_u}{r} \le 22 \tag{6.2.5a}$$

(b) For columns braced against sidesway

$$\frac{k l_u}{r} \le 34 + 12(M_1 / M_2) \tag{6.2.5b}$$

and

$$\frac{k l_u}{r} \le 40 \tag{6.2.5c}$$

where M_1/M_2 is negative if the column is bent in single curvature, and positive for double curvature.

If bracing elements resisting lateral movement of a story have a total stiffness of at least 12 times the gross lateral stiffness of the columns in the direction considered, it shall be permitted to consider columns within the story to be braced against sidesway.

6.2.5.1 The radius of gyration, r, shall be permitted to be calculated by (a), (b), or (c):

(a) $r = \sqrt{\dfrac{I_g}{A_g}}$ $\tag{6.2.5.1}$

(b) 0.30 times the dimension in the direction stability is being considered for rectangular columns

R6.2.5 Second-order effects in many structures are negligible. In these cases, it is unnecessary to consider slenderness effects, and compression members, such as columns, walls, or braces, can be designed based on forces determined from ﬁrst-order analyses. Slenderness effects can be neglected in both braced and unbraced systems, depending on the slenderness ratio ($k l_u/r$) of the member.

The sign convention for M_1/M_2 has been updated so that M_1/M_2 is negative if bent in single curvature and positive if bent in double curvature. This reﬂects a sign convention change from the 2011 Code.

The primary design aid to estimate the effective length factor k is the Jackson and Moreland Alignment Charts (Fig. R6.2.5), which provide a graphical determination of k for a column of constant cross section in a multi-bay frame (ACI SP-17(09); Column Research Council 1966).

Equations (6.2.5b) and (6.2.5c) are based on Eq. (6.6.4.5.1) assuming that a 5 percent increase in moments due to slenderness is acceptable (MacGregor et al. 1970). As a ﬁrst approximation, k may be taken equal to 1.0 in Eq. (6.2.5b) and (6.2.5c).

The stiffness of the lateral bracing is considered based on the principal directions of the framing system. Bracing elements in typical building structures consist of shear walls or lateral braces. Torsional response of the lateral-force-resisting system due to eccentricity of the structural system can increase second-order effects and should be considered.

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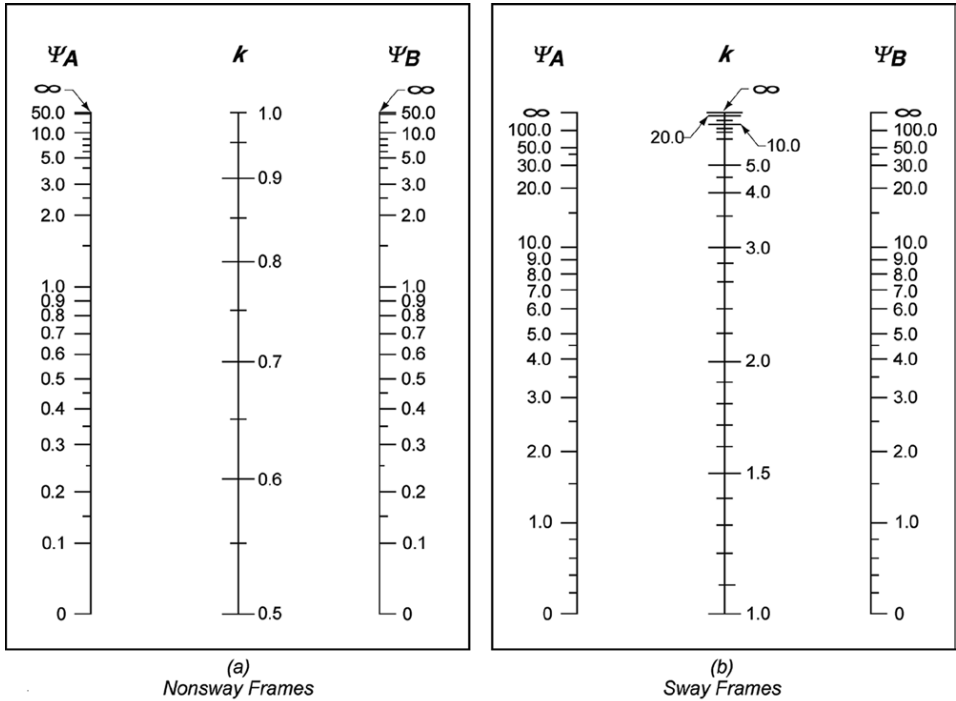
Ψ = ratio of $\Sigma(EI/\ell_c)$ of columns to $\Sigma(EI/\ell)$ of beams in a plane at one end of a column

ℓ = span length of beam measured center to center of joints

Fig. R6.2.5—Effective length factor k.

(c) 0.25 times the diameter of circular columns

6.2.5.2 For composite columns, the radius of gyration, r, shall not be taken greater than:

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{(E_c I_g/5) + E_s I_{sx}}{(E_c A_g/5) + E_s A_{sx}}} \qquad (6.2.5.2)$$

Longitudinal bars located within a concrete core encased by structural steel or within transverse reinforcement surrounding a structural steel core shall be permitted to be used in calculating A_{sx} and I_{sx}.

6.2.6 Unless slenderness effects are neglected as permitted by 6.2.5, the design of columns, restraining beams, and other supporting members shall be based on the factored forces and moments considering second-order effects in accordance with 6.6.4, 6.7, or 6.8. M_u including second-order effects shall not exceed $1.4M_u$ due to ¿rst-order effects.

R6.2.5.2 Equation (6.2.5.2) is provided because the provisions in 6.2.5.1 for estimating the radius of gyration are overly conservative for concrete-¿lled tubing and are not applicable for members with enclosed structural shapes.

R6.2.6 Design considering second-order effects may be based on the moment magni¿er approach (MacGregor et al. 1970; MacGregor 1993; Ford et al. 1981), an elastic second-order analysis, or a nonlinear second-order analysis. Figure R6.2.6 is intended to assist designers with application of the slenderness provisions of the Code.

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End moments in compression members, such as columns, walls, or braces, should be considered in the design of adjacent flexural members. In nonsway frames, the effects of magnifying the end moments need not be considered in the design of adjacent beams. In sway frames, the magnified end moments should be considered in designing the adjoining flexural members.

Several methods have been developed to evaluate slenderness effects in compression members subject to biaxial bending. A review of some of these methods is presented in Furlong et al. (2004).

If the weight of a structure is high in proportion to its lateral stiffness, excessive $P\Delta$ effects, where secondary moments are more than 25 percent of the primary moments, may result. The $P\Delta$ effects will eventually introduce singularities into the solution to the equations of equilibrium, indicating physical structural instability (Wilson 1997). Analytical research (MacGregor and Hage 1977) on reinforced concrete frames showed that the probability of stability failure increases rapidly when the stability index Q, defined in 6.6.4.4.1, exceeds 0.2, which is equivalent to a secondary-to-primary moment ratio of 1.25. According to ASCE/SEI 7, the maximum value of the stability coefficient θ, which is close to the ACI stability coefficient Q, is 0.25. The value 0.25 is equivalent to a secondary-to-primary moment ratio of 1.33. Hence, the upper limit of 1.4 on the secondary-to-primary moment ratio was chosen.

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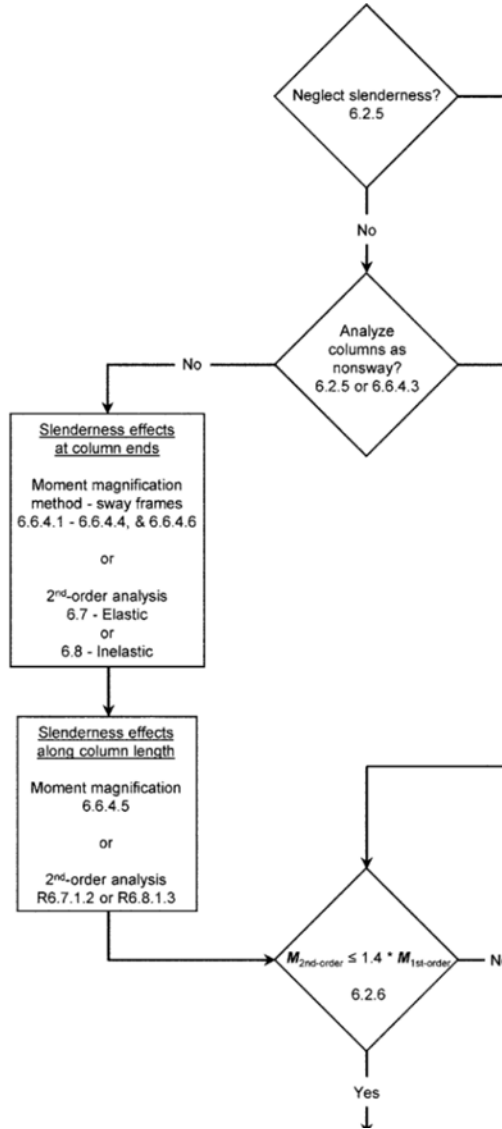
Fig. R6.2.6—Flowchart for determining column slenderness effects.

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6.3—Modeling assumptions

6.3.1 General

6.3.1.1 Relative stiffnesses of members within structural systems shall be based on reasonable and consistent assumptions.

6.3.1.2 To calculate moments and shears caused by gravity loads in columns, beams, and slabs, it shall be permitted to use a model limited to the members in the level being considered and the columns above and below that level. It shall be permitted to assume far ends of columns built integrally with the structure to be fixed.

6.3.1.3 The analysis model shall consider the effects of variation of member cross-sectional properties, such as that due to haunches.

6.3.2 T-beam geometry

6.3.2.1 For nonprestressed T-beams supporting monolithic or composite slabs, the effective flange width b_f shall include the beam web width b_w plus an effective overhanging flange width in accordance with Table 6.3.2.1, where h is the slab thickness and s_w is the clear distance to the adjacent web.

R6.3—Modeling assumptions

R6.3.1 General

R6.3.1.1 Ideally, the member stiffnesses E_cI and GJ should reflect the degree of cracking and inelastic action that has occurred along each member before yielding. However, the complexities involved in selecting different stiffnesses for all members of a frame would make frame analyses inefficient in the design process. Simpler assumptions are required to define flexural and torsional stiffnesses.

For braced frames, relative values of stiffness are important. A common assumption is to use $0.5I_g$ for beams and I_g for columns.

For sway frames, a realistic estimate of I is desirable and should be used if second-order analyses are performed. Guidance for the choice of I for this case is given in 6.6.3.1.

Two conditions determine whether it is necessary to consider torsional stiffness in the analysis of a given structure: 1) the relative magnitude of the torsional and flexural stiffnesses; and 2) whether torsion is required for equilibrium of the structure (equilibrium torsion) or is due to members twisting to maintain deformation compatibility (compatibility torsion). In the case of compatibility torsion, the torsional stiffness may be neglected. For cases involving equilibrium torsion, torsional stiffness should be considered.

R6.3.1.3 Stiffness and fixed-end moment coefficients for haunched members may be obtained from the Portland Cement Association (1972).

R6.3.2 T-beam geometry

R6.3.2.1 In ACI 318-11, the width of the slab effective as a T-beam flange was limited to one-fourth the span. The Code now allows one-eighth of the span on each side of the beam web. This was done to simplify Table 6.3.2.1 and has negligible impact on designs.

Table 6.3.2.1—Dimensional limits for effective overhanging flange width for T-beams

Flange location	Effective overhanging flange width, beyond face of web	
Each side of web	Least of:	8h
		$s_w/2$
		$\ell_n/8$
One side of web	Least of:	6h
		$s_w/2$
		$\ell_n/12$

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6.3.2.2 Isolated nonprestressed T-beams in which the flange is used to provide additional compression area shall have a flange thickness greater than or equal to $0.5b_w$ and an effective flange width less than or equal to $4b_w$.

6.3.2.3 For prestressed T-beams, it shall be permitted to use the geometry provided by 6.3.2.1 and 6.3.2.2.

R6.3.2.3 The empirical provisions of 6.3.2.1 and 6.3.2.2 were developed for nonprestressed T-beams. The flange widths in 6.3.2.1 and 6.3.2.2 should be used unless experience has proven that variations are safe and satisfactory. Although many standard prestressed products in use today do not satisfy the effective flange width requirements of 6.3.2.1 and 6.3.2.2, they demonstrate satisfactory performance. Therefore, determination of an effective flange width for prestressed T-beams is left to the experience and judgment of the licensed design professional. It is not always considered conservative in elastic analysis and design considerations to use the maximum flange width as permitted in 6.3.2.1.

6.4—Arrangement of live load

6.4.1 For the design of floors or roofs to resist gravity loads, it shall be permitted to assume that live load is applied only to the level under consideration.

6.4.2 For one-way slabs and beams, it shall be permitted to assume (a) and (b):

(a) Maximum positive M_u near midspan occurs with factored L on the span and on alternate spans
(b) Maximum negative M_u at a support occurs with factored L on adjacent spans only

6.4.3 For two-way slab systems, factored moments shall be calculated in accordance with 6.4.3.1, 6.4.3.2, or 6.4.3.3, and shall be at least the moments resulting from factored L applied simultaneously to all panels.

6.4.3.1 If the arrangement of L is known, the slab system shall be analyzed for that arrangement.

6.4.3.2 If L is variable and does not exceed 0.75D, or the nature of L is such that all panels will be loaded simultaneously, it shall be permitted to assume that maximum M_u at all sections occurs with factored L applied simultaneously to all panels.

6.4.3.3 For loading conditions other than those defined in 6.4.3.1 or 6.4.3.2, it shall be permitted to assume (a) and (b):

(a) Maximum positive M_u near midspan of panel occurs with 75 percent of factored L on the panel and alternate panels
(b) Maximum negative M_u at a support occurs with 75 percent of factored L on adjacent panels only

R6.4—Arrangement of live load

R6.4.2 The most demanding sets of design forces should be established by investigating the effects of live load placed in various critical patterns.

R6.4.3.3 The use of only 75 percent of the full factored live load for maximum moment loading patterns is based on the fact that maximum negative and maximum positive live load moments cannot occur simultaneously and that redistribution of maximum moments is thus possible before failure occurs. This procedure, in effect, permits some local overstress under the full factored live load if it is distributed in the prescribed manner, but still ensures that the design strength of the slab system after redistribution of moment is not less than that required to resist the full factored dead and live loads on all panels.

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6.5—Simplified method of analysis for nonprestressed continuous beams and one-way slabs

6.5.1 It shall be permitted to calculate M_u and V_u due to gravity loads in accordance with this section for continuous beams and one-way slabs satisfying (a) through (e):

(a) Members are prismatic
(b) Loads are uniformly distributed
(c) $L \leq 3D$
(d) There are at least two spans
(e) The longer of two adjacent spans does not exceed the shorter by more than 20 percent

6.5.2 M_u due to gravity loads shall be calculated in accordance with Table 6.5.2.

R6.5—Simplified method of analysis for nonprestressed continuous beams and one-way slabs

R6.5.2 The approximate moments and shears give reasonable values for the stated conditions if the continuous beams and one-way slabs are part of a frame or continuous construction. Because the load patterns that produce critical values for moments in columns of frames differ from those for maximum negative moments in beams, column moments should be evaluated separately.

Table 6.5.2—Approximate moments for nonprestressed continuous beams and one-way slabs

Moment	Location	Condition	M_u
Positive	End span	Discontinuous end integral with support	$w_u \ell_n^2/14$
		Discontinuous end unrestrained	$w_u \ell_n^2/11$
	Interior spans	All	$w_u \ell_n^2/16$
Negative[1]	Interior face of exterior support	Member built integrally with supporting spandrel beam	$w_u \ell_n^2/24$
		Member built integrally with supporting column	$w_u \ell_n^2/16$
	Exterior face of first interior support	Two spans	$w_u \ell_n^2/9$
		More than two spans	$w_u \ell_n^2/10$
	Face of other supports	All	$w_u \ell_n^2/11$
	Face of all supports satisfying (a) or (b)	(a) slabs with spans not exceeding 3 m (b) beams where ratio of sum of column stiffnesses to beam stiffness exceeds 8 at each end of span	$w_u \ell_n^2/12$

[1]To calculate negative moments, ℓ_n shall be the average of the adjacent clear span lengths.

6.5.3 Moments calculated in accordance with 6.5.2 shall not be redistributed.

6.5.4 V_u due to gravity loads shall be calculated in accordance with Table 6.5.4.

Table 6.5.4—Approximate shears for nonprestressed continuous beams and one-way slabs

Location	V_u
Exterior face of first interior support	$1.15 w_u \ell_n/2$
Face of all other supports	$w_u \ell_n/2$

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6.5.5 Floor or roof level moments shall be resisted by distributing the moment between columns immediately above and below the given floor in proportion to the relative column stiffnesses considering conditions of restraint.

R6.5.5 This section is provided to make certain that moments are included in column design. The moment refers to the difference between the end moments of the members framing into the column and exerted at the column centerline.

6.6—First-order analysis

6.6.1 General

6.6.1.1 Slenderness effects shall be considered in accordance with 6.6.4, unless they are allowed to be neglected by 6.2.5.

6.6.1.2 Redistribution of moments calculated by an elastic first-order analysis shall be permitted in accordance with 6.6.5.

6.6.2 Modeling of members and structural systems

6.6.2.1 Floor or roof level moments shall be resisted by distributing the moment between columns immediately above and below the given floor in proportion to the relative column stiffnesses and considering conditions of restraint.

6.6.2.2 For frames or continuous construction, consideration shall be given to the effect of floor and roof load patterns on transfer of moment to exterior and interior columns, and of eccentric loading due to other causes.

6.6.2.3 It shall be permitted to simplify the analysis model by the assumptions of (a), (b), or both:

(a) Solid slabs or one-way joist systems built integrally with supports, with clear spans not more than 3 m, shall be permitted to be analyzed as continuous members on knife-edge supports with spans equal to the clear spans of the member and width of support beams otherwise neglected.
(b) For frames or continuous construction, it shall be permitted to assume the intersecting member regions are rigid.

6.6.3 Section properties

6.6.3.1 Factored load analysis

R6.6—First-order analysis

R6.6.1 General

R6.6.1.1 When using first-order analysis, slenderness effects are calculated using the moment magnifier approach (MacGregor et al. 1970; MacGregor 1993; Ford et al. 1981).

R6.6.2 Modeling of members and structural systems

R6.6.2.1 This section is provided to make certain that moments are included in column design if members have been proportioned using 6.5.1 and 6.5.2. The moment refers to the difference between the end moments of the members framing into the column and exerted at the column centerline.

R6.6.2.3 A common feature of modern frame analysis software is the assumption of rigid connections. Section 6.6.2.3(b) is intended to apply to intersecting elements in frames, such as beam-column joints.

R6.6.3 Section properties

R6.6.3.1 Factored load analysis—For lateral load analysis, either the stiffnesses presented in 6.6.3.1.1 or 6.6.3.1.2 can be used. These provisions both use values that approximate the stiffness for reinforced concrete building systems loaded to near or beyond the yield level, and have been shown to produce reasonable correlation with both experimental and detailed analytical results (Moehle 1992; Lepage 1998). For earthquake-induced loading, the use of 6.6.3.1.1 or 6.6.3.1.2 may require a deflection amplification factor to account for inelastic deformations. In general, for effective section properties, E_c may be defined as in 19.2.2, A as in Table 6.6.3.1.1(a), and the shear modulus may be taken as $0.4E_c$.

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6.6.3.1.1 Moment of inertia and cross-sectional area of members shall be calculated in accordance with Tables 6.6.3.1.1(a) or 6.6.3.1.1(b), unless a more rigorous analysis is used. If sustained lateral loads are present, I for columns and walls shall be divided by $(1 + \beta_{ds})$, where β_{ds} is the ratio of maximum factored sustained shear within a story to the maximum factored shear in that story associated with the same load combination.

Table 6.6.3.1.1(a)—Moment of inertia and cross-sectional area permitted for elastic analysis at factored load level

Member and condition		Moment of Inertia	Cross-sectional area
Columns		$0.70I_g$	
Walls	Uncracked	$0.70I_g$	$1.0A_g$
	Cracked	$0.35I_g$	
Beams		$0.35I_g$	
Flat plates and flat slabs		$0.25I_g$	

Table 6.6.3.1.1(b)—Alternative moments of inertia for elastic analysis at factored load

Member	Alternative value of I for elastic analysis		
	Minimum	I	Maximum
Columns and walls	$0.35I_g$	$\left(0.80 + 25\dfrac{A_{st}}{A_g}\right)\left(1 - \dfrac{M_u}{P_u h} - 0.5\dfrac{P_u}{P_o}\right)I_g$	$0.875I_g$
Beams, flat plates, and flat slabs	$0.25I_g$	$(0.10 + 25\rho)\left(1.2 - 0.2\dfrac{b_w}{d}\right)I_g$	$0.5I_g$

Notes: For continuous flexural members, I shall be permitted to be taken as the average of values obtained for the critical positive and negative moment sections. P_u and M_u shall be calculated from the load combination under consideration, or the combination of P_u and M_u that produces the least value of I.

6.6.3.1.2 For factored lateral load analysis, it shall be permitted to assume $I = 0.5I_g$ for all members or to calculate I by a more detailed analysis, considering the reduced stiffness of all members under the loading conditions.

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R6.6.3.1.1 The values of I and A have been chosen from the results of frame tests and analyses, and include an allowance for the variability of the calculated deflections. The moments of inertia are taken from MacGregor and Hage (1977), which are multiplied by a stiffness reduction factor $\phi_K = 0.875$ (refer to R6.6.4.5.2). For example, the moment of inertia for columns is $0.875(0.80I_g) = 0.70I_g$.

The moment of inertia of T-beams should be based on the effective flange width defined in 6.3.2.1 or 6.3.2.2. It is generally sufficiently accurate to take I_g of a T-beam as $2I_g$ for the web, $2(b_w h^3/12)$.

If the factored moments and shears from an analysis based on the moment of inertia of a wall, taken equal to $0.70I_g$, indicate that the wall will crack in flexure, based on the modulus of rupture, the analysis should be repeated with $I = 0.35I_g$ in those stories where cracking is predicted using factored loads.

The values of the moments of inertia were derived for nonprestressed members. For prestressed members, the moments of inertia may differ depending on the amount, location, and type of reinforcement, and the degree of cracking prior to reaching ultimate load, and the stiffness values for prestressed concrete members should include an allowance for the variability of the stiffnesses.

The equations in Table 6.6.3.1.1(b) provide more refined values of I considering axial load, eccentricity, reinforcement ratio, and concrete compressive strength as presented in Khuntia and Ghosh (2004a,b). The stiffnesses provided in these references are applicable for all levels of loading, including service and ultimate, and consider a stiffness reduction factor ϕ_K comparable to that for the moment of inertias included in Table 6.6.3.1.1(a). For use at load levels other than ultimate, P_u and M_u should be replaced with their appropriate values at the desired load level.

R6.6.3.1.2 The lateral deflection of a structure under factored lateral loads can be substantially different from that calculated using linear analysis, in part because of the inelastic response of the members and the decrease in effective stiffness. Selection of the appropriate effective stiffness for reinforced concrete frame members has dual purposes: 1) to provide realistic estimates of lateral deflection; and 2) to determine deflection-imposed actions on the gravity system of the structure. A detailed nonlinear analysis of the structure would adequately capture these two effects. A simple way to estimate an equivalent nonlinear lateral deflection using linear analysis is to reduce the modeled stiffness of the concrete members in the structure. The type of lateral load analysis affects the selection of appropriate effective stiffness values. For analyses with wind loading, where it is desirable to prevent nonlinear action in the structure, effective stiffnesses representative of pre-yield behavior may be appropriate. For earthquake-induced loading, the level of nonlinear deformation depends on the intended structural performance and earthquake recurrence interval.

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Varying degrees of con¿dence can be obtained from a simple linear analysis based on the computational rigor used to de¿ne the effective stiffness of each member. A reduced stiffness can be based on the secant stiffness to a point at or beyond yield or, if yielding is not expected, to a point before yield occurs.

6.6.3.1.3 For factored lateral load analysis of two-way slab systems without beams, which are designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system, I for slab members shall be de¿ned by a model that is in substantial agreement with results of comprehensive tests and analysis and I of other frame members shall be in accordance with 6.6.3.1.1 and 6.6.3.1.2.

R6.6.3.1.3 Analysis of buildings with two-way slab systems without beams requires that the model represents the transfer of lateral loads between vertical members. The model should result in prediction of stiffness in substantial agreement with results of comprehensive tests and analysis. Several acceptable models have been proposed to accomplish this objective (Vanderbilt and Corley 1983; Hwang and Moehle 2000; Dovich and Wight 2005).

6.6.3.2 Service load analysis

R6.6.3.2 Service load analysis

6.6.3.2.1 Immediate and time-dependent deÀections due to gravity loads shall be calculated in accordance with 24.2.

6.6.3.2.2 It shall be permitted to calculate immediate lateral deÀections using a moment of inertia of 1.4 times I de¿ned in 6.6.3.1, or using a more detailed analysis, but the value shall not exceed I_g.

R6.6.3.2.2 Analyses of deÀections, vibrations, and building periods are needed at various service (unfactored) load levels (Grossman 1987, 1990) to determine the performance of the structure in service. The moments of inertia of the structural members in the service load analyses should be representative of the degree of cracking at the various service load levels investigated. Unless a more accurate estimate of the degree of cracking at service load level is available, it is satisfactory to use $1.0/0.70 = 1.4$ times the moments of inertia provided in 6.6.3.1, not to exceed I_g, for service load analyses.

6.6.4 Slenderness effects, moment magni¿cation method

R6.6.4 Slenderness effects, moment magni¿cation method

6.6.4.1 Unless 6.2.5 is satis¿ed, columns and stories in structures shall be designated as being nonsway or sway. Analysis of columns in nonsway frames or stories shall be in accordance with 6.6.4.5. Analysis of columns in sway frames or stories shall be in accordance with 6.6.4.6.

R6.6.4.1 This section describes an approximate design procedure that uses the moment magni¿er concept to account for slenderness effects. Moments calculated using a ¿rst-order frame analysis are multiplied by a moment magni¿er that is a function of the factored axial load P_u and the critical buckling load P_c for the column. For the sway case, the moment magni¿er is a function of the sum of P_u of the story and the sum of P_c of the sway-resisting columns in the story considered. Nonsway and sway frames are treated separately. A ¿rst-order frame analysis is an elastic analysis that excludes the internal force effects resulting from deÀections.

The moment magni¿er design method requires the designer to distinguish between nonsway frames, which are designed according to 6.6.4.5, and sway frames, which are designed according to 6.6.4.6. Frequently this can be done by comparing the total lateral stiffness of the columns in a story to that of the bracing elements. A compression member, such as a column, wall, or brace, may be assumed nonsway if it is located in a story in which the bracing elements (shear walls, shear trusses, or other types of lateral bracing) have such substantial lateral stiffness to resist the lateral deÀec-

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tions of the story that any resulting lateral deflection is not large enough to affect the column strength substantially. If not readily apparent without calculations, 6.6.4.3 provides two possible ways of determining if sway can be neglected.

6.6.4.2 The cross-sectional dimensions of each member used in an analysis shall be within 10 percent of the specified member dimensions in construction documents or the analysis shall be repeated. If the stiffnesses of Table 6.6.3.1.1(b) are used in an analysis, the assumed member reinforcement ratio shall also be within 10 percent of the specified member reinforcement in construction documents.

6.6.4.3 It shall be permitted to analyze columns and stories in structures as nonsway frames if (a) or (b) is satisfied:

(a) The increase in column end moments due to second-order effects does not exceed 5 percent of the first-order end moments
(b) Q in accordance with 6.6.4.4.1 does not exceed 0.05

R6.6.4.3 In 6.6.4.3(a), a story in a frame is classified as nonsway if the increase in the lateral load moments resulting from PΔ effects does not exceed 5 percent of the first-order moments (MacGregor and Hage 1977). Section 6.6.4.3(b) provides an alternative method of determining if a frame is classified as nonsway based on the stability index for a story, Q. In calculating Q, $\sum P_u$ should correspond to the lateral loading case for which $\sum P_u$ is greatest. A frame may contain both nonsway and sway stories.

If the lateral load deflections of the frame are calculated using service loads and the service load moments of inertia given in 6.6.3.2.2, it is permissible to calculate Q in Eq. (6.6.4.4.1) using 1.2 times the sum of the service gravity loads, the service load story shear, and 1.4 times the first-order service load story deflections.

6.6.4.4 Stability properties

6.6.4.4.1 The stability index for a story, Q, shall be calculated by:

$$Q = \frac{\sum P_u \Delta_o}{V_{us} \ell_c} \qquad (6.6.4.4.1)$$

where $\sum P_u$ and V_{us} are the total factored vertical load and horizontal story shear, respectively, in the story being evaluated, and Δ_o is the first-order relative lateral deflection between the top and the bottom of that story due to V_{us}.

R6.6.4.4 Stability properties

6.6.4.4.2 The critical buckling load P_c shall be calculated by:

$$P_c = \frac{\pi^2 (EI)_{eff}}{(k\ell_u)^2} \qquad (6.6.4.4.2)$$

R6.6.4.4.2 In calculating the critical axial buckling load, the primary concern is the choice of a stiffness $(EI)_{eff}$ that reasonably approximates the variations in stiffness due to cracking, creep, and nonlinearity of the concrete stress-strain curve. Sections 6.6.4.4.4 and 6.6.4.4.5 may be used to calculate $(EI)_{eff}$.

6.6.4.4.3 The effective length factor k shall be calculated using E_c in accordance with 19.2.2 and I in accordance with 6.6.3.1.1. For nonsway members, k shall be permitted to be taken as 1.0, and for sway members, k shall be at least 1.0.

R6.6.4.4.3 The effective length factor for a compression member, such as a column, wall, or brace, considering braced behavior, ranges from 0.5 to 1.0. It is recommended that a k value of 1.0 be used. If lower values are used, the calculation of k should be based on analysis of the frame using I values given in 6.6.3.1.1. The Jackson and More-

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land Alignment Charts (Fig. R6.2.5) can be used to estimate appropriate values of k (ACI SP-17(09); Column Research Council 1966).

6.6.4.4.4 For noncomposite columns, $(EI)_{eff}$ shall be calculated in accordance with (a), (b), or (c):

(a) $(EI)_{eff} = \dfrac{0.4E_c I_g}{1+\beta_{dns}}$ (6.6.4.4.4a)

(b) $(EI)_{eff} = \dfrac{(0.2E_c I_g + E_s I_{se})}{1+\beta_{dns}}$ (6.6.4.4.4b)

(c) $(EI)_{eff} = \dfrac{E_c I}{1+\beta_{dns}}$ (6.6.4.4.4c)

where β_{dns} shall be the ratio of maximum factored sustained axial load to maximum factored axial load associated with the same load combination and I in Eq. (6.6.4.4.4c) is calculated according to Table 6.6.3.1.1(b) for columns and walls.

R6.6.4.4.4 The numerators of Eq. (6.6.4.4.4a) to (6.6.4.4.4c) represent the short-term column stiffness. Equation (6.6.4.4.4b) was derived for small eccentricity ratios and high levels of axial load. Equation (6.6.4.4.4a) is a simplified approximation to Eq. (6.6.4.4.4b) and is less accurate (Mirza 1990). For improved accuracy, $(EI)_{eff}$ can be approximated using Eq. (6.6.4.4.4c).

Creep due to sustained loads will increase the lateral deflections of a column and, hence, the moment magnification. Creep effects are approximated in design by reducing the stiffness $(EI)_{eff}$ used to calculate P_c and, hence, δ, by dividing the short-term EI provided by the numerator of Eq. (6.6.4.4.4a) through (6.6.4.4.4c) by $(1 + \beta_{dns})$. For simplification, it can be assumed that $\beta_{dns} = 0.6$. In this case, Eq. (6.6.4.4.4a) becomes $(EI)_{eff} = 0.25E_c I_g$.

In reinforced concrete columns subject to sustained loads, creep transfers some of the load from the concrete to the longitudinal reinforcement, increasing the reinforcement stresses. In the case of lightly reinforced columns, this load transfer may cause the compression reinforcement to yield prematurely, resulting in a loss in the effective EI. Accordingly, both the concrete and longitudinal reinforcement terms in Eq. (6.6.4.4.4b) are reduced to account for creep.

6.6.4.4.5 For composite columns, $(EI)_{eff}$ shall be calculated by Eq. (6.6.4.4.4b), Eq. (6.6.4.4.5), or from a more detailed analysis.

$(EI)_{eff} = \dfrac{(0.2E_c I_g)}{1+\beta_{dns}} + E_s I_{sx}$ (6.6.4.4.5)

R6.6.4.4.5 For composite columns in which the pipe or structural shape makes up a large percentage of the cross section, the load transfer due to creep is insignificant. Accordingly, only the EI of the concrete in Eq. (6.6.4.4.5) is reduced for sustained load effects.

6.6.4.5 Moment magnification method: Nonsway frames

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6.6.4.5.1 The factored moment used for design of columns and walls, M_c, shall be the first-order factored moment M_2 amplified for the effects of member curvature.

$M_c = \delta M_2$ (6.6.4.5.1)

6.6.4.5.2 Magnification factor δ shall be calculated by:

$\delta = \dfrac{C_m}{1 - \dfrac{P_u}{0.75P_c}} \geq 1.0$ (6.6.4.5.2)

R6.6.4.5.2 The 0.75 factor in Eq. (6.6.4.5.2) is the stiffness reduction factor ϕ_K, which is based on the probability of understrength of a single isolated slender column. Studies reported in Mirza et al. (1987) indicate that the stiffness reduction factor ϕ_K and the cross-sectional strength reduction φ factors do not have the same values. These studies suggest the stiffness reduction factor ϕ_K for an isolated column should be 0.75 for both tied and spiral columns. In the case of a multistory frame, the column and frame deflections depend on the average concrete strength, which is higher than the strength of the concrete in the critical

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6.6.4.5.3 C_m shall be in accordance with (a) or (b):

(a) For columns without transverse loads applied between supports

$$C_m = 0.6 - 0.4\frac{M_1}{M_2} \qquad (6.6.4.5.3a)$$

where M_1/M_2 is negative if the column is bent in single curvature, and positive if bent in double curvature. M_1 corresponds to the end moment with the lesser absolute value.

(b) For columns with transverse loads applied between supports.

$$C_m = 1.0 \qquad (6.6.4.5.3b)$$

6.6.4.5.4 M_2 in Eq. (6.6.4.5.1) shall be at least $M_{2,min}$ calculated according to Eq. (6.6.4.5.4) about each axis separately.

$$M_{2,min} = P_u(15 + 0.03h) \qquad (6.6.4.5.4)$$

If $M_{2,min}$ exceeds M_2, C_m shall be taken equal to 1.0 or calculated based on the ratio of the calculated end moments M_1/M_2, using Eq. (6.6.4.5.3a).

6.6.4.6 Moment magnification method: Sway frames

6.6.4.6.1 Moments M_1 and M_2 at the ends of an individual column shall be calculated by (a) and (b).

(a) $M_1 = M_{1ns} + \delta_s M_{1s}$ (6.6.4.6.1a)

(b) $M_2 = M_{2ns} + \delta_s M_{2s}$ (6.6.4.6.1b)

6.6.4.6.2 The moment magnifier δ_s shall be calculated by (a), (b), or (c). If δ_s exceeds 1.5, only (b) or (c) shall be permitted:

(a) $\delta_s = \dfrac{1}{1-Q} \geq 1$ (6.6.4.6.2a)

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single understrength column. For this reason, the value of ϕ_K implicit in I values in 6.6.3.1.1 is 0.875.

R6.6.4.5.3 The factor C_m is a correction factor relating the actual moment diagram to an equivalent uniform moment diagram. The derivation of the moment magnifier assumes that the maximum moment is at or near midheight of the column. If the maximum moment occurs at one end of the column, design should be based on an equivalent uniform moment $C_m M_2$ that leads to the same maximum moment at or near midheight of the column when magnified (MacGregor et al. 1970).

The sign convention for M_1/M_2 has been updated to follow the right hand rule convention; hence, M_1/M_2 is negative if bent in single curvature and positive if bent in double curvature. This reflects a sign convention change from the 2011 Code.

In the case of columns that are subjected to transverse loading between supports, it is possible that the maximum moment will occur at a section away from the end of the member. If this occurs, the value of the largest calculated moment occurring anywhere along the member should be used for the value of M_2 in Eq. (6.6.4.5.1). C_m is to be taken as 1.0 for this case.

R6.6.4.5.4 In the Code, slenderness is accounted for by magnifying the column end moments. If the factored column moments are small or zero, the design of slender columns should be based on the minimum eccentricity provided in Eq. (6.6.4.5.4). It is not intended that the minimum eccentricity be applied about both axes simultaneously.

The factored column end moments from the structural analysis are used in Eq. (6.6.4.5.3a) in determining the ratio M_1/M_2 for the column when the design is based on the minimum eccentricity. This eliminates what would otherwise be a discontinuity between columns with calculated eccentricities less than the minimum eccentricity and columns with calculated eccentricities equal to or greater than the minimum eccentricity.

R6.6.4.6 Moment magnification method: Sway frames

R6.6.4.6.1 The analysis described in this section deals only with plane frames subjected to loads causing deflections in that plane. If the lateral load deflections involve significant torsional displacement, the moment magnification in the columns farthest from the center of twist may be underestimated by the moment magnifier procedure. In such cases, a three-dimensional second-order analysis should be used.

R6.6.4.6.2 Three different methods are allowed for calculating the moment magnifier. These approaches include the Q method, the sum of P concept, and second-order elastic analysis.

(a) Q method:

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(b) $\delta_s = \dfrac{1}{1 - \dfrac{\sum P_u}{0.75 \sum P_c}} \geq 1$ (6.6.4.6.2b)

(c) Second-order elastic analysis

where $\sum P_u$ is the summation of all the factored vertical loads in a story and $\sum P_c$ is the summation for all sway-resisting columns in a story. P_c is calculated using Eq. (6.6.4.4.2) with k determined for sway members from 6.6.4.4.3 and $(EI)_{eff}$ from 6.6.4.4.4 or 6.6.4.4.5 as appropriate with β_{ds} substituted for β_{dns}.

The iterative $P\Delta$ analysis for second-order moments can be represented by an infinite series. The solution of this series is given by Eq. (6.6.4.6.2a) (MacGregor and Hage 1977). Lai and MacGregor (1983) show that Eq. (6.6.4.6.2a) closely predicts the second-order moments in a sway frame until δ_s exceeds 1.5.

The $P\Delta$ moment diagrams for deflected columns are curved, with Δ related to the deflected shape of the columns. Equation (6.6.4.6.2a) and most commercially available second-order frame analyses have been derived assuming that the $P\Delta$ moments result from equal and opposite forces of $P\Delta/\ell_c$ applied at the bottom and top of the story. These forces give a straight-line $P\Delta$ moment diagram. The curved $P\Delta$ moment diagrams lead to lateral displacements on the order of 15 percent larger than those from the straight-line $P\Delta$ moment diagrams. This effect can be included in Eq. (6.6.4.6.2a) by writing the denominator as $(1 - 1.15Q)$ rather than $(1 - Q)$. The 1.15 factor has been omitted from Eq. (6.6.4.6.2a) for simplicity.

If deflections have been calculated using service loads, Q in Eq. (6.6.4.6.2a) should be calculated in the manner explained in R6.6.4.3.

The Q factor analysis is based on deflections calculated using the I values from 6.6.3.1.1, which include the equivalent of a stiffness reduction factor ϕ_K. These I values lead to a 20 to 25 percent over-estimation of the lateral deflections that corresponds to a stiffness reduction factor ϕ_K between 0.80 and 0.85 on the $P\Delta$ moments. As a result, no additional ϕ factor is needed. Once the moments are established using Eq. (6.6.4.6.2a), selection of the cross sections of the columns involves the strength reduction factors ϕ from 21.2.2.

(b) Sum of P concept:

To check the effects of story stability, δ_s is calculated as an averaged value for the entire story based on use of $\sum P_u / \sum P_c$. This reflects the interaction of all sway-resisting columns in the story on the $P\Delta$ effects because the lateral deflection of all columns in the story should be equal in the absence of torsional displacements about a vertical axis. In addition, it is possible that a particularly slender individual column in a sway frame could have substantial midheight deflections, even if adequately braced against lateral end deflections by other columns in the story. Such a column is checked using 6.6.4.6.4.

The 0.75 in the denominator of Eq. (6.6.4.6.2b) is a stiffness reduction factor ϕ_K, as explained in R6.6.4.5.2. In the calculation of $(EI)_{eff}$, β_{ds} will normally be zero for a sway frame because the lateral loads are generally of short duration. Sway deflections due to short-term loads, such as wind or earthquake, are a function of the short-term stiffness of the columns following a period of sustained gravity load.

For this case, the definition of β_{ds} in 6.6.3.1.1 gives $\beta_{ds} = 0$. In the unusual case of a sway frame where the

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lateral loads are sustained, β_{ds} will not be zero. This might occur if a building on a sloping site is subjected to earth pressure on one side but not on the other.

6.6.4.6.3 Flexural members shall be designed for the total magni¿ed end moments of the columns at the joint.

R6.6.4.6.3 The strength of a sway frame is governed by stability of the columns and the degree of end restraint provided by the beams in the frame. If plastic hinges form in the restraining beam, as the structure approaches a failure mechanism, its axial strength is drastically reduced. This section requires the restraining Àexural members to have enough strength to resist the total magni¿ed column end moments at the joint.

6.6.4.6.4 Second-order effects shall be considered along the length of columns in sway frames. It shall be permitted to account for these effects using 6.6.4.5, where C_m is calculated using M_1 and M_2 from 6.6.4.6.1.

R6.6.4.6.4 The maximum moment in a compression member, such as a column, wall, or brace, may occur between its ends. While second-order computer analysis programs may be used to evaluate magni¿cation of the end moments, magni¿cation between the ends may not be accounted for unless the member is subdivided along its length. The magni¿cation may be evaluated using the procedure outlined in 6.6.4.5.

6.6.5 Redistribution of moments in continuous Àexural members

6.6.5.1 Except where approximate values for moments are used in accordance with 6.5, where moments have been calculated in accordance with 6.8, or where moments in two-way slabs are determined using pattern loading speci¿ed in 6.4.3.3, reduction of moments at sections of maximum negative or maximum positive moment calculated by elastic theory shall be permitted for any assumed loading arrangement if (a) and (b) are satis¿ed:

(a) Flexural members are continuous
(b) $\varepsilon_t \geq 0.0075$ at the section at which moment is reduced

6.6.5.2 For prestressed members, moments include those due to factored loads and those due to reactions induced by prestressing.

6.6.5.3 At the section where the moment is reduced, redistribution shall not exceed the lesser of $1000\varepsilon_t$ percent and 20 percent.

6.6.5.4 The reduced moment shall be used to calculate redistributed moments at all other sections within the spans such that static equilibrium is maintained after redistribution of moments for each loading arrangement.

6.6.5.5 Shears and support reactions shall be calculated in accordance with static equilibrium considering the redistributed moments for each loading arrangement.

R6.6.5 Redistribution of moments in continuous Àexural members—Redistribution of moments is dependent on adequate ductility in plastic hinge regions. These plastic hinge regions develop at sections of maximum positive or negative moment and cause a shift in the elastic moment diagram. The usual result is a reduction in the values of maximum negative moments in the support regions and an increase in the values of positive moments between supports from those calculated by elastic analysis. However, because negative moments are typically determined for one loading arrangement and positive moments for another (6.4.3 provides an exception for certain loading conditions), economies in reinforcement can sometimes be realized by reducing maximum elastic positive moments and increasing negative moments, thus narrowing the envelope of maximum negative and positive moments at any section in the span (Bondy 2003). Plastic hinges permit utilization of the full capacity of more cross sections of a Àexural member at ultimate loads.

The Code permissible redistribution is shown in Fig. R6.6.5. Using conservative values of limiting concrete strains and lengths of plastic hinges derived from extensive tests, Àexural members with small rotation capacities were analyzed for redistribution of moments up to 20 percent, depending on the reinforcement ratio. As shown, the permissible redistribution percentages are conservative relative to the calculated percentages available for both $f_y = 420$ MPa and 550 MPa. Studies by Cohn (1965) and Mattock (1959) support this conclusion and indicate that cracking and deÀection of beams designed for redistribution of moments are not signi¿cantly greater at service loads than for beams designed by the distribution of moments according to elastic theory. Also, these studies indicate that adequate rotational capacity for the redistribution of moments allowed by the Code is available if the members satisfy 6.6.5.1.

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The provisions for redistribution of moments apply equally to prestressed members (Mast 1992).

The elastic deformations caused by a nonconcordant tendon change the amount of inelastic rotation required to obtain a given amount of redistribution of moments. Conversely, for a beam with a given inelastic rotational capacity, the amount by which the moment at the support may be varied is changed by an amount equal to the secondary moment at the support due to prestressing. Thus, the Code requires that secondary moments caused by reactions generated by prestressing forces be included in determining design moments.

Redistribution of moments as permitted by 6.6.5 is not appropriate where approximate values of bending moments are used, such as provided by the simpli¿ed method of 6.5 or by the direct design method of 8.10 as stated in 8.10.4.3, where a 10 percent modi¿cation of moments is allowed.

Redistribution of moments is also not appropriate for two-way slab systems that are analyzed using the pattern loadings given in 6.4.3.3. These loadings use only 75 percent of the full factored live load, which is based on considerations of moment redistribution.
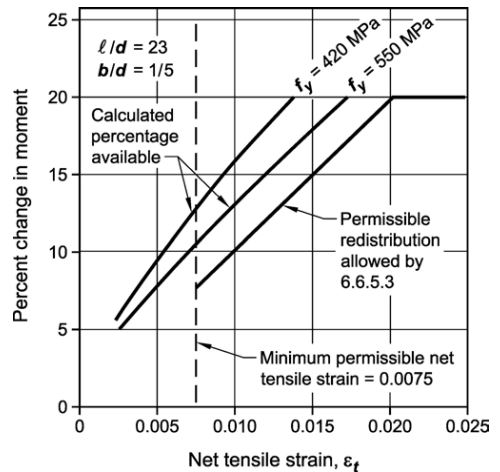
Fig. R6.6.5—Permissible redistribution of moments for minimum rotation capacity.

6.7—Elastic second-order analysis
6.7.1 General

R6.7—Elastic second-order analysis

R6.7.1 *General*—In elastic second-order analyses, the deformed geometry of the structure is included in the equations of equilibrium so that PΔ effects are determined. The structure is assumed to remain elastic, but the effects of cracking and creep are considered by using a reduced stiffness EI. In contrast, elastic ¿rst-order analysis satis¿es the equations of equilibrium using the original undeformed geometry of the structure and estimates PΔ effects by magni-

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6.7.1.1 An elastic second-order analysis shall consider the influence of axial loads, presence of cracked regions along the length of the member, and effects of load duration. These considerations are satisfied using the cross-sectional properties defined in 6.7.2.

6.7.1.2 Slenderness effects along the length of a column shall be considered. It shall be permitted to calculate these effects using 6.6.4.5.

6.7.1.3 The cross-sectional dimensions of each member used in an analysis to calculate slenderness effects shall be within 10 percent of the specified member dimensions in construction documents or the analysis shall be repeated.

6.7.1.4 Redistribution of moments calculated by an elastic second-order analysis shall be permitted in accordance with 6.6.5.

6.7.2 Section properties

6.7.2.1 Factored load analysis

6.7.2.1.1 It shall be permitted to use section properties calculated in accordance with 6.6.3.1.

6.7.2.2 Service load analysis

6.7.2.2.1 Immediate and time-dependent deflections due to gravity loads shall be calculated in accordance with 24.2.

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fying the column-end sway moments using Eq. (6.6.4.6.2a) or (6.6.4.6.2b).

R6.7.1.1 The stiffnesses EI used in an analysis for strength design should represent the stiffnesses of the members immediately prior to failure. This is particularly true for a second-order analysis that should predict the lateral deflections at loads approaching ultimate. The EI values should not be based solely on the moment-curvature relationship for the most highly loaded section along the length of each member. Instead, they should correspond to the moment-end rotation relationship for a complete member.

To allow for variability in the actual member properties in the analysis, the member properties used in analysis should be multiplied by a stiffness reduction factor ϕ_K less than 1. The cross-sectional properties defined in 6.7.2 already include this stiffness reduction factor. The stiffness reduction factor ϕ_K may be taken as 0.875. Note that the overall stiffness is further reduced considering that the modulus of elasticity of the concrete, E_c, is based on the specified concrete compressive strength, while the sway deflections are a function of the average concrete strength, which is typically higher.

R6.7.1.2 The maximum moment in a compression member may occur between its ends. In computer analysis programs, columns may be subdivided using nodes along their length to evaluate slenderness effects between the ends. If the column is not subdivided along its length, slenderness effects may be evaluated using the nonsway moment magnifier method specified in 6.6.4.5 with member-end moments from the second-order elastic analysis as input. Second-order analysis already accounts for the relative displacement of member ends.

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R6.7.2.2 Service load analysis

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6.7.2.2.2 Alternatively, it shall be permitted to calculate immediate deÀections using a moment of inertia of 1.4 times I given in 6.6.3.1, or calculated using a more detailed analysis, but the value shall not exceed I_g.

R6.7.2.2.2 Service load analysis—Refer to R6.6.3.2.2.

6.8—Inelastic second-order analysis
6.8.1 General

6.8.1.1 An inelastic second-order analysis shall consider material nonlinearity, member curvature and lateral drift, duration of loads, shrinkage and creep, and interaction with the supporting foundation.

6.8.1.2 An inelastic second-order analysis procedure shall have been shown to result in prediction of strength in substantial agreement with results of comprehensive tests of statically indeterminate reinforced concrete structures.

R6.8—Inelastic second-order analysis
R6.8.1 General

R6.8.1.2 The inelastic second-order analysis procedure should predict ultimate loads within 15 percent of those reported in tests of indeterminate reinforced concrete structures. Assumptions and analysis procedures should be evaluated by comparison of results of published tests to those predicted by analysis. To allow for variability in the actual member properties and in the analysis, the member or material properties used in analysis should be based on a lower-bound stiffness for concrete elements, consistent with a stiffness reduction factor ϕ_K of 0.8, as discussed in R6.7.1.1.

6.8.1.3 Slenderness effects along the length of a column shall be considered. It shall be permitted to calculate these effects using 6.6.4.5.

R6.8.1.3 Refer to R6.7.1.2.

6.8.1.4 The cross-sectional dimensions of each member used in an analysis to calculate slenderness effects shall be within 10 percent of the speciꞏed member dimensions in construction documents or the analysis shall be repeated.

6.8.1.5 Redistribution of moments calculated by an inelastic second-order analysis shall not be permitted.

6.9—Acceptability of ꞏnite element analysis
6.9.1 Finite element analysis to determine load effects shall be permitted.

6.9.2 The ꞏnite element model shall be appropriate for its intended purpose.

R6.9—Acceptability of ꞏnite element analysis
R6.9.1 This section was introduced in the 2014 Code to explicitly recognize a widely used analysis method.

R6.9.2 The licensed design professional should ensure that an appropriate analysis model is used for the particular problem of interest. This includes selection of computer software program, element type, model mesh, and other modeling assumptions.

A great variety of ꞏnite element analysis computer software programs are available, including those that perform static, dynamic, elastic, and inelastic analysis.

The element types used should be capable of determining the response required. Finite element models may have beam-column elements that model structural framing members, such as beams and columns, along with plane stress elements; plate elements; and shell elements, brick elements, or both, that are used to model the Àoor slabs, mat foundations, diaphragms, walls, and connections. The model mesh size selected should be capable of determining

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the structural response in suf¿cient detail. The use of any set of reasonable assumptions for member stiffness is allowed.

6.9.3 For inelastic analysis, a separate analysis shall be performed for each factored load combination.

R6.9.3 For inelastic ¿nite element analysis, the rules of linear superposition do not apply. To determine the ultimate member inelastic response, for example, it is not correct to analyze for service loads and subsequently combine the results linearly using load factors. A separate inelastic analysis should be performed for each factored load combination.

6.9.4 The licensed design professional shall con¿rm that the results are appropriate for the purposes of the analysis.

6.9.5 The cross-sectional dimensions of each member used in an analysis shall be within 10 percent of the speci-¿ed member dimensions in construction documents or the analysis shall be repeated.

6.9.6 Redistribution of moments calculated by an inelastic analysis shall not be permitted.

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CHAPTER 7—ONE-WAY SLABS

R7—ONE-WAY SLABS

7.1—Scope

7.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design of nonprestressed and prestressed slabs reinforced for flexure in one direction, including:

(a) Solid slabs
(b) Slabs cast on stay-in-place, noncomposite steel deck
(c) Composite slabs of concrete elements constructed in separate placements but connected so that all elements resist loads as a unit
(d) Precast, prestressed hollow-core slabs

R7.1—Scope

R7.1.1 The design and construction of composite slabs on steel deck is described in "Standard for Composite Steel Floor Deck – Slabs" (SDI C).

Provisions for one-way joist systems are provided in Chapter 9.

7.2—General

7.2.1 The effects of concentrated loads and openings shall be considered in design.

R7.2—General

R7.2.1 The influence of slab openings on flexural and shear strength is to be considered, including evaluating the potential for critical sections created by the openings.

Concentrated loads and slab openings may cause regions of one-way slabs to have two-way behavior.

7.2.2 Materials

7.2.2.1 Design properties for concrete shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 19.

7.2.2.2 Design properties for steel reinforcement shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 20.

7.2.2.3 Materials, design, and detailing requirements for embedments in concrete shall be in accordance with 20.7.

7.2.3 Connection to other members

7.2.3.1 For cast-in-place construction, beam-column and slab-column joints shall satisfy Chapter 15.

7.2.3.2 For precast construction, connections shall satisfy the force transfer requirements of 16.2.

7.3—Design limits

7.3.1 Minimum slab thickness

7.3.1.1 For solid nonprestressed slabs not supporting or attached to partitions or other construction likely to be damaged by large deflections, overall slab thickness h shall not be less than the limits in Table 7.3.1.1, unless the calculated deflection limits of 7.3.2 are satisfied.

R7.3—Design limits

R7.3.1 Minimum slab thickness—The basis for minimum thickness for one-way slabs is the same as that for beams. Refer to R9.3.1 for additional information.

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Table 7.3.1.1—Minimum thickness of solid nonprestressed one-way slabs

Support condition	Minimum h[1]
Simply supported	$\ell/20$
One end continuous	$\ell/24$
Both ends continuous	$\ell/28$
Cantilever	$\ell/10$

[1]Expression applicable for normalweight concrete and f_y = 420 MPa. For other cases, minimum h shall be modified in accordance with 7.3.1.1.1 through 7.3.1.1.3, as appropriate.

7.3.1.1.1 For f_y other than 420 MPa, the expressions in Table 7.3.1.1 shall be multiplied by $(0.4 + f_y/700)$.

7.3.1.1.2 For nonprestressed slabs made of lightweight concrete having w_c in the range of 1440 to 1840 kg/m^3, the expressions in Table 7.3.1.1 shall be multiplied by the greater of (a) and (b):

(a) $1.65 - 0.0003w_c$
(b) 1.09

7.3.1.1.3 For nonprestressed composite slabs made of a combination of lightweight and normalweight concrete, shored during construction, and where the lightweight concrete is in compression, the modifier of 7.3.1.1.2 shall apply.

7.3.1.2 The thickness of a concrete floor finish shall be permitted to be included in h if it is placed monolithically with the floor slab or if the floor finish is designed to be composite with the floor slab in accordance with 16.4.

7.3.2 Calculated deflection limits

7.3.2.1 For nonprestressed slabs not satisfying 7.3.1 and for prestressed slabs, immediate and time-dependent deflections shall be calculated in accordance with 24.2 and shall not exceed the limits in 24.2.2.

7.3.2.2 For nonprestressed composite concrete slabs satisfying 7.3.1, deflections occurring after the member becomes composite need not be calculated. Deflections occurring before the member becomes composite shall be investigated, unless the precomposite thickness also satisfies 7.3.1.

7.3.3 Reinforcement strain limit in nonprestressed slabs

7.3.3.1 For nonprestressed slabs, ε_t shall be at least 0.004.

7.3.4 Stress limits in prestressed slabs

7.3.4.1 Prestressed slabs shall be classified as Class U, T, or C in accordance with 24.5.2.

R7.3.2 Calculated deflection limits—The basis for calculated deflections for one-way slabs is the same as that for beams. Refer to R9.3.2 for additional information.

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7.3.4.2 Stresses in prestressed slabs immediately after transfer and at service loads shall not exceed the permissible stresses in 24.5.3 and 24.5.4.

7.4—Required strength

R7.4—Required strength

7.4.1 General

7.4.1.1 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations in Chapter 5.

7.4.1.2 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the analysis procedures in Chapter 6.

7.4.1.3 For prestressed slabs, effects of reactions induced by prestressing shall be considered in accordance with 5.3.11.

7.4.2 Factored moment

7.4.2.1 For slabs built integrally with supports, M_u at the support shall be permitted to be calculated at the face of support.

7.4.3 Factored shear

R7.4.3 Factored shear

7.4.3.1 For slabs built integrally with supports, V_u at the support shall be permitted to be calculated at the face of support.

7.4.3.2 Sections between the face of support and a critical section located d from the face of support for nonprestressed slabs or h/2 from the face of support for prestressed slabs shall be permitted to be designed for V_u at that critical section if (a) through (c) are satis¿ed:

R7.4.3.2 The requirements for the selection of the critical section for shear in one-way slabs are the same as those for beams. Refer to R9.4.3.2 for additional information.

(a) Support reaction, in direction of applied shear, introduces compression into the end region of the slab
(b) Loads are applied at or near the top surface of the slab
(c) No concentrated load occurs between the face of support and critical section

7.5—Design strength

R7.5—Design strength

7.5.1 General

R7.5.1 General

7.5.1.1 For each applicable factored load combination, design strength at all sections shall satisfy $\phi S_n \geq U$ including (a) and (b). Interaction between load effects shall be considered.

R7.5.1.1 Refer to R9.5.1.1.

(a) $\phi M_n \geq M_u$
(b) $\phi V_n \geq V_u$

7.5.1.2 ϕ shall be determined in accordance with 21.2.

7.5.2 Moment

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7.5.2.1 M_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.3.

7.5.2.2 For prestressed slabs, external tendons shall be considered as unbonded tendons in calculating flexural strength, unless the external tendons are effectively bonded to the concrete section along the entire length.

7.5.2.3 If primary flexural reinforcement in a slab that is considered to be a T-beam flange is parallel to the longitudinal axis of the beam, reinforcement perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the beam shall be provided in the top of the slab in accordance with (a) and (b). This provision does not apply to joist construction.

(a) Slab reinforcement perpendicular to the beam shall be designed to resist the factored load on the overhanging slab width assumed to act as a cantilever.
(b) Only the effective overhanging slab width in accordance with 6.3.2 need be considered.

7.5.3 Shear

7.5.3.1 V_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.5.

7.5.3.2 For composite concrete slabs, horizontal shear strength V_{nh} shall be calculated in accordance with 16.4.

R7.5.2.3 This provision applies only where a T-beam is parallel to the span of a one-way slab. For example, this beam might be used to support a wall or concentrated load that the slab alone cannot support. In that case, the primary slab reinforcement is parallel to the beam and the perpendicular reinforcement is usually sized for temperature and shrinkage. The reinforcement required by this provision is intended to consider "unintended" negative moments that may develop over the beam that exceed the requirements for temperature and shrinkage reinforcement alone.

7.6—Reinforcement limits

7.6.1 Minimum flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed slabs

7.6.1.1 A minimum area of flexural reinforcement, $A_{s,min}$, shall be provided in accordance with Table 7.6.1.1.

R7.6—Reinforcement limits

R7.6.1 Minimum flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed slabs

R7.6.1.1 The required area of deformed or welded wire reinforcement used as minimum flexural reinforcement is the same as provided for shrinkage and temperature in 24.4.3.2. However, whereas shrinkage and temperature reinforcement is permitted to be distributed between the two faces of the slab as deemed appropriate for specific conditions, minimum flexural reinforcement should be placed as close as practicable to the face of the concrete in tension due to applied loads.

Table 7.6.1.1—$A_{s,min}$ for nonprestressed one-way slabs

Reinforcement type	f_y, MPa	$A_{s,min}$	
Deformed bars	< 420	$0.0020A_g$	
Deformed bars or welded wire reinforcement	≥ 420	Greater of:	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 420}{f_y}A_g$
			$0.0014A_g$

7.6.2 Minimum flexural reinforcement in prestressed slabs

7.6.2.1 For slabs with bonded prestressed reinforcement, total quantity of A_s and A_{ps} shall be adequate to develop a factored load at least 1.2 times the cracking load calculated on the basis of f_r as given in 19.2.3.

7.6.2.2 For slabs with both flexural and shear design strength at least twice the required strength, 7.6.2.1 need not be satisfied.

R7.6.2 Minimum flexural reinforcement in prestressed slabs—The requirements for minimum flexural reinforcement for prestressed one-way slabs are the same as those for prestressed beams. Refer to R9.6.2 for additional information.

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7.6.2.3 For slabs with unbonded tendons, the minimum area of bonded deformed longitudinal reinforcement, $A_{s,min}$, shall be:

$$A_{s,min} \geq 0.004 A_{ct} \qquad (7.6.2.3)$$

where A_{ct} is the area of that part of the cross section between the flexural tension face and the centroid of the gross section.

7.6.3 Minimum shear reinforcement

R7.6.3 Minimum shear reinforcement—The basis for minimum shear reinforcement for one-way slabs is the same as that for beams. Refer to R9.6.3 for additional information.

7.6.3.1 A minimum area of shear reinforcement, $A_{v,min}$, shall be provided in all regions where $V_u > \phi V_c$. For precast prestressed hollow-core slabs with untopped $h > 315$ mm, $A_{v,min}$ shall be provided in all regions where $V_u > 0.5\phi V_{cw}$.

R7.6.3.1 Solid slabs and footings have less stringent minimum shear reinforcement requirements than beams because there is a possibility of load sharing between weak and strong areas. However, research (Angelakos et al. 2001; Lubell et al. 2004; Brown et al. 2006) has shown that deep, lightly reinforced one-way slabs, particularly if constructed with high-strength concrete or concrete having a small coarse aggregate size, may fail at shears less than V_c calculated from Eq. (22.5.5.1). One-way slabs subjected to concentrated loads are more likely to exhibit this vulnerability.

Results of tests on precast, prestressed hollow-core units (Becker and Buettner 1985; Anderson 1978) with $h \leq 315$ mm have shown shear strengths greater than those calculated by Eq. (22.5.8.3.1a) and Eq. (22.5.8.3.2). Results of tests on hollow-core units with $h > 315$ mm have shown that web-shear strengths in end regions can be less than strengths calculated by Eq. (22.5.8.3.2). In contrast, flexure-shear strengths in the deeper hollow-core units equaled or exceeded strengths calculated by Eq. (22.5.8.3.1a).

7.6.3.2 If shown by testing that the required M_n and V_n can be developed, 7.6.3.1 need not be satisfied. Such tests shall simulate effects of differential settlement, creep, shrinkage, and temperature change, based on a realistic assessment of these effects occurring in service.

R7.6.3.2 The basis for the testing-based strength evaluation for one-way slabs is the same as that for beams. Refer to R9.6.3.2 for additional information.

7.6.3.3 If shear reinforcement is required, $A_{v,min}$ shall be in accordance with 9.6.3.3.

7.6.4 Minimum shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

R7.6.4 Minimum shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

7.6.4.1 Reinforcement shall be provided to resist shrinkage and temperature stresses in accordance with 24.4.

7.6.4.2 If prestressed shrinkage and temperature reinforcement in accordance with 24.4.4 is used, 7.6.4.2.1 through 7.6.4.2.3 shall apply.

R7.6.4.2 In prestressed monolithic beam-and-slab construction, at least one shrinkage and temperature tendon is required between beams, even if the beam tendons alone provide at least 0.7 MPa average compressive stress as required by 24.4.4.1 on the gross concrete area as defined in 7.6.4.2.1. A tendon of any size is permissible as long as all other requirements of 7.6.4.2 and 7.7.6.3 are satisfied. Application of the provisions of 7.6.4.2 and 7.7.6.3 to monolithic,

7.6.4.2.1 For monolithic, cast-in-place, post-tensioned beam-and-slab construction, gross concrete area shall consist of the total beam area including the slab thickness and the slab area within half the clear distance to adjacent beam webs. It shall be permitted to include the effective

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force in beam tendons in the calculation of total prestress force acting on gross concrete area.

7.6.4.2.2 If slabs are supported on walls or not cast monolithically with beams, gross concrete area is the slab section tributary to the tendon or tendon group.

7.6.4.2.3 At least one tendon is required in the slab between faces of adjacent beams or walls.

cast-in-place, post-tensioned, beam-and-slab construction is illustrated in Fig. R7.6.4.2.

Tendons used for shrinkage and temperature reinforcement should be positioned as close as practicable to the mid-depth of the slab. In cases where the shrinkage and temperature tendons are used for supporting the principal tendons, variations from the slab centroid are permissible; however, the resultant of the shrinkage and temperature tendons should not fall outside the middle third of the slab thickness.

The effects of slab shortening should be evaluated to ensure the effectiveness of the prestressing. In most cases, the low level of prestressing recommended should not cause dif¿-culties in a properly detailed structure. Additional attention may be required where thermal effects become signi¿cant.
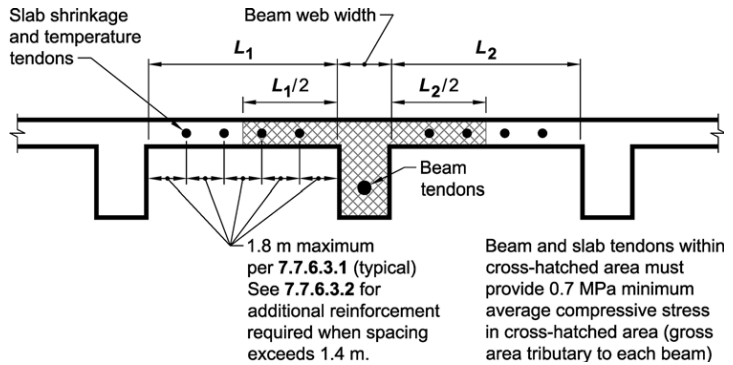
Fig. R7.6.4.2—Section through beams cast monolithically with slab.

7.7—Reinforcement detailing

7.7.1 General

7.7.1.1 Concrete cover for reinforcement shall be in accordance with 20.6.1.

7.7.1.2 Development lengths of deformed and prestressed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.4.

7.7.1.3 Splices of deformed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.5.

7.7.1.4 Bundled bars shall be in accordance with 25.6.

7.7.2 Reinforcement spacing

7.7.2.1 Minimum spacing s shall be in accordance with 25.2.

7.7.2.2 For nonprestressed and Class C prestressed slabs, spacing of bonded longitudinal reinforcement closest to the tension face shall not exceed s given in 24.3.

7.7.2.3 Maximum spacing s of deformed reinforcement shall be the lesser of 3h and 450 mm.

R7.7—Reinforcement detailing

R7.7.2 Reinforcement spacing

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7.7.2.4 Spacing of reinforcement required by 7.5.2.3 shall not exceed the lesser of 5h and 450 mm.

7.7.3 Flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed slabs

7.7.3.1 Calculated tensile or compressive force in reinforcement at each section of the slab shall be developed on each side of that section.

7.7.3.2 Critical locations for development of reinforcement are points of maximum stress and points along the span where bent or terminated tension reinforcement is no longer required to resist flexure.

7.7.3.3 Reinforcement shall extend beyond the point at which it is no longer required to resist flexure for a distance at least the greater of d and $12d_b$, except at supports of simply-supported spans and at free ends of cantilevers.

7.7.3.4 Continuing flexural tension reinforcement shall have an embedment length at least ℓ_d beyond the point where bent or terminated tension reinforcement is no longer required to resist flexure.

7.7.3.5 Flexural tension reinforcement shall not be terminated in a tension zone unless (a), (b), or (c) is satisfied:

(a) $V_u \leq (2/3)\phi V_n$ at the cutoff point.
(b) For No. 36 bars and smaller, continuing reinforcement provides double the area required for flexure at the cutoff point and $V_u \leq (3/4)\phi V_n$.
(c) Stirrup area in excess of that required for shear is provided along each terminated bar or wire over a distance 3/4d from the termination point. Excess stirrup area shall be not less than $0.41b_w s/f_{yt}$. Spacing s shall not exceed $d/(8\beta_b)$.

7.7.3.6 Adequate anchorage shall be provided for tension reinforcement where reinforcement stress is not directly proportional to moment, such as in sloped, stepped, or tapered slabs, or where tension reinforcement is not parallel to the compression face.

7.7.3.7 In slabs with spans not exceeding 3 m, welded wire reinforcement, with wire size not exceeding MW30 or MD30, shall be permitted to be curved from a point near the top of slab over the support to a point near the bottom of slab at midspan, provided such reinforcement is continuous over, or developed at, the support.

7.7.3.8 Termination of reinforcement

7.7.3.8.1 At simple supports, at least one-third of the maximum positive moment reinforcement shall extend along the slab bottom into the support, except for precast

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R7.7.2.4 The spacing limitations for slab reinforcement are based on flange thickness, which for tapered flanges can be taken as the average thickness.

R7.7.3 Flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed slabs—Requirements for development of reinforcement in one-way slabs are similar to those for beams. Refer to R9.7.3 for additional information.

R7.7.3.8 Termination of reinforcement—Requirements for termination of reinforcement in one-way slabs are similar to those for beams. Refer to R9.7.3.8 for additional information.

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slabs where such reinforcement shall extend at least to the center of the bearing length.

7.7.3.8.2 At other supports, at least one-fourth of the maximum positive moment reinforcement shall extend along the slab bottom into the support at least 150 mm.

7.7.3.8.3 At simple supports and points of inflection, d_b for positive moment tension reinforcement shall be limited such that ℓ_d for that reinforcement satisfies (a) or (b). If reinforcement terminates beyond the centerline of supports by a standard hook or a mechanical anchorage at least equivalent to a standard hook, (a) or (b) need not be satisfied.

(a) $\ell_d \leq (1.3 M_n/V_u + \ell_a)$ if end of reinforcement is confined by a compressive reaction
(b) $\ell_d \leq (M_n/V_u + \ell_a)$ if end of reinforcement is not confined by a compressive reaction

M_n is calculated assuming all reinforcement at the section is stressed to f_y and V_u is calculated at the section. At a support, ℓ_a is the embedment length beyond the center of the support. At a point of inflection, ℓ_a is the embedment length beyond the point of inflection, limited to the greater of d and $12d_b$.

7.7.3.8.4 At least one-third of the negative moment reinforcement at a support shall have an embedment length beyond the point of inflection at least the greatest of d, $12d_b$, and $\ell_n/16$.

7.7.4 Flexural reinforcement in prestressed slabs

R7.7.4 Flexural reinforcement in prestressed slabs

7.7.4.1 External tendons shall be attached to the member in a manner that maintains the specified eccentricity between the tendons and the concrete centroid through the full range of anticipated member deflections.

7.7.4.2 If nonprestressed reinforcement is required to satisfy flexural strength, the detailing requirements of 7.7.3 shall be satisfied.

7.7.4.3 Termination of prestressed reinforcement

7.7.4.3.1 Post-tensioned anchorage zones shall be designed and detailed in accordance with 25.9.

7.7.4.3.2 Post-tensioning anchorages and couplers shall be designed and detailed in accordance with 25.8.

7.7.4.4 Termination of deformed reinforcement in slabs with unbonded tendons

R7.7.4.4 Termination of deformed reinforcement in slabs with unbonded tendons—Requirements for termination of deformed reinforcement in one-way slabs with unbonded tendons are the same as those for beams. Refer to R9.7.4.4 for additional information.

7.7.4.4.1 Length of deformed reinforcement required by 7.6.2.3 shall be in accordance with (a) and (b):

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(a) At least $\ell_n/3$ in positive moment areas and be centered in those areas

(b) At least $\ell_n/6$ on each side of the face of support

7.7.5 Shear reinforcement

7.7.5.1 If shear reinforcement is required, transverse reinforcement shall be detailed according to 9.7.6.2.

7.7.6 Shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

R7.7.6 Shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

7.7.6.1 Shrinkage and temperature reinforcement in accordance with 7.6.4 shall be placed perpendicular to Àexural reinforcement.

7.7.6.2 Nonprestressed reinforcement

7.7.6.2.1 Spacing of deformed shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the lesser of 5h and 450 mm.

7.7.6.3 Prestressed reinforcement

R7.7.6.3 Prestressed reinforcement

7.7.6.3.1 Spacing of slab tendons required by 7.6.4.2 and the distance between face of beam or wall to the nearest slab tendon shall not exceed 1.8 m.

7.7.6.3.2 If spacing of slab tendons exceeds 1.4 m, additional deformed shrinkage and temperature reinforcement conforming to 24.4.3 shall be provided parallel to the tendons, except 24.4.3.4 need not be satis¿ ed. In calculating the area of additional reinforcement, it shall be permitted to take the gross concrete area in Table 24.4.3.2 as the slab area between faces of beams. This shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall extend from the slab edge for a distance not less than the slab tendon spacing.

R7.7.6.3.2 Widely spaced tendons result in non-uniform compressive stresses near the slab edges. The additional reinforcement is to reinforce regions near the slab edge that may be inadequately compressed. Placement of this reinforcement is illustrated in Fig. R7.7.6.3.2.
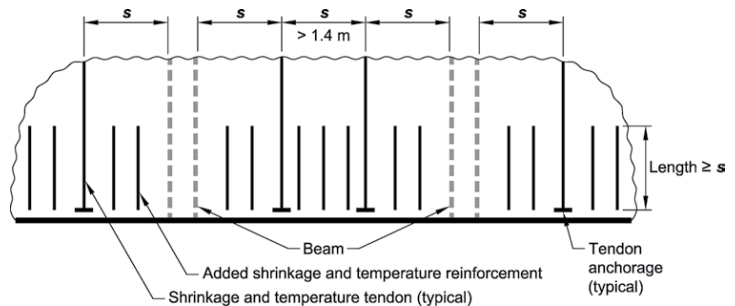

Fig. R7.7.6.3.2—Plan view at slab edge showing added shrinkage and temperature reinforcement.

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CHAPTER 8—TWO-WAY SLABS

8.1—Scope

8.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design of nonprestressed and prestressed slabs reinforced for flexure in two directions, with or without beams between supports, including (a) through (d):

(a) Solid slabs
(b) Slabs cast on stay-in-place, noncomposite steel deck
(c) Composite slabs of concrete elements constructed in separate placements but connected so that all elements resist loads as a unit
(d) Two-way joist systems in accordance with 8.8

8.2—General

8.2.1 A slab system shall be permitted to be designed by any procedure satisfying equilibrium and geometric compatibility, provided that design strength at every section is at least equal to required strength, and all serviceability requirements are satisfied. The direct design method of 8.10 or the equivalent frame method of 8.11 is permitted for design where applicable.

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R8—TWO-WAY SLABS

R8.1—Scope

The design methods given in this chapter are based on analysis of the results of an extensive series of tests (Burns and Hemakom 1977; Gamble et al. 1969; Gerber and Burns 1971; Guralnick and LaFraugh 1963; Hatcher et al. 1965, 1969; Hawkins 1981; Jirsa et al. 1966; PTI DC20.8; Smith and Burns 1974; Scordelis et al. 1959; Vanderbilt et al. 1969; Xanthakis and Sozen 1963) and the well-established performance records of various slab systems. The fundamental design principles are applicable to all planar structural systems subjected to transverse loads. Several specific design rules, as well as historical precedents, limit the types of structures to which this chapter applies. General slab systems that may be designed according to this chapter include flat slabs, flat plates, two-way slabs, and waffle slabs. Slabs with paneled ceilings are two-way, wide-band, beam systems.

Slabs-on-ground that do not transmit vertical loads from other parts of the structure to the soil are excluded.

For slabs with beams, the explicit design procedures of this chapter apply only when the beams are located at the edges of the panel and when the beams are supported by columns or other essentially nondeflecting supports at the corners of the panel. Two-way slabs with beams in one direction, with both slab and beams supported by girders in the other direction, may be designed under the general requirements of this chapter. Such designs should be based upon analysis compatible with the deflected position of the supporting beams and girders.

For slabs supported on walls, the explicit design procedures in this chapter treat the wall as a beam of infinite stiffness; therefore, each wall should support the entire length of an edge of the panel (refer to 8.4.1.7). Walls of width less than a full panel length can be treated as columns.

R8.2—General

R8.2.1 This section permits a design to be based directly on fundamental principles of structural mechanics, provided it can be demonstrated explicitly that all strength and serviceability criteria are satisfied. The design of the slab may be achieved through the combined use of classic solutions based on a linearly elastic continuum, numerical solutions based on discrete elements, or yield-line analyses, including, in all cases, evaluation of the stress conditions around the supports in relation to shear and torsion as well as flexure. The design of a slab system involves more than its analysis; any deviations in physical dimensions of the slab from common practice should be justified on the basis of knowledge of the expected loads and the reliability of the calculated stresses and deformations of the structure.

For gravity load analysis of two-way slab systems, two analysis methods are given in 8.10 and 8.11. The specific provisions of both design methods are limited in application to orthogonal frames subject to gravity loads only. Both

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methods apply to two-way slabs with beams as well as to flat slabs and flat plates. In both methods, the distribution of moments to the critical sections of the slab reflects the effects of reduced stiffness of elements due to cracking and support geometry.

8.2.2 The effects of concentrated loads and openings shall be considered in design.

8.2.3 Slabs prestressed with an average effective compressive stress less than 0.9 MPa shall be designed as nonprestressed slabs.

8.2.4 A drop panel in a nonprestressed slab, where used to reduce the minimum required thickness in accordance with 8.3.1.1 or the quantity of deformed negative moment reinforcement at a support in accordance with 8.5.2.2, shall satisfy (a) and (b):

(a) The drop panel shall project below the slab at least one-fourth of the adjacent slab thickness.
(b) The drop panel shall extend in each direction from the centerline of support a distance not less than one-sixth the span length measured from center-to-center of supports in that direction.

R8.2.4 and **R8.2.5** Drop panel dimensions specified in 8.2.4 are necessary when reducing the amount of negative moment reinforcement following 8.5.2.2 or to satisfy minimum slab thicknesses permitted in 8.3.1.1. If the dimensions are less than specified in 8.2.4, the projection may be used as a shear cap to increase the shear strength of the slab. For slabs with changes in thickness, it is necessary to check the shear strength at several sections (Refer to 22.6.4.1(b)).

8.2.5 A shear cap, where used to increase the critical section for shear at a slab-column joint, shall project below the slab soffit and extend horizontally from the face of the column a distance at least equal to the thickness of the projection below the slab soffit.

8.2.6 Materials

8.2.6.1 Design properties for concrete shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 19.

8.2.6.2 Design properties for steel reinforcement shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 20.

8.2.6.3 Materials, design, and detailing requirements for embedments in concrete shall be in accordance with 20.7.

8.2.7 Connections to other members

R8.2.7 Connections to other members—Safety of a slab system requires consideration of the transmission of load from the slab to the columns by flexure, torsion, and shear.

8.2.7.1 Beam-column and slab-column joints shall satisfy Chapter 15.

8.3—Design limits
8.3.1 Minimum slab thickness

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R8.3.1 Minimum slab thickness—The minimum slab thicknesses in 8.3.1.1 and 8.3.1.2 are independent of loading and concrete modulus of elasticity, both of which have significant effects on deflections. These minimum thicknesses are not applicable to slabs with unusually heavy superimposed sustained loads or for concrete with modulus of elasticity significantly lower than that of ordinary normal-

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weight concrete. Deflections should be calculated for such situations.

8.3.1.1 For nonprestressed slabs without interior beams spanning between supports on all sides, having a maximum ratio of long-to-short span of 2, overall slab thickness h shall not be less than the limits in Table 8.3.1.1, and shall be at least the value in (a) or (b), unless the calculated deflection limits of 8.3.2 are satisfied:

(a) Slabs without drop panels as given in 8.2.4... 125 mm.
(b) Slabs with drop panels as given in 8.2.4....... 100 mm.

R8.3.1.1 The minimum thicknesses in Table 8.3.1.1 are those that have been developed through the years.

Table 8.3.1.1—Minimum thickness of nonprestressed two-way slabs without interior beams (mm)[1]

f_y, MPa[2]	Without drop panels[3]			With drop panels[3]		
	Exterior panels		Interior panels	Exterior panels		Interior panels
	Without edge beams	With edge beams[4]		Without edge beams	With edge beams[4]	
280	$\ell_n/33$	$\ell_n/36$	$\ell_n/36$	$\ell_n/36$	$\ell_n/40$	$\ell_n/40$
420	$\ell_n/30$	$\ell_n/33$	$\ell_n/33$	$\ell_n/33$	$\ell_n/36$	$\ell_n/36$
520	$\ell_n/28$	$\ell_n/31$	$\ell_n/31$	$\ell_n/31$	$\ell_n/34$	$\ell_n/34$

[1]ℓ_n is the clear span in the long direction, measured face-to-face of supports (mm).

[2]For f_y between the values given in the table, minimum thickness shall be calculated by linear interpolation.

[3]Drop panels as given in 8.2.4.

[4]Slabs with beams between columns along exterior edges. Exterior panels shall be considered to be without edge beams if α_f is less than 0.8. The value of α_f for the edge beam shall be calculated in accordance with 8.10.2.7.

8.3.1.2 For nonprestressed slabs with beams spanning between supports on all sides, overall slab thickness h shall satisfy the limits in Table 8.3.1.2, unless the calculated deflection limits of 8.3.2 are satisfied.

R8.3.1.2 For panels having a ratio of long-to-short span greater than 2, the use of expressions (b) and (d) of Table 8.3.1.2, which give the minimum thickness as a fraction of the long span, may give unreasonable results. For such panels, the rules applying to one-way construction in 7.3.1 should be used.

Table 8.3.1.2—Minimum thickness of nonprestressed two-way slabs with beams spanning between supports on all sides

α_{fm}[1]	Minimum h, mm		
$\alpha_{fm} \leq 0.2$	8.3.1.1 applies		(a)
$0.2 < \alpha_{fm} \leq 2.0$	Greater of:	$\dfrac{\ell_n\left(0.8 + \dfrac{f_y}{1400}\right)}{36 + 5\beta(\alpha_{fm} - 0.2)}$	(b)[2][3]
		125	(c)
$\alpha_{fm} > 2.0$	Greater of:	$\dfrac{\ell_n\left(0.8 + \dfrac{f_y}{1400}\right)}{36 + 9\beta}$	(d)[2][3]
		90	(e)

[1]α_{fm} is the average value of α_f for all beams on edges of a panel and α_f shall be calculated in accordance with 8.10.2.7.

[2]ℓ_n is the clear span in the long direction, measured face-to-face of beams (mm).

[3]β is the ratio of clear spans in long to short directions of slab.

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8.3.1.2.1 At discontinuous edges of slabs conforming to 8.3.1.2, an edge beam with $\alpha_f \geq 0.80$ shall be provided, or the minimum thickness required by (b) or (d) of Table 8.3.1.2 shall be increased by at least 10 percent in the panel with a discontinuous edge.

8.3.1.3 The thickness of a concrete floor finish shall be permitted to be included in h if it is placed monolithically with the floor slab, or if the floor finish is designed to be composite with the floor slab in accordance with 16.4.

R8.3.1.3 The Code does not specify an additional thickness for wearing surfaces subjected to unusual conditions of wear. The need for added thickness for unusual wear is left to the discretion of the licensed design professional.

A concrete floor finish may be considered for strength purposes only if it is cast monolithically with the slab. A separate concrete finish is permitted to be included in the structural thickness if composite action is provided in accordance with 16.4.

8.3.1.4 If single- or multiple-leg stirrups are used as shear reinforcement, the slab thickness shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirements for d in 22.6.7.1.

8.3.2 Calculated deflection limits

R8.3.2 Calculated deflection limits

8.3.2.1 Immediate and time-dependent deflections shall be calculated in accordance with 24.2 and shall not exceed the limits in 24.2.2 for two-way slabs given in (a) through (c):

(a) Nonprestressed slabs not satisfying 8.3.1
(b) Nonprestressed slabs without interior beams spanning between the supports on all sides and having a ratio of long-to-short span exceeding 2.0
(c) Prestressed slabs

R8.3.2.1 For prestressed flat slabs continuous over two or more spans in each direction, the span-thickness ratio generally should not exceed 42 for floors and 48 for roofs; these limits may be increased to 48 and 52, respectively, if calculations verify that both short- and long-term deflection, camber, and vibration frequency and amplitude are not objectionable.

Short- and long-term deflection and camber should be calculated and checked against serviceability requirements of the structure.

8.3.2.2 For nonprestressed composite concrete slabs satisfying 8.3.1.1 or 8.3.1.2, deflections occurring after the member becomes composite need not be calculated. Deflections occurring before the member becomes composite shall be investigated, unless the precomposite thickness also satisfies 8.3.1.1 or 8.3.1.2.

R8.3.2.2 If any portion of a composite member is prestressed, or if the member is prestressed after the components have been cast, the provisions of 8.3.2.1 apply and deflections are to be calculated. For nonprestressed composite members, deflections need to be calculated and compared with the limiting values in Table 24.2.2, only when the thickness of the member or the precast part of the member is less than the minimum thickness given in Table 8.3.1.1. In unshored construction, the thickness of concern depends on whether the deflection before or after the attainment of effective composite action is being considered.

8.3.3 Reinforcement strain limit in nonprestressed slabs

R8.3.3 Reinforcement strain limit in nonprestressed slabs

8.3.3.1 For nonprestressed slabs, ε_t shall be at least 0.004.

R8.3.3.1 The effect of this limitation is to restrict the reinforcement ratio in nonprestressed slabs to mitigate brittle flexural behavior in case of an overload. This limitation does not apply to prestressed slabs.

8.3.4 Stress limits in prestressed slabs

8.3.4.1 Prestressed slabs shall be designed as Class U with $f_t \leq 0.50\sqrt{f_c'}$. Other stresses in prestressed slabs immedi-

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ately after transfer and at service loads shall not exceed the permissible stresses in 24.5.3 and 24.5.4.

8.4—Required strength

8.4.1 General

8.4.1.1 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations in Chapter 5.

8.4.1.2 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the analysis procedures given in Chapter 6. Alternatively, the provisions of 8.10 for the direct design method shall be permitted for the analysis of nonprestressed slabs and the provisions of 8.11 for the equivalent frame method shall be permitted for the analysis of nonprestressed and prestressed slabs, except 8.11.6.5 and 8.11.6.6 shall not apply to prestressed slabs.

R8.4—Required strength

R8.4.1 General

R8.4.1.2 Use of the equivalent frame method of analysis (refer to 8.11) or numerical analysis procedures is required for determination of both service and factored moments and shears for prestressed slab systems. The equivalent frame method of analysis has been shown by tests of large structural models to satisfactorily predict factored moments and shears in prestressed slab systems (Smith and Burns 1974; Burns and Hemakom 1977; Hawkins 1981; PTI DC20.8; Gerber and Burns 1971; Scordelis et al. 1959). The referenced research also shows that analysis using prismatic sections or other approximations of stiffness may provide erroneous and unsafe results. Section 8.11.6.5 is excluded from application to prestressed slab systems. Moment redistribution for prestressed slabs, however, is permitted in accordance with 6.6.5. Section 8.11.6.6 does not apply to prestressed slab systems because the distribution of moments between column strips and middle strips required by 8.11.6.6 is based on tests for nonprestressed concrete slabs. Simpli¿ed methods of analysis using average coef¿cients do not apply to prestressed concrete slab systems. PTI DC20.8 provides guidance for prestressed concrete slab systems.

8.4.1.3 For prestressed slabs, effects of reactions induced by prestressing shall be considered in accordance with 5.3.11.

8.4.1.4 For a slab system supported by columns or walls, dimensions c_1, c_2, and ℓ_n shall be based on an effective support area. The effective support area is the intersection of the bottom surface of the slab, or drop panel or shear cap if present, with the largest right circular cone, right pyramid, or tapered wedge whose surfaces are located within the column and the capital or bracket and are oriented no greater than 45 degrees to the axis of the column.

8.4.1.5 A column strip is a design strip with a width on each side of a column centerline equal to the lesser of $0.25\ell_2$ and $0.25\ell_1$. A column strip shall include beams within the strip, if present.

8.4.1.6 A middle strip is a design strip bounded by two column strips.

8.4.1.7 A panel is bounded by column, beam, or wall centerlines on all sides.

R8.4.1.7 A panel includes all Àexural elements between column centerlines. Thus, the column strip includes the beam, if any.

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8.4.1.8 For monolithic or fully composite construction supporting two-way slabs, a beam includes that portion of slab, on each side of the beam extending a distance equal to the projection of the beam above or below the slab, whichever is greater, but not greater than four times the slab thickness.

R8.4.1.8 For monolithic or fully composite construction, the beams include portions of the slab as flanges. Two examples of the rule are provided in Fig. R8.4.1.8.
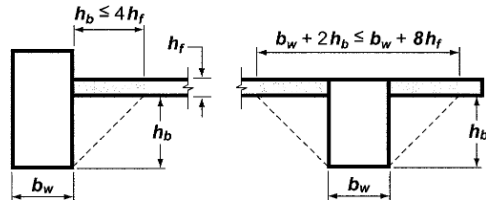
Fig. R8.4.1.8—Examples of the portion of slab to be included with the beam under 8.4.1.8.

8.4.1.9 Combining the results of a gravity load analysis with the results of a lateral load analysis shall be permitted.

8.4.2 Factored moment

R8.4.2 Factored moment

8.4.2.1 For slabs built integrally with supports, M_u at the support shall be permitted to be calculated at the face of support, except if analyzed in accordance with 8.4.2.2.

8.4.2.2 For slabs analyzed using the direct design method or the equivalent frame method, M_u at the support shall be located in accordance with 8.10 or 8.11, respectively.

8.4.2.3 Factored slab moment resisted by the column

R8.4.2.3 Factored slab moment resisted by the column

8.4.2.3.1 If gravity load, wind, earthquake, or other effects cause a transfer of moment between the slab and column, a fraction of M_{sc}, the factored slab moment resisted by the column at a joint, shall be transferred by flexure in accordance with 8.4.2.3.2 through 8.4.2.3.5.

R8.4.2.3.1 This section is concerned primarily with slab systems without beams.

8.4.2.3.2 The fraction of factored slab moment resisted by the column, $\gamma_f M_{sc}$, shall be assumed to be transferred by flexure, where γ_f shall be calculated by:

$$\gamma_f = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\sqrt{\frac{b_1}{b_2}}} \quad (8.4.2.3.2)$$

8.4.2.3.3 The effective slab width b_{slab} for resisting $\gamma_f M_{sc}$ shall be the width of column or capital plus 1.5h of slab or drop panel on either side of column or capital.

R8.4.2.3.3 Tests and experience have shown that, unless measures are taken to resist the torsional and shear stresses, all reinforcement resisting that part of the moment to be transferred to the column by flexure should be placed

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8.4.2.3.4 For nonprestressed slabs, where the limitations on v_{ug} and ε_t in Table 8.4.2.3.4 are satisfied, γ_f shall be permitted to be increased to the maximum modified values provided in Table 8.4.2.3.4, where v_c is calculated in accordance with 22.6.5, and v_{ug} is the factored shear stress on the slab critical section for two-way action due to gravity loads without moment transfer.

Table 8.4.2.3.4—Maximum modified values of γ_f for nonprestressed two-way slabs

Column location	Span direction	v_{ug}	ε_t (within b_{slab})	Maximum modified γ_f
Corner column	Either direction	$\leq 0.5\phi v_c$	≥ 0.004	1.0
Edge column	Perpendicular to the edge	$\leq 0.75\phi v_c$	≥ 0.004	1.0
	Parallel to the edge	$\leq 0.4\phi v_c$	≥ 0.010	$\dfrac{1.25}{1+\dfrac{2}{3}\sqrt{\dfrac{b_1}{b_2}}} \leq 1.0$
Interior column	Either direction	$\leq 0.4\phi v_c$	≥ 0.010	$\dfrac{1.25}{1+\dfrac{2}{3}\sqrt{\dfrac{b_1}{b_2}}} \leq 1.0$

8.4.2.3.5 Concentration of reinforcement over the column by closer spacing or additional reinforcement shall be used to resist moment on the effective slab width defined in 8.4.2.3.2 and 8.4.2.3.3.

8.4.2.3.6 The fraction of M_{sc} not calculated to be resisted by flexure shall be assumed to be resisted by eccentricity of shear in accordance with 8.4.4.2.

8.4.3 Factored one-way shear

8.4.3.1 For slabs built integrally with supports, V_u at the support shall be permitted to be calculated at the face of support.

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between lines that are one and one-half the slab or drop panel thickness, 1.5h, on each side of the column.

R8.4.2.3.4 Tests indicate that some flexibility in distribution of M_{sc} transferred by shear and flexure at both exterior and interior columns is possible. Interior, exterior, and corner columns refer to slab-column connections for which the critical perimeter for rectangular columns has four, three, or two sides, respectively.

At exterior columns, for M_{sc} resisted about an axis parallel to the edge, the portion of moment transferred by eccentricity of shear $\gamma_v M_{sc}$ may be reduced, provided that the factored shear at the column (excluding the shear produced by moment transfer) does not exceed 75 percent of the shear strength ϕv_c as defined in 22.6.5.1 for edge columns, or 50 percent for corner columns. Tests (Moehle 1988; ACI 352.1R) indicate that there is no significant interaction between shear and M_{sc} at the exterior column in such cases. Note that as $\gamma_v M_{sc}$ is decreased, $\gamma_f M_{sc}$ is increased.

Evaluation of tests of interior columns indicates that some flexibility in distributing M_{sc} transferred by shear and flexure is possible, but with more severe limitations than for exterior columns. For interior columns, M_{sc} transferred by flexure is permitted to be increased up to 25 percent, provided that the factored shear (excluding the shear caused by the moment transfer) at the interior columns does not exceed 40 percent of the shear strength ϕv_c as defined in 22.6.5.1.

If the factored shear for a slab-column connection is large, the slab-column joint cannot always develop all of the reinforcement provided in the effective width. The modifications for interior slab-column connections in this provision are permitted only where the reinforcement required to develop $\gamma_f M_{sc}$ within the effective width has a net tensile strain ε_t not less than 0.010. The use of Eq. (8.4.2.3.2) without the modification permitted in this provision will generally indicate overstress conditions on the joint. This provision is intended to improve ductile behavior of the slab-column joint. If reversal of moments occurs at opposite faces of an interior column, both top and bottom reinforcement should be concentrated within the effective width. A ratio of top-to-bottom reinforcement of approximately 2 has been observed to be appropriate.

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8.4.3.2 Sections between the face of support and a critical section located d from the face of support for nonprestressed slabs and h/2 from the face of support for prestressed slabs shall be permitted to be designed for V_u at that critical section if (a) through (c) are satisfied:

(a) Support reaction, in direction of applied shear, introduces compression into the end regions of the slab.
(b) Loads are applied at or near the top surface of the slab.
(c) No concentrated load occurs between the face of support and critical section.

8.4.4 Factored two-way shear

8.4.4.1 Critical section

8.4.4.1.1 Slabs shall be evaluated for two-way shear in the vicinity of columns, concentrated loads, and reaction areas at critical sections in accordance with 22.6.4.

8.4.4.1.2 Slabs reinforced with stirrups or headed shear stud reinforcement shall be evaluated for two-way shear at critical sections in accordance with 22.6.4.2.

8.4.4.1.3 Slabs reinforced with shearheads shall be evaluated for two-way shear at critical sections in accordance with 22.6.9.8.

8.4.4.2 Factored two-way shear stress due to shear and factored slab moment resisted by the column

8.4.4.2.1 For two-way shear with factored slab moment resisted by the column, factored shear stress v_u shall be calculated at critical sections in accordance with 8.4.4.1. Factored shear stress v_u corresponds to a combination of v_{ug} and the shear stress produced by $\gamma_v M_{sc}$, where γ_v is given in 8.4.4.2.2 and M_{sc} is given in 8.4.2.3.1.

8.4.4.2.2 The fraction of M_{sc} transferred by eccentricity of shear, $\gamma_v M_{sc}$, shall be applied at the centroid of the critical section in accordance with 8.4.4.1, where:

$$\gamma_v = 1 - \gamma_f \qquad (8.4.4.2.2)$$

8.4.4.2.3 The factored shear stress resulting from $\gamma_v M_{sc}$ shall be assumed to vary linearly about the centroid of the critical section in accordance with 8.4.4.1.

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R8.4.4 Factored two-way shear—The calculated shear stresses in the slab around the column are required to conform to the requirements of 22.6.

R8.4.4.2 Factored two-way shear stress due to shear and factored slab moment resisted by the column

R8.4.4.2.2 Hanson and Hanson (1968) found that where moment is transferred between a column and a slab, 60 percent of the moment should be considered transferred by flexure across the perimeter of the critical section defined in 22.6.4.1, and 40 percent by eccentricity of the shear about the centroid of the critical section. For rectangular columns, the portion of the moment transferred by flexure increases as the width of the face of the critical section resisting the moment increases, as given by Eq. (8.4.2.3.2).

Most of the data in Hanson and Hanson (1968) were obtained from tests of square columns. Limited information is available for round columns; however, these can be approximated as square columns according to 8.10.1.3.

R8.4.4.2.3 The stress distribution is assumed as illustrated in Fig. R8.4.4.2.3 for an interior or exterior column. The perimeter of the critical section, ABCD, is determined in accordance with 22.6.4.1. The factored shear stress v_{ug}

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and factored slab moment resisted by the column M_{sc} are determined at the centroidal axis c-c of the critical section. The maximum factored shear stress may be calculated from:

$$v_{u,AB} = v_{ug} + \frac{\gamma_v M_{sc} c_{AB}}{J_c}$$

or

$$v_{u,CD} = v_{ug} - \frac{\gamma_v M_{sc} c_{CD}}{J_c}$$

where γ_v is given by Eq. (8.4.4.2.2).

For an interior column, J_c may be calculated by:

J_c = property of assumed critical section analogous to polar moment of inertia

$$= \frac{d(c_1 + d)^3}{6} + \frac{(c_1 + d)d^3}{6} + \frac{d(c_2 + d)(c_1 + d)^2}{2}$$

Similar equations may be developed for J_c for columns located at the edge or corner of a slab.

The fraction of M_{sc} not transferred by eccentricity of the shear should be transferred by flexure in accordance with 8.4.2.3. A conservative method assigns the fraction transferred by flexure over an effective slab width defined in 8.4.2.3.3. Often, column strip reinforcement is concentrated near the column to accommodate M_{sc}. Available test data (Hanson and Hanson 1968) seem to indicate that this practice does not increase shear strength but may be desirable to increase the stiffness of the slab-column junction.

Test data (Hawkins 1981) indicate that the moment transfer strength of a prestressed slab-to-column connection can be calculated using the procedures of 8.4.2.3 and 8.4.4.2.

Where shear reinforcement has been used, the critical section beyond the shear reinforcement generally has a polygonal shape (Fig. R8.7.6d and e). Equations for calculating shear stresses on such sections are given in ACI 421.1R.

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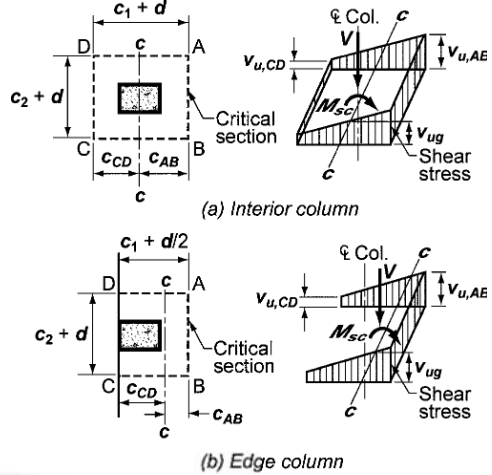
Fig. R8.4.4.2.3—Assumed distribution of shear stress.

8.5—Design strength

8.5.1 General

8.5.1.1 For each applicable factored load combination, design strength shall satisfy $\phi S_n \geq U$, including (a) through (d). Interaction between load effects shall be considered.

(a) $\phi M_n \geq M_u$ at all sections along the span in each direction
(b) $\phi M_n \geq \gamma_f M_{sc}$ within b_{slab} as defined in 8.4.2.3.3
(c) $\phi V_n \geq V_u$ at all sections along the span in each direction for one-way shear
(d) $\phi v_n \geq v_u$ at the critical sections defined in 8.4.4.1 for two-way shear

8.5.1.2 ϕ shall be in accordance with 21.2.

8.5.1.3 If shearheads are provided, 22.6.9 and 8.5.1.1(a) shall be satisfied in the vicinity of the column. Beyond each arm of the shearhead, 8.5.1.1(a) through (d) shall apply.

8.5.2 Moment

8.5.2.1 M_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.3.

8.5.2.2 In calculating M_n for nonprestressed slabs with a drop panel, the thickness of the drop panel below the slab shall not be assumed to be greater than one-fourth the distance from the edge of drop panel to the face of column or column capital.

8.5.2.3 In calculating M_n for prestressed slabs, external tendons shall be considered as unbonded unless the external tendons are effectively bonded to the slab along its entire length.

R8.5—Design strength

R8.5.1 General

R8.5.1.1 Refer to R9.5.1.1.

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8.5.3 Shear

8.5.3.1 Design shear strength of slabs in the vicinity of columns, concentrated loads, or reaction areas shall be the more severe of 8.5.3.1.1 and 8.5.3.1.2.

8.5.3.1.1 For one-way shear, where each critical section to be investigated extends in a plane across the entire slab width, V_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.5.

8.5.3.1.2 For two-way shear, v_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.6.

8.5.3.2 For composite concrete slabs, horizontal shear strength V_{nh} shall be calculated in accordance with 16.4.

8.5.4 Openings in slab systems

8.5.4.1 Openings of any size shall be permitted in slab systems if shown by analysis that all strength and serviceability requirements, including the limits on deflections, are satisfied.

8.5.4.2 As an alternative to 8.5.4.1, openings shall be permitted in slab systems without beams in accordance with (a) through (d).

(a) Openings of any size shall be permitted in the area common to intersecting middle strips, but the total quantity of reinforcement in the panel shall be at least that required for the panel without the opening.
(b) At two intersecting column strips, not more than one-eighth the width of column strip in either span shall be interrupted by openings. A quantity of reinforcement at least equal to that interrupted by an opening shall be added on the sides of the opening.
(c) At the intersection of one column strip and one middle strip, not more than one-fourth of the reinforcement in either strip shall be interrupted by openings. A quantity of reinforcement at least equal to that interrupted by an opening shall be added on the sides of the opening.
(d) If an opening is located within a column strip or closer than 10h from a concentrated load or reaction area, 22.6.4.3 for slabs without shearheads or 22.6.9.9 for slabs with shearheads shall be satisfied.

8.6—Reinforcement limits

8.6.1 Minimum flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed slabs

8.6.1.1 A minimum area of flexural reinforcement, $A_{s,min}$, shall be provided near the tension face in the direction of the span under consideration in accordance with Table 8.6.1.1.

R8.5.3 Shear

R8.5.3.1 Differentiation should be made between a long and narrow slab acting as a beam, and a slab subject to two-way action where failure may occur by punching along a truncated cone or pyramid around a concentrated load or reaction area.

R8.6—Reinforcement limits

R8.6.1 Minimum flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed slabs

R8.6.1.1 The required area of deformed or welded wire reinforcement used as minimum flexural reinforcement is the same as that required for shrinkage and temperature in 24.4.3.2. However, whereas shrinkage and temperature reinforcement is permitted to be distributed between the two faces of the slab as deemed appropriate for specific condi-

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Table 8.6.1.1—$A_{s,min}$ for nonprestressed two-way slabs

Reinforcement type	f_y, MPa	$A_{s,min}$, mm^2	
Deformed bars	< 420	$0.0020A_g$	
Deformed bars or welded wire reinforcement	≥ 420	Greater of:	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 420}{f_y} A_g$
			$0.0014A_g$

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tions, minimum flexural reinforcement should be placed as close as practicable to the face of the concrete in tension due to applied loads.

Figure R8.6.1.1 illustrates the arrangement of minimum reinforcement required near the top of a two-way slab supporting uniform gravity load. The bar cutoff points are based on the requirements shown in Fig. 8.7.4.1.3a.

To improve crack control and to intercept potential punching shear cracks with tension reinforcement, the licensed design professional should consider specifying continuous reinforcement in each direction near both faces of thick two-way slabs, such as transfer slabs, podium slabs, and mat foundations. Also refer to R8.7.4.1.3.
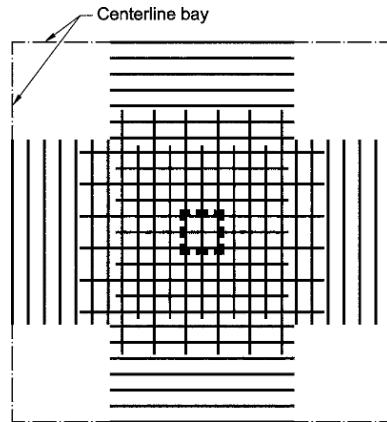
Fig. R8.6.1.1—Arrangement of minimum reinforcement near the top of a two-way slab.

8.6.2 Minimum flexural reinforcement in prestressed slabs

8.6.2.1 For prestressed slabs, the effective prestress force $A_{ps}f_{se}$ shall provide a minimum average compressive stress of 0.9 MPa on the slab section tributary to the tendon or tendon group. For slabs with varying cross section along the slab span, either parallel or perpendicular to the tendon or tendon group, the minimum average effective prestress of 0.9 MPa is required at every cross section tributary to the tendon or tendon group along the span.

R8.6.2 Minimum flexural reinforcement in prestressed slabs

R8.6.2.1 The minimum average effective prestress of 0.9 MPa was used in two-way test panels in the early 1970s to address punching shear concerns of lightly reinforced slabs. For this reason, the minimum effective prestress is required to be provided at every cross section.

If the slab thickness varies along the span of a slab or perpendicular to the span of a slab, resulting in a varying slab cross section, the 0.9 MPa minimum effective prestress and the maximum tendon spacing is required at every cross section tributary to the tendon or group of tendons along the span, considering both the thinner and the thicker slab sections. This may result in higher than the minimum f_{pc} in thinner cross sections, and tendons spaced at less than the maximum in thicker cross sections along a span with varying thickness, due to the practical aspects of tendon placement in the field.

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8.6.2.2 For slabs with bonded prestressed reinforcement, total quantity of A_s and A_{ps} shall be adequate to develop a factored load at least 1.2 times the cracking load calculated on the basis of f_r defined in 19.2.3.

8.6.2.2.1 For slabs with both flexural and shear design strength at least twice the required strength, 8.6.2.2 need not be satisfied.

8.6.2.3 For prestressed slabs, a minimum area of bonded deformed longitudinal reinforcement, $A_{s,min}$, shall be provided in the precompressed tension zone in the direction of the span under consideration in accordance with Table 8.6.2.3.

Table 8.6.2.3—Minimum bonded deformed longitudinal reinforcement $A_{s,min}$ in two-way slabs with bonded or unbonded tendons

Region	Calculated f_t after all losses, MPa	$A_{s,min}$, mm²	
Positive moment	$f_t \leq 0.17\sqrt{f_c'}$	Not required	(a)
	$0.17\sqrt{f_c'} < f_t \leq 0.50\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\dfrac{N_c}{0.5f_y}$	(b)[1],[2],[4]
Negative moment at columns	$f_t \leq 0.50\sqrt{f_c'}$	$0.00075A_{cf}$	(c)[3],[4]

[1]The value of f_y shall not exceed 420 MPa.

[2]N_c is the resultant tensile force acting on the portion of the concrete cross section that is subjected to tensile stresses due to the combined effects of service loads and effective prestress.

[3]A_{cf} is the greater gross cross-sectional area of the slab-beam strips of the two orthogonal equivalent frames intersecting at a column of a two-way slab.

[4]For slabs with bonded tendons, it shall be permitted to reduce $A_{s,min}$ by the area of the bonded prestressed reinforcement located within the area used to determine N_c for positive moment, or within the width of slab defined in 8.7.5.3(a) for negative moment.

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R8.6.2.2 This provision is a precaution against abrupt flexural failure developing immediately after cracking. A flexural member designed according to Code provisions requires considerable additional load beyond cracking to reach its flexural strength. Thus, considerable deflection would warn that the member strength is approaching. If the flexural strength were reached shortly after cracking, the warning deflection would not occur. Transfer of force between the concrete and the prestressing steel, and abrupt flexural failure immediately after cracking, does not occur when the prestressing steel is unbonded (ACI 423.3R); therefore, this requirement does not apply to members with unbonded tendons.

R8.6.2.3 Some bonded reinforcement is required by the Code in prestressed slabs to limit crack width and spacing at service load when concrete tensile stresses exceed the modulus of rupture and, for slabs with unbonded tendons, to ensure flexural performance at nominal strength, rather than performance as a tied arch. Providing the minimum bonded reinforcement as stipulated in this provision helps to ensure adequate performance.

The minimum amount of bonded reinforcement in two-way flat slab systems is based on reports by Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 423 (1958) and ACI 423.3R. Limited research available for two-way flat slabs with drop panels (Odello and Mehta 1967) indicates that behavior of these particular systems is similar to the behavior of flat plates.

For usual loads and span lengths, flat plate tests summarized in Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 423 (1958) and experience since the 1963 Code was adopted indicate satisfactory performance without bonded reinforcement in positive moment regions where $f_t \leq 0.17\sqrt{f_c'}$. In positive moment regions where $0.17\sqrt{f_c'} \leq f_t \leq 0.50\sqrt{f_c'}$, a minimum bonded reinforcement area proportioned to resist N_c according to Eq. (8.6.2.3(b)) is required. The tensile force N_c is calculated at service load on the basis of an uncracked, homogeneous section.

Research on unbonded post-tensioned two-way flat slab systems (Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 423 1958, 1974; ACI 423.3R; Odello and Mehta 1967) shows that bonded reinforcement in negative moment regions, proportioned on the basis of 0.075 percent of the cross-sectional area of the slab-beam strip, provides sufficient ductility and reduces crack width and spacing. The same area of bonded reinforcement is required in slabs with either bonded or unbonded tendons. The minimum bonded reinforcement area required by Eq. (8.6.2.3(c)) is a minimum area independent of grade of reinforcement or design yield strength. To account for different adjacent tributary spans, this equation is given on the basis of the equivalent frame as defined in 8.11.2 and pictured in Fig. R8.11.2. For rectangular slab panels, this equation is conservatively based on the greater of the cross-sectional areas of the two intersecting equivalent frame slab-beam strips at the column. This ensures that the minimum percentage of reinforcement recommended by research is provided in

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both directions. Concentration of this reinforcement in the top of the slab directly over and immediately adjacent to the column is important. Research also shows that where low tensile stresses occur at service loads, satisfactory behavior has been achieved at factored loads without bonded reinforcement. However, the Code requires minimum bonded reinforcement regardless of service load stress levels to help ensure flexural continuity and ductility, and to limit crack widths and spacing due to overload, temperature, or shrinkage. Research on post-tensioned flat plate-to-column connections is reported in Smith and Burns (1974), Burns and Hemakom (1977), Hawkins (1981), PTI TAB.1, and Foutch et al. (1990).

Research has shown that unbonded post-tensioned members do not inherently provide large capacity for energy dissipation under severe earthquake loadings because the member response is primarily elastic. For this reason, unbonded post-tensioned structural members reinforced in accordance with the provisions of this section should be assumed to resist only vertical loads and to act as horizontal diaphragms between energy-dissipating elements under earthquake loadings of the magnitude defined in 18.2.1.

8.7—Reinforcement detailing

8.7.1 General

8.7.1.1 Concrete cover for reinforcement shall be in accordance with 20.6.1.

8.7.1.2 Development lengths of deformed and prestressed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.4.

8.7.1.3 Splice lengths of deformed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.5.

8.7.1.4 Bundled bars shall be detailed in accordance with 25.6.

8.7.2 Flexural reinforcement spacing

8.7.2.1 Minimum spacing s shall be in accordance with 25.2.

8.7.2.2 For nonprestressed solid slabs, maximum spacing s of deformed longitudinal reinforcement shall be the lesser of 2h and 450 mm at critical sections, and the lesser of 3h and 450 mm at other sections.

8.7.2.3 For prestressed slabs with uniformly distributed loads, maximum spacing s of tendons or groups of tendons in at least one direction shall be the lesser of 8h and 1.5 m.

R8.7—Reinforcement detailing

R8.7.2 Flexural reinforcement spacing

R8.7.2.2 The requirement that the center-to-center spacing of the reinforcement be not more than two times the slab thickness applies only to the reinforcement in solid slabs, and not to reinforcement in joists or waffle slabs. This limitation is to ensure slab action, control cracking, and provide for the possibility of loads concentrated on small areas of the slab. Refer also to R24.3.

R8.7.2.3 This section provides specific guidance concerning tendon distribution that will permit the use of banded tendon distributions in one direction. This method of tendon distribution has been shown to provide satisfactory performance by structural research (Burns and Hemakom 1977).

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8.7.2.4 Concentrated loads and openings shall be considered in determining tendon spacing.

8.7.3 Corner restraint in slabs

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8.7.3.1 At exterior corners of slabs supported by edge walls or where one or more edge beams have a value of α_f greater than 1.0, reinforcement at top and bottom of slab shall be designed to resist M_u per unit width due to corner effects equal to the maximum positive M_u per unit width in the slab panel.

R8.7.3.1 Unrestrained corners of two-way slabs tend to lift when loaded. If this lifting tendency is restrained by edge walls or beams, bending moments result in the slab. This section requires reinforcement to resist these moments and control cracking. Reinforcement provided for flexure in the primary directions may be used to satisfy this requirement. Refer to Fig. R8.7.3.1.

8.7.3.1.1 Factored moment due to corner effects, M_u, shall be assumed to be about an axis perpendicular to the diagonal from the corner in the top of the slab and about an axis parallel to the diagonal from the corner in the bottom of the slab.

8.7.3.1.2 Reinforcement shall be provided for a distance in each direction from the corner equal to one-fifth the longer span.

8.7.3.1.3 Reinforcement shall be placed parallel to the diagonal in the top of the slab and perpendicular to the diagonal in the bottom of the slab. Alternatively, reinforcement shall be placed in two layers parallel to the sides of the slab in both the top and bottom of the slab.

Notes:
1. Applies where B-1 or B-2 h
2. Max. bar spacing 2*h*. wh

Fig. R8.7.3.1—Slab corner reinforcement.

8.7.4 Flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed slabs

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8.7.4.1 Termination of reinforcement

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R8.7.4.1.1 and R8.7.4.1.2 Bending moments in slabs at spandrel beams may vary significantly. If spandrel beams are

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8.7.4.1.1 Where a slab is supported on spandrel beams, columns, or walls, anchorage of reinforcement perpendicular to a discontinuous edge shall satisfy (a) and (b):

(a) Positive moment reinforcement shall extend to the edge of slab and have embedment, straight or hooked, at least 150 mm into spandrel beams, columns, or walls
(b) Negative moment reinforcement shall be bent, hooked, or otherwise anchored into spandrel beams, columns, or walls, and shall be developed at the face of support

8.7.4.1.2 Where a slab is not supported by a spandrel beam or wall at a discontinuous edge, or where a slab cantilevers beyond the support, anchorage of reinforcement shall be permitted within the slab.

8.7.4.1.3 For slabs without beams, reinforcement extensions shall be in accordance with (a) through (c):

(a) Reinforcement lengths shall be at least in accordance with Fig. 8.7.4.1.3a, and if slabs act as primary members resisting lateral loads, reinforcement lengths shall be at least those required by analysis.
(b) If adjacent spans are unequal, extensions of negative moment reinforcement beyond the face of support in accordance with Fig. 8.7.4.1.3a shall be based on the longer span.
(c) Bent bars shall be permitted only where the depth-to-span ratio permits use of bends of 45 degrees or less.

built solidly into walls, the slab approaches complete ¿xity. Without an integral wall, the slab could approach being simply supported, depending on the torsional rigidity of the spandrel beam or slab edge. These requirements provide for unknown conditions that might normally occur in a structure.

R8.7.4.1.3 The minimum lengths and extensions of reinforcement shown in Fig. 8.7.4.1.3a were developed for slabs of normal proportions supporting gravity loads. These minimum lengths and extensions may not be suf¿cient for thick two-way slabs such as transfer slabs, podium slabs, and mat foundations. As illustrated in Fig. R8.7.4.1.3b, punching shear cracks, which can develop at angles as low as about 20 degrees, may not be intercepted by the tension reinforcement, substantially reducing punching shear strength. Providing continuous reinforcement or extending the minimum lengths in Fig. 8.7.4.1.3a should be considered for slabs with ℓ_n/h ratios less than about 15. Also, for moments resulting from combined lateral and gravity loadings, the minimum lengths and extensions of bars in Fig. 8.7.4.1.3a may not be suf¿cient.

Bent bars are seldom used and are dif¿cult to place properly. Bent bars, however, are permitted provided they comply with 8.7.4.1.3(c). Further guidance on the use of bent bar systems can be found in 13.4.8 of the 1983 Code.

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STRIP	LOCATION	MINIMUM - A_s AT SECTION	WITHOUT DROP PANELS	WITH DROP PANELS
COLUMN STRIP	TOP	50% REMAINDER	0.30ℓ_n 0.30ℓ_n 0.20ℓ_n 0.20ℓ_n	0.33ℓ_n 0.33ℓ_n 0.20ℓ_n 0.20ℓ_n
	BOTTOM	100%	150 mm — At least two bars or wires shall conform to **8.7.4.2** — Splices shall be permitted in this region	150 mm — Continuous bars
MIDDLE STRIP	TOP	100%	0.22ℓ_n 0.22ℓ_n	0.22ℓ_n 0.22ℓ_n
	BOTTOM	50% REMAINDER	150 mm — Max. 0.15ℓ_n 150 mm	Max. 0.15ℓ_n 150 mm

c_1 — Clear span - ℓ_n / Face of support / Center to center span — c_1 — Clear span - ℓ_n / Face of support / Center to center span — c_1

℄ Exterior support (No slab continuity) — ℄ Interior support (Continuity provided) — ℄ Exterior support (No slab continuity)

Fig. 8.7.4.1.3a—Minimum extensions for deformed reinforcement in two-way slabs without beams.

Punching shear crack intercepted by top reinforcement — 0.3ℓ_n

(a) Slab of normal proportions

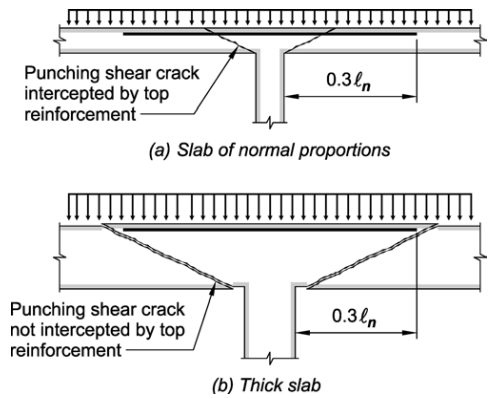Punching shear crack not intercepted by top reinforcement — 0.3ℓ_n

(b) Thick slab

Fig. R8.7.4.1.3b—Punching shear cracks in slabs with reinforcement extensions consistent with Fig. 8.7.4.1.3a.

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8.7.4.2 Structural integrity

8.7.4.2.1 All bottom deformed bars or deformed wires within the column strip, in each direction, shall be continuous or spliced with full mechanical, full welded, or Class B tension splices. Splices shall be located in accordance with Fig. 8.7.4.1.3a.

8.7.4.2.2 At least two of the column strip bottom bars or wires in each direction shall pass within the region bounded by the longitudinal reinforcement of the column and shall be anchored at exterior supports.

8.7.4.2.3 In slabs with shearheads where it is not practical to pass the bottom bars through the column in accordance with 8.7.4.2.2, at least two bottom bars or wires in each direction shall pass through the shearhead as close to the column as practicable and be continuous or spliced with full mechanical, full welded, or Class B tension splices. At exterior columns, the bars or wires shall be anchored at the shearhead.

8.7.5 Flexural reinforcement in prestressed slabs

8.7.5.1 External tendons shall be attached to the slab in a manner that maintains the specified eccentricity between the tendons and the concrete centroid through the full range of anticipated member deflections.

8.7.5.2 If bonded deformed longitudinal reinforcement is required to satisfy flexural strength or for tensile stress conditions in accordance with Eq. (8.6.2.3(b)), the detailing requirements of 7.7.3 shall be satisfied.

8.7.5.3 Bonded longitudinal reinforcement required by Eq. (8.6.2.3(c)) shall be placed in the top of the slab, and shall be in accordance with (a) through (c):

(a) Reinforcement shall be distributed between lines that are 1.5h outside opposite faces of the column support.
(b) At least four deformed bars, deformed wires, or bonded strands shall be provided in each direction.
(c) Maximum spacing s between bonded longitudinal reinforcement shall not exceed 300 mm.

8.7.5.4 Termination of prestressed reinforcement

8.7.5.4.1 Post-tensioned anchorage zones shall be designed and detailed in accordance with 25.9.

R8.7.4.2 Structural integrity

R8.7.4.2.1 and **R8.7.4.2.2** The continuous column strip bottom reinforcement provides the slab some residual ability to span to the adjacent supports should a single support be damaged. The two continuous column strip bottom bars or wires through the column may be termed "integrity reinforcement," and are provided to give the slab some residual strength following a single punching shear failure at a single support (Mitchell and Cook 1984). Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 352 (ACI 352.1R) provides further guidance on the design of integrity reinforcement in slab-column connections. Similar provisions for slabs with unbonded tendons are provided in 8.7.5.6.

R8.7.4.2.3 This provision requires the same integrity reinforcement as for other two-way slabs without beams in case of a punching shear failure at a support.

In some instances, there is sufficient clearance so that the bonded bottom bars can pass under shearheads and through the column. Where clearance under the shearhead is inadequate, the bottom bars should pass through holes in the shearhead arms or within the perimeter of the lifting collar. Shearheads should be kept as low as possible in the slab to increase their effectiveness.

R8.7.5 Flexural reinforcement in prestressed slabs

R8.7.5.2 Bonded reinforcement should be adequately anchored to develop the required strength to resist factored loads. The requirements of 7.7.3 are intended to provide adequate anchorage for tensile or compressive forces developed in bonded reinforcement by flexure under factored loads in accordance with 22.3.2, or by tensile stresses at service load in accordance with Eq. (8.6.2.3(b)).

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8.7.5.4.2 Post-tensioning anchorages and couplers shall be designed and detailed in accordance with 25.8.

8.7.5.5 Termination of deformed reinforcement in slabs with unbonded tendons

8.7.5.5.1 Length of deformed reinforcement required by 8.6.2.3 shall be in accordance with (a) and (b):

(a) In positive moment areas, length of reinforcement shall be at least $\ell_n/3$ and be centered in those areas
(b) In negative moment areas, reinforcement shall extend at least $\ell_n/6$ on each side of the face of support

8.7.5.6 Structural integrity

8.7.5.6.1 Except as permitted in 8.7.5.6.3, at least two tendons with 12.7 mm diameter or larger strand shall be placed in each direction at columns in accordance with (a) or (b):

(a) Tendons shall pass through the region bounded by the longitudinal reinforcement of the column.
(b) Tendons shall be anchored within the region bounded by the longitudinal reinforcement of the column, and the anchorage shall be located beyond the column centroid and away from the anchored span.

8.7.5.6.2 Outside of the column and shear cap faces, the two structural integrity tendons required by 8.7.5.6.1 shall pass under any orthogonal tendons in adjacent spans.

R8.7.5.5 Termination of deformed reinforcement in slabs with unbonded tendons

R8.7.5.5.1 The minimum lengths apply for bonded reinforcement required by 8.6.2.3, but not required for flexural strength in accordance with 22.3.2. Research (Odello and Mehta 1967) on continuous spans shows that these minimum lengths provide adequate behavior under service load and factored load conditions.

R8.7.5.6 Structural integrity

R8.7.5.6.1 Prestressing tendons that pass through the slab-column joint at any location over the depth of the slab suspend the slab following a punching shear failure, provided the tendons are continuous through or anchored within the region bounded by the longitudinal reinforcement of the column and are prevented from bursting through the top surface of the slab (ACI 352.1R).

R8.7.5.6.2 Between column or shear cap faces, structural integrity tendons should pass below the orthogonal tendons from adjacent spans so that vertical movements of the integrity tendons are restrained by the orthogonal tendons. Where tendons are distributed in one direction and banded in the orthogonal direction, this requirement can be satisfied by first placing the integrity tendons for the distributed tendon direction and then placing the banded tendons. Where tendons are distributed in both directions, weaving of tendons is necessary and use of 8.7.5.6.3 may be an easier approach.

8.7.5.6.3 Slabs with tendons not satisfying 8.7.5.6.1 shall be permitted if bonded bottom deformed reinforcement is provided in each direction in accordance with 8.7.5.6.3.1 through 8.7.5.6.3.3.

8.7.5.6.3.1 Minimum bottom deformed reinforcement A_s in each direction shall be the greater of (a) and (b):

(a) $A_s = \dfrac{0.37\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d}{f_y}$ (8.7.5.6.3.1a)

(b) $A_s = \dfrac{2.1b_w d}{f_y}$ (8.7.5.6.3.1b)

where b_w is the width of the column face through which the reinforcement passes.

R8.7.5.6.3 In some prestressed slabs, tendon layout constraints make it difficult to provide the structural integrity tendons required by 8.7.5.6.1. In such situations, the structural integrity tendons can be replaced by deformed bar bottom reinforcement (ACI 352.1R).

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8.7.5.6.3.2 Bottom deformed reinforcement calculated in 8.7.5.6.3.1 shall pass within the region bounded by the longitudinal reinforcement of the column and shall be anchored at exterior supports.

8.7.5.6.3.3 Bottom deformed reinforcement shall be anchored to develop f_y beyond the column or shear cap face.

8.7.6 Shear reinforcement – stirrups

8.7.6.1 Single-leg, simple-U, multiple-U, and closed stirrups shall be permitted as shear reinforcement.

8.7.6.2 Stirrup anchorage and geometry shall be in accordance with 25.7.1.

8.7.6.3 If stirrups are provided, location and spacing shall be in accordance with Table 8.7.6.3.

Table 8.7.6.3—First stirrup location and spacing limits

Direction of measurement	Description of measurement	Maximum distance or spacing, mm
Perpendicular to column face	Distance from column face to ¿rst stirrup	d/2
	Spacing between stirrups	d/2
Parallel to column face	Spacing between vertical legs of stirrups	2d

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R8.7.6 Shear reinforcement – stirrups—Research (Hawkins 1974; Broms 1990; Yamada et al. 1991; Hawkins et al. 1975; ACI 421.1R) has shown that shear reinforcement consisting of properly anchored bars or wires and single- or multiple-leg stirrups, or closed stirrups, can increase the punching shear resistance of slabs. The spacing limits given in 8.7.6.3 correspond to slab shear reinforcement details that have been shown to be effective. Section 25.7.1 gives anchorage requirements for stirrup-type shear reinforcement that should also be applied for bars or wires used as slab shear reinforcement. It is essential that this shear reinforcement engage longitudinal reinforcement at both the top and bottom of the slab, as shown for typical details in Fig. R8.7.6(a) to (c). Anchorage of shear reinforcement according to the requirements of 25.7.1 is dif¿cult in slabs thinner than 250 mm. Shear reinforcement consisting of vertical bars mechanically anchored at each end by a plate or head capable of developing the yield strength of the bars has been used successfully (ACI 421.1R).

In a slab-column connection for which moment transfer is negligible, the shear reinforcement should be symmetrical about the centroid of the critical section (Fig. R8.7.6d). Spacing limits de¿ned in 8.7.6.3 are also shown in Fig. R8.7.6d and e.

At edge columns or for interior connections where moment transfer is signi¿cant, closed stirrups are recommended in a pattern as symmetrical as possible. Although the average shear stresses on faces AD and BC of the exterior column in Fig. R8.7.6(e) are lower than on face AB, the closed stirrups extending from faces AD and BC provide some torsional strength along the edge of the slab.

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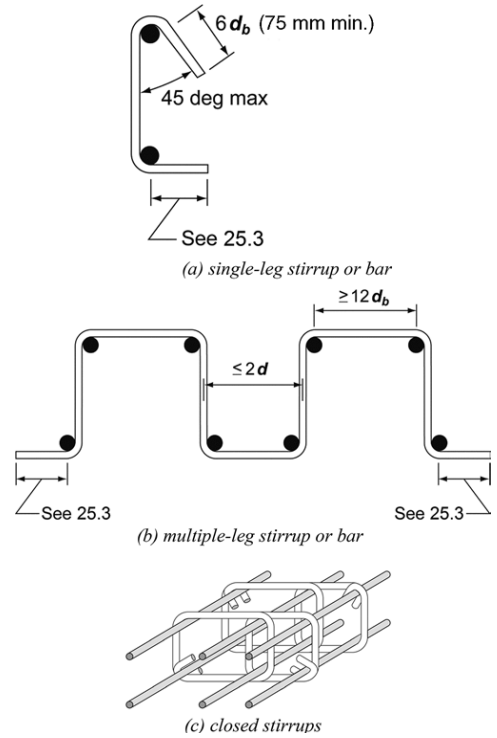

Fig. R8.7.6(a)-(c)—Single- or multiple-leg stirrup-type slab shear reinforcement.

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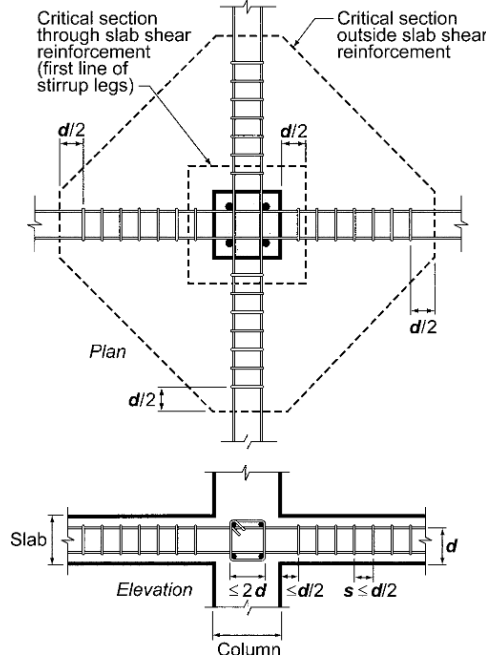

Fig.R8.7.6d—Arrangement of stirrup shear reinforcement, interior column.
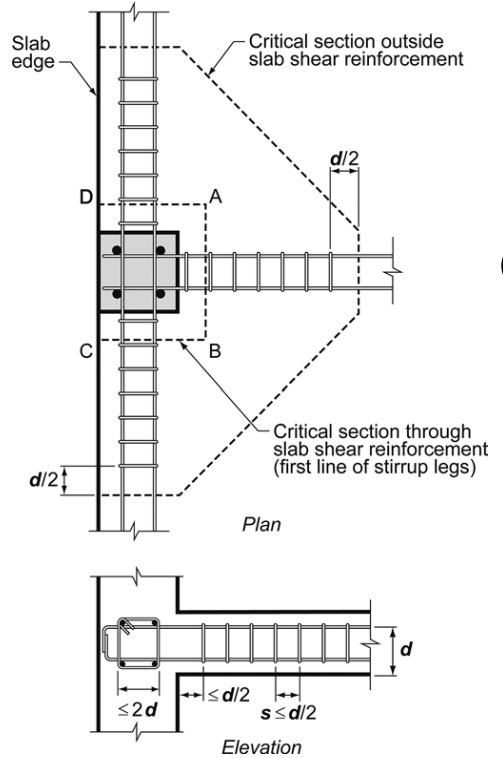
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Fig. R8.7.6e—Arrangement of stirrup shear reinforcement, edge column.

8.7.7 Shear reinforcement – headed studs

8.7.7.1 Headed shear stud reinforcement shall be permitted if placed perpendicular to the plane of the slab.

8.7.7.1.1 The overall height of the shear stud assembly shall be at least the thickness of the slab minus the sum of (a) through (c):

(a) Concrete cover on the top flexural reinforcement
(b) Concrete cover on the base rail
(c) One-half the bar diameter of the flexural tension reinforcement

R8.7.7 Shear reinforcement – headed studs—Using headed stud assemblies as shear reinforcement in slabs requires specifying the stud shank diameter, the spacing of the studs, and the height of the assemblies for the particular applications.

Tests (ACI 421.1R) show that vertical studs mechanically anchored as close as possible to the top and bottom of slabs are effective in resisting punching shear. The bounds of the overall specified height achieve this objective while providing a reasonable tolerance in specifying that height, as shown in Fig. R20.6.1.3.5.

Compared with a leg of a stirrup having bends at the ends, a stud head exhibits smaller slip and, thus, results in smaller shear crack widths. The improved performance results in increased limits for shear strength and spacing between peripheral lines of headed shear stud reinforcement. Typical arrangements of headed shear stud reinforcement are shown in Fig. R8.7.7. The critical section beyond the shear reinforcement generally has a polygonal shape. Equations for calculating shear stresses on such sections are given in ACI 421.1R.

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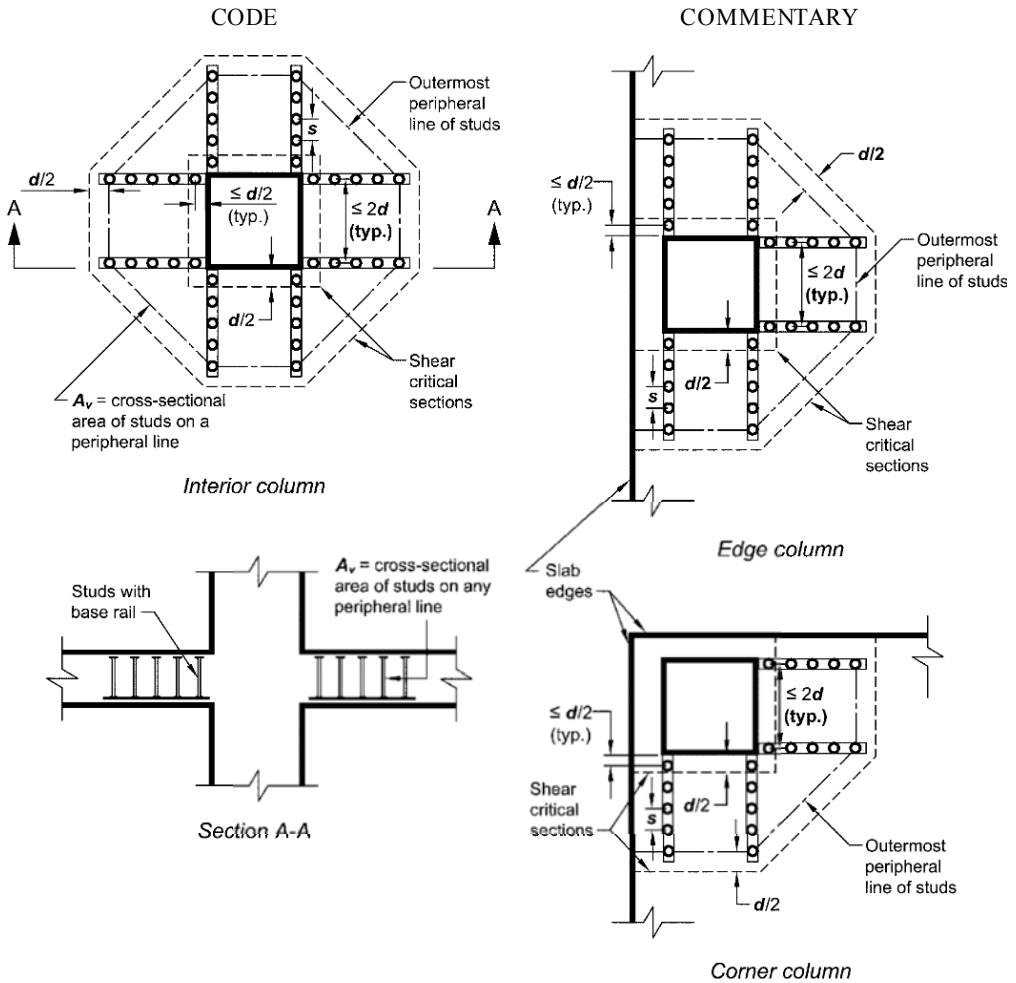
Fig. R8.7.7—Typical arrangements of headed shear stud reinforcement and critical sections.

8.7.7.1.2 Headed shear stud reinforcement location and spacing shall be in accordance with Table 8.7.7.1.2.

R8.7.7.1.2 The specified spacings between peripheral lines of shear reinforcement are justified by experiments (ACI 421.1R). The clear spacing between the heads of the studs should be adequate to permit placing of the flexural reinforcement.

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Table 8.7.7.1.2—Shear stud location and spacing limits

Direction of measurement	Description of measurement	Condition		Maximum distance or spacing, mm
Perpendicular to column face	Distance from column face to ¿rst peripheral line of shear studs	All		d/2
	Constant spacing between peripheral lines of shear studs	Nonprestressed slab with	$v_u \leq \phi 0.5 \sqrt{f_c'}$	3d/4
		Nonprestressed slab with	$v_u > \phi 0.5 \sqrt{f_c'}$	d/2
		Prestressed slabs conforming to 22.6.5.4		3d/4
Parallel to column face	Spacing between adjacent shear studs on peripheral line nearest to column face	All		2d

8.8—Nonprestressed two-way joist systems

8.8.1 General

8.8.1.1 Nonprestressed two-way joist construction consists of a monolithic combination of regularly spaced ribs and a top slab designed to span in two orthogonal directions.

8.8.1.2 Width of ribs shall be at least 100 mm at any location along the depth.

8.8.1.3 Overall depth of ribs shall not exceed 3.5 times the minimum width.

8.8.1.4 Clear spacing between ribs shall not exceed 750 mm.

8.8.1.5 V_c shall be permitted to be taken as 1.1 times the values calculated in 22.5.

8.8.1.6 For structural integrity, at least one bottom bar in each joist shall be continuous and shall be anchored to develop f_y at the face of supports.

8.8.1.7 Reinforcement area perpendicular to the ribs shall satisfy slab moment strength requirements, considering load concentrations, and shall be at least the shrinkage and temperature reinforcement area in accordance with 24.4.

R8.8—Nonprestressed two-way joist systems

R8.8.1 General—The empirical limits established for nonprestressed reinforced concrete joist Àoors are based on successful past performance of joist construction using standard joist forming systems. For prestressed joist construction, this section may be used as a guide.

R8.8.1.4 A limit on the maximum spacing of ribs is required because of the provisions permitting higher shear strengths and less concrete cover for the reinforcement for these relatively small, repetitive members.

R8.8.1.5 The increase in shear strength is justi¿ed on the basis of: 1) satisfactory performance of joist construction designed with higher calculated shear strength speci¿ed in previous Codes, which allowed comparable shear stresses; and 2) potential for redistribution of local overloads to adjacent joists.

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8.8.1.8 Two-way joist construction not satisfying the limitations of 8.8.1.1 through 8.8.1.4 shall be designed as slabs and beams.

8.8.2 Joist systems with structural ¿llers

8.8.2.1 If permanent burned clay or concrete tile ¿llers of material having a unit compressive strength at least equal to f_c' in the joists are used, 8.8.2.1.1 and 8.8.2.1.2 shall apply.

8.8.2.1.1 Slab thickness over ¿llers shall be at least the greater of one-twelfth the clear distance between ribs and 40 mm.

8.8.2.1.2 For calculation of shear and negative moment strength, it shall be permitted to include the vertical shells of ¿llers in contact with the ribs. Other portions of ¿llers shall not be included in strength calculations.

8.8.3 Joist systems with other ¿llers

8.8.3.1 If ¿llers not complying with 8.8.2.1 or removable forms are used, slab thickness shall be at least the greater of one-twelfth the clear distance between ribs and 50 mm.

8.9—Lift-slab construction

8.9.1 In slabs constructed with lift-slab methods where it is impractical to pass the tendons required by 8.7.5.6.1 or the bottom bars required by 8.7.4.2 or 8.7.5.6.3 through the column, at least two post-tensioned tendons or two bonded bottom bars or wires in each direction shall pass through the lifting collar as close to the column as practicable, and be continuous or spliced with full mechanical, full welded, or Class B tension splices. At exterior columns, the reinforcement shall be anchored at the lifting collar.

8.10—Direct design method

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The direct design method consists of a set of rules for distributing moments to slab and beam sections to satisfy safety requirements and most serviceability requirements simultaneously. Three fundamental steps are involved as follows:

(1) Determination of the total factored static moment (8.10.3)
(2) Distribution of the total factored static moment to negative and positive sections (8.10.4)
(3) Distribution of the negative and positive factored moments to the column and middle strips and to the beams, if any (8.10.5 and 8.10.6). The distribution of moments to column and middle strips is also used in the equivalent frame method (8.11)

8.10.1 General

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8.10.1.1 Two-way slabs satisfying the limits in 8.10.2 shall be permitted to be designed in accordance with this section.

R8.10.1.1 The direct design method was developed from considerations of theoretical procedures for the determina-

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tion of moments in slabs with and without beams, requirements for simple design and construction procedures, and precedents supplied by performance of slab systems. Consequently, the slab systems to be designed using the direct design method should conform to the limitations in 8.10.2.

8.10.1.2 Variations from the limitations in 8.10.2 shall be permitted if demonstrated by analysis that equilibrium and geometric compatibility are satis¿ed, the design strength at every section is at least equal to the required strength, and serviceability conditions, including limits on deÀection, are met.

R8.10.1.2 It is permitted to use the direct design method even if the structure does not ¿t the limitations in 8.10.2, provided it can be shown by analysis that the particular limitation does not apply to that structure. For a slab system supporting a nonmovable load, such as a water reservoir in which the load on all panels is expected to be the same, live load limitation of 8.10.2.6 need not be satis¿ed.

8.10.1.3 Circular or regular polygon-shaped supports shall be treated as square supports with the same area.

R8.10.1.3 If a supporting member does not have a rectangular cross section or if the sides of the rectangle are not parallel to the spans, it is to be treated as a square support having the same area, as illustrated in Fig. R8.10.1.3.
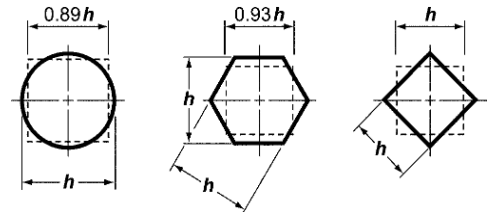

Fig. R8.10.1.3—Examples of equivalent square section for supporting members.

8.10.2 Limitations for use of direct design method

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8.10.2.1 There shall be at least three continuous spans in each direction.

R8.10.2.1 The primary reason for this limitation is the magnitude of the negative moments at the interior support in a structure with only two continuous spans. The rules given for the direct design method assume that the slab system at the ¿rst interior negative moment section is neither ¿xed against rotation nor discontinuous.

8.10.2.2 Successive span lengths measured center-to-center of supports in each direction shall not differ by more than one-third the longer span.

R8.10.2.2 This limitation is related to the possibility of developing negative moments beyond the point where negative moment reinforcement is terminated, as prescribed in Fig. 8.7.4.1.3a.

8.10.2.3 Panels shall be rectangular, with the ratio of longer to shorter panel dimensions, measured center-to-center of supports, not to exceed 2.

R8.10.2.3 If the ratio of the two spans (long span/short span) of a panel exceeds 2, the slab resists the moment in the shorter span essentially as a one-way slab.

8.10.2.4 Column offset shall not exceed 10 percent of the span in direction of offset from either axis between center-lines of successive columns.

R8.10.2.4 Columns can be offset within speci¿ed limits from a regular rectangular array. A cumulative total offset of 20 percent of the span is established as the upper limit.

8.10.2.5 All loads shall be due to gravity only and uniformly distributed over an entire panel.

R8.10.2.5 The direct design method is based on tests (Jirsa et al. 1969) for uniform gravity loads and resulting column

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reactions determined by statics. Lateral loads, such as wind or those induced by earthquake, require a frame analysis. Inverted foundation mats designed as two-way slabs (13.3.4) involve application of known column loads. Therefore, even where the soil reaction is assumed to be uniform, a frame analysis should be performed.

8.10.2.6 Unfactored live load shall not exceed two times the unfactored dead load.

R8.10.2.6 In most slab systems, the live-to-dead load ratio will be less than 2 and it will not be necessary to check the effects of pattern loading.

8.10.2.7 For a panel with beams between supports on all sides, Eq. (8.10.2.7a) shall be satis¿ed for beams in the two perpendicular directions.

R8.10.2.7 The elastic distribution of moments will deviate signi¿cantly from those assumed in the direct design method unless the requirements for stiffness are satis¿ed.

$$0.2 \le \frac{\alpha_{f1} \ell_2^2}{\alpha_{f2} \ell_1^2} \le 5.0 \qquad (8.10.2.7a)$$

where α_{f1} and α_{f2} are calculated by:

$$\alpha_f = \frac{E_{cb} I_b}{E_{cs} I_s} \qquad (8.10.2.7b)$$

8.10.3 Total factored static moment for a span

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8.10.3.1 Total factored static moment M_o for a span shall be calculated for a strip bounded laterally by the panel centerline on each side of the centerline of supports.

8.10.3.2 The absolute sum of positive and average negative M_u in each direction shall be at least:

R8.10.3.2 Equation (8.10.3.2) follows directly from Nichol's derivation (Nichols 1914) with the simplifying assumption that the reactions are concentrated along the faces of the support perpendicular to the span considered. In general, it will be expedient to calculate static moments for two adjacent half-panels that include a column strip with a half middle strip along each side.

$$M_o = \frac{q_u \ell_2 \ell_n^2}{8} \qquad (8.10.3.2)$$

8.10.3.2.1 In Eq. (8.10.3.2), ℓ_n is the clear span length in the direction that moments are considered, shall extend from face to face of columns, capitals, brackets, or walls, and shall be at least $0.65\ell_1$.

8.10.3.2.2 In Eq. (8.10.3.2), if the transverse span of panels on either side of the centerline of supports varies, ℓ_2 shall be taken as the average of adjacent transverse spans.

8.10.3.2.3 In Eq. (8.10.3.2), if the span adjacent and parallel to a slab edge is being considered, the distance from edge to panel centerline shall be substituted for ℓ_2.

8.10.4 Distribution of total factored static moment

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8.10.4.1 In an interior span, M_o shall be distributed as follows: $0.65M_o$ to negative moment and $0.35M_o$ to positive moment.

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8.10.4.2 In an end span, M_o shall be distributed in accordance with Table 8.10.4.2.

Table 8.10.4.2—Distribution coefficients for end spans

	Exterior edge unrestrained	Slab with beams between all supports	Slab without beams between interior supports		Exterior edge fully restrained
			Without edge beam	With edge beam	
Interior negative	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.65
Positive	0.63	0.57	0.52	0.50	0.35
Exterior negative	0	0.16	0.26	0.30	0.65

8.10.4.3 Modi¿cation of negative and positive factored moments by up to 10 percent shall be permitted if the total factored static moment for a panel, M_o, in the direction considered is at least that calculated by Eq. (8.10.3.2). Moment redistribution in accordance with 6.6.5 is not permitted.

8.10.4.4 Critical section for negative M_u shall be at the face of rectangular supports.

8.10.4.5 Negative M_u shall be the greater of the two interior negative M_u calculated for spans framing into a common support unless an analysis is made to distribute the unbalanced moment in accordance with stiffnesses of adjoining elements.

8.10.4.6 Edge beams or edges of slabs shall be designed to resist in torsion their share of exterior negative M_u.

8.10.5 Factored moments in column strips

8.10.5.1 The column strip shall resist the portion of interior negative M_u in accordance with Table 8.10.5.1.

R8.10.4.2 The moment coef¿cients for an end span are based on the equivalent column stiffness expressions from Corley et al. (1961), Jirsa et al. (1963), and Corley and Jirsa (1970). The coef¿cients for an unrestrained edge would be used, for example, if the slab were simply supported on a masonry or concrete wall. Those for a fully restrained edge would apply if the slab were constructed integrally with a concrete wall having a Àexural stiffness so large compared to that of the slab that little rotation occurs at the slab-to-wall connection.

For other than unrestrained or fully restrained edges, coef¿cients in the table were selected to be near the upper bound of the range for positive moments and interior negative moments. As a result, exterior negative moments were usually closer to a lower bound. The exterior negative moment strength for most slab systems is governed by minimum reinforcement to control cracking. The coef¿cients in the table have been adjusted so that the absolute sum of the positive and average moments equal M_o.

In the 1977 Code, distribution factors de¿ned as a function of the stiffness ratio of the equivalent exterior support were used for proportioning the total static moment M_o in an end span. This approach may be used in place of values in this provision.

R8.10.4.3 This provision permits a reduction up to 10 percent in negative or positive factored moments, calculated in accordance with 8.10.4, provided that the total static moment for a panel in the direction considered is not less than M_o required by Eq. (8.10.3.2). This is intended to recognize a limited amount of inelastic behavior and moment redistribution can occur in slabs that are analyzed with the direct design method.

Moment redistribution as permitted by 6.6.5 is not intended for use where approximate values for moments are used.

R8.10.4.5 The differences in slab moment on either side of a column or other type of support should be accounted for in the design of the support. If an analysis is made to distribute unbalanced moments, Àexural stiffness may be obtained on the basis of the gross concrete section of the members involved.

R8.10.4.6 Moments perpendicular to, and at the edge of, the slab structure should be transmitted to the supporting columns or walls. Torsional stresses caused by the moment assigned to the slab should be investigated.

R8.10.5 Factored moments in column strips—The rules given for assigning moments to the column strips, beams, and middle strips are based on studies (Gamble 1972) of moments in linearly elastic slabs with different beam stiff-

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Table 8.10.5.1—Portion of interior negative M_u in column strip

$\alpha_{f1}\ell_2/\ell_1$	ℓ_2/ℓ_1		
	0.5	1.0	2.0
0	0.75	0.75	0.75
≥ 1.0	0.90	0.75	0.45

Note: Linear interpolations shall be made between values shown.

8.10.5.2 The column strip shall resist the portion of exterior negative M_u in accordance with Table 8.10.5.2.

Table 8.10.5.2—Portion of exterior negative M_u in column strip

$\alpha_{f1}\ell_2/\ell_1$	β_t	ℓ_2/ℓ_1		
		0.5	1.0	2.0
0	0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	≥ 2.5	0.75	0.75	0.75
≥ 1.0	0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	≥ 2.5	0.90	0.75	0.45

Note: Linear interpolations shall be made between values shown. β_t is calculated using Eq. (8.10.5.2a), where C is calculated using Eq. (8.10.5.2b).

$$\beta_t = \frac{E_{cb} C}{2 E_{cs} I_s} \qquad (8.10.5.2a)$$

$$C = \Sigma \left[1 - 0.63 \frac{x}{y} \right] \frac{x^3 y}{3} \qquad (8.10.5.2b)$$

8.10.5.3 For T- or L-sections, it shall be permitted to calculate the constant C in Eq. (8.10.5.2b) by dividing the section, as given in 8.4.1.8, into separate rectangular parts and summing the values of C for each part.

8.10.5.4 If the width of the column or wall is at least $(3/4)\ell_2$, negative M_u shall be uniformly distributed across ℓ_2.

8.10.5.5 The column strip shall resist the portion of positive M_u in accordance with Table 8.10.5.5.

Table 8.10.5.5—Portion of positive M_u in column strip

$\alpha_{f1}\ell_2/\ell_1$	ℓ_2/ℓ_1		
	0.5	1.0	2.0
0	0.60	0.60	0.60
≥ 1.0	0.90	0.75	0.45

Note: Linear interpolations shall be made between values shown.

8.10.5.6 For slabs with beams between supports, the slab portion of column strips shall resist column strip moments not resisted by beams.

8.10.5.7 Factored moments in beams

nesses tempered by the moment coefficients that have been used successfully.

For the purpose of establishing moments in the half column strip adjacent to an edge supported by a wall, ℓ_n in Eq. (8.10.3.2) may be assumed equal to ℓ_n of the parallel adjacent column to column span, and the wall may be considered as a beam having a moment of inertia, I_b, equal to infinity.

R8.10.5.2 The effect of the torsional stiffness parameter β_t is to assign all of the exterior negative factored moment to the column strip, and none to the middle strip, unless the beam torsional stiffness is high relative to the flexural stiffness of the supported slab. In the definition of β_t, the shear modulus has been taken as $E_{cb}/2$.

Where walls are used as supports along column lines, they can be regarded as very stiff beams with an $\alpha_{f1}\ell_2/\ell_1$ value greater than 1. Where the exterior support consists of a wall perpendicular to the direction in which moments are being determined, β_t may be taken as zero if the wall is of masonry without torsional resistance, and β_t may be taken as 2.5 for a concrete wall with great torsional resistance that is monolithic with the slab.

R8.10.5.7 Factored moments in beams—Loads assigned directly to beams are in addition to the uniform dead load

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8.10.5.7.1 Beams between supports shall resist the portion of column strip M_u in accordance with Table 8.10.5.7.1.

Table 8.10.5.7.1—Portion of column strip M_u in beams

$\alpha_{f1}\ell_2/\ell_1$	Distribution coefficient
0	0
≥ 1.0	0.85

Note: Linear interpolation shall be made between values shown.

8.10.5.7.2 In addition to moments calculated according to 8.10.5.7.1, beams shall resist moments caused by factored loads applied directly to the beams, including the weight of the beam stem above and below the slab.

8.10.6 Factored moments in middle strips

8.10.6.1 That portion of negative and positive factored moments not resisted by column strips shall be proportionately assigned to corresponding half middle strips.

8.10.6.2 Each middle strip shall resist the sum of the moments assigned to its two half middle strips.

8.10.6.3 A middle strip adjacent and parallel to a wall-supported edge shall resist twice the moment assigned to the half middle strip corresponding to the first row of interior supports.

8.10.7 Factored moments in columns and walls

8.10.7.1 Columns and walls built integrally with a slab system shall resist moments caused by factored loads on the slab system.

8.10.7.2 At an interior support, columns or walls above and below the slab shall resist the factored moment calculated by Eq. (8.10.7.2) in direct proportion to their stiffnesses unless a general analysis is made.

$$M_{sc} = 0.07[(q_{Du} + 0.5q_{Lu})\ell_2\ell_n^2 - q_{Du}'\ell_2'(\ell_n')^2] \quad (8.10.7.2)$$

where q_{Du}', ℓ_2', and ℓ_n' refer to the shorter span.

8.10.7.3 The gravity load moment to be transferred between slab and edge column in accordance with 8.4.2.3 shall not be less than $0.3M_o$.

of the slab; uniform superimposed dead loads such as the ceiling, floor finish, or assumed equivalent partition loads; and uniform live loads. All of these loads are normally included with q_u in Eq. (8.10.3.2). Line loads applied directly to beams include partition walls over or along beam center-lines and additional dead load of the projecting beam stem. Concentrated loads include posts above or hangers below the beams. For the purpose of assigning directly applied loads, only loads located within the width of the beam stem should be considered as directly applied to the beams. The effective width of a beam as defined in 8.4.1.8 is solely for strength and relative stiffness calculations. Line loads and concentrated loads located on the slab away from the beam stem require consideration to determine their apportionment to slab and beams. Also refer to R8.10.5.

R8.10.6 Factored moments in middle strips—Refer to R8.10.5.

R8.10.7 Factored moments in columns and walls—Design and detailing of the reinforcement transferring the moment from the slab to the edge column is critical to both the performance and the safety of flat slabs and flat plates without edge beams or cantilever slabs. It is important that complete design details be shown in the construction documents, such as concentration of reinforcement over the column by closer spacing, or additional reinforcement.

R8.10.7.2 Equation (8.10.7.2) refers to two adjoining spans, with one span longer than the other, and with full dead load plus one-half live load applied on the longer span and only dead load applied on the shorter span.

R8.10.7.3 Analyses of slab systems indicate that the relative stiffnesses of the slab, beams, and column influence the amount of moment transferred to the support under gravity load conditions, but only over a narrow range. For typical slab configurations, a realistic upper limit between the values provided in Table 8.10.4.2 for unrestrained and fully restrained edge conditions is $0.3M_o$.

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8.10.8 Factored shear in slab systems with beams

8.10.8.1 Beams between supports shall resist the portion of shear in accordance with Table 8.10.8.1 caused by factored loads on tributary areas in accordance with Fig. 8.10.8.1.

Table 8.10.8.1—Portion of shear resisted by beam

$\alpha_{f1} \ell_2 / \ell_1$	Distribution coefficient
0	0
≥ 1.0	1.0

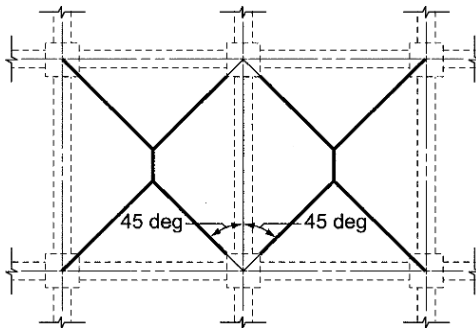Note: Linear interpolation shall be made between values shown.

Fig. 8.10.8.1—Tributary area for shear on an interior beam.

8.10.8.2 In addition to shears calculated according to 8.10.8.1, beams shall resist shears caused by factored loads applied directly to the beams, including the weight of the beam stem above and below the slab.

8.10.8.3 Calculation of required slab shear strength based on the assumption that load is distributed to supporting beams in accordance with 8.10.8.1 shall be permitted. Shear resistance to total V_u occurring on a panel shall be provided.

8.11—Equivalent frame method

R8.10.8 Factored shear in slab systems with beams—The tributary area for calculating shear on an interior beam is shown shaded in Fig. 8.10.8.1. If the stiffness of the beam $\alpha_{f1} \ell_2 / \ell_1$ is less than 1.0, the shear on the beam may be obtained by linear interpolation. In such cases, the beams framing into the column will not account for all of the shear force applied to the column. The remaining shear force will produce shear stresses in the slab around the column that should be checked in the same manner as for flat slabs, as required by 8.10.8.3. Sections 8.10.8.1 and 8.10.8.2 do not apply to the calculation of torsional moments on the beams. These moments should be based on the calculated flexural moments acting on the sides of the beam.

R8.11—Equivalent frame method

The equivalent frame method involves the representation of the three-dimensional slab system by a series of two-dimensional frames that are then analyzed for loads acting in the plane of the frames. The negative and positive moments so determined at the critical design sections of the frame are distributed to the slab sections in accordance with 8.10.5 (column strips), 8.10.5.7 (beams), and 8.10.6 (middle strips). The equivalent frame method is based on studies reported in Corley et al. (1961), Jirsa et al. (1963), and Corley and Jirsa (1970). Section R13.7 of the 1989 Code contains a more detailed description of the equivalent frame method.

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8.11.1 General

8.11.1.1 All sections of slabs and supporting members in two-way slab systems designed by the equivalent frame method shall resist moments and shears obtained from an analysis in accordance with 8.11.2 through 8.11.6.

8.11.1.2 Live load shall be arranged in accordance with 6.4.3.

8.11.1.3 It shall be permitted to account for the contribution of metal column capitals to stiffness, resistance to moment, and resistance to shear.

8.11.1.4 It shall be permitted to neglect the change in length of columns and slabs due to direct stress, and deflections due to shear.

8.11.2 Equivalent frames

8.11.2.1 The structure shall be modeled by equivalent frames on column lines taken longitudinally and transversely through the building.

8.11.2.2 Each equivalent frame shall consist of a row of columns or supports and slab-beam strips bounded laterally by the panel centerline on each side of the centerline of columns or supports.

8.11.2.3 Frames adjacent and parallel to an edge shall be bounded by that edge and the centerline of the adjacent panel.

8.11.2.4 Columns or supports shall be assumed to be attached to slab-beam strips by torsional members transverse to the direction of the span for which moments are being calculated and extending to the panel centerlines on each side of a column.

8.11.2.5 Analysis of each equivalent frame in its entirety shall be permitted. Alternatively, for gravity loading, a separate analysis of each floor or roof with the far ends of columns considered fixed is permitted.

8.11.2.6 If slab-beams are analyzed separately, it shall be permitted to calculate the moment at a given support by assuming that the slab-beam is fixed at supports two or more panels away, provided the slab continues beyond the assumed fixed supports.

R8.11.2 Equivalent frames—Application of the equivalent frame to a regular structure is illustrated in Fig. R8.11.2. The three-dimensional building is divided into a series of two-dimensional frame bents (equivalent frames) centered on column or support centerlines with each frame extending the full height of the building. The width of each equivalent frame is bounded by the centerlines of the adjacent panels. The complete analysis of a slab system for a building consists of analyzing a series of equivalent (interior and exterior) frames spanning longitudinally and transversely through the building.

The equivalent frame consists of three parts: 1) the horizontal slab strip, including any beams spanning in the direction of the frame; 2) the columns or other vertical supporting members, extending above and below the slab; and 3) the elements of the structure that provide moment transfer between the horizontal and vertical members.
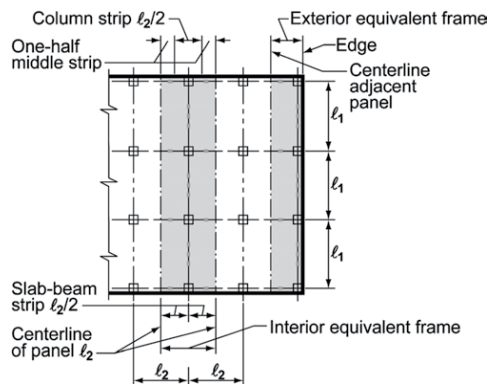

Fig. R8.11.2—Definitions of equivalent frame.

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8.11.3 Slab-beams

8.11.3.1 The moment of inertia of slab-beams from the center of the column to the face of the column, bracket, or capital shall be assumed equal to the moment of inertia of the slab-beam at the face of the column, bracket, or capital divided by the quantity $(1 - c_2/\ell_2)^2$, where c_2 and ℓ_2 are measured transverse to the direction of the span for which moments are being determined.

8.11.3.2 Variation in moment of inertia along the axis of slab-beams shall be taken into account.

8.11.3.3 It shall be permitted to use the gross cross-sectional area of concrete to determine the moment of inertia of slab-beams at any cross section outside of joints or column capitals.

8.11.4 Columns

8.11.4.1 The moment of inertia of columns from top to bottom of the slab-beam at a joint shall be assumed to be infinite.

8.11.4.2 Variation in moment of inertia along the axis of columns shall be taken into account.

8.11.4.3 It shall be permitted to use the gross cross-sectional area of concrete to determine the moment of inertia of columns at any cross section outside of joints or column capitals.

R8.11.3 Slab-beams

R8.11.3.1 A support is defined as a column, capital, bracket, or wall. A beam is not considered to be a support member for the equivalent frame.

R8.11.4 Columns—Column stiffness is based on the length of the column from mid-depth of slab above to mid-depth of slab below. Column moment of inertia is calculated on the basis of its cross section, taking into account the increase in stiffness provided by the capital, if any.

If slab-beams are analyzed separately for gravity loads, the concept of an equivalent column, combining the stiffness of the slab-beam and torsional member into a composite element, is used. The column flexibility is modified to account for the torsional flexibility of the slab-to-column connection that reduces its efficiency for transmission of moments. The equivalent column consists of the actual columns above and below the slab-beam, plus attached torsional members on each side of the columns extending to the centerline of the adjacent panels, as shown in Fig. R8.11.4.
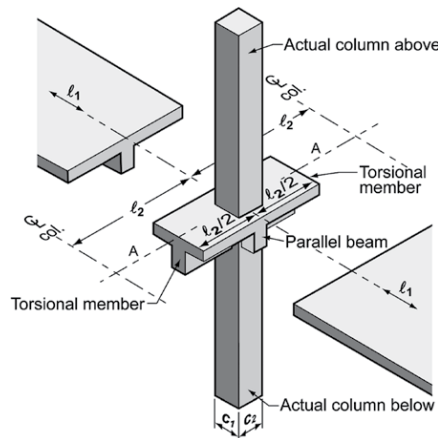

Fig. R8.11.4—Equivalent column (column plus torsional members).

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8.11.5 Torsional members

8.11.5.1 Torsional members shall be assumed to have a constant cross section throughout their length consisting of the greatest of (a) through (c):

(a) A portion of slab having a width equal to that of the column, bracket, or capital in the direction of the span for which moments are being determined.
(b) For monolithic or fully composite construction, the portion of slab speciﬁed in (a) plus that part of the transverse beam above and below the slab.
(c) The transverse beam in accordance with 8.4.1.8.

8.11.5.2 Where beams frame into columns in the direction of the span for which moments are being calculated, the torsional stiffness shall be multiplied by the ratio of the moment of inertia of the slab with such a beam to the moment of inertia of the slab without such a beam.

8.11.6 Factored moments

8.11.6.1 At interior supports, the critical section for negative M_u in both column and middle strips shall be taken at the face of rectilinear supports, but not farther away than $0.175\ell_1$ from the center of a column.

8.11.6.2 At exterior supports without brackets or capitals, the critical section for negative M_u in the span perpendicular to an edge shall be taken at the face of the supporting element.

8.11.6.3 At exterior supports with brackets or capitals, the critical section for negative M_u in the span perpendicular to an edge shall be taken at a distance from the face of the supporting element not exceeding one-half the projection

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R8.11.5 Torsional members—Calculation of the stiffness of the torsional member requires several simplifying assumptions. If no transverse beam frames into the column, a portion of the slab equal to the width of the column or capital is assumed to be the torsional member. If a beam frames into the column, L-beam or T-beam action is assumed, with the ﬂange or ﬂanges extending from the face of beam a distance equal to the projection of the beam above or below the slab but not greater than four times the thickness of the slab; refer to 8.4.1.8. Furthermore, it is assumed that no torsional rotation occurs in the beam over the width of the support.

The member sections to be used for calculating the torsional stiffness are deﬁned in 8.11.5.1.

Studies of three-dimensional analyses of various slab conﬁgurations suggest that a reasonable value of the torsional stiffness can be obtained by assuming a moment distribution along the torsional member that varies linearly from a maximum at the center of the column to zero at the middle of the panel. The assumed distribution of unit twisting moment along the column centerline is shown in Fig. R8.11.5.

An approximate expression for the stiffness of the torsional member, based on the results of three-dimensional analyses of various slab conﬁgurations (Corley et al. 1961; Jirsa et al. 1963; Corley and Jirsa 1970), is given as:

$$K_t = \sum \frac{9E_{cs}C}{\ell_2\left(1 - \dfrac{c_2}{\ell_2}\right)^3}$$
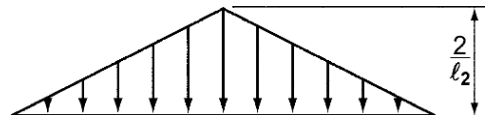
Fig. R8.11.5—Distribution of unit twisting moment along column centerline AA shown in Fig. R8.11.4.

R8.11.6 Factored moments

R8.11.6.1 through **R8.11.6.4** These Code sections adjust the negative factored moments to the face of supports. For exterior supports with brackets or capitals, the adjustment is modiﬁed to limit reductions in the negative moment. Figure R8.10.1.3 illustrates several equivalent rectangular supports for use in establishing faces of supports for design with nonrectangular supports.

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of the bracket or capital beyond the face of the supporting element.

8.11.6.4 Circular or regular polygon-shaped supports shall be assumed to be square supports with the same area for location of critical section for negative design moment.

8.11.6.5 Where slab systems within limitations of 8.10.2 are analyzed by the equivalent frame method, it shall be permitted to reduce the calculated moments in such proportion that the absolute sum of the positive and average negative design moments need not exceed the value obtained from Eq. (8.10.3.2).

R8.11.6.5 This provision is based on the principle that if two different methods are prescribed to obtain a particular answer, the Code should not require a value greater than the least acceptable value. Due to the long satisfactory experience with designs having total factored static moments not exceeding those given by Eq. (8.10.3.2), it is considered that these values are satisfactory for design if applicable limitations are met.

8.11.6.6 It shall be permitted to distribute moments at critical sections to column strips, beams, and middle strips in accordance with the direct design method in 8.10, provided that Eq. (8.10.2.7a) is satis¿ed.

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CHAPTER 9—BEAMS

9.1—Scope

9.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design of nonprestressed and prestressed beams, including:

(a) Composite beams of concrete elements constructed in separate placements but connected so that all elements resist loads as a unit
(b) One-way joist systems in accordance with 9.8
(c) Deep beams in accordance with 9.9

9.2—General

9.2.1 Materials

9.2.1.1 Design properties for concrete shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 19.

9.2.1.2 Design properties for steel reinforcement shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 20.

9.2.1.3 Materials, design, and detailing requirements for embedments in concrete shall be in accordance with 20.7.

9.2.2 Connection to other members

9.2.2.1 For cast-in-place construction, beam-column and slab-column joints shall satisfy Chapter 15.

9.2.2.2 For precast construction, connections shall satisfy the force transfer requirements of 16.2.

9.2.3 Stability

9.2.3.1 If a beam is not continuously laterally braced, (a) and (b) shall be satisfied:

(a) Spacing of lateral bracing shall not exceed 50 times the least width of compression flange or face.
(b) Spacing of lateral bracing shall take into account effects of eccentric loads.

9.2.3.2 In prestressed beams, buckling of thin webs and flanges shall be considered. If there is intermittent contact between prestressed reinforcement and an oversize duct, member buckling between contact points shall be considered.

R9—BEAMS

R9.1—Scope

R9.1.1 Composite structural steel-concrete beams are not covered in this chapter. Design provisions for such composite beams are covered in AISC 360.

R9.2—General

R9.2.3 Stability

R9.2.3.1 Tests (Hansell and Winter 1959; Sant and Bletzacker 1961) have shown that laterally unbraced reinforced concrete beams, even when very deep and narrow, will not fail prematurely by lateral buckling, provided the beams are loaded without lateral eccentricity that causes torsion.

Laterally unbraced beams are frequently loaded eccentrically or with slight inclination. Stresses and deformations by such loading become detrimental for narrow, deep beams with long unsupported lengths. Lateral supports spaced closer than 50b may be required for such loading conditions.

R9.2.3.2 In post-tensioned members where the prestressed reinforcement has intermittent contact with an oversize duct, the member can buckle due to the axial prestressing force, as the member can deflect laterally while the prestressed reinforcement does not. If the prestressed reinforcement is in continuous contact with the member being prestressed or is part of an unbonded tendon with the sheathing not excessively larger than the prestressed reinforcement, the prestressing force cannot buckle the member.

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9.2.4 T-beam construction

9.2.4.1 In T-beam construction, flange and web concrete shall be placed monolithically or made composite in accordance with 16.4.

9.2.4.2 Effective flange width shall be in accordance with 6.3.2.

9.2.4.3 For T-beam flanges where the primary flexural slab reinforcement is parallel to the longitudinal axis of the beam, reinforcement in the flange perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the beam shall be in accordance with 7.5.2.3.

9.2.4.4 For torsional design according to 22.7, the overhanging flange width used to calculate A_{cp}, A_g, and p_{cp} shall be in accordance with (a) and (b):

(a) The overhanging flange width shall include that portion of slab on each side of the beam extending a distance equal to the projection of the beam above or below the slab, whichever is greater, but not greater than four times the slab thickness.
(b) The overhanging flanges shall be neglected in cases where the parameter A_{cp}^2/p_{cp} for solid sections or A_g^2/p_{cp} for hollow sections calculated for a beam with flanges is less than that calculated for the same beam ignoring the flanges.

9.3—Design limits

9.3.1 Minimum beam depth

9.3.1.1 For nonprestressed beams not supporting or attached to partitions or other construction likely to be damaged by large deflections, overall beam depth h shall satisfy the limits in Table 9.3.1.1, unless the calculated deflection limits of 9.3.2 are satisfied.

Table 9.3.1.1—Minimum depth of nonprestressed beams

Support condition	Minimum h[1]
Simply supported	$\ell/16$
One end continuous	$\ell/18.5$
Both ends continuous	$\ell/21$
Cantilever	$\ell/8$

[1]Expressions applicable for normalweight concrete and Grade 420 reinforcement. For other cases, minimum h shall be modified in accordance with 9.3.1.1.1 through 9.3.1.1.3, as appropriate.

9.3.1.1.1 For f_y other than 420 MPa, the expressions in Table 9.3.1.1 shall be multiplied by $(0.4 + f_y/700)$.

R9.2.4 T-Beam construction

R9.2.4.1 For monolithic or fully composite construction, the beam includes a portion of the slab as flanges.

R9.2.4.3 Refer to R7.5.2.3.

R9.2.4.4 Two examples of the section to be considered in torsional design are provided in Fig. R9.2.4.4.

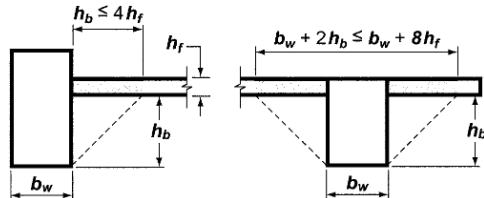Fig. R9.2.4.4—Examples of the portion of slab to be included with the beam for torsional design.

R9.3—Design limits

R9.3.1 Minimum beam depth

R9.3.1.1 For application of this provision to composite concrete beams, refer to R9.3.2.2.

R9.3.1.1.1 The modification for f_y is approximate, but should provide conservative results for typical reinforcement ratios and for values of f_y between 280 and 550 MPa.

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9.3.1.1.2 For nonprestressed beams made of lightweight concrete having w_c in the range of 1440 to 1840 kg/m³, the expressions in Table 9.3.1.1 shall be multiplied by the greater of (a) and (b):

(a) $1.65 - 0.0003w_c$
(b) 1.09

R9.3.1.1.2 The modification for lightweight concrete is based on the results and discussions in ACI 213R. No correction is given for concretes with w_c greater than 1840 kg/m³ because the correction term would be close to unity in this range.

9.3.1.1.3 For nonprestressed composite beams made of a combination of lightweight and normalweight concrete, shored during construction, and where the lightweight concrete is in compression, the modifier of 9.3.1.1.2 shall apply.

9.3.1.2 The thickness of a concrete floor finish shall be permitted to be included in h if it is placed monolithically with the beam or if the floor finish is designed to be composite with the beam in accordance with 16.4.

9.3.2 Calculated deflection limits

R9.3.2 Calculated deflection limits

9.3.2.1 For nonprestressed beams not satisfying 9.3.1 and for prestressed beams, immediate and time-dependent deflections shall be calculated in accordance with 24.2 and shall not exceed the limits in 24.2.2.

9.3.2.2 For nonprestressed composite concrete beams satisfying 9.3.1, deflections occurring after the member becomes composite need not be calculated. Deflections occurring before the member becomes composite shall be investigated unless the precomposite depth also satisfies 9.3.1.

R9.3.2.2 The limits in Table 9.3.1.1 apply to the entire depth of nonprestressed composite beams shored during construction so that, after removal of temporary supports, the dead load is resisted by the full composite section. In unshored construction, the beam depth of concern depends on if the deflection being considered occurs before or after the attainment of effective composite action.

Additional deflections due to excessive creep and shrinkage caused by premature loading should be considered. This is especially important at early ages when the moisture content is high and the strength is low.

The transfer of horizontal shear by direct bond is important if excessive deflection from slippage is to be prevented. Shear keys provide a means of transferring shear but will not be engaged until slippage occurs.

9.3.3 Reinforcement strain limit in nonprestressed beams

R9.3.3 Reinforcement strain limit in nonprestressed beams

9.3.3.1 For nonprestressed beams with $P_u < 0.10f_c'A_g$, ε_t shall be at least 0.004.

R9.3.3.1 The effect of this limitation is to restrict the reinforcement ratio in nonprestressed beams to mitigate brittle flexural behavior in case of an overload. This limitation does not apply to prestressed beams.

9.3.4 Stress limits in prestressed beams

9.3.4.1 Prestressed beams shall be classified as Class U, T, or C in accordance with 24.5.2.

9.3.4.2 Stresses in prestressed beams immediately after transfer and at service loads shall not exceed permissible stresses in 24.5.3 and 24.5.4.

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9.4—Required strength

9.4.1 General

9.4.1.1 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations in Chapter 5.

9.4.1.2 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the analysis procedures in Chapter 6.

9.4.1.3 For prestressed beams, effects of reactions induced by prestressing shall be considered in accordance with 5.3.11.

9.4.2 Factored moment

9.4.2.1 For beams built integrally with supports, M_u at the support shall be permitted to be calculated at the face of support.

9.4.3 Factored shear

9.4.3.1 For beams built integrally with supports, V_u at the support shall be permitted to be calculated at the face of support.

9.4.3.2 Sections between the face of support and a critical section located d from the face of support for nonprestressed beams and h/2 from the face of support for prestressed beams shall be permitted to be designed for V_u at that critical section if (a) through (c) are satisfied:

(a) Support reaction, in direction of applied shear, introduces compression into the end region of the beam
(b) Loads are applied at or near the top surface of the beam.
(c) No concentrated load occurs between the face of support and critical section

R9.4—Required strength

R9.4.3 Factored shear

R9.4.3.2 The closest inclined crack to the support of the beam in Fig. R9.4.3.2a will extend upward from the face of the support reaching the compression zone approximately d from the face of the support. If loads are applied to the top of the beam, the stirrups across this crack need only resist the shear force due to loads acting beyond d (right free body in Fig. R9.4.3.2a). The loads applied to the beam between the face of the support and the point d away from the face are transferred directly to the support by compression in the web above the crack. Accordingly, the Code permits design for a maximum factored shear V_u at a distance d from the support for nonprestressed beams and at a distance h/2 for prestressed beams.

In Fig. R9.4.3.2b, loads are shown acting near the bottom of a beam. In this case, the critical section is taken at the face of the support. Loads acting near the support should be transferred across the inclined crack extending upward from the support face. The shear force acting on the critical section should include all loads applied below the potential inclined crack.

Typical support conditions where the shear force at a distance d from the support may be used include:

(a) Beams supported by bearing at the bottom of the beam, such as shown in Fig. R9.4.3.2(c)
(b) Beams framing monolithically into a column, as illustrated in Fig. R9.4.3.2(d)

Typical support conditions where the critical section is taken at the face of support include:

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(a) Beams framing into a supporting member in tension, such as shown in Fig. R9.4.3.2(e). Shear within the connection should also be investigated and special corner reinforcement should be provided.

(b) Beams for which loads are not applied at or near the top, as previously discussed and as shown in Fig. R9.4.3.2b.

(c) Beams loaded such that the shear at sections between the support and a distance d from the support differs radically from the shear at distance d. This commonly occurs in brackets and in beams where a concentrated load is located close to the support, as shown in Fig. R9.4.3.2(f).
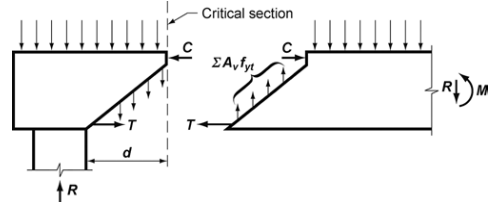

Fig. R9.4.3.2a—Free body diagrams of the end of a beam.
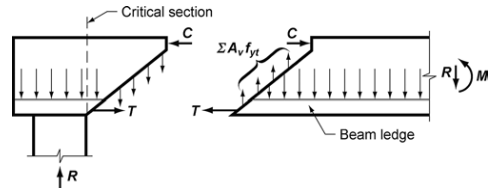

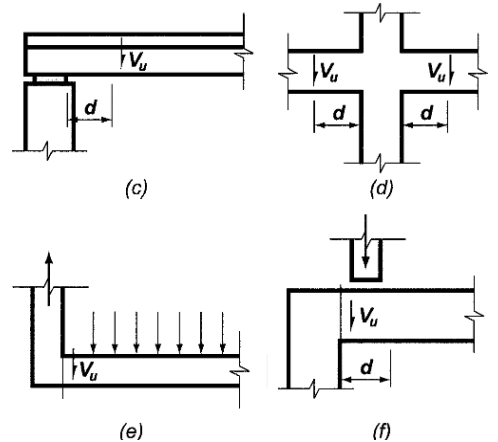Fig. R9.4.3.2b—Location of critical section for shear in a beam loaded near bottom.

Fig. R9.4.3.2(c), (d), (e), (f)—Typical support conditions for locating factored shear force V_u.

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9.4.4 Factored torsion

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9.4.4.1 Unless determined by a more detailed analysis, it shall be permitted to take the torsional loading from a slab as uniformly distributed along the beam.

9.4.4.2 For beams built integrally with supports, T_u at the support shall be permitted to be calculated at the face of support.

9.4.4.3 Sections between the face of support and a critical section located d from the face of support for nonprestressed beams or h/2 from the face of support for prestressed beams shall be permitted to be designed for T_u at that critical section unless a concentrated torsional moment occurs within this distance. In that case, the critical section shall be taken at the face of the support.

R9.4.4.3 It is not uncommon for a beam to frame into one side of a girder near the support of the girder. In such a case, a concentrated shear and torque are applied to the girder.

9.4.4.4 It shall be permitted to reduce T_u in accordance with 22.7.3.

9.5—Design strength
9.5.1 General

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R9.5.1 General

9.5.1.1 For each applicable factored load combination, design strength at all sections shall satisfy $\phi S_n \geq U$ including (a) through (d). Interaction between load effects shall be considered.

R9.5.1.1 The design conditions 9.5.1.1(a) through (d) list the typical forces and moments that need to be considered. However, the general condition $\phi S_n \geq U$ indicates that all forces and moments that are relevant for a given structure need to be considered.

(a) $\phi M_n \geq M_u$
(b) $\phi V_n \geq V_u$
(c) $\phi T_n \geq T_u$
(d) $\phi P_n \geq P_u$

9.5.1.2 ϕ shall be determined in accordance with 21.2.

9.5.2 Moment

R9.5.2 Moment

9.5.2.1 If $P_u < 0.10f_c'A_g$, M_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.3.

9.5.2.2 If $P_u \geq 0.10f_c'A_g$, M_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.4.

R9.5.2.2 Beams resisting significant axial forces require consideration of the combined effects of axial forces and moments. These beams are not required to satisfy the provisions of Chapter 10, but are required to satisfy the additional requirements for ties or spirals defined in Table 22.4.2.1. For slender beams with significant axial loads, consideration should be given to slenderness effects as required for columns in 6.2.6.

9.5.2.3 For prestressed beams, external tendons shall be considered as unbonded tendons in calculating flexural strength, unless the external tendons are effectively bonded to the concrete along the entire length.

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9.5.3 Shear

9.5.3.1 V_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.5.

9.5.3.2 For composite concrete beams, horizontal shear strength V_{nh} shall be calculated in accordance with 16.4.

9.5.4 Torsion

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9.5.4.1 If $T_u < \phi T_{th}$, where T_{th} is given in 22.7, it shall be permitted to neglect torsional effects. The minimum reinforcement requirements of 9.6.4 and the detailing requirements of 9.7.5 and 9.7.6.3 need not be satisﬁed.

9.5.4.2 T_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.7.

9.5.4.3 Longitudinal and transverse reinforcement required for torsion shall be added to that required for the V_u, M_u, and P_u that act in combination with the torsion.

R9.5.4.3 The requirements for torsional reinforcement and shear reinforcement are added and stirrups are provided to supply at least the total amount required. Because the reinforcement area A_v for shear is deﬁned in terms of all the legs of a given stirrup while the reinforcement area A_t for torsion is deﬁned in terms of one leg only, the addition of transverse reinforcement area is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Total} \left(\frac{A_{v+t}}{s}\right) = \frac{A_v}{s} + 2\frac{A_t}{s} \qquad (R9.5.4.3)$$

If a stirrup group has more than two legs for shear, only the legs adjacent to the sides of the beam are included in this summation because the inner legs would be ineffective for resisting torsion.

The longitudinal reinforcement required for torsion is added at each section to the longitudinal reinforcement required for bending moment that acts concurrently with the torsion. The longitudinal reinforcement is then chosen for this sum, but should not be less than the amount required for the maximum bending moment at that section if this exceeds the moment acting concurrently with the torsion. If the maximum bending moment occurs at one section, such as midspan, while the maximum torsional moment occurs at another, such as the face of the support, the total longitudinal reinforcement required may be less than that obtained by adding the maximum ﬂexural reinforcement, plus the maximum torsional reinforcement. In such a case, the required longitudinal reinforcement is evaluated at several locations.

9.5.4.4 For prestressed beams, the total area of longitudinal reinforcement, A_s and A_{ps}, at each section shall be designed to resist M_u at that section, plus an additional concentric longitudinal tensile force equal to $A_f f_y$, based on T_u at that section.

R9.5.4.4 Torsion causes an axial tensile force in the longitudinal reinforcement balanced by the force in the diagonal concrete compression struts. In a nonprestressed beam, the tensile force must be resisted by longitudinal reinforcement having an axial tensile strength of $A_f f_y$. This reinforcement is in addition to the required ﬂexural reinforcement and is distributed uniformly inside and around the perimeter of the closed transverse reinforcement so that the resultant of $A_f f_y$ acts along the axis of the member.

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In a prestressed beam, the same approach (providing additional reinforcing bars with strength $A_t f_y$) may be followed, or overstrength of the prestressed reinforcement can be used to resist some of the axial force $A_t f_y$. The stress in the prestressed reinforcement at nominal strength will be between f_{se} and f_{ps}. A portion of the $A_t f_y$ force can be resisted by a force of $A_{ps}\Delta f_{pt}$ in the prestressed reinforcement, where Δf_{pt} is the difference between the stress that can be developed in the strand at the section under consideration and the stress required to resist the bending moment at this section, M_u. The stress required to resist the bending moment can be calculated as $M_u/(\phi 0.9 d_p A_{ps})$. For pretensioned strands, the stress that can be developed near the free end of the strand can be calculated using the procedure illustrated in Fig. R25.4.8.3.

9.5.4.5 It shall be permitted to reduce the area of longitudinal torsional reinforcement in the flexural compression zone by an amount equal to $M_u/(0.9 d f_y)$, where M_u occurs simultaneously with T_u at that section, except that the longitudinal reinforcement area shall not be less than the minimum required in 9.6.4.

R9.5.4.5 The longitudinal tension due to torsion is offset in part by the compression in the flexural compression zone, allowing a reduction in the longitudinal torsional reinforcement required in the compression zone.

9.5.4.6 For solid sections with an aspect ratio $h/b_t \geq 3$, it shall be permitted to use an alternative design procedure, provided the adequacy of the procedure has been shown by analysis and substantial agreement with results of comprehensive tests. The minimum reinforcement requirements of 9.6.4 need not be satisfied, but the detailing requirements of 9.7.5 and 9.7.6.3 apply.

R9.5.4.6 An example of an alternative design that satisfies this provision can be found in Zia and Hsu (2004), which has been extensively and successfully used for design of precast, prestressed concrete spandrel beams with $h/b_t \geq 3$ and closed stirrups. The seventh edition of the PCI Design Handbook (PCI MNL-120) describes the procedure of Zia and Hsu (2004). This procedure was experimentally verified by the tests described in Klein (1986).

9.5.4.7 For solid precast sections with an aspect ratio $h/b_t \geq 4.5$, it shall be permitted to use an alternative design procedure and open web reinforcement, provided the adequacy of the procedure and reinforcement have been shown by analysis and substantial agreement with results of comprehensive tests. The minimum reinforcement requirements of 9.6.4 and detailing requirements of 9.7.5 and 9.7.6.3 need not be satisfied.

R9.5.4.7 The experimental results described in Lucier et al. (2011a) demonstrate that properly designed open web reinforcement is a safe and effective alternative to traditional closed stirrups for precast spandrels with $h/b_t \geq 4.5$. Lucier et al. (2011b) presents a design procedure that satisfies this provision for slender spandrels and describes the limited conditions to which the procedure applies.

9.6—Reinforcement limits

9.6.1 Minimum flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed beams

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R9.6.1 Minimum flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed beams

9.6.1.1 A minimum area of flexural reinforcement, $A_{s,min}$, shall be provided at every section where tension reinforcement is required by analysis.

R9.6.1.1 This provision is intended to result in flexural strength exceeding the cracking strength by a margin. The objective is to produce a beam that will be able to sustain loading after the onset of flexural cracking, with visible cracking and deflection, thereby warning of possible overload. Beams with less reinforcement may sustain sudden failure with the onset of flexural cracking.

In practice, this provision only controls reinforcement design for beams which, for architectural or other reasons, are larger in cross section than required for strength. With a small amount of tension reinforcement required for strength,

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the calculated moment strength of a reinforced concrete section using cracked section analysis becomes less than that of the corresponding unreinforced concrete section calculated from its modulus of rupture. Failure in such a case could occur at first cracking and without warning. To prevent such a failure, a minimum amount of tension reinforcement is required in both positive and negative moment regions.

9.6.1.2 $A_{s,min}$ shall be the greater of (a) and (b), except as provided in 9.6.1.3. For a statically determinate beam with a flange in tension, the value of b_w shall be the lesser of b_f and $2b_w$.

R9.6.1.2 If the flange of a section is in tension, the amount of tension reinforcement needed to make the strength of the reinforced section equal that of the unreinforced section is approximately twice that for a rectangular section or that of a flanged section with the flange in compression. A greater amount of minimum tension reinforcement is particularly necessary in cantilevers and other statically determinate beams where there is no possibility for redistribution of moments.

(a) $\dfrac{0.25\sqrt{f_c'}}{f_y}b_w d$

(b) $\dfrac{1.4}{f_y}b_w d$

9.6.1.3 If A_s provided at every section is at least one-third greater than A_s required by analysis, 9.6.1.1 and 9.6.1.2 need not be satisfied.

9.6.2 Minimum flexural reinforcement in prestressed beams

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9.6.2.1 For beams with bonded prestressed reinforcement, total quantity of A_s and A_{ps} shall be adequate to develop a factored load at least 1.2 times the cracking load calculated on the basis of f_r defined in 19.2.3.

R9.6.2.1 Minimum flexural reinforcement is required for reasons similar to nonprestressed beams as discussed in R9.6.1.1.

Abrupt flexural failure immediately after cracking does not occur when the prestressing reinforcement is unbonded (ACI 423.3R); therefore, this requirement does not apply to members with unbonded tendons.

9.6.2.2 For beams with both flexural and shear design strength at least twice the required strength, 9.6.2.1 need not be satisfied.

9.6.2.3 For beams with unbonded tendons, the minimum area of bonded deformed longitudinal reinforcement $A_{s,min}$ shall be:

$$A_{s,min} = 0.004A_{ct} \qquad (9.6.2.3)$$

where A_{ct} is the area of that part of the cross section between the flexural tension face and the centroid of the gross section.

R9.6.2.3 Minimum bonded reinforcement is required by the Code in beams prestressed with unbonded tendons to ensure flexural behavior at ultimate beam strength, rather than tied arch behavior, and to limit crack width and spacing at service load when concrete tensile stresses exceed the modulus of rupture. Providing minimum bonded reinforcement helps to ensure acceptable behavior at all loading stages. The minimum amount of bonded reinforcement is based on research comparing the behavior of bonded and unbonded post-tensioned beams (Mattock et al. 1971). The minimum bonded reinforcement area required by Eq. (9.6.2.3) is independent of reinforcement f_y.

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9.6.3 Minimum shear reinforcement

9.6.3.1 A minimum area of shear reinforcement, $A_{v,min}$, shall be provided in all regions where $V_u > 0.5\phi V_c$ except for the cases in Table 9.6.3.1. For these cases, at least $A_{v,min}$ shall be provided where $V_u > \phi V_c$.

Table 9.6.3.1—Cases where $A_{v,min}$ is not required if $0.5\phi V_c < V_u \le \phi V_c$

Beam type	Conditions
Shallow depth	$h \le 250$ mm
Integral with slab	$h \le$ greater of $2.5t_f$ or $0.5b_w$ and $h \le 600$ mm
Constructed with steel ¿ber-reinforced normalweight concrete conforming to 26.4.1.5.1(a), 26.4.2.2(d), and 26.12.5.1(a) and with $f_c' \le 40$ MPa	$h \le 600$ mm and $V_u \le \phi 0.17\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$
One-way joist system	In accordance with 9.8

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R9.6.3 Minimum shear reinforcement

R9.6.3.1 Shear reinforcement restrains the growth of inclined cracking so that ductility of the beam is improved and a warning of failure is provided. In an unreinforced web, the formation of inclined cracking might lead directly to failure without warning. Such reinforcement is of great value if a beam is subjected to an unexpected tensile force or an overload. Accordingly, a minimum area of shear reinforcement not less than that given by Table 9.6.3.3 is required wherever V_u is greater than $0.5\phi V_c$, or greater than ϕV_c for the cases indicated in Table 9.6.3.1.

Research (Angelakos et al. 2001; Lubell et al. 2004; Brown et al. 2006; Becker and Buettner 1985; Anderson 1978) has shown that deep, lightly reinforced beams, particularly if constructed with high-strength concrete or concrete having a small coarse aggregate size, may fail at shears less than V_c calculated from 22.5.5. Beams subjected to concentrated loads are more likely to exhibit this vulnerability. Because of this, the exclusion for certain beam types in Table 9.6.3.1 is restricted to cases in which h does not exceed 600 mm. For beams where f_c' is greater than 48 MPa, consideration should be given to providing minimum shear reinforcement if h is greater than 450 mm and V_u is greater than $0.5\phi V_c$.

The exception for beams constructed using steel ¿ber-reinforced concrete is intended to provide a design alternative to the use of shear reinforcement, as de¿ned in 22.5.10.5, for beams with longitudinal Àexural reinforcement in which V_u does not exceed $\phi 0.17\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$. Chapter 26 speci¿es design information and compliance requirements that need to be incorporated into the construction documents when steel ¿ber-reinforced concrete is used for this purpose. Fiber-reinforced concrete beams with hooked or crimped steel ¿bers, in dosages as required by 26.4.2.2(d), have been shown through laboratory tests to exhibit shear strengths greater than $0.29\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$ (Parra-Montesinos 2006). There are no data for the use of steel ¿bers as shear reinforcement in concrete beams exposed to chlorides from deicing chemicals, salt, salt water, brackish water, seawater, or spray from these sources. Where steel ¿bers are used as shear reinforcement in corrosive environments, corrosion protection should be considered.

Joists are excluded from the minimum shear reinforcement requirement for $0.5\phi V_c < V_u \le \phi V_c$ because there is a possibility of load sharing between weak and strong areas.

Even when V_u is less than $0.5\phi V_c$, the use of some web reinforcement is recommended in all thin-web, post-tensioned members such as joists, wafÀe slabs, beams, and T-beams, to reinforce against tensile forces in webs resulting from local deviations from the design tendon pro¿le and to provide a means of supporting the tendons in the design pro¿le during construction. If suf¿cient support is not provided, lateral wobble and local deviations from the smooth parabolic tendon pro¿le assumed in design may result during placement of the concrete. In such cases, the deviations in the tendons tend to straighten out when the

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tendons are stressed. This process may impose large tensile stresses in webs, and severe cracking may develop if no web reinforcement is provided. Unintended curvature of the tendons, and the resulting tensile stresses in webs, may be minimized by securely tying tendons to stirrups that are rigidly held in place by other elements of the reinforcement cage. The recommended maximum spacing of stirrups used for this purpose is the smaller of 1.5h or 1.2 m. If applicable, the shear reinforcement provisions of 9.6.3 and 9.7.6.2.2 will require closer stirrup spacings.

For repeated loading of beams, the possibility of inclined diagonal tension cracks forming at stresses appreciably smaller than under static loading should be taken into account in design. In these instances, use of at least the minimum shear reinforcement expressed by 9.6.3.3 is recommended even though tests or calculations based on static loads show that shear reinforcement is not required.

9.6.3.2 If shown by testing that the required M_n and V_n can be developed, 9.6.3.1 need not be satisfied. Such tests shall simulate effects of differential settlement, creep, shrinkage, and temperature change, based on a realistic assessment of these effects occurring in service.

R9.6.3.2 When a beam is tested to demonstrate that its shear and flexural strengths are adequate, the actual beam dimensions and material strengths are known. Therefore, the test strengths are considered the nominal strengths V_n and M_n. Considering these strengths as nominal values ensures that if the actual material strengths in the field were less than specified, or the member dimensions were in error such as to result in a reduced member strength, a satisfactory margin of safety will be retained due to the strength reduction factor ϕ.

9.6.3.3 If shear reinforcement is required and torsional effects can be neglected according to 9.5.4.1, $A_{v,min}$ shall be in accordance with Table 9.6.3.3.

R9.6.3.3 Tests (Roller and Russell 1990) have indicated the need to increase the minimum area of shear reinforcement as the concrete strength increases to prevent sudden shear failures when inclined cracking occurs. Therefore, expressions (a) and (c) in Table 9.6.3.3 provide for a gradual increase in the minimum area of transverse reinforcement with increasing concrete strength. Expressions (b) and (d) in Table 9.6.3.3 provide for a minimum area of transverse reinforcement independent of concrete strength and govern for concrete strengths less than 30 MPa.

Tests (Olesen et al. 1967) of prestressed beams with minimum web reinforcement based on 9.6.3.3 indicate that the lesser of $A_{v,min}$ from expressions (c) and (e) is sufficient to develop ductile behavior. Expression (e) is discussed in Olesen et al. (1967).

Table 9.6.3.3—Required $A_{v,min}$

Beam type	$A_{v,min}/s$		
Nonprestressed and prestressed with $A_{ps}f_{se} < 0.4(A_{ps}f_{pu} + A_s f_y)$	Greater of:	$0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w}{f_{yt}}$	(a)
		$0.35\dfrac{b_w}{f_{yt}}$	(b)
Prestressed with $A_{ps}f_{se} \geq 0.4(A_{ps}f_{pu} + A_s f_y)$	Lesser of:	Greater of: $0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w}{f_{yt}}$	(c)
		$0.35\dfrac{b_w}{f_{yt}}$	(d)
		$\dfrac{A_{ps}f_{pu}}{80\,f_{yt}d}\sqrt{\dfrac{d}{b_w}}$	(e)

9.6.4 Minimum torsional reinforcement

R9.6.4 Minimum torsional reinforcement

9.6.4.1 A minimum area of torsional reinforcement shall be provided in all regions where $T_u \geq \phi T_{th}$ in accordance with 22.7.

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9.6.4.2 If torsional reinforcement is required, minimum transverse reinforcement $(A_v + 2A_t)_{min}/s$ shall be the greater of (a) and (b):

(a) $0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w}{f_{yt}}$

(b) $0.35\dfrac{b_w}{f_{yt}}$

R9.6.4.2 The differences in the definitions of A_v and A_t should be noted: A_v is the area of two legs of a closed stirrup, whereas A_t is the area of only one leg of a closed stirrup. If a stirrup group has more than two legs, only the legs adjacent to the sides of the beam are considered, as discussed in R9.5.4.3.

Tests (Roller and Russell 1990) of high-strength reinforced concrete beams have indicated the need to increase the minimum area of shear reinforcement to prevent shear failures when inclined cracking occurs. Although there are a limited number of tests of high-strength concrete beams in torsion, the equation for the minimum area of transverse closed stirrups has been made consistent with calculations required for minimum shear reinforcement.

9.6.4.3 If torsional reinforcement is required, minimum area of longitudinal reinforcement $A_{\ell,min}$ shall be the lesser of (a) and (b):

(a) $0.42\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{A_{cp}}{f_{yt}} - \left(\dfrac{A_t}{s}\right)p_h\dfrac{f_{yt}}{f_y}$

(b) $0.42\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{A_{cp}}{f_{yt}} - \left(\dfrac{0.175b_w}{f_{yt}}\right)p_h\dfrac{f_{yt}}{f_y}$

R9.6.4.3 Under combined torsion and shear, the torsional cracking moment decreases with applied shear, which leads to a reduction in torsional reinforcement required to prevent brittle failure immediately after cracking. When subjected to pure torsion, reinforced concrete beam specimens with less than 1 percent torsional reinforcement by volume have failed at first torsional cracking (MacGregor and Ghoneim 1995). Equation 9.6.4.3(a) is based on a 2:1 ratio of torsion stress to shear stress and results in a torsional reinforcement volumetric ratio of approximately 0.5 percent (Hsu 1968). Tests of prestressed concrete beams have shown that a similar amount of longitudinal reinforcement is required.

9.7—Reinforcement detailing

9.7.1 General

9.7.1.1 Concrete cover for reinforcement shall be in accordance with 20.6.1.

9.7.1.2 Development lengths of deformed and prestressed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.4.

9.7.1.3 Splices of deformed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.5.

9.7.1.4 Bundled bars shall be in accordance with 25.6.

9.7.2 Reinforcement spacing

9.7.2.1 Minimum spacing s shall be in accordance with 25.2.

9.7.2.2 For nonprestressed and Class C prestressed beams, spacing of bonded longitudinal reinforcement closest to the tension face shall not exceed s given in 24.3.

9.7.2.3 For nonprestressed and Class C prestressed beams with h exceeding 900 mm, longitudinal skin reinforcement shall be uniformly distributed on both side faces of the beam for a distance $h/2$ from the tension face. Spacing of skin reinforcement shall not exceed s given in 24.3.2, where c_c is the

R9.7—Reinforcement detailing

R9.7.2 Reinforcement spacing

R9.7.2.3 For relatively deep beams, some reinforcement should be placed near the vertical faces of the tension zone to control cracking in the web (Frantz and Breen 1980; Frosch 2002), as shown in Fig. R9.7.2.3. Without such auxiliary reinforcement, the width of the cracks in the web may

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clear cover from the skin reinforcement to the side face. It shall be permitted to include skin reinforcement in strength calculations if a strain compatibility analysis is made.

exceed the crack widths at the level of the flexural tension reinforcement.

The size of the skin reinforcement is not specified; research has indicated that the spacing rather than bar size is of primary importance (Frosch 2002). Bar sizes No. 10 to No. 16, or welded wire reinforcement with a minimum area of 210 mm² per meter of depth, are typically provided.
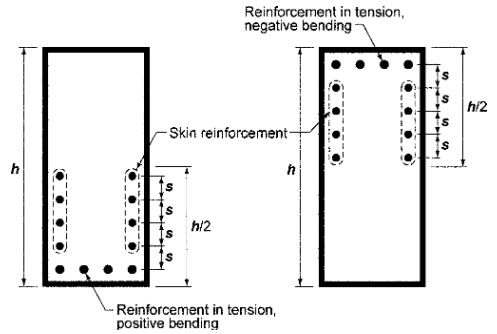

Fig. R9.7.2.3—Skin reinforcement for beams and joists with h > 900 mm.

9.7.3 Flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed beams

R9.7.3 Flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed beams

9.7.3.1 Calculated tensile or compressive force in reinforcement at each section of the beam shall be developed on each side of that section.

9.7.3.2 Critical locations for development of reinforcement are points of maximum stress and points along the span where bent or terminated tension reinforcement is no longer required to resist flexure.

R9.7.3.2 In Codes before 2014, one of the critical sections was defined as the location where adjacent reinforcement terminates or is bent. In the 2014 Code, this critical section is redefined as the location, "where bent or terminated tension reinforcement is no longer required to resist flexure."

Critical sections for a typical continuous beam are indicated with a "c" for points of maximum stress or an "x" for points where bent or terminated tension reinforcement is no longer required to resist flexure (Fig. R9.7.3.2). For uniform loading, the positive reinforcement extending into the support is more likely governed by the requirements of 9.7.3.8.1 or 9.7.3.8.3 than by development length measured from a point of maximum moment or bar cutoff.
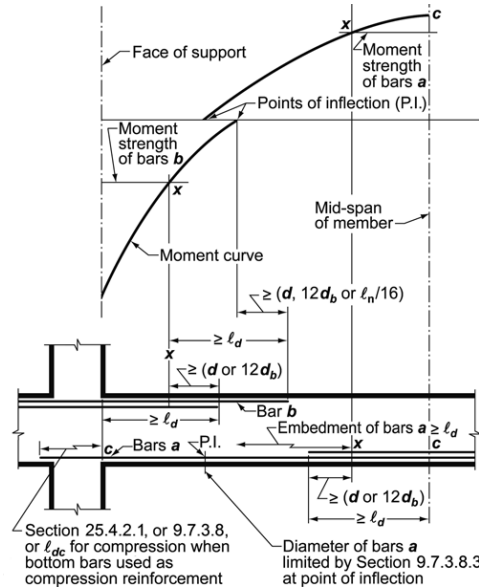
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Fig. R9.7.3.2—Development of flexural reinforcement in a typical continuous beam.

9.7.3.3 Reinforcement shall extend beyond the point at which it is no longer required to resist flexure for a distance equal to the greater of d and $12d_b$, except at supports of simply-supported spans and at free ends of cantilevers.

R9.7.3.3 The moment diagrams customarily used in design are approximate; some shifting of the location of maximum moments may occur due to changes in loading, settlement of supports, lateral loads, or other causes. A diagonal tension crack in a flexural member without stirrups may shift the location of the calculated tensile stress approximately a distance d toward a point of zero moment. If stirrups are provided, this effect is less severe, although still present to some extent.

To provide for shifts in the location of maximum moments, the Code requires the extension of reinforcement a distance d or $12d_b$ beyond the point at which it is calculated to be no longer required to resist flexure, except as noted. Cutoff points of bars to meet this requirement are illustrated in Fig. R9.7.3.2. If different bar sizes are used, the extension should be in accordance with the diameter of the bar being terminated.

9.7.3.4 Continuing flexural tension reinforcement shall have an embedment length at least ℓ_d beyond the point where bent or terminated tension reinforcement is no longer required to resist flexure.

R9.7.3.4 Local peak stresses exist in the remaining bars wherever adjacent bars are cut off in tension regions. In Fig. R9.7.3.2, an "x" is used to indicate the point where terminated tension reinforcement is no longer required to resist flexure. If bars were cut off at this location (the required cutoff location is beyond this point in accordance with 9.7.3.3), peak stresses in the continuing bars would reach f_y at "x". Therefore, the continuing reinforcement is required to have a full ℓ_d extension as indicated.

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9.7.3.5 Flexural tension reinforcement shall not be terminated in a tension zone unless (a), (b), or (c) is satisfied:

(a) $V_u \leq (2/3)\phi V_n$ at the cutoff point
(b) For No. 36 bars and smaller, continuing reinforcement provides double the area required for flexure at the cutoff point and $V_u \leq (3/4)\phi V_n$
(c) Stirrup or hoop area in excess of that required for shear and torsion is provided along each terminated bar or wire over a distance $3/4d$ from the termination point. Excess stirrup or hoop area shall be at least $0.41b_w s/f_{yt}$. Spacing s shall not exceed $d/(8\beta_b)$

9.7.3.6 Adequate anchorage shall be provided for tension reinforcement where reinforcement stress is not directly proportional to moment, such as in sloped, stepped, or tapered beams, or where tension reinforcement is not parallel to the compression face.

9.7.3.7 Development of tension reinforcement by bending across the web to be anchored or made continuous with reinforcement on the opposite face of beam shall be permitted.

9.7.3.8 Termination of reinforcement

9.7.3.8.1 At simple supports, at least one-third of the maximum positive moment reinforcement shall extend along the beam bottom into the support at least 150 mm, except for precast beams where such reinforcement shall extend at least to the center of the bearing length.

9.7.3.8.2 At other supports, at least one-fourth of the maximum positive moment reinforcement shall extend along the beam bottom into the support at least 150 mm and, if the beam is part of the primary lateral-load-resisting system, shall be anchored to develop f_y at the face of the support.

9.7.3.8.3 At simple supports and points of inflection, d_b for positive moment tension reinforcement shall be limited such that ℓ for that reinforcement satisfies (a) or (b). If reinforcement terminates beyond the centerline of supports by a standard hook or a mechanical anchorage at least equivalent to a standard hook, (a) or (b) need not be satisfied.

(a) $\ell_d \leq (1.3M_n/V_u + \ell_a)$ if end of reinforcement is confined by a compressive reaction
(b) $\ell_d \leq (M_n/V_u + \ell_a)$ if end of reinforcement is not confined by a compressive reaction

M_n is calculated assuming all reinforcement at the section is stressed to f_y, and V_u is calculated at the section. At a

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R9.7.3.5 Reduced shear strength and loss of ductility when bars are cut off in a tension zone, as in Fig. R9.7.3.2, have been reported. The Code does not permit flexural reinforcement to be terminated in a tension zone unless additional conditions are satisfied. Flexural cracks tend to open at low load levels wherever any reinforcement is terminated in a tension zone. If the stress in the continuing reinforcement and the shear strength are each near their limiting values, diagonal tension cracking tends to develop prematurely from these flexural cracks. Diagonal cracks are less likely to form where shear stress is low (9.7.3.5(a)) or flexural reinforcement stress is low (9.7.3.5(b)). Diagonal cracks can be restrained by closely spaced stirrups (9.7.3.5(c)). These requirements are not intended to apply to tension splices that are covered by 25.5.

R9.7.3.7 A bar bent to the far face of a beam and continued there may be considered effective in satisfying 9.7.3.3 to the point where the bar crosses the mid-depth of the member.

R9.7.3.8 Termination of reinforcement

R9.7.3.8.1 Positive moment reinforcement is extended into the support to provide for some shifting of the moments due to changes in loading, settlement of supports, and lateral loads. It also enhances structural integrity.

For precast beams, tolerances and reinforcement cover should be considered to avoid bearing on plain concrete where reinforcement has been discontinued.

R9.7.3.8.2 Development of the positive moment reinforcement at the support is required for beams that are part of the primary lateral-load-resisting system to provide ductility in the event of moment reversal.

R9.7.3.8.3 The diameter of the positive moment tension reinforcement is limited to ensure that the bars are developed in a length short enough such that the moment capacity is greater than the applied moment over the entire length of the beam. As illustrated in the moment diagram of Fig. R9.7.3.8.3(a), the slope of the moment diagram is V_u, while the slope of moment development is M_n/ℓ_d, where M_n is the nominal flexural strength of the cross section. By sizing the reinforcement such that the capacity slope M_n/ℓ_d equals or exceeds the demand slope V_u, proper development is provided. Therefore, M_n/V_u represents the available development length. Under favorable support conditions, a 30 percent increase for M_n/V_u is permitted when the ends of the reinforcement are confined by a compressive reaction.
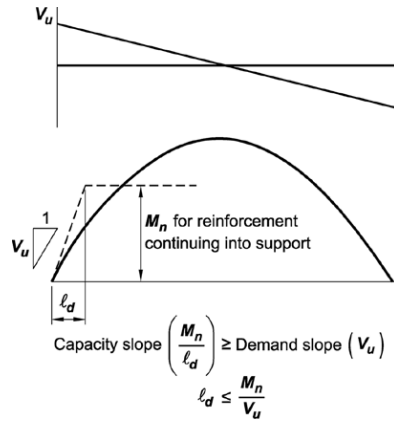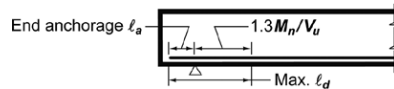
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support, ℓ_a is the embedment length beyond the center of the support. At a point of inflection, ℓ_a is the embedment length beyond the point of inflection limited to the greater of d and $12d_b$.

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The application of this provision is illustrated in Fig. R9.7.3.8.3(b) for simple supports and in Fig. R9.7.3.8.3(c) for points of inflection. For example, the bar size provided at a simple support is satisfactory only if the corresponding bar, ℓ_d, calculated in accordance with 25.4.2, does not exceed $1.3M_n/V_u + \ell_a$.

The ℓ_a to be used at points of inflection is limited to the effective depth of the member d or 12 bar diameters ($12d_b$), whichever is greater. The ℓ_a limitation is provided because test data are not available to show that a long end anchorage length will be fully effective in developing a bar that has only a short length between a point of inflection and a point of maximum stress.

Capacity slope $\left(\dfrac{M_n}{\ell_d}\right) \geq$ Demand slope $\left(V_u\right)$

$$\ell_d \leq \frac{M_n}{V_u}$$

(a) Positive M_u Diagram

End anchorage ℓ_a — 1.3M_n/V_u

Max. ℓ_d

Note: The 1.3 factor is applicable only if the reaction confines the ends of the reinforcement.

(b) Maximum ℓ_d at simple support

Maximum effective embedment length limited to d or $12d_b$ for ℓ_a

M_n/V_u

Bars a

P.I.

Embedment length

Max. ℓ_d
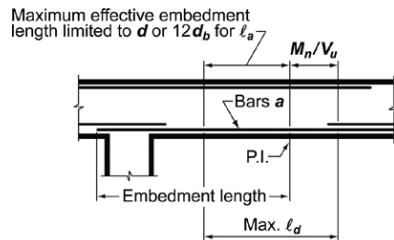
(c) Maximum ℓ_d for bars "a" at point of inflection

Fig. R9.7.3.8.3—Determination of maximum bar size according to 9.7.3.8.3.

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9.7.3.8.4 At least one-third of the negative moment reinforcement at a support shall have an embedment length beyond the point of inflection at least the greatest of d, $12d_b$, and $\ell_n/16$.

9.7.4 Flexural reinforcement in prestressed beams

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9.7.4.1 External tendons shall be attached to the member in a manner that maintains the specified eccentricity between the tendons and the concrete centroid through the full range of anticipated member deflections.

R9.7.4.1 External tendons are often attached to the concrete beam at various locations between anchorages, such as midspan, quarter points, or third points, for desired load balancing effects, for tendon alignment, or to address tendon vibration concerns. Consideration should be given to the effects caused by the tendon profile shifting in relationship to the concrete centroid as the member deforms under effects of post-tensioning and applied load.

9.7.4.2 If nonprestressed reinforcement is required to satisfy flexural strength, the detailing requirements of 9.7.3 shall be satisfied.

R9.7.4.2 Nonprestressed reinforcement should be developed to achieve factored load forces. The requirements of 9.7.3 provide that bonded reinforcement required for flexural strength under factored loads is developed to achieve tensile or compressive forces.

9.7.4.3 Termination of prestressed reinforcement

9.7.4.3.1 Post-tensioned anchorage zones shall be designed and detailed in accordance with 25.9.

9.7.4.3.2 Post-tensioning anchorages and couplers shall be designed and detailed in accordance with 25.8.

9.7.4.4 Termination of deformed reinforcement in beams with unbonded tendons

R9.7.4.4 Termination of deformed reinforcement in beams with unbonded tendons

9.7.4.4.1 Length of deformed reinforcement required by 9.6.2.3 shall be in accordance with (a) and (b):

(a) At least $\ell_n/3$ in positive moment areas and be centered in those areas
(b) At least $\ell_n/6$ on each side of the face of support in negative moment areas

R9.7.4.4.1 The minimum lengths apply for bonded reinforcement required by 9.6.2.3. Research (Odello and Mehta 1967) on continuous spans shows that these minimum lengths provide satisfactory behavior under service load and factored load conditions.

9.7.5 Longitudinal torsional reinforcement

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9.7.5.1 If torsional reinforcement is required, longitudinal torsional reinforcement shall be distributed around the perimeter of closed stirrups that satisfy 25.7.1.6 or hoops with a spacing not greater than 300 mm. The longitudinal reinforcement shall be inside the stirrup or hoop, and at least one longitudinal bar or tendon shall be placed in each corner.

R9.7.5.1 Longitudinal reinforcement is needed to resist the sum of the longitudinal tensile forces due to torsion. Because the force acts along the centroidal axis of the section, the centroid of the additional longitudinal reinforcement for torsion should approximately coincide with the centroid of the section. The Code accomplishes this by requiring the longitudinal torsional reinforcement be distributed around the perimeter of the closed stirrups. Longitudinal bars or tendons are required in each corner of the stirrups to provide anchorage for the stirrup legs. Corner bars have also been found to be effective in developing torsional strength and controlling cracks.

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9.7.5.2 Longitudinal torsional reinforcement shall have a diameter at least 0.042 times the transverse reinforcement spacing, but not less than 10 mm.

9.7.5.3 Longitudinal torsional reinforcement shall extend for a distance of at least $(b_t + d)$ beyond the point required by analysis.

R9.7.5.3 The distance $(b_t + d)$ beyond the point at which longitudinal torsional reinforcement is calculated to be no longer required is greater than that used for shear and flexural reinforcement because torsional diagonal tension cracks develop in a helical form. The same distance is required by 9.7.6.3.2 for transverse torsional reinforcement.

9.7.5.4 Longitudinal torsional reinforcement shall be developed at the face of the support at both ends of the beam.

R9.7.5.4 Longitudinal torsional reinforcement required at a support should be adequately anchored into the support. Sufficient embedment length should be provided outside the inner face of the support to develop the needed tensile force in the bars or tendons. For bars, this may require hooks or horizontal U-shaped bars lapped with the longitudinal torsional reinforcement.

9.7.6 Transverse reinforcement

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9.7.6.1 General

9.7.6.1.1 Transverse reinforcement shall be in accordance with this section. The most restrictive requirements shall apply.

9.7.6.1.2 Details of transverse reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.7.

9.7.6.2 Shear

9.7.6.2.1 If required, shear reinforcement shall be provided using stirrups, hoops, or longitudinal bent bars.

9.7.6.2.2 Maximum spacing of shear reinforcement shall be in accordance with Table 9.7.6.2.2.

Table 9.7.6.2.2—Maximum spacing of shear reinforcement

V_s		Maximum s, mm	
		Nonprestressed beam	Prestressed beam
$\leq 0.33\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$	Lesser of:	d/2	3h/4
		600	
$> 0.33\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$	Lesser of:	d/4	3h/8
		300	

9.7.6.2.3 Inclined stirrups and longitudinal bars bent to act as shear reinforcement shall be spaced so that every 45-degree line, extending d/2 toward the reaction from mid-depth of member to longitudinal tension reinforcement, shall be crossed by at least one line of shear reinforcement.

9.7.6.2.4 Longitudinal bars bent to act as shear reinforcement, if extended into a region of tension, shall be contin-

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uous with longitudinal reinforcement and, if extended into a region of compression, shall be anchored d/2 beyond mid-depth of member.

9.7.6.3 Torsion

9.7.6.3.1 If required, transverse torsional reinforcement shall be closed stirrups satisfying 25.7.1.6 or hoops.

R9.7.6.3 Torsion

R9.7.6.3.1 The stirrups are required to be closed because inclined cracking due to torsion may occur on all faces of a member.

In the case of sections subjected primarily to torsion, the concrete side cover over the stirrups spalls off at high torques (Mitchell and Collins 1976). This renders lap-spliced stirrups ineffective, leading to a premature torsional failure (Behera and Rajagopalan 1969). Therefore, closed stirrups should not be made up of pairs of U-stirrups lapping one another.

9.7.6.3.2 Transverse torsional reinforcement shall extend a distance of at least $(b_t + d)$ beyond the point required by analysis.

R9.7.6.3.2 The distance $(b_t + d)$ beyond the point at which transverse torsional reinforcement is calculated to be no longer required is greater than that used for shear and flexural reinforcement because torsional diagonal tension cracks develop in a helical form. The same distance is required by 9.7.5.3 for longitudinal torsional reinforcement.

9.7.6.3.3 Spacing of transverse torsional reinforcement shall not exceed the lesser of $p_h/8$ and 300 mm.

R9.7.6.3.3 Spacing of the transverse torsional reinforcement is limited to ensure development of the torsional strength of the beam, prevent excessive loss of torsional stiffness after cracking, and control crack widths. For a square cross section, the $p_h/8$ limitation requires stirrups at approximately d/2, which corresponds to 9.7.6.2.

9.7.6.3.4 For hollow sections, the distance from the centerline of the transverse torsional reinforcement to the inside face of the wall of the hollow section shall be at least $0.5A_{oh}/p_h$.

R9.7.6.3.4 The transverse torsional reinforcement in a hollow section should be located in the outer half of the wall thickness effective for torsion where the wall thickness can be taken as A_{oh}/p_h.

9.7.6.4 Lateral support of compression reinforcement

9.7.6.4.1 Transverse reinforcement shall be provided throughout the distance where longitudinal compression reinforcement is required. Lateral support of longitudinal compression reinforcement shall be provided by closed stirrups or hoops in accordance with 9.7.6.4.2 through 9.7.6.4.4.

R9.7.6.4 Lateral support of compression reinforcement

R9.7.6.4.1 Compression reinforcement in beams should be enclosed by transverse reinforcement to prevent buckling.

9.7.6.4.2 Size of transverse reinforcement shall be at least (a) or (b). Deformed wire or welded wire reinforcement of equivalent area shall be permitted.

(a) No. 10 for longitudinal bars No. 32 and smaller
(b) No. 13 for longitudinal bars No. 36 and larger and for longitudinal bundled bars

9.7.6.4.3 Spacing of transverse reinforcement shall not exceed the least of (a) through (c):

(a) $16d_b$ of longitudinal reinforcement

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(b) $48d_b$ of transverse reinforcement

(c) Least dimension of beam

9.7.6.4.4 Longitudinal compression reinforcement shall be arranged such that every corner and alternate compression bar shall be enclosed by the corner of the transverse reinforcement with an included angle of not more than 135 degrees, and no bar shall be farther than 150 mm clear on each side along the transverse reinforcement from such an enclosed bar.

9.7.7 Structural integrity reinforcement in cast-in-place beams

R9.7.7 Structural integrity reinforcement in cast-in-place beams—Experience has shown that the overall integrity of a structure can be substantially enhanced by minor changes in detailing of reinforcement and connections. It is the intent of this section of the Code to improve the redundancy and ductility in structures so that in the event of damage to a major supporting element or an abnormal loading event, the resulting damage may be localized and the structure will have a higher probability of maintaining overall stability.

With damage to a support, top reinforcement that is continuous over the support, but not confined by stirrups, will tend to tear out of the concrete and will not provide the catenary action required to bridge the damaged support. By making a portion of the bottom reinforcement continuous, catenary action can be provided.

If the depth of a continuous beam changes at a support, the bottom reinforcement in the deeper member should be terminated into the support with a standard hook or headed bar and the bottom reinforcement in the shallower member should be extended into and fully developed in the deeper member.

9.7.7.1 For beams along the perimeter of the structure, structural integrity reinforcement shall be in accordance with (a) through (c):

(a) At least one-quarter of the maximum positive moment reinforcement, but not less than two bars or strands, shall be continuous

(b) At least one-sixth of the negative moment reinforcement at the support, but not less than two bars or strands, shall be continuous

(c) Longitudinal structural integrity reinforcement shall be enclosed by closed stirrups in accordance with 25.7.1.6 or hoops along the clear span of the beam

R9.7.7.1 Requiring continuous top and bottom reinforcement in perimeter or spandrel beams provides a continuous tie around the structure. It is not the intent to require a tension tie of continuous reinforcement of constant size around the entire perimeter of a structure, but rather to require that one-half of the top flexural reinforcement required to extend past the point of inflection by 9.7.3.8.4 be further extended and spliced at or near midspan as required by 9.7.7.5. Similarly, the bottom reinforcement required to extend into the support in 9.7.3.8.2 should be made continuous or spliced with bottom reinforcement from the adjacent span. At noncontinuous supports, the longitudinal reinforcement is anchored as required by 9.7.7.4.

Figure R9.7.7.1 shows an example of a two-piece stirrup that satisfies the requirement of Sections 9.7.7.1(c) and 9.7.7.2(b). The 90-degree hook of the cap tie is located on the slab side so that it is better confined. Pairs of U-stirrups lapping one another as defined in 25.7.1.7 are not permitted in perimeter or spandrel beams. In the event of damage to the side concrete cover, the top longitudinal reinforcement may tend to tear out of the concrete and will not be adequately restrained by the exposed lap splice of the stirrup. Thus, the top longitudinal reinforcement will not provide the catenary

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action needed to bridge over a damaged region. Further, lapped U-stirrups will not be effective at high torque as discussed in R9.7.6.3.1.
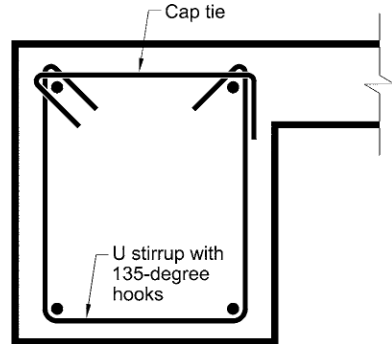

Fig. R9.7.7.1—Example of a two-piece stirrup that complies with the requirements of 9.7.7.1(c) and 9.7.7.2(b).

9.7.7.2 For other than perimeter beams, structural integrity reinforcement shall be in accordance with (a) or (b):

(a) At least one-quarter of the maximum positive moment reinforcement, but not less than two bars or strands, shall be continuous.
(b) Longitudinal reinforcement shall be enclosed by closed stirrups in accordance with 25.7.1.6 or hoops along the clear span of the beam.

9.7.7.3 Longitudinal structural integrity reinforcement shall pass through the region bounded by the longitudinal reinforcement of the column.

9.7.7.4 Longitudinal structural integrity reinforcement at noncontinuous supports shall be anchored to develop f_y at the face of the support.

9.7.7.5 If splices are necessary in continuous structural integrity reinforcement, the reinforcement shall be spliced in accordance with (a) and (b):

(a) Positive moment reinforcement shall be spliced at or near the support
(b) Negative moment reinforcement shall be spliced at or near midspan

9.7.7.6 Splices shall be full mechanical, full welded, or Class B tension lap splices.

9.8—Nonprestressed one-way joist systems
9.8.1 General

R9.7.7.2 At noncontinuous supports, the longitudinal reinforcement is anchored as required by 9.7.7.4.
R9.7.7.1 provides an example of a two-piece stirrup that satisfies 9.7.7.2(b).

R9.7.7.3 In the case of walls providing vertical support, the longitudinal reinforcement should pass through or be anchored in the wall.

R9.8—Nonprestressed one-way joist systems
R9.8.1 General—The empirical limits established for nonprestressed reinforced concrete joist floors are based on successful past performance of joist construction using stan-

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9.8.1.1 Nonprestressed one-way joist construction consists of a monolithic combination of regularly spaced ribs and a top slab designed to span in one direction.

dard joist forming systems. For prestressed joist construction, this section may be used as guide.

9.8.1.2 Width of ribs shall be at least 100 mm at any location along the depth.

9.8.1.3 Overall depth of ribs shall not exceed 3.5 times the minimum width.

9.8.1.4 Clear spacing between ribs shall not exceed 750 mm.

R9.8.1.4 A limit on the maximum spacing of ribs is required because of the provisions permitting higher shear strengths and less concrete cover for the reinforcement for these relatively small, repetitive members.

9.8.1.5 V_c shall be permitted to be taken as 1.1 times the value calculated in 22.5.

R9.8.1.5 This increase in shear strength is justified on the basis of: 1) satisfactory performance of joist construction designed with higher calculated shear strengths specified in previous Codes which allowed comparable shear stresses; and 2) potential for redistribution of local overloads to adjacent joists.

9.8.1.6 For structural integrity, at least one bottom bar in each joist shall be continuous and shall be anchored to develop f_y at the face of supports.

9.8.1.7 Reinforcement perpendicular to the ribs shall be provided in the slab as required for flexure, considering load concentrations, and shall be at least that required for shrinkage and temperature in accordance with 24.4.

9.8.1.8 One-way joist construction not satisfying the limitations of 9.8.1.1 through 9.8.1.4 shall be designed as slabs and beams.

9.8.2 Joist systems with structural fillers

9.8.2.1 If permanent burned clay or concrete tile fillers of material having a unit compressive strength at least equal to f_c' in the joists are used, 9.8.2.1.1 and 9.8.2.1.2 shall apply.

9.8.2.1.1 Slab thickness over fillers shall be at least the greater of one-twelfth the clear distance between ribs and 40 mm.

9.8.2.1.2 For calculation of shear and negative moment strength, it shall be permitted to include the vertical shells of fillers in contact with the ribs. Other portions of fillers shall not be included in strength calculations.

9.8.3 Joist systems with other fillers

9.8.3.1 If fillers not complying with 9.8.2.1 or removable forms are used, slab thickness shall be at least the greater of one-twelfth the clear distance between ribs and 50 mm.

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9.9—Deep beams

9.9.1 General

9.9.1.1 Deep beams are members that are loaded on one face and supported on the opposite face such that strut-like compression elements can develop between the loads and supports and that satisfy (a) or (b):

(a) Clear span does not exceed four times the overall member depth h
(b) Concentrated loads exist within a distance 2h from the face of the support

9.9.1.2 Deep beams shall be designed taking into account nonlinear distribution of longitudinal strain over the depth of the beam.

9.9.1.3 Strut-and-tie models in accordance with Chapter 23 are deemed to satisfy 9.9.1.2.

9.9.2 Dimensional limits

9.9.2.1 Deep beam dimensions shall be selected such that:

$$V_u \le \phi 0.83 \sqrt{f_c'} b_w d \qquad (9.9.2.1)$$

9.9.3 Reinforcement limits

9.9.3.1 Distributed reinforcement along the side faces of deep beams shall be at least that required in (a) and (b):

(a) The area of distributed reinforcement perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the beam, A_v, shall be at least $0.0025 b_w s$, where s is the spacing of the distributed transverse reinforcement.
(b) The area of distributed reinforcement parallel to the longitudinal axis of the beam, A_{vh}, shall be at least $0.0025 b_w s_2$, where s_2 is the spacing of the distributed longitudinal reinforcement.

9.9.3.2 The minimum area of flexural tension reinforcement, $A_{s,min}$, shall be determined in accordance with 9.6.1.

9.9.4 Reinforcement detailing

9.9.4.1 Concrete cover shall be in accordance with 20.6.1.

9.9.4.2 Minimum spacing for longitudinal reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.2.

R9.9—Deep beams

R9.9.1 General

R9.9.1.1 The behavior of deep beams is discussed in Schlaich et al. (1987), Rogowsky and MacGregor (1986), Marti (1985), and Crist (1966). For a deep beam supporting gravity loads, this provision applies if the loads are applied on the top of the beam and the beam is supported on its bottom face. If the loads are applied through the sides or bottom of such a member, strut-and-tie models, as defined in Chapter 23 should be used to design reinforcement to internally transfer the loads to the top of the beam and distribute them to adjacent supports.

R9.9.1.2 The Code does not contain detailed requirements for designing deep beams for moment, except that a nonlinear strain distribution should be considered. Guidance for the design of deep beams for flexure is given in Chow et al. (1953), Portland Cement Association (1946), and Park and Paulay (1975).

R9.9.2 Dimensional limits

R9.9.2.1 This limit imposes a dimensional restriction to control cracking under service loads and to guard against diagonal compression failures in deep beams.

R9.9.3 Reinforcement limits

R9.9.3.1 The minimum reinforcement requirements of this section are to be used irrespective of the method used for design and are intended to control the width and propagation of inclined cracks. Tests (Rogowsky and MacGregor 1986; Marti 1985; Crist 1966) have shown that vertical shear reinforcement, perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the member, is more effective for member shear strength than horizontal shear reinforcement, parallel to the longitudinal axis of the member, in a deep beam; however, the specified minimum reinforcement is the same in both directions to control the growth and width of diagonal cracks.

R9.9.4 Reinforcement detailing

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9.9.4.3 Spacing of distributed reinforcement required in 9.9.3.1 shall not exceed the lesser of d/5 and 300 mm.

9.9.4.4 Development of tension reinforcement shall account for distribution of stress in reinforcement that is not directly proportional to the bending moment.

9.9.4.5 At simple supports, positive moment tension reinforcement shall be anchored to develop f_y at the face of the support. If a deep beam is designed using Chapter 23, the positive moment tension reinforcement shall be anchored in accordance with 23.8.2 and 23.8.3.

9.9.4.6 At interior supports, (a) and (b) shall be satisfied:

(a) Negative moment tension reinforcement shall be continuous with that of the adjacent spans.
(b) Positive moment tension reinforcement shall be continuous or spliced with that of the adjacent spans.

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R9.9.4.4 In deep beams, the stress in the longitudinal reinforcement is more uniform along the length than that of a beam or region that is not deep. High reinforcement stresses normally limited to the center region of a typical beam can extend to the supports in deep beams. Thus, the ends of longitudinal reinforcement may require positive anchorage in the form of standard hooks, bar heads, or other mechanical anchorage at supports.

R9.9.4.5 The use of the strut-and-tie method for the design of deep beams illustrates that tensile forces in the bottom tie reinforcement need to be anchored at the face of the support. From this consideration, tie reinforcement should be continuous or developed at the face of the support (Rogowsky and MacGregor 1986).

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CHAPTER 10—COLUMNS

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10.1—Scope

10.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design of nonprestressed, prestressed, and composite columns, including reinforced concrete pedestals.

10.1.2 Design of plain concrete pedestals shall be in accordance with Chapter 14.

10.2—General

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10.2.1 Materials

10.2.1.1 Design properties for concrete shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 19.

10.2.1.2 Design properties for steel reinforcement and structural steel used in composite columns shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 20.

10.2.1.3 Materials, design, and detailing requirements for embedments in concrete shall be in accordance with 20.7.

10.2.2 Composite columns

R10.2.2 Composite columns

10.2.2.1 If a structural steel shape, pipe, or tubing is used as longitudinal reinforcement, the column shall be designed as a composite column.

R10.2.2.1 Composite columns include both structural steel sections encased in concrete and hollow structural steel sections ¿ lled with concrete. Reference to other metals used for reinforcement has been omitted because they are seldom used in concrete construction.

10.2.3 Connection to other members

10.2.3.1 For cast-in-place construction, beam-column and slab-column joints shall satisfy Chapter 15.

10.2.3.2 For precast construction, connections shall satisfy the force transfer requirements of 16.2.

10.2.3.3 Connections of columns to foundations shall satisfy 16.3.

10.3—Design limits

R10.3—Design limits

10.3.1 Dimensional limits

R10.3.1 Dimensional limits—Explicit minimum sizes for columns are not speci¿ed to permit the use of reinforced concrete columns with small cross sections in lightly loaded structures, such as low-rise residential and light of¿ce buildings. If small cross sections are used, there is a greater need for careful workmanship, and shrinkage stresses have increased signi¿cance.

10.3.1.1 For columns with a square, octagonal, or other shaped cross section, it shall be permitted to base gross area considered, required reinforcement, and design strength on a circular section with a diameter equal to the least lateral dimension of the actual shape.

10.3.1.2 For columns with cross sections larger than required by considerations of loading, it shall be permitted to base gross area considered, required reinforcement, and design strength on a reduced effective area, not less than one-half the total area. This provision shall not apply to

R10.3.1.2 In some cases, the gross area of a column is larger than necessary to resist the factored load. In those cases, the minimum reinforcement percentage may be calculated on the basis of the required area rather than the

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columns in special moment frames or columns not part of the seismic-force-resisting system required to be designed in accordance with Chapter 18.

10.3.1.3 For columns built monolithically with a concrete wall, the outer limits of the effective cross section of the column shall not be taken greater than 40 mm outside the transverse reinforcement.

10.3.1.4 For columns with two or more interlocking spirals, outer limits of the effective cross section shall be taken at a distance outside the spirals equal to the minimum required concrete cover.

10.3.1.5 If a reduced effective area is considered according to 10.3.1.1 through 10.3.1.4, structural analysis and design of other parts of the structure that interact with the column shall be based on the actual cross section.

10.3.1.6 For composite columns with a concrete core encased by structural steel, the thickness of the steel encasement shall be at least (a) or (b):

(a) $b\sqrt{\dfrac{f_y}{3E_s}}$ for each face of width b

(b) $h\sqrt{\dfrac{f_y}{8E_s}}$ for circular sections of diameter h

10.4—Required strength

10.4.1 General

10.4.1.1 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations in Chapter 5.

10.4.1.2 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the analysis procedures in Chapter 6.

10.4.2 Factored axial force and moment

10.4.2.1 P_u and M_u occurring simultaneously for each applicable factored load combination shall be considered.

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provided area, but the area of reinforcement cannot be less than 0.5 percent of the actual cross-sectional area.

R10.3.1.6 Steel-encased concrete sections should have a steel wall thickness large enough to attain the longitudinal yield stress before buckling outward.

R10.4—Required strength

R10.4.2 Factored axial force and moment

R10.4.2.1 The critical load combinations may be difﬁcult to discern without methodically checking each combination. As illustrated in Fig. R10.4.2.1, considering only the factored load combinations associated with maximum axial force (LC1) and with maximum bending moment (LC2) does not necessarily provide a code-compliant design for other load combinations such as LC3.
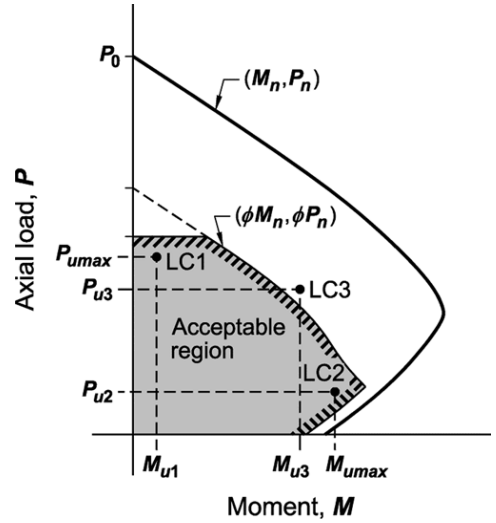
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Fig. R10.4.2.1—Critical column load combination.

10.5—Design strength

10.5.1 General

10.5.1.1 For each applicable factored load combination, design strength at all sections shall satisfy $\phi S_n \geq U$, including (a) through (d). Interaction between load effects shall be considered:

(a) $\phi P_n \geq P_u$
(b) $\phi M_n \geq M_u$
(c) $\phi V_n \geq V_u$
(d) $\phi T_n \geq T_u$

10.5.1.2 ϕ shall be determined in accordance with 21.2.

10.5.2 Axial force and moment

10.5.2.1 P_n and M_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.4.

10.5.2.2 For composite columns, forces shall be transferred between the steel section and concrete by direct bearing, shear connectors, or bond in accordance to the axial strength assigned to each component.

R10.5—Design strength

R10.5.1 General

R10.5.1.1 Refer to R9.5.1.1.

R10.5.2 Axial force and moment

R10.5.2.2 AISC design speci¿cation (AISC 360-10) provides guidance regarding the calculation of force transfer capacity in composite columns.

While bond can be considered as a force transfer mechanism, it may not be appropriate for certain cases. For example, bond is typically considered for the strength of concrete-¿lled composite columns. However, AISC 360-10 does not permit bond to be considered for concrete-encased steel columns and does not permit bond to be combined with other transfer mechanisms.

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10.5.3 Shear

10.5.3.1 V_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.5.

10.5.4 Torsion

10.5.4.1 If $T_u \geq \phi T_{th}$, where T_{th} is given in 22.7, torsion shall be considered in accordance with Chapter 9.

R10.5.4 Torsion—Torsion acting on columns in buildings is typically negligible and is rarely a governing factor in the design of columns.

10.6—Reinforcement limits

10.6.1 Minimum and maximum longitudinal reinforcement

10.6.1.1 For nonprestressed columns and for prestressed columns with average $f_{pe} < 1.6$ MPa, area of longitudinal reinforcement shall be at least $0.01A_g$ but shall not exceed $0.08A_g$.

R10.6—Reinforcement limits

R10.6.1 Minimum and maximum longitudinal reinforcement

R10.6.1.1 Limits are provided for both the minimum and maximum longitudinal reinforcement ratios.

Minimum reinforcement—Reinforcement is necessary to provide resistance to bending, which may exist regardless of analytical results, and to reduce the effects of creep and shrinkage of the concrete under sustained compressive stresses. Creep and shrinkage tend to transfer load from the concrete to the reinforcement, and the resultant increase in reinforcement stress becomes greater as the reinforcement ratio decreases. Therefore, a minimum limit is placed on the reinforcement ratio to prevent reinforcement from yielding under sustained service loads (Richart 1933).

Maximum reinforcement—The amount of longitudinal reinforcement is limited to ensure that concrete can be effectively consolidated around the bars and to ensure that columns designed according to the Code are similar to the test specimens by which the Code was calibrated. The 0.08 limit applies at all sections, including splice regions, and can also be considered a practical maximum for longitudinal reinforcement in terms of economy and requirements for placing. Longitudinal reinforcement in columns should usually not exceed 4 percent if the column bars are required to be lap spliced, as the lap splice zone will have twice as much reinforcement if all lap splices occur at the same location.

10.6.1.2 For composite columns with a structural steel core, area of longitudinal bars located within the transverse reinforcement shall be at least $0.01(A_g - A_{sx})$, but shall not exceed $0.08(A_g - A_{sx})$.

R10.6.1.2 Longitudinal and transverse reinforcement is necessary to prevent spalling and ensure that concrete outside the structural steel core behaves as reinforced concrete. Limitations on longitudinal reinforcement are necessary for the reasons described in R10.6.1.1. Transverse reinforcement requirements are provided in 10.7.6.1.4.

For composite columns with a concrete core encased by structural steel, reinforcing bars are not required. The minimum steel wall thickness of 10.3.1.6 inherently provides adequate minimum reinforcement.

10.6.2 Minimum shear reinforcement

10.6.2.1 A minimum area of shear reinforcement, $A_{v,min}$, shall be provided in all regions where $V_u > 0.5\phi V_c$.

R10.6.2 Minimum shear reinforcement

R10.6.2.1 The basis for the minimum shear reinforcement is the same for columns and beams. Refer to R9.6.3 for more information.

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10.6.2.2 If shear reinforcement is required, $A_{v,min}$ shall be the greater of (a) and (b):

(a) $0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$

(b) $0.35\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$

10.7—Reinforcement detailing

10.7.1 General

10.7.1.1 Concrete cover for reinforcement shall be in accordance with 20.6.1.

10.7.1.2 Development lengths of deformed and prestressed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.4.

10.7.1.3 Bundled bars shall be in accordance with 25.6.

10.7.2 Reinforcement spacing

10.7.2.1 Minimum spacing s shall be in accordance with 25.2.

10.7.3 Longitudinal reinforcement

10.7.3.1 For nonprestressed columns and for prestressed columns with average $f_{pe} < 1.6$ MPa, the minimum number of longitudinal bars shall be (a), (b), or (c):

(a) Three within triangular ties
(b) Four within rectangular or circular ties
(c) Six enclosed by spirals or for columns of special moment frames enclosed by circular hoops

10.7.3.2 For composite columns with structural steel cores, a longitudinal bar shall be located at every corner of a rectangular cross section, with other longitudinal bars spaced not farther apart than one-half the least side dimension of the composite column.

10.7.4 Offset bent longitudinal reinforcement

10.7.4.1 The slope of the inclined portion of an offset bent longitudinal bar relative to the longitudinal axis of the column shall not exceed 1 in 6. Portions of bar above and below an offset shall be parallel to axis of column.

10.7.4.2 If the column face is offset 75 mm or more, longitudinal bars shall not be offset bent and separate dowels,

R10.7—Reinforcement detailing

R10.7.3 Longitudinal reinforcement

R10.7.3.1 At least four longitudinal bars are required when bars are enclosed by rectangular or circular ties. For other tie shapes, one bar should be provided at each apex or corner and proper transverse reinforcement provided. For example, tied triangular columns require at least three longitudinal bars, with one at each apex of the triangular ties. For bars enclosed by spirals, at least six bars are required.

If the number of bars in a circular arrangement is less than eight, the orientation of the bars may significantly affect the moment strength of eccentrically loaded columns and should be considered in design.

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lap spliced with the longitudinal bars adjacent to the offset column faces, shall be provided.

10.7.5 Splices of longitudinal reinforcement

10.7.5.1 *General*

10.7.5.1.1 Lap splices, mechanical splices, butt-welded splices, and end-bearing splices shall be permitted.

10.7.5.1.2 Splices shall satisfy requirements for all factored load combinations.

10.7.5.1.3 Splices of deformed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.5 and shall satisfy the requirements of 10.7.5.2 for lap splices or 10.7.5.3 for end-bearing splices.

10.7.5.2 *Lap splices*

R10.7.5 Splices of longitudinal reinforcement

R10.7.5.1 *General*

R10.7.5.1.2 Frequently, the basic gravity load combination will govern the design of the column itself, but a load combination including wind or earthquake effects may induce greater tension in some column bars. Each bar splice should be designed for the maximum calculated bar tensile force.

R10.7.5.1.3 For the purpose of calculating ℓ_d for tension lap splices in columns with offset bars, Fig. R10.7.5.1.3 illustrates the clear spacing to be used.
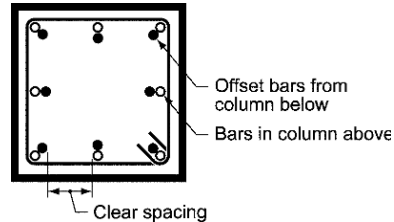

Fig. R10.7.5.1.3—Offset column bars.

R10.7.5.2 *Lap splices*—In columns subject to moment and axial force, tensile stresses may occur on one face of the column for moderate and large eccentricities as shown in Fig. R10.7.5.2. If such stresses occur, 10.7.5.2.2 requires tension splices to be used.

The splice requirements have been formulated on the basis that a compression lap splice has a tensile strength of at least $0.25f_y$. Therefore, even if columns bars are designed for compression according to 10.7.5.2.1, some tensile strength is inherently provided.

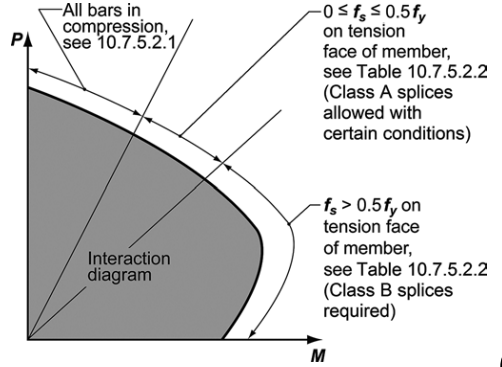CODE   COMMENTARY

Fig. R10.7.5.2—Lap splice requirements for columns.

10.7.5.2.1 If the bar force due to factored loads is compressive, compression lap splices shall be permitted. It shall be permitted to decrease the compression lap splice length in accordance with (a) or (b), but the lap splice length shall be at least 300 mm.

(a) For tied columns, where ties throughout the lap splice length have an effective area not less than 0.0015hs in both directions, lap splice length shall be permitted to be multiplied by 0.83. Tie legs perpendicular to dimension h shall be considered in calculating effective area.

(b) For spiral columns, where spirals throughout the lap splice length satisfy 25.7.3, lap splice length shall be permitted to be multiplied by 0.75.

R10.7.5.2.1 Reduced lap lengths are permitted if the splice is enclosed throughout its length by sufﬁcient ties. The tie leg areas perpendicular to each direction are calculated separately. An example is provided in Fig. R10.7.5.2.1, where four legs are effective in one direction and two legs in the other direction.

Compression lap lengths may also be reduced if the lap splice is enclosed throughout its length by spirals due to increased splitting resistance.
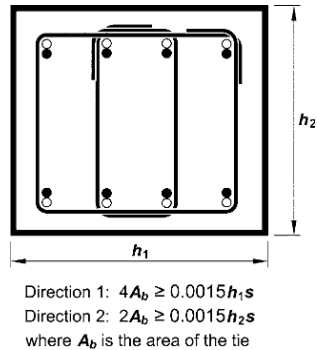

Direction 1: $4A_b \geq 0.0015h_1s$
Direction 2: $2A_b \geq 0.0015h_2s$
where A_b is the area of the tie

Fig. R10.7.5.2.1—Example of application of 10.7.5.2.1(a).

10.7.5.2.2 If the bar force due to factored loads is tensile, tension lap splices shall be in accordance with Table 10.7.5.2.2.

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Table 10.7.5.2.2—Tension lap splice class

Tensile bar stress	Splice details		Splice type
≤ 0.5f_y	≤ 50% bars spliced at any section and lap splices on adjacent bars staggered by at least ℓ_d		Class A
	Other		Class B
> 0.5f_y	All cases		Class B

10.7.5.3 End-bearing splices

10.7.5.3.1 If the bar force due to factored loads is compressive, end-bearing splices shall be permitted provided the splices are staggered or additional bars are provided at splice locations. The continuing bars in each face of the column shall have a tensile strength at least 0.25f_y times the area of the vertical reinforcement along that face.

10.7.5.3.2 For composite columns, ends of structural steel cores shall be accurately ¿nished to bear at end-bearing splices, with positive provision for alignment of one core above the other in concentric contact. Bearing shall be considered effective to transfer not greater than 50 percent of the total compressive force in the steel core.

10.7.6 Transverse reinforcement

10.7.6.1 General

10.7.6.1.1 Transverse reinforcement shall satisfy the most restrictive requirements for reinforcement spacing.

10.7.6.1.2 Details of transverse reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.7.2 for ties, 25.7.3 for spirals, or 25.7.4 for hoops.

10.7.6.1.3 For prestressed columns with average $f_{pe} \geq$ 1.6 MPa, transverse ties or hoops need not satisfy the 16d_b spacing requirement of 25.7.2.1.

10.7.6.1.4 For composite columns with a structural steel core, transverse ties or hoops shall have a minimum d_b of 0.02 times the greater side dimension of the composite column, but shall be at least No. 10 and need not be larger than No. 16. Spacing shall satisfy 25.7.2.1, but not exceed 0.5 times the least dimension of the composite column. Deformed wire or welded wire reinforcement of equivalent area shall be permitted.

10.7.6.1.5 Longitudinal reinforcement shall be laterally supported using ties or hoops in accordance with 10.7.6.2 or spirals in accordance with 10.7.6.3, unless tests and struc-

R10.7.5.3 End-bearing splices

R10.7.5.3.1 Details for end-bearing splices are provided in 25.5.6.

R10.7.5.3.2 The 50 percent limit on transfer of compressive load by end-bearing on ends of structural steel cores is intended to provide some level of tensile strength at such splices, up to 50 percent, because the remainder of the total compressive load in the steel core is to be transmitted by splice plates, welds, or other mechanisms. This provision is intended to ensure that splices in composite columns meet essentially the same tensile strength requirements as conventionally reinforced concrete columns.

R10.7.6 Transverse reinforcement

R10.7.6.1 General

R10.7.6.1.4 Research (Tikka and Mirza 2006) has shown that the required amount of tie reinforcement around the structural steel core is suf¿cient for the longitudinal bars to be included in the Àexural stiffness of the composite column as permitted by 6.2.5.2 and 6.6.4.4.5.

R10.7.6.1.5 All longitudinal bars in compression should be enclosed within transverse reinforcement. Where longitudinal bars are arranged in a circular pattern, only one circular tie per speci¿ed spacing is required. This requirement can

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tural analyses demonstrate adequate strength and feasibility of construction.

be satis¿ed by a continuous circular tie (helix), with the maximum pitch being equal to the required tie spacing.

It is prudent to provide a set of ties at each end of lap spliced bars, above and below end-bearing splices, and at minimum spacings immediately below sloping regions of offset bent bars.

Precast columns with cover less than 40 mm, prestressed columns without longitudinal bars, columns of concrete with small size coarse aggregate, wall-like columns, and other unusual columns may require special designs for transverse reinforcement.

10.7.6.1.6 If anchor bolts are placed in the top of a column or pedestal, the bolts shall be enclosed by transverse reinforcement that also surrounds at least four longitudinal bars within the column or pedestal. The transverse reinforcement shall be distributed within 125 mm of the top of the column or pedestal and shall consist of at least two No. 13 or three No. 10 bars.

R10.7.6.1.6 Con¿nement improves load transfer from the anchor bolts to the column or pier where concrete cracks in the vicinity of the bolts. Such cracking can occur due to unanticipated forces caused by temperature, restrained shrinkage, and similar effects.

10.7.6.2 Lateral support of longitudinal bars using ties or hoops

R10.7.6.2 Lateral support of longitudinal bars using ties or hoops

10.7.6.2.1 In any story, the bottom tie or hoop shall be located not more than one-half the tie or hoop spacing above the top of footing or slab.

10.7.6.2.2 In any story, the top tie or hoop shall be located not more than one-half the tie or hoop spacing below the lowest horizontal reinforcement in the slab, drop panel, or shear cap. If beams or brackets frame into all sides of the column, the top tie or hoop shall be located not more than 75 mm below the lowest horizontal reinforcement in the shallowest beam or bracket.

R10.7.6.2.2 For rectangular columns, beams or brackets framing into all four sides at the same elevation are considered to provide restraint over a joint depth equal to that of the shallowest beam or bracket. For columns with other shapes, four beams framing into the column from two orthogonal directions are considered to provide equivalent restraint.

10.7.6.3 Lateral support of longitudinal bars using spirals

R10.7.6.3 Lateral support of longitudinal bars using spirals

10.7.6.3.1 In any story, the bottom of the spiral shall be located at the top of footing or slab.

10.7.6.3.2 In any story, the top of the spiral shall be located in accordance with Table 10.7.6.3.2.

R10.7.6.3.2 Refer to R10.7.6.2.2.

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Table 10.7.6.3.2 —Spiral extension requirements at top of column

Framing at column end	Extension requirements
Beams or brackets frame into all sides of the column	Extend to the level of the lowest horizontal reinforcement in members supported above.
Beams or brackets do not frame into all sides of the column	Extend to the level of the lowest horizontal reinforcement in members supported above. Additional column ties shall extend above termination of spiral to bottom of slab, drop panel, or shear cap.
Columns with capitals	Extend to the level at which the diameter or width of capital is twice that of the column.

10.7.6.4 Lateral support of offset bent longitudinal bars

10.7.6.4.1 Where longitudinal bars are offset, horizontal support shall be provided by ties, hoops, spirals, or parts of the floor construction and shall be designed to resist 1.5 times the horizontal component of the calculated force in the inclined portion of the offset bar.

10.7.6.4.2 If transverse reinforcement is provided to resist forces that result from offset bends, ties, hoops, or spirals shall be placed not more than 150 mm from points of bend.

10.7.6.5 Shear

10.7.6.5.1 If required, shear reinforcement shall be provided using ties, hoops, or spirals.

10.7.6.5.2 Maximum spacing of shear reinforcement shall be in accordance with Table 10.7.6.5.2.

Table 10.7.6.5.2—Maximum spacing of shear reinforcement

V_s		Maximum s, mm	
		Nonprestressed column	Prestressed column
$\leq 0.33\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$	Lesser of:	d/2	3h/4
		600	
$> 0.33\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$	Lesser of:	d/4	3h/8
		300	

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11.1—Scope

11.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design of nonprestressed and prestressed walls including (a) through (c):

(a) Cast-in-place
(b) Precast in-plant
(c) Precast on-site including tilt-up

11.1.2 Design of special structural walls shall be in accordance with Chapter 18.

R11.1—Scope

R11.1.1 This chapter applies generally to walls as vertical and lateral force-resisting members. Provisions for in-plane shear in ordinary structural walls, as opposed to special structural walls conforming to 18.10, are included in this chapter.

R11.1.2 Special structural walls are detailed according to the provisions of 18.10. This Code uses the term "structural wall" as being synonymous with "shear wall." While the term "shear wall" is not de¿ned in this Code, the de¿nition of a structural wall in Chapter 2 states "a shear wall is a structural wall."

ASCE 7 de¿nes a structural wall as a wall that meets the de¿nition for a bearing wall or a shear wall. A bearing wall is de¿ned as a wall that supports vertical load beyond a certain threshold value. A shear wall is de¿ned as a wall, bearing or nonbearing, designed to resist lateral forces acting in the plane of the wall. ASCE 7 de¿nitions are widely accepted.

11.1.3 Design of plain concrete walls shall be in accordance with Chapter 14.

11.1.4 Design of cantilever retaining walls shall be in accordance with 22.2 through 22.4, with minimum horizontal reinforcement in accordance with 11.6.

11.1.5 Design of walls as grade beams shall be in accordance with 13.3.5.

11.2—General

11.2.1 Materials

11.2.1.1 Design properties for concrete shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 19.

11.2.1.2 Design properties for steel reinforcement shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 20.

11.2.1.3 Materials, design, and detailing requirements for embedments in concrete shall be in accordance with 20.7.

11.2.2 Connection to other members

11.2.2.1 For precast walls, connections shall be designed in accordance with 16.2.

11.2.2.2 Connections of walls to foundations shall satisfy 16.3.

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11.2.3 Load distribution

11.2.3.1 Unless otherwise demonstrated by an analysis, the horizontal length of wall considered as effective for resisting each concentrated load shall not exceed the lesser of the center-to-center distance between loads, and the bearing width plus four times the wall thickness. Effective horizontal length for bearing shall not extend beyond vertical wall joints unless design provides for transfer of forces across the joints.

11.2.4 Intersecting elements

11.2.4.1 Walls shall be anchored to intersecting elements, such as Àoors and roofs; columns, pilasters, buttresses, or intersecting walls; and to footings.

R11.2.4 Intersecting elements

R11.2.4.1 Walls that do not depend on intersecting elements for support, do not have to be connected to those elements. It is not uncommon to separate massive retaining walls from intersecting walls to accommodate differences in deformations.

11.3—Design limits
11.3.1 Minimum wall thickness

11.3.1.1 Minimum wall thicknesses shall be in accordance with Table 11.3.1.1. Thinner walls are permitted if adequate strength and stability can be demonstrated by structural analysis.

R11.3—Design limits
R11.3.1 Minimum wall thickness

R11.3.1.1 The minimum thickness requirements need not be applied to bearing walls and exterior basement and foundation walls designed by 11.5.2 or analyzed by 11.8.

Table 11.3.1.1—Minimum wall thickness h

Wall type		Minimum thickness h	
Bearing[1]	Greater of:	100 mm	(a)
		1/25 the lesser of unsupported length and unsupported height	(b)
Nonbearing	Greater of:	100 mm	(c)
		1/30 the lesser of unsupported length and unsupported height	(d)
Exterior basement and foundation[1]		190 mm	(e)

[1]Only applies to walls designed in accordance with the simpli¿ed design method of 11.5.3.

11.4—Required strength
11.4.1 General

11.4.1.1 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations in Chapter 5.

11.4.1.2 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the analysis procedures in Chapter 6.

11.4.1.3 Slenderness effects shall be calculated in accordance with 6.6.4, 6.7, or 6.8. Alternatively, out-of-plane slenderness analysis shall be permitted using 11.8 for walls meeting the requirements of that section.

R11.4—Required strength
R11.4.1 General

R11.4.1.3 The forces typically acting on a wall are illustrated in Fig. R11.4.1.3.

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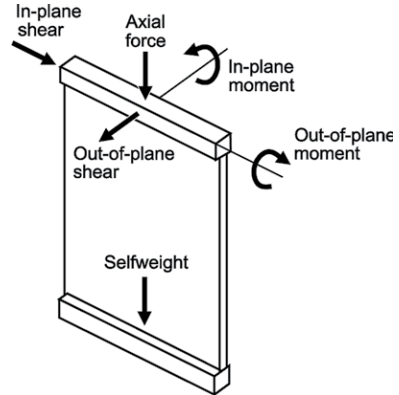

Fig. R11.4.1.3—In-plane and out-of-plane forces.

11.4.1.4 Walls shall be designed for eccentric axial loads and any lateral or other loads to which they are subjected.

11.4.2 Factored axial force and moment

11.4.2.1 Walls shall be designed for the maximum factored moment M_u that can accompany the factored axial force for each applicable load combination. The factored axial force P_u at given eccentricity shall not exceed $\phi P_{n,max}$, where $P_{n,max}$ shall be as given in 22.4.2.1 and strength reduction factor ϕ shall be that for compression-controlled sections in 21.2.2. The maximum factored moment M_u shall be magnified for slenderness effects in accordance with 6.6.4, 6.7, or 6.8.

11.4.3 Factored shear

11.4.3.1 Walls shall be designed for the maximum in-plane V_u and out-of-plane V_u.

11.5—Design strength   R11.5—Design strength
11.5.1 General

11.5.1.1 For each applicable factored load combination, design strength at all sections shall satisfy $\phi S_n \geq U$, including (a) through (c). Interaction between axial load and moment shall be considered.

(a) $\phi P_n \geq P_u$
(b) $\phi M_n \geq M_u$
(c) $\phi V_n \geq V_u$

11.5.1.2 ϕ shall be determined in accordance with 21.2.

11.5.2 Axial load and in-plane or out-of-plane flexure   R11.5.2 Axial load and in-plane or out-of-plane flexure

11.5.2.1 For bearing walls, P_n and M_n (in-plane or out-of-plane) shall be calculated in accordance with 22.4. Alterna-

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tively, axial load and out-of-plane flexure shall be permitted to be considered in accordance with 11.5.3.

11.5.2.2 For nonbearing walls, M_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.3.

11.5.3 *Axial load and out-of-plane flexure – simplified design method*

11.5.3.1 If the resultant of all factored loads is located within the middle third of the thickness of a solid wall with a rectangular cross section, P_n shall be permitted to be calculated by:

$$P_n = 0.55 f_c' A_g \left[1 - \left(\frac{k\ell_c}{32h} \right)^2 \right] \qquad (11.5.3.1)$$

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R11.5.2.2 Nonbearing walls, by definition, are not subject to any significant axial force; therefore, flexural strength is not a function of axial force.

R11.5.3 *Axial load and out-of-plane flexure – simplified design method*

R11.5.3.1 The simplified design method applies only to solid rectangular cross sections; all other shapes should be designed in accordance with 11.5.2.

Eccentric axial loads and moments due to out-of-plane forces are used to determine the maximum total eccentricity of the factored axial force P_u. When the resultant axial force for all applicable load combinations falls within the middle third of the wall thickness (eccentricity not greater than $h/6$) at all sections along the length of the undeformed wall, no tension is induced in the wall and the simplified design method may be used. The design is then carried out considering P_u as a concentric axial force. The factored axial force P_u should be less than or equal to the design axial strength ϕP_n calculated using Eq. (11.5.3.1).

Equation (11.5.3.1) results in strengths comparable to those determined in accordance with 11.5.2 for members loaded at the middle third of the thickness with different braced and restrained end conditions. Refer to Fig. R11.5.3.1.
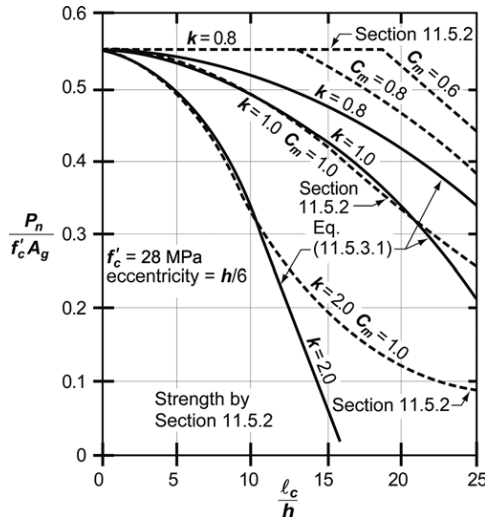

Fig. R11.5.3.1—Simplified design of walls, Eq. (11.5.3.1) versus 11.5.2.

11.5.3.2 Effective length factor k for use with Eq. (11.5.3.1) shall be in accordance with Table 11.5.3.2.

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Table 11.5.3.2—Effective length factor k for walls

Boundary conditions	k
Walls braced top and bottom against lateral translation and:	
(a) Restrained against rotation at one or both ends (top, bottom, or both)	0.8
(b) Unrestrained against rotation at both ends	1.0
Walls not braced against lateral translation	2.0

11.5.3.3 P_n from Eq. (11.5.3.1) shall be reduced by ϕ for compression-controlled sections in 21.2.2.

11.5.3.4 Wall reinforcement shall be at least that required by 11.6.

11.5.4 In-plane shear

11.5.4.1 V_n shall be calculated in accordance with 11.5.4.2 through 11.5.4.8. Alternatively, for walls with $h_w \leq 2\ell_w$, it shall be permitted to design for in-plane shear in accordance with the strut-and-tie method of Chapter 23. In all cases, reinforcement shall satisfy the limits of 11.6, 11.7.2, and 11.7.3.

11.5.4.2 For in-plane shear design, h is thickness of wall and d shall be taken equal to $0.8\ell_w$. A larger value of d, equal to the distance from extreme compression fiber to center of force of all reinforcement in tension, shall be permitted if the center of tension is calculated by a strain compatibility analysis.

11.5.4.3 V_n at any horizontal section shall not exceed $0.83\sqrt{f_c'}hd$.

11.5.4.4 V_n shall be calculated by:

$$V_n = V_c + V_s \qquad (11.5.4.4)$$

11.5.4.5 Unless a more detailed calculation is made in accordance with 11.5.4.6, V_c shall not exceed $0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}hd$ for walls subject to axial compression or exceed the value given in 22.5.7 for walls subject to axial tension.

11.5.4.6 It shall be permitted to calculate V_c in accordance with Table 11.5.4.6, where N_u is positive for compression and negative for tension, and the quantity N_u/A_g is expressed in MPa.

R11.5.4 In-plane shear

R11.5.4.1 Shear in the plane of the wall is primarily of importance for structural walls with a small height-to-length ratio. The design of taller walls, particularly walls with uniformly distributed reinforcement, will likely be controlled by flexural considerations. Possible exceptions may occur in tall structural walls subject to strong earthquake excitation.

R11.5.4.3 This limit is imposed to guard against diagonal compression failure in shear walls.

R11.5.4.6 Expressions (a) through (e) in Table 11.5.4.6 may be used to determine V_c at any section through a shear wall. Expression (d) corresponds to the occurrence of web shear cracking at a principal tensile stress of approximately $0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ at the centroid of the shear wall cross section. Expression (e) corresponds approximately to the occurrence of flexure-shear cracking at a flexural tensile stress of $0.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ at a section $\ell_w/2$ above the section being investigated. As the term $(M_u/V_u - \ell_w/2)$ decreases, (d) will control; (d) should be used even when this term becomes negative.

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Table 11.5.4.6—V_c: nonprestressed and prestressed walls

Calculation option	Axial force		V_c	
Simplified	Compression		$0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}hd$	(a)
	Tension	Greater of:	$\left(0.17 + \dfrac{0.29N_u}{A_g}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}hd$	(b)
			0	(c)
Detailed	Tension or compression	Lesser of:	$0.27\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}hd + \dfrac{N_u d}{4\ell_w}$	(d)
			$\left[0.05\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \dfrac{\ell_w\left(0.1\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 0.2\dfrac{N_u}{\ell_w h}\right)}{\dfrac{M_u}{V_u} - \dfrac{\ell_w}{2}}\right]hd$	(e)
			Equation shall not apply if $(M_u/V_u - \ell_w/2)$ is negative.	

11.5.4.7 Sections located closer to wall base than a distance $\ell_w/2$ or one-half the wall height, whichever is less, shall be permitted to be designed for V_c calculated using the detailed calculation options in Table 11.5.4.6 at a distance above the base of $\ell_w/2$ or one-half the wall height, whichever is less.

R11.5.4.7 The values of V_c calculated from (d) and (e) in Table 11.5.4.6 at a section located a distance above the base of $\ell_w/2$ or $h_w/2$, whichever is lesser, apply to that section and all sections between it and the base. However, the maximum factored shear force V_u at any section, including the base of the wall, is limited to the upper bound on V_n in accordance with 11.5.4.3.

11.5.4.8 V_s shall be provided by transverse shear reinforcement and shall be calculated by:

$$V_s = \frac{A_v f_{yt} d}{s} \qquad (11.5.4.8)$$

R11.5.4.8 Equation (11.5.4.8) is presented in terms of shear strength V_s provided by the horizontal shear reinforcement for direct application in 11.5.4.4.

Vertical shear reinforcement should also be provided in accordance with 11.6 and the spacing limitation of 11.7.2.

11.5.5 Out-of-plane shear

11.5.5.1 V_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.5.

11.6—Reinforcement limits

11.6.1 If in-plane $V_u \leq 0.5\phi V_c$, minimum ρ_ℓ and minimum ρ_t shall be in accordance with Table 11.6.1. These limits need not be satisfied if adequate strength and stability can be demonstrated by structural analysis.

R11.6—Reinforcement limits

R11.6.1 Both horizontal and vertical shear reinforcement are required for all walls. The distributed reinforcement is identified as being oriented parallel to either the longitudinal or transverse axis of the wall. Therefore, for vertical wall segments, the notation used to describe the horizontal distributed reinforcement ratio is ρ_t, and the notation used to describe the vertical distributed reinforcement ratio is ρ_ℓ.

Transverse reinforcement is not required in precast, prestressed walls equal to or less than 3.7 m in width because this width is less than that in which shrinkage and temperature stresses can build up to a magnitude requiring transverse reinforcement. In addition, much of the shrinkage occurs before the members are connected into the structure. Once in the final structure, the members are usually not as rigidly connected transversely as monolithic concrete; thus, the transverse restraint stresses due to both shrinkage and temperature change are significantly reduced.

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The minimum area of wall reinforcement for precast walls has been used for many years and is recommended by the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI MNL-120) and the Canadian Concrete Design Standard (2009). Reduced minimum reinforcement and greater spacings in 11.7.2.2 are allowed recognizing that precast wall panels have very little restraint at their edges during early stages of curing and develop less shrinkage stress than comparable cast-in-place walls.

Table 11.6.1—Minimum reinforcement for walls with in-plane $V_u \leq 0.5\phi V_c$

Wall type	Type of nonprestressed reinforcement	Bar/wire size	f_y, MPa	Minimum longitudinal[1], ρ_ℓ	Minimum transverse, ρ_t
Cast-in-place	Deformed bars	≤ No. 16	≥ 420	0.0012	0.0020
			< 420	0.0015	0.0025
		> No. 16	Any	0.0015	0.0025
	Welded-wire reinforcement	≤ MW200 or MD200	Any	0.0012	0.0020
Precast[2]	Deformed bars or welded-wire reinforcement	Any	Any	0.0010	0.0010

[1]Prestressed walls with an average effective compressive stress of at least 1.6 MPa need not meet the requirement for minimum longitudinal reinforcement ρ_ℓ

[2]In one-way precast, prestressed walls not wider than 3.7 m and not mechanically connected to cause restraint in the transverse direction, the minimum reinforcement requirement in the direction normal to the flexural reinforcement need not be satisfied.

11.6.2 If in-plane $V_u \geq 0.5\phi V_c$, (a) and (b) shall be satisfied:

(a) ρ_ℓ shall be at least the greater of the value calculated by Eq. (11.6.2) and 0.0025, but need not exceed ρ_t in accordance with Table 11.6.1.

$$\rho_\ell \geq 0.0025 + 0.5(2.5 - h_w/\ell_w)(\rho_t - 0.0025) \quad (11.6.2)$$

(b) ρ_t shall be at least 0.0025

R11.6.2 For monotonically loaded walls with low height-to-length ratios, test data (Barda et al. 1977) indicate that horizontal shear reinforcement becomes less effective for shear resistance than vertical reinforcement. This change in effectiveness of the horizontal versus vertical reinforcement is recognized in Eq. (11.6.2); if h_w/ℓ_w is less than 0.5, the amount of vertical reinforcement is equal to the amount of horizontal reinforcement. If h_w/ℓ_w is greater than 2.5, only a minimum amount of vertical reinforcement is required (0.0025sh).

11.7—Reinforcement detailing

11.7.1 General

11.7.1.1 Concrete cover for reinforcement shall be in accordance with 20.6.1.

11.7.1.2 Development lengths of deformed and prestressed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.4.

11.7.1.3 Splice lengths of deformed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.5.

11.7.2 Spacing of longitudinal reinforcement

11.7.2.1 Spacing s of longitudinal bars in cast-in-place walls shall not exceed the lesser of 3h and 450 mm. If shear

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reinforcement is required for in-plane strength, spacing of longitudinal reinforcement shall not exceed $\ell_w/3$.

11.7.2.2 Spacing s of longitudinal bars in precast walls shall not exceed the lesser of (a) and (b):

(a) 5h
(b) 450 mm for exterior walls or 750 mm for interior walls

If shear reinforcement is required for in-plane strength, s shall not exceed the smallest of 3h, 450 mm, and $\ell_w/3$.

11.7.2.3 For walls with h greater than 250 mm, except basement walls and cantilever retaining walls, distributed reinforcement for each direction shall be placed in two layers parallel with wall faces in accordance with (a) and (b):

(a) One layer consisting of at least one-half and not exceeding two-thirds of total reinforcement required for each direction shall be placed at least 50 mm, but not exceeding h/3, from the exterior surface.
(b) The other layer consisting of the balance of required reinforcement in that direction, shall be placed at least 20 mm, but not greater than h/3, from the interior surface.

11.7.2.4 Flexural tension reinforcement shall be well distributed and placed as close as practicable to the tension face.

11.7.3 Spacing of transverse reinforcement

11.7.3.1 Spacing s of transverse reinforcement in cast-in-place walls shall not exceed the lesser of 3h and 450 mm. If shear reinforcement is required for in-plane strength, s shall not exceed $\ell_w/5$.

11.7.3.2 Spacing s of transverse bars in precast walls shall not exceed the lesser of (a) and (b):

(a) 5h
(b) 450 mm for exterior walls or 750 mm for interior walls

If shear reinforcement is required for in-plane strength, s shall not exceed the least of 3h, 450 mm, and $\ell_w/5$

11.7.4 Lateral support of longitudinal reinforcement

11.7.4.1 If longitudinal reinforcement is required for axial strength or if A_{st} exceeds $0.01A_g$, longitudinal reinforcement shall be laterally supported by transverse ties.

11.7.5 Reinforcement around openings

11.7.5.1 In addition to the minimum reinforcement required by 11.6, at least two No. 16 bars in walls having two layers of reinforcement in both directions and one No. 16 bar

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in walls having a single layer of reinforcement in both directions shall be provided around window, door, and similarly sized openings. Such bars shall be anchored to develop f_y in tension at the corners of the openings.

11.8—Alternative method for out-of-plane slender wall analysis
11.8.1 General

11.8.1.1 It shall be permitted to analyze out-of-plane slenderness effects in accordance with this section for walls satisfying (a) through (e):

(a) Cross section is constant over the height of the wall
(b) Wall is tension-controlled for out-of-plane moment effect
(c) ϕM_n is at least M_{cr}, where M_{cr} is calculated using f_r as provided in 19.2.3
(d) P_u at the midheight section does not exceed $0.06f_c'A_g$
(e) Calculated out-of-plane deflection due to service loads, Δ_s, including $P\Delta$ effects, does not exceed $\ell_c/150$

11.8.2 Modeling

11.8.2.1 The wall shall be analyzed as a simply supported, axially loaded member subject to an out-of-plane uniformly distributed lateral load, with maximum moments and deflections occurring at midheight.

11.8.2.2 Concentrated gravity loads applied to the wall above any section shall be assumed to be distributed over a width equal to the bearing width, plus a width on each side that increases at a slope of 2 vertical to 1 horizontal, but not extending beyond (a) or (b):

(a) The spacing of the concentrated loads
(b) The edges of the wall panel

11.8.3 Factored moment

11.8.3.1 M_u at midheight of wall due to combined flexure and axial loads shall include the effects of wall deflection in accordance with (a) or (b):

(a) By iterative calculation using

$$M_u = M_{ua} + P_u\Delta_u \qquad (11.8.3.1a)$$

where M_{ua} is the maximum factored moment at midheight of wall due to lateral and eccentric vertical loads, not including $P\Delta$ effects.
Δ_u shall be calculated by:

$$\Delta_u = \frac{5M_u \ell_c^2}{(0.75)48E_cI_{cr}} \qquad (11.8.3.1b)$$

R11.8—Alternative method for out-of-plane slender wall analysis
R11.8.1 General

R11.8.1.1 This procedure is presented as an alternative to the requirements of 11.5.2.1 for the out-of-plane design of slender wall panels, where the panels are restrained against rotation at the top.

Panels that have windows or other large openings are not considered to have constant cross section over the height of the panel. Such walls are to be designed taking into account the effects of openings.

Many aspects of the design of tilt-up walls and buildings are discussed in ACI 551.2R and Carter et al. (1993).

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R11.8.3 Factored moment

R11.8.3.1 The neutral axis depth c in Eq. (11.8.3.1c) corresponds to the following effective area of longitudinal reinforcement.

$$A_{se,w} = A_s + \frac{P_u}{f_y}\left(\frac{h/2}{d}\right)$$

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where I_{cr} shall be calculated by:

$$I_{cr} = \frac{E_s}{E_c}\left(A_s + \frac{P_u}{f_y}\frac{h}{2d}\right)(d-c)^2 + \frac{l_w c^3}{3} \qquad (11.8.3.1c)$$

and the value of E_s/E_c shall be at least 6.

(b) By direct calculation using:

$$M_u = \frac{M_{ua}}{\left(1 - \frac{5P_u l_c^2}{(0.75)48E_c I_{cr}}\right)} \qquad (11.8.3.1d)$$

11.8.4 Out-of-plane deflection – service loads

11.8.4.1 Out-of-plane deflection due to service loads, Δ_s, shall be calculated in accordance with Table 11.8.4.1, where M_a is calculated by 11.8.4.2.

Table 11.8.4.1—Calculation of Δ_s

M_a	Δ_s	
$\leq (2/3)M_{cr}$	$\Delta_s = \left(\frac{M_a}{M_{cr}}\right)\Delta_{cr}$	(a)
$> (2/3)M_{cr}$	$\Delta_s = (2/3)\Delta_{cr} + \frac{\left(M_a - (2/3)M_{cr}\right)}{\left(M_n - (2/3)M_{cr}\right)}\left(\Delta_n - (2/3)\Delta_{cr}\right)$	(b)

11.8.4.2 The maximum moment M_a at midheight of wall due to service lateral and eccentric vertical loads, including $P_s\Delta_s$ effects, shall be calculated by Eq. (11.8.4.2) with iteration of deflections.

$$M_a = M_{sa} + P_s\Delta_s \qquad (11.8.4.2)$$

11.8.4.3 Δ_{cr} and Δ_n shall be calculated by (a) and (b):

(a) $\Delta_{cr} = \dfrac{5M_{cr}l_c^2}{48E_c I_g} \qquad (11.8.4.3a)$

(b) $\Delta_n = \dfrac{5M_n l_c^2}{48E_c I_{cr}} \qquad (11.8.4.3b)$

11.8.4.4 I_{cr} shall be calculated by Eq. (11.8.3.1c).

R11.8.4 Out-of-plane deflection – service loads

R11.8.4.1 Test data (Athey 1982) demonstrate that out-of-plane deflections increase rapidly when the service-level moment exceeds $2/3 M_{cr}$. A linear interpolation between Δ_{cr} and Δ_n is used to determine Δ_s to simplify the design of slender walls if $M_a > 2/3 M_{cr}$.

Service-level load combinations are not defined in Chapter 5 of this Code, but they are discussed in Appendix C of ASCE/SEI 7. Appendixes to ASCE/SEI 7 are not considered mandatory parts of that standard. For calculating service-level lateral deflections of structures, Appendix C of ASCE/SEI 7 recommends using the following load combination:

$$D + 0.5L + W_a$$

in which W_a is wind load based on serviceability wind speeds provided in the commentary to Appendix C of ASCE/SEI 7. If the slender wall is designed to resist earthquake effects E, and E is based on strength-level earthquake effects, the following load combination is considered to be appropriate for evaluating the service-level lateral deflections

$$D + 0.5L + 0.7E$$

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CHAPTER 12—DIAPHRAGMS

R12—DIAPHRAGMS

12.1—Scope

12.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design of nonprestressed and prestressed diaphragms, including (a) through (d):

(a) Diaphragms that are cast-in-place slabs
(b) Diaphragms that comprise a cast-in-place topping slab on precast elements
(c) Diaphragms that comprise precast elements with end strips formed by either a cast-in-place concrete topping slab or edge beams
(d) Diaphragms of interconnected precast elements without cast-in-place concrete topping

R12.1—Scope

R12.1.1 Diaphragms typically are horizontal or nearly horizontal planar elements that serve to transfer lateral forces to vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system (Fig. R12.1.1). Diaphragms also tie the building elements together into a complete three-dimensional system and provide lateral support to those elements by connecting them to the lateral-force-resisting system. Typically, diaphragms also serve as Àoor and roof slabs, or as parking structure ramps and, therefore, support gravity loads. A diaphragm may include chords and collectors.

When subjected to lateral loads, such as the in-plane inertial loads acting on the roof diaphragm of Fig. R12.1.1, a diaphragm acts essentially as a beam spanning horizontally between vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system. The diaphragm thus develops in-plane bending moments, shears, and possibly other actions. Where vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system do not extend along the full depth of the diaphragm, collectors may be required to collect the diaphragm shear and transfer it to the vertical elements. The term "distributor" is sometimes used to describe a collector that transfers force from a vertical element of the lateral-force-resisting system into the diaphragm. This chapter describes minimum requirements for diaphragm and collector design and detailing, including con¿guration, analysis models, materials, and strength.

This chapter covers only the types of diaphragms listed in this provision. Other diaphragm types, such as horizontal trusses, are used successfully in buildings, but this chapter does not include prescriptive provisions for those other types.

12.1.2 Diaphragms in structures assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E, or F shall also satisfy requirements of 18.12.

12.2—General

12.2.1 Design shall consider (a) through (e):

(a) Diaphragm in-plane forces due to lateral loads acting on the building
(b) Diaphragm transfer forces
(c) Connection forces between the diaphragm and vertical framing or nonstructural elements
(d) Forces resulting from bracing vertical or sloped building elements
(e) Diaphragm out-of-plane forces due to gravity and other loads applied to the diaphragm surface

R12.2—General

R12.2.1 As partially illustrated in Fig. R12.1.1, diaphragms resist forces from several types of actions (Moehle et al. 2010):

(a) Diaphragm in-plane forces—Lateral forces from load combinations including wind, earthquake, and horizontal Àuid or soil pressure generate in-plane shear, axial, and bending actions in diaphragms as they span between, and transfer forces to, vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system. For wind loading, lateral force is generated by wind pressure acting on building cladding that is transferred by diaphragms to the vertical elements. For earthquake loading, inertial forces are generated within the diaphragm and tributary portions of walls, columns, and other elements, and then transferred by diaphragms to the vertical elements. For buildings with subterranean levels, lateral forces are generated by soil pressure bearing against the basement walls; in a typical system, the base-

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ment walls span vertically between floors also serving as diaphragms, which in turn distribute the lateral soil forces to other force-resisting elements.

(b) Diaphragm transfer forces—Vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system may have different properties over their height, or their planes of resistance may change from one story to another, creating force transfers between vertical elements. A common location where planes of resistance change is at grade level of a building with an enlarged subterranean plan; at this location, forces may transfer from the narrower tower into the basement walls through a podium diaphragm (refer to Fig. R12.1.1).

(c) Connection forces—Wind pressure acting on exposed building surfaces generates out-of-plane forces on those surfaces. Similarly, earthquake shaking can produce inertial forces in vertical framing and nonstructural elements such as cladding. These forces are transferred from the elements where the forces are developed to the diaphragm through connections.

(d) Column bracing forces—Architectural configurations sometimes require inclined columns, which can result in large horizontal thrusts acting within the plane of the diaphragms due to gravity and overturning actions. The thrusts can act in different directions depending on orientation of the column and whether it is in compression or tension. Where these thrusts are not balanced locally by other elements, the forces have to be transferred into the diaphragm so they can be transmitted to other suitable elements of the lateral-force-resisting system. Such forces are common and may be significant with eccentrically loaded precast concrete columns that are not monolithic with adjacent framing. The diaphragm also provides lateral support to columns not designed as part of the lateral-force-resisting system by connecting them to other elements that provide lateral stability for the structure.

(e) Diaphragm out-of-plane forces—Most diaphragms are part of floor and roof framing and, therefore, support gravity loads. The general building code may also require consideration of out-of-plane forces due to wind uplift pressure on a roof slab and vertical acceleration due to earthquake effects.
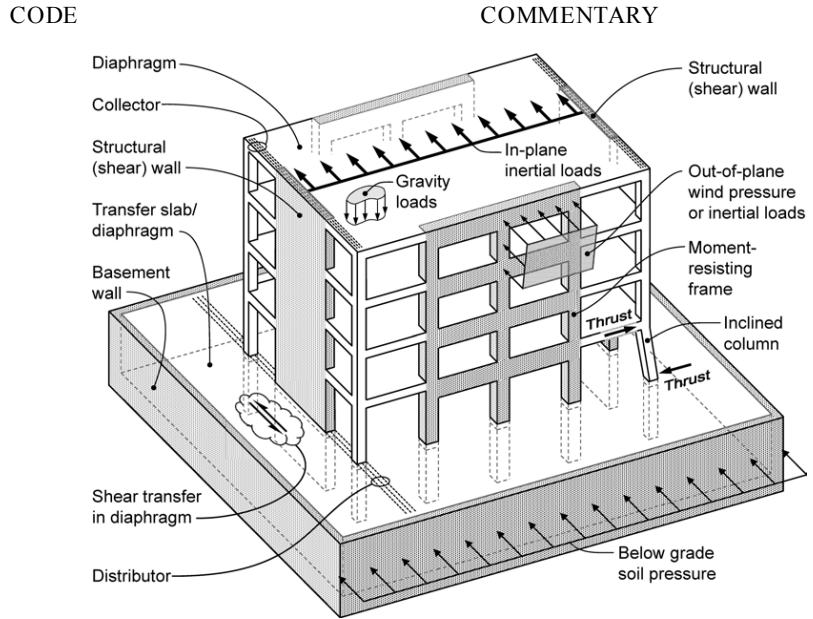
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Fig. R12.1.1—Typical diaphragm actions.

12.2.2 Materials

12.2.2.1 Design properties for concrete shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 19.

12.2.2.2 Design properties for steel reinforcement shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 20.

12.3—Design limits
12.3.1 Minimum diaphragm thickness

12.3.1.1 Diaphragms shall have thickness as required for stability, strength, and stiffness under factored load combinations.

12.3.1.2 Floor and roof diaphragms shall have a thickness not less than that required for floor and roof elements in other parts of this Code.

12.4—Required strength
12.4.1 General

12.4.1.1 Required strength of diaphragms, collectors, and their connections shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations in Chapter 5.

R12.3—Design limits
R12.3.1 Minimum diaphragm thickness—Diaphragms may be required to resist in-plane moment, shear, and axial force. For diaphragms that are entirely cast-in-place or comprise topping slabs composite with precast members, thickness of the entire diaphragm must be sufficient to resist these actions. For noncomposite topping slabs, thickness of the cast-in-place topping alone must be sufficient to resist these actions. Section 18.12 contains specific requirements for diaphragms in buildings assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, and F.

In addition to requirements for in-plane force resistance, diaphragms that are part of floor or roof construction must satisfy applicable requirements for slab or flange thickness.

R12.4—Required strength
Factored load combinations generally require consideration of out-of-plane loads that act simultaneously with diaphragm in-plane forces. For example, this is required where a floor beam also serves as a collector, in which case the beam is to be designed to resist axial forces acting as

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12.4.1.2 Required strength of diaphragms that are part of floor or roof construction shall include effects of out-of-plane loads simultaneous with other applicable loads.

12.4.2 Diaphragm modeling and analysis

12.4.2.1 Diaphragm modeling and analysis requirements of the general building code shall govern where applicable. Otherwise, diaphragm modeling and analysis shall be in accordance with 12.4.2.2 through 12.4.2.4.

12.4.2.2 Modeling and analysis procedures shall satisfy requirements of Chapter 6.

12.4.2.3 Any set of reasonable and consistent assumptions for diaphragm stiffness shall be permitted.

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a collector and bending moments acting as a floor beam supporting gravity loads.

R12.4.2 Diaphragm modeling and analysis

R12.4.2.1 ASCE/SEI 7 includes diaphragm modeling requirements for some design conditions, such as design to resist wind and earthquake loads. Where ASCE/SEI 7 is adopted as part of the general building code, those requirements govern over provisions of this Code.

R12.4.2.2 Chapter 6 contains general requirements for analysis that are applicable to diaphragms. Diaphragms are usually designed to remain elastic or nearly elastic for forces acting within their plane under factored load combinations. Therefore, analysis methods satisfying theory of elastic analysis are generally acceptable. The provisions for elastic analysis in 6.6.1 through 6.6.3 can be applied.

Diaphragm in-plane stiffness affects not only the distribution of forces within the diaphragm, but also the distribution of displacements and forces among the vertical elements. Thus, the diaphragm stiffness model should be consistent with characteristics of the building. Where the diaphragm is very stiff compared to the vertical elements, as in a low aspect ratio, cast-in-place diaphragm supported by moment frames, it is acceptable to model the diaphragm as a completely rigid element. Where the diaphragm is flexible compared with the vertical elements, as in some jointed precast systems supported by structural walls, it may be acceptable to model the diaphragm as a flexible beam spanning between rigid supports. In other cases, it may be advisable to adopt a more detailed analytical model to account for the effects of diaphragm flexibility on the distribution of displacements and forces. Examples include buildings in which diaphragm and vertical element stiffnesses have approximately the same value, buildings with large force transfers, and parking structures in which ramps connect between floors and act essentially as bracing elements within the building.

For diaphragms constructed of concrete slabs, ASCE/SEI 7 permits the assumption of a rigid diaphragm if the diaphragm aspect ratio falls within a prescribed limit, which is different for wind and earthquake loads, and if the structure has no horizontal irregularities. ASCE/SEI 7 provisions do not prohibit the rigid diaphragm assumption for other conditions, provided the rigid diaphragm assumption is reasonably consistent with anticipated behavior. Cast-in-place concrete diaphragms designed with the rigid-diaphragm assumption have a long history of satisfactory performance even though they may fall outside the ASCE/SEI 7 index values.

R12.4.2.3 For low-aspect-ratio diaphragms that are entirely cast-in-place or comprise a cast-in-place topping slab on precast elements, the diaphragm is often modeled as a rigid element supported by flexible vertical elements. However,

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effects of diaphragm flexibility should be considered where such effects will materially affect calculated design actions. Such effects should be considered for diaphragms that use precast elements, with or without a cast-in-place topping. Where large transfer forces occur, as outlined in R12.2.1(b), more realistic design forces can be obtained by modeling diaphragm in-plane stiffness. Diaphragms with long spans, large cutout areas, or other irregularities may develop in-plane deformations that should be considered in design (refer to Fig. R12.4.2.3a).

For a diaphragm considered rigid in its own plane, and for semi-rigid diaphragms, the diaphragm internal force distribution can be obtained by modeling it as a horizontal rigid beam supported on springs representing lateral stiffnesses of the vertical elements (refer to Fig. R12.4.2.3b). Effects of in-plane eccentricity between applied forces and vertical element resistances, resulting in overall building torsion, should be included in the analysis. Elements of the lateral-force-resisting system aligned in the orthogonal direction can participate in resisting diaphragm plan rotation (Moehle et al. 2010).
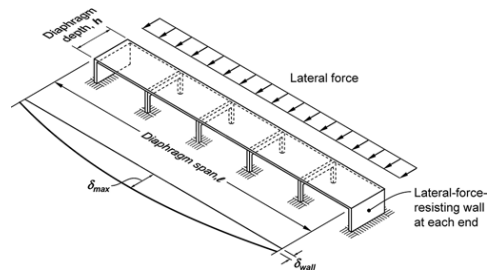
Fig. R12.4.2.3a—Example of diaphragm that might not be considered rigid in its plane.
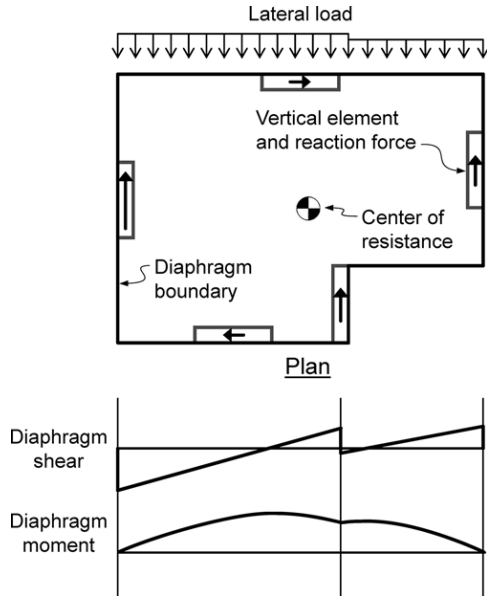
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Fig. R12.4.2.3b—Diaphragm in-plane actions obtained by modeling the diaphragm as a horizontal rigid beam on flexible supports.

12.4.2.4 Calculation of diaphragm in-plane design moments, shears, and axial forces shall be consistent with requirements of equilibrium and with design boundary conditions. It shall be permitted to calculate design moments, shears, and axial forces in accordance with one of (a) through (e):

(a) A rigid diaphragm model if the diaphragm can be idealized as rigid
(b) A flexible diaphragm model if the diaphragm can be idealized as flexible
(c) A bounding analysis in which the design values are the envelope of values obtained by assuming upper bound and lower bound in-plane stiffnesses for the diaphragm in two or more separate analyses
(d) A finite element model considering diaphragm flexibility
(e) A strut-and-tie model in accordance with 23.2

R12.4.2.4 The rigid diaphragm model is widely used for diaphragms that are entirely cast-in-place and for diaphragms that comprise a cast-in-place topping slab on precast elements, provided flexible conditions are not created by a long span, by a large aspect ratio, or by diaphragm irregularity. For more flexible diaphragms, a bounding analysis is sometimes done in which the diaphragm is analyzed as a stiff or rigid element on flexible supports and as a flexible diaphragm on rigid supports, with the design values taken as the envelope of values from the two analyses. Finite element models can be suitable for any diaphragm, but are especially useful for irregularly shaped diaphragms and diaphragms resisting large transfer forces. Stiffness should be adjusted to account for expected concrete cracking under design loads. For jointed precast concrete diaphragms that rely on mechanical connectors, it may be necessary to include the joints and connectors in the finite element model. Strut-and-tie models may be used for diaphragm design. The strut-and-tie models should include considerations of force reversals that may occur under design load combinations.

12.5—Design strength
    12.5.1 General

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12.5.1.1 For each applicable factored load combination, design strengths of diaphragms and connections shall

R12.5.1.1 Design actions commonly include in-plane moment, with or without axial force; in-plane shear; and axial compression and tension in collectors and other

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satisfy $\phi S_n \geq U$. Interaction between load effects shall be considered.

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elements acting as struts or ties. Some diaphragm configurations may result in additional types of design actions. For example, a diaphragm vertical step can result in out-of-plane bending, torsion, or both. The diaphragm is required to be designed for such actions where they occur in elements that are part of the load path.

Nominal strengths are prescribed in Chapter 22 for a diaphragm idealized as a beam or solid element resisting in-plane moment, axial force, and shear; and in Chapter 23 for a diaphragm or diaphragm segment idealized as a strut-and-tie system. Collectors and struts around openings can be designed as compression members subjected to axial force using provisions of 10.5.2 with the strength reduction factor for compression-controlled members in 21.2.2. For axial tension in such members, nominal tensile strength is $A_s f_y$, and the strength reduction factor is 0.90 as required for tension-controlled members in 21.2.2.

Diaphragms are designed under load combinations of 5.3. Where a diaphragm or part of a diaphragm is subjected to multiple load effects, the interaction of the load effects is to be considered. A common example is where a collector is built within a beam or slab that also resists gravity loads, in which case the element is designed for combined moment and axial force. Another example is where a connection is subjected to simultaneous tension and shear.

12.5.1.2 ϕ shall be determined in accordance with 21.2.

12.5.1.3 Design strengths shall be in accordance with (a), (b), (c), or (d):

(a) For a diaphragm idealized as a beam whose depth is equal to the full diaphragm depth, with moment resisted by boundary reinforcement concentrated at the diaphragm edges, design strengths shall be in accordance with 12.5.2 through 12.5.4.
(b) For a diaphragm or a diaphragm segment modeled as a strut-and-tie system, design strengths shall be in accordance with 23.3.
(c) For a diaphragm idealized with a finite-element model, design strengths shall be in accordance with Chapter 22. Nonuniform shear distributions shall be considered in design for shear. Collectors in such designs shall be provided to transfer diaphragm shears to the vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system.
(d) For a diaphragm designed by alternative methods, such methods shall satisfy the requirements of equilibrium and shall provide design strengths at least equal to required strengths for all elements in the load path.

R12.5.1.3 Different design strength requirements apply depending on how the diaphragm load-path is idealized.

Section 12.5.1.3(a) addresses requirements for the common case where a diaphragm is idealized as a beam spanning between supports and resisting forces within its plane, with chord reinforcement at the boundaries to resist in-plane moment and axial force. If diaphragms are designed according to this model, then it is appropriate to assume that shear flow is uniform through the diaphragm depth. Diaphragm depth refers to the dimension measured in the direction of lateral forces within the plane of the diaphragm (refer to Fig. R12.4.2.3a). If vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system do not extend the full depth of the diaphragm, then collectors are required to transfer shear acting along the remaining portions of the diaphragm depth to the vertical elements. Sections 12.5.2 through 12.5.4 are based on this model. This design approach is acceptable even if some of the moment is resisted by precompression as provided by 12.5.1.4.

Sections 12.5.1.3(b) through (d) permit alternative methods for design of diaphragms. If diaphragms are designed to resist moment through distributed chords, or if diaphragms are designed according to stress fields determined by finite-element analysis, then non-uniform shear flow should be taken into account.

12.5.1.4 It shall be permitted to use precompression from prestressed reinforcement to resist diaphragm forces.

R12.5.1.4 In the typical case of a prestressed floor slab, prestressing is required, at a minimum, to resist the factored

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load combination 1.2D + 1.6L, where L may have been reduced as permitted by the general building code. For wind or earthquake design, however, the gravity load to be resisted by prestressing is reduced because the governing load combination is 1.2D + f₁L + (W or E), where f₁ is either 1.0 or 0.5 depending on the nature of L. Thus, only a portion of the effective prestress is required to resist the reduced gravity loads. The remainder of the effective prestress can be used to resist in-plane diaphragm moments. Additional moment, if any, is resisted by added reinforcement.

12.5.1.5 If nonprestressed, bonded prestressing reinforcement is designed to resist collector forces, diaphragm shear, or tension due to in-plane moment, the value of steel stress used to calculate resistance shall not exceed the lesser of the specified yield strength and 420 MPa.

R12.5.1.5 Nonprestressed bonded prestressing reinforcement, either strand or bars, is sometimes used to resist diaphragm design forces. The imposed limit on assumed yield strength is to control crack width and joint opening. The Code does not include provisions for developing nonprestressed, bonded prestressing reinforcement. Stress limits for other provided reinforcement are prescribed in Chapter 20.

12.5.2 Moment and axial force

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12.5.2.1 It shall be permitted to design a diaphragm to resist in-plane moment and axial force in accordance with 22.3 and 22.4.

R12.5.2.1 This section permits design for moment and axial force in accordance with the usual assumptions of 22.3 and 22.4, including the assumption that strains vary linearly through the depth of the diaphragm. In most cases, design for moment and axial force can be accomplished satisfactorily using an approximate tension-compression couple with the strength reduction factor equal to 0.90.

12.5.2.2 It shall be permitted to resist tension due to moment by (a), (b), (c), or (d), or those methods in combination:

(a) Deformed bars conforming to 20.2.1
(b) Strands or bars conforming to 20.3.1, either prestressed or nonprestressed
(c) Mechanical connectors crossing joints between precast elements
(d) Precompression from prestressed reinforcement

R12.5.2.2 Bonded prestressing reinforcement used to resist in-plane moment and axial force can be either prestressed or nonprestressed. Mechanical connectors crossing joints between precast concrete elements are provided to complete a continuous load path for reinforcement embedded in those elements. The use of precompression from prestressed reinforcement is discussed in R12.5.1.4.

12.5.2.3 Nonprestressed reinforcement and mechanical connectors resisting tension due to moment shall be located within h/4 of the tension edge of the diaphragm, where h is diaphragm depth measured in the plane of the diaphragm at that location. Where diaphragm depth changes along the span, it shall be permitted to develop reinforcement into adjacent diaphragm segments that are not within the h/4 limit.

R12.5.2.3 Figure R12.5.2.3 illustrates permitted locations of nonprestressed reinforcement resisting tension due to moment and axial force. Where diaphragm depth changes along the span, it is permitted to develop tension reinforcement in adjacent sections even if the reinforcement falls outside the h/4 limit of the adjacent section. In such cases, strut-and-tie models or elastic plane stress analysis can be used to determine bar extensions and other reinforcement requirements to provide continuity across the step. The restriction on location of nonprestressed reinforcement and mechanical connectors is intended to control cracking and excessive joint opening that might occur near the edges if reinforcement or mechanical connectors were distributed throughout the diaphragm depth. The concentration of flexural tension reinforcement near the edge of the diaphragm also results in more uniform shear flow through the depth of the diaphragm.

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There are no restrictions on placement of prestressed reinforcement provided to resist moment through precompression. In effect, the precompression determines a moment that the prestressed reinforcement can resist, with the remainder of the moment resisted by reinforcement or mechanical connectors placed in accordance with 12.5.2.3.

The Code does not require that diaphragm boundary elements resisting design flexural compression forces be detailed as columns. However, where a boundary element resists a large compressive force compared with axial strength, or is designed as a strut adjacent to an edge or opening, detailing with transverse reinforcement similar to column hoops should be considered.
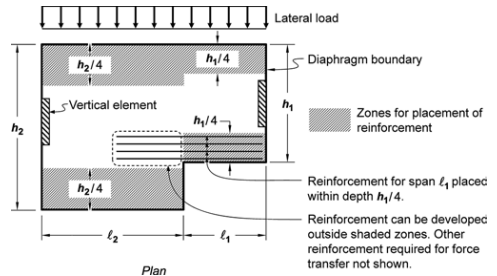
Fig. R12.5.2.3—Locations of nonprestressed reinforcement resisting tension due to moment and axial force according to 12.5.2.3.

12.5.2.4 Mechanical connectors crossing joints between precast elements shall be designed to resist required tension under the anticipated joint opening.

R12.5.2.4 In an untopped precast diaphragm resisting in-plane forces and responding in the linear range, some joint opening (on the order of 2.5 mm or less) should be anticipated. A larger joint opening may occur under earthquake motions exceeding the design level. Mechanical connectors should be capable of maintaining design strength under the anticipated joint opening.

12.5.3 Shear

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12.5.3.1 This section shall apply to diaphragm in-plane shear strength.

R12.5.3.1 These provisions assume that diaphragm shear flow is approximately uniform over the diaphragm depth, as is the case where design is in accordance with 12.5.1.3(a). Where alternative approaches are used, local variations of in-plane shear through the diaphragm depth should be considered.

12.5.3.2 ϕ shall be 0.75, unless a lesser value is required by 21.2.4.

R12.5.3.2 A lower strength reduction factor may be required in Seismic Design Categories D, E, or F, or where special systems for earthquake resistance are used.

12.5.3.3 For a diaphragm that is entirely cast-in-place, V_n shall be calculated by Eq. (12.5.3.3).

$$V_n = A_{cv}\left(0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \rho_t f_y\right) \qquad (12.5.3.3)$$

R12.5.3.3 This provision was adapted from the earthquake-resistant design provisions of 18.12.9. The term A_{cv} refers to the cross-sectional area of the effective deep beam that forms the diaphragm.

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where A_{cv} is the gross area of concrete bounded by diaphragm web thickness and depth, reduced by void areas if present; the value of $\sqrt{f_c'}$ used to calculate V_n shall not exceed 8.3 MPa; and ρ_t is distributed reinforcement oriented parallel to the in-plane shear.

12.5.3.4 For a diaphragm that is entirely cast-in-place, cross-sectional dimensions shall be selected to satisfy Eq. (12.5.3.4).

$$V_u \leq \varphi 0.66 A_{cv}\sqrt{f_c'} \qquad (12.5.3.4)$$

where the value of $\sqrt{f_c'}$ used to calculate V_n shall not exceed 8.3 MPa.

12.5.3.5 For diaphragms that are cast-in-place concrete topping slabs on precast elements, (a) and (b) shall be satis¿ed:

(a) V_n shall be calculated in accordance with Eq. (12.5.3.3), and cross-sectional dimensions shall be selected to satisfy Eq. (12.5.3.4). A_{cv} shall be calculated using the thickness of the topping slab for noncomposite topping slab diaphragms and the combined thickness of cast-in-place and precast elements for composite topping slab diaphragms. For composite topping slab diaphragms, the value of f_c' in Eq. (12.5.3.3) and (12.5.3.4) shall not exceed the lesser of f_c' for the precast members and f_c' for the topping slab.
(b) V_n shall not exceed the value calculated in accordance with the shear-friction provisions of 22.9 considering the thickness of the topping slab above joints between precast elements in noncomposite and composite topping slab diaphragms and the reinforcement crossing the joints between the precast members.

12.5.3.6 For diaphragms that are interconnected precast elements without a concrete topping, and for diaphragms that are precast elements with end strips formed by either a cast-in-place concrete topping slab or edge beams, it shall be permitted to design for shear in accordance with (a), (b), or both.

(a) The nominal strength of grouted joints shall not exceed 0.55 MPa. Reinforcement shall be designed to resist shear through shear-friction in accordance with 22.9. Shear-friction reinforcement shall be in addition to reinforcement designed to resist tension due to moment and axial force.
(b) Mechanical connectors crossing joints between precast elements shall be designed to resist required shear under anticipated joint opening.

12.5.3.7 For any diaphragm, where shear is transferred from the diaphragm to a collector, or from the diaphragm or collector to a vertical element of the lateral-force-resisting system, (a) or (b) shall apply:

R12.5.3.5 For diaphragms with cast-in-place topping slab on precast elements, the effective thickness in 12.5.3.5(a) is reduced to the topping slab thickness if the topping slab is not composite with the precast elements. Topping slabs tend to develop cracks above and along the joints between precast elements. Thus, 12.5.3.5(b) limits the shear strength to the shear-friction strength of the topping slab above the joints between the precast elements.

R12.5.3.6 This Code does not contain provisions for untopped diaphragms in buildings assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, and F. Diaphragm shear in untopped diaphragms can be resisted by using shear-friction reinforcement in grouted joints (FEMA P751). Required shear-friction reinforcement is in addition to reinforcement required by design to resist other tensile forces in the diaphragm, such as those due to diaphragm moment and axial force, or due to collector tension. The intent is to reduce joint opening while simultaneously resisting shear through shear-friction. Alternatively, or additionally, mechanical connectors can be used to transfer shear across joints of precast elements. In this case, some joint opening should be anticipated. The mechanical connectors should be capable of maintaining design strength under anticipated joint opening.

R12.5.3.7 In addition to having adequate shear strength within its plane, a diaphragm should be reinforced to transfer shear through shear-friction or mechanical connectors to collectors and to vertical elements of the lateral-force-

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(a) Where shear is transferred through concrete, the shear-friction provisions of 22.9 shall be satisfied.

(b) Where shear is transferred through mechanical connectors or dowels, effects of uplift and rotation of the vertical element of the lateral-force-resisting system shall be considered.

resisting system. In diaphragms that are entirely cast-in-place, reinforcement provided for other purposes usually is adequate to transfer force from the diaphragm into the collectors through shear-friction. However, additional reinforcement may be required to transfer diaphragm or collector shear into vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system through shear-friction. Figure R12.5.3.7 illustrates a common detail of dowels provided for this purpose.
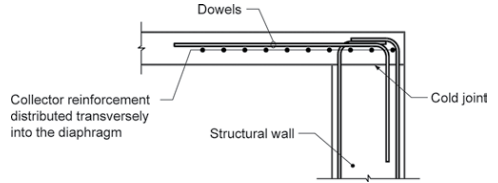
Fig. R12.5.3.7—Typical detail showing dowels provided for shear transfer to a structural wall through shear-friction.

12.5.4 Collectors

R12.5.4 Collectors—A collector is a region of a diaphragm that transfers forces between the diaphragm and a vertical element of the lateral-force-resisting system. A collector can extend transversely into the diaphragm to reduce nominal stresses and reinforcement congestion, as shown in Fig. R12.5.3.7. Where a collector width extends into the slab, the collector width on each side of the vertical element should not exceed approximately one-half the contact length between the collector and the vertical element.

12.5.4.1 Collectors shall extend from the vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system across all or part of the diaphragm depth as required to transfer shear from the diaphragm to the vertical element. It shall be permitted to discontinue a collector along lengths of vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system where transfer of design collector forces is not required.

R12.5.4.1 The design procedure in 12.5.1.3(a) models the diaphragm as a full-depth beam with uniform shear flow. If vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system do not extend the full depth of the diaphragm, then collectors are required to transfer shear acting along the remaining portions of the diaphragm depth to the vertical element, as shown in Fig. R12.5.4.1. Partial-depth collectors can also be considered, but a complete force path should be designed that is capable of transmitting all forces from the diaphragm to the collector and into the vertical elements (Moehle et al. 2010).

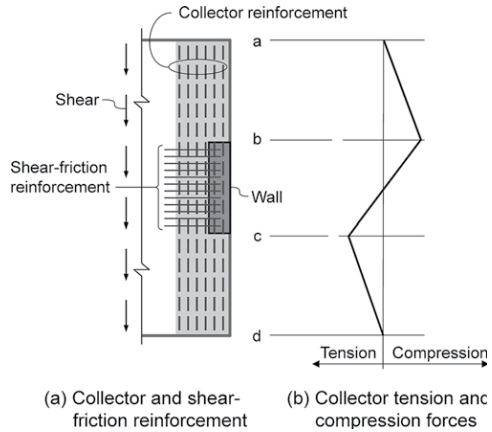| CODE	COMMENTARY

Fig. R12.5.4.1—Full-depth collector and shear-friction reinforcement required to transfer collector force into wall.

12.5.4.2 Collectors shall be designed as tension members, compression members, or both, in accordance with 22.4.

R12.5.4.2 Tension and compression forces in a collector are determined by the diaphragm shear forces they transmit to the vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system (refer to Fig. R12.5.4.1). Except as required by 18.12.7.5, the Code does not require that collectors resisting design compressive forces be detailed as columns. However, in structures where collectors resist large compressive forces compared with axial strength, or are designed as struts passing adjacent to edges or openings, detailing with transverse reinforcement similar to column hoops should be considered. Such detailing is required by 18.12.7.5 for some diaphragms in buildings assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, and F.

12.5.4.3 Where a collector is designed to transfer forces to a vertical element, collector reinforcement shall extend along the vertical element at least the greater of (a) and (b):

(a) The length required to develop the reinforcement in tension
(b) The length required to transmit the design forces to the vertical element through shear-friction in accordance with 22.9, through mechanical connectors, or through other force transfer mechanisms

R12.5.4.3 In addition to having sufﬁcient development length, the collector reinforcement should be extended as needed to fully transfer its forces into the vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system. A common practice is to extend some of the collector reinforcement the full length of the vertical element, such that collector forces can be transmitted uniformly through shear-friction (refer to Fig. R12.5.4.1). Figure R12.5.4.3 shows an example of collector reinforcement extended as required to transfer forces into three frame columns.

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Note: Collector reinforcement should extend as required to transfer forces into the vertical element and should be developed at critical sections.
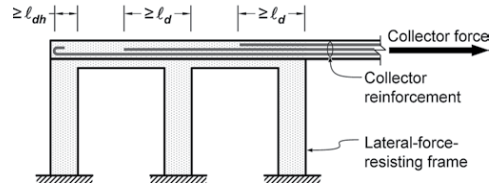

Fig. R12.5.4.3—Schematic force transfer from collector into vertical element of the lateral-force-resisting system.

12.6—Reinforcement limits

12.6.1 Reinforcement to resist shrinkage and temperature stresses shall be in accordance with 24.4.

12.6.2 Except for slabs-on-ground, diaphragms that are part of floor or roof construction shall satisfy reinforcement limits for one-way slabs in accordance with 7.6 or two-way slabs in accordance with 8.6, as applicable.

12.6.3 Reinforcement designed to resist diaphragm in-plane forces shall be in addition to reinforcement designed to resist other load effects, except reinforcement designed to resist shrinkage and temperature effects shall be permitted to also resist diaphragm in-plane forces

12.7—Reinforcement detailing

12.7.1 General

12.7.1.1 Concrete cover for reinforcement shall be in accordance with 20.6.1.

12.7.1.2 Development lengths of deformed and prestressed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.4, unless longer lengths are required by Chapter 18.

12.7.1.3 Splices of deformed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.5.

12.7.1.4 Bundled bars shall be in accordance with 25.6.

12.7.2 Reinforcement spacing

12.7.2.1 Minimum spacing s of reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.2.

12.7.2.2 Maximum spacing s of deformed reinforcement shall be the lesser of five times the diaphragm thickness and 450 mm.

R12.7—Reinforcement detailing

R12.7.1 General

R12.7.1.1 For a structure assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E, or F, concrete cover may be governed by the seismic design requirements of 18.12.7.6.

R12.7.2 Reinforcement spacing

R12.7.2.1 For a structure assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E, or F, spacing of confining reinforcement in collectors may be governed by the seismic design requirements of 18.12.7.5.

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12.7.3 Diaphragm and collector reinforcement

R12.7.3 Diaphragm and collector reinforcement

12.7.3.1 Except for slabs-on-ground, diaphragms that are part of floor or roof construction shall satisfy reinforcement detailing of one-way slabs in accordance with 7.7 or two-way slabs in accordance with 8.7, as applicable.

12.7.3.2 Calculated tensile or compressive force in reinforcement at each section of the diaphragm or collector shall be developed on each side of that section.

R12.7.3.2 Critical sections for development of reinforcement generally are at points of maximum stress, at points where adjacent terminated reinforcement is no longer required to resist design forces, and at other points of discontinuity in the diaphragm.

12.7.3.3 Reinforcement provided to resist tension shall extend beyond the point at which it is no longer required to resist tension at least ℓ_d, except at diaphragm edges and at expansion joints.

R12.7.3.3 For a beam, the Code requires flexural reinforcement to extend the greater of d and $12d_b$ past points where it is no longer required for flexure. These extensions are important for a beam to protect against development or shear failure that could result from inaccuracies in calculated locations of tensile stress. Similar failures in diaphragms have not been reported. To simplify design and avoid excessively long bar extensions that could result if the beam provisions were applied to diaphragms, this provision only requires that tension reinforcement extend ℓ_d beyond points where it is no longer required to resist tension.
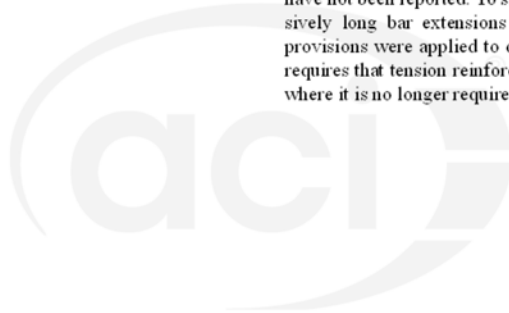
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CHAPTER 13—FOUNDATIONS

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13.1—Scope

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While requirements applicable to foundations are provided in this chapter, the majority of requirements used for foundation design are found in other chapters of the Code. These other chapters are referenced in Chapter 13. However, the applicability of the speci¿c provisions within these other chapters may not be explicitly de¿ned for foundations.

13.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design of nonprestressed and prestressed foundations, including shallow foundations (a) through (e) and, where applicable, deep foundations (f) through (i):

R13.1.1 Examples of foundation types covered by this chapter are illustrated in Fig. R13.1.1. Stepped and sloped footings are considered to be subsets of other footing types.

(a) Strip footings
(b) Isolated footings
(c) Combined footings
(d) Mat foundations
(e) Grade beams
(f) Pile caps
(g) Piles
(h) Drilled piers
(i) Caissons

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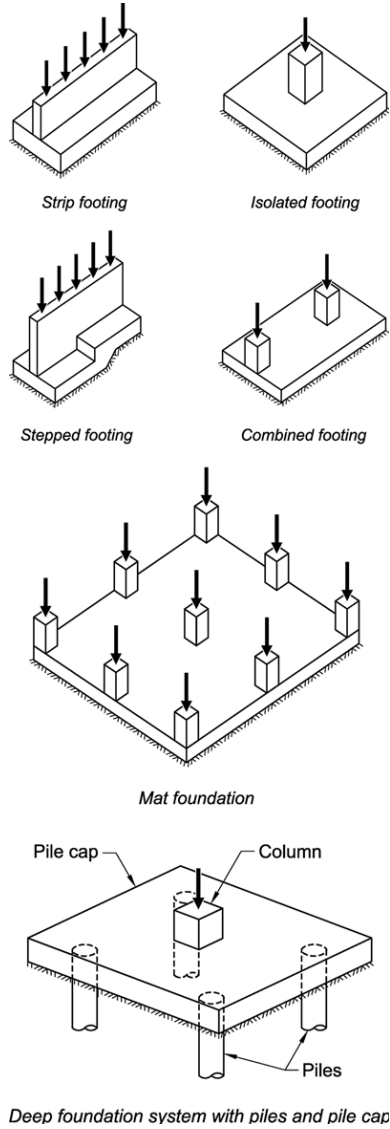

Fig. R13.1.1—Types of foundations.

13.1.2 Foundations excluded by 1.4.6 are excluded from this chapter.

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13.2—General

13.2.1 Materials

13.2.1.1 Design properties for concrete shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 19.

13.2.1.2 Design properties for steel reinforcement shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 20.

13.2.1.3 Materials, design, and detailing requirements for embedments in concrete shall be in accordance with 20.7.

13.2.2 Connection to other members

13.2.2.1 Design and detailing of cast-in-place and precast column, pedestal, and wall connections to foundations shall be in accordance with 16.3.

13.2.3 Earthquake effects

13.2.3.1 Structural members extending below the base of the structure that are required to transmit forces resulting from earthquake effects to the foundation shall be designed in accordance with 18.2.2.3.

13.2.3.2 For structures assigned to Seismic Design Category (SDC) D, E, or F, shallow and deep foundations resisting earthquake-induced forces or transferring earthquake-induced forces between structure and ground shall be designed in accordance with 18.13.

13.2.4 Slabs-on-ground

13.2.4.1 Slabs-on-ground that transmit vertical loads or lateral forces from other parts of the structure to the ground shall be designed and detailed in accordance with applicable provisions of this Code.

13.2.4.2 Slabs-on-ground that transmit lateral forces as part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be designed in accordance with 18.13.

13.2.5 Plain concrete

13.2.5.1 Plain concrete foundations shall be designed in accordance with Chapter 14.

R13.2—General

R13.2.3 Earthquake effects

R13.2.3.1 The base of a structure, as defined in analysis, does not necessarily correspond to the foundation or ground level, or to the base of a building as defined in the general building code for planning (for example, for height limits or fire protection requirements). Details of columns and walls extending below the base of a structure to the foundation are required to be consistent with those above the base of the structure.

R13.2.3.2 It is desirable that inelastic response in strong ground shaking occurs in structural elements above the foundations, and that the elements of the foundations remain essentially elastic; repairs to foundations can be extremely difficult and expensive. The requirements for foundations supporting buildings assigned to Seismic Design Category (SDC) D, E, or F represent a consensus of a minimum level of good practice in designing and detailing concrete foundations to achieve this goal.

R13.2.4 Slabs-on-ground—Slabs-on-ground often act as a diaphragm to hold the building together at the ground level and minimize the effects of out-of-phase ground motion that may occur over the footprint of the building. In these cases, the slab-on-ground should be adequately reinforced and detailed. As required in Chapter 26, construction documents should clearly state that these slabs-on-ground are structural members so as to prohibit sawcutting of such slabs.

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13.2.6 Design criteria

13.2.6.1 Foundations shall be proportioned to resist factored loads and induced reactions.

13.2.6.2 Foundation systems shall be permitted to be designed by any procedure satisfying equilibrium and geometric compatibility.

13.2.6.3 Foundation design in accordance with strut-and-tie modeling, Chapter 23, shall be permitted.

13.2.6.4 External moment on any section of a strip footing, isolated footing, or pile cap shall be calculated by passing a vertical plane through the member and calculating the moment of the forces acting over the entire area of member on one side of that vertical plane.

13.2.7 Critical sections for shallow foundations and pile caps

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R13.2.6 Design criteria

R13.2.6.1 Permissible soil pressures or permissible pile capacities are determined by principles of soil mechanics and in accordance with the general building code. The size of the base area of a footing on soil or the number and arrangement of piles are usually established on the basis of these permissible values and unfactored applied (service) loads, such as D, L, W, and E, in whatever combination that governs the design. In cases in which eccentric loads or moments are to be considered, the extreme soil pressure or pile reaction obtained from this loading should be within the permissible values. The resultant reactions due to service loads combined with moments, shears, or both, caused by wind or earthquake forces should not exceed the increased values that may be permitted by the general building code.

To proportion a footing or pile cap for strength, it is necessary to calculate the contact soil pressure or pile reaction due to the applied factored load. These calculated soil pressures or pile reactions are used to determine the required strength of the foundation for flexure, shear, and development of reinforcement, as in any other member of the structure. In the case of eccentric loading, applied factored loads may cause patterns of soil pressures and pile reactions that are different from those obtained by unfactored loads.

Only the calculated end moments at the base of a column or pedestal require transfer to the footing. The minimum moment requirement for slenderness considerations given in 6.6.4.5 need not be considered for transfer of forces and moments to footings.

R13.2.6.2 Foundation design is permitted to be based directly on fundamental principles of structural mechanics, provided it can be demonstrated that all strength and serviceability criteria are satisfied. Design of the foundation may be achieved through the use of classic solutions based on a linearly elastic continuum, numerical solutions based on discrete elements, or yield-line analyses. In all cases, analyses and evaluation of the stress conditions at points of load application or pile reactions in relation to shear and torsion, as well as flexure, should be included.

R13.2.6.3 An example of the application of this provision is a pile cap supported on piles, similar to that shown in Fig. R13.1.1, which can be designed using a three-dimensional strut-and-tie model satisfying Chapter 23 (Adebar et al. 1990).

R13.2.7 Critical sections for shallow foundations and pile caps

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13.2.7.1 M_u at the supported member shall be permitted to be calculated at the critical section defined in accordance with Table 13.2.7.1.

Table 13.2.7.1—Location of critical section for M_u

Supported member	Location of critical section
Column or pedestal	Face of column or pedestal
Column with steel base plate	Halfway between face of column and edge of steel base plate
Concrete wall	Face of wall
Masonry wall	Halfway between center and face of masonry wall

13.2.7.2 The location of critical section for factored shear in accordance with 7.4.3 and 8.4.3 for one-way shear or 8.4.4.1 for two-way shear shall be measured from the location of the critical section for M_u in 13.2.7.1.

R13.2.7.2 The shear strength of a footing is determined for the more severe condition of 8.5.3.1.1 and 8.5.3.1.2. The critical section for shear is measured from the face of the supported member (column, pedestal, or wall), except for masonry walls and members supported on steel base plates.

Calculation of shear requires that the soil reaction be obtained from factored loads, and the design strength be in accordance with Chapter 22.

Where necessary, shear around individual piles may be investigated in accordance with 8.5.3.1.2. If shear perimeters overlap, the modified critical perimeter b_o should be taken as that portion of the smallest envelope of individual shear perimeters that will actually resist the critical shear for the group under consideration. One such situation is illustrated in Fig. R13.2.7.2.
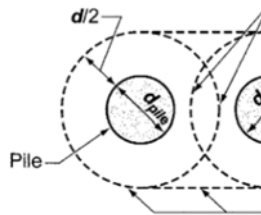

Fig. R13.2.7.2—Modified critical perimeter for shear with overlapping critical perimeters.

13.2.7.3 Circular or regular polygon-shaped concrete columns or pedestals shall be permitted to be treated as square members of equivalent area when locating critical sections for moment, shear, and development of reinforcement.

13.2.8 Development of reinforcement in shallow foundations and pile caps

13.2.8.1 Development of reinforcement shall be in accordance with Chapter 25.

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13.2.8.2 Calculated tensile or compressive force in reinforcement at each section shall be developed on each side of that section.

13.2.8.3 Critical sections for development of reinforcement shall be assumed at the same locations as given in 13.2.7.1 for maximum factored moment and at all other vertical planes where changes of section or reinforcement occur.

13.2.8.4 Adequate anchorage shall be provided for tension reinforcement where reinforcement stress is not directly proportional to moment, such as in sloped, stepped, or tapered foundations; or where tension reinforcement is not parallel to the compression face.

13.3—Shallow foundations

13.3.1 General

13.3.1.1 Minimum base area of foundation shall be calculated from unfactored forces and moments transmitted by foundation to soil or rock and permissible bearing pressure selected through principles of soil or rock mechanics.

13.3.1.2 Overall depth of foundation shall be selected such that the effective depth of bottom reinforcement is at least 150 mm.

13.3.1.3 In sloped, stepped, or tapered foundations, depth and location of steps or angle of slope shall be such that design requirements are satisfied at every section.

13.3.2 One-way shallow foundations

13.3.2.1 The design and detailing of one-way shallow foundations, including strip footings, combined footings, and grade beams, shall be in accordance with this section and the applicable provisions of Chapter 7 and Chapter 9.

13.3.2.2 Reinforcement shall be distributed uniformly across entire width of one-way footings.

13.3.3 Two-way isolated footings

13.3.3.1 The design and detailing of two-way isolated footings shall be in accordance with this section and the applicable provisions of Chapter 7 and Chapter 8.

13.3.3.2 In square two-way footings, reinforcement shall be distributed uniformly across entire width of footing in both directions.

13.3.3.3 In rectangular footings, reinforcement shall be distributed in accordance with (a) and (b):

(a) Reinforcement in the long direction shall be distributed uniformly across entire width of footing.

R13.3—Shallow foundations

R13.3.1 General

R13.3.1.1 General discussion on the sizing of shallow foundations is provided in R13.2.6.1.

R13.3.1.3 Anchorage of reinforcement in sloped, stepped, or tapered foundations is addressed in 13.2.8.4.

R13.3.3 Two-way isolated footings

R13.3.3.3 To minimize potential construction errors in placing bars, a common practice is to increase the amount of reinforcement in the short direction by $2\beta/(\beta + 1)$ and space it uniformly along the long dimension of the footing (CRSI Handbook 1984; Fling 1987).

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(b) For reinforcement in the short direction, a portion of the total reinforcement, $\gamma_s A_s$, shall be distributed uniformly over a band width equal to the length of short side of footing, centered on centerline of column or pedestal. Remainder of reinforcement required in the short direction, $(1 - \gamma_s)A_s$, shall be distributed uniformly outside the center band width of footing, where γ_s is calculated by:

$$\gamma_s = \frac{2}{(\beta + 1)} \qquad (13.3.3.3)$$

where β is the ratio of long to short side of footing.

13.3.4 Two-way combined footings and mat foundations

13.3.4.1 The design and detailing of combined footings and mat foundations shall be in accordance with this section and the applicable provisions of Chapter 8.

13.3.4.2 The direct design method of 8.10 shall not be used to design combined footings and mat foundations.

13.3.4.3 Distribution of bearing pressure under combined footings and mat foundations shall be consistent with properties of the soil or rock and the structure, and with established principles of soil or rock mechanics.

13.3.4.4 Minimum reinforcement in nonprestressed mat foundations shall be in accordance with 8.6.1.1.

13.3.5 Walls as grade beams

13.3.5.1 The design of walls as grade beams shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 9.

13.3.5.2 If a grade beam wall is considered a deep beam in accordance with 9.9.1.1, design shall satisfy the requirements of 9.9.

13.3.5.3 Grade beam walls shall satisfy the minimum reinforcement requirements of 11.6.

13.4—Deep foundations
13.4.1 General

13.4.1.1 Number and arrangement of piles, drilled piers, and caissons shall be determined from unfactored forces and moments transmitted to these members and permissible member capacity selected through principles of soil or rock mechanics.

13.4.2 Pile caps

R13.3.4 Two-way combined footings and mat foundations

R13.3.4.1 Detailed recommendations for design of combined footings and mat foundations are reported by ACI 336.2R. Also refer to Kramrisch and Rogers (1961).

R13.3.4.3 Design methods using factored loads and strength reduction factors ϕ can be applied to combined footings or mat foundations, regardless of the bearing pressure distribution.

R13.3.4.4 To improve crack control due to thermal gradients and to intercept potential punching shear cracks with tension reinforcement, the licensed design professional should consider specifying continuous reinforcement in each direction near both faces of mat foundations.

R13.4—Deep foundations
R13.4.1 General

R13.4.1.1 General discussion on selecting the number and arrangement of piles, drilled piers, and caissons is provided in R13.2.6.1.

R13.4.2 Pile caps

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13.4.2.1 Overall depth of pile cap shall be selected such that the effective depth of bottom reinforcement is at least 300 mm.

13.4.2.2 Factored moments and shears shall be permitted to be calculated with the reaction from any pile assumed to be concentrated at the centroid of the pile section.

13.4.2.3 Except for pile caps designed in accordance with 13.2.6.3, the pile cap shall be designed such that (a) is satis-¿ed for one-way foundations and (a) and (b) are satis¿ed for two-way foundations.

(a) $\phi V_n \geq V_u$, where V_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.5 for one-way shear, V_u shall be calculated in accordance with 13.4.2.5, and ϕ shall be in accordance with 21.2

(b) $\phi v_n \geq v_u$, where v_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.6 for two-way shear, v_u shall be calculated in accordance with 13.4.2.5, and ϕ shall be in accordance with 21.2

13.4.2.4 If the pile cap is designed in accordance with strut-and-tie modeling as permitted in 13.2.6.3, the effective concrete compressive strength of the struts, f_{ce}, shall be calculated in accordance with 23.4.3, where $\beta_s = 0.60\lambda$, and λ is in accordance with 19.2.4.

R13.4.2.4 It is required to take the effective concrete compressive strength from expression (c) in Table 23.4.3 because it is generally not feasible to provide con¿ning reinforcement satisfying 23.5 in a pile cap.

13.4.2.5 Calculation of factored shear on any section through a pile cap shall be in accordance with (a) through (c):

(a) Entire reaction from any pile with its center located $d_{pile}/2$ or more outside the section shall be considered as producing shear on that section.

(b) Reaction from any pile with its center located $d_{pile}/2$ or more inside the section shall be considered as producing no shear on that section.

(c) For intermediate positions of pile center, the portion of the pile reaction to be considered as producing shear on the section shall be based on a linear interpolation between full value at $d_{pile}/2$ outside the section and zero value at $d_{pile}/2$ inside the section.

R13.4.2.5 If piles are located inside the critical sections d or d/2 from face of column, for one-way or two-way shear, respectively, an upper limit on the shear strength at a section adjacent to the face of the column should be considered. The CRSI Handbook (1984) offers guidance for this situation.

13.4.3 Deep foundation members

13.4.3.1 Portions of deep foundation members in air, water, or soils not capable of providing adequate restraint throughout the member length to prevent lateral buckling shall be designed as columns in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 10.

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CHAPTER 14—PLAIN CONCRETE

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14.1—Scope

R14.1—Scope

14.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design of plain concrete members, including (a) and (b):

(a) Members in building structures
(b) Members in non-building structures such as arches, underground utility structures, gravity walls, and shielding walls

14.1.2 This chapter shall not govern the design of cast-in-place concrete piles and piers embedded in ground.

R14.1.2 Structural elements, such as cast-in-place plain concrete piles and piers in ground or other material suf¿-ciently stiff to provide adequate lateral support to prevent buckling, are not covered by the Code. Such elements are covered by the general building code.

14.1.3 Plain concrete shall be permitted only in cases (a) through (d):

(a) Members that are continuously supported by soil or supported by other structural members capable of providing continuous vertical support
(b) Members for which arch action provides compression under all conditions of loading
(c) Walls
(d) Pedestals

R14.1.3 Because the strength and structural integrity of structural plain concrete members is based solely on the member size, concrete strength, and other concrete properties, use of structural plain concrete should be limited to members:

(a) That are primarily in a state of compression
(b) That can tolerate random cracks without detriment to their structural integrity
(c) For which ductility is not an essential feature of design

The tensile strength of concrete can be used in design of structural plain concrete members. Tensile stresses due to restraint from creep, shrinkage, or temperature effects are to be considered to avoid uncontrolled cracks or structural failure. For residential construction within the scope of ACI 332, refer to 1.4.5.

14.1.4 Plain concrete shall be permitted for a structure assigned to Seismic Design Category (SDC) D, E, or F, only in cases (a) and (b):

(a) Footings supporting cast-in-place reinforced concrete or reinforced masonry walls, provided the footings are reinforced longitudinally with at least two continuous reinforcing bars. Bars shall be at least No. 13 and have a total area of not less than 0.002 times the gross cross-sectional area of the footing. Continuity of reinforcement shall be provided at corners and intersections.
(b) Foundation elements (i) through (iii) for detached one- and two-family dwellings not exceeding three stories and constructed with stud bearing walls:
  (i) Footings supporting walls
  (ii) Isolated footings supporting columns or pedestals
  (iii) Foundation or basement walls not less than 190 mm thick and retaining no more than 1.2 m of unbalanced ¿ll.

14.1.5 Plain concrete shall not be permitted for columns and pile caps.

R14.1.5 Because plain concrete lacks the necessary ductility that columns should possess, and because a random crack in an unreinforced column will most likely endanger

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its structural integrity, the Code does not permit use of plain concrete for columns. It does allow its use for pedestals limited to a ratio of unsupported height to least lateral dimension of 3 or less (refer to 14.1.3(d) and 14.3.3).

14.2—General

14.2.1 Materials

14.2.1.1 Design properties for concrete shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 19.

14.2.1.2 Steel reinforcement, if required, shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 20.

14.2.1.3 Materials, design, and detailing requirements for embedments in concrete shall be in accordance with 20.7.

14.2.2 Connection to other members

14.2.2.1 Tension shall not be transmitted through outside edges, construction joints, contraction joints, or isolation joints of an individual plain concrete element.

14.2.2.2 Walls shall be braced against lateral translation.

14.2.3 Precast

14.2.3.1 Design of precast members shall consider all loading conditions from initial fabrication to completion of the structure, including form removal, storage, transportation, and erection.

14.2.3.2 Precast members shall be connected to transfer lateral forces into a structural system capable of resisting such forces.

14.3—Design limits

14.3.1 Bearing walls

14.3.1.1 Minimum bearing wall thickness shall be in accordance with Table 14.3.1.1.

R14.2—General

R14.2.2 Connection to other members

R14.2.2.2 Provisions for plain concrete walls are applicable only for walls laterally supported in such a manner as to prohibit relative lateral displacement at top and bottom of individual wall elements. The Code does not cover walls without horizontal support to prohibit relative displacement at top and bottom of wall elements. Such laterally unsupported walls are to be designed as reinforced concrete members in accordance with the Code.

R14.2.3 Precast—Precast structural plain concrete members are considered subject to all limitations and provisions for cast-in-place concrete contained in this chapter.

The approach to contraction or isolation joints is expected to be somewhat different than for cast-in-place concrete because the major portion of shrinkage in precast members occurs prior to erection. To ensure stability, precast members should be connected to other members. The connection should transfer no tension.

R14.3—Design limits

R14.3.1 Bearing walls—Plain concrete walls are commonly used for basement wall construction for residential and light commercial buildings in low or non-seismic areas. Although the Code imposes no absolute maximum

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Table 14.3.1.1—Minimum thickness of bearing walls

Wall type	Minimum thickness	
General	Greater of:	140 mm
		1/24 the lesser of unsupported length and unsupported height
Exterior basement	190 mm	
Foundation	190 mm	

14.3.2 Footings

14.3.2.1 Footing thickness shall be at least 200 mm.

14.3.2.2 Base area of footing shall be determined from unfactored forces and moments transmitted by footing to soil and permissible soil pressure selected through principles of soil mechanics.

14.3.3 Pedestals

14.3.3.1 Ratio of unsupported height to average least lateral dimension shall not exceed 3.

14.3.4 Contraction and isolation joints

14.3.4.1 Contraction or isolation joints shall be provided to divide structural plain concrete members into flexurally discontinuous elements. The size of each element shall be selected to limit stress caused by restraint to movements from creep, shrinkage, and temperature effects.

14.3.4.2 The number and location of contraction or isolation joints shall be determined considering (a) through (f):

(a) Influence of climatic conditions

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height limitation on the use of plain concrete walls, experience with use of plain concrete in relatively minor structures should not be extrapolated to using plain concrete walls in multistory construction and other major structures where differential settlement, wind, earthquake, or other unforeseen loading conditions require the walls to possess some ductility and ability to maintain integrity when cracked. For such conditions, ACI Committee 318 strongly encourages the use of walls designed in accordance with Chapter 11.

R14.3.2 Footings

R14.3.2.1 Thickness of plain concrete footings of usual proportions will typically be controlled by flexural strength (extreme fiber stress in tension not greater than $\phi 0.42\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$) rather than shear strength (refer to R14.5.5.1). For footings cast against soil, overall thickness h used for strength computations is specified in 14.5.1.7.

R14.3.3 Pedestals

R14.3.3.1 The height-thickness limitation for plain concrete pedestals does not apply for portions of pedestals embedded in soil capable of providing lateral restraint.

R14.3.4 Contraction and isolation joints

R14.3.4.1 Joints in plain concrete construction are an important design consideration. In reinforced concrete, reinforcement is provided to resist the stresses due to restraint of creep, shrinkage, and temperature effects. In plain concrete, joints are the only means of controlling, and thereby relieving, the buildup of such tensile stresses. A plain concrete member should therefore be small enough, or divided into smaller elements by joints, to control the buildup of internal stresses. The joint may be a contraction joint or isolation joint. A minimum 25 percent reduction of member thickness is typically sufficient for contraction joints to be effective. The jointing should be such that no axial tension or flexural tension can be developed across a joint after cracking, if applicable—a condition referred to as flexural discontinuity. Where random cracking due to creep, shrinkage, and temperature effects will not affect structural integrity and is otherwise acceptable (such as transverse cracks in a continuous wall footing), transverse contraction or isolation joints should not be necessary.

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(b) Selection and proportioning of materials

(c) Mixing, placing, and curing of concrete

(d) Degree of restraint to movement

(e) Stresses due to loads to which an element is subjected

(f) Construction techniques

14.4—Required strength

14.4.1 General

14.4.1.1 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations defined in Chapter 5.

R14.4—Required strength

R14.4.1 General

R14.4.1.1 Plain concrete members are proportioned for adequate strength using factored loads and forces. When the design strength is exceeded, the cross section should be increased or the specified strength of concrete increased, or both, or the member designed as a reinforced concrete member in accordance with the Code. An increase in concrete section may have a detrimental effect; stress due to load will decrease but stresses due to creep, shrinkage, and temperature effects may increase.

14.4.1.2 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the analysis procedures in Chapter 6.

14.4.1.3 No flexural continuity due to tension shall be assumed between adjacent structural plain concrete elements.

14.4.2 Walls

14.4.2.1 Walls shall be designed for an eccentricity corresponding to the maximum moment that can accompany the axial load but not less than $0.10h$, where h is the wall thickness.

14.4.3 Footings

14.4.3.1 General

14.4.3.1.1 For footings supporting circular or regular polygon-shaped concrete columns or pedestals, it shall be permitted to assume a square section of equivalent area for determining critical sections.

14.4.3.2 Factored moment

14.4.3.2.1 The critical section for M_u shall be located in accordance with Table 14.4.3.2.1.

Table 14.4.3.2.1—Location of critical section for M_u

Supported member	Location of critical section
Column or pedestal	Face of column or pedestal
Column with steel base plate	Halfway between face of column and edge of steel base plate
Concrete wall	Face of wall
Masonry wall	Halfway between center and face of masonry wall

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14.4.3.3 Factored one-way shear

14.4.3.3.1 For one-way shear, critical sections shall be located h from (a) and (b), where h is the footing thickness.

(a) Location de¿ned in Table 14.4.3.2.1
(b) Face of concentrated loads or reaction areas

14.4.3.3.2 Sections between (a) or (b) of 14.4.3.3.1 and the critical section for shear shall be permitted to be designed for V_u at the critical section for shear.

14.4.3.4 Factored two-way shear

14.4.3.4.1 For two-way shear, critical sections shall be located so that the perimeter b_o is a minimum but need not be closer than h/2 to (a) through (c):

(a) Location de¿ned in Table 14.4.3.2.1
(b) Face of concentrated loads or reaction areas
(c) Changes in footing thickness

14.4.3.4.2 For square or rectangular columns, concentrated loads, or reaction areas, the critical section for two-way shear shall be permitted to be calculated assuming straight sides.

R14.4.3.4 Factored two-way shear

R14.4.3.4.1 The critical section de¿ned in this provision is similar to that de¿ned for reinforced concrete elements in 22.6.4.1, except that for plain concrete, the critical section is based on h rather than d.

14.5—Design strength
14.5.1 General

14.5.1.1 For each applicable factored load combination, design strength at all sections shall satisfy $\phi S_n \geq U$, including (a) through (d). Interaction between load effects shall be considered.

(a) $\phi M_n \geq M_u$
(b) $\phi P_n \geq P_u$
(c) $\phi V_n \geq V_u$
(d) $\phi B_n \geq B_u$

14.5.1.2 ϕ shall be determined in accordance with 21.2.

14.5.1.3 Tensile strength of concrete shall be permitted to be considered in design.

R14.5—Design strength
R14.5.1 General

R14.5.1.1 Refer to R9.5.1.1.

R14.5.1.2 The strength reduction factor ϕ for plain concrete design is the same for all strength conditions. Because both Àexural tensile strength and shear strength for plain concrete depend on the tensile strength characteristics of the concrete, with no reserve strength or ductility possible due to the absence of reinforcement, equal strength reduction factors for both bending and shear are considered appropriate.

R14.5.1.3 Flexural tension may be considered in design of plain concrete members to resist loads, provided the calculated stress does not exceed the permissible stress, and construction, contraction, or isolation joints are provided to relieve the resulting tensile stresses due to restraint of creep, shrinkage, and temperature effects.

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14.5.1.4 Flexure and axial strength calculations shall be based on a linear stress-strain relationship in both tension and compression.

14.5.1.5 λ for lightweight concrete shall be in accordance with 19.2.4.

14.5.1.6 No strength shall be assigned to steel reinforcement.

14.5.1.7 When calculating member strength in flexure, combined flexure and axial load, or shear, the entire cross section shall be considered in design, except for concrete cast against soil where overall thickness h shall be taken as 50 mm less than the specified thickness.

R14.5.1.7 The reduced overall thickness h for concrete cast against earth is to allow for unevenness of excavation and for some contamination of the concrete adjacent to the soil.

14.5.1.8 Unless demonstrated by analysis, horizontal length of wall to be considered effective for resisting each vertical concentrated load shall not exceed center-to-center distance between loads, or bearing width plus four times the wall thickness.

14.5.2 Flexure

R14.5.2 Flexure

14.5.2.1 M_n shall be the lesser of Eq. (14.5.2.1a) calculated at the tension face and Eq. (14.5.2.1b) calculated at the compression face:

R14.5.2.1 Equation (14.5.2.1b) may control for nonsymmetrical cross sections.

$$M_n = 0.42\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,S_m \qquad (14.5.2.1a)$$

$$M_n = 0.85 f_c' S_m \qquad (14.5.2.1b)$$

where S_m is the corresponding elastic section modulus.

14.5.3 Axial compression

R14.5.3 Axial compression

14.5.3.1 P_n shall be calculated by:

R14.5.3.1 Equation (14.5.3.1) is presented to reflect the general range of braced and restrained end conditions encountered in plain concrete elements. The effective length factor was omitted as a modifier of ℓ_c, the vertical distance between supports, because this is conservative for walls with assumed pin supports that are required to be braced against lateral translation as in 14.2.2.2.

$$P_n = 0.60 f_c' A_g \left[1 - \left(\frac{\ell_c}{32h}\right)^2\right] \qquad (14.5.3.1)$$

14.5.4 Flexure and axial compression

R14.5.4 Flexure and axial compression

14.5.4.1 Unless permitted by 14.5.4.2, member dimensions shall be proportioned to be in accordance with Table 14.5.4.1, where M_n is calculated in accordance with 14.5.2.1(b) and P_n is calculated in accordance with 14.5.3.1.

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Table 14.5.4.1—Combined flexure and axial compression

Location	Interaction equation	
Tension face	$\dfrac{M_u}{S_m} - \dfrac{P_u}{A_g} \leq \phi 0.42\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	(a)
Compression face	$\dfrac{M_u}{\phi M_n} + \dfrac{P_u}{\phi P_n} \leq 1.0$	(b)

14.5.4.2 For walls of solid rectangular cross section where $M_u \leq P_u(h/6)$, M_u need not be considered in design and P_n is calculated by:

$$P_n = 0.45 f_c' A_g \left[1 - \left(\frac{l_c}{32h}\right)^2\right] \quad (14.5.4.2)$$

R14.5.4.2 If the resultant load falls within the middle third of the wall thickness, plain concrete walls may be designed using the simplified Eq. (14.5.4.2). Eccentric loads and lateral forces are used to determine the total eccentricity of the factored axial force P_u. Equation (14.5.4.2) reflects the range of braced and restrained end conditions encountered in wall design. The limitations of 14.2.2.2, 14.3.1.1, and 14.5.1.8 apply whether the wall is proportioned by 14.5.4.1 or by 14.5.4.2.

14.5.5 Shear

14.5.5.1 V_n shall be calculated in accordance with Table 14.5.5.1.

Table 14.5.5.1—Nominal shear strength

Shear action		Nominal shear strength V_n	
One-way		$0.11\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_w h$	(a)
Two-way	Lesser of:	$\left(\dfrac{4}{\beta} + \dfrac{2}{\beta}\right)\left(0.11\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_o h\right)$ [1]	(b)
		$2\left(0.11\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_o h\right)$	(c)

[1]β is the ratio of long side to short side of concentrated load or reaction area.

R14.5.5 Shear

R14.5.5.1 Proportions of plain concrete members usually are controlled by tensile strength rather than shear strength. Shear stress (as a substitute for principal tensile stress) rarely will control. However, because it is difficult to foresee all possible conditions where shear may have to be investigated, such as shear keys, Committee 318 maintains the investigation of this basic stress condition.

The shear requirements for plain concrete assume an uncracked section. Shear failure in plain concrete will be a diagonal tension failure, occurring when the principal tensile stress near the centroidal axis becomes equal to the tensile strength of the concrete. Because the major portion of the principal tensile stress results from shear, the Code safeguards against tension failure by limiting the permissible shear at the centroidal axis as calculated from the equation for a section of homogeneous material:

$$v = VQ/Ib$$

where v and V are the shear stress and shear force, respectively, at the section considered; Q is the statical moment of the area above or below the centroid of the gross section calculated about the centroidal axis; I is the moment of inertia of the gross section; and b is the section width where shear stress is being calculated.

14.5.6 Bearing

14.5.6.1 B_n shall be calculated in accordance with Table 14.5.6.1.

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Table 14.5.6.1—Nominal bearing strength

Relative geometric conditions		B_n	
Supporting surface is wider on all sides than the loaded area	Lesser of:	$\sqrt{A_2/A_1}\left(0.85 f_c' A_1\right)$	(a)
		$2(0.85 f_c' A_1)$	(b)
Other		$0.85 f_c' A_1$	(c)

14.6—Reinforcement detailing

14.6.1 At least two No. 16 bars shall be provided around all window and door openings. Such bars shall extend at least 600 mm beyond the corners of openings.

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CHAPTER 15—BEAM-COLUMN AND SLAB-COLUMN JOINTS

R15—BEAM-COLUMN AND SLAB-COLUMN JOINTS

15.1—Scope

15.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design and detailing of cast-in-place beam-column and slab-column joints.

15.2—General

15.2.1 Beam-column and slab-column joints shall satisfy 15.3 for transfer of column axial force through the floor system.

15.2.2 If gravity load, wind, earthquake, or other lateral forces cause transfer of moment at beam-column or slab-column joints, the shear resulting from moment transfer shall be considered in the design of the joint.

15.2.3 Beam-column and slab-column joints that transfer moment to columns shall satisfy the detailing provisions in 15.4. Beam-column joints within special moment frames, slab-column joints within intermediate moment frames, and beam-column and slab-column joints in frames not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting systems in structures assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, or F, shall satisfy Chapter 18.

15.2.4 A beam-column joint shall be considered to be restrained if the joint is laterally supported on four sides by beams of approximately equal depth.

15.2.5 A slab-column joint shall be considered to be restrained if the joint is laterally supported on four sides by the slab.

15.3—Transfer of column axial force through the floor system

15.3.1 If f_c' of a column is greater than 1.4 times that of the floor system, transmission of axial force through the floor system shall be in accordance with (a), (b), or (c):

(a) Concrete of compressive strength specified for the column shall be placed in the floor at the column location. Column concrete shall extend outward at least 600 mm into the floor slab from face of column for the full depth of the slab and be integrated with floor concrete.

(b) Design strength of a column through a floor system shall be calculated using the lower value of concrete strength with vertical dowels and spirals as required to achieve adequate strength.

(c) For beam-column and slab-column joints that are restrained in accordance with 15.2.4 or 15.2.5, respectively, it shall be permitted to calculate the design strength of the column on an assumed concrete strength in the column joint equal to 75 percent of column concrete strength plus 35 percent of floor concrete strength, where

R15.2—General

Tests (Hanson and Conner 1967) have shown that the joint region of a beam-to-column connection in the interior of a building does not require shear reinforcement if the joint is laterally supported on four sides by beams of approximately equal depth. However, joints that are not restrained in this manner, such as at the exterior of a building, require shear reinforcement to prevent deterioration due to shear cracking (ACI 352R). These joints may also require transverse reinforcement to prevent buckling of longitudinal column reinforcement.

For regions where strong earthquakes may occur, joints may be required to withstand several reversals of loading that develop the flexural strength of the adjoining beams. Chapter 18 provides requirements for earthquake-resistant structures.

R15.3—Transfer of column axial force through the floor system

The requirements of this section consider the effect of floor concrete strength on column axial strength (Bianchini et al. 1960). Where the column concrete strength does not exceed the floor concrete strength by more than 40 percent, no special provisions are required. For higher concrete strengths, methods in 15.3.1(a) or 15.3.1(b) can be used for corner or edge columns. Methods in 15.3.1(a), (b), or (c) can be used for interior columns with adequate restraint on all four sides.

The requirements of 15.3.1(a) locate the interface between column and floor concrete at least 600 mm into the floor. Application of the concrete placement procedure described in 15.3.1(a) requires the placing of two different concrete mixtures in the floor system. The lower-strength mixture should be placed while the higher-strength concrete is still plastic and should be adequately vibrated to ensure the concretes are well integrated. It is important that the higher-strength concrete in the floor region around the column be placed before the lower-strength concrete in the remainder of the floor to prevent accidental placing of the lower-

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the value of column concrete strength shall not exceed 2.5 times the floor concrete strength.

15.4—Detailing of joints

15.4.1 Beam-column and slab-column joints that are restrained in accordance with 15.2.4 or 15.2.5, respectively, and are not part of a seismic-force-resisting system need not satisfy the provisions for transverse reinforcement of 15.4.2.

15.4.2 The area of all legs of transverse reinforcement in each principal direction of beam-column and slab-column joints shall be at least the greater of (a) and (b):

(a) $0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{bs}{f_{yt}}$

(b) $0.35\dfrac{bs}{f_{yt}}$

where b is the dimension of the column section perpendicular to the direction under consideration.

15.4.2.1 At beam-column and slab-column joints, an area of transverse reinforcement calculated in accordance with 15.4.2 shall be distributed within the column height not less than the deepest beam or slab element framing into the column.

15.4.2.2 For beam-column joints, the spacing of the transverse reinforcement s shall not exceed one-half the depth of the shallowest beam.

15.4.3 If longitudinal beam or column reinforcement is spliced or terminated in a joint, closed transverse reinforcement in accordance with 10.7.6 shall be provided in the joint, unless the joint region is restrained in accordance with 15.2.4 or 15.2.5.

15.4.4 Development of longitudinal reinforcement terminating in the joint shall be in accordance with 25.4.

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strength concrete in the column area. As required in Chapter 26, it is the responsibility of the licensed design professional to indicate on the construction documents where the higher- and lower-strength concretes are to be placed.

Research (Ospina and Alexander 1998) has shown that heavily loaded slabs do not provide as much confinement as lightly loaded slabs when ratios of column concrete strength to slab concrete strength exceed approximately 2.5. Consequently, a limit is placed on the concrete strength ratio assumed in design in 15.3.1(c).

R15.4—Detailing of joints

R15.4.1 Connection details should be arranged to minimize the potential for cracking due to restrained creep, shrinkage, and temperature movements. The Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (MNL 123) provides information on recommended connection details for precast concrete structures.

R15.4.3 Unless the joint is restrained on four sides by beams or the slab, reinforcement is required such that the flexural strength can be developed and maintained under repeated loadings (Hanson and Conner 1967; ACI 352R).

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CHAPTER 16—CONNECTIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS

R16—CONNECTIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS

16.1—Scope

16.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design of joints and connections at the intersection of concrete members and for load transfer between concrete surfaces, including (a) through (d):

(a) Connections of precast members
(b) Connections between foundations and either cast-in-place or precast members
(c) Horizontal shear strength of composite concrete flexural members
(d) Brackets and corbels

16.2—Connections of precast members

16.2.1 General

R16.2—Connections of precast members

R16.2.1 *General*—Connection details should be arranged to minimize the potential for cracking due to restrained creep, shrinkage, and temperature movements. The Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (MNL 123) provides information on recommended connection details for precast concrete structures.

16.2.1.1 Transfer of forces by means of grouted joints, shear keys, bearing, anchors, mechanical connectors, steel reinforcement, reinforced topping, or a combination of these, shall be permitted.

R16.2.1.1 If two or more connection methods are used to satisfy the requirements for force transfer, their individual load-deformation characteristics should be considered to confirm that the mechanisms work together as intended.

16.2.1.2 Adequacy of connections shall be verified by analysis or test.

16.2.1.3 Connection details that rely solely on friction caused by gravity loads shall not be permitted.

16.2.1.4 Connections, and regions of members adjacent to connections, shall be designed to resist forces and accommodate deformations due to all load effects in the precast structural system.

R16.2.1.4 The structural behavior of precast members may differ substantially from that of similar members that are cast-in-place. Design of connections to minimize or transmit forces due to shrinkage, creep, temperature change, elastic deformation, differential settlement, wind, and earthquake require particular consideration in precast construction.

16.2.1.5 Design of connections shall consider structural effects of restraint of volume change in accordance with 5.3.6.

R16.2.1.5 Connections should be designed to either permit the displacements or resist the forces induced by lack of fit, volume changes caused by shrinkage, creep, thermal, and other environmental effects. Connections intended to resist the forces should do so without loss of strength. Restraint assumptions should be consistent in all interconnected members. There are also cases in which the intended force may be in one direction, but it may affect the strength of the connection in another. For example, shrinkage-induced longitudinal tension in a precast beam may affect the vertical shear strength on the corbel supporting it.

16.2.1.6 Design of connections shall consider the effects of tolerances specified for fabrication and erection of precast members.

R16.2.1.6 Refer to R26.9.1(a).

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16.2.1.7 Design of a connection with multiple components shall consider the differences in stiffness, strength, and ductility of the components.

16.2.1.8 Integrity ties shall be provided in the vertical, longitudinal, and transverse directions and around the perimeter of a structure in accordance with 16.2.4 or 16.2.5.

R16.2.1.8 PCI Building Code Committee (1986) provides recommendations for minimum integrity ties for precast concrete bearing wall buildings.

16.2.2 Required strength

16.2.2.1 Required strength of connections and adjacent regions shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations in Chapter 5.

16.2.2.2 Required strength of connections and adjacent regions shall be calculated in accordance with the analysis procedures in Chapter 6.

16.2.3 Design strength

16.2.3.1 For each applicable load combination, design strengths of precast member connections shall satisfy

$$\phi S_n \geq U \qquad (16.2.3.1)$$

16.2.3.2 ϕ shall be determined in accordance with 21.2.

16.2.3.3 At the contact surface between supported and supporting members, or between a supported or supporting member and an intermediate bearing element, nominal bearing strength for concrete surfaces, B_n, shall be calculated in accordance with 22.8. B_n shall be the lesser of the nominal concrete bearing strengths for the supported or supporting member surface, and shall not exceed the strength of intermediate bearing elements, if present.

16.2.3.4 If shear is the primary result of imposed loading and shear transfer occurs across a given plane, it shall be permitted to calculate V_n in accordance with the shear friction provisions in 22.9.

16.2.4 Minimum connection strength and integrity tie requirements

R16.2.4 Minimum connection strength and integrity tie requirements

16.2.4.1 Except where the provisions of 16.2.5 govern, longitudinal and transverse integrity ties shall connect precast members to a lateral-force-resisting system, and vertical integrity ties shall be provided in accordance with 16.2.4.3 to connect adjacent floor and roof levels.

R16.2.4.1 It is not intended that these minimum requirements supersede other applicable provisions of the Code for design of precast concrete structures.

The overall integrity of a structure can be substantially enhanced by minor changes in the amount, location, and detailing of member reinforcement and in the detailing of connection hardware. The integrity ties should constitute a complete load path, and load transfers along that load path should be as direct as possible. Eccentricity of the load path, especially within any connection, should be minimized.

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16.2.4.2 Where precast members form floor or roof diaphragms, the connections between the diaphragm and those members being laterally supported by the diaphragm shall have a nominal tensile strength of not less than 4.4 kN per linear m.

16.2.4.3 Vertical integrity ties shall be provided at horizontal joints between all vertical precast structural members, except cladding, and shall satisfy (a) or (b):

(a) Connections between precast columns shall have vertical integrity ties, with a nominal tensile strength of at least $1.4A_g$, in N, where A_g is the gross area of the column. For columns with a larger cross section than required by consideration of loading, a reduced effective area based on the cross section required shall be permitted. The reduced effective area shall be at least one-half the gross area of the column.

(b) Connections between precast wall panels shall have at least two vertical integrity ties, with a nominal tensile strength of at least 44 kN per tie.

16.2.5 Integrity tie requirements for precast concrete bearing wall structures three stories or more in height

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R16.2.4.2 The connection between the diaphragm and the member laterally supported by the diaphragm may be direct or indirect. For example, a column may be connected directly to the diaphragm, or it may be connected to a spandrel beam, which is connected to the diaphragm.

R16.2.4.3 Base connections and connections at horizontal joints in precast columns and wall panels, including shear walls, are designed to transfer all design forces and moments. The minimum integrity tie requirements of this provision are not additive to these design requirements. Common practice is to place the wall integrity ties symmetrically about the vertical centerline of the wall panel and within the outer quarters of the panel width, wherever possible.

R16.2.5 Integrity tie requirements for precast concrete bearing wall structures three stories or more in height—Section 16.2.4 gives requirements for integrity ties that apply to all precast concrete structures. The specific requirements in this section apply only to precast concrete bearing wall structures with three or more stories, often called large panel structures. If the requirements of this section conflict with the requirements of 16.2.4, the requirements in this section control.

These minimum provisions for structural integrity ties in large panel bearing wall structures are intended to provide catenary hanger support in case of loss of a bearing wall support (Portland Cement Association 1980). Tie requirements calculated for specific load effects may exceed these minimum provisions. The minimum integrity tie requirements are illustrated in Fig. R16.2.5, and are based on PCI's recommendations for design of precast concrete bearing wall buildings (PCI Committee on Precast Concrete Bearing Wall Buildings 1976). Integrity tie strength is based on yield strength. The PCI Building Code Committee (1986) provides a recommendation for minimum integrity ties for precast concrete bearing wall buildings.

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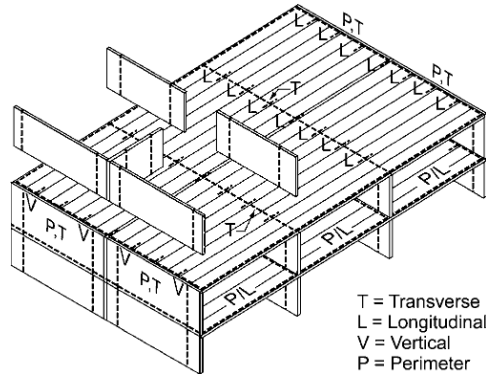T = Transverse
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V = Vertical
P = Perimeter

Fig. R16.2.5—Typical arrangement of integrity ties in large panel structures.

16.2.5.1 Integrity ties in floor and roof systems shall satisfy (a) through (f):

(a) Longitudinal and transverse integrity ties shall be provided in floor and roof systems to provide a nominal tensile strength of at least 22 kN per meter of width or length.

(b) Longitudinal and transverse integrity ties shall be provided over interior wall supports and between the floor or roof system and exterior walls.

(c) Longitudinal and transverse integrity ties shall be positioned in or within 600 mm of the plane of the floor or roof system.

(d) Longitudinal integrity ties shall be oriented parallel to floor or roof slab spans and shall be spaced not greater than 3 m on center. Provisions shall be made to transfer forces around openings.

(e) Transverse integrity ties shall be oriented perpendicular to floor or roof slab spans and shall be spaced not greater than the bearing wall spacing.

(f) Integrity ties at the perimeter of each floor and roof, within 1.2 m of the edge, shall provide a nominal tensile strength of at least 71 kN.

16.2.5.2 Vertical integrity ties shall satisfy (a) through (c):

(a) Integrity ties shall be provided in all wall panels and shall be continuous over the height of the building.

(b) Integrity ties shall provide a nominal tensile strength of at least 44 kN per horizontal meter of wall.

(c) At least two integrity ties shall be provided in each wall panel.

R16.2.5.1(a) Longitudinal integrity ties may project from slabs and be lap spliced, welded, mechanically connected, or embedded in grout joints with sufficient length and cover to develop the required force. Bond length for nonprestressed, bonded prestressing reinforcement, if used, should be sufficient to develop the yield strength (Salmons and McCrate 1977).

R16.2.5.1(c) It is not uncommon to have integrity ties positioned in the walls reasonably close to the plane of the floor or roof system.

R16.2.5.1(e) Transverse integrity ties may be uniformly spaced and either encased in the panels or in a topping, or they may be concentrated at the transverse bearing walls.

R16.2.5.1(f) The perimeter integrity tie requirements need not be additive with the longitudinal and transverse integrity tie requirements.

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16.2.6 Minimum dimensions at bearing connections

16.2.6.1 Dimensions of bearing connections shall satisfy 16.2.6.2 or 16.2.6.3 unless shown by analysis or test that lesser dimensions will not impair performance.

16.2.6.2 For precast slabs, beams, or stemmed members, minimum design dimensions from the face of support to end of precast member in the direction of the span, considering specified tolerances, shall be in accordance with Table 16.2.6.2.

Table 16.2.6.2—Minimum design dimensions from face of support to end of precast member

Member type		Minimum distance, mm
Solid or hollow-core slab	Greater of:	$\ell_n/180$
		50
Beam or stemmed member	Greater of:	$\ell_n/180$
		75

16.2.6.3 Bearing pads adjacent to unarmored faces shall be set back from the face of the support and the end of the supported member a distance not less than 13 mm or the chamfer dimension at a chamfered face.

16.3—Connections to foundations

16.3.1 General

16.3.1.1 Factored forces and moments at base of columns, walls, or pedestals shall be transferred to supporting foundations by bearing on concrete and by reinforcement, dowels, anchor bolts, or mechanical connectors.

16.3.1.2 Reinforcement, dowels, or mechanical connectors between a supported member and foundation shall be designed to transfer (a) and (b):

(a) Compressive forces that exceed the lesser of the concrete bearing strengths of either the supported member or the foundation, calculated in accordance with 22.8
(b) Any calculated tensile force across the interface

16.3.1.3 At the base of a composite column with a structural steel core, (a) or (b) shall be satisfied:

(a) Base of structural steel section shall be designed to transfer the total factored forces from the entire composite member to the foundation.

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R16.2.6 Minimum dimensions at bearing connections—This section differentiates between bearing length and length of the end of a precast member over the support (refer to Fig. R16.2.6).

Bearing pads distribute concentrated loads and reactions over the bearing area, and allow limited horizontal and rotational movements for stress relief. To prevent spalling under heavily loaded bearing areas, bearing pads should not extend to the edge of the support unless the edge is armored. Edges can be armored with anchored steel plates or angles. Section 16.5 gives requirements for bearing on brackets or corbels.
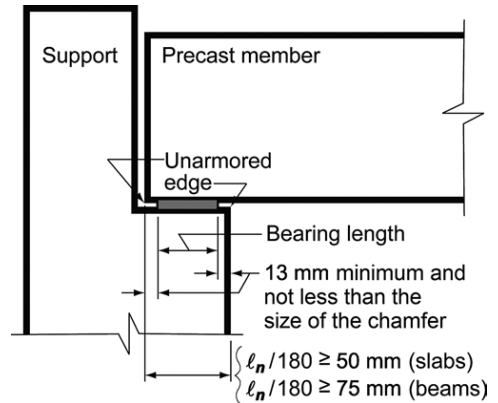
Fig. R16.2.6—Bearing length on support.

R16.3—Connections to foundations

The requirements of 16.3.1 through 16.3.3 apply to both cast-in-place and precast construction. Additional requirements for cast-in-place construction are given in 16.3.4 and 16.3.5, while additional requirements for precast construction are given in 16.3.6.

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(b) Base of structural steel section shall be designed to transfer the factored forces from the steel core only, and the remainder of the total factored forces shall be transferred to the foundation by compression in the concrete and by reinforcement.

16.3.2 Required strength

16.3.2.1 Factored forces and moments transferred to foundations shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations in Chapter 5 and analysis procedures in Chapter 6.

16.3.3 Design strength

R16.3.3 Design strength

16.3.3.1 Design strengths of connections between columns, walls, or pedestals and foundations shall satisfy Eq. (16.3.3.1) for each applicable load combination. For connections between precast members and foundations, requirements for vertical integrity ties in 16.2.4.3 or 16.2.5.2 shall be satisᵢed.

$$\phi S_n \geq U \qquad (16.3.3.1)$$

where S_n is the nominal ᵢexural, shear, axial, torsional, or bearing strength of the connection.

16.3.3.2 ϕ shall be determined in accordance with 21.2.

16.3.3.3 Combined moment and axial strength of connections shall be calculated in accordance with 22.4.

16.3.3.4 At the contact surface between a supported member and foundation, or between a supported member or foundation and an intermediate bearing element, nominal bearing strength B_n shall be calculated in accordance with 22.8 for concrete surfaces. B_n shall be the lesser of the nominal concrete bearing strengths for the supported member or foundation surface, and shall not exceed the strength of intermediate bearing elements, if present.

R16.3.3.4 In the common case of a column bearing on a footing, where the area of the footing is larger than the area of the column, the bearing strength should be checked at the base of the column and the top of the footing. In the absence of dowels or column reinforcement that continue into the foundation, the strength of the lower part of the column should be checked using the strength of the concrete alone.

16.3.3.5 At the contact surface between supported member and foundation, V_n shall be calculated in accordance with the shear-friction provisions in 22.9 or by other appropriate means.

R16.3.3.5 Shear-friction may be used to check for transfer of lateral forces to the supporting pedestal or footing. As an alternative to using shear-friction across a shear plane, shear keys may be used, provided that the reinforcement crossing the joint satisᵢes 16.3.4.1 for cast-in-place construction or 16.3.6.1 for precast construction. In precast construction, resistance to lateral forces may be provided by mechanical or welded connections.

16.3.3.6 At the base of a precast column, pedestal, or wall, anchor bolts and anchors for mechanical connections shall be designed in accordance with Chapter 17. Forces developed during erection shall be considered.

R16.3.3.6 Chapter 17 covers anchor design, including seismic design requirements. In precast concrete construction, erection considerations may control base connection design and need to be considered.

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16.3.3.7 At the base of a precast column, pedestal, or wall, mechanical connectors shall be designed to reach their design strength before anchorage failure or failure of surrounding concrete.

16.3.4 Minimum reinforcement for connections between cast-in-place members and foundation

R16.3.4 Minimum reinforcement for connections between cast-in-place members and foundation—The Code requires a minimum amount of reinforcement between all supported and supporting members to ensure ductile behavior. This reinforcement is required to provide a degree of structural integrity during the construction stage and during the life of the structure.

16.3.4.1 For connections between a cast-in-place column or pedestal and foundation, A_s crossing the interface shall be at least $0.005A_g$, where A_g is the gross area of the supported member.

R16.3.4.1 The minimum area of reinforcement at the base of a column may be provided by extending the longitudinal bars and anchoring them into the footing or by providing properly anchored dowels.

16.3.4.2 For connections between a cast-in-place wall and foundation, area of vertical reinforcement crossing the interface shall satisfy 11.6.1.

16.3.5 Details for connections between cast-in-place members and foundation

R16.3.5 Details for connections between cast-in-place members and foundation

16.3.5.1 At the base of a cast-in-place column, pedestal, or wall, reinforcement required to satisfy 16.3.3 and 16.3.4 shall be provided either by extending longitudinal bars into supporting foundation or by dowels.

16.3.5.2 Where moments are transferred to the foundation, reinforcement, dowels, or mechanical connectors shall satisfy 10.7.5 for splices.

R16.3.5.2 If calculated moments are transferred from the column to the footing, the concrete in the compression zone of the column may be stressed to $0.85\phi f_c'$ under factored load conditions and, as a result, all the reinforcement will generally have to be anchored into the footing.

16.3.5.3 If a pinned or rocker connection is used at the base of a cast-in-place column or pedestal, the connection to foundation shall satisfy 16.3.3.

16.3.5.4 At footings, it shall be permitted to lap splice No. 43 and No. 57 longitudinal bars, in compression only, with dowels to satisfy 16.3.3.1. Dowels shall satisfy (a) through (c):

(a) Dowels shall not be larger than No. 36
(b) Dowels shall extend into supported member at least the greater of the development length of the longitudinal bars in compression, ℓ_{dc}, and the compression lap splice length of the dowels, ℓ_{sc}
(c) Dowels shall extend into the footing at least ℓ_{dc} of the dowels

R16.3.5.4 Compression lap splices of large bars and dowels are permitted in accordance with 25.5.5.3. Satisfying 16.3.3.1 might require that each No. 43 or 57 bar be spliced to more than one dowel bar.

16.3.6 Details for connections between precast members and foundation

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16.3.6.1 At the base of a precast column, pedestal, or wall, the connection to the foundation shall satisfy 16.2.4.3 or 16.2.5.2.

16.3.6.2 If the applicable load combinations of 16.3.3 result in no tension at the base of precast walls, vertical integrity ties required by 16.2.4.3(b) shall be permitted to be developed into an adequately reinforced concrete slab-on-ground.

16.4—Horizontal shear transfer in composite concrete flexural members

16.4.1 General

16.4.1.1 In a composite concrete flexural member, full transfer of horizontal shear forces shall be provided at contact surfaces of interconnected elements.

16.4.1.2 Where tension exists across any contact surface between interconnected concrete elements, horizontal shear transfer by contact shall be permitted only where transverse reinforcement is provided in accordance with 16.4.6 and 16.4.7.

16.4.1.3 Surface preparation assumed for design shall be specified in the construction documents.

16.4.2 Required strength

16.4.2.1 Factored forces transferred along the contact surface in composite concrete flexural members shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations in Chapter 5.

16.4.2.2 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the analysis procedures in Chapter 6.

16.4.3 Design strength

16.4.3.1 Design strength for horizontal shear transfer shall satisfy Eq. (16.4.3.1) at all locations along the contact surface in a composite concrete flexural member, unless 16.4.5 is satisfied:

$$\phi V_{nh} \geq V_u \qquad (16.4.3.1)$$

where nominal horizontal shear strength V_{nh} is calculated in accordance with 16.4.4.

16.4.3.2 ϕ shall be determined in accordance with 21.2.

16.4.4 Nominal horizontal shear strength

R16.4—Horizontal shear transfer in composite concrete flexural members

R16.4.1 General

R16.4.1.1 Full transfer of horizontal shear forces between segments of composite members can be provided by horizontal shear strength at contact surfaces through interface shear, properly anchored ties, or both.

R16.4.1.3 Section 26.5.6 requires the licensed design professional to specify the surface preparation in the construction documents.

R16.4.4 Nominal horizontal shear strength

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16.4.4.1 If $V_u > \phi(3.5b_vd)$, V_{nh} shall be taken as V_n calculated in accordance with 22.9, where b_v is the width of the contact surface, and d is in accordance with 16.4.4.3.

16.4.4.2 If $V_u \le \phi(3.5b_vd)$, V_{nh} shall be calculated in accordance with Table 16.4.4.2, where $A_{v,min}$ is in accordance with 16.4.6, b_v is the width of the contact surface, and d is in accordance with 16.4.4.3.

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R16.4.4.2 The permitted horizontal shear strengths and the requirement of 6 mm amplitude for intentional roughness are based on tests discussed in Kaar et al. (1960), Saemann and Washa (1964), and Hanson (1960).

Table 16.4.4.2—Nominal horizontal shear strength

Shear transfer reinforcement	Contact surface preparation[1]	V_{nh}, N		
$A_v \ge A_{v,min}$	Concrete placed against hardened concrete intentionally roughened to a full amplitude of approximately 6 mm	Lesser of:	$\lambda\left(1.8 + 0.6\dfrac{A_{vf}f_{yt}}{b_v s}\right)b_v d$	(a)
			$3.5b_vd$	(b)
	Concrete placed against hardened concrete not intentionally roughened	$0.55b_vd$		(c)
Other cases	Concrete placed against hardened concrete intentionally roughened	$0.55b_vd$		(d)

[1]Concrete contact surface shall be clean and free of laitance.

16.4.4.3 In Table 16.4.4.2, d shall be the distance from extreme compression fiber for the entire composite section to the centroid of prestressed and nonprestressed longitudinal tension reinforcement, if any, but need not be taken less than 0.80h for prestressed concrete members.

R16.4.4.3 In composite prestressed concrete members, the depth of the tension reinforcement may vary along the member. The definition of d used in Chapter 22 for determining the vertical shear strength is also appropriate for determining the horizontal shear strength.

16.4.4.4 Transverse reinforcement in the previously cast concrete that extends into the cast-in-place concrete and is anchored on both sides of the interface shall be permitted to be included as ties for calculation of V_{nh}.

16.4.5 Alternative method for calculating design horizontal shear strength

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16.4.5.1 As an alternative to 16.4.3.1, factored horizontal shear V_{uh} shall be calculated from the change in flexural compressive or tensile force in any segment of the composite concrete member, and Eq. (16.4.5.1) shall be satisfied at all locations along the contact surface:

$$\phi V_{nh} \ge V_{uh} \qquad (16.4.5.1)$$

Nominal horizontal shear strength V_{nh} shall be calculated in accordance with 16.4.4.1 or 16.4.4.2, where area of contact surface shall be substituted for b_vd and V_{uh} shall be substituted for V_u. Provisions shall be made to transfer the change in compressive or tensile force as horizontal shear force across the interface.

16.4.5.2 Where shear transfer reinforcement is designed to resist horizontal shear to satisfy Eq. (16.4.5.1), the tie area to tie spacing ratio along the member shall approximately reflect the distribution of interface shear forces in the composite concrete flexural member.

R16.4.5.2 The distribution of horizontal shear stresses along the contact surface in a composite member will reflect the distribution of shear along the member. Horizontal shear failure will initiate where the horizontal shear stress is a maximum and will spread to regions of lower stress.

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Because the slip at peak horizontal shear resistance is small for a concrete-to-concrete contact surface, longitudinal redistribution of horizontal shear resistance is very limited. Therefore, the spacing of ties along the contact surface should provide horizontal shear resistance distributed approximately the same as the distribution of shear stress along the contact surface.

16.4.5.3 Transverse reinforcement in a previously cast section that extends into the cast-in-place section and is anchored on both sides of the interface shall be permitted to be included as ties for calculation of V_{nh}.

16.4.6 Minimum reinforcement for horizontal shear transfer

16.4.6.1 Where shear transfer reinforcement is designed to resist horizontal shear, $A_{v,min}$ shall be the greater of (a) and (b):

(a) $0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w s}{f_y}$

(b) $0.35\dfrac{b_w s}{f_y}$

16.4.7 Reinforcement detailing for horizontal shear transfer

16.4.7.1 Shear transfer reinforcement shall consist of single bars or wire, multiple leg stirrups, or vertical legs of welded wire reinforcement.

16.4.7.2 Where shear transfer reinforcement is designed to resist horizontal shear, longitudinal spacing of shear transfer reinforcement shall not exceed the lesser of 600 mm and four times the least dimension of the supported element.

16.4.7.3 Shear transfer reinforcement shall be developed in interconnected elements in accordance with 25.7.1.

16.5—Brackets and corbels
16.5.1 General

R16.4.6 Minimum reinforcement for horizontal shear transfer

R16.4.6.1 The requirements for minimum area of shear transfer reinforcement are based on test data given in Kaar et al. (1960), Saemann and Washa (1964), Hanson (1960), Grossfield and Birnstiel (1962), and Mast (1968).

R16.4.7 Reinforcement detailing for horizontal shear transfer

R16.4.7.3 Proper anchorage of ties extending across the interface is required to maintain contact along the interface.

R16.5—Brackets and corbels
R16.5.1 *General*—Brackets and corbels are short cantilevers that tend to act as simple trusses or deep beams, rather than beams, which are designed for shear according to 22.5. The corbel shown in Fig. R16.5.1a and Fig. 16.5.1b may fail by shearing along the interface between the column and the corbel, yielding of the tension tie, crushing or splitting of the compression strut, or localized bearing or shearing failure under the loading plate. These failure modes are illustrated and discussed in Elzanaty et al. (1986).

The method of design addressed in this section has only been validated experimentally for $a_v/d \leq 1.0$. In addition, an upper limit is provided for N_{uc} because this method of design has only been validated experimentally for $N_{uc} \leq V_u$.

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16.5.1.1 Brackets and corbels with shear span-to-depth ratio $a_v/d \leq 1.0$ and with factored horizontal tensile force $N_{uc} \leq V_u$ shall be permitted to be designed in accordance with 16.5.

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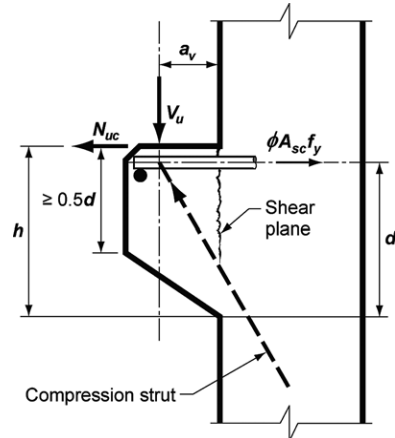R16.5.1.1 Design of brackets and corbels in accordance with Chapter 23 is permitted, regardless of shear span.

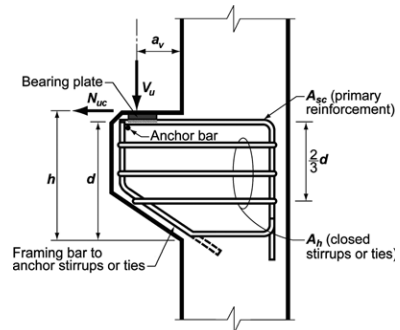Fig. R16.5.1a—Structural action of a corbel.

Fig. R16.5.1b—Notation used in Section 18.3.

16.5.2 Dimensional limits

16.5.2.1 Effective depth d for a bracket or corbel shall be calculated at the face of the support.

16.5.2.2 Overall depth of bracket or corbel at the outside edge of the bearing area shall be at least 0.5d.

R16.5.2 Dimensional limits

R16.5.2.2 A minimum depth, as shown in Fig. R16.5.1a and R16.5.1b, is required at the outside edge of the bearing area so that a premature failure will not occur due to a major crack propagating from below the bearing area to the sloping face of the corbel or bracket. Failures of this type have been observed (Kriz and Raths 1965) in corbels having depths at the outside edge of the bearing area less than required in 16.5.2.2.

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16.5.2.3 No part of the bearing area on a bracket or corbel shall project farther from the face of support than (a) or (b):

(a) End of the straight portion of the primary tension reinforcement

(b) Interior face of the transverse anchor bar, if one is provided

R16.5.2.3 The restriction on the location of the bearing area is necessary to ensure development of the specified yield strength of the primary tension reinforcement near the load.

If the corbel is designed to resist tensile force N_{uc}, a bearing plate should be provided and fully anchored to the primary tension reinforcement (Fig. R16.5.1b).

16.5.2.4 For normalweight concrete, the bracket or corbel dimensions shall be selected such that V_u/ϕ shall not exceed the least of (a) through (c):

(a) $0.2f_c'b_wd$

(b) $(3.3 + 0.08f_c')b_wd$

(c) $11b_wd$

R16.5.2.4 These limits impose dimensional restrictions on brackets and corbels necessary to comply with the maximum shear friction strength allowed on the critical section at the face of support.

16.5.2.5 For all-lightweight or sand-lightweight concrete, the bracket or corbel dimensions shall be selected such that V_u/ϕ shall not exceed the lesser of (a) and (b):

(a) $\left[0.2 - 0.07\dfrac{a_v}{d}\right]f_c'b_wd$

(b) $\left[5.5 - 1.9\dfrac{a_v}{d}\right]b_wd$

R16.5.2.5 Tests (Mattock et al. 1976a) have shown that the maximum shear friction strength of lightweight concrete brackets and corbels is a function of both f_c' and a_v/d. No data are available for corbels or brackets made of sand-light-weight concrete. As a result, the same limitations have been placed on both all-lightweight and sand-lightweight brackets and corbels.

16.5.3 Required strength

R16.5.3 Required strength

16.5.3.1 The section at the face of the support shall be designed to resist simultaneously the factored shear V_u, the factored horizontal tensile force N_{uc}, and the factored moment M_u given by $[V_ua_v + N_{uc}(h - d)]$.

16.5.3.2 Factored tensile force, N_{uc}, and shear, V_u, shall be the maximum values calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations in Chapter 5.

16.5.3.3 Required strength shall be calculated in accordance with the analysis procedures in Chapter 6, and the requirements in this section.

16.5.3.4 Horizontal tensile force acting on a bracket or corbel shall be treated as a live load when calculating N_{uc}, even if the tension results from restraint of creep, shrinkage, or temperature change.

R16.5.3.4 Because the magnitude of horizontal forces acting on corbels or brackets cannot usually be determined with accuracy, it is required that N_{uc} be amplified by the load factor applicable to live loads.

16.5.3.5 Unless tensile forces are prevented from being applied to the bracket or corbel, N_{uc} shall be at least $0.2V_u$.

16.5.4 Design strength

16.5.4.1 Design strength at all sections shall satisfy $\phi S_n \geq U$, including (a) through (c). Interaction between load effects shall be considered.

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(a) $\phi N_n \geq N_{uc}$
(b) $\phi V_n \geq V_u$
(c) $\phi M_n \geq M_u$

16.5.4.2 ϕ shall be determined in accordance with 21.2.

16.5.4.3 Nominal tensile strength N_n provided by A_n shall be calculated by

$$N_n = A_n f_y \qquad (16.5.4.3)$$

16.5.4.4 Nominal shear strength V_n provided by A_{vf} shall be calculated in accordance with provisions for shear-friction in 22.9, where A_{vf} is the area of reinforcement that crosses the assumed shear plane.

16.5.4.5 Nominal flexural strength M_n provided by A_f shall be calculated in accordance with the design assumptions in 22.2.

16.5.5 Reinforcement limits

16.5.5.1 Area of primary tension reinforcement, A_{sc}, shall be at least the greatest of (a) through (c):

(a) $A_f + A_n$
(b) $(2/3)A_{vf} + A_n$
(c) $0.04(f_c'/f_y)(b_w d)$

R16.5.5 Reinforcement limits

R16.5.5.1 Test results (Mattock et al. 1976a) indicate that the total amount of primary tension reinforcement, A_{sc}, required to cross the face of the support should be the greatest of:

(a) The sum of the amount of reinforcement needed to resist demands from flexure, A_f, plus the amount of reinforcement needed to resist the axial force, A_n, as determined by 16.5.4.3.
(b) The sum of two-thirds of the total required shear friction reinforcement, A_{vf}, as determined by 16.5.4.4, plus the amount of reinforcement needed to resist the axial force, A_n, determined by 16.5.4.3. The remaining $A_{vf}/3$ should be provided as closed stirrups parallel to A_{sc} as required by 16.5.5.2.
(c) A minimum amount of reinforcement, multiplied by the ratio of concrete strength to steel strength. This amount is required to prevent the possibility of sudden failure should the bracket or corbel crack under the action of flexure and outward tensile force.

16.5.5.2 Total area of closed stirrups or ties parallel to primary tension reinforcement, A_h, shall be at least:

$$A_h = 0.5(A_{sc} - A_n) \qquad (16.5.5.2)$$

R16.5.5.2 Closed stirrups parallel to the primary tension reinforcement are necessary to prevent a premature diagonal tension failure of the corbel or bracket. Distribution of A_h is required to be in accordance with 16.5.6.6. The total amount of reinforcement required to cross the face of the support, as shown in Fig. R16.5.1b, is the sum of A_{sc} and A_h.

16.5.6 Reinforcement detailing

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16.5.6.1 Concrete cover shall be in accordance with 20.6.1.3.

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16.5.6.2 Minimum spacing for deformed reinforcement shall be in accordance with 25.2.

16.5.6.3 At the front face of a bracket or corbel, primary tension reinforcement shall be anchored by (a), (b), or (c):

(a) A weld to a transverse bar of at least equal size that is designed to develop f_y of primary tension reinforcement
(b) Bending the primary tension reinforcement back to form a horizontal loop
(c) Other means of anchorage that develops f_y

R16.5.6.3 For brackets and corbels of variable depth (refer to Fig. R16.5.1a), the stress at ultimate in the reinforcement is almost constant at approximately f_y from the face of support to the load point. This is because the horizontal component of the inclined concrete compression strut is transferred to the primary tension reinforcement at the location of the vertical load. Therefore, reinforcement should be fully anchored at its outer end (refer to 16.5.6.3) and in the supporting column (refer to 16.5.6.4), so as to be able to develop its specified yield strength from the face of support to the vertical load (refer to Fig. R16.5.6.3a). Satisfactory anchorage at the outer end can be obtained by bending the primary tension reinforcement bars in a horizontal loop as specified in 16.5.6.3b, or by welding a bar of equal diameter or a suitably sized angle across the ends of the primary tension reinforcement bars. The weld detail used successfully in the corbel tests reported in Mattock et al. (1976a) is shown in Fig. R16.5.6.3b. Refer to ACI Committee 408 (1966).

An end hook in the vertical plane, with the minimum diameter bend, is not totally effective because a zone of unreinforced concrete beneath the point of loading will exist for loads applied close to the end of the bracket or corbel. For wide brackets (perpendicular to the plane of the figure) and loads not applied close to the end, U-shaped bars in a horizontal plane provide effective end hooks.
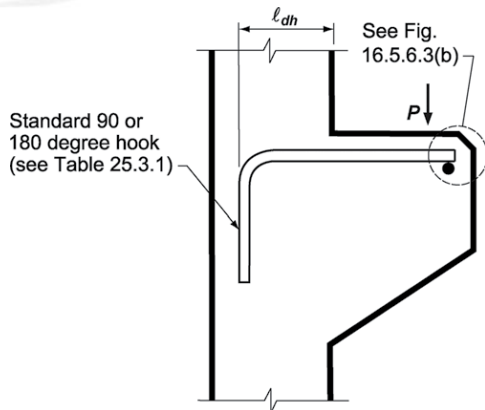
Fig. R16.5.6.3a—Member largely dependent on support and end anchorages.

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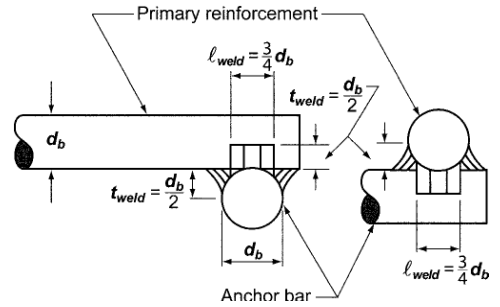
Fig. R16.5.6.3b—Weld details used in tests of Mattock et al. (1976a).

16.5.6.4 Primary tension reinforcement shall be developed at the face of the support.

16.5.6.5 Development of tension reinforcement shall account for distribution of stress in reinforcement that is not directly proportional to the bending moment.

R16.5.6.5 Calculated stress in reinforcement at service loads, f_s, does not decrease linearly in proportion to a decreasing moment in brackets, corbels, and members of variable depth. Additional consideration is required for proper development of the flexural reinforcement.

16.5.6.6 Closed stirrups or ties shall be spaced such that A_h is uniformly distributed within $(2/3)d$ measured from the primary tension reinforcement.

R16.5.6.6 Refer to R16.5.5.2.

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CHAPTER 17—ANCHORING TO CONCRETE

17.1—Scope

17.1.1 This chapter provides design requirements for anchors in concrete used to transmit structural loads by means of tension, shear, or a combination of tension and shear between: (a) connected structural elements; or (b) safety-related attachments and structural elements. Safety levels specified are intended for in-service conditions, rather than for short-term handling and construction conditions.

17.1.2 This chapter applies to cast-in anchors and to post-installed expansion (torque-controlled and displacement-controlled), undercut, and adhesive anchors. Adhesive anchors shall be installed in concrete having a minimum age of 21 days at time of anchor installation. Specialty inserts, through-bolts, multiple anchors connected to a single steel plate at the embedded end of the anchors, grouted anchors, and direct anchors such as powder or pneumatic actuated nails or bolts are not included in the provisions of this chapter. Reinforcement used as part of the embedment shall be designed in accordance with other parts of this Code.

17.1.3 Design provisions are included for the following types of anchors:

(a) Headed studs and headed bolts having a geometry that has been demonstrated to result in a pullout strength in uncracked concrete equal to or exceeding $1.4N_p$, where N_p is given in Eq. (17.4.3.4)
(b) Hooked bolts having a geometry that has been demonstrated to result in a pullout strength without the benefit of friction in uncracked concrete equal to or exceeding $1.4N_p$, where N_p is given in Eq. (17.4.3.5)
(c) Post-installed expansion and undercut anchors that meet the assessment criteria of ACI 355.2
(d) Adhesive anchors that meet the assessment criteria of ACI 355.4

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R17.1—Scope

R17.1.1 This chapter is restricted in scope to structural anchors that transmit structural loads related to strength, stability, or life safety. Two types of applications are envisioned. The first is connections between structural elements where the failure of an anchor or an anchor group could result in loss of equilibrium or stability of any portion of the structure. The second is where safety-related attachments that are not part of the structure (such as sprinkler systems, heavy suspended pipes, or barrier rails) are attached to structural elements. The levels of safety defined by the combinations of load factors and ϕ-factors are appropriate for structural applications. Other standards may require more stringent safety levels during temporary handling.

R17.1.2 Provisions for design of adhesive anchors were added in the 2011 Code. Adhesive anchors are particularly sensitive to a number of factors including installation direction and loading type. Where adhesive anchors are used to resist sustained tension, the provisions include testing requirements for horizontal and upwardly inclined installations in 17.2.4 and design and certification requirements for sustained tension load cases in 17.2.5 and 17.8.2.2 through 17.8.2.4, respectively. Adhesive anchors qualified in accordance with ACI 355.4 are tested in concrete with compressive strengths within two ranges: 17 to 28 MPa and 45 to 59 MPa. Bond strength is, in general, not highly sensitive to concrete compressive strength. The design performance of adhesive anchors cannot be ensured by establishing a minimum concrete compressive strength at the time of installation in early-age concrete. Therefore, a minimum concrete age of 21 days at the time of adhesive anchor installation was adopted.

The wide variety of shapes and configurations of specialty inserts precludes prescription of generalized tests and design equations. Specialty inserts are not covered by Chapter 17 provisions.

R17.1.3 Typical cast-in headed studs and headed bolts with geometries consistent with ASME B1.1, B18.2.1, and B18.2.6 have been tested and proven to behave predictably, so calculated pullout strengths are acceptable.

Post-installed anchors do not have predictable pullout strengths, and therefore qualification tests to establish the pullout strengths per ACI 355.2 are required. For a post-installed anchor to be used in conjunction with the requirements of this chapter, the results of the ACI 355.2 tests have to indicate that pullout failures exhibit an acceptable load-displacement characteristic or that pullout failures are precluded by another failure mode. For adhesive anchors, the characteristic bond stress and suitability for structural applications are established by testing in accordance with ACI 355.4.

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17.1.4 Load applications that are predominantly high cycle fatigue or impact loads are not covered by this chapter.

17.2—General

17.2.1 Anchors and anchor groups shall be designed for critical effects of factored loads as determined by elastic analysis. Plastic analysis approaches are permitted where nominal strength is controlled by ductile steel elements, provided that deformational compatibility is taken into account.

17.2.1.1 Anchor group effects shall be considered wherever two or more anchors have spacing less than the critical spacing as follows:

Failure mode under investigation	Critical spacing
Concrete breakout in tension	$3h_{ef}$
Bond strength in tension	$2c_{Na}$
Concrete breakout in shear	$3c_{a1}$

Only those anchors susceptible to the particular failure mode under investigation shall be included in the group.

17.2.2 The design strength of anchors shall equal or exceed the largest required strength calculated from the applicable load combinations in 5.3.

17.2.3 Seismic design

17.2.3.1 Anchors in structures assigned to Seismic Design Category (SDC) C, D, E, or F shall satisfy the additional requirements of 17.2.3.2 through 17.2.3.7.

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R17.1.4 The exclusion from the scope of load applications producing high cycle fatigue or extremely short duration impact (such as blast or shock wave) are not meant to exclude seismic load effects. Section 17.2.3 presents additional requirements for design when seismic loads are included.

R17.2—General

R17.2.1 When the strength of an anchor group is governed by breakage of the concrete, the behavior is brittle and there is limited redistribution of the forces between the highly stressed and less stressed anchors. In this case, the theory of elasticity is required to be used, assuming the attachment that distributes loads to the anchors is sufficiently stiff. The forces in the anchors are considered to be proportional to the external load and its distance from the neutral axis of the anchor group.

If anchor strength is governed by ductile yielding of the anchor steel, significant redistribution of anchor forces can occur. In this case, an analysis based on the theory of elasticity will be conservative. Cook and Klingner (1992a,b) and Lotze et al. (2001) discuss nonlinear analysis, using theory of plasticity, for the determination of the capacities of ductile anchor groups.

R17.2.3 Seismic design—Unless 17.2.3.4.1 or 17.2.3.5.1 apply, all anchors in structures assigned to Seismic Design Categories (SDC) C, D, E, or F are required to satisfy the additional requirements of 17.2.3.1 through 17.2.3.7, regardless of whether earthquake loads are included in the controlling load combination for the anchor design. In addition, all post-installed anchors in structures assigned to SDC C, D, E, or F must meet the requirements of ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4 for prequalification of anchors to resist earthquake loads. Ideally, for tension loadings, anchor strength should be governed by yielding of the ductile steel element of the anchor. If the anchor cannot meet the specified ductility requirements of 17.2.3.4.3(a), then the attachment should be either designed to yield if it is structural or light gauge steel, or designed to crush if it is wood. If ductility requirements of 17.2.3.4.3(a) are satisfied, then any attachments to the anchor should be designed not to yield. In designing attachments using yield mechanisms to provide adequate ductility, as permitted by 17.2.3.4.3(b) and 17.2.3.5.3(a), the ratio of specified yield strength to expected strength for the material of the attachment should be considered in determining the design force. The value used for the expected strength should consider both material overstrength and strain hardening effects. For example, the material in a connection element could yield and, due to an increase in its strength with strain hardening, cause a secondary failure of a sub-element or

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place extra force or deformation demands on the anchors. For a structural steel attachment, if only the speci¿ed yield strength of the steel is known, the expected strength should be taken as approximately 1.5 times the speci¿ed yield strength. If the actual yield strength of the steel is known, the expected strength should be taken as approximately 1.25 times the actual yield strength.

Under seismic conditions, the direction of shear may not be predictable. The full shear force should be assumed in any direction for a safe design.

17.2.3.2 The provisions of this chapter do not apply to the design of anchors in plastic hinge zones of concrete structures under earthquake forces.

R17.2.3.2 The design provisions in this chapter do not apply for anchors in plastic hinge zones. The possible higher levels of cracking and spalling in plastic hinge zones are beyond the conditions for which the nominal concrete-governed strength values in this chapter are applicable. Plastic hinge zones are considered to extend a distance equal to twice the member depth from any column or beam face, and also include any other sections in walls, frames, and slabs where yielding of reinforcement is likely to occur as a result of lateral displacements.

Where anchors must be located in plastic hinge regions, they should be detailed so that the anchor forces are transferred directly to anchor reinforcement that is designed to carry the anchor forces into the body of the member beyond the anchorage region. Con¿gurations that rely on concrete tensile strength should not be used.

17.2.3.3 Post-installed anchors shall be quali¿ed for earthquake loading in accordance with ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4. The pullout strength N_p and steel strength in shear V_{sa} of expansion and undercut anchors shall be based on the results of the ACI 355.2 Simulated Seismic Tests. For adhesive anchors, the steel strength in shear, V_{sa}, and the characteristic bond stresses, τ_{uncr} and τ_{cr}, shall be based on results of the ACI 355.4 Simulated Seismic Tests.

R17.2.3.3 Anchors that are not suitable for use in cracked concrete should not be used to resist earthquake loads. Quali¿cation of post-installed anchors for use in cracked concrete is an integral part of the quali¿cation for resisting earthquake loads in ACI 355.2 and ACI 355.4. The design values obtained from the Simulated Seismic Tests of ACI 355.2 and ACI 355.4 are expected to be less than those for static load applications.

17.2.3.4 Requirements for tensile loading

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17.2.3.4.1 Where the tensile component of the strength-level earthquake force applied to a single anchor or group of anchors is equal to or less than 20 percent of the total factored anchor tensile force associated with the same load combination, it shall be permitted to design a single anchor or group of anchors to satisfy 17.4 and the tensile strength requirements of 17.3.1.1.

R17.2.3.4.1 The requirements of 17.2.3.4.3 need not apply where the applied earthquake tensile force is a small fraction of the total factored tension force.

17.2.3.4.2 Where the tensile component of the strength-level earthquake force applied to anchors exceeds 20 percent of the total factored anchor tensile force associated with the same load combination, anchors and their attachments shall be designed in accordance with 17.2.3.4.3. The anchor design tensile strength shall be determined in accordance with 17.2.3.4.4.

R17.2.3.4.2 If the ductile steel element is ASTM A36M or ASTM A307 steel, the f_{uta}/f_{ya} value is typically approximately 1.5 and the anchor can stretch considerably before rupturing at the threads. For other steels, calculations may need to be made to ensure that a similar behavior can occur. Section R17.4.1.2 provides additional information on the steel properties of anchors. Provision of upset threaded ends, whereby the threaded end of the rod is enlarged to compensate for the area reduction associated with threading, can

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17.2.3.4.3 Anchors and their attachments shall satisfy one of options (a) through (d):

(a) For single anchors, the concrete-governed strength shall be greater than the steel strength of the anchor. For anchor groups, the ratio of the tensile load on the most highly stressed anchor to the steel strength of that anchor shall be equal to or greater than the ratio of the tensile load on tension loaded anchors to the concrete-governed strength of those anchors. In each case:

(i) The steel strength shall be taken as 1.2 times the nominal steel strength of the anchor.

(ii) The concrete-governed strength shall be taken as the nominal strength considering pullout, side-face blowout, concrete breakout, and bond strength as applicable. For consideration of pullout in groups, the ratio shall be calculated for the most highly stressed anchor.

In addition, the following shall be satisfied:

(iii) Anchors shall transmit tensile loads via a ductile steel element with a stretch length of at least eight anchor diameters unless otherwise determined by analysis.

(iv) Where anchors are subject to load reversals, the anchor shall be protected against buckling.

(v) Where connections are threaded and the ductile steel elements are not threaded over their entire length, the ratio of f_{uta}/f_{ya} shall not be less than 1.3 unless the threaded portions are upset. The upset portions shall not be included in the stretch length.

(vi) Deformed reinforcing bars used as ductile steel elements to resist earthquake effects shall be limited to ASTM A615M Grades 280 and 420 satisfying the requirements of 20.2.2.5(b) or ASTM A706M Grade 420.

(b) The anchor or group of anchors shall be designed for the maximum tension that can be transmitted to the anchor or group of anchors based on the development of a ductile yield mechanism in the attachment in tension, flexure, shear, or bearing, or a combination of those conditions, and considering both material overstrength and strain hardening effects for the attachment. The anchor design tensile strength shall be calculated from 17.2.3.4.4.

(c) The anchor or group of anchors shall be designed for the maximum tension that can be transmitted to the anchors by a non-yielding attachment. The anchor design tensile strength shall be calculated from 17.2.3.4.4.

(d) The anchor or group of anchors shall be designed for the maximum tension obtained from design load combinations that include E, with E increased by Ω_o. The anchor design tensile strength shall satisfy the tensile strength requirements of 17.2.3.4.4.

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ensure that yielding occurs over the stretch length regardless of the ratio of the yield to ultimate strength of the anchor.

R17.2.3.4.3 Four options are provided for determining the required anchor or attachment strength to protect against nonductile tension failure:

In option (a), anchor ductility requirements are imposed and the required anchor strength is that determined using strength-level earthquake forces acting on the structure. Research (Hoehler and Eligehausen 2008; Vintzileou and Eligehausen 1992) has shown that if the steel of the anchor yields before the concrete anchorage fails, no reduction in the anchor tensile strength is needed for earthquake loadings. Ductile steel anchors should satisfy the definition for ductile steel elements in Chapter 2. To facilitate comparison between steel strength, which is based on the most highly-stressed anchor, and concrete strength based on group behavior, the design is performed on the basis of the ratio of applied load to strength for the steel and concrete, respectively.

For some structures, anchors provide the best locations for energy dissipation in the nonlinear range of response. The stretch length of the anchor affects the lateral displacement capacity of the structure and, therefore, that length needs to be sufficient such that the displacement associated with the design-basis earthquake can be achieved (FEMA P750). Observations from earthquakes indicate that the provision of a stretch length of eight anchor diameters results in good structural performance. Where the required stretch length is calculated, the relative stiffness of the connected elements needs to be considered. When an anchor is subject to load reversals, and its yielding length outside the concrete exceeds six anchor diameters, buckling of the anchor in compression is likely. Buckling can be restrained by placing the anchor in a tube. However, care must be taken that the tube does not share in resisting the tensile load assumed to act on the anchor. For anchor bolts that are not threaded over their length, it is important to ensure that yielding occurs over the unthreaded portion of the bolt within the stretch length prior to failure in the threads. This is accomplished by maintaining sufficient margin between the specified yield and ultimate strengths of the bolt. It should be noted that the available stretch length may be adversely influenced by construction techniques (for example, the addition of leveling nuts to the examples shown in Fig. R17.2.3.4.3).

In option (b), the anchor is designed for the tension force associated with the expected strength of the metal or similar material of the attachment. For option (b), as discussed in R17.2.3, care must be taken in design to consider the consequences of potential differences between the specified yield strength and the expected strength of the attachment. An example is 18.5.2.2 for the design of connections of intermediate precast walls where a connection not designed to yield should develop at least $1.5S_y$, where S_y is the nominal strength of the yielding element based on its specified yield strength. Similarly, steel design manuals require structural steel connections that are designated nonyielding and part of

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the seismic load path to have design strengths that exceed a multiple of the nominal strength. That multiple depends on a factor relating the likely actual to speci¿ed yield strength of the material and an additional factor exceeding unity to account for material strain hardening. For attachments of cold-formed steel or wood, similar principles should be used for determining the expected strength of the attachment in order to determine the required strength of the anchorage.

Additional guidance on the use of options (a) through (d) is provided in the 2009 edition of the NEHRP Recommended Seismic Provisions for New Buildings and Other Structures (FEMA P750). The design of anchors in accordance with option (a) should be used only where the anchor yield behavior is well de¿ned and where the interaction of the yielding anchor with other elements in the load path has been adequately addressed. For the design of anchors per option (b), the force associated with yield of a steel attachment, such as an angle, baseplate, or web tab, should be the expected strength, rather than the speci¿ed yield strength of the steel. Option (c) may apply to a variety of special cases, such as the design of sill bolts where the crushing of the wood limits the force that can be transferred to the bolt, or where the provisions of the American National Standards Institute/American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) Code Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings (AISC 341) specify loads based on member strengths.

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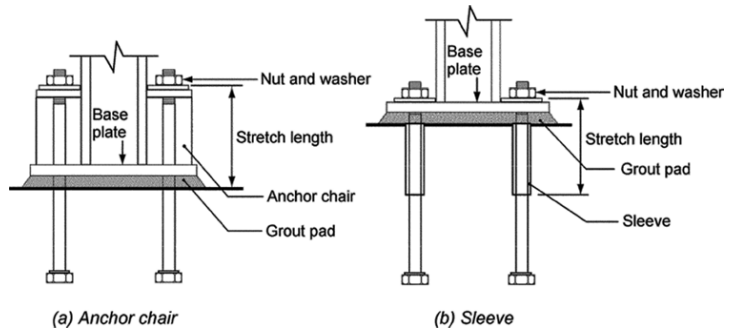
Fig. R17.2.3.4.3—Illustrations of stretch length.

17.2.3.4.4 The anchor design tensile strength for resisting earthquake forces shall be determined from consideration of (a) through (e) for the failure modes given in Table 17.3.1.1 assuming the concrete is cracked unless it can be demonstrated that the concrete remains uncracked:

(a) ϕN_{sa} for a single anchor, or for the most highly stressed individual anchor in a group of anchors
(b) $0.75\phi N_{cb}$ or $0.75\phi N_{cbg}$, except that N_{cb} or N_{cbg} need not be calculated where anchor reinforcement satisfying 17.4.2.9 is provided

R17.2.3.4.4 The reduced anchor nominal tensile strengths associated with concrete failure modes is to account for increased cracking and spalling in the concrete resulting from seismic actions. Because seismic design generally assumes that all or portions of the structure are loaded beyond yield, it is likely that the concrete is cracked throughout for the purpose of determining the anchor strength. In locations where it can be demonstrated that the concrete does not crack, uncracked concrete may be assumed for determining the anchor strength as governed by concrete failure modes.

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(c) $0.75\phi N_{pn}$ for a single anchor, or for the most highly stressed individual anchor in a group of anchors

(d) $0.75\phi N_{sb}$ or $0.75\phi N_{sbg}$

(e) $0.75\phi N_a$ or $0.75\phi N_{ag}$

where ϕ is in accordance with 17.3.3.

17.2.3.4.5 Where anchor reinforcement is provided in accordance with 17.4.2.9, no reduction in design tensile strength beyond that specified in 17.4.2.9 shall be required.

17.2.3.5 Requirements for shear loading

17.2.3.5.1 Where the shear component of the strength-level earthquake force applied to the anchor or group of anchors is equal to or less than 20 percent of the total factored anchor shear force associated with the same load combination, it shall be permitted to design the anchor or group of anchors to satisfy 17.5 and the shear strength requirements of 17.3.1.1.

17.2.3.5.2 Where the shear component of the strength-level earthquake force applied to anchors exceeds 20 percent of the total factored anchor shear force associated with the

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R17.2.3.4.5 Where anchor reinforcement as defined in 17.4.2.9 and 17.5.2.9 is used, with the properties as defined in 20.2.2.5, no separation of the potential breakout prism from the substrate is likely to occur provided the anchor reinforcement is designed for a load greater than the concrete breakout strength.

R17.2.3.5 Requirements for shear loading—Where the shear component of the earthquake force applied to the anchor exceeds 20 percent of the total anchor shear force, three options are recognized for determining the required shear strength to protect the anchor or group of anchors against premature shear failure. Option (a) of 17.2.3.4.3 is not available for shear because the cross section of the steel element of the anchor cannot be configured so that steel failure in shear provides any meaningful degree of ductility.

Design of the anchor or group of anchors for the strength associated with force-limiting mechanisms under option (b), such as the bearing strength at holes in a steel attachment or the combined crushing and bearing strength for wood members, may be particularly relevant. Tests on typical anchor bolt connections for wood-framed shear walls (Fennel et al. 2009) showed that wood components attached to concrete with minimum edge distances exhibited ductile behavior. Wood "yield" (crushing) was the first limiting state and resulted in nail slippage in shear. Nail slippage combined with bolt bending provided the required ductility and toughness for the shear walls and limited the loads acting on the bolts. Procedures for designing bearing and shear limit states for connections to cold-formed steel are described in AISI S100 and examples of strength calculations are provided in the AISI manual (AISI D100). In such cases, consideration should be given to whether exceedance of the bearing strength may lead to tearing and an unacceptable loss of connectivity. Where anchors are located far from edges it may not be possible to design such that anchor reinforcement controls the anchor strength. In such cases, anchors should be designed for overstrength in accordance with option (c).

R17.2.3.5.1 The requirements of 17.2.3.5.3 need not apply where the applied earthquake shear force is a small fraction of the total factored shear force.

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same load combination, anchors and their attachments shall be designed in accordance with 17.2.3.5.3. The anchor design shear strength for resisting earthquake forces shall be determined in accordance with 17.5.

17.2.3.5.3 Anchors and their attachments shall be designed using one of options (a) through (c):

(a) The anchor or group of anchors shall be designed for the maximum shear that can be transmitted to the anchor or group of anchors based on the development of a ductile yield mechanism in the attachment in flexure, shear, or bearing, or a combination of those conditions, and considering both material overstrength and strain hardening effects in the attachment.
(b) The anchor or group of anchors shall be designed for the maximum shear that can be transmitted to the anchors by a non-yielding attachment.
(c) The anchor or group of anchors shall be designed for the maximum shear obtained from design load combinations that include E, with E increased by Ω_o. The anchor design shear strength shall satisfy the shear strength requirements of 17.3.1.1.

17.2.3.5.4 Where anchor reinforcement is provided in accordance with 17.5.2.9, no reduction in design shear strength beyond that specified in 17.5.2.9 shall be required.

17.2.3.6 Single anchors or groups of anchors that are subjected to both tension and shear forces shall be designed to satisfy the requirements of 17.6, with the anchor design tensile strength calculated from 17.2.3.4.4.

17.2.3.7 Anchor reinforcement used in structures assigned to SDC C, D, E, or F shall be deformed reinforcement and shall be limited to ASTM A615M Grades 280 and 420 satisfying the requirements of 20.2.2.5(b) (i) and (ii) or ASTM A706M Grade 420.

17.2.4 Adhesive anchors installed horizontally or upwardly inclined shall be qualified in accordance with ACI 355.4 requirements for sensitivity to installation direction.

17.2.5 For adhesive anchors subjected to sustained tension loading, 17.3.1.2 shall be satisfied. For groups of adhesive anchors, Eq. (17.3.1.2) shall be satisfied for the anchor that resists the highest sustained tension load. Installer certification and inspection requirements for horizontal and upwardly inclined adhesive anchors subjected to sustained tension loading shall be in accordance with 17.8.2.2 through 17.8.2.4.

R17.2.4 ACI 355.4 includes optional tests to confirm the suitability of adhesive anchors for horizontal and upwardly inclined installations.

R17.2.5 For adhesive anchors subjected to sustained tension loading, an additional calculation for the sustained portion of the factored load for a reduced bond resistance is required to account for possible bond strength reductions under sustained load. The resistance of adhesive anchors to sustained tension load is particularly dependent on correct installation, including hole cleaning, adhesive metering and mixing, and prevention of voids in the adhesive bond line (annular gap). In addition, care should be taken in the selection of the correct adhesive and bond strength for the expected on-site conditions such as the concrete condition during installation (dry or saturated, cold or hot), the drilling method used (rotary impact drill, rock drill, or core

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drill), and anticipated in-service temperature variations in the concrete. Installer certïcation and inspection requirements associated with the use of adhesive anchors for horizontal and upwardly inclined installations to resist sustained tension loads are addressed in 17.8.2.2 through 17.8.2.4.

Adhesive anchors are particularly sensitive to installation direction and loading type. Adhesive anchors installed overhead that resist sustained tension loads are of concern because previous applications of this type have led to failures. Other anchor types may be more appropriate for such cases. Where adhesive anchors are used in overhead applications subjected to sustained tension loading, it is essential to meet test requirements of ACI 355.4 for sensitivity to installation direction, use certïed installers, and require special inspection.

17.2.6 Modïcation factor λ_a for lightweight concrete shall be taken as:

Cast-in and undercut anchor concrete failure..............1.0λ
Expansion and adhesive anchor concrete failure 0.8λ
Adhesive anchor bond failure per Eq. (17.4.5.2) 0.6λ

where λ is determined in accordance with 19.2.4. It shall be permitted to use an alternative value of λ_a where tests have been performed and evaluated in accordance with ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4.

R17.2.6 The number of tests available to establish the strength of anchors in lightweight concrete is limited. Lightweight concrete tests of cast-in headed studs indicate that the present reduction factor λ adequately captures the inÄuence of lightweight concrete (Shaikh and Yi 1985; Anderson and Meinheit 2005). Anchor manufacturer data developed for evaluation reports on both post-installed expansion and adhesive anchors indicate that a reduced λ is needed to provide the necessary safety factor for the respective design strength. ACI 355.2 and ACI 355.4 provide procedures whereby a specïc value of λ_a can be used based on testing, assuming the lightweight concrete is similar to the reference test material.

17.2.7 The values of f_c' used for calculation purposes in this chapter shall not exceed 70 MPa for cast-in anchors, and 55 MPa for post-installed anchors. Testing is required for post-installed anchors when used in concrete with f_c' greater than 55 MPa.

R17.2.7 A limited number of tests of cast-in and post-installed anchors in high-strength concrete (Primavera et al. 1997) indicate that the design procedures contained in this chapter become unconservative, particularly for cast-in anchors in concrete with compressive strengths in the range of 75 to 85 MPa. Until further tests are available, an upper limit on f_c' of 70 MPa has been imposed in the design of cast-in anchors. This limitation is consistent with 22.5.3 and 25.4.1.4. ACI 355.2 and ACI 355.4 do not require testing of post-installed anchors in concrete with f_c' greater than 55 MPa. Some post-installed expansion anchors may have difïculty expanding in very high-strength concretes and the bond strength of adhesive anchors may be negatively affected by very high-strength concrete. Therefore, f_c' is limited to 55 MPa in the design of post-installed anchors unless testing is performed.

17.3—General requirements for strength of anchors

17.3.1 Strength design of anchors shall be based either on computation using design models that satisfy the requirements of 17.3.2, or on test evaluation using the 5 percent fractile of applicable test results for the following:

(a) Steel strength of anchor in tension (17.4.1)
(b) Concrete breakout strength of anchor in tension (17.4.2)

R17.3—General requirements for strength of anchors

R17.3.1 This section provides requirements for establishing the strength of anchors in concrete. The various types of steel and concrete failure modes for anchors are shown in Fig. R17.3.1(a) and R17.3.1(b). Comprehensive discussions of anchor failure modes are included in Design of Fastenings in Concrete (1997), Fuchs et al. (1995), Eligehausen and Balogh (1995), and Cook et al. (1998). Tension failure modes related to concrete capacity include concrete breakout

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(c) Pullout strength cast-in, post-installed expansion, or undercut anchor in tension (17.4.3)

(d) Concrete side-face blowout strength of headed anchor in tension (17.4.4)

(e) Bond strength of adhesive anchor in tension (17.4.5)

(f) Steel strength of anchor in shear (17.5.1)

(g) Concrete breakout strength of anchor in shear (17.5.2)

(h) Concrete pryout strength of anchor in shear (17.5.3)

In addition, anchors shall satisfy the required edge distances, spacings, and thicknesses to preclude splitting failure, as required in 17.7.

17.3.1.1 The design of anchors shall be in accordance with Table 17.3.1.1. In addition, the design of anchors shall satisfy 17.2.3 for earthquake loading and 17.3.1.2 for adhesive anchors subject to sustained tensile loading.

Table 17.3.1.1—Required strength of anchors, except as noted in 17.2.3

Failure mode	Single anchor	Anchor group[1]	
		Individual anchor in a group	Anchors as a group
Steel strength in tension (17.4.1)	$\phi N_{sa} \geq N_{ua}$	$\phi N_{sa} \geq N_{ua,i}$	
Concrete breakout strength in tension (17.4.2)	$\phi N_{cb} \geq N_{ua}$		$\phi N_{cbg} \geq N_{ua,g}$
Pullout strength in tension (17.4.3)	$\phi N_{pn} \geq N_{ua}$	$\phi N_{pn} \geq N_{ua,i}$	
Concrete side-face blowout strength in tension (17.4.4)	$\phi N_{sb} \geq N_{ua}$		$\phi N_{sbg} \geq N_{ua,g}$
Bond strength of adhesive anchor in tension (17.4.5)	$\phi N_a \geq N_{ua}$		$\phi N_{ag} \geq N_{ua,g}$
Steel strength in shear (17.5.1)	$\phi V_{sa} \geq V_{ua}$	$\phi V_{sa} \geq V_{ua,i}$	
Concrete breakout strength in shear (17.5.2)	$\phi V_{cb} \geq V_{ua}$		$\phi V_{cbg} \geq V_{ua,g}$
Concrete pryout strength in shear (17.5.3)	$\phi V_{cp} \geq V_{ua}$		$\phi V_{cpg} \geq V_{ua,g}$

[1]Required strengths for steel and pullout failure modes shall be calculated for the most highly stressed anchor in the group.

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failure in 17.4.2 (applicable to all anchor types), pullout failure in 17.4.3 (applicable to cast-in anchors, post-installed expansion, and undercut anchors), side-face blowout failure in 17.4.4 (applicable to headed anchors), and bond failure in 17.4.5 (applicable to adhesive anchors). Shear failure modes related to concrete capacity include concrete breakout failure and concrete pryout in 17.5.2 and 17.5.3, respectively (applicable to all anchor types). Any model that complies with the requirements of 17.3.1.3 and 17.3.2 can be used to establish the concrete-related strengths. Additionally, anchor tensile and shear strengths are limited by the minimum spacings and edge distances of 17.7 as required to preclude splitting. The design of post-installed anchors recognizes that the strength of anchors is sensitive to appropriate installation; installation requirements are included in 17.8. Some post-installed anchors are less sensitive to installation errors and tolerances. This is reflected in varied ϕ-factors, given in 17.3.3, based on the assessment criteria of ACI 355.2 and ACI 355.4.

Test procedures can also be used to determine the single-anchor breakout strength in tension and in shear. The test results, however, are required to be evaluated on a basis statistically equivalent to that used to select the values for the concrete breakout method considered to satisfy provisions of 17.3.2. The basic strength cannot be taken greater than the 5 percent fractile. The number of tests has to be sufficient for statistical validity and should be considered in the determination of the 5 percent fractile.
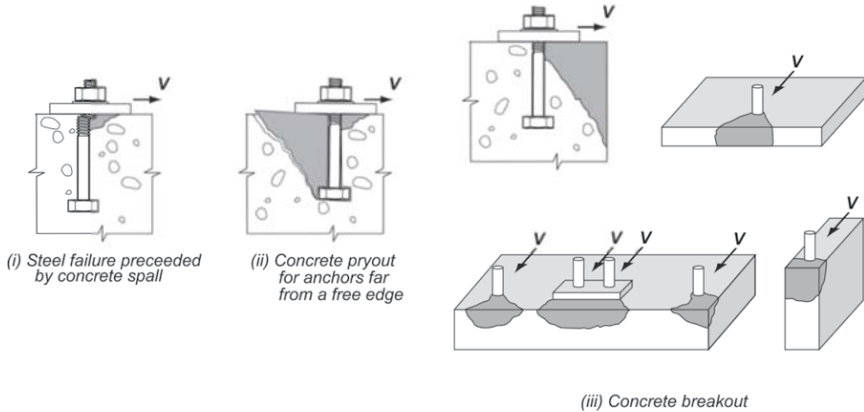
Under combined tension and bending, individual anchors in a group are subjected to different magnitude tensile forces. Similarly, under combined shear and torsion, individual anchors in a group are subjected to different magnitude shear forces. Table 17.3.1.1 includes requirements to design single anchors and individual anchors in a group to safeguard against all potential failure modes. For steel and pullout failure modes, the most highly stressed anchor in the group should be checked to ensure it has sufficient capacity to carry its required load, whereas for concrete breakout, the anchors should be checked as a group. Elastic analysis or plastic analysis of ductile anchors as described in 17.2.1 may be used to determine the loads carried by each anchor.

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(i) Steel failure *(ii) Pullout* *(iii) Concrete breakout*

(iv) Concrete splitting *(v) Side-face blowout* *(vi) Bond failure* Single Group

(a) tensile loading

(i) Steel failure preceeded by concrete spall *(ii) Concrete pryout for anchors far from a free edge* *(iii) Concrete breakout*
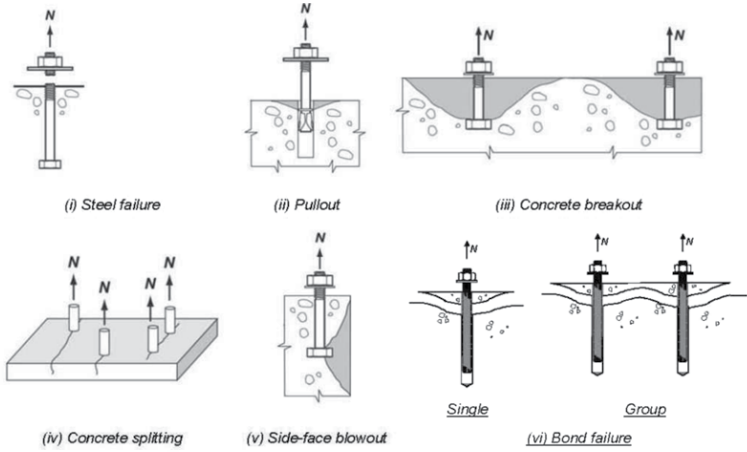
(b) shear loading

Fig. R17.3.1—Failure modes for anchors.

17.3.1.2 For the design of adhesive anchors to resist sustained tensions loads, in addition to 17.3.1.1, Eq. (17.3.1.2) shall be satis¿ed.

$$0.55\phi N_{ba} \geq N_{ua,s} \qquad (17.3.1.2)$$

where N_{ba} is determined in accordance with 17.4.5.2.

R17.3.1.2 The 0.55 factor used for the additional calculation for sustained loads is correlated with ACI 355.4 test requirements and provides satisfactory performance of adhesive anchors under sustained tension loads when used in accordance with ACI 355.4. Product evaluation according to ACI 355.4 is based on sustained tension loading being present for a minimum of 50 years at a standard temperature of 21°C and a minimum of 10 years at a temperature of 43°C. For longer life spans (for example, greater than 50 years) or higher temperatures, lower factors should be considered.

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17.3.1.3 When both N_{ua} and V_{ua} are present, interaction effects shall be considered using an interaction expression that results in computation of strength in substantial agreement with results of comprehensive tests. This requirement shall be considered satisfied by 17.6.

17.3.2 The nominal strength for any anchor or group of anchors shall be based on design models that result in predictions of strength in substantial agreement with results of comprehensive tests. The materials used in the tests shall be compatible with the materials used in the structure. The nominal strength shall be based on the 5 percent fractile of the basic individual anchor strength. For nominal strengths related to concrete strength, modifications for size effects, the number of anchors, the effects of close spacing of anchors, proximity to edges, depth of the concrete member, eccentric loadings of anchor groups, and presence or absence of cracking shall be taken into account. Limits on edge distances and anchor spacing in the design models shall be consistent with the tests that verified the model.

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R17.3.1.3 and **R17.3.2** Sections 17.3.1.3 and 17.3.2 establish the performance factors for which anchor design models are required to be verified. Many possible design approaches exist and the user is always permitted to "design by test" using 17.3.2 as long as sufficient data are available to verify the model.

The method for concrete breakout design included as "considered to satisfy" 17.3.2 was developed from the Concrete Capacity Design (CCD) Method (Fuchs et al. 1995; Eligehausen and Balogh 1995), which was an adaptation of the Kappa Method (Eligehausen et al. 2006a; Eligehausen and Fuchs 1988) and is considered to be accurate, relatively easy to apply, and capable of extension to irregular layouts. The CCD Method predicts the strength of an anchor or group of anchors by using a basic equation for tension, or for shear for a single anchor in cracked concrete, and multiplied by factors that account for the number of anchors, edge distance, spacing, eccentricity, and absence of cracking. Experimental and numerical investigations have demonstrated the applicability of the CCD Method to adhesive anchors as well (Eligehausen et al. 2006a).

The breakout strength calculations are based on a model suggested in the Kappa Method. It is consistent with a breakout prism angle of approximately 35 degrees (Fig. R17.3.2a and b).
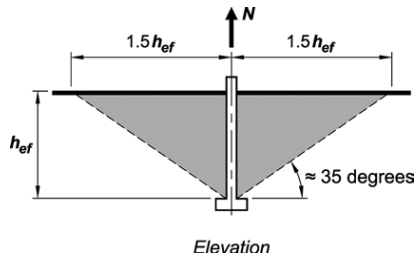
Fig. R17.3.2a—Breakout cone for tension.

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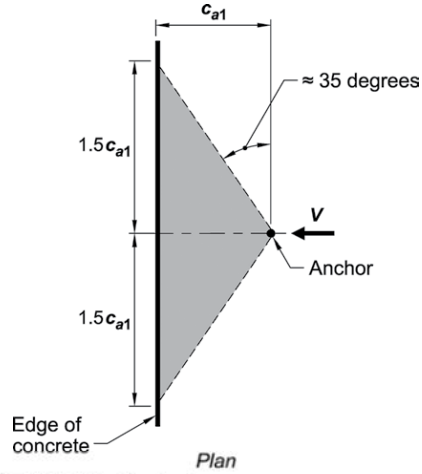
Fig. R17.3.2b—Breakout cone for shear.

17.3.2.1 The effect of reinforcement provided to restrain the concrete breakout shall be permitted to be included in the design models used to satisfy 17.3.2. Where anchor reinforcement is provided in accordance with 17.4.2.9 and 17.5.2.9, calculation of the concrete breakout strength in accordance with 17.4.2 and 17.5.2 is not required.

R17.3.2.1 The addition of reinforcement in the direction of the load to restrain concrete breakout can greatly enhance the strength and deformation capacity of the anchor connection. Such enhancement is practical with cast-in anchors such as those used in precast sections. CEB (1994, 1997), Klingner et al. (1982), ACI 349, and Eligehausen et al. (2006b) provide information regarding the effect of reinforcement on the behavior of anchors. The effect of reinforcement is not included in the ACI 355.2 and ACI 355.4 anchor acceptance tests or in the concrete breakout calculation method of 17.4.2 and 17.5.2. The beneﬁcial effect of supplementary reinforcement is recognized by the Condition A ϕ-factors in 17.3.3. Anchor reinforcement may be provided instead of calculating breakout strength using the provisions of Chapter 25 in conjunction with 17.4.2.9 and 17.5.2.9.

The breakout strength of an unreinforced connection can be taken as an indication of the load at which signiﬁcant cracking will occur. Such cracking can represent a serviceability problem if not controlled (refer to R17.5.2.1).

17.3.2.2 For anchors with diameters not exceeding 100 mm, the concrete breakout strength requirements shall be considered satisﬁed by the design procedure of 17.4.2 and 17.5.2.

R17.3.2.2 The limitation on anchor diameter is based on the current range of test data. In the 2002 through 2008 editions of the Code, there were limitations on the diameter and embedment of anchors to compute the concrete breakout strength. These limitations were necessitated by the lack of test results on anchors with diameters larger than 50 mm and embedment lengths longer than 600 mm. In 2011, limitations on anchor diameter and embedment length were revised to limit the diameter to 100 mm based on the results of tension and shear tests on large-diameter anchors with deep embedments (Lee et al. 2007, 2010). These tests included 105 mm diameter anchors embedded 1.15 m in tension tests and 90 mm diameter anchors in shear tests. The reason for this 100 mm diameter limit is

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17.3.2.3 For adhesive anchors with embedment depths $4d_a \leq h_{ef} \leq 20d_a$, the bond strength requirements shall be considered satis¿ed by the design procedure of 17.4.5.

17.3.3 Strength reduction factor ϕ for anchors in concrete shall be as follows when the load combinations of 5.3 are used:

(a) Anchor governed by strength of a ductile steel element
  (i) Tension loads...0.75
  (ii) Shear loads..0.65
(b) Anchor governed by strength of a brittle steel element
  (i) Tension loads..0.65
  (ii) Shear loads...0.60
(c) Anchor governed by concrete breakout, side-face blowout, bond, pullout, or pryout strength

	Condition A	Condition B
(i) Shear loads	0.75	0.70
(ii) Tension loads		
Cast-in headed studs, headed bolts, or hooked bolts	0.75	0.70

Post-installed anchors with category as determined from ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4

	Condition A	Condition B
Category 1 (Low sensitivity to installation and high reliability)	0.75	0.65
Category 2 (Medium sensitivity to installation and medium reliability)	0.65	0.55
Category 3 (High sensitivity to installation and lower reliability)	0.55	0.45

Condition A applies where supplementary reinforcement is present except for pullout and pryout strengths.

Condition B applies where supplementary reinforcement is not present, and for pullout or pryout strength.

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that the largest diameter anchor in ASTM F1554 is 100 mm, whereas other ASTM speci¿cations permit up to 200 mm diameter anchors that have not been tested to ensure applicability of the 17.4.2 and 17.5.2 concrete breakout provisions.

R17.3.2.3 ACI 355.4 limits the embedment depth of adhesive anchors to $4d_a \leq h_{ef} \leq 20d_a$, which represents the theoretical limits of the bond model (Eligehausen et al. 2006a).

R17.3.3 The ϕ-factors for steel strength are based on using f_{uta} to determine the nominal strength of the anchor (refer to 17.4.1 and 17.5.1) rather than f_{ya}, as used in the design of reinforced concrete members. Although the ϕ-factors for use with f_{uta} appear low, they result in a level of safety consistent with the use of higher ϕ-factors applied to f_{ya}. The smaller ϕ-factors for shear than for tension do not reÀect basic material differences but rather account for the possibility of a non-uniform distribution of shear in connections with multiple anchors. It is acceptable to have a ductile failure of a steel element in the attachment if the attachment is designed so that it will undergo ductile yielding at a load level corresponding to anchor forces no greater than the minimum design strength of the anchors speci¿ed in 17.2.3 (refer to 17.2.3.4.3 and 17.2.3.5.3).

Even though the ϕ-factor for structural plain concrete is 0.60, the basic factor for brittle concrete failures ($\phi = 0.70$) was chosen based on results of probabilistic studies (Farrow and Klingner 1995) that indicated the use of the ϕ-factor for structural plain concrete with mean values of concrete-controlled failures produced adequate safety levels. Because the nominal resistance expressions used in this chapter and in the test requirements are based on the 5 percent fractiles, the $\phi = 0.60$ value would be overly conservative. Comparison with other design procedures and probabilistic studies (Farrow and Klingner 1995) indicated that the choice of $\phi = 0.70$ was justi¿ed. Applications with supplementary reinforcement (Condition A) provide more deformation capacity, permitting the ϕ-factors to be increased. The value of $\phi = 0.75$ is compatible with the level of safety for shear failures in concrete beams, and has been recommended in the PCI Design Handbook (MNL 120) and by ACI 349.

For anchors governed by the more brittle concrete breakout or blowout failure, two conditions are recognized. If supplementary reinforcement is present (Condition A), greater deformation capacity is provided than in the case where such supplementary reinforcement is not present (Condition B). An explicit design of supplementary reinforcement is not required. However, the arrangement of supplementary reinforcement should generally conform to that of the anchor reinforcement shown in Fig. R17.4.2.9 and R17.5.2.9b. Full development is not required.

The strength reduction factors for anchor reinforcement are given in 17.4.2.9 and 17.5.2.9.

The ACI 355.2 tests for sensitivity to installation procedures determine the reliability category appropriate for a particular expansion or undercut anchoring device. In the

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ACI 355.2 tests for expansion and undercut anchors, the effects of variability in anchor torque during installation, tolerance on drilled hole size, and energy level used in setting anchors are considered; for expansion and undercut anchors approved for use in cracked concrete, increased crack widths are considered. ACI 355.4 tests for sensitivity for installation procedures determine the category for a particular adhesive anchor system considering the influence of adhesive mixing and the influence of hole cleaning in dry, saturated, and water-filled/underwater bore holes. The three categories of acceptable post-installed anchors are:

Category 1—low sensitivity to installation and high reliability

Category 2—medium sensitivity to installation and medium reliability

Category 3—high sensitivity to installation and lower reliability

The strengths of anchors under shear loads are not as sensitive to installation errors and tolerances. Therefore, for shear calculations of all anchors, $\phi = 0.75$ for Condition A and $\phi = 0.70$ for Condition B.

17.4—Design requirements for tensile loading

17.4.1 Steel strength of anchor in tension

17.4.1.1 The nominal strength of an anchor in tension as governed by the steel, N_{sa}, shall be evaluated by calculations based on the properties of the anchor material and the physical dimensions of the anchor.

17.4.1.2 The nominal strength of an anchor in tension, N_{sa}, shall not exceed

$$N_{sa} = A_{se,N} f_{uta} \qquad (17.4.1.2)$$

where $A_{se,N}$ is the effective cross-sectional area of an anchor in tension, mm², and f_{uta} shall not be taken greater than the smaller of $1.9f_{ya}$ and 860 MPa.

R17.4—Design requirements for tensile loading

R17.4.1 Steel strength of anchor in tension

R17.4.1.2 The nominal strength of anchors in tension is best represented as a function of f_{uta} rather than f_{ya} because the large majority of anchor materials do not exhibit a well-defined yield point. The AISC has based tension strength of anchors on $A_{se,N} f_{uta}$ since the 1986 edition of their specifications. The use of Eq. (17.4.1.2) with 5.3 load factors and the ϕ-factors of 17.3.3 give design strengths consistent with AISC 360.

The limitation of $1.9f_{ya}$ on f_{uta} is to ensure that, under service load conditions, the anchor does not exceed f_{ya}. The limit on f_{uta} of $1.9f_{ya}$ was determined by converting the LRFD provisions to corresponding service level conditions. For 5.3, the average load factor of 1.4 (from $1.2D + 1.6L$) divided by the highest ϕ-factor (0.75 for tension) results in a limit of f_{uta}/f_{ya} of $1.4/0.75 = 1.87$. Although not a concern for standard structural steel anchors (maximum value of f_{uta}/f_{ya} is 1.6 for ASTM A307), the limitation is applicable to some stainless steels.

For post-installed anchors having a reduced cross-sectional area anywhere along the anchor length, such as wedge-type anchors, the effective cross-sectional area of the anchor should be provided by the manufacturer. For threaded rods and headed bolts, ASME B1.1 defines $A_{se,N}$ as

$$A_{se,N} = \frac{\pi}{4}\left(d_a - \frac{0.9743}{n_t}\right)^2$$

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where n_t is the number of threads per millimeter.

17.4.2 Concrete breakout strength of anchor in tension

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17.4.2.1 The nominal concrete breakout strength in tension, N_{cb} of a single anchor or N_{cbg} of a group of anchors, shall not exceed:

(a) For a single anchor

$$N_{cb} = \frac{A_{Nc}}{A_{Nco}} \psi_{ed,N} \psi_{c,N} \psi_{cp,N} N_b \qquad (17.4.2.1a)$$

(b) For a group of anchors

$$N_{cbg} = \frac{A_{Nc}}{A_{Nco}} \psi_{ec,N} \psi_{ed,N} \psi_{c,N} \psi_{cp,N} N_b \quad (17.4.2.1b)$$

Factors $\psi_{ec,N}$, $\psi_{ed,N}$, $\psi_{c,N}$, and $\psi_{cp,N}$ are defined in 17.4.2.4, 17.4.2.5, 17.4.2.6, and 17.4.2.7, respectively. A_{Nc} is the projected concrete failure area of a single anchor or group of anchors that shall be approximated as the base of the rectilinear geometrical figure that results from projecting the failure surface outward $1.5h_{ef}$ from the centerlines of the anchor, or in the case of a group of anchors, from a line through a row of adjacent anchors. A_{Nc} shall not exceed nA_{Nco}, where n is the number of anchors in the group that resist tension. A_{Nco} is the projected concrete failure area of a single anchor with an edge distance equal to or greater than $1.5h_{ef}$

$$A_{Nco} = 9h_{ef}^2 \qquad (17.4.2.1c)$$

R17.4.2.1 The effects of multiple anchors, spacing of anchors, and edge distance on the nominal concrete breakout strength in tension are included by applying the modification factors A_{Nc}/A_{Nco} and $\psi_{ed,N}$ in Eq. (17.4.2.1a) and (17.4.2.1b).

Figure R17.4.2.1(a) shows A_{Nco} and the development of Eq. (17.4.2.1c). A_{Nco} is the maximum projected area for a single anchor. Figure R17.4.2.1(b) shows examples of the projected areas for various single-anchor and multiple-anchor arrangements. Because A_{Nc} is the total projected area for a group of anchors, and A_{Nco} is the area for a single anchor, there is no need to include n, the number of anchors, in Eq. (17.4.2.1a) or (17.4.2.1b). If anchor groups are positioned in such a way that their projected areas overlap, the value of A_{Nc} is required to be reduced accordingly.

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Fig. R17.4.2.1—(a) Calculation of A_{Nco} and (b) calculation of A_{Nc} for single anchors and groups of anchors.

17.4.2.2 The basic concrete breakout strength of a single anchor in tension in cracked concrete, N_b, shall not exceed

$$N_b = k_c \lambda_a \sqrt{f_c'}\, h_{ef}^{1.5} \qquad (17.4.2.2a)$$

where k_c = 10 for cast-in anchors and 7 for post-installed anchors.

The value of k_c for post-installed anchors shall be permitted to be increased above 17 based on ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4 product-speci¿c tests, but shall not exceed 24.

Alternatively, for cast-in headed studs and headed bolts with 280 mm $\leq$ h_{ef} $\leq$ 635 mm, N_b shall not exceed

R17.4.2.2 The equation for the basic concrete breakout strength was derived (Fuchs et al. 1995; Eligehausen and Balogh 1995; Eligehausen and Fuchs 1988; CEB 1994) assuming a concrete failure prism with an angle of approximately 35 degrees, considering fracture mechanics concepts.

The values of k_c in Eq. (17.4.2.2a) were determined from a large database of test results in uncracked concrete (Fuchs et al. 1995) at the 5 percent fractile. The values were adjusted to corresponding k_c values for cracked concrete (Eligehausen and Balogh 1995; Goto 1971). Tests have shown that the values of k_c applicable to adhesive anchors are approximately equal to those derived for expansion anchors (Eligehausen et al. 2006a; Zhang et al. 2001). Higher k_c values

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$$N_b = 3.9\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}\,h_{ef}^{5/3} \qquad (17.4.2.2b)$$

17.4.2.3 Where anchors are located less than $1.5h_{ef}$ from three or more edges, the value of h_{ef} used for the calculation of A_{Nc} in accordance with 17.4.2.1, as well as for the equations in 17.4.2.1 through 17.4.2.5, shall be the larger of $(c_{a,max})/1.5$ and $s/3$, where s is the maximum spacing between anchors within the group.

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for post-installed anchors may be permitted, provided they have been determined from testing in accordance with ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4. For anchors with a deeper embedment ($h_{ef} > 280$ mm), test evidence indicates the use of $h_{ef}^{1.5}$ can be overly conservative for some cases. An alternative expression (Eq. (17.4.2.2b)) is provided using $h_{ef}^{5/3}$ for evaluation of cast-in headed studs and headed bolts with 280 mm $\leq h_{ef} \leq$ 635 mm. This expression can also be appropriate for some undercut post-installed anchors. However, for such anchors, the use of Eq. (17.4.2.2b) should be justified by test results in accordance with 17.3.2. Experimental and numerical investigation indicate that Eq. (17.4.2.2b) may be unconservative for $h_{ef} > 635$ mm where bearing pressure on the anchor head is at or near the limit permitted by Eq. (17.4.3.4) (Ožbolt et al. 2007).

R17.4.2.3 For anchors located less than $1.5h_{ef}$ from three or more edges, the tensile breakout strength calculated by the CCD Method (refer to R17.3.2), which is the basis for the equations in 17.4.2.1 through 17.4.2.5, gives overly conservative results (Lutz 1995). This occurs because the ordinary definitions of A_{Nc}/A_{Nco} do not correctly reflect the edge effects. This problem is corrected by limiting the value of h_{ef} used in the equations in 17.4.2.1 through 17.4.2.5 to $(c_{a,max})/1.5$, where $c_{a,max}$ is the largest of the influencing edge distances that are less than or equal to the actual $1.5h_{ef}$. In no case should $(c_{a,max})/1.5$ be taken less than one-third of the maximum spacing between anchors within the group. The limit on h_{ef} of at least one-third of the maximum spacing between anchors within the group prevents the use of a calculated strength based on individual breakout prisms for a group anchor configuration.

This approach is illustrated in Fig. R17.4.2.3. In this example, the proposed limit on the value of h_{ef} to be used in the computations where $h_{ef} = (c_{a,max})/1.5$, results in $h_{ef} = h'_{ef} = 100$ mm. For this example, this would be the proper value to be used for h_{ef} in computing the resistance even if the actual embedment depth is larger.

The requirement of 17.4.2.3 may be visualized by moving the actual concrete breakout surface, which originates at the actual h_{ef}, toward the surface of the concrete parallel to the applied tension load. The value of h_{ef} used in equations in 17.4.2.1 through 17.4.2.5 is determined when either: (a) the outer boundaries of the failure surface first intersect a free edge; or (b) the intersection of the breakout surface between anchors within the group first intersects the surface of the concrete. For the example shown in Fig. R17.4.2.3, Point A defines the intersection of the assumed failure surface for limiting h_{ef} with the concrete surface.
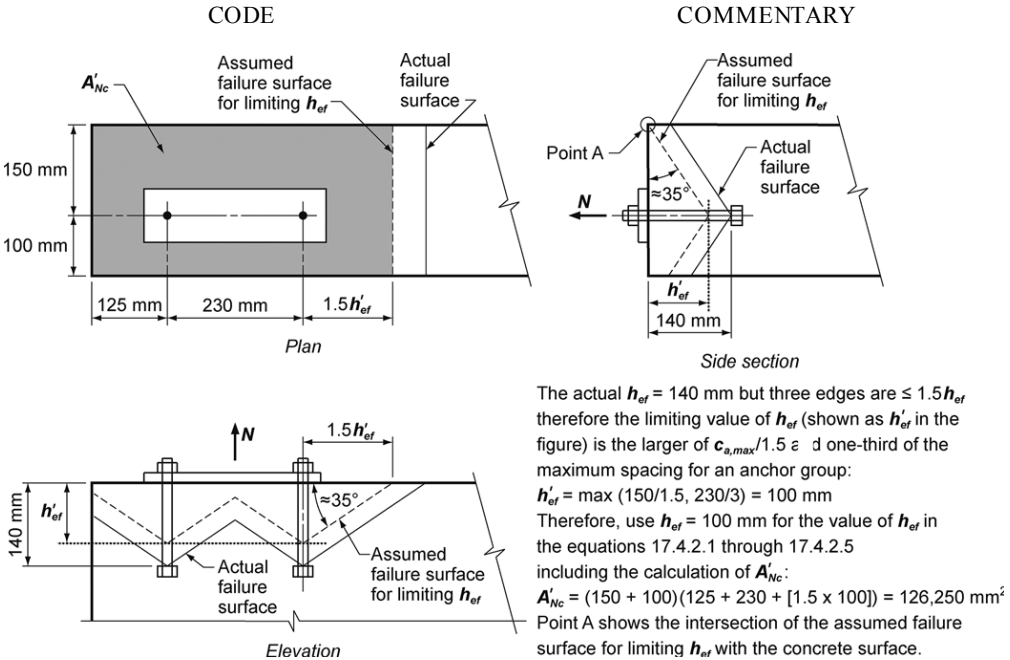
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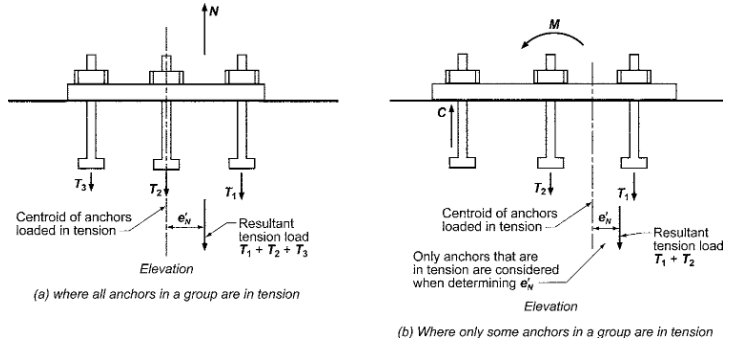CODE   COMMENTARY

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The actual h_{ef} = 140 mm but three edges are ≤ 1.5h_{ef} therefore the limiting value of h_{ef} (shown as h'_{ef} in the figure) is the larger of $c_{a,max}/1.5$ and one-third of the maximum spacing for an anchor group:

h'_{ef} = max (150/1.5, 230/3) = 100 mm

Therefore, use h_{ef} = 100 mm for the value of h_{ef} in the equations 17.4.2.1 through 17.4.2.5 including the calculation of A'_{Nc}:

A'_{Nc} = (150 + 100)(125 + 230 + [1.5 x 100]) = 126,250 mm²

Point A shows the intersection of the assumed failure surface for limiting h_{ef} with the concrete surface.

Fig. R17.4.2.3—Example of tension where anchors are located in narrow members.

17.4.2.4 The modification factor for anchor groups loaded eccentrically in tension, $\psi_{ec,N}$, shall be calculated as

$$\psi_{ec,N} = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \dfrac{2e'_N}{3h_{ef}}\right)} \quad (17.4.2.4)$$

but $\psi_{ec,N}$ shall not be taken greater than 1.0. If the loading on an anchor group is such that only some anchors are in tension, only those anchors that are in tension shall be considered when determining the eccentricity e'_N for use in Eq. (17.4.2.4) and for the calculation of N_{cbg} according to Eq. (17.4.2.1b).

In the case where eccentric loading exists about two axes, the modification factor $\psi_{ec,N}$ shall be calculated for each axis individually and the product of these factors used as $\psi_{ec,N}$ in Eq. (17.4.2.1b).

R17.4.2.4 Figure R17.4.2.4(a) shows a group of anchors that are all in tension but the resultant force is eccentric with respect to the centroid of the anchor group. Groups of anchors can also be loaded in such a way that only some of the anchors are in tension (Fig. R17.4.2.4(b)). In this case, only the anchors in tension are to be considered in the determination of e'_N. The anchor loading has to be determined as the resultant anchor tension at an eccentricity with respect to the center of gravity of the anchors in tension.

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Fig. R17.4.2.4—Definition of e'_N for a group of anchors.

17.4.2.5 The modification factor for edge effects for single anchors or anchor groups loaded in tension, $\psi_{ed,N}$, shall be calculated as

If $c_{a,min} \geq 1.5h_{ef}$, then $\psi_{ed,N} = 1.0$ (17.4.2.5a)

If $c_{a,min} < 1.5h_{ef}$, then $\psi_{ed,N} = 0.7 + 0.3 \dfrac{c_{a,min}}{1.5h_{ef}}$ (17.4.2.5b)

17.4.2.6 For anchors located in a region of a concrete member where analysis indicates no cracking at service load levels, the following modification factor shall be permitted:

(a) $\psi_{c,N} = 1.25$ for cast-in anchors
(b) $\psi_{c,N} = 1.4$ for post-installed anchors, where the value of k_c used in Eq. (17.4.2.2a) is 17

Where the value of k_c used in Eq. (17.4.2.2a) is taken from the ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4 product evaluation report for post-installed anchors qualified for use in both cracked and uncracked concrete, the values of k_c and $\psi_{c,N}$ shall be based on the ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4 product evaluation report.
Where the value of k_c used in Eq. (17.4.2.2a) is taken from the ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4 product evaluation report for post-installed anchors qualified for use in uncracked concrete, $\psi_{c,N}$ shall be taken as 1.0.
When analysis indicates cracking at service load levels, $\psi_{c,N}$, shall be taken as 1.0 for both cast-in anchors and post-installed anchors. Post-installed anchors shall be qualified for use in cracked concrete in accordance with ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4. The cracking in the concrete shall be controlled by flexural reinforcement distributed in accordance with 24.3.2, or equivalent crack control shall be provided by confining reinforcement.

17.4.2.7 The modification factor for post-installed anchors designed for uncracked concrete in accordance with 17.4.2.6 without supplementary reinforcement to control split-

R17.4.2.5 If anchors are located close to an edge so that there is not enough space for a complete breakout prism to develop, the strength of the anchor is further reduced beyond that reflected in A_{Nc}/A_{Nco}. If the smallest side cover distance is greater than or equal to $1.5h_{ef}$, a complete prism can form and there is no reduction ($\psi_{ed,N} = 1$). If the side cover is less than $1.5h_{ef}$, the factor $\psi_{ed,N}$ is required to adjust for the edge effect (Fuchs et al. 1995).

R17.4.2.6 Post-installed anchors that have not met the requirements for use in cracked concrete according to ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4 should be used only in regions that will remain uncracked. The analysis for the determination of crack formation should include the effects of restrained shrinkage (refer to 24.4.2). The anchor qualification tests of ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4 require that anchors in cracked concrete zones perform well in a crack that is 0.3 mm wide. If wider cracks are expected, confining reinforcement to control the crack width to approximately 0.3 mm should be provided.
The concrete breakout strengths given by Eq. (17.4.2.2a) and (17.4.2.2b) assume cracked concrete (that is, $\psi_{c,N} = 1.0$) with $\psi_{c,N} k_c = 24$ for cast-in, and 17 for post-installed. When the uncracked concrete $\psi_{c,N}$ factors are applied (1.25 for cast-in, and 1.4 for post-installed), the results are $\psi_{c,N} k_c$ factors of 30 for cast-in and 24 for post-installed. This agrees with field observations and tests that show cast-in anchor strength exceeds that of post-installed for both cracked and uncracked concrete.

R17.4.2.7 The design provisions in 17.4 are based on the assumption that the basic concrete breakout strength can be achieved if the minimum edge distance $c_{a,min}$ equals $1.5h_{ef}$.

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ting, $\psi_{cp,N}$, shall be calculated as follows using the critical distance c_{ac} as de¿ned in 17.7.6

If $c_{a,min} \geq c_{ac}$, then $\psi_{cp,N} = 1.0$ (17.4.2.7a)

If $c_{a,min} < c_{ac}$, then $\psi_{cp,N} = \dfrac{c_{a,min}}{c_{ac}}$ (17.4.2.7b)

but $\psi_{cp,N}$ determined from Eq. (17.4.2.7b) shall not be taken less than $1.5h_{ef}/c_{ac}$, where the critical distance c_{ac} is de¿ned in 17.7.6.

For all other cases, including cast-in anchors, $\psi_{cp,N}$ shall be taken as 1.0.

17.4.2.8 Where an additional plate or washer is added at the head of the anchor, it shall be permitted to calculate the projected area of the failure surface by projecting the failure surface outward $1.5h_{ef}$ from the effective perimeter of the plate or washer. The effective perimeter shall not exceed the value at a section projected outward more than the thickness of the washer or plate from the outer edge of the head of the anchor.

17.4.2.9 Where anchor reinforcement is developed in accordance with Chapter 25 on both sides of the breakout surface, the design strength of the anchor reinforcement shall be permitted to be used instead of the concrete breakout strength in determining ϕN_n. A strength reduction factor of 0.75 shall be used in the design of the anchor reinforcement.

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Test results (Asmus 1999), however, indicate that many torque-controlled and displacement-controlled expansion anchors and some undercut anchors require minimum edge distances exceeding $1.5h_{ef}$ to achieve the basic concrete breakout strength when tested in uncracked concrete without supplementary reinforcement to control splitting. When a tension load is applied, the resulting tensile stresses at the embedded end of the anchor are added to the tensile stresses induced due to anchor installation, and splitting failure may occur before reaching the concrete breakout strength de¿ned in 17.4.2.1. To account for this potential splitting mode of failure, the basic concrete breakout strength is reduced by a factor $\psi_{cp,N}$ if $c_{a,min}$ is less than the critical edge distance c_{ac}. If supplementary reinforcement to control splitting is present or if the anchors are located in a region where analysis indicates cracking of the concrete at service loads, then the reduction factor $\psi_{cp,N}$ is taken as 1.0. The presence of supplementary reinforcement to control splitting does not affect the selection of Condition A or B in 17.3.3.

R17.4.2.9 For conditions where the factored tensile force exceeds the concrete breakout strength of the anchor(s) or where the breakout strength is not evaluated, the nominal strength can be that of anchor reinforcement properly anchored, as illustrated in Fig. R17.4.2.9. Care needs to be taken in the selection and positioning of the anchor reinforcement. The anchor reinforcement should consist of stirrups, ties, or hairpins placed as close as practicable to the anchor. Only reinforcement spaced less than $0.5h_{ef}$ from the anchor centerline should be included as anchor reinforcement. The research (Eligehausen et al. 2006b) on which these provisions is based was limited to anchor reinforcement with maximum diameter similar to a No. 16 bar. It is bene¿cial for the anchor reinforcement to enclose the surface reinforcement. In sizing the anchor reinforcement, use of a 0.75 strength reduction factor ϕ is recommended as is used for strut-and-tie models. As a practical matter, use of anchor reinforcement is generally limited to cast-in anchors.
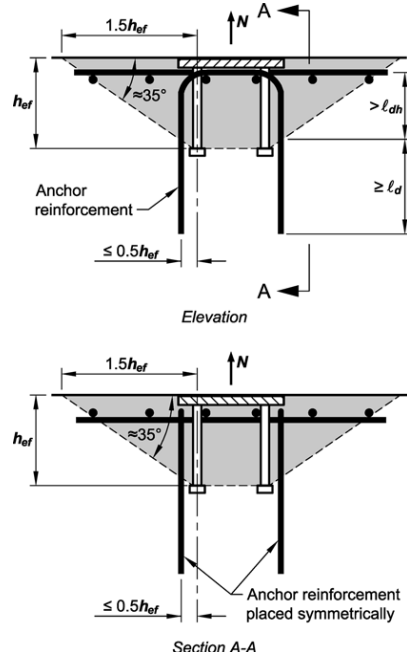
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Fig. R17.4.2.9—Anchor reinforcement for tension.

17.4.3 Pullout strength of cast-in, post-installed expansion and undercut anchors in tension

17.4.3.1 The nominal pullout strength of a single cast-in, post-installed expansion, and post-installed undercut anchor in tension, N_{pn}, shall not exceed

$$N_{pn} = \psi_{c,P} N_p \qquad (17.4.3.1)$$

where $\psi_{c,P}$ is defined in 17.4.3.6.

17.4.3.2 For post-installed expansion and undercut anchors, the values of N_p shall be based on the 5 percent fractile of results of tests performed and evaluated according to ACI 355.2. It is not permissible to calculate the pullout strength in tension for such anchors.

17.4.3.3 For single cast-in headed studs and headed bolts, it shall be permitted to evaluate the pullout strength in tension using 17.4.3.4. For single J- or L-bolts, it shall be permitted to evaluate the pullout strength in tension using 17.4.3.5. Alternatively, it shall be permitted to use values of N_p based on the 5 percent fractile of tests performed and

R17.4.3 Pullout strength of cast-in, post-installed expansion and undercut anchors in tension

R17.4.3.1 The design requirements for pullout are applicable to cast-in, post-installed expansion, and post-installed undercut anchors. They are not applicable to adhesive anchors, which are instead evaluated for bond failure in accordance with 17.4.5.

R17.4.3.2 The pullout strength equations given in 17.4.3.4 and 17.4.3.5 are only applicable to cast-in headed and hooked anchors (CEB 1997; Kuhn and Shaikh 1996); they are not applicable to expansion and undercut anchors that use various mechanisms for end anchorage unless the validity of the pullout strength equations are verified by tests.

R17.4.3.3 The pullout strength in tension of headed studs or headed bolts can be increased by providing confining reinforcement, such as closely spaced spirals, throughout the head region. This increase can be demonstrated by tests.

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evaluated in the same manner as the ACI 355.2 procedures but without the beneﬁt of friction.

17.4.3.4 The pullout strength in tension of a single headed stud or headed bolt, N_p, for use in Eq. (17.4.3.1), shall not exceed

$$N_p = 8A_{brg} f_c' \qquad (17.4.3.4)$$

R17.4.3.4 The value calculated from Eq. (17.4.3.4) corresponds to the load at which crushing of the concrete occurs due to bearing of the anchor head (CEB 1997; ACI 349). It is not the load required to pull the anchor completely out of the concrete, so the equation contains no term relating to embedment depth. Local crushing of the concrete greatly reduces the stiffness of the connection, and generally will be the beginning of a pullout failure.

17.4.3.5 The pullout strength in tension of a single hooked bolt, N_p, for use in Eq. (17.4.3.1) shall not exceed

$$N_p = 0.9f_c'e_hd_a \qquad (17.4.3.5)$$

where $3d_a \le e_h \le 4.5d_a$.

R17.4.3.5 Equation (17.4.3.5) for hooked bolts was developed by Lutz based on the results of Kuhn and Shaikh (1996). Reliance is placed on the bearing component only, neglecting any frictional component because crushing inside the hook will greatly reduce the stiffness of the connection and generally will be the beginning of pullout failure. The limits on e_h are based on the range of variables used in the three tests programs reported in Kuhn and Shaikh (1996).

17.4.3.6 For an anchor located in a region of a concrete member where analysis indicates no cracking at service load levels, the following modiﬁcation factor shall be permitted

$$\psi_{c,P} = 1.4$$

Where analysis indicates cracking at service load levels, $\psi_{c,P}$ shall be taken as 1.0.

17.4.4 Concrete side-face blowout strength of a headed anchor in tension

R17.4.4 Concrete side-face blowout strength of a headed anchor in tension—The design requirements for side-face blowout are based on the recommendations of Furche and Eligehausen (1991). These requirements are applicable to headed anchors that usually are cast-in anchors. Splitting during installation rather than side-face blowout generally governs post-installed anchors, and is evaluated by the ACI 355.2 requirements.

17.4.4.1 For a single headed anchor with deep embedment close to an edge ($h_{ef} > 2.5c_{a1}$), the nominal side-face blowout strength, N_{sb}, shall not exceed

$$N_{sb} = 13c_{a1} \sqrt{A_{brg}} \, \lambda_a \sqrt{f_c'} \qquad (17.4.4.1)$$

If c_{a2} for the single headed anchor is less than $3c_{a1}$, the value of N_{sb} shall be multiplied by the factor $(1 + c_{a2}/c_{a1})/4$, where $1.0 \le c_{a2}/c_{a1} \le 3.0$.

17.4.4.2 For multiple headed anchors with deep embedment close to an edge ($h_{ef} > 2.5c_{a1}$) and anchor spacing less than $6c_{a1}$, the nominal strength of those anchors susceptible to a side-face blowout failure N_{sbg} shall not exceed

$$N_{sbg} = \left(1 + \frac{s}{6c_{a1}}\right)N_{sb} \qquad (17.4.4.2)$$

where s is the distance between the outer anchors along the edge, and N_{sb} is obtained from Eq. (17.4.4.1) without modiﬁcation for a perpendicular edge distance.

R17.4.4.2 In determining nominal side-face blowout strength for multiple headed anchors, only those anchors close to an edge ($h_{ef} > 2.5c_{a1}$) that are loaded in tension should be considered. Their strength should be compared to the proportion of the tensile load applied to those anchors.

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17.4.5 Bond strength of adhesive anchor in tension

17.4.5.1 The nominal bond strength in tension, N_a of a single adhesive anchor or N_{ag} of a group of adhesive anchors, shall not exceed

(a) For a single adhesive anchor:

$$N_a = \frac{A_{Na}}{A_{Nao}} \psi_{ed,Na} \psi_{cp,Na} N_{ba} \qquad (17.4.5.1a)$$

(b) For a group of adhesive anchors:

$$N_{ag} = \frac{A_{Na}}{A_{Nao}} \psi_{ec,Na} \psi_{ed,Na} \psi_{cp,Na} N_{ba} \qquad (17.4.5.1b)$$

Factors $\psi_{ec,Na}$, $\psi_{ed,Na}$, and $\psi_{cp,Na}$ are defined in 17.4.5.3, 17.4.5.4, and 17.4.5.5, respectively. A_{Na} is the projected influence area of a single adhesive anchor or group of adhesive anchors that shall be approximated as a rectilinear area that projects outward a distance c_{Na} from the centerline of the adhesive anchor, or in the case of a group of adhesive anchors, from a line through a row of adjacent adhesive anchors. A_{Na} shall not exceed nA_{Nao}, where n is the number of adhesive anchors in the group that resist tension loads. A_{Nao} is the projected influence area of a single adhesive anchor with an edge distance equal to or greater than c_{Na}:

$$A_{Nao} = (2c_{Na})^2 \qquad (17.4.5.1c)$$

where

$$c_{Na} = 10d_a \sqrt{\frac{\tau_{uncr}}{7.6}} \qquad (17.4.5.1d)$$

and constant 7.6 carries the unit of MPa.

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R17.4.5 Bond strength of adhesive anchor in tension

R17.4.5.1 Evaluation of bond strength applies only to adhesive anchors. Single anchors with small embedment loaded to failure in tension may exhibit concrete breakout failures, while deeper embedments produce bond failures. Adhesive anchors that exhibit bond failures when loaded individually may exhibit concrete failures when in a group or in a near-edge condition. In all cases, the strength in tension of adhesive anchors is limited by the concrete breakout strength as given by Eq. (17.4.2.1a) and (17.4.2.1b) (Eligehausen et al. 2006a). The influences of anchor spacing and edge distance on both bond strength and concrete breakout strength must be evaluated for adhesive anchors. The influences of anchor spacing and edge distance on the nominal bond strength of adhesive anchors in tension are included in the modification factors A_{Na}/A_{Nao} and $\psi_{ed,Na}$ in Eq. (17.4.5.1a) and (17.4.5.1b).

The influence of nearby edges and adjacent loaded anchors on bond strength is dependent on the volume of concrete mobilized by a single adhesive anchor. In contrast to the projected concrete failure area concept used in Eq. (17.4.2.1a) and (17.4.2.1b) to compute the breakout strength of an adhesive anchor, the influence area associated with the bond strength of an adhesive anchor used in Eq. (17.4.5.1a) and (17.4.5.1b) is not a function of the embedment depth, but rather a function of the anchor diameter and the characteristic bond stress. The critical distance c_{Na} is assumed the same whether the concrete is cracked or uncracked; for simplicity, the relationship for c_{Na} in Eq. (17.4.5.1d) uses τ_{uncr}, the characteristic bond stress in uncracked concrete. This has been verified by experimental and numerical studies (Eligehausen et al. 2006a). Figure R17.4.5.1(a) shows A_{Nao} and the development of Eq. (17.4.5.1c). A_{Nao} is the projected influence area for the bond strength of a single adhesive anchor. Figure R17.4.5.1(b) shows an example of the projected influence area for an anchor group. Because, in this case, A_{Na} is the projected influence area for a group of anchors, and A_{Nao} is the projected influence area for a single anchor, there is no need to include n, the number of anchors, in Eq. (17.4.5.1b). If anchors in a group (anchors loaded by a common base plate or attachment) are positioned in such a way that the projected influence areas of the individual anchors overlap, the value of A_{Na} is less than nA_{Nao}.

The tensile strength of closely spaced adhesive anchors with low bond strength may significantly exceed the value given by Eq. (17.4.5.1b). A correction factor is given in the literature (Eligehausen et al. 2006a) to address this issue, but for simplicity, this factor is not included in the Code.
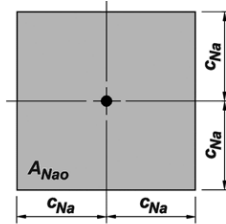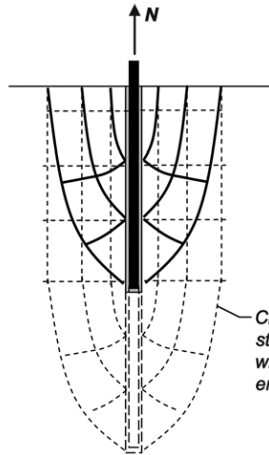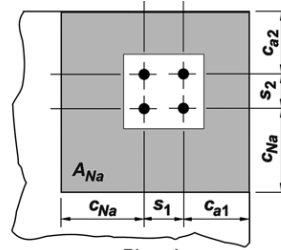
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Fig. R17.4.5.1—Calculation of influence areas A_{Nao} and A_{Na}.

17.4.5.2 The basic bond strength of a single adhesive anchor in tension in cracked concrete, N_{ba}, shall not exceed

$$N_{ba} = \lambda_a \tau_{cr} \pi d_a h_{ef} \qquad (17.4.5.2)$$

The characteristic bond stress τ_{cr} shall be taken as the 5 percent fractile of results of tests performed and evaluated according to ACI 355.4.

Where analysis indicates cracking at service load levels, adhesive anchors shall be qualified for use in cracked concrete in accordance with ACI 355.4.
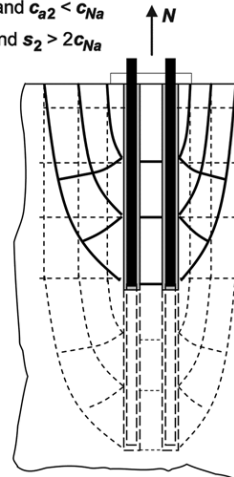
For adhesive anchors located in a region of a concrete member where analysis indicates no cracking at service load levels, τ_{uncr} shall be permitted to be used in place of τ_{cr} in Eq. (17.4.5.2) and shall be taken as the 5 percent fractile of results of tests performed and evaluated according to ACI 355.4.

R17.4.5.2 The equation for basic bond strength of adhesive anchors as given in Eq. (17.4.5.2) represents a uniform bond stress model that has been shown to provide the best prediction of adhesive anchor bond strength through numerical studies and comparisons of different models to an international database of experimental results (Cook et al. 1998). The basic bond strength is valid for bond failures that occur between the concrete and the adhesive as well as between the anchor and the adhesive.

Characteristic bond stresses should be based on tests performed in accordance with ACI 355.4 and should reflect the particular combination of installation and use conditions anticipated during construction and during the anchor service life. For those cases where product-specific information is unavailable at the time of design, Table 17.4.5.2 provides lower-bound default values. The characteristic bond stresses

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It shall be permitted to use the minimum characteristic bond stress values in Table 17.4.5.2, provided (a) through (e) are satis¿ed:

(a) Anchors shall meet the requirements of ACI 355.4
(b) Anchors shall be installed in holes drilled with a rotary impact drill or rock drill
(c) Concrete at time of anchor installation shall have a minimum compressive strength of 17 MPa
(d) Concrete at time of anchor installation shall have a minimum age of 21 days
(e) Concrete temperature at time of anchor installation shall be at least 10°C

Table 17.4.5.2—Minimum characteristic bond stresses[1][2]

Installation and service environment	Moisture content of concrete at time of anchor installation	Peak in-service temperature of concrete, °C	τ_{cr}, MPa	τ_{uncr}, MPa
Outdoor	Dry to fully saturated	79	1.4	4.5
Indoor	Dry	43	2.1	7.0

[1]Where anchor design includes sustained tension loading, multiply values of τ_{cr} and τ_{uncr} by 0.4.

[2]Where anchor design includes earthquake loads for structures assigned to SDC C, D, E, or F, multiply values of τ_{cr} by 0.8 and τ_{uncr} by 0.4.

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in Table 17.4.5.2 are the minimum values permitted for adhesive anchor systems quali¿ed in accordance with ACI 355.4 for the tabulated installation and use conditions. Use of these values is restricted to the combinations of speci¿c conditions listed; values for other combinations of installation and use conditions should not be inferred. Where both sustained loading and earthquake loading are present, the applicable factors given in the footnotes of Table 17.4.5.2 should be multiplied together. The table assumes that all concrete has a minimum age of 21 days and a minimum concrete compressive strength of 17 MPa. See R17.1.2.

The terms "indoor" and "outdoor" as used in Table 17.4.5.2 refer to a speci¿c set of installation and service environments. Indoor conditions represent anchors installed in dry concrete with a rotary impact drill or rock drill and subjected to limited concrete temperature variations over the service life of the anchor. Outdoor conditions are assumed to occur, when at the time of anchor installation, the concrete is exposed to weather and may therefore be wet. Anchors installed in outdoor conditions are also assumed to be subject to greater concrete temperature variations such as might be associated with freezing and thawing or elevated temperatures resulting from direct sun exposure. While the indoor/outdoor characterization is useful for many applications, there may be situations in which a literal interpretation of the terms "indoor" and "outdoor" do not apply. For example, anchors installed before the building envelope is completed may involve drilling in saturated concrete. As such, the minimum bond stress associated with the outdoor condition in Table 17.4.5.2 applies, regardless of whether the service environment is "indoor" or "outdoor." Rotary impact drills and rock drills produce non-uniform hole geometries that are generally favorable for bond. Installation of adhesive anchors in core-drilled holes may result in substantially lower characteristic bond stresses. Because this effect is highly product dependent, design of anchors to be installed in core-drilled holes should adhere to the product-speci¿c characteristic bond stresses established through testing in accordance with ACI 355.4.

The characteristic bond stresses associated with speci¿c adhesive anchor systems are dependent on a number of parameters. Consequently, care should be taken to include all parameters relevant to the value of characteristic bond stress used in the design. These parameters include but are not limited to:

(a) Type and duration of loading—bond strength is reduced for sustained tension loading
(b) Concrete cracking—bond strength is higher in uncracked concrete
(c) Anchor size—bond strength is generally inversely proportional to anchor diameter
(d) Drilling method—bond strength may be lower for anchors installed in core-drilled holes

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(e) Degree of concrete saturation at time of hole drilling and anchor installation—bond strength may be reduced due to concrete saturation

(f) Concrete temperature at time of installation—installation of anchors in cold conditions may result in retarded adhesive cure and reduced bond strength

(g) Concrete age at time of installation—installation in early-age concrete may result in reduced bond strength (refer to R17.1.2)

(h) Peak concrete temperatures during anchor service life—under specific conditions (for example, anchors in thin concrete members exposed to direct sunlight), elevated concrete temperatures can result in reduced bond strength

(i) Chemical exposure—anchors used in industrial environments may be exposed to increased levels of contaminants that can reduce bond strength over time

Anchors tested and assessed under ACI 355.4 may in some cases not be qualified for all of the installation and service environments represented in Table 17.4.5.2. Therefore, even where the minimum values given in Table 17.4.5.2 are used for design, the relevant installation and service environments should be specified in accordance with 17.8.2.1, and only anchors that have been qualified under ACI 355.4 for the installation and service environments corresponding to the characteristic bond stress taken from Table 17.4.5.2 should be specified.

Characteristic bond stresses associated with qualified adhesive anchor systems for a specific set of installation and use conditions may substantially exceed the minimum values provided in Table 17.4.5.2. For example, 13 mm to 20 mm diameter anchors installed in impact-drilled holes in dry concrete where use is limited to indoor conditions in uncracked concrete as described above may exhibit characteristic bond stresses τ_{uncr} in the range of 14 to 17 MPa.

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17.4.5.3 The modification factor for adhesive anchor groups loaded eccentrically in tension, $\psi_{ec,Na}$, shall be calculated as:

$$\psi_{ec,Na} = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \dfrac{e'_N}{c_{Na}}\right)} \quad (17.4.5.3)$$

but $\psi_{ec,Na}$ shall not be taken greater than 1.0.

If the loading on an adhesive anchor group is such that only some adhesive anchors are in tension, only those adhesive anchors that are in tension shall be considered when determining the eccentricity e'_N for use in Eq. (17.4.5.3) and for the calculation of N_{ag} according to Eq. (17.4.5.1b).

In the case where eccentric loading exists about two orthogonal axes, the modification factor $\psi_{ec,Na}$ shall be calculated for each axis individually and the product of these factors used as $\psi_{ec,Na}$ in Eq. (17.4.5.1b).

R17.4.5.3 Refer to R17.4.2.4.

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17.4.5.4 The modification factor for edge effects for single adhesive anchors or adhesive anchor groups loaded in tension, $\psi_{ed,Na}$, shall be calculated as

If $c_{a,min} \geq c_{Na}$, then $\psi_{ed,Na} = 1.0$ (17.4.5.4a)

If $c_{a,min} < c_{Na}$, then $\psi_{ed,Na} = 0.7 + 0.3\dfrac{c_{a,min}}{c_{Na}}$ (17.4.5.4b)

17.4.5.5 The modification factor for adhesive anchors designed for uncracked concrete in accordance with 17.4.5.2 without supplementary reinforcement to control splitting, $\psi_{cp,Na}$, shall be calculated as:

If $c_{a,min} \geq c_{ac}$, then $\psi_{cp,Na} = 1.0$ (17.4.5.5a)

If $c_{a,min} < c_{ac}$, then $\psi_{cp,Na} = \dfrac{c_{a,min}}{c_{ac}}$ (17.4.5.5b)

but $\psi_{cp,Na}$ determined from Eq. (17.4.5.5b) shall not be taken less than c_{Na}/c_{ac}, where the critical edge distance c_{ac} is defined in 17.7.6. For all other cases, $\psi_{cp,Na}$ shall be taken as 1.0.

17.5—Design requirements for shear loading
17.5.1 Steel strength of anchor in shear

17.5.1.1 The nominal strength of an anchor in shear as governed by steel, V_{sa}, shall be evaluated by calculations based on the properties of the anchor material and the physical dimensions of the anchor. Where concrete breakout is a potential failure mode, the required steel shear strength shall be consistent with the assumed breakout surface.

17.5.1.2 The nominal strength of an anchor in shear, V_{sa}, shall not exceed (a) through (c):

(a) For cast-in headed stud anchor

$$V_{sa} = A_{se,V} f_{uta} \quad (17.5.1.2a)$$

where $A_{se,V}$ is the effective cross-sectional area of an anchor in shear, mm², and f_{uta} shall not be taken greater than the smaller of $1.9f_{ya}$ and 860 MPa.

(b) For cast-in headed bolt and hooked bolt anchors and for post-installed anchors where sleeves do not extend through the shear plane

$$V_{sa} = 0.6A_{se,V} f_{uta} \quad (17.5.1.2b)$$

where $A_{se,V}$ is the effective cross-sectional area of an anchor in shear, mm², and f_{uta} shall not be taken greater than the smaller of $1.9f_{ya}$ and 860 MPa.

(c) For post-installed anchors where sleeves extend through the shear plane, V_{sa} shall be based on the results

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R17.4.5.4 If anchors are located close to an edge, their strength is further reduced beyond that reflected in A_{Na}/A_{Nao}. If the smallest side cover distance is greater than or equal to c_{Na}, there is no reduction ($\psi_{ed,Na} = 1$). If the side cover is less than c_{Na}, the factor $\psi_{ed,Na}$ accounts for the edge effect (Fuchs et al. 1995; Eligehausen et al. 2006a).

R17.5—Design requirements for shear loading
R17.5.1 Steel strength of anchor in shear

R17.5.1.1 The shear load applied to each anchor in a group may vary depending on assumptions for the concrete breakout surface and load redistribution (refer to R17.5.2.1).

R17.5.1.2 The nominal shear strength of anchors is best represented as a function of f_{uta} rather than f_{ya} because the large majority of anchor materials do not exhibit a well-defined yield point. Welded studs develop a higher steel shear strength than headed anchors due to the fixity provided by the weld between the studs and the base plate. The use of Eq. (17.5.1.2a) and (17.5.1.2b) with 5.3 load factors and the φ-factors of 17.3.3 give design strengths consistent with AISC 360.

The limitation of $1.9f_{ya}$ on f_{uta} is to ensure that, under service load conditions, the anchor stress does not exceed f_{ya}. The limit on f_{uta} of $1.9f_{ya}$ was determined by converting the LRFD provisions to corresponding service level conditions, as discussed in R17.4.1.2.

For post-installed anchors having a reduced cross-sectional area anywhere along the anchor length, the effective cross-sectional area of the anchor should be provided by the manufacturer. For threaded rods and headed bolts, ASME B1.1 defines $A_{se,V}$ as

$$A_{se,V} = \frac{\pi}{4}\left(d_a - \frac{0.9743}{n_t}\right)^2$$

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of tests performed and evaluated according to ACI 355.2. Alternatively, Eq. (17.5.1.2b) shall be permitted to be used.

17.5.1.3 Where anchors are used with built-up grout pads, the nominal strengths of 17.5.1.2 shall be multiplied by a factor 0.80.

17.5.2 *Concrete breakout strength of anchor in shear*

17.5.2.1 The nominal concrete breakout strength in shear, V_{cb} of a single anchor or V_{cbg} of a group of anchors, shall not exceed:

(a) For shear force perpendicular to the edge on a single anchor

$$V_{cb} = \frac{A_{Vc}}{A_{Vco}} \psi_{ed,V} \psi_{c,V} \psi_{h,V} V_b \qquad (17.5.2.1a)$$

(b) For shear force perpendicular to the edge on a group of anchors

$$V_{cbg} = \frac{A_{Vc}}{A_{Vco}} \psi_{ec,V} \psi_{ed,V} \psi_{c,V} \psi_{h,V} V_b \qquad (17.5.2.1b)$$

(c) For shear force parallel to an edge, V_{cb} or V_{cbg} shall be permitted to be twice the value of the shear force determined from Eq. (17.5.2.1a) or (17.5.2.1b), respectively, with the shear force assumed to act perpendicular to the edge and with $\psi_{ed,V}$ taken equal to 1.0.

(d) For anchors located at a corner, the limiting nominal concrete breakout strength shall be determined for each edge, and the minimum value shall be used.

Factors $\psi_{ec,V}$, $\psi_{ed,V}$, $\psi_{c,V}$, and $\psi_{h,V}$ are defined in 17.5.2.5, 17.5.2.6, 17.5.2.7, and 17.5.2.8, respectively. V_b is the basic concrete breakout strength value for a single anchor. A_{Vc} is the projected area of the failure surface on the side of the concrete member at its edge for a single anchor or a group of anchors. It shall be permitted to evaluate A_{Vc} as the base of a truncated half-pyramid projected on the side face of the member where the top of the half-pyramid is given by the axis of the anchor row selected as critical. The value of c_{a1} shall be taken as the distance from the edge to this axis. A_{Vc} shall not exceed nA_{Vco}, where n is the number of anchors in the group.

A_{Vco} is the projected area for a single anchor in a deep member with a distance from edges equal or greater than $1.5c_{a1}$ in the direction perpendicular to the shear force. It shall be permitted to evaluate A_{Vco} as the base of a half-pyramid with a side length parallel to the edge of $3c_{a1}$ and a depth of $1.5c_{a1}$

$$A_{Vco} = 4.5(c_{a1})^2 \qquad (17.5.2.1c)$$

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where n_t is the number of threads per inch.

R17.5.2 *Concrete breakout strength of anchor in shear*

R17.5.2.1 The shear strength equations were developed from the CCD Method (refer to R17.3.2). They assume a breakout cone angle of approximately 35 degrees (refer to Fig. R17.3.2b) and consider fracture mechanics theory. The effects of multiple anchors, spacing of anchors, edge distance, and thickness of the concrete member on nominal concrete breakout strength in shear are included by applying the reduction factor of A_{Vc}/A_{Vco} in Eq. (17.5.2.1a) and (17.5.2.1b), and $\psi_{ec,V}$ in Eq. (17.5.2.1b). For anchors far from the edge, 17.5.2 usually will not govern. For these cases, 17.5.1 and 17.5.3 often govern.

Figure R17.5.2.1a shows A_{Vco} and the development of Eq. (17.5.2.1c). A_{Vco} is the maximum projected area for a single anchor that approximates the surface area of the full breakout prism or cone for an anchor unaffected by edge distance, spacing, or depth of member. Figure R17.5.2.1b shows examples of the projected areas for various single-anchor and multiple-anchor arrangements. A_{Vc} approximates the full surface area of the breakout cone for the particular arrangement of anchors. Because A_{Vc} is the total projected area for a group of anchors, and A_{Vco} is the area for a single anchor, there is no need to include the number of anchors in the equation.

As shown in the examples in Fig. R17.5.2.1b of two-anchor groups loaded in shear, when using Eq. (17.5.2.1b) for cases where the anchor spacing s is greater than the edge distance to the near-edge anchor $c_{a1,1}$, both assumptions for load distribution illustrated in Cases 1 and 2 should be considered. This is because the anchors nearest to the free edge could fail first or the entire group could fail as a unit with the failure surface originating from the anchors farthest from the edge. For Case 1, the steel shear strength is provided by both anchors. For Case 2, the steel shear strength is provided entirely by the anchor farthest from the edge. No contribution of the anchor near the edge is then considered. In addition, checking the near-edge anchor for concrete breakout under service loads is advisable to preclude undesirable cracking at service conditions. If the anchor spacing s is less than the edge distance to the near-edge anchor, then the failure surfaces may merge (Eligehausen et al. 2006b) and Case 3 of Fig. R17.5.2.1b may be taken as a conservative approach.

If the anchors are welded to a common plate (regardless of anchor spacing s), when the anchor nearest the front edge begins to form a failure cone, shear load is transferred to the stiffer and stronger rear anchor. For this reason, only Case 2 need be considered, which is consistent with Section 6.5.5 of the PCI Design Handbook (PCI MNL 120). For determi-

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Where anchors are located at varying distances from the edge and the anchors are welded to the attachment so as to distribute the force to all anchors, it shall be permitted to evaluate the strength based on the distance to the farthest row of anchors from the edge. In this case, it shall be permitted to base the value of c_{a1} on the distance from the edge to the axis of the farthest anchor row that is selected as critical, and all of the shear shall be assumed to be carried by this critical anchor row alone.

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nation of steel shear strength, it is conservative to consider only the anchor farthest from the edge. However, for anchors having a ratio of $s/c_{a1,1}$ less than 0.6, both the front and rear anchors may be assumed to resist the shear (Anderson and Meinheit 2007). For ratios of $s/c_{a1,1}$ greater than 1, it is advisable to check concrete breakout of the near-edge anchor to preclude undesirable cracking at service conditions.

Further discussion of design for multiple anchors is given in Primavera et al. (1997).

For the case of anchors near a corner subjected to a shear force with components normal to each edge, a satisfactory solution is to check independently the connection for each component of the shear force. Other specialized cases, such as the shear resistance of anchor groups where all anchors do not have the same edge distance, are treated in Eligehausen et al. (2006a).

The detailed provisions of 17.5.2.1(a) apply to the case of shear force directed toward an edge. When the shear force is directed away from the edge, the strength will usually be governed by 17.5.1 or 17.5.3.

The case of shear force parallel to an edge is shown in Fig. R17.5.2.1c. The maximum shear force that can be applied parallel to the edge, $V_\parallel$, as governed by concrete breakout, is twice the maximum shear force that can be applied perpendicular to the edge, $V\perp$. A special case can arise with shear force parallel to the edge near a corner. In the example of a single anchor near a corner (refer to Fig. R17.5.2.1d), the provisions for shear force applied perpendicular to the edge should be checked in addition to the provisions for shear force applied parallel to the edge.

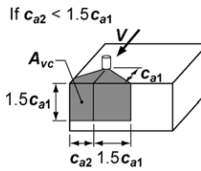17
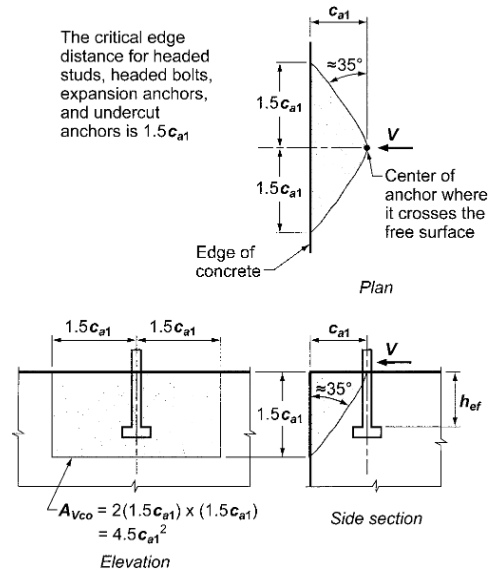
Fig. R17.5.2.1a—Calculation of A_{Vco}.

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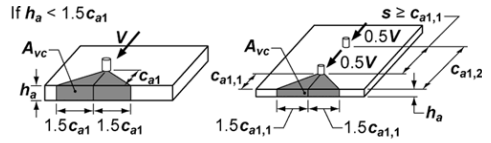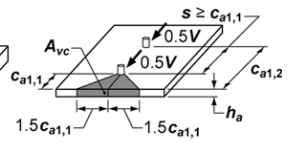
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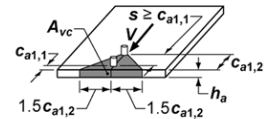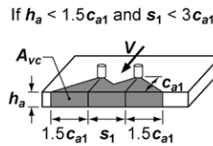
Case 2: Another assumption of the distribution of forces indicates that the total shear force would be critical on the rear anchor and its projected area. Only this assumption needs to be considered when anchors are welded to a common plate independent of s. For the calculation of concrete breakout, c_{a1} is taken as $c_{a1,2}$.

Note: For $s \geq c_{a1,1}$, both Case 1 and Case 2 should be evaluated to determine which controls for design except as noted for anchors welded to a common plate.
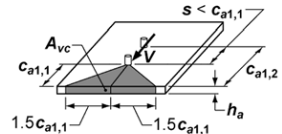
Case 3: Where $s < c_{a1,1}$, apply the entire shear load V to the front anchor. This case does not apply for anchors welded to a common plate. For the calculation of concrete breakout, c_{a1} is taken as $c_{a1,1}$.

Fig. R17.5.2.1b—Calculation of A_{vc} for single anchors and groups of anchors.

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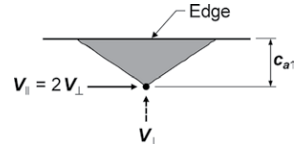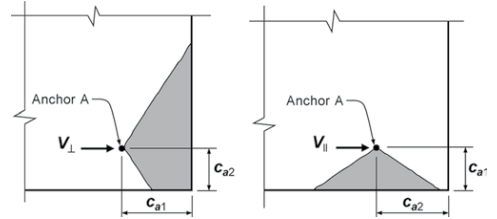

Fig. R17.5.2.1c—Shear force parallel to an edge.

Fig. R17.5.2.1d—Shear force near a corner.

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17.5.2.2 The basic concrete breakout strength in shear of a single anchor in cracked concrete, V_b, shall be the smaller of (a) and (b):

$$\text{(a)} \quad V_b = \left(0.6\left(\frac{\ell_e}{d_a}\right)^{0.2}\sqrt{d_a}\right)\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}\,(c_{a1})^{1.5} \quad (17.5.2.2a)$$

where ℓ_e is the load-bearing length of the anchor for shear: $\ell_e = h_{ef}$ for anchors with a constant stiffness over the full length of embedded section, such as headed studs and post-installed anchors with one tubular shell over full length of the embedment depth;
$\ell_e = 2d_a$ for torque-controlled expansion anchors with a distance sleeve separated from expansion sleeve, and $\ell_e \le 8d_a$ in all cases.

$$\text{(b)} \quad V_b = 3.7\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}\,(c_{a1})^{1.5} \quad (17.5.2.2b)$$

17.5.2.3 For cast-in headed studs, headed bolts, or hooked bolts that are continuously welded to steel attachments having a minimum thickness equal to the greater of 10 mm and half of the anchor diameter, the basic concrete breakout strength in shear of a single anchor in cracked concrete, V_b, shall be the smaller of Eq. (17.5.2.2b) and Eq. (17.5.2.3)

$$V_b = \left(0.66\left(\frac{\ell_e}{d_a}\right)^{0.2}\sqrt{d_a}\right)\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}\,(c_{a1})^{1.5} \quad (17.5.2.3)$$

where ℓ_e is defined in 17.5.2.2 provided that:

(a) For groups of anchors, the strength is determined based on the strength of the row of anchors farthest from the edge

R17.5.2.2 Like the concrete breakout tensile strength, the concrete breakout shear strength does not increase with the failure surface, which is proportional to $(c_{a1})^2$. Instead, the strength increases proportionally to $(c_{a1})^{1.5}$ due to size effect. The strength is also influenced by the anchor stiffness and the anchor diameter (Fuchs et al. 1995; Eligehausen and Balogh 1995; Eligehausen et al. 1987/1988, 2006b). The influence of anchor stiffness and diameter is not apparent in large-diameter anchors (Lee et al. 2010), resulting in a limitation on the shear breakout strength provided by Eq. (17.5.2.2b).

The constant, 7, in the shear strength equation was determined from test data reported in Fuchs et al. (1995) at the 5 percent fractile adjusted for cracking.

R17.5.2.3 For the case of cast-in headed bolts continuously welded to an attachment, test data (Shaikh and Yi 1985) show that somewhat higher shear strength exists, possibly due to the stiff welding connection clamping the bolt more effectively than an attachment with an anchor gap. Because of this, the basic shear value for such anchors is increased but the upper limit of Eq. (17.5.2.2b) is imposed because tests on large-diameter anchors welded to steel attachments are not available to justify any higher value than Eq. (17.5.2.2b). The design of supplementary reinforcement is discussed in CEB (1997), Eligehausen et al. (1997/1998), and Eligehausen and Fuchs (1988).

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(b) Anchor spacing s is not less than 65 mm

(c) Reinforcement is provided at the corners if $c_{a2} \leq 1.5h_{ef}$

17.5.2.4 Where anchors are located in narrow sections of limited thickness such that both edge distances c_{a2} and thickness h_a are less than $1.5c_{a1}$, the value of c_{a1} used for the calculation of A_{Vc} in accordance with 17.5.2.1 as well as for the equations in 17.5.2.1 through 17.5.2.8 shall not exceed the largest of:

(a) $c_{a2}/1.5$, where c_{a2} is the largest edge distance

(b) $h_a/1.5$

(c) $s/3$, where s is the maximum spacing perpendicular to direction of shear, between anchors within a group

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R17.5.2.4 For the case of anchors located in narrow sections of limited thickness where the edge distances perpendicular to the direction of load and the member thickness are less than $1.5c_{a1}$, the shear breakout strength calculated by the basic CCD Method (refer to R17.3.2) is overly conservative. These cases were studied for the Kappa Method (Eligehausen and Fuchs 1988) and the problem was pointed out by Lutz (1995). Similar to the approach used for concrete breakout strength in tension in 17.4.2.3, the concrete breakout strength in shear for this case is more accurately evaluated if the value of c_{a1} used in the equations in 17.5.2.1 through 17.5.2.8 and in the calculation of A_{Vc} is limited to the maximum of two-thirds of the larger of the two edge distances perpendicular to the direction of shear, two-thirds of the member thickness, and one-third of the maximum spacing between anchors within the group, measured perpendicular to the direction of shear. The limit on c_{a1} of at least one-third of the maximum spacing between anchors within the group prevents the use of a calculated strength based on individual breakout prisms for a group anchor configuration.

This approach is illustrated in Fig. R17.5.2.4. In this example, the limiting value of c_{a1} is denoted as c'_{a1} and is used for the calculation of A_{Vc}, A_{Vco}, $\psi_{ed,V}$, and $\psi_{h,V}$ as well as for V_b (not shown). The requirement of 17.5.2.4 may be visualized by moving the actual concrete breakout surface originating at the actual c_{a1} toward the surface of the concrete in the direction of the applied shear load. The value of c_{a1} used for the calculation of A_{Vc} and in the equations in 17.5.2.1 through 17.5.2.8 is determined when either: (a) an outer boundary of the failure surface first intersects the concrete surface; or (b) the intersection of the breakout surface between anchors within the group first intersects the concrete surface. For the example shown in Fig. R17.5.2.4, Point A shows the intersection of the assumed failure surface for limiting c_{a1} with the concrete surface.

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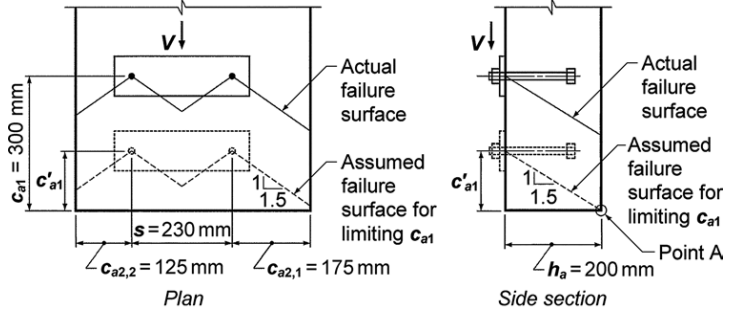
1. The actual c_{a1} = 300 mm

2. The two edge distances c_{a2} as well as h_a are all less than 1.5 c_{a1}.

3. The limiting value of c_{a1} (shown as c'_{a1} in the figure) to be used for the calculation of A_{Vc} and in the equations 17.5.2.1 through 17.5.2.8 is determined as the largest of the following:

$(c_{a2, max})/1.5 = (175)/1.5 = 117$ mm

$(h_a)/1.5 = (200)/1.5 = 133$ mm (controls)

$s/3 = 1/3(230) = 75$ mm

4. For this case, A_{Vc}, A_{Vco}, $\Psi_{ed,V}$, and $\Psi_{h,V}$ are determined as follows:

$A_{Vc} = (125 + 230 + 175)(1.5 \times 133) = 105,735$ mm^2

$A_{Vco} = 4.5(133)^2 = 79,600$ mm^2

$\Psi_{ed,V} = 0.7 + 0.3(125)/133 = 0.98$

$\Psi_{h,V}$ = 1.0 because c_{a1} = $(h_a)/1.5$. Point A shows the intersection of the assumed failure surface with the concrete surface that establishes the limiting value of c_{a1}.

Fig. R17.5.2.4—Example of shear where anchors are located in narrow members of limited thickness.

17.5.2.5 The modification factor for anchor groups loaded eccentrically in shear, $\psi_{ec,V}$, shall be calculated as

$$\psi_{ec,V} = \cfrac{1}{\left(1 + \cfrac{2e'_V}{3c_{a1}}\right)} \qquad (17.5.2.5)$$

but $\psi_{ec,V}$ shall not be taken greater than 1.0.

If the loading on an anchor group is such that only some anchors are loaded in shear in the same direction, only those anchors that are loaded in shear in the same direction shall be considered when determining the eccentricity of e'_V for use in Eq. (17.5.2.5) and for the calculation of V_{cbg} according to Eq. (17.5.2.1b).

R17.5.2.5 This section provides a modification factor for an eccentric shear force toward an edge on a group of anchors. If the shear force originates above the plane of the concrete surface, the shear should first be resolved as a shear in the plane of the concrete surface, with a moment that may or may not also cause tension in the anchors, depending on the normal force. Figure R17.5.2.5 defines the term e'_V for calculating the $\psi_{ec,V}$ modification factor that accounts for the fact that more shear is applied to one anchor than others, tending to split the concrete near an edge.

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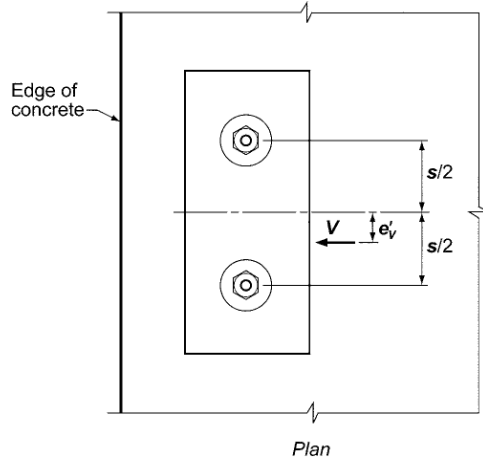| CODE	COMMENTARY

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Fig. R17.5.2.5—Definition of e'_V for a group of anchors.

17.5.2.6 The modification factor for edge effect for a single anchor or group of anchors loaded in shear, $\psi_{ed,V}$, shall be calculated as follows using the smaller value of c_{a2}.

If $c_{a2} \geq 1.5c_{a1}$, then $\psi_{ed,V} = 1.0$ (17.5.2.6a)

If $c_{a2} < 1.5c_{a1}$, then $\psi_{ed,V} = 0.7 + 0.3\dfrac{c_{a2}}{1.5c_{a1}}$ (17.5.2.6b)

17.5.2.7 For anchors located in a region of a concrete member where analysis indicates no cracking at service loads, the following modification factor shall be permitted

$$\psi_{c,V} = 1.4$$

For anchors located in a region of a concrete member where analysis indicates cracking at service load levels, the following modification factors shall be permitted:

$\psi_{c,V} = 1.0$ for anchors in cracked concrete without supplementary reinforcement or with edge reinforcement smaller than a No. 13 bar

$\psi_{c,V} = 1.2$ for anchors in cracked concrete with reinforcement of a No. 13 bar or greater between the anchor and the edge

$\psi_{c,V} = 1.4$ for anchors in cracked concrete with reinforcement of a No. 13 bar or greater between the anchor and the edge, and with the reinforcement enclosed within stirrups spaced at not more than 100 mm

17.5.2.8 The modification factor for anchors located in a concrete member where $h_a < 1.5c_{a1}$, $\psi_{h,V}$ shall be calculated as

$$\psi_{h,V} = \sqrt{\dfrac{1.5c_{a1}}{h_a}} \quad (17.5.2.8)$$

R17.5.2.8 For anchors located in a concrete member where $h_a < 1.5c_{a1}$, tests (CEB 1997; Eligehausen et al. 2006b) have shown that the concrete breakout strength in shear is not directly proportional to the member thickness h_a. The factor $\psi_{h,V}$ accounts for this effect.

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but $\psi_{h,V}$ shall not be taken less than 1.0.

17.5.2.9 Where anchor reinforcement is either developed in accordance with Chapter 25 on both sides of the breakout surface, or encloses the anchor and is developed beyond the breakout surface, the design strength of the anchor reinforcement shall be permitted to be used instead of the concrete breakout strength in determining ϕV_n. A strength reduction factor of 0.75 shall be used in the design of the anchor reinforcement.

R17.5.2.9 For conditions where the factored shear force exceeds the concrete breakout strength of the anchor(s) in shear, or where the breakout strength is not evaluated, the nominal strength can be that of anchor reinforcement properly anchored, as shown in Fig. R17.5.2.9a and Fig. R17.5.2.9b. To ensure yielding of the anchor reinforcement, the enclosing anchor reinforcement in Fig. R17.5.2.9a should be in contact with the anchor and placed as close as practicable to the concrete surface. The research (Eligehausen et al. 2006b) on which the provisions for enclosing reinforcement (refer to Fig. R17.5.2.9a) are based was limited to anchor reinforcement with maximum diameter similar to a No. 16 bar. The larger bend radii associated with larger bar diameters may signi¿cantly reduce the effectiveness of the anchor reinforcement and, therefore, anchor reinforcement with a diameter larger than No. 19 is not recommended.

The reinforcement could also consist of stirrups and ties (as well as hairpins) enclosing the edge reinforcement embedded in the breakout cone and placed as close to the anchors as practicable (refer to Fig. R17.5.2.9b). Generally reinforcement spaced less than the lesser of $0.5c_{a1}$ and $0.3c_{a2}$ from the anchor centerline should be included as anchor reinforcement. In this case, the anchor reinforcement must be developed on both sides of the breakout surface. For equilibrium reasons, an edge reinforcement must be present. The research on which these provisions are based was limited to anchor reinforcement with maximum diameter similar to a No. 19 bar. Strut-and-tie models may also be used to design anchor reinforcement.

Because the anchor reinforcement is placed below where the shear is applied (refer to Fig. R17.5.2.9b), the force in the anchor reinforcement will be larger than the shear force. In sizing the anchor reinforcement, use of a 0.75 strength reduction factor ϕ is recommended as used for shear and for strut-and-tie models. As a practical matter, the use of anchor reinforcement is generally limited to cast-in anchors.

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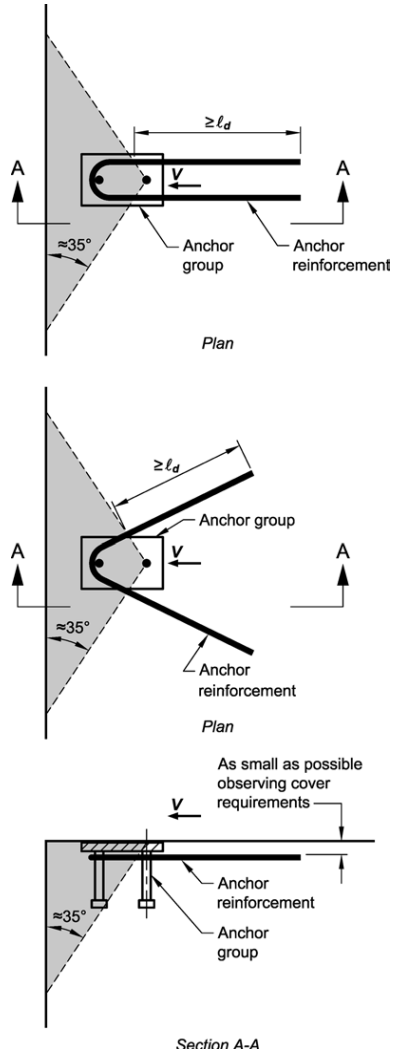</table>

Fig. R17.5.2.9a—Hairpin anchor reinforcement for shear.
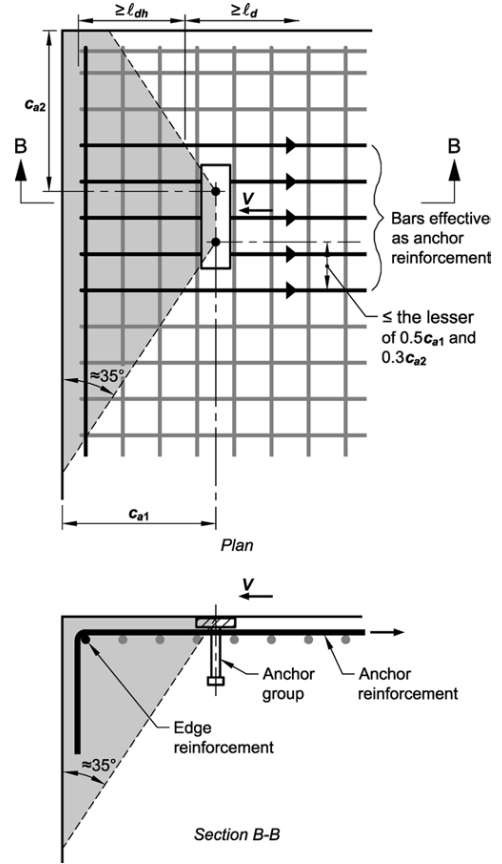
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Fig. R17.5.2.9b—Edge reinforcement and anchor reinforcement for shear.

17.5.3 Concrete pryout strength of anchor in shear

17.5.3.1 The nominal pryout strength, V_{cp} for a single anchor or V_{cpg} for a group of anchors, shall not exceed:

(a) For a single anchor

$$V_{cp} = k_{cp} N_{cp} \qquad (17.5.3.1a)$$

For cast-in, expansion, and undercut anchors, N_{cp} shall be taken as N_{cb} determined from Eq. (17.4.2.1a), and for adhesive anchors, N_{cp} shall be the lesser of N_a determined from Eq. (17.4.5.1a) and N_{cb} determined from Eq. (17.4.2.1a).

(b) For a group of anchors

R17.5.3 Concrete pryout strength of anchor in shear

R17.5.3.1 Fuchs et al. (1995) indicates that the pryout shear resistance can be approximated as one to two times the anchor tensile resistance with the lower value appropriate for h_{ef} less than 65 mm. Because it is possible that the bond strength of adhesive anchors could be less than the concrete breakout strength, it is necessary to consider both 17.4.2.1 and 17.4.5.1 for determination of the pryout strength.

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$$V_{cpg} = k_{cp} N_{cpg} \qquad (17.5.3.1b)$$

For cast-in, expansion, and undercut anchors, N_{cpg} shall be taken as N_{cbg} determined from Eq. (17.4.2.1b), and for adhesive anchors, N_{cpg} shall be the lesser of N_{ag} determined from Eq. (17.4.5.1b) and N_{cbg} determined from Eq. (17.4.2.1b).

In Eq. (17.5.3.1a) and (17.5.3.1b), $k_{cp} = 1.0$ for $h_{ef} < 2.5$ mm; and $k_{cp} = 2.0$ for $h_{ef} \geq 2.5$ mm

17.6—Interaction of tensile and shear forces

Unless determined in accordance with 17.3.1.3, anchors or groups of anchors that are subjected to both shear and axial loads shall be designed to satisfy the requirements of 17.6.1 through 17.6.3. The values of ϕN_n and ϕV_n shall be the required strengths as determined from 17.3.1.1 or from 17.2.3.

17.6.1 If $V_{ua}/(\phi V_n) \leq 0.2$ for the governing strength in shear, then full strength in tension shall be permitted: $\phi N_n \geq N_{ua}$.

17.6.2 If $N_{ua}/(\phi N_n) \leq 0.2$ for the governing strength in tension, then full strength in shear shall be permitted: $\phi V_n \geq V_{ua}$.

17.6.3 If $V_{ua}/(\phi V_n) > 0.2$ for the governing strength in shear and $N_{ua}/(\phi N_n) > 0.2$ for the governing strength in tension, then

$$\frac{N_{ua}}{\phi N_n} + \frac{V_{ua}}{\phi V_n} \leq 1.2 \qquad (17.6.3)$$

17.7—Required edge distances, spacings, and thicknesses to preclude splitting failure

Minimum spacings and edge distances for anchors and minimum thicknesses of members shall conform to 17.7.1 through 17.7.6, unless supplementary reinforcement is provided to control splitting. Lesser values from product-specific tests performed in accordance with ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4 shall be permitted.

17.7.1 Unless determined in accordance with 17.7.4, minimum center-to-center spacing of anchors shall be $4d_a$

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R17.6—Interaction of tensile and shear forces

The shear-tension interaction expression has traditionally been expressed as

$$\left(\frac{N_{ua}}{N_n}\right)^{\varsigma} + \left(\frac{V_{ua}}{V_n}\right)^{\varsigma} \leq 1.0$$

where ς varies from 1 to 2. The current trilinear recommendation is a simplification of the expression where $\varsigma = 5/3$ (Fig. R17.6). The limits were chosen to eliminate the requirement for computation of interaction effects where very small values of the second force are present. Any other interaction expression that is verified by test data, however, can be used to satisfy 17.3.1.3.
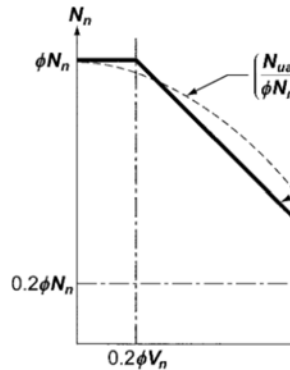

Fig. R17.6—Shear and tensile load interaction equation.

R17.7—Required edge distances, spacings, and thicknesses to preclude splitting failure

The minimum spacings, edge distances, and thicknesses are very dependent on the anchor characteristics. Installation forces and torques in post-installed anchors can cause splitting of the surrounding concrete. Such splitting also can be produced in subsequent torquing during connection of attachments to anchors including cast-in anchors. The primary source of values for minimum spacings, edge distances, and thicknesses of post-installed anchors should be the product-specific tests of ACI 355.2 and ACI 355.4. In some cases, however, specific products are not known in

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for cast-in anchors that will not be torqued, and $6d_a$ for torqued cast-in anchors and post-installed anchors.

17.7.2 Unless determined in accordance with 17.7.4, minimum edge distances for cast-in anchors that will not be torqued shall be based on specified cover requirements for reinforcement in 20.6.1. For cast-in anchors that will be torqued, the minimum edge distances shall be $6d_a$.

17.7.3 Unless determined in accordance with 17.7.4, minimum edge distances for post-installed anchors shall be based on the greater of specified cover requirements for reinforcement in 20.6.1, or minimum edge distance requirements for the products as determined by tests in accordance with ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4, and shall not be less than twice the maximum aggregate size. In the absence of product-specific ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4 test information, the minimum edge distance shall not be less than:

Adhesive anchors .... $6d_a$
Undercut anchors.. $6d_a$
Torque-controlled anchors................................. $8d_a$
Displacement-controlled anchors.................... $10d_a$

17.7.4 For anchors where installation does not produce a splitting force and that will not be torqued, if the edge distance or spacing is less than those specified in 17.7.1 to 17.7.3, calculations shall be performed by substituting for d_a a smaller value d_a' that meets the requirements of 17.7.1 to 17.7.3. Calculated forces applied to the anchor shall be limited to the values corresponding to an anchor having a diameter of d_a'.

17.7.5 Unless determined from tests in accordance with ACI 355.2, the value of h_{ef} for an expansion or undercut post-installed anchor shall not exceed the greater of 2/3 of the member thickness, h_a, and the member thickness minus 100 mm.

17.7.6 Unless determined from tension tests in accordance with ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4, the critical edge distance c_{ac} shall not be taken less than:

Adhesive anchors .... $2h_{ef}$
Undercut anchors....................................... $2.5h_{ef}$
Torque-controlled expansion anchors .... $4h_{ef}$
Displacement-controlled expansion anchors.............. $4h_{ef}$

the design stage. Approximate values are provided for use in design.

R17.7.2 Because the edge cover over a deep embedment close to the edge can have a significant effect on the side-face blowout strength of 17.4.4, in addition to the normal concrete cover requirements, it may be advantageous to use larger cover to increase the side-face blowout strength.

R17.7.3 Drilling holes for post-installed anchors can cause microcracking. The requirement for a minimum edge distance twice the maximum aggregate size is to minimize the effects of such microcracking.

R17.7.4 In some cases, it may be desirable to use a larger-diameter anchor than the requirements on 17.7.1 to 17.7.3 permit. In these cases, it is permissible to use a larger-diameter anchor, provided the design strength of the anchor is based on a smaller assumed anchor diameter d_a'.

R17.7.5 Splitting failures are caused by the load transfer between the bolt and the concrete. The limitations on the value of h_{ef} do not apply to cast-in and adhesive anchors because the splitting forces associated with these anchor types are less than for expansion and undercut anchors.

For all post-installed anchors, the maximum embedment depth for a given member thickness should be limited as required to avoid back-face blowout on the opposite side of the concrete member during hole drilling and anchor setting. This is dependent on many variables, such as the anchor type, drilling method, drilling technique, type and size of drilling equipment, presence of reinforcement, and strength and condition of the concrete.

R17.7.6 The critical edge distance c_{ac} is determined by the corner test in ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4, and is only applicable to designs for uncracked concrete. To permit the design of these types of anchors when product-specific information is not available, conservative default values for c_{ac} are provided. Research has indicated that the corner-test requirements are not met with $c_{a,min} = 1.5h_{ef}$ for many expansion anchors and some undercut anchors because installation of these types of anchors introduces splitting tensile stresses

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17.7.7 Construction documents shall specify use of anchors with a minimum edge distance as assumed in design.

17.8—Installation and inspection of anchors

17.8.1 Anchors shall be installed by quali¿ed personnel in accordance with the construction documents and, where applicable, manufacturer's instructions. The construction documents shall require installation of post-installed adhesive anchors in accordance with the Manufacturer's Printed Installation Instructions (MPII). Installation of adhesive anchors shall be performed by personnel trained to install adhesive anchors.

17.8.2 Installation of anchors shall be inspected in accordance with 1.9 and the general building code. Adhesive anchors shall be also subject to 17.8.2.1 through 17.8.2.4.

17.8.2.1 For adhesive anchors, the construction documents shall specify proof loading where required in accordance with ACI 355.4. The construction documents shall also specify all parameters associated with the characteristic bond stress used for the design according to 17.4.5, including minimum age of concrete; concrete temperature range; moisture condition of concrete at time of installation;

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in the concrete that are increased during load application, potentially resulting in a premature splitting failure. Similarly, adhesive anchors that meet the maximum embedment depth requirement of 17.7.5 may not ful¿ll the corner test requirements with $c_{a,min} = c_{Na}$ due to the additional Àexural stresses induced in the member by the anchor.

R17.8—Installation and inspection of anchors

R17.8.1 Many anchor performance characteristics depend on proper installation of the anchor. Installation of adhesive anchors should be performed by personnel quali¿ed for the adhesive anchor system and installation procedures being used. Construction personnel can establish quali¿cations by becoming certi¿ed through certi¿cation programs. For cast-in anchors, care must be taken that the anchors are securely positioned in the formwork and oriented in accordance with the construction documents. Furthermore, it should be ensured that the concrete around the anchors is properly consolidated. Inspection is particularly important for post-installed anchors to make certain that the manufacturer's recommended installation procedure, and in the case of adhesive anchors, printed installation instructions (MPII), are followed. For adhesive anchors, continuous monitoring of installations by quali¿ed inspectors is recommended to ensure required installation procedures are followed. Post-installed anchor strength and deformation capacity are assessed by acceptance testing under ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4. These tests are carried out assuming installation in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended procedures (in the case of adhesive anchors, the MPII). Certain types of anchors can be sensitive to variations in hole diameter, cleaning conditions, orientation of the axis, magnitude of the installation torque, crack width, and other variables. Some of this sensitivity is indirectly accounted for in the assigned ϕ values for the different anchor categories, which depend in part on the results of the installation safety tests. Gross deviations from the ACI 355.2 or ACI 355.4 acceptance testing results could occur if anchor components are altered, or if anchor installation criteria or procedures vary from those speci¿ed.

R17.8.2.1 Due to the sensitivity of bond strength to installation, on-site quality control is important for adhesive anchors. Where appropriate, a proof loading program should be speci¿ed in the construction documents. For adhesive anchors, the construction documents must also provide all parameters relevant to the characteristic bond stress used in the design. These parameters may include, but are not limited to:

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type of lightweight concrete, if applicable; and requirements for hole drilling and preparation.

(a) Acceptable anchor installation environment (dry or saturated concrete; concrete temperature range)
(b) Acceptable drilling methods
(c) Required hole cleaning procedures
(d) Anchor type and size range (threaded rod or reinforcing bar)

Hole cleaning is intended to ensure that drilling debris and dust do not impair bond. Depending on the on-site conditions, hole cleaning may involve operations to remove drilling debris from the hole with vacuum or compressed air, mechanical brushing of the hole wall to remove surface dust, and a final step to evacuate any remaining dust or debris, usually with compressed air. Where wet core drilling is used, holes may be flushed with water and then dried with compressed air. If anchors are installed in locations where the concrete is saturated (for example, outdoor locations exposed to rainfall), the resulting drilling mud must be removed by other means. In all cases, the procedures used should be clearly described by the manufacturer in printed installation instructions accompanying the product. These printed installation instructions, which also describe the limits on concrete temperature and the presence of water during installation as well as the procedures necessary for void-free adhesive injection and adhesive cure requirements, constitute an integral part of the adhesive anchor system and are part of the assessment performed in accordance with ACI 355.4.

17.8.2.2 Installation of adhesive anchors horizontally or upwardly inclined to support sustained tension loads shall be performed by personnel certified by an applicable certification program. Certification shall include written and performance tests in accordance with the ACI/CRSI Adhesive Anchor Installer Certification program, or equivalent.

R17.8.2.2 The sensitivity of adhesive anchors to installation orientation combined with sustained tension loading warrants installer certification. Certification may also be appropriate for other safety-related applications. Certification is established through an independent assessment such as the ACI/CRSI Adhesive Anchor Installation Certification Program, or similar program with equivalent requirements. In addition, installers should obtain instruction through product-specific training offered by manufacturers of qualified adhesive anchor systems.

17.8.2.3 The acceptability of certification other than the ACI/CRSI Adhesive Anchor Installer Certification shall be the responsibility of the licensed design professional.

R17.8.2.3 For the purposes of satisfying 17.8.2.3, an equivalent certified installer program should test the adhesive anchor installer's knowledge and skill by an objectively fair and unbiased administration and grading of a written and performance exam. Programs should reflect the knowledge and skill required to install available commercial anchor systems. The effectiveness of a written exam should be verified through statistical analysis of the questions and answers. An equivalent program should provide a responsive and accurate mechanism to verify credentials, which are renewed on a periodic basis.

17.8.2.4 Adhesive anchors installed in horizontal or upwardly inclined orientations to resist sustained tension loads shall be continuously inspected during installation by an inspector specially approved for that purpose by the building official. The special inspector shall furnish a report to the licensed design professional and building official that

R17.8.2.4 The model code (2012 IBC) requires special inspection of all post-installed anchors. The installation of adhesive anchors in horizontal or upwardly inclined orientations poses special challenges to the installer and requires particular attention to execution quality as well as an enhanced level of oversight. It is expected that these anchor

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the work covered by the report has been performed and that the materials used and the installation procedures used conform with the approved construction documents and the Manufacturer's Printed Installation Instructions (MPII).

installations will be inspected by a certiﬁed special inspector who is continuously present when and where the installations are being performed.

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CHAPTER 18—EARTHQUAKE-RESISTANT STRUCTURES

18.1—Scope

18.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design of nonprestressed and prestressed concrete structures assigned to Seismic Design Categories (SDC) B through F, including, where applicable:

(a) Structural systems designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system, including diaphragms, moment frames, structural walls, and foundations

(b) Members not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system but required to support other loads while undergoing deformations associated with earthquake effects

18.1.2 Structures designed according to the provisions of this chapter are intended to resist earthquake motions through ductile inelastic response of selected members.

18.2—General

18.2.1 Structural systems

R18—EARTHQUAKE-RESISTANT STRUCTURES

R18.1—Scope

Chapter 18 does not apply to structures assigned to Seismic Design Category (SDC) A. For structures assigned to SDC B and C, Chapter 18 applies to structural systems designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system. For structures assigned to SDC D through F, Chapter 18 applies to both structural systems designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system and structural systems not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

Chapter 18 contains provisions considered to be the minimum requirements for a cast-in-place or precast concrete structure capable of sustaining a series of oscillations into the inelastic range of response without critical deterioration in strength. The integrity of the structure in the inelastic range of response should be maintained because the design earthquake forces de¿ned in documents such as ASCE/SEI 7, the 2012 IBC, the UBC (ICBO 1997), and the NEHRP (FEMA P749) provisions are considered less than those corresponding to linear response at the anticipated earthquake intensity (FEMA P749; Blume et al. 1961; Clough 1960; Gulkan and Sozen 1974).

The design philosophy in Chapter 18 is for cast-in-place concrete structures to respond in the nonlinear range when subjected to design-level ground motions, with decreased stiffness and increased energy dissipation but without critical strength decay. Precast concrete structures designed in accordance with Chapter 18 are intended to emulate cast-in-place construction, except 18.5, 18.9.2.3, and 18.11.2.2, which permit precast construction with alternative yielding mechanisms. The combination of reduced stiffness and increased energy dissipation tends to reduce the response accelerations and lateral inertia forces relative to values that would occur were the structure to remain linearly elastic and lightly damped (Gulkan and Sozen 1974). Thus, the use of design forces representing earthquake effects such as those in ASCE/SEI 7 requires that the seismic-force-resisting system retain a substantial portion of its strength into the inelastic range under displacement reversals.

The provisions of Chapter 18 relate detailing requirements to type of structural framing and SDC. Seismic design categories are adopted directly from ASCE/SEI 7, and relate to considerations of seismic hazard level, soil type, occupancy, and use. Before the 2008 Code, low, intermediate, and high seismic risk designations were used to delineate detailing requirements. For a qualitative comparison of seismic design categories and seismic risk designations, refer to Table R5.2.2. The assignment of a structure to a SDC is regulated by the general building code (refer to 4.4.6.1).

R18.2—General

Structures assigned to SDC A need not satisfy requirements of Chapter 18 but must satisfy all other applicable requirements of this Code. Structures assigned to Seismic

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18.2.1.1 All structures shall be assigned to a SDC in accordance with 4.4.6.1.

18.2.1.2 All members shall satisfy Chapters 1 to 17 and 19 to 26. Structures assigned to SDC B, C, D, E, or F also shall satisfy 18.2.1.3 through 18.2.1.7, as applicable. Where Chapter 18 conÀicts with other chapters of this Code, Chapter 18 shall govern.

18.2.1.3 Structures assigned to SDC B shall satisfy 18.2.2.

18.2.1.4 Structures assigned to SDC C shall satisfy 18.2.2 and 18.2.3.

18.2.1.5 Structures assigned to SDC D, E, or F shall satisfy 18.2.2 through 18.2.8 and 18.12 through 18.14.

18.2.1.6 Structural systems designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be restricted to those designated by the general building code, or determined by other authority having jurisdiction in areas without a legally adopted building code. Except for SDC A, for which Chapter 18 does not apply, (a) through (h) shall be satis¿ed for each structural system designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system, in addition to 18.2.1.3 through 18.2.1.5:

(a) Ordinary moment frames shall satisfy 18.3
(b) Ordinary reinforced concrete structural walls need not satisfy any detailing provisions in Chapter 18, unless required by 18.2.1.3 or 18.2.1.4
(c) Intermediate moment frames shall satisfy 18.4
(d) Intermediate precast walls shall satisfy 18.5
(e) Special moment frames shall satisfy 18.2.3 through 18.2.8 and 18.6 through 18.8
(f) Special moment frames constructed using precast concrete shall satisfy 18.2.3 through 18.2.8 and 18.9
(g) Special structural walls shall satisfy 18.2.3 through 18.2.8 and 18.10
(h) Special structural walls constructed using precast concrete shall satisfy 18.2.3 through 18.2.8 and 18.11

18.2.1.7 A reinforced concrete structural system not satisfying this chapter shall be permitted if it is demonstrated by experimental evidence and analysis that the proposed system will have strength and toughness equal to or exceeding those provided by a comparable reinforced concrete structure satisfying this chapter.

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Design Categories B through F must satisfy requirements of Chapter 18 in addition to all other applicable requirements of this Code.

Sections 18.2.1.3 through 18.2.1.5 identify those parts of Chapter 18 that apply to the building based on its assigned SDC, regardless of the vertical elements of the seismic-force-resisting system. ASCE/SEI 7 de¿nes the permissible vertical elements of the seismic-force-resisting system and applies where adopted. The remaining commentary of R18.2 summarizes the intent of ACI 318 regarding which vertical elements should be permissible in a building considering its SDC. Section 18.2.1.6 de¿nes the requirements for the vertical elements of the seismic-force-resisting system.

The design and detailing requirements should be compatible with the level of inelastic response assumed in the calculation of the design earthquake forces. The terms "ordinary", "intermediate", and "special" are used to facilitate this compatibility. For any given structural element or system, the terms "ordinary", "intermediate", and "special" refer to increasing requirements for detailing and proportioning, with expectations of increased deformation capacity. Structures assigned to SDC B are not expected to be subjected to strong ground motion, but instead are expected to experience low levels of ground motion at long time intervals. This Code provides some requirements for beam-column ordinary moment frames to improve deformation capacity.

Structures assigned to SDC C may be subjected to moderately strong ground motion. The designated seismic-force-resisting system typically comprises some combination of ordinary cast-in-place structural walls, intermediate precast structural walls, and intermediate moment frames. The general building code also may contain provisions for use of other seismic-force-resisting systems in SDC C. Provision 18.2.1.6 de¿nes requirements for whatever system is selected.

Structures assigned to SDC D, E, or F may be subjected to strong ground motion. It is the intent of ACI Committee 318 that the seismic-force-resisting system of structural concrete buildings assigned to SDC D, E, or F be provided by special moment frames, special structural walls, or a combination of the two. In addition to 18.2.2 through 18.2.8, these structures also are required to satisfy requirements for continuous inspection (26.13.1.4), diaphragms and trusses (18.12), foundations (18.13), and gravity-load-resisting elements that are not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system (18.14). These provisions have been developed to provide the structure with adequate deformation capacity for the high demands expected for these seismic design categories.

The general building code may also permit the use of intermediate moment frames as part of dual systems for some buildings assigned to SDC D, E, or F. It is not the intent of ACI Committee 318 to recommend the use of intermediate moment frames as part of moment-resisting frame or dual systems in SDC D, E, or F. The general building code may also permit substantiated alternative or nonprescriptive designs or, with various supplementary provisions, the use

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of ordinary or intermediate systems for nonbuilding structures in the higher seismic design categories. These are not the typical applications that were considered in the writing of this chapter, but wherever the term "ordinary or intermediate moment frame" is used in reference to reinforced concrete, 18.3 or 18.4 apply.

Table R18.2 summarizes the applicability of the provisions of Chapter 18 as they are typically applied when using the minimum requirements in the various seismic design categories. Where special systems are used for structures in SDC B or C, it is not required to satisfy the requirements of 18.14, although it should be verified that members not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system will be stable under design displacements.

Table R18.2—Sections of Chapter 18 to be satisfied in typical applications[1]

Component resisting earthquake effect, unless otherwise noted	SDC			
	A (None)	B (18.2.1.3)	C (18.2.1.4)	D, E, F (18.2.1.5)
Analysis and design requirements		18.2.2	18.2.2	18.2.2, 18.2.4
Materials		None	None	18.2.5 through 18.2.8
Frame members		18.3	18.4	18.6 through 18.9
Structural walls and coupling beams	None	None	None	18.10
Precast structural walls		None	18.5	18.5[2], 18.11
Diaphragms and trusses		None	None	18.12
Foundations		None	None	18.13
Frame members not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system		None	None	18.14
Anchors		None	18.2.3	18.2.3

[1]In addition to requirements of Chapters 1 through 17, 19 through 26, and ACI 318.2, except as modified by Chapter 18. Section 14.1.4 also applies in SDC D, E, and F.

[2]As permitted by the general building code.

The proportioning and detailing requirements in Chapter 18 are based predominantly on field and laboratory experience with monolithic reinforced concrete building structures and precast concrete building structures designed and detailed to behave like monolithic building structures. Extrapolation of these requirements to other types of cast-in-place or precast concrete structures should be based on evidence provided by field experience, tests, or analysis. The acceptance criteria for moment frames given in ACI 374.1 can be used in conjunction with Chapter 18 to demonstrate that the strength, energy dissipation capacity, and deformation capacity of a proposed frame system equals or exceeds that provided by a comparable monolithic concrete system.

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ACI ITG-5.1 provides similar information for precast wall systems.

The toughness requirement in 18.2.1.7 refers to the requirement to maintain structural integrity of the entire seismic-force-resisting system at lateral displacements anticipated for the maximum considered earthquake motion. Depending on the energy-dissipation characteristics of the structural system used, such displacements may be larger than for a monolithic reinforced concrete structure satisfying the prescriptive provisions of other parts of this Code.

18.2.2 Analysis and proportioning of structural members

18.2.2.1 The interaction of all structural and nonstructural members that affect the linear and nonlinear response of the structure to earthquake motions shall be considered in the analysis.

18.2.2.2 Rigid members assumed not to be a part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be permitted provided their effect on the response of the system is considered in the structural design. Consequences of failure of structural and nonstructural members that are not a part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be considered.

18.2.2.3 Structural members extending below the base of structure that are required to transmit forces resulting from earthquake effects to the foundation shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 18 that are consistent with the seismic-force-resisting system above the base of structure.

R18.2.2 Analysis and proportioning of structural members—It is assumed that the distribution of required strength to the various components of a seismic-force-resisting system will be determined from the analysis of a linearly elastic model of the system acted upon by the factored forces, as required by the general building code. If nonlinear response history analyses are to be used, base motions should be selected after a detailed study of the site conditions and local seismic history.

Because the basis for earthquake-resistant design admits nonlinear response, it is necessary to investigate the stability of the seismic-force-resisting system, as well as its interaction with other structural and nonstructural members, under expected lateral displacements corresponding to maximum considered earthquake ground motion. For lateral displacement calculations, assuming all the structural members to be fully cracked is likely to lead to better estimates of the possible drift than using uncracked stiffness for all members. The analysis assumptions described in 6.6.3.1.2 and 6.6.3.1.3 may be used to estimate lateral deflections of reinforced concrete building systems.

The main objective of Chapter 18 is the safety of the structure. The intent of 18.2.2.1 and 18.2.2.2 is to draw attention to the influence of nonstructural members on structural response and to hazards from falling objects.

Section 18.2.2.3 serves as an alert that the base of structure as defined in analysis may not necessarily correspond to the foundation or ground level. Details of columns and walls extending below the base of structure to the foundation are required to be consistent with those above the base of structure.

In selecting member sizes for earthquake-resistant structures, it is important to consider constructibility problems related to congestion of reinforcement. The design should be such that all reinforcement can be assembled and placed in the proper location and that concrete can be cast and consolidated properly. Using the upper limits of permitted reinforcement ratios may lead to construction problems.

18.2.3 Anchoring to concrete

18.2.3.1 Anchors resisting earthquake-induced forces in structures assigned to SDC C, D, E, or F shall be in accordance with 17.2.3.

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18.2.4 Strength reduction factors

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18.2.4.1 Strength reduction factors shall be in accordance with Chapter 21.

R18.2.4.1 Chapter 21 contains strength reduction factors for all members, joints, and connections of earthquake-resistant structures, including speci¿c provisions in 21.2.4 for buildings that use special moment frames, special structural walls, and intermediate precast walls.

18.2.5 Concrete in special moment frames and special structural walls

R18.2.5 Concrete in special moment frames and special structural walls—Requirements of this section refer to concrete quality in frames and walls that resist earthquake-induced forces. The maximum speci¿ed compressive strength of lightweight concrete to be used in structural design calculations is limited to 35 MPa, primarily because of paucity of experimental and ¿eld data on the behavior of members made with lightweight concrete subjected to displacement reversals in the nonlinear range. If convincing evidence is developed for a speci¿c application, the limit on maximum speci¿ed compressive strength of lightweight concrete may be increased to a level justi¿ed by the evidence.

18.2.5.1 Speci¿ed compressive strength of concrete in special moment frames and special structural walls shall be in accordance with the special seismic systems requirements of Table 19.2.1.1.

18.2.6 Reinforcement in special moment frames and special structural walls

R18.2.6 Reinforcement in special moment frames and special structural walls—Use of longitudinal reinforcement with strength substantially higher than that assumed in design will lead to higher shear and bond stresses at the time of development of yield moments. These conditions may lead to brittle failures in shear or bond and should be avoided even if such failures may occur at higher loads than those anticipated in design. Therefore, an upper limit is placed on the actual yield strength of the steel (refer to 20.2.2.5). ASTM A706M for low-alloy steel reinforcing bars includes both Grade 420 and Grade 550; however, only Grade 420 is generally permitted because of insuf¿cient data to con¿rm applicability of existing code provisions for structures using the higher grade. Section 18.2.1.7 permits alternative material such as ASTM A706M Grade 550 if results of tests and analytical studies are presented in support of its use.

18.2.6.1 Reinforcement in special moment frames and special structural walls shall be in accordance with the special seismic systems requirements of 20.2.2.

The requirement for a tensile strength greater than the yield strength of the reinforcement (20.2.2.5) is based on the assumption that the capability of a structural member to develop inelastic rotation capacity is a function of the length of the yield region along the axis of the member. In interpreting experimental results, the length of the yield region has been related to the relative magnitudes of nominal and yield moments (ACI 352R). According to this interpretation, the greater the ratio of nominal to yield moment, the longer the yield region. Chapter 20 requires that the ratio of actual tensile strength to actual yield strength be at least 1.25.

The restrictions on the values of f_y and f_{yt} apply to all types of transverse reinforcement, including spirals, circular hoops, rectilinear hoops, and crossties. The restrictions on the values of f_y and f_{yt} in 20.2.2.4 for calculating nominal shear strength are intended to limit the width of shear cracks. Research results (Budek et al. 2002; Muguruma and Watanabe 1990; Sugano et al. 1990) indicate that higher yield

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strengths can be used effectively as con¿nement reinforcement as speci¿ed in 18.7.5.4.

18.2.7 Mechanical splices in special moment frames and special structural walls

R18.2.7 Mechanical splices in special moment frames and special structural walls—In a structure undergoing inelastic deformations during an earthquake, the tensile stresses in reinforcement may approach the tensile strength of the reinforcement. The requirements for Type 2 mechanical splices are intended to avoid a splice failure when the reinforcement is subjected to expected stress levels in yielding regions. Type 1 mechanical splices are not required to satisfy the more stringent requirements for Type 2 mechanical splices, and may not be capable of resisting the stress levels expected in yielding regions. The locations of Type 1 mechanical splices are restricted because tensile stresses in reinforcement in yielding regions can exceed the strength requirements of 25.5.7. The restriction on Type 1 mechanical splices applies to all reinforcement resisting earthquake effects, including transverse reinforcement.

Recommended detailing practice would preclude the use of splices in regions of potential yielding in members resisting earthquake effects. If use of mechanical splices in regions of potential yielding cannot be avoided, there should be documentation on the actual strength characteristics of the bars to be spliced, on the force-deformation characteristics of the spliced bar, and on the ability of the Type 2 mechanical splice to be used to meet the speci¿ed performance requirements.

Although mechanical splices as de¿ned by 18.2.7 need not be staggered, staggering is encouraged and may be necessary for constructibility or provide enough space around the splice for installation or to meet the clear spacing requirements.

18.2.7.1 Mechanical splices shall be classi¿ed as (a) or (b):

(a) Type 1 – Mechanical splice conforming to 25.5.7
(b) Type 2 – Mechanical splice conforming to 25.5.7 and capable of developing the speci¿ed tensile strength of the spliced bars

R18.2.7.1 The additional requirement for a Type 2 mechanical splice is intended to result in a mechanical splice capable of sustaining inelastic strains through multiple cycles.

18.2.7.2 Type 1 mechanical splices shall not be located within a distance equal to twice the member depth from the column or beam face for special moment frames or from critical sections where yielding of the reinforcement is likely to occur as a result of lateral displacements beyond the linear range of behavior. Type 2 mechanical splices shall be permitted at any location, except as noted in 18.9.2.1(c).

18.2.8 Welded splices in special moment frames and special structural walls

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18.2.8.1 Welded splices in reinforcement resisting earthquake-induced forces shall conform to 25.5.7 and shall not be located within a distance equal to twice the member depth from the column or beam face for special moment frames or

R18.2.8.1 Welding of reinforcement should be in accordance with AWS D1.4 as required in Chapter 26. The locations of welded splices are restricted because reinforcement tension stresses in yielding regions can exceed the strength

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from critical sections where yielding of the reinforcement is likely to occur as a result of lateral displacements beyond the linear range of behavior.

18.2.8.2 Welding of stirrups, ties, inserts, or other similar elements to longitudinal reinforcement required by design shall not be permitted.

18.3—Ordinary moment frames

18.3.1 Scope

18.3.1.1 This section shall apply to ordinary moment frames forming part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

18.3.2 Beams shall have at least two continuous bars at both top and bottom faces. Continuous bottom bars shall have area not less than one-fourth the maximum area of bottom bars along the span. These bars shall be anchored to develop f_y in tension at the face of support.

18.3.3 Columns having unsupported length $\ell_u \leq 5c_1$ shall have ϕV_n at least the lesser of (a) and (b):

(a) The shear associated with development of nominal moment strengths of the column at each restrained end of the unsupported length due to reverse curvature bending. Column flexural strength shall be calculated for the factored axial force, consistent with the direction of the lateral forces considered, resulting in the highest flexural strength.

(b) The maximum shear obtained from design load combinations that include E, with $\Omega_o E$ substituted for E.

18.4—Intermediate moment frames

18.4.1 Scope

18.4.1.1 This section shall apply to intermediate moment frames including two-way slabs without beams forming part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

18.4.2 Beams

18.4.2.1 Beams shall have at least two continuous bars at both top and bottom faces. Continuous bottom bars shall have area not less than one-fourth the maximum area of bottom bars along the span. These bars shall be anchored to develop f_y in tension at the face of support.

18.4.2.2 The positive moment strength at the face of the joint shall be at least one-third the negative moment strength provided at that face of the joint. Neither the negative nor the

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requirements of 25.5.7. The restriction on welded splices applies to all reinforcement resisting earthquake effects, including transverse reinforcement.

R18.2.8.2 Welding of crossing reinforcing bars can lead to local embrittlement of the steel. If welding of crossing bars is used to facilitate fabrication or placement of reinforcement, it should be done only on bars added for such purposes. The prohibition of welding crossing reinforcing bars does not apply to bars that are welded with welding operations under continuous, competent control, as in the manufacture of welded-wire reinforcement.

R18.3—Ordinary moment frames

This section applies only to ordinary moment frames assigned to SDC B. The provisions for beam reinforcement are intended to improve continuity in the framing members and thereby improve lateral force resistance and structural integrity; these provisions do not apply to slab-column moment frames. The provisions for columns are intended to provide additional capacity to resist shear for columns with proportions that would otherwise make them more susceptible to shear failure under earthquake loading.

R18.4—Intermediate moment frames

The objective of the requirements in 18.4.2.3 and 18.4.3.1 is to reduce the risk of failure in shear in beams and columns during an earthquake. Two options are provided to determine the factored shear force.

R18.4.2 Beams—According to 18.4.2.3(a), the factored shear force is determined from a free-body diagram obtained by cutting through the beam ends, with end moments assumed equal to the nominal moment strengths acting in reverse curvature bending, both clockwise and counterclockwise. Figure R18.4.2 demonstrates only one of the two options that are to be considered for every beam. To determine the maximum beam shear, it is assumed that its nominal moment strengths ($\phi = 1.0$ for moment) are developed simultaneously at both ends of its clear span. As indicated in Fig. R18.4.2, the shear associated with this condi-

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positive moment strength at any section along the length of the beam shall be less than one-¿fth the maximum moment strength provided at the face of either joint.

18.4.2.3 ϕV_n shall be at least the lesser of (a) and (b):

(a) The sum of the shear associated with development of nominal moment strengths of the beam at each restrained end of the clear span due to reverse curvature bending and the shear calculated for factored gravity loads

(b) The maximum shear obtained from design load combinations that include E, with E taken as twice that prescribed by the general building code

18.4.2.4 At both ends of the beam, hoops shall be provided over a length of at least 2h measured from the face of the supporting member toward midspan. The ¿rst hoop shall be located not more than 50 mm from the face of the supporting member. Spacing of hoops shall not exceed the smallest of (a) through (d):

(a) d/4
(b) Eight times the diameter of the smallest longitudinal bar enclosed
(c) 24 times the diameter of the hoop bar
(d) 300 mm

18.4.2.5 Transverse reinforcement spacing shall not exceed d/2 throughout the length of the beam.

18.4.2.6 In beams having factored axial compressive force exceeding $A_g f_c'/10$, transverse reinforcement required by 18.4.2.5 shall conform to 25.7.2.2 and either 25.7.2.3 or 25.7.2.4.

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tion $[(M_{n\ell} + M_{nr})/\ell_n]$ is added algebraically to the shear due to the factored gravity loads to obtain the design shear for the beam. For the example shown, both the dead load w_D and the live load w_L have been assumed to be uniformly distributed. Effects of E acting vertically are to be included if required by the general building code.

Provision 18.4.2.3(b) bases V_u on the load combination including the earthquake effect E, which should be doubled. For example, the load combination de¿ned by Eq. (5.3.1.e) would be

$$U = 1.2D + 2.0E + 1.0L + 0.2S$$

where E is the value speci¿ed by the general building code. The factor of 1.0 applied to L is allowed to be reduced to 0.5 in accordance with 5.3.3.

Transverse reinforcement at the ends of the beam is required to be hoops. In most cases, transverse reinforcement required by 18.4.2.3 for the design shear force will be more than those required by 18.4.2.4.

Beams may be subjected to axial compressive force due to prestressing or applied loads. The additional requirements in 18.4.2.6 are intended to provide lateral support for beam longitudinal reinforcement.
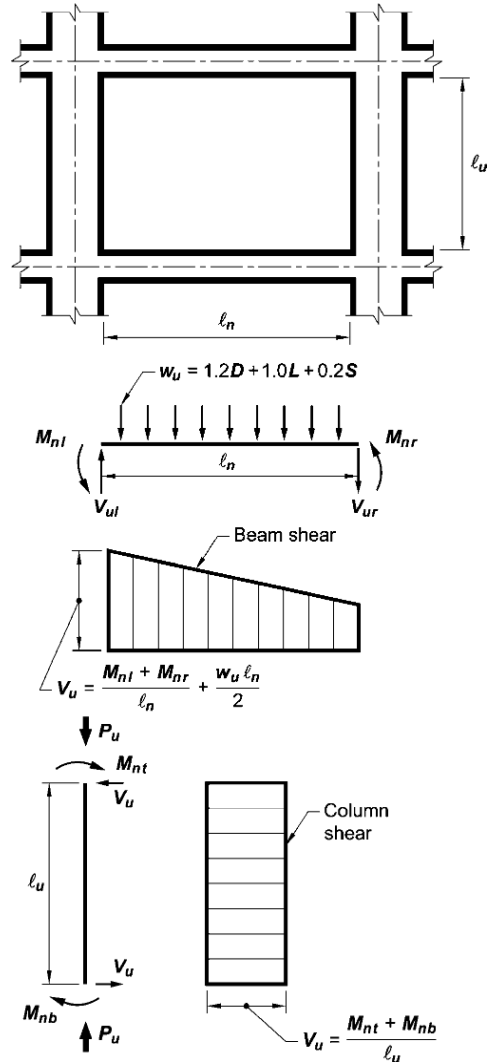
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Fig. R18.4.2—Design shears for intermediate moment frames.

18.4.3 Columns

18.4.3.1 ϕV_n shall be at least the lesser of (a) and (b):

(a) The shear associated with development of nominal moment strengths of the column at each restrained end of the unsupported length due to reverse curvature bending.

R18.4.3 Columns—According to 18.4.3.1(a), the factored shear force is determined from a free-body diagram obtained by cutting through the column ends, with end moments assumed equal to the nominal moment strengths acting in reverse curvature bending, both clockwise and counter-clockwise. Figure R18.4.2 demonstrates only one of the two options that are to be considered for every column.

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Column flexural strength shall be calculated for the factored axial force, consistent with the direction of the lateral forces considered, resulting in the highest flexural strength
(b) The maximum shear obtained from factored load combinations that include E, with $\Omega_o E$ substituted for E

18.4.3.2 Columns shall be spirally reinforced in accordance with Chapter 10 or shall be in accordance with 18.4.3.3 through 18.4.3.5. Provision 18.4.3.6 shall apply to all columns supporting discontinuous stiff members.

18.4.3.3 At both ends of the column, hoops shall be provided at spacing s_o over a length ℓ_o measured from the joint face. Spacing s_o shall not exceed the smallest of (a) through (d):

(a) 8 times the diameter of the smallest longitudinal bar enclosed
(b) 24 times the diameter of the hoop bar
(c) One-half of the smallest cross-sectional dimension of the column
(d) 300 mm

Length ℓ_o shall not be less than the greatest of (e), (f), and (g):

(e) One-sixth of the clear span of the column
(f) Maximum cross-sectional dimension of the column
(g) 450 mm

18.4.3.4 The first hoop shall be located not more than $s_o/2$ from the joint face.

18.4.3.5 Outside of length ℓ_o, spacing of transverse reinforcement shall be in accordance with 10.7.6.5.2.

18.4.3.6 Columns supporting reactions from discontinuous stiff members, such as walls, shall be provided with transverse reinforcement at the spacing s_o in accordance with 18.4.3.3 over the full height beneath the level at which the discontinuity occurs if the portion of factored axial compressive force in these members related to earthquake effects exceeds $A_g f_c'/10$. If design forces have been magnified to account for the overstrength of the vertical elements of the seismic-force-resisting system, the limit of $A_g f_c'/10$ shall be increased to $A_g f_c'/4$. Transverse reinforcement shall extend above and below the column in accordance with 18.7.5.6(b).

18.4.4 Joints

18.4.4.1 Beam-column joints shall have transverse reinforcement conforming to Chapter 15.

18.4.5 Two-way slabs without beams

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The factored axial force P_u should be chosen to develop the largest moment strength of the column within the range of design axial forces. Provision 18.4.3.1(b) for columns is similar to 18.4.2.3(b) for beams except it bases V_u on load combinations including the earthquake effect E, with E increased by the overstrength factor Ω_o rather than the factor 2.0. In ASCE/SEI 7, $\Omega_o = 3.0$ for intermediate moment frames. The higher factor for columns relative to beams is because of greater concerns about shear failures in columns.

Transverse reinforcement at the ends of columns is required to be spirals or hoops. The amount of transverse reinforcement at the ends must satisfy both 18.4.3.1 and 18.4.3.2. Note that hoops require seismic hooks at both ends.

Discontinuous structural walls and other stiff members can impose large axial forces on supporting columns during earthquakes. The required transverse reinforcement in 18.4.3.6 is to improve column toughness under anticipated demands. The factored axial compressive force related to earthquake effect should include the factor Ω_o if required by the general building code.

R18.4.5 Two-way slabs without beams—Section 18.4.5 applies to two-way slabs without beams, such as flat plates.

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18.4.5.1 Factored slab moment at the support including earthquake effects, E, shall be calculated for load combinations given in Eq. (5.3.1e) and (5.3.1g). Reinforcement to resist M_{sc} shall be placed within the column strip defined in 8.4.1.5.

18.4.5.2 Reinforcement placed within the effective width given in 8.4.2.3.3 shall be designed to resist $\gamma_f M_{sc}$. Effective slab width for exterior and corner connections shall not extend beyond the column face a distance greater than c_t measured perpendicular to the slab span.

18.4.5.3 At least one-half of the reinforcement in the column strip at the support shall be placed within the effective slab width given in 8.4.2.3.3.

18.4.5.4 At least one-fourth of the top reinforcement at the support in the column strip shall be continuous throughout the span.

18.4.5.5 Continuous bottom reinforcement in the column strip shall be at least one-third of the top reinforcement at the support in the column strip.

18.4.5.6 At least one-half of all bottom middle strip reinforcement and all bottom column strip reinforcement at midspan shall be continuous and shall develop f_y at the face of support as defined in 8.10.3.2.1.

18.4.5.7 At discontinuous edges of the slab, all top and bottom reinforcement at the support shall be developed at the face of support as defined in 8.10.3.2.1.

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Using load combinations of Eq. (5.3.1e) and (5.3.1g) may result in moments requiring top and bottom reinforcement at the supports.

The moment M_{sc} refers, for a given design load combination with E acting in one horizontal direction, to that portion of the factored slab moment that is balanced by the supporting members at a joint. It is not necessarily equal to the total design moment at the support for a load combination including earthquake effect. In accordance with 8.4.2.3.3, only a fraction of the moment M_{sc} is assigned to the slab effective width. For edge and corner connections, flexural reinforcement perpendicular to the edge is not considered fully effective unless it is placed within the effective slab width (ACI 352.1R; Pan and Moehle 1989). Refer to Fig. R18.4.5.1.

Application of the provisions of 18.4.5 is illustrated in Fig. R18.4.5.2 and R18.4.5.3.
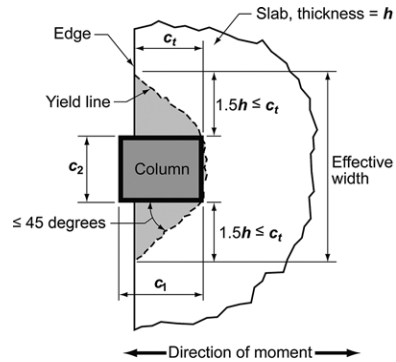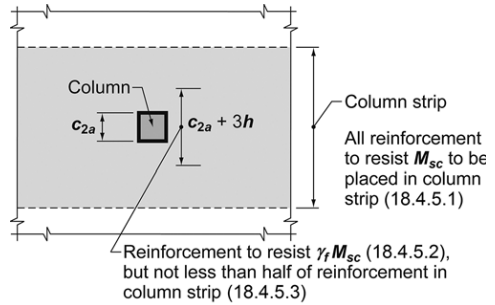

(a) Edge connection
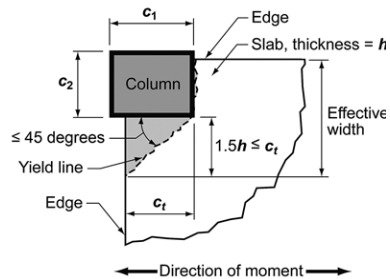
(b) Corner connection

Fig. R18.4.5.1—Effective width for reinforcement placement in edge and corner connections.

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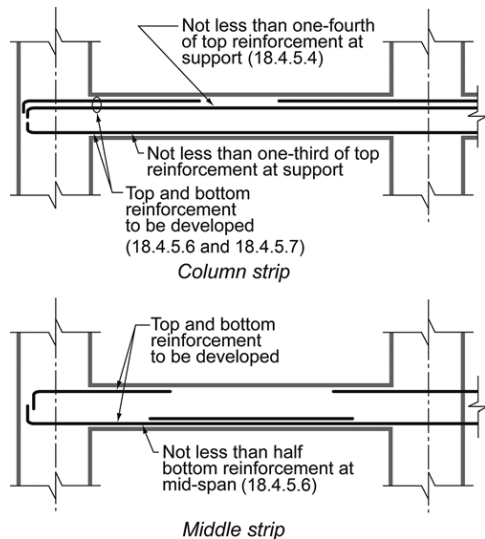Fig. R18.4.5.2—Location of reinforcement in slabs.

Fig. R18.4.5.3—Arrangement of reinforcement in slabs.

18.4.5.8 At the critical sections for columns de¿ned in 22.6.4.1, two-way shear caused by factored gravity loads shall not exceed $0.4\phi V_c$, where V_c shall be calculated in accordance with 22.6.5. This requirement need not be satis-¿ed if the slab satis¿es 18.14.5.

R18.4.5.8 The requirements apply to two-way slabs that are designated part of the seismic-force-resisting system. Slab-column connections in laboratory tests (Pan and Moehle 1989) exhibited reduced lateral displacement ductility when the shear at the column connection exceeded the recommended limit. Slab-column connections also must satisfy shear and moment strength requirements of Chapter 8 under load combinations including earthquake effect.

18.5—Intermediate precast structural walls
18.5.1 Scope

18.5.1.1 This section shall apply to intermediate precast structural walls forming part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

R18.5—Intermediate precast structural walls
Connections between precast wall panels or between wall panels and the foundation are required to resist forces induced by earthquake motions and to provide for yielding in the vicinity of connections. When Type 2 mechanical

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18.5.2 General

18.5.2.1 In connections between wall panels, or between wall panels and the foundation, yielding shall be restricted to steel elements or reinforcement.

18.5.2.2 For elements of the connection that are not designed to yield, the required strength shall be based on $1.5S_y$ of the yielding portion of the connection.

18.5.2.3 In structures assigned to SDC D, E, or F, wall piers shall be designed in accordance with 18.10.8 or 18.14.

18.6—Beams of special moment frames
18.6.1 Scope

18.6.1.1 This section shall apply to beams of special moment frames that form part of the seismic-force-resisting system and are proportioned primarily to resist flexure and shear.

18.6.1.2 Beams of special moment frames shall frame into columns of special moment frames satisfying 18.7.

18.6.2 Dimensional limits

18.6.2.1 Beams shall satisfy (a) through (c):

(a) Clear span ℓ_n shall be at least 4d
(b) Width b_w shall be at least the lesser of 0.3h and 250 mm
(c) Projection of the beam width beyond the width of the supporting column on each side shall not exceed the lesser of c_2 and $0.75c_1$.

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splices are used to directly connect primary reinforcement, the probable strength of the splice should be at least 1.5 times the specified yield strength of the reinforcement.

R18.6—Beams of special moment frames
R18.6.1 *Scope*—This section applies to beams of special moment frames resisting lateral loads induced by earthquake motions. In previous Codes, any frame member subjected to a factored axial compressive force exceeding $(A_g f_c'/10)$ under any load combination was to be proportioned and detailed as described in 18.7. In the 2014 Code, all requirements for beams are contained in 18.6 regardless of the magnitude of axial compressive force.

This Code is written with the assumption that special moment frames comprise horizontal beams and vertical columns interconnected by beam-column joints. It is acceptable for beams and columns to be inclined provided the resulting system behaves as a frame—that is, lateral resistance is provided primarily by moment transfer between beams and columns rather than by strut or brace action. In special moment frames, it is acceptable to design beams to resist combined moment and axial force as occurs in beams that act both as moment frame members and as chords or collectors of a diaphragm. It is acceptable for beams of special moment frames to cantilever beyond columns, but such cantilevers are not part of the special moment frame that forms part of the seismic-force-resisting system. It is acceptable for beams of a special moment frame to connect into a wall boundary if the boundary is reinforced as a special moment frame column in accordance with 18.7. A concrete braced frame, in which lateral resistance is provided primarily by axial forces in beams and columns, is not a recognized seismic-force-resisting system.

R18.6.2 *Dimensional limits*—Experimental evidence (Hirosawa 1977) indicates that, under reversals of displacement into the nonlinear range, behavior of continuous members having length-to-depth ratios of less than 4 is significantly different from the behavior of relatively slender members. Design rules derived from experience with relatively slender members do not apply directly to members with length-to-depth ratios less than 4, especially with respect to shear strength.

Geometric constraints indicated in 18.6.2.1(b) and (c) were derived from practice and research (ACI 352R) on reinforced concrete frames resisting earthquake-induced forces. The limits in 18.6.2.1(c) define the maximum beam width

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that can effectively transfer forces into the beam-column joint. An example of maximum effective beam width is shown in Fig. R18.6.2.
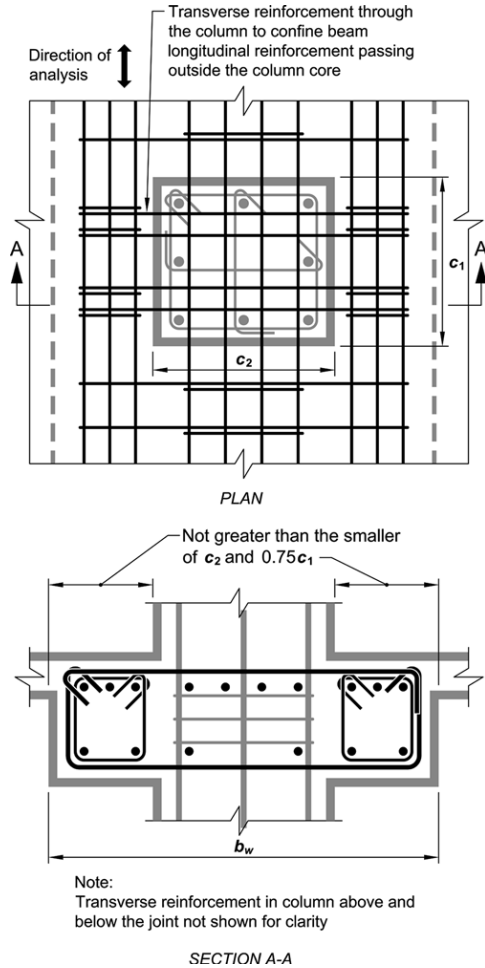

Fig. R18.6.2—Maximum effective width of wide beam and required transverse reinforcement.

18.6.3 Longitudinal reinforcement

18.6.3.1 Beams shall have at least two continuous bars at both top and bottom faces. At any section, for top as well as for bottom reinforcement, the amount of reinforcement shall be at least that required by 9.6.1.2 and the reinforcement ratio ρ shall not exceed 0.025.

R18.6.3 Longitudinal reinforcement

R18.6.3.1 The limiting reinforcement ratio of 0.025 is based primarily on considerations of reinforcement congestion and, indirectly, on limiting shear stresses in beams of typical proportions.

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18.6.3.2 Positive moment strength at joint face shall be at least one-half the negative moment strength provided at that face of the joint. Both the negative and the positive moment strength at any section along member length shall be at least one-fourth the maximum moment strength provided at face of either joint.

18.6.3.3 Lap splices of deformed longitudinal reinforcement shall be permitted if hoop or spiral reinforcement is provided over the lap length. Spacing of the transverse reinforcement enclosing the lap-spliced bars shall not exceed the lesser of d/4 and 100 mm. Lap splices shall not be used in locations (a) through (c):

(a) Within the joints
(b) Within a distance of twice the beam depth from the face of the joint
(c) Within a distance of twice the beam depth from critical sections where flexural yielding is likely to occur as a result of lateral displacements beyond the elastic range of behavior

18.6.3.4 Mechanical splices shall conform to 18.2.7 and welded splices shall conform to 18.2.8.

18.6.3.5 Unless used in a special moment frame as permitted by 18.9.2.3, prestressing shall satisfy (a) through (d):

(a) The average prestress f_{pc} calculated for an area equal to the least cross-sectional dimension of the beam multiplied by the perpendicular cross-sectional dimension shall not exceed the lesser of 3.5 MPa and $f_c'/10$.
(b) Prestressing steel shall be unbonded in potential plastic hinge regions, and the calculated strains in prestressing steel under the design displacement shall be less than 0.01.
(c) Prestressing steel shall not contribute more than one-fourth of the positive or negative flexural strength at the critical section in a plastic hinge region and shall be anchored at or beyond the exterior face of the joint.
(d) Anchorages of post-tensioning tendons resisting earthquake-induced forces shall be capable of allowing tendons to withstand 50 cycles of loading, with prestressed reinforcement forces bounded by 40 and 85 percent of the specified tensile strength of the prestressing steel.

R18.6.3.3 Lap splices of reinforcement are prohibited along lengths where flexural yielding is anticipated because such splices are not reliable under conditions of cyclic loading into the inelastic range. Transverse reinforcement for lap splices at any location is mandatory because of the potential of concrete cover spalling and the need to confine the splice.

R18.6.3.5 These provisions were developed, in part, based on observations of building performance in earthquakes (ACI 423.3R). For calculating the average prestress, the least cross-sectional dimension in a beam normally is the web dimension, and is not intended to refer to the flange thickness. In a potential plastic hinge region, the limitation on strain and the requirement for unbonded tendons are intended to prevent fracture of tendons under inelastic earthquake deformation. Calculation of strain in the prestressing steel is required considering the anticipated inelastic mechanism of the structure. For prestressing steel unbonded along the full beam span, strains generally will be well below the specified limit. For prestressing steel with short unbonded length through or adjacent to the joint, the additional strain due to earthquake deformation is calculated as the product of the depth to the neutral axis and the sum of plastic hinge rotations at the joint, divided by the unbonded length.

The restrictions on the flexural strength provided by the tendons are based on the results of analytical and experimental studies (Ishizuka and Hawkins 1987; Park and Thompson 1977). Although satisfactory seismic performance can be obtained with greater amounts of prestressing steel, this restriction is needed to allow the use of the same response modification and deflection amplification factors as those specified in model codes for special moment frames without prestressing steel. Prestressed special moment frames will generally contain continuous prestressing steel that is anchored with adequate cover at or beyond the exterior face of each beam-column connection located at the ends of the moment frame.

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Fatigue testing for 50 cycles of loading between 40 and 80 percent of the speci¿ed tensile strength of the prestressed reinforcement has been a long-standing industry practice (ACI 423.3R; ACI 423.7). The 80 percent limit was increased to 85 percent to correspond to the 1 percent limit on the strain in prestressed reinforcement. Testing over this range of stress is intended to conservatively simulate the effect of a severe earthquake. Additional details on testing procedures are provided in ACI 423.7.

18.6.4 Transverse reinforcement

18.6.4.1 Hoops shall be provided in the following regions of a beam:

(a) Over a length equal to twice the beam depth measured from the face of the supporting column toward midspan, at both ends of the beam
(b) Over lengths equal to twice the beam depth on both sides of a section where Àexural yielding is likely to occur as a result of lateral displacements beyond the elastic range of behavior.

18.6.4.2 Where hoops are required, primary longitudinal reinforcing bars closest to the tension and compression faces shall have lateral support in accordance with 25.7.2.3 and 25.7.2.4. The spacing of transversely supported Àexural reinforcing bars shall not exceed 350 mm. Skin reinforcement required by 9.7.2.3 need not be laterally supported.

18.6.4.3 Hoops in beams shall be permitted to be made up of two pieces of reinforcement: a stirrup having seismic hooks at both ends and closed by a crosstie. Consecutive crossties engaging the same longitudinal bar shall have their 90-degree hooks at opposite sides of the Àexural member. If the longitudinal reinforcing bars secured by the crossties are con¿ned by a slab on only one side of the beam, the 90-degree hooks of the crossties shall be placed on that side.

18.6.4.4 The ¿rst hoop shall be located not more than 50 mm from the face of a supporting column. Spacing of the hoops shall not exceed the least of (a) through (c):

(a) d/4
(b) Six times the diameter of the smallest primary Àexural reinforcing bars excluding longitudinal skin reinforcement required by 9.7.2.3
(c) 150 mm

18.6.4.5 Where hoops are required, they shall be designed to resist shear according to 18.6.5.

18.6.4.6 Where hoops are not required, stirrups with seismic hooks at both ends shall be spaced at a distance not more than d/2 throughout the length of the beam.

R18.6.4 Transverse reinforcement—Transverse reinforcement is required primarily to con¿ne the concrete and maintain lateral support for the reinforcing bars in regions where yielding is expected. Examples of hoops suitable for beams are shown in Fig. R18.6.4.

In earlier Code editions, the upper limit on hoop spacing was the least of d/4, eight longitudinal bar diameters, 24 tie bar diameters, and 300 mm. The upper limits were changed in the 2011 edition because of concerns about adequacy of longitudinal bar buckling restraint and con¿nement in large beams.

In the case of members with varying strength along the span or members for which the permanent load represents a large proportion of the total design load, concentrations of inelastic rotation may occur within the span. If such a condition is anticipated, transverse reinforcement is also required in regions where yielding is expected. Because spalling of the concrete shell might occur, especially at and near regions of Àexural yielding, all web reinforcement is required to be provided in the form of closed hoops.
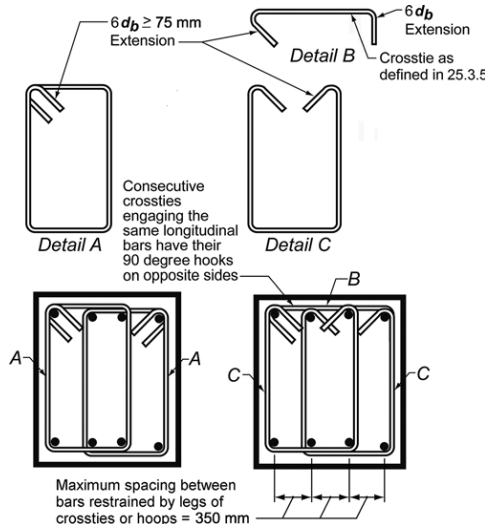

Fig. R18.6.4—Examples of overlapping hoops and illustration of limit on maximum horizontal spacing of supported longitudinal bars.

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18.6.4.7 In beams having factored axial compressive force exceeding $A_g f_c'/10$, hoops satisfying 18.7.5.2 through 18.7.5.4 shall be provided along lengths given in 18.6.4.1. Along the remaining length, hoops satisfying 18.7.5.2 shall have spacing s not exceeding the lesser of six times the diameter of the smallest longitudinal beam bars and 150 mm. Where concrete cover over transverse reinforcement exceeds 100 mm, additional transverse reinforcement having cover not exceeding 100 mm and spacing not exceeding 300 mm shall be provided.

18.6.5 Shear strength

18.6.5.1 Design forces—The design shear force V_e shall be calculated from consideration of the forces on the portion of the beam between faces of the joints. It shall be assumed that moments of opposite sign corresponding to probable flexural strength, M_{pr}, act at the joint faces and that the beam is loaded with the factored tributary gravity load along its span.

18.6.5.2 Transverse reinforcement—Transverse reinforcement over the lengths identified in 18.6.4.1 shall be designed to resist shear assuming $V_c = 0$ when both (a) and (b) occur:

(a) The earthquake-induced shear force calculated in accordance with 18.6.5.1 represents at least one-half of the maximum required shear strength within those lengths.
(b) The factored axial compressive force P_u including earthquake effects is less than $A_g f_c'/20$.

R18.6.5 Shear strength—Unless a beam possesses a moment strength that is on the order of 3 or 4 times the design moment, it should be assumed that it will yield in flexure in the event of a major earthquake. The design shear force should be selected so as to be a good approximation of the maximum shear that may develop in a member. Therefore, required shear strength for frame members is related to flexural strengths of the designed member rather than to factored shear forces indicated by lateral load analysis. The conditions described by 18.6.5.1 are illustrated in Fig. R18.6.5.

Because the actual yield strength of the longitudinal reinforcement may exceed the specified yield strength and because strain hardening of the reinforcement is likely to take place at a joint subjected to large rotations, required shear strengths are determined using a stress of at least $1.25f_y$ in the longitudinal reinforcement.

Experimental studies (Popov et al. 1972) of reinforced concrete members subjected to cyclic loading have demonstrated that more shear reinforcement is required to ensure a flexural failure if the member is subjected to alternating nonlinear displacements than if the member is loaded in only one direction: the necessary increase of shear reinforcement being higher in the case of no axial load. This observation is reflected in the Code (refer to 18.6.5.2) by eliminating the term representing the contribution of concrete to shear strength. The added conservatism on shear is deemed necessary in locations where potential flexural hinging may occur. However, this stratagem, chosen for its relative simplicity, should not be interpreted to mean that no concrete is required to resist shear. On the contrary, it may be argued that the concrete core resists all the shear with the shear (transverse) reinforcement confining and strengthening the concrete. The confined concrete core plays an important role in the behavior of the beam and should not be reduced to a minimum just because the design expression does not explicitly recognize it.

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Notes on Fig. R18.6.5:

1. Direction of shear force V_e depends o̶
   of gravity loads and shear generated b̶

2. End moments M_{pr} based on steel ten̶
   where f_y is specified yield strength. (B̶
   should be considered in both direction̶
   counter-clockwise).

3. End moment M_{pr} for columns need n̶
   moments generated by the M_{pr} of the̶
   the beam-column joints. V_e should n̶
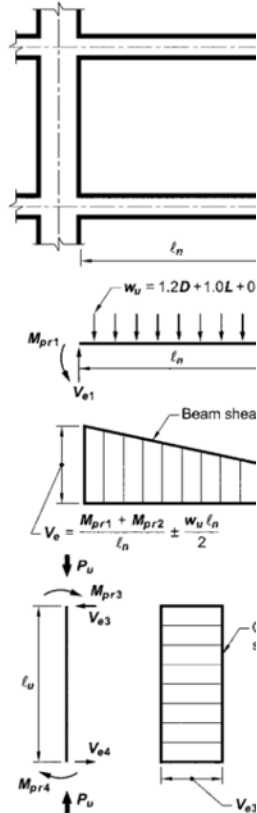   required by analysis of the structure.

$$V_e = \frac{M_{pr1} + M_{pr2}}{\ell_n} \pm \frac{w_u \ell_n}{2}$$

Fig. R18.6.5—Design shears for beams and columns.

18.7—Columns of special moment frames
18.7.1 Scope

18.7.1.1 This section shall apply to columns of special moment frames that form part of the seismic-force-resisting system and are proportioned primarily to resist flexure, shear, and axial forces.

R18.7—Columns of special moment frames

R18.7.1 Scope—This section applies to columns of special moment frames regardless of the magnitude of axial force. Before 2014, the Code permitted columns with low levels of axial stress to be detailed as beams.

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18.7.2 Dimensional limits

18.7.2.1 Columns shall satisfy (a) and (b):

(a) The shortest cross-sectional dimension, measured on a straight line passing through the geometric centroid, shall be at least 300 mm
(b) The ratio of the shortest cross-sectional dimension to the perpendicular dimension shall be at least 0.4.

18.7.3 Minimum flexural strength of columns

18.7.3.1 Columns shall satisfy 18.7.3.2 or 18.7.3.3.

18.7.3.2 The flexural strengths of the columns shall satisfy

$$\sum M_{nc} \geq (6/5)\sum M_{nb} \qquad (18.7.3.2)$$

where
$\sum M_{nc}$ is sum of nominal flexural strengths of columns framing into the joint, evaluated at the faces of the joint. Column flexural strength shall be calculated for the factored axial force, consistent with the direction of the lateral forces considered, resulting in the lowest flexural strength.
$\sum M_{nb}$ is sum of nominal flexural strengths of the beams framing into the joint, evaluated at the faces of the joint. In T-beam construction, where the slab is in tension under moments at the face of the joint, slab reinforcement within an effective slab width defined in accordance with 6.3.2 shall be assumed to contribute to M_{nb} if the slab reinforcement is developed at the critical section for flexure.

Flexural strengths shall be summed such that the column moments oppose the beam moments. Equation (18.7.3.2) shall be satisfied for beam moments acting in both directions in the vertical plane of the frame considered.

18.7.3.3 If 18.7.3.2 is not satisfied at a joint, the lateral strength and stiffness of the columns framing into that joint shall be ignored when calculating strength and stiffness of the structure. These columns shall conform to 18.14.

R18.7.2 Dimensional limits—The geometric constraints in this provision follow from previous practice (Seismology Committee of SEAOC 1996).

R18.7.3 Minimum flexural strength of columns—The intent of 18.7.3.2 is to reduce the likelihood of yielding in columns that are considered as part of the seismic-force-resisting system. If columns are not stronger than beams framing into a joint, there is increased likelihood of inelastic action. In the worst case of weak columns, flexural yielding can occur at both ends of all columns in a given story, resulting in a column failure mechanism that can lead to collapse.

In 18.7.3.2, the nominal strengths of the beams and columns are calculated at the joint faces, and those strengths are compared directly using Eq. (18.7.3.2). The 1995 and earlier Codes required design strengths to be compared at the center of the joint, which typically produced similar results but with added calculation effort.

In determining the nominal moment strength of a beam section in negative bending (top in tension), longitudinal reinforcement contained within an effective flange width of a top slab that acts monolithically with the beam increases the beam strength. French and Moehle (1991), on beam-column subassemblies under lateral loading, indicates that using the effective flange widths defined in 6.3.2 gives reasonable estimates of beam negative moment strengths of interior connections at story displacements approaching 2 percent of story height. This effective width is conservative where the slab terminates in a weak spandrel.

If 18.7.3.2 cannot be satisfied at a joint, 18.7.3.3 requires that any positive contribution of the column or columns involved to the lateral strength and stiffness of the structure is to be ignored. Negative contributions of the column or columns should not be ignored. For example, ignoring the stiffness of the columns ought not to be used as a justification for reducing the design base shear. If inclusion of those columns in the analytical model of the building results in an increase in torsional effects, the increase should be considered as required by the general building code. Furthermore, the column must be provided with transverse reinforcement to increase its resistance to shear and axial forces.

18.7.4 Longitudinal reinforcement

18.7.4.1 Area of longitudinal reinforcement, A_{st}, shall be at least $0.01A_g$ and shall not exceed $0.06A_g$.

18.7.4.2 In columns with circular hoops, there shall be at least six longitudinal bars.

R18.7.4 Longitudinal reinforcement—The lower limit of the area of longitudinal reinforcement is to control time-dependent deformations and to have the yield moment exceed the cracking moment. The upper limit of the area reflects concern for reinforcement congestion, load transfer from floor elements to column (especially in low-rise construction) and the development of high shear stresses.

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18.7.4.3 Mechanical splices shall conform to 18.2.7 and welded splices shall conform to 18.2.8. Lap splices shall be permitted only within the center half of the member length, shall be designed as tension lap splices, and shall be enclosed within transverse reinforcement in accordance with 18.7.5.2 and 18.7.5.3.

Spalling of the shell concrete, which is likely to occur near the ends of the column in frames of typical configuration, makes lap splices in these locations vulnerable. If lap splices are to be used at all, they should be located near the midheight where stress reversal is likely to be limited to a smaller stress range than at locations near the joints. Transverse reinforcement is required along the lap-splice length because of the uncertainty in moment distributions along the height and the need for confinement of lap splices subjected to stress reversals (Sivakumar et al. 1983).

18.7.5 Transverse reinforcement

R18.7.5 Transverse reinforcement—This section is concerned with confining the concrete and providing lateral support to the longitudinal reinforcement.

18.7.5.1 Transverse reinforcement required in 18.7.5.2 through 18.7.5.4 shall be provided over a length ℓ_o from each joint face and on both sides of any section where flexural yielding is likely to occur as a result of lateral displacements beyond the elastic range of behavior. Length ℓ_o shall be at least the greatest of (a) through (c):

(a) The depth of the column at the joint face or at the section where flexural yielding is likely to occur
(b) One-sixth of the clear span of the column
(c) 450 mm

R18.7.5.1 This section stipulates a minimum length over which to provide closely-spaced transverse reinforcement at the column ends, where flexural yielding normally occurs. Research results indicate that the length should be increased by 50 percent or more in locations, such as the base of a building, where axial loads and flexural demands may be especially high (Watson et al. 1994).

18.7.5.2 Transverse reinforcement shall be in accordance with (a) through (f):

(a) Transverse reinforcement shall comprise either single or overlapping spirals, circular hoops, or rectilinear hoops with or without crossties.
(b) Bends of rectilinear hoops and crossties shall engage peripheral longitudinal reinforcing bars.
(c) Crossties of the same or smaller bar size as the hoops shall be permitted, subject to the limitation of 25.7.2.2. Consecutive crossties shall be alternated end for end along the longitudinal reinforcement and around the perimeter of the cross section.
(d) Where rectilinear hoops or crossties are used, they shall provide lateral support to longitudinal reinforcement in accordance with 25.7.2.2 and 25.7.2.3.
(e) Reinforcement shall be arranged such that the spacing h_x of longitudinal bars laterally supported by the corner of a crosstie or hoop leg shall not exceed 350 mm around the perimeter of the column.
(f) Where $P_u > 0.3A_g f_c'$ or $f_c' > 70$ MPa in columns with rectilinear hoops, every longitudinal bar or bundle of bars around the perimeter of the column core shall have lateral support provided by the corner of a hoop or by a seismic hook, and the value of h_x shall not exceed 200 mm P_u shall be the largest value in compression consistent with factored load combinations including E.

R18.7.5.2 Sections 18.7.5.2 and 18.7.5.3 provide requirements for configuration of transverse reinforcement for columns and joints of special moment frames. Figure R18.7.5.2 shows an example of transverse reinforcement provided by one hoop and three crossties. Crossties with a 90-degree hook are not as effective as either crossties with 135-degree hooks or hoops in providing confinement. For lower values of $P_u/A_g f_c'$ and lower concrete compressive strengths, crossties with 90-degree hooks are adequate if the ends are alternated along the length and around the perimeter of the column. For higher values of $P_u/A_g f_c'$, for which compression-controlled behavior is expected, and for higher compressive strengths, for which behavior tends to be more brittle, the improved confinement provided by having corners of hoops or seismic hooks supporting all longitudinal bars is important to achieving intended performance. Where these conditions apply, crossties with seismic hooks at both ends are required. The 200 mm limit on h_x is also intended to improve performance under these critical conditions. For bundled bars, bends or hooks of hoops and crossties need to enclose the bundle, and longer extensions on hooks should be considered. Column axial load P_u should reflect factored compressive demands from both earthquake and gravity loads.

In past editions of the Code, the requirements for transverse reinforcement in columns, walls, beam-column joints, and diagonally reinforced coupling beams referred to the same equations. In the 2014 edition of the Code, the equations and detailing requirements differ among the member types based

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on consideration of their loadings, deformations, and performance requirements. Additionally, h_x previously referred to the distance between legs of hoops or crossties. In the 2014 edition of the Code, h_x refers to the distance between longitudinal bars supported by those hoops or crossties.
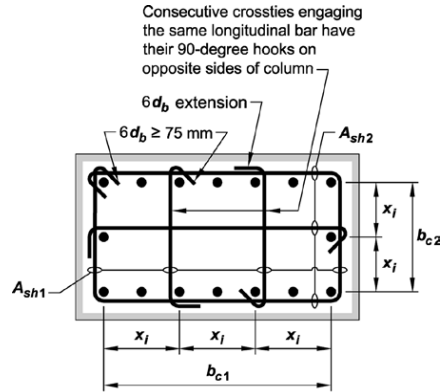
Fig. R18.7.5.2—Example of transverse reinforcement in columns.

18.7.5.3 Spacing of transverse reinforcement shall not exceed the smallest of (a) through (c):

(a) One-fourth of the minimum column dimension
(b) Six times the diameter of the smallest longitudinal bar
(c) s_o, as calculated by:

$$s_o = 100 + \left(\frac{350 - h_x}{3} \right) \quad (18.7.5.3)$$

The value of s_o from Eq. (18.7.5.3) shall not exceed 150 mm and need not be taken less than 100 mm.

18.7.5.4 Amount of transverse reinforcement shall be in accordance with Table 18.7.5.4.
The concrete strength factor k_f and confinement effectiveness factor k_n are calculated according to Eq. (18.7.5.4a) and (18.7.5.4b).

(a) $k_f = \dfrac{f_c'}{175} + 0.6 \geq 1.0 \quad (18.7.5.4a)$

(b) $k_n = \dfrac{n_l}{n_l - 2} \quad (18.7.5.4b)$

R18.7.5.3 The requirement that spacing not exceed one-fourth of the minimum member dimension is to obtain adequate concrete confinement. The requirement that spacing not exceed six bar diameters is intended to restrain longitudinal reinforcement buckling after spalling. The 100 mm spacing is for concrete confinement; 18.7.5.3 permits this limit to be relaxed to a maximum of 150 mm if the spacing of crossties or legs of overlapping hoops is 200 mm or less.

R18.7.5.4 The effect of helical (spiral) reinforcement and adequately configured rectilinear hoop reinforcement on deformation capacity of columns is well established (Sakai and Sheikh 1989). Expressions (a), (b), (d), and (e) in Table 18.7.5.4 have historically been used in ACI 318 to calculate the required confinement reinforcement to ensure that spalling of shell concrete does not result in a loss of column axial load strength. Expressions (c) and (f) were developed from a review of column test data (Elwood et al. 2009) and are intended to result in columns capable of sustaining a drift ratio of 0.03 with limited strength degradation. Expressions (c) and (f) are triggered for axial load greater than $0.3A_g f_c'$,

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where n_l is the number of longitudinal bars or bar bundles around the perimeter of a column core with rectilinear hoops that are laterally supported by the corner of hoops or by seismic hooks.

Table 18.7.5.4—Transverse reinforcement for columns of special moment frames

Transverse reinforcement	Conditions		Applicable expressions	
A_{sh}/sb_c for rectilinear hoop	$P_u \leq 0.3 A_g f_c'$ and $f_c' \leq 70$ MPa	Greater of (a) and (b)	$0.3 \left(\dfrac{A_g}{A_{ch}} - 1 \right) \dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(a)
	$P_u > 0.3 A_g f_c'$ or $f_c' > 70$ MPa	Greatest of (a), (b), and (c)	$0.09 \dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(b)
			$0.2 k_f k_n \dfrac{P_u}{f_{yt} A_{ch}}$	(c)
ρ_s for spiral or circular hoop	$P_u \leq 0.3 A_g f_c'$ and $f_c' \leq 70$ MPa	Greater of (d) and (e)	$0.45 \left(\dfrac{A_g}{A_{ch}} - 1 \right) \dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(d)
	$P_u > 0.3 A_g f_c'$ or $f_c' > 70$ MPa	Greatest of (d), (e), and (f)	$0.12 \dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(e)
			$0.35 k_f \dfrac{P_u}{f_{yt} A_{ch}}$	(f)

18.7.5.5 Beyond the length ℓ_o given in 18.7.5.1, the column shall contain spiral or hoop reinforcement satisfying 25.7.2 through 25.7.4 with spacing s not exceeding the lesser of six times the diameter of the smallest longitudinal column bars and 150 mm, unless a greater amount of transverse reinforcement is required by 18.7.4.3 or 18.7.6.

18.7.5.6 Columns supporting reactions from discontinued stiff members, such as walls, shall satisfy (a) and (b):

(a) Transverse reinforcement required by 18.7.5.2 through 18.7.5.4 shall be provided over the full height at all levels beneath the discontinuity if the factored axial compressive force in these columns, related to earthquake effect, exceeds $A_g f_c'/10$. Where design forces have been magnified to account for the overstrength of the vertical elements of the seismic-force-resisting system, the limit of $A_g f_c'/10$ shall be increased to $A_g f_c'/4$.
(b) Transverse reinforcement shall extend into the discontinued member at least ℓ_d of the largest longitudinal column bar, where ℓ_d is in accordance with 18.8.5. Where the lower end of the column terminates on a wall, the required transverse reinforcement shall extend into the wall at least ℓ_d of the largest longitudinal column bar at the point of termination. Where the column terminates on a footing or mat, the required transverse reinforcement shall extend at least 300 mm into the footing or mat.

18.7.5.7 If the concrete cover outside the confining transverse reinforcement required by 18.7.5.1, 18.7.5.5, and

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which corresponds approximately to the onset of compression-controlled behavior for symmetrically reinforced columns. The k_n term (Paultre and Légeron 2008) decreases the required confinement for columns with closely spaced, laterally supported longitudinal reinforcement because such columns are more effectively confined than columns with more widely spaced longitudinal reinforcement. The k_f term increases the required confinement for columns with $f_c' > 70$ MPa because such columns can experience brittle failure if not well confined. Concrete strengths greater than 100 MPa should be used with caution given the limited test data for such columns. The concrete strength used to determine the confinement reinforcement is required to be the same as that specified in the construction documents.

Expressions (a), (b), and (c) in Table 18.7.5.4 are to be satisfied in both cross-sectional directions of the rectangular core. For each direction, b_c is the core dimension perpendicular to the tie legs that constitute A_{sh}, as shown in Fig. R18.7.5.2.

Research results indicate that high strength reinforcement can be used effectively as confinement reinforcement. Section 20.2.2.4 permits a value of f_{yt} as high as 700 MPa to be used in Table 18.7.5.4

R18.7.5.5 This provision is intended to provide reasonable protection to the midheight of columns outside the length ℓ_o. Observations after earthquakes have shown significant damage to columns in this region, and the minimum hoops or spirals required should provide more uniform strength of the column along its length.

R18.7.5.6 Columns supporting discontinued stiff members, such as walls or trusses, may develop considerable inelastic response. Therefore, it is required that these columns have the specified reinforcement throughout their length. This covers all columns beneath the level at which the stiff member has been discontinued, unless the factored forces corresponding to earthquake effect are low. Refer to R18.12.7.5 for discussion of the overstrength factor Ω_o.

R18.7.5.7 The unreinforced shell may spall as the column deforms to resist earthquake effects. Separation of portions

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18.7.5.6 exceeds 100 mm, additional transverse reinforcement having cover not exceeding 100 mm. and spacing not exceeding 300 mm shall be provided.

of the shell from the core caused by local spalling creates a falling hazard. The additional reinforcement is required to reduce the risk of portions of the shell falling away from the column.

18.7.6 Shear strength

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18.7.6.1.1 The design shear force V_e shall be calculated from considering the maximum forces that can be generated at the faces of the joints at each end of the column. These joint forces shall be calculated using the maximum probable flexural strengths, M_{pr}, at each end of the column associated with the range of factored axial forces, P_u, acting on the column. The column shears need not exceed those calculated from joint strengths based on M_{pr} of the beams framing into the joint. In no case shall V_e be less than the factored shear calculated by analysis of the structure.

R18.7.6.1.1 The procedures of 18.6.5.1 also apply to columns. Above the ground floor, the moment at a joint may be limited by the flexural strength of the beams framing into the joint. Where beams frame into opposite sides of a joint, the combined strength is the sum of the negative moment strength of the beam on one side of the joint and the positive moment strength of the beam on the other side of the joint. Moment strengths are to be determined using a strength reduction factor of 1.0 and reinforcement with an effective yield stress equal to at least $1.25f_y$. Distribution of the combined moment strength of the beams to the columns above and below the joint should be based on analysis.

18.7.6.2 Transverse reinforcement

18.7.6.2.1 Transverse reinforcement over the lengths ℓ_o, given in 18.7.5.1, shall be designed to resist shear assuming $V_c = 0$ when both (a) and (b) occur:

(a) The earthquake-induced shear force, calculated in accordance with 18.7.6.1, is at least one-half of the maximum required shear strength within ℓ_o.
(b) The factored axial compressive force P_u including earthquake effects is less than $A_g f_c'/20$.

18.8—Joints of special moment frames

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18.8.1 Scope

18.8.1.1 This section shall apply to beam-column joints of special moment frames forming part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

18.8.2 General

R18.8.2 General—Development of inelastic rotations at the faces of joints of reinforced concrete frames is associated with strains in the flexural reinforcement well in excess of the yield strain. Consequently, joint shear force generated by the flexural reinforcement is calculated for a stress of $1.25f_y$ in the reinforcement (refer to 18.8.2.1). A detailed explanation of the reasons for the possible development of stresses in excess of the yield strength in beam tensile reinforcement is provided in ACI 352R.

18.8.2.1 Forces in longitudinal beam reinforcement at the joint face shall be calculated assuming that the stress in the flexural tensile reinforcement is $1.25f_y$.

18.8.2.2 Beam longitudinal reinforcement terminated in a column shall extend to the far face of the confined column core and shall be developed in tension in accordance with 18.8.5 and in compression in accordance with 25.4.9.

R18.8.2.2 The design provisions for hooked bars are based mainly on research and experience for joints with standard 90-degree hooks. Therefore, standard 90-degree hooks generally are preferred to standard 180-degree hooks unless unusual considerations dictate use of 180-degree hooks. For

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18.8.2.3 Where longitudinal beam reinforcement extends through a beam-column joint, the column dimension parallel to the beam reinforcement shall be at least 20 times the diameter of the largest longitudinal beam bar for normalweight concrete or 26 times the diameter of the largest longitudinal bar for lightweight concrete.

18.8.2.4 Depth h of the joint shall not be less than one-half of depth h of any beam framing into the joint and generating joint shear as part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

18.8.3 Transverse reinforcement

18.8.3.1 Joint transverse reinforcement shall satisfy 18.7.5.2, 18.7.5.3, 18.7.5.4, and 18.7.5.7, except as permitted in 18.8.3.2.

18.8.3.2 Where beams frame into all four sides of the joint and where each beam width is at least three-fourths the column width, the amount of reinforcement required by 18.7.5.4 shall be permitted to be reduced by one-half, and the spacing required by 18.7.5.3 shall be permitted to be increased to 150 mm within the overall depth h of the shallowest framing beam.

18.8.3.3 Longitudinal beam reinforcement outside the column core shall be conﬁned by transverse reinforcement passing through the column that satisﬁes spacing requirements of 18.6.4.4, and requirements of 18.6.4.2, and 18.6.4.3, if such conﬁnement is not provided by a beam framing into the joint.

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bars in compression, the development length corresponds to the straight portion of a hooked or headed bar measured from the critical section to the onset of the bend for hooked bars and from the critical section to the head for headed bars.

R18.8.2.3 Research (Meinheit and Jirsa 1977; Briss et al. 1978; Ehsani 1982; Durrani and Wight 1982; Leon 1989) has shown that straight beam bars may slip within the beam-column joint during a series of large moment reversals. The bond stresses on these straight bars may be very large. To reduce slip substantially during the formation of adjacent beam hinging, it would be necessary to have a ratio of column dimension to bar diameter of approximately 32, which would result in very large joints. On reviewing the available tests, the required minimum ratio of column depth to maximum beam longitudinal bar diameter was set at 20 for normalweight concrete and 26 for lightweight concrete. Due to the lack of speciﬁc data for beam bars through lightweight concrete joints, the limit is based on an ampliﬁcation factor of 1.3, which is approximately the reciprocal of the lightweight concrete modiﬁcation factor of 19.2.4. These limits provide reasonable control on the amount of potential slip of the beam bars in a beam-column joint, considering the number of anticipated inelastic excursions of the building frames during a major earthquake. A thorough treatment of this topic is given in Zhu and Jirsa (1983).

R18.8.2.4 Depth h of the joint is deﬁned in Fig. R18.8.4. The requirement on joint aspect ratio applies only to beams that are designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system. Joints having depth less than half the beam depth require a steep diagonal compression strut across the joint, which may be less effective in resisting joint shear. Tests to demonstrate performance of such joints have not been reported in the literature.

R18.8.3 Transverse reinforcement—The Code requires transverse reinforcement in a joint regardless of the magnitude of the calculated shear force.

R18.8.3.2 The amount of conﬁning reinforcement may be reduced and the spacing may be increased if beams of adequate dimensions frame into all four sides of the joint.

R18.8.3.3 The required transverse reinforcement, or transverse beam if present, is intended to conﬁne the beam longitudinal reinforcement and improve force transfer to the beam-column joint.

An example of transverse reinforcement through the column provided to conﬁne the beam reinforcement passing

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outside the column core is shown in Fig. R18.6.2. Additional detailing guidance and design recommendations for both interior and exterior wide-beam connections with beam reinforcement passing outside the column core may be found in ACI 352R.

18.8.3.4 Where beam negative moment reinforcement is provided by headed deformed bars that terminate in the joint, the column shall extend above the top of the joint a distance at least the depth h of the joint. Alternatively, the beam reinforcement shall be enclosed by additional vertical joint reinforcement providing equivalent confinement to the top face of the joint.

R18.8.3.4 This provision refers to a knee joint in which beam reinforcement terminates with headed deformed bars. Such joints require confinement of the headed beam bars along the top face of the joint. This confinement can be provided by either (a) a column that extends above the top of the joint or (b) vertical reinforcement hooked around the beam top reinforcing bars and extending downward into the joint in addition to the column longitudinal reinforcement. Detailing guidance and design recommendations for vertical joint reinforcement may be found in ACI 352R.

18.8.4 Shear strength

18.8.4.1 V_n of the joint shall be in accordance with Table 18.8.4.1.

R18.8.4 Shear strength—The requirements in Chapter 18 for proportioning joints are based on ACI 352R in that behavioral phenomena within the joint are interpreted in terms of a nominal shear strength of the joint. Because tests of joints (Meinheit and Jirsa 1977) and deep beams (Hirosawa 1977) indicated that shear strength was not as sensitive to joint (shear) reinforcement as implied by the expression developed by Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 326 (1962) for beams, the strength of the joint has been set as a function of only the compressive strength of the concrete and requires a minimum amount of transverse reinforcement in the joint (refer to 18.8.3). The effective area of joint, A_j, is illustrated in Fig. R18.8.4. In no case is A_j greater than the column cross-sectional area. A circular column should be considered as having a square section of equivalent area.

Table 18.8.4.1—Nominal joint shear strength V_n

Joint configuration	V_n
For joints confined by beams on all four faces[1]	$1.7\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}A_j$ [2]
For joints confined by beams on three faces or on two opposite faces[1]	$1.2\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}A_j$ [2]
For other cases	$1.0\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}A_j$ [2]

[1] Refer to 18.8.4.2.

[2] λ shall be 0.75 for lightweight concrete and 1.0 for normalweight concrete. A_j is given in 18.8.4.3.

The three levels of shear strength required by 18.8.4.1 are based on the recommendation of ACI 352R.

Cyclic loading tests of joints with extensions of beams with lengths at least equal to their depths have indicated similar joint shear strengths to those of joints with continuous beams. These findings suggest that extensions of beams, when properly dimensioned and reinforced with longitudinal and transverse bars, provide effective confinement to the joint faces, thus delaying joint strength deterioration at large deformations (Meinheit and Jirsa 1981).
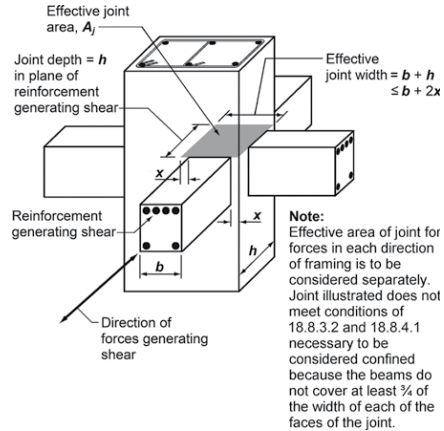
18.8.4.2 In Table 18.8.4.1, a joint face is considered to be confined by a beam if the beam width is at least three-quarters of the effective joint width. Extensions of beams at least one overall beam depth h beyond the joint face are considered adequate for confining that joint face. Extensions of beams shall satisfy 18.6.2.1(b), 18.6.3.1, 18.6.4.2, 18.6.4.3, and 18.6.4.4.

18.8.4.3 Effective cross-sectional area within a joint, A_j, shall be calculated from joint depth times effective joint width. Joint depth shall be the overall depth of the column, h. Effective joint width shall be the overall width of the column, except where a beam frames into a wider column, effective joint width shall not exceed the lesser of (a) and (b):

(a) Beam width plus joint depth
(b) Twice the smaller perpendicular distance from longitudinal axis of beam to column side

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Fig. R18.8.4—Effective joint area.

18.8.5 Development length of bars in tension

18.8.5.1 For bar sizes No. 10 through No. 36 terminating in a standard hook, ℓ_{dh} shall be calculated by Eq. (18.8.5.1), but ℓ_{dh} shall be at least the greater of $8d_b$ and 150 mm for normalweight concrete and at least the greater of $10d_b$ and 190 mm for lightweight concrete.

$$\ell_{dh} = f_y d_b / (5.4\lambda \sqrt{f'_c}) \qquad (18.8.5.1)$$

The value of λ shall be 0.75 for lightweight and 1.0 for normalweight concrete.

The hook shall be located within the con¿ned core of a column or of a boundary element, with the hook bent into the joint.

18.8.5.2 For headed deformed bars satisfying 20.2.1.6, development in tension shall be in accordance with 25.4.4, except clear spacing between bars shall be permitted to be at least $3d_b$ or greater.

18.8.5.3 For bar sizes No. 10 through No. 36, ℓ_d, the development length in tension for a straight bar, shall be at least the greater of (a) and (b):

R18.8.5 Development length of bars in tension

R18.8.5.1 Minimum embedment length in tension for deformed bars with standard hooks is determined using Eq. (18.8.5.1), which is based on the requirements of 25.4.3. The embedment length of a bar with a standard hook is the distance, parallel to the bar, from the critical section (where the bar is to be developed) to a tangent drawn to the outside edge of the hook. The tangent is to be drawn perpendicular to the axis of the bar (refer to Table 25.3.1).

Because Chapter 18 stipulates that the hook is to be embedded in con¿ned concrete, the coef¿cients 0.7 (for concrete cover) and 0.8 (for ties) have been incorporated in the constant used in Eq. (18.8.5.1). The development length that would be derived directly from 25.4.3 is increased to reÀect the effect of load reversals. Factors such as the actual stress in the reinforcement being more than the yield strength and the effective development length not necessarily starting at the face of the joint were implicitly considered in the formulation of the expression for basic development length that has been used as the basis for Eq. (18.8.5.1).

The requirement for the hook to project into the joint is to improve development of a diagonal compression strut across the joint. The requirement applies to beam and column bars terminated at a joint with a standard hook.

R18.8.5.2 The $3d_b$ spacing limit is based on studies of joints con¿ned by transverse reinforcement consistent with special moment frame requirements in this chapter (Kang et al. 2009). To avoid congestion, it may be desirable to stagger the heads.

R18.8.5.3 Minimum development length in tension for straight bars is a multiple of the length indicated by 18.8.5.1. Section 18.8.5.3(b) refers to top bars. Lack of reference to

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(a) 2.5 times the length in accordance with 18.8.5.1 if the depth of the concrete cast in one lift beneath the bar does not exceed 300 mm

(b) 3.25 times the length in accordance with 18.8.5.1 if the depth of the concrete cast in one lift beneath the bar exceeds 300 mm

18.8.5.4 Straight bars terminated at a joint shall pass through the confined core of a column or a boundary element. Any portion of ℓ_d not within the confined core shall be increased by a factor of 1.6.

No. 43 and No. 57 bars in 18.8.5 is due to the paucity of information on anchorage of such bars subjected to load reversals simulating earthquake effects.

R18.8.5.4 If the required straight embedment length of a reinforcing bar extends beyond the confined volume of concrete (as defined in 18.6.4, 18.7.5, or 18.8.3), the required development length is increased on the premise that the limiting bond stress outside the confined region is less than that inside.

$$\ell_{dm} = 1.6(\ell_d - \ell_{dc}) + \ell_{dc}$$

or

$$\ell_{dm} = 1.6\ell_d - 0.6\ell_{dc}$$

where ℓ_{dm} is the required development length if bar is not entirely embedded in confined concrete; ℓ_d is the required development length in tension for straight bar as defined in 18.8.5.3; and ℓ_{dc} is the length of bar embedded in confined concrete.

18.8.5.5 If epoxy-coated reinforcement is used, the development lengths in 18.8.5.1, 18.8.5.3, and 18.8.5.4 shall be multiplied by applicable factors in 25.4.2.4 or 25.4.3.2.

18.9—Special moment frames constructed using precast concrete

18.9.1 Scope

18.9.1.1 This section shall apply to special moment frames constructed using precast concrete forming part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

R18.9—Special moment frames constructed using precast concrete

The detailing provisions in 18.9.2.1 and 18.9.2.2 are intended to produce frames that respond to design displacements essentially like monolithic special moment frames.

Precast frame systems composed of concrete elements with ductile connections are expected to experience flexural yielding in connection regions. Reinforcement in ductile connections can be made continuous by using Type 2 mechanical splices or any other technique that provides development in tension or compression of at least the specified tensile strength of bars (Yoshioka and Sekine 1991; Kurose et al. 1991; Restrepo et al. 1995a,b). Requirements for mechanical splices are in addition to those in 18.2.7 and are intended to avoid strain concentrations over a short length of reinforcement adjacent to a splice device. Additional requirements for shear strength are provided in 18.9.2.1 to prevent sliding on connection faces. Precast frames composed of elements with ductile connections may be designed to promote yielding at locations not adjacent to the joints. Therefore, design shear V_e, as calculated according to 18.6.5.1 or 18.7.6.1, may not be conservative.

Precast concrete frame systems composed of elements joined using strong connections are intended to experience flexural yielding outside the connections. Strong connections include the length of the mechanical splice hardware

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as shown in Fig. R18.9.2.2. Capacity-design techniques are used in 18.9.2.2(c) to ensure the strong connection remains elastic following formation of plastic hinges. Additional column requirements are provided to avoid hinging and strength deterioration of column-to-column connections.

Strain concentrations have been observed to cause brittle fracture of reinforcing bars at the face of mechanical splices in laboratory tests of precast beam-column connections (Palmieri et al. 1996). Locations of strong connections should be selected carefully or other measures should be taken, such as debonding of reinforcing bars in highly stressed regions, to avoid strain concentrations that can result in premature fracture of reinforcement.

18.9.2 General

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18.9.2.1 Special moment frames with ductile connections constructed using precast concrete shall satisfy (a) through (c):

(a) Requirements of 18.6 through 18.8 for special moment frames constructed with cast-in-place concrete

(b) V_n for connections calculated according to 22.9 shall be at least $2V_e$, where V_e is in accordance with 18.6.5.1 or 18.7.6.1

(c) Mechanical splices of beam reinforcement shall be located not closer than $h/2$ from the joint face and shall satisfy 18.2.7

18.9.2.2 Special moment frames with strong connections constructed using precast concrete shall satisfy (a) through (e):

(a) Requirements of 18.6 through 18.8 for special moment frames constructed with cast-in-place concrete

(b) Provision 18.6.2.1(a) shall apply to segments between locations where flexural yielding is intended to occur due to design displacements

(c) Design strength of the strong connection, ϕS_n, shall be at least S_e

(d) Primary longitudinal reinforcement shall be made continuous across connections and shall be developed outside both the strong connection and the plastic hinge region

(e) For column-to-column connections, ϕS_n shall be at least $1.4S_e$, ϕM_n shall be at least $0.4M_{pr}$ for the column within the story height, and ϕV_n shall be at least V_e in accordance with 18.7.6.1
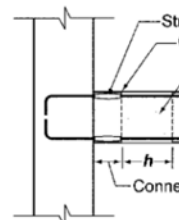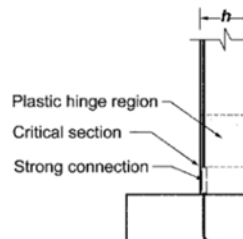
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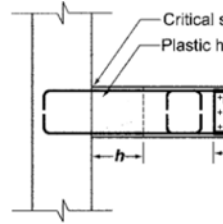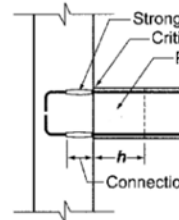
Fig. R18.9.2.2—Strong connection examples.

18.9.2.3 Special moment frames constructed using precast concrete and not satisfying 18.9.2.1 or 18.9.2.2 shall satisfy (a) through (c):

R18.9.2.3 Precast frame systems not satisfying the prescriptive requirements of Chapter 18 have been demonstrated in experimental studies to provide satisfactory seismic performance characteristics (Stone et al. 1995; Nakaki et al.

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(a) ACI 374.1

(b) Details and materials used in the test specimens shall be representative of those used in the structure

(c) The design procedure used to proportion the test specimens shall define the mechanism by which the frame resists gravity and earthquake effects, and shall establish acceptance values for sustaining that mechanism. Portions of the mechanism that deviate from Code requirements shall be contained in the test specimens and shall be tested to determine upper bounds for acceptance values.

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1995). ACI 374.1 defines a protocol for establishing a design procedure, validated by analysis and laboratory tests, for such frames. The design procedure should identify the load path or mechanism by which the frame resists gravity and earthquake effects. The tests should be configured to investigate critical behaviors, and the measured quantities should establish upper-bound acceptance values for components of the load path, which may be in terms of limiting stresses, forces, strains, or other quantities. The design procedure used for the structure should not deviate from that used to design the test specimens, and acceptance values should not exceed values that were demonstrated by the tests to be acceptable. Materials and components used in the structure should be similar to those used in the tests. Deviations may be acceptable if the licensed design professional can demonstrate that those deviations do not adversely affect the behavior of the framing system.

ACI 550.3 defines design requirements for one type of special precast concrete moment frame for use in accordance with 18.9.2.3.

18.10—Special structural walls

18.10.1 Scope

18.10.1.1 This section shall apply to special structural walls and all components of special structural walls including coupling beams and wall piers forming part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

18.10.1.2 Special structural walls constructed using precast concrete shall be in accordance with 18.11 in addition to 18.10.

R18.10—Special structural walls

R18.10.1 Scope—This section contains requirements for the dimensions and details of special structural walls and all components including coupling beams and wall piers. Wall piers are defined in Chapter 2. Design provisions for vertical wall segments depend on the aspect ratio of the wall segment in the plane of the wall (h_w/ℓ_w), and the aspect ratio of the horizontal cross section (ℓ_w/b_w), and generally follow the descriptions in Table R18.10.1. The limiting aspect ratios for wall piers are based on engineering judgment. It is intended that flexural yielding of the vertical reinforcement in the pier should limit shear demand on the pier.

Table R18.10.1—Governing design provisions for vertical wall segments[1]

Clear height of vertical wall segment/length of vertical wall segment, (h_w/ℓ_w)	Length of vertical wall segment/wall thickness (ℓ_w/b_w)		
	(ℓ_w/b_w) ≤ 2.5	2.5 < (ℓ_w/b_w) ≤ 6.0	(ℓ_w/b_w) > 6.0
h_w/ℓ_w < 2.0	Wall	Wall	Wall
h_w/ℓ_w ≥ 2.0	Wall pier required to satisfy specified column design requirements; refer to 18.10.8.1	Wall pier required to satisfy specified column design requirements or alternative requirements; refer to 18.10.8.1	Wall

[1]h_w is the clear height, ℓ_w is the horizontal length, and b_w is the width of the web of the wall segment.

18.10.2 Reinforcement

18.10.2.1 The distributed web reinforcement ratios, ρ_ℓ and ρ_t, for structural walls shall be at least 0.0025, except that if V_u does not exceed $0.083 A_{cv} \lambda \sqrt{f_c'}$, ρ_ℓ and ρ_t shall be permitted to be reduced to the values in 11.6. Reinforcement spacing each way in structural walls shall not exceed 450 mm. Reinforcement contributing to V_n shall be continuous and shall be distributed across the shear plane.

R18.10.2 Reinforcement—Minimum reinforcement requirements in 18.10.2.1 follow from preceding Codes. The requirement for distributed shear reinforcement is related to the intent to control the width of inclined cracks. The requirement for two layers of reinforcement in walls resisting substantial design shears in 18.10.2.2 is based on the observation that, under ordinary construction conditions, the probability of maintaining a single layer of reinforcement near the middle of the wall section is quite low. Furthermore, presence of reinforcement close to the surface

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18.10.2.2 At least two curtains of reinforcement shall be used in a wall if $V_u > 0.17 A_{cv} \lambda \sqrt{f_c'}$ or $h_w/\ell_w \geq 2.0$, in which h_w and ℓ_w refer to height and length of entire wall, respectively.

tends to inhibit fragmentation of the concrete in the event of severe cracking during an earthquake. The requirement for two layers of vertical reinforcement in more slender walls is to improve lateral stability of the compression zone under cyclic loads following yielding of vertical reinforcement in tension.

18.10.2.3 Reinforcement in structural walls shall be developed or spliced for f_y in tension in accordance with 25.4, 25.5, and (a) through (c):

(a) Longitudinal reinforcement shall extend beyond the point at which it is no longer required to resist flexure by least $0.8\ell_w$, except at the top of a wall
(b) At locations where yielding of longitudinal reinforcement is likely to occur as a result of lateral displacements, development lengths of longitudinal reinforcement shall be 1.25 times the values calculated for f_y in tension
(c) Mechanical splices of reinforcement shall conform to 18.2.7 and welded splices of reinforcement shall conform to 18.2.8

R18.10.2.3 Requirements are based on provisions in Chapter 25. Because actual forces in longitudinal reinforcement of structural walls may exceed calculated forces, reinforcement should be developed or spliced to reach the yield strength of the bar in tension. At locations where yielding of longitudinal reinforcement is expected, a 1.25 multiplier is applied to account for the likelihood that the actual yield strength exceeds the specified yield strength of the bar, as well as the influence of strain hardening and cyclic load reversals. Where transverse reinforcement is used, development lengths for straight and hooked bars may be reduced as permitted in 25.4.2 and 25.4.3, respectively, because closely spaced transverse reinforcement improves the performance of splices and hooks subjected to repeated inelastic demands (ACI 408.2R).

18.10.3 Design forces—V_u shall be obtained from the lateral load analysis in accordance with the factored load combinations.

R18.10.3 Design forces—Design shears for structural walls are obtained from lateral load analysis with the appropriate load factors. However, the possibility of yielding in components of such structures should be considered, as in the portion of a wall between two window openings, in which case the actual shear may be in excess of the shear indicated by lateral load analysis based on factored design forces.

18.10.4 Shear strength

18.10.4.1 V_n of structural walls shall not exceed:

$$V_n = A_{cv}\left(\alpha_c \lambda \sqrt{f_c'} + \rho_t f_y\right) \qquad (18.10.4.1)$$

where the coefficient α_c is 0.25 for $h_w/\ell_w \leq 1.5$, is 0.17 for $h_w/\ell_w \geq 2.0$, and varies linearly between 0.25 and 0.17 for h_w/ℓ_w between 1.5 and 2.0.

18.10.4.2 In 18.10.4.1, the value of ratio h_w/ℓ_w used to calculate V_n for segments of a wall shall be the greater of the ratios for the entire wall and the segment of wall considered.

18.10.4.3 Walls shall have distributed shear reinforcement in two orthogonal directions in the plane of the wall. If h_w/ℓ_w does not exceed 2.0, reinforcement ratio ρ_ℓ shall be at least the reinforcement ratio ρ_t.

18.10.4.4 For all vertical wall segments sharing a common lateral force, V_n shall not be taken greater than $0.66 A_{cv}\sqrt{f_c'}$, where A_{cv} is the gross area of concrete bounded by web thickness and length of section. For any one of the individual vertical wall segments, V_n shall not be taken greater than $0.83 A_{cw}\sqrt{f_c'}$

R18.10.4 Shear strength—Equation (18.10.4.1) recognizes the higher shear strength of walls with high shear-to-moment ratios (Hirosawa 1977; Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 326 1962; Barda et al. 1977). The nominal shear strength is given in terms of the net area of the section resisting shear. For a rectangular section without openings, the term A_{cv} refers to the gross area of the cross section rather than to the product of the width and the effective depth. The definition of A_{cv} in Eq. (18.10.4.1) facilitates design calculations for walls with uniformly distributed reinforcement and walls with openings.

A vertical wall segment refers to a part of a wall bounded horizontally by openings or by an opening and an edge. For an isolated wall or a vertical wall segment, ρ_t refers to horizontal reinforcement and ρ_ℓ refers to vertical reinforcement.

The ratio h_w/ℓ_w may refer to overall dimensions of a wall, or of a segment of the wall bounded by two openings, or an opening and an edge. The intent of 18.10.4.2 is to make certain that any segment of a wall is not assigned a unit strength greater than that for the entire wall. However, a wall segment with a ratio of h_w/ℓ_w higher than that of the entire wall should be proportioned for the unit strength associated with the ratio h_w/ℓ_w based on the dimensions for that segment.

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, where A_{cw} is the area of concrete section of the individual vertical wall segment considered.

18.10.4.5 For horizontal wall segments and coupling beams, V_n shall not be taken greater than $0.83A_{cw}\sqrt{f_c'}$, where A_{cw} is the area of concrete section of a horizontal wall segment or coupling beam.

To restrain the inclined cracks effectively, reinforcement included in ρ_t and ρ_ℓ should be appropriately distributed along the length and height of the wall (refer to 18.10.4.3). Chord reinforcement provided near wall edges in concentrated amounts for resisting bending moment is not to be included in determining ρ_t and ρ_ℓ. Within practical limits, shear reinforcement distribution should be uniform and at a small spacing.

If the factored shear force at a given level in a structure is resisted by several walls or several vertical wall segments of a perforated wall, the average unit shear strength assumed for the total available cross-sectional area is limited to $0.66\sqrt{f_c'}$ with the additional requirement that the unit shear strength assigned to any single vertical wall segment does not exceed $0.83\sqrt{f_c'}$. The upper limit of strength to be assigned to any one member is imposed to limit the degree of redistribution of shear force.

Horizontal wall segments in 18.10.4.5 refer to wall sections between two vertically aligned openings (refer to Fig. R18.10.4.5). It is, in effect, a vertical wall segment rotated through 90 degrees. A horizontal wall segment is also referred to as a coupling beam when the openings are aligned vertically over the building height. When designing a horizontal wall segment or coupling beam, ρ_t refers to vertical reinforcement and ρ_ℓ refers to horizontal reinforcement.
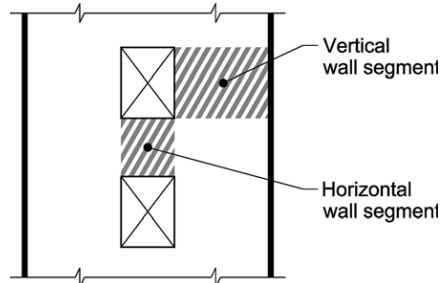
Fig. R18.10.4.5—Wall with openings.

18.10.5 Design for flexure and axial force

18.10.5.1 Structural walls and portions of such walls subject to combined flexure and axial loads shall be designed in accordance with 22.4. Concrete and developed longitudinal reinforcement within effective flange widths, boundary elements, and the wall web shall be considered effective. The effects of openings shall be considered.

R18.10.5 Design for flexure and axial force

R18.10.5.1 Flexural strength of a wall or wall segment is determined according to procedures commonly used for columns. Strength should be determined considering the applied axial and lateral forces. Reinforcement concentrated in boundary elements and distributed in flanges and webs should be included in the strength calculations based on a strain compatibility analysis. The foundation supporting the wall should be designed to resist the wall boundary and web forces. For walls with openings, the influence of the opening or openings on flexural and shear strengths is to be considered and a load path around the opening or openings should be verified. Capacity-design concepts and strut-and-tie models may be useful for this purpose (Taylor et al. 1998).

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The height of the special boundary element is based on estimates of plastic hinge length and extends beyond the zone over which yielding of tension reinforcement and spalling of concrete are likely to occur.

18.10.6.3 Structural walls not designed in accordance with 18.10.6.2 shall have special boundary elements at boundaries and edges around openings of structural walls where the maximum extreme ¿ber compressive stress, corresponding to load combinations including earthquake effects E, exceeds $0.2f_c'$. The special boundary element shall be permitted to be discontinued where the calculated compressive stress is less than $0.15f_c'$. Stresses shall be calculated for the factored loads using a linearly elastic model and gross section properties. For walls with Àanges, an effective Àange width as given in 18.10.5.2 shall be used.

R18.10.6.3 By this procedure, the wall is considered to be acted on by gravity loads and the maximum shear and moment induced by earthquake in a given direction. Under this loading, the compressed boundary at the critical section resists the tributary gravity load plus the compressive resultant associated with the bending moment.

Recognizing that this loading condition may be repeated many times during the strong motion, the concrete is to be con¿ned where the calculated compressive stresses exceed a nominal critical value equal to $0.2f_c'$. The stress is to be calculated for the factored forces on the section assuming linear response of the gross concrete section. The compressive stress of $0.2f_c'$ is used as an index value and does not necessarily describe the actual state of stress that may develop at the critical section under the inÀuence of the actual inertia forces for the anticipated earthquake intensity.

18.10.6.4 Where special boundary elements are required by 18.10.6.2 or 18.10.6.3, (a) through (h) shall be satis¿ed:

(a) The boundary element shall extend horizontally from the extreme compression ¿ber a distance at least the greater of $c - 0.1\ell_w$ and $c/2$, where c is the largest neutral axis depth calculated for the factored axial force and nominal moment strength consistent with δ_u.
(b) Width of the Àexural compression zone, b, over the horizontal distance calculated by 18.10.6.4(a), including Àange if present, shall be at least $h_w/16$.
(c) For walls or wall piers with $h_w/\ell_w \geq 2.0$ that are effectively continuous from the base of structure to top of wall, designed to have a single critical section for Àexure and axial loads, and with $c/\ell_w \geq 3/8$, width of the Àexural compression zone b over the length calculated in 18.10.6.4(a) shall be greater than or equal to 300 mm.
(d) In Àanged sections, the boundary element shall include the effective Àange width in compression and shall extend at least 300 mm into the web.
(e) The boundary element transverse reinforcement shall satisfy 18.7.5.2(a) through (e) and 18.7.5.3, except the value h_x in 18.7.5.2 shall not exceed the lesser of 350 mm. and two-thirds of the boundary element thickness, and the transverse reinforcement spacing limit of 18.7.5.3(a) shall be one-third of the least dimension of the boundary element.
(f) The amount of transverse reinforcement shall be in accordance with Table 18.10.6.4(f).

R18.10.6.4 The horizontal dimension of the special boundary element is intended to extend at least over the length where the concrete compressive strain exceeds the critical value. For Àanged wall sections, including box shapes, L-shapes, and C-shapes, the calculation to determine the need for special boundary elements should include a direction of lateral load consistent with the orthogonal combinations de¿ned in ASCE/SEI 7. The value of $c/2$ in 18.10.6.4(a) is to provide a minimum length of the special boundary element. Good detailing practice is to arrange the longitudinal reinforcement and the con¿nement reinforcement such that all primary longitudinal reinforcement at the wall boundary is supported by transverse reinforcement.

A slenderness limit is introduced into the 2014 edition of this Code based on lateral instability failures of slender wall boundaries observed in recent earthquakes and tests (Wallace 2012; Wallace et al. 2012). For walls with large cover, where spalling of cover concrete would lead to a signi¿cantly reduced section, increased boundary element thickness should be considered.

A value of $c/\ell_w \geq 3/8$ is used to de¿ne a wall critical section that is not tension-controlled according to 21.2.2. A minimum wall thickness of 300 mm is imposed to reduce the likelihood of lateral instability of the compression zone after spalling of cover concrete.

Where Àanges are highly stressed in compression, the web-to-Àange interface is likely to be highly stressed and may sustain local crushing failure unless special boundary element reinforcement extends into the web.

Required transverse reinforcement at wall boundaries is based on column provisions. Expression (a) of Table 18.10.6.4(f) was applied to wall special boundary elements prior to the 1999 edition of this Code. It is reinstated in the 2014 edition of this Code due to concerns that expression

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Table 18.10.6.4(f)—Transverse reinforcement for special boundary elements

Transverse reinforcement		Applicable expressions	
A_{sh}/sb_c for rectilinear hoop	Greater of	$0.3\left(\dfrac{A_g}{A_{ch}}-1\right)\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(a)
		$0.09\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(b)
ρ_s for spiral or circular hoop	Greater of	$0.45\left(\dfrac{A_g}{A_{ch}}-1\right)\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(c)
		$0.12\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(d)

(g) Where the critical section occurs at the wall base, the boundary element transverse reinforcement at the wall base shall extend into the support at least ℓ_d, in accordance with 18.10.2.3, of the largest longitudinal reinforcement in the special boundary element. Where the special boundary element terminates on a footing, mat, or pile cap, special boundary element transverse reinforcement shall extend at least 300 mm into the footing, mat, or pile cap, unless a greater extension is required by 18.13.2.3.

(h) Horizontal reinforcement in the wall web shall extend to within 150 mm of the end of the wall. Reinforcement shall be anchored to develop f_y within the confined core of the boundary element using standard hooks or heads. Where the confined boundary element has sufficient length to develop the horizontal web reinforcement, and $A_s f_y/s$ of the horizontal web reinforcement does not exceed $A_s f_{yt}/s$ of the boundary element transverse reinforcement parallel to the horizontal web reinforcement, it shall be permitted to terminate the horizontal web reinforcement without a standard hook or head.

(b) of Table 18.10.6.4(f) by itself does not provide adequate transverse reinforcement for thin walls where concrete cover accounts for a significant portion of the wall thickness. For wall special boundary elements having rectangular cross section, A_g and A_{ch} in expressions (a) and (c) in Table 18.10.6.4(f) are defined as $A_g = \ell_{be}b$ and $A_{ch} = b_{c1}b_{c2}$, where dimensions are shown in Fig. R18.10.6.4.1. This considers that concrete spalling is likely to occur only on the exposed faces of the confined boundary element. The limits on h_x are intended to provide more uniform spacing of hoops and crossties for thin walls. Tests (Thomsen and Wallace 2004) show that adequate performance can be achieved using vertical spacing greater than permitted by 18.7.5.3(a). Requirements for vertical extensions of boundary elements are summarized in Fig. R18.10.6.4.2 (Moehle et al. 2011).

The horizontal reinforcement in a structural wall with low shear-to-moment ratio resists shear through truss action, with the horizontal bars acting like the stirrups in a beam. Thus, the horizontal bars provided for shear reinforcement must be developed within the confined core of the boundary element and extended as close to the end of the wall as cover requirements and proximity of other reinforcement permit. The requirement that the horizontal web reinforcement be anchored within the confined core of the boundary element and extended to within 150 mm from the end of the wall applies to all horizontal bars whether straight, hooked, or headed, as illustrated in Fig. R18.10.6.4.1.
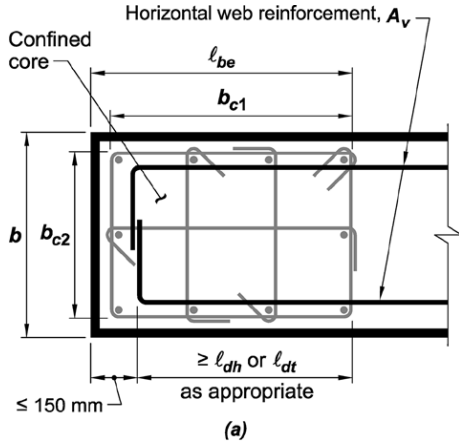
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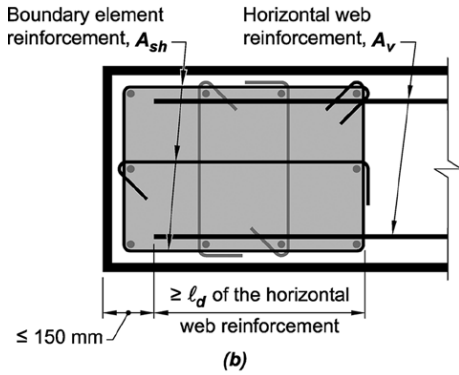
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Fig. R18.10.6.4.1—Development of wall horizontal reinforcement in con¿ned boundary element.

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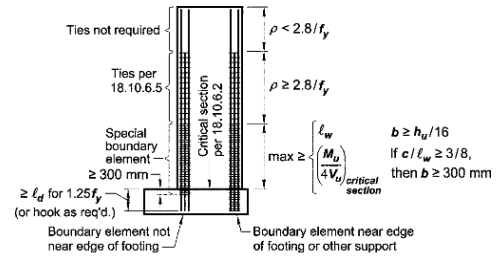
(a) Wall with $h_w / \ell_w \geq 2.0$ and a single critical section controlled by flexure and axial load designed using 18.10.6.2, 18.10.6.4, and 18.10.6.5
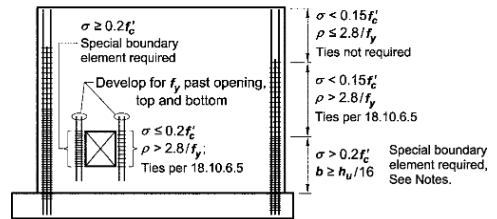
Notes: Requirement for special boundary element is triggered if maximum extreme fiber compressive stress $\sigma \geq 0.2f_c'$. Once triggered, the special boundary element extends until $\sigma < 0.15f_c'$. Since $h_w / \ell_w \leq 2.0$, 18.10.6.4(c) does not apply.

(b) Wall and wall pier designed using 18.10.6.3, 18.10.6.4, and 18.10.6.5

Fig. R18.10.6.4.2—Summary of boundary element requirements for special walls.

18.10.6.5 Where special boundary elements are not required by 18.10.6.2 or 18.10.6.3, (a) and (b) shall be satis¿ed:

(a) If the longitudinal reinforcement ratio at the wall boundary exceeds $2.8/f_y$, boundary transverse reinforcement shall satisfy 18.7.5.2(a) through (e) over the distance calculated in accordance with 18.10.6.4(a). The longitudinal spacing of transverse reinforcement at the wall boundary shall not exceed the lesser of 200 mm. and $8d_b$ of the smallest primary Àexural reinforcing bars, except the spacing shall not exceed the lesser of 150 mm and $6d_b$ within a distance equal to the greater of ℓ_w and $M_u/4V_u$ above and below critical sections where yielding of longitudinal reinforcement is likely to occur as a result of inelastic lateral displacements.
(b) Except where V_u in the plane of the wall is less than $0.083A_{cv}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$, horizontal reinforcement terminating at the edges of structural walls without boundary elements shall have a standard hook engaging the edge reinforcement or the edge reinforcement shall be enclosed in U-stirrups having the same size and spacing as, and spliced to, the horizontal reinforcement.

R18.10.6.5 Cyclic load reversals may lead to buckling of boundary longitudinal reinforcement even in cases where the demands on the boundary of the wall do not require special boundary elements. For walls with moderate amounts of boundary longitudinal reinforcement, ties are required to inhibit buckling. The longitudinal reinforcement ratio is intended to include only the reinforcement at the wall boundary, as indicated in Fig. R18.10.6.5. A greater spacing of ties relative to 18.10.6.4(e) is allowed due to the lower deformation demands on the walls. Requirements of 18.10.6.5 apply over the entire wall height and are summarized in Fig. R18.10.6.4.2 for cases where special boundary elements are required (Moehle et al. 2011).

The addition of hooks or U-stirrups at the ends of horizontal wall reinforcement provides anchorage so that the reinforcement will be effective in resisting shear forces. It will also tend to inhibit the buckling of the vertical edge reinforcement. In walls with low in-plane shear, the development of horizontal reinforcement is not necessary.
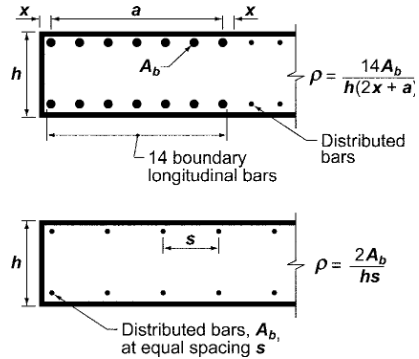
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Fig. R18.10.6.5—Longitudinal reinforcement ratios for typical wall boundary conditions.

18.10.7 Coupling beams

18.10.7.1 Coupling beams with $(\ell_n/h) \geq 4$ shall satisfy the requirements of 18.6, with the wall boundary interpreted as being a column. The provisions of 18.6.2.1(b) and (c) need not be satisfied if it can be shown by analysis that the beam has adequate lateral stability.

18.10.7.2 Coupling beams with $(\ell_n/h) < 2$ and with $V_u \geq 0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}A_{cw}$ shall be reinforced with two intersecting groups of diagonally placed bars symmetrical about the midspan, unless it can be shown that loss of stiffness and strength of the coupling beams will not impair the vertical load-carrying ability of the structure, the egress from the structure, or the integrity of nonstructural components and their connections to the structure.

18.10.7.3 Coupling beams not governed by 18.10.7.1 or 18.10.7.2 shall be permitted to be reinforced either with two intersecting groups of diagonally placed bars symmetrical about the midspan or according to 18.6.3 through 18.6.5, with the wall boundary interpreted as being a column.

18.10.7.4 Coupling beams reinforced with two intersecting groups of diagonally placed bars symmetrical about the midspan shall satisfy (a), (b), and either (c) or (d), and the requirements of 9.9 need not be satisfied:

(a) V_n shall be calculated by

$$V_n = 2A_{vd}f_y\sin\alpha \leq 0.83\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_{cw} \quad (18.10.7.4)$$

where α is the angle between the diagonal bars and the longitudinal axis of the coupling beam.

(b) Each group of diagonal bars shall consist of a minimum of four bars provided in two or more layers. The diagonal bars shall be embedded into the wall at least 1.25 times the development length for f_y in tension.

R18.10.7 Coupling beams—Coupling beams connecting structural walls can provide stiffness and energy dissipation. In many cases, geometric limits result in coupling beams that are deep in relation to their clear span. Deep coupling beams may be controlled by shear and may be susceptible to strength and stiffness deterioration under earthquake loading. Test results (Paulay and Binney 1974; Barney et al. 1980) have shown that confined diagonal reinforcement provides adequate resistance in deep coupling beams.

Experiments show that diagonally oriented reinforcement is effective only if the bars are placed with a large inclination. Therefore, diagonally reinforced coupling beams are restricted to beams having aspect ratio $\ell_n/h < 4$. The 2008 edition of this Code was changed to clarify that coupling beams of intermediate aspect ratio can be reinforced according to 18.6.3 through 18.6.5.

Diagonal bars should be placed approximately symmetrically in the beam cross section, in two or more layers. The diagonally placed bars are intended to provide the entire shear and corresponding moment strength of the beam. Designs deriving their moment strength from combinations of diagonal and longitudinal bars are not covered by these provisions.

Two confinement options are described. According to 18.10.7.4(c), each diagonal element consists of a cage of longitudinal and transverse reinforcement, as shown in Fig. R18.10.7(a). Each cage contains at least four diagonal bars and confines a concrete core. The requirement on side dimensions of the cage and its core is to provide adequate stability to the cross section when the bars are loaded beyond yielding. The minimum dimensions and required reinforcement clearances may control the wall width. Revisions were made in the 2008 Code to relax spacing of transverse reinforcement confining the diagonal bars, to clarify that confinement is required at the intersection of the diagonals, and to simplify design of the longitudinal and transverse reinforcement around the beam perimeter; beams with these new details are expected to perform acceptably. The expres-

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(c) Each group of diagonal bars shall be enclosed by recti-linear transverse reinforcement having out-to-out dimensions of at least $b_w/2$ 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 in accordance with 18.7.5.2(a) through (e), with A_{sh} not less than the greater of (i) and (ii):

(i) $0.09sb_c \dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$

(ii) $0.3sb_c \left[\dfrac{A_g}{A_{ch}} - 1\right]\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$

For the purpose of calculating A_g, the concrete cover in 20.6.1 shall be assumed on all four sides of each group of diagonal bars. The transverse reinforcement shall have spacing measured parallel to the diagonal bars satisfying 18.7.5.3(c) and not exceeding $6d_b$ of the smallest diagonal bars, and shall have spacing of crossties or legs of hoops measured perpendicular to the diagonal bars not exceeding 350 mm. The transverse reinforcement shall continue through the intersection of the diagonal bars. At the intersection, it is permitted to modify the arrangement of the transverse reinforcement provided the spacing and volume ratio requirements are satisﬁed. Additional longitudinal and transverse reinforcement shall be distributed around the beam perimeter with total area in each direction of at least $0.002b_w s$ and spacing not exceeding 300 mm.
(d) Transverse reinforcement shall be provided for the entire beam cross section in accordance with 18.7.5.2(a) through (e) with A_{sh} not less than the greater of (i) and (ii):

(i) $0.09sb_c \dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$

(ii) $0.3sb_c \left[\dfrac{A_g}{A_{ch}} - 1\right]\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$

Longitudinal spacing of transverse reinforcement shall not exceed the lesser of 150 mm and $6d_b$ of the smallest diagonal bars. Spacing of crossties or legs of hoops both vertically and horizontally in the plane of the beam cross section shall not exceed 200 mm. Each crosstie and each hoop leg shall engage a longitudinal bar of equal or greater diameter. It shall be permitted to conﬁgure hoops as speciﬁed in 18.6.4.3.

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sions for transverse reinforcement A_{sh} are based on ensuring compression capacity of an equivalent column section is maintained after spalling of cover concrete.

Section 18.10.7.4(d) describes a second option for conﬁnement of the diagonals introduced in the 2008 Code (refer to Fig. R18.10.7(b)). This second option is to conﬁne the entire beam cross section instead of conﬁning the individual diagonals. This option can considerably simplify ﬁeld placement of hoops, which can otherwise be especially challenging where diagonal bars intersect each other or enter the wall boundary.

For coupling beams not used as part of the lateral-force-resisting system, the requirements for diagonal reinforcement may be waived.

Test results (Barney et al. 1980) demonstrate that beams reinforced as described in 18.10.7 have adequate ductility at shear forces exceeding $0.83\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$. Consequently, the use of a limit of $0.83\sqrt{f_c'}A_{cw}$ provides an acceptable upper limit.

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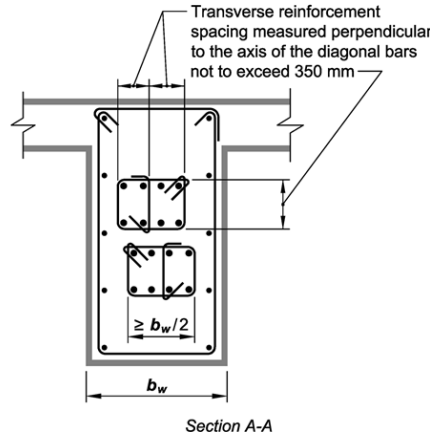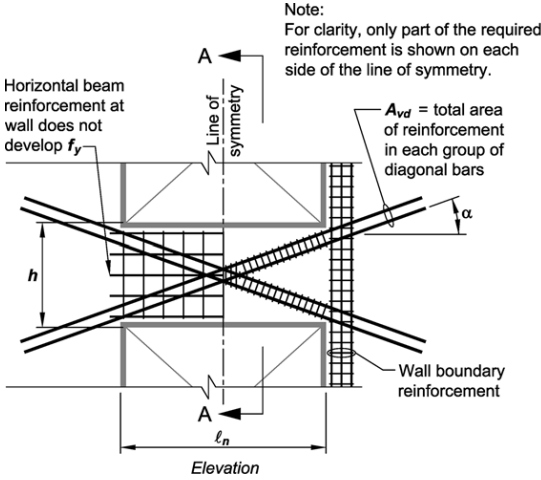
(a) Con¿nement of individual diagonals

Note: For clarity in the elevation view, only part of the total required reinforcement is shown on each side of the line of symmetry.
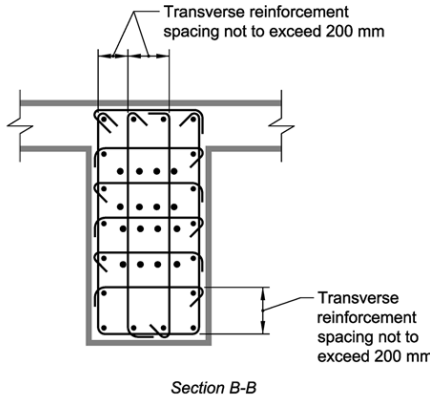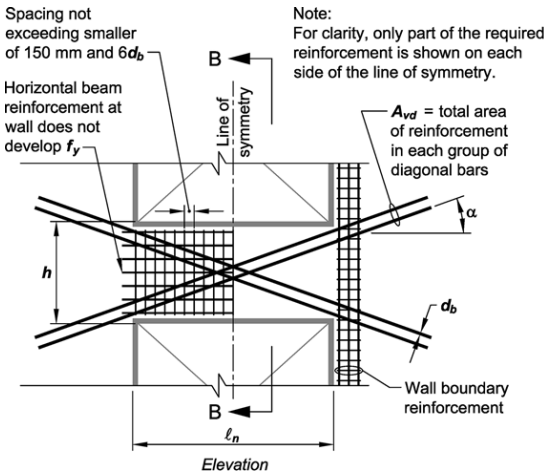
(b) Full con¿nement of diagonally reinforced concrete beam section

Fig. R18.10.7—Coupling beams with diagonally oriented reinforcement. Wall boundary reinforcement shown on one side only for clarity.

18.10.8 Wall piers

18.10.8.1 Wall piers shall satisfy the special moment frame requirements for columns of 18.7.4, 18.7.5, and 18.7.6, with joint faces taken as the top and bottom of the clear height of

R18.10.8 Wall piers—Door and window placements in structural walls sometimes lead to narrow vertical wall segments that are considered to be wall piers. The dimensions de¿ning wall piers are given in Chapter 2. Shear failures of wall piers have been observed in previous earth-

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the wall pier. Alternatively, wall piers with $(\ell_w/b_w) > 2.5$ shall satisfy (a) through (f):

(a) Design shear force shall be calculated in accordance with 18.7.6.1 with joint faces taken as the top and bottom of the clear height of the wall pier. If the general building code includes provisions to account for overstrength of the seismic-force-resisting system, the design shear force need not exceed Ω_o times the factored shear calculated by analysis of the structure for earthquake load effects.

(b) V_n and distributed shear reinforcement shall satisfy 18.10.4.

(c) Transverse reinforcement shall be hoops except it shall be permitted to use single-leg horizontal reinforcement parallel to ℓ_w where only one curtain of distributed shear reinforcement is provided. Single-leg horizontal reinforcement shall have 180-degree bends at each end that engage wall pier boundary longitudinal reinforcement.

(d) Vertical spacing of transverse reinforcement shall not exceed 150 mm

(e) Transverse reinforcement shall extend at least 300 mm above and below the clear height of the wall pier.

(f) Special boundary elements shall be provided if required by 18.10.6.3.

18.10.8.2 For wall piers at the edge of a wall, horizontal reinforcement shall be provided in adjacent wall segments above and below the wall pier and be designed to transfer the design shear force from the wall pier into the adjacent wall segments.

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quakes. The intent of this section is to provide sufﬁcient shear strength to wall piers such that inelastic response, if it occurs, will be primarily in ﬂexure. The provisions apply to wall piers designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system. Provisions for wall piers not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system are given in 18.14. The effect of all vertical wall segments on the response of the structural system, whether designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system or not, should be considered as required by 18.2.2. Wall piers having $(\ell_w/b_w) \leq 2.5$ behave essentially as columns. Provision 18.10.8.1 requires that such members satisfy reinforcement and shear strength requirements of 18.7.4 through 18.7.6. Alternative provisions are provided for wall piers having $(\ell_w/b_w) > 2.5$.

The design shear force determined according to 18.7.6.1 may be unrealistically large in some cases. As an alternative, 18.10.8.1(a) permits the design shear force to be determined using factored load combinations in which the earthquake effect has been ampliﬁed to account for system overstrength. Documents such as the NEHRP provisions (FEMA P749), ASCE/SEI 7, and the 2012 IBC represent the ampliﬁed earthquake effect using the factor Ω_o.

Section 18.10.8.2 addresses wall piers at the edge of a wall. Under in-plane shear, inclined cracks can propagate into segments of the wall directly above and below the wall pier. Unless there is sufﬁcient reinforcement in the adjacent wall segments, shear failure within the adjacent wall segments can occur. The length of embedment of the provided reinforcement into the adjacent wall segments should be determined considering both development length requirements and shear strength of the wall segments (refer to Fig. R18.10.8).
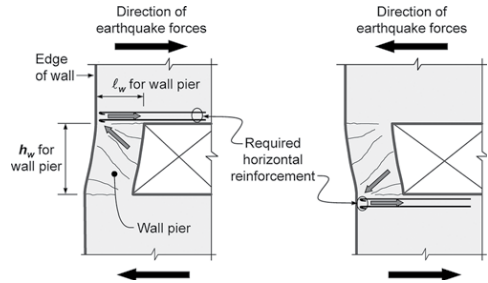
Fig R18.10.8—Required horizontal reinforcement in wall segments above and below wall piers at the edge of a wall.

18.10.9 Construction joints

18.10.9.1 Construction joints in structural walls shall be speciﬁed according to 26.5.6, and contact surfaces shall be roughened consistent with condition (b) of Table 22.9.4.2.

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18.10.10 Discontinuous walls

18.10.10.1 Columns supporting discontinuous structural walls shall be reinforced in accordance with 18.7.5.6.

18.11—Special structural walls constructed using precast concrete

18.11.1 Scope

18.11.1.1 This section shall apply to special structural walls constructed using precast concrete forming part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

18.11.2 General

18.11.2.1 Special structural walls constructed using precast concrete shall satisfy 18.10 and 18.5.2.

18.11.2.2 Special structural walls constructed using precast concrete and unbonded post-tensioning tendons and not satisfying the requirements of 18.11.2.1 are permitted provided they satisfy the requirements of ACI ITG-5.1.

18.12—Diaphragms and trusses

18.12.1 Scope

18.12.1.1 This section shall apply to diaphragms and collectors forming part of the seismic-force-resisting system in structures assigned to SDC D, E, or F.

18.12.1.2 Section 18.12.11 shall apply to structural trusses forming part of the seismic-force-resisting system in structures assigned to SDC D, E, or F.

18.12.2 Design forces

18.12.2.1 The earthquake design forces for diaphragms shall be obtained from the general building code using the applicable provisions and load combinations.

R18.11—Special structural walls constructed using precast concrete

R18.11.2 General

R18.11.2.2 Experimental and analytical studies (Priestley et al. 1999; Perez et al. 2003; Restrepo 2002) have demonstrated that some types of precast structural walls post-tensioned with unbonded tendons, and not satisfying the prescriptive requirements of Chapter 18, provide satisfactory seismic performance characteristics. ACI ITG-5.1 de¿nes a protocol for establishing a design procedure, validated by analysis and laboratory tests, for such walls, with or without coupling beams.

ACI ITG-5.2 de¿nes design requirements for one type of special structural wall constructed using precast concrete and unbonded post-tensioning tendons, and validated for use in accordance with 18.11.2.2.

R18.12—Diaphragms and trusses

R18.12.1 Scope—Diaphragms as used in building construction are structural elements (such as a Àoor or roof) that provide some or all of the following functions:

(a) Support for building elements (such as walls, partitions, and cladding) resisting horizontal forces but not acting as part of the seismic-force-resisting system

(b) Transfer of lateral forces from the point of application to the vertical elements of the seismic-force-resisting system

(c) Connection of various components of the vertical seismic-force-resisting system with appropriate strength, stiffness, and ductility so the building responds as intended in the design (Wyllie 1987).

R18.12.2 Design forces

R18.12.2.1 In the general building code, earthquake design forces for Àoor and roof diaphragms typically are not calculated directly during the lateral-force analysis that provides story forces and story shears. Instead, diaphragm design forces at each level are calculated by a formula that ampli¿es the story forces recognizing dynamic effects

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and includes minimum and maximum limits. These forces are used with the governing load combinations to design diaphragms for shear and moment.

For collector elements, the general building code in the United States speci¿es load combinations that amplify earthquake forces by a factor Ω_o. The forces ampli¿ed by Ω_o are also used for the local diaphragm shear forces resulting from the transfer of collector forces, and for local diaphragm Àexural moments resulting from any eccentricity of collector forces. The speci¿c requirements for earthquake design forces for diaphragms and collectors depend on which edition of the general building code is used. The requirements may also vary according to the SDC.

For most concrete buildings subjected to inelastic earthquake demands, it is desirable to limit inelastic behavior of Àoor and roof diaphragms under the imposed earthquake forces and deformations. It is preferable for inelastic behavior to occur only in the intended locations of the vertical seismic-force-resisting system that are detailed for ductile response, such as in beam plastic hinges of special moment frames, or in Àexural plastic hinges at the base of structural walls or in coupling beams. For buildings without long diaphragm spans between lateral-force-resisting elements, elastic diaphragm behavior is typically not dif¿-cult to achieve. For buildings where diaphragms could reach their Àexural or shear strength before yielding occurs in the vertical seismic-force-resisting system, designers should consider providing increased diaphragm strength.

18.12.3 Seismic load path

18.12.3.1 All diaphragms and their connections shall be designed and detailed to provide for transfer of forces to collector elements and to the vertical elements of the seismic-force-resisting system.

18.12.3.2 Elements of a structural diaphragm system that are subjected primarily to axial forces and used to transfer diaphragm shear or Àexural forces around openings or other discontinuities shall satisfy the requirements for collectors in 18.12.7.5 and 18.12.7.6.

R18.12.3 Seismic load path

R18.12.3.2 This provision applies to strut-like elements that occur around openings, diaphragm edges, or other discontinuities in diaphragms. Figure R18.12.3.2 shows an example. Such elements can be subjected to earthquake axial forces in combination with bending and shear from earthquake or gravity loads.

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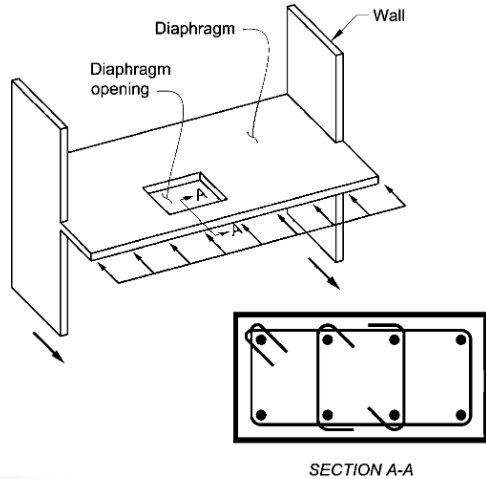
Fig. R18.12.3.2—Example of diaphragm subject to the requirements of 18.12.3.2 and showing an element having confinement as required by 18.12.7.5.

18.12.4 Cast-in-place composite topping slab diaphragms

18.12.4.1 A cast-in-place composite topping slab on a precast floor or roof shall be permitted as a structural diaphragm, provided the cast-in-place topping slab is reinforced and the surface of the previously hardened concrete on which the topping slab is placed is clean, free of laitance, and intentionally roughened.

18.12.5 Cast-in-place noncomposite topping slab diaphragms

18.12.5.1 A cast-in-place noncomposite topping on a precast floor or roof shall be permitted as a structural diaphragm, provided the cast-in-place topping slab acting alone is designed and detailed to resist the design earthquake forces.

18.12.6 Minimum thickness of diaphragms

18.12.6.1 Concrete slabs and composite topping slabs serving as diaphragms used to transmit earthquake forces shall be at least 50 mm thick. Topping slabs placed over precast floor or roof elements, acting as diaphragms and not relying on composite action with the precast elements to resist the design earthquake forces, shall be at least 65 mm thick.

18.12.7 Reinforcement

18.12.7.1 The minimum reinforcement ratio for diaphragms shall be in conformance with 24.4. Except for

R18.12.4 Cast-in-place composite topping slab diaphragms

R18.12.4.1 A bonded topping slab is required so that the floor or roof system can provide restraint against slab buckling. Reinforcement is required to ensure the continuity of the shear transfer across precast joints. The connection requirements are introduced to promote a complete system with necessary shear transfers.

R18.12.5 Cast-in-place noncomposite topping slab diaphragms

R18.12.5.1 Composite action between the topping slab and the precast floor elements is not required, provided that the topping slab is designed to resist the design earthquake forces.

R18.12.6 Minimum thickness of diaphragms

R18.12.6.1 The minimum thickness of concrete diaphragms reflects current practice in joist and waffle systems and composite topping slabs on precast floor and roof systems. Thicker slabs are required if the topping slab is not designed to act compositely with the precast system to resist the design earthquake forces.

R18.12.7 Reinforcement

R18.12.7.1 Minimum reinforcement ratios for diaphragms correspond to the required amount of temperature and

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post-tensioned slabs, reinforcement spacing each way in floor or roof systems shall not exceed 450 mm. Where welded wire reinforcement is used as the distributed reinforcement to resist shear in topping slabs placed over precast floor and roof elements, the wires parallel to the joints between the precast elements shall be spaced not less than 250 mm on center. Reinforcement provided for shear strength shall be continuous and shall be distributed uniformly across the shear plane.

18.12.7.2 Bonded tendons used as reinforcement to resist collector forces, diaphragm shear, or flexural tension shall be designed such that the stress due to design earthquake forces does not exceed 420 MPa. Precompression from unbonded tendons shall be permitted to resist diaphragm design forces if a seismic load path is provided.

18.12.7.3 All reinforcement used to resist collector forces, diaphragm shear, or flexural tension shall be developed or spliced for f_y in tension.

18.12.7.4 Type 2 splices are required where mechanical splices are used to transfer forces between the diaphragm and the vertical elements of the seismic-force-resisting system.

18.12.7.5 Collector elements with compressive stresses exceeding $0.2f_c'$ at any section shall have transverse reinforcement satisfying 18.7.5.2(a) through (e) and 18.7.5.3, except the spacing limit of 18.7.5.3(a) shall be one-third of the least dimension of the collector. The amount of transverse reinforcement shall be in accordance with Table 18.12.7.5. The specified transverse reinforcement is permitted to be discontinued at a section where the calculated compressive stress is less than $0.15f_c'$.

If design forces have been amplified to account for the overstrength of the vertical elements of the seismic-force-resisting system, the limit of $0.2f_c'$ shall be increased to $0.5f_c'$, and the limit of $0.15f_c'$ shall be increased to $0.4f_c'$.

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shrinkage reinforcement (refer to 24.4). The maximum spacing for reinforcement is intended to control the width of inclined cracks. Minimum average prestress requirements (refer to 24.4.4.1) are considered to be adequate to limit the crack widths in post-tensioned floor systems; therefore, the maximum spacing requirements do not apply to these systems.

The minimum spacing requirement for welded wire reinforcement in topping slabs on precast floor systems is to avoid fracture of the distributed reinforcement during an earthquake. Cracks in the topping slab open immediately above the boundary between the flanges of adjacent precast members, and the wires crossing those cracks are restrained by the transverse wires (Wood et al. 2000). Therefore, all the deformation associated with cracking should be accommodated in a distance not greater than the spacing of the transverse wires. A minimum spacing of 250 mm for the transverse wires is required to reduce the likelihood of fracture of the wires crossing the critical cracks during a design earthquake. The minimum spacing requirements do not apply to diaphragms reinforced with individual bars, because strains are distributed over a longer length.

R18.12.7.3 Bar development and lap splices are designed according to requirements of Chapter 25 for reinforcement in tension. Reductions in development or splice length for calculated stresses less than f_y are not permitted, as indicated in 25.4.10.2.

R18.12.7.5 In documents such as the NEHRP Provisions (FEMA P750), ASCE/SEI 7, the 2012 IBC, and the Uniform Building Code (ICBO 1997), collector elements of diaphragms are designed for forces amplified by a factor Ω_o to account for the overstrength in the vertical elements of the seismic-force-resisting systems. The amplification factor Ω_o ranges between 2 and 3 for most concrete structures, depending on the document selected and on the type of seismic-force-resisting system. In some documents, the factor can be calculated based on the maximum forces that can be developed by the elements of the vertical seismic-force-resisting system.

Compressive stress calculated for the factored forces on a linearly elastic model based on gross section of the structural diaphragm is used as an index value to determine whether confining reinforcement is required. A calculated compres-

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Table 18.12.7.5 —Transverse reinforcement for collector elements

Transverse reinforcement	Applicable expressions	
A_{sh}/sb_c for rectilinear hoop	$0.09\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(a)
ρ_s for spiral or circular hoop	Greater of: $0.45\left[\dfrac{A_g}{A_{ch}}-1\right]\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(b)
	$0.12\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(c)

18.12.7.6 Longitudinal reinforcement detailing for collector elements at splices and anchorage zones shall satisfy (a) or (b):

(a) Center-to-center spacing of at least three longitudinal bar diameters, but not less than 40 mm, and concrete clear cover of at least two and one-half longitudinal bar diameters, but not less than 50 mm

(b) Area of transverse reinforcement, providing A_v at least the greater of $0.062\sqrt{f_c'}(b_w s/f_{yt})$ and $0.35 b_w s/f_{yt}$, except as required in 18.12.7.5

18.12.8 Flexural strength

18.12.8.1 Diaphragms and portions of diaphragms shall be designed for flexure in accordance with Chapter 12. The effects of openings shall be considered.

18.12.9 Shear strength

18.12.9.1 V_n of diaphragms shall not exceed:

$$V_n = A_{cv}\left(0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+\rho_t f_y\right) \qquad (18.12.9.1)$$

For cast-in-place topping slab diaphragms on precast floor or roof members, A_{cv} shall be calculated using only

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sive stress of $0.2f_c'$, or $0.5f_c'$ for forces amplified by Ω_o, is assumed to indicate that integrity of the entire structure depends on the ability of that member to resist substantial compressive force under severe cyclic loading. Transverse reinforcement is required at such locations to provide confinement for the concrete and the reinforcement.

R18.12.7.6 This section is intended to reduce the possibility of bar buckling and provide adequate bar development conditions in the vicinity of splices and anchorage zones.

R18.12.8 Flexural strength

R18.12.8.1 Flexural strength for diaphragms is calculated using the same assumptions as for walls, columns, or beams. The design of diaphragms for flexure and other actions uses the applicable load combinations of 5.3.1 to consider earthquake forces acting concurrently with gravity or other loads.

The influence of slab openings on flexural and shear strength is to be considered, including evaluating the potential critical sections created by the openings. Strut-and-tie models are potentially useful for designing diaphragms with openings.

Earlier design practice assumed design moments for diaphragms were resisted entirely by chord forces acting at opposite edges of the diaphragm. This idealization was implicit in earlier versions of the Code, but has been replaced by an approach in which all longitudinal reinforcement, within the limits of 18.12.7, is assumed to contribute to the flexural strength of the diaphragm. This change reduces the required area of longitudinal reinforcement concentrated near the edge of the diaphragm, but should not be interpreted as a requirement to eliminate all boundary reinforcement.

R18.12.9 Shear strength—The shear strength requirements for diaphragms are similar to those for slender structural walls and are based on the shear provisions for beams. The term A_{cv} refers to the gross area of the diaphragm, but may not exceed the thickness times the width of the diaphragm. This corresponds to the gross area of the effective deep beam that forms the diaphragm. Distributed slab reinforcement ρ_t used to calculate shear strength of a

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the thickness of topping slab for noncomposite topping slab diaphragms and the combined thickness of cast-in-place and precast elements for composite topping slab diaphragms. For composite topping slab diaphragms, the value of f_c' used to calculate V_n shall not exceed the lesser of f_c' for the precast members and f_c' for the topping slab.

18.12.9.2 V_n of diaphragms shall not exceed $0.66A_{cv}\sqrt{f_c'}$.

18.12.9.3 Above joints between precast elements in noncomposite and composite cast-in-place topping slab diaphragms, V_n shall not exceed:

$$V_n = A_{vf}f_y\mu \qquad (18.12.9.3)$$

where A_{vf} is the total area of shear friction reinforcement within the topping slab, including both distributed and boundary reinforcement, that is oriented perpendicular to joints in the precast system and coefﬁcient of friction, μ, is 1.0λ, where λ is given in 19.2.4. At least one-half of A_{vf} shall be uniformly distributed along the length of the potential shear plane. The area of distributed reinforcement in the topping slab shall satisfy 24.4.3.2 in each direction.

18.12.9.4 Above joints between precast elements in noncomposite and composite cast-in-place topping slab diaphragms, V_n shall not exceed the limits in 22.9.4.4, where A_c is calculated using only the thickness of the topping slab.

18.12.10 Construction joints

18.12.10.1 Construction joints in diaphragms shall be speciﬁed according to 26.5.6, and contact surfaces shall be roughened consistent with condition (b) of Table 22.9.4.2.

18.12.11 Structural trusses

18.12.11.1 Structural truss elements with compressive stresses exceeding $0.2f_c'$ at any section shall have transverse reinforcement, in accordance with 18.7.5.2, 18.7.5.3, 18.7.5.7, and Table 18.12.11.1, over the length of the element.

diaphragm in Eq. (18.12.9.1) is positioned perpendicular to the diaphragm ﬂexural reinforcement. Provision 18.12.9.2 limits the maximum shear strength of the diaphragm.

In addition to satisfying 18.12.9.1 and 18.12.9.2, cast-in-place topping slab diaphragms must also satisfy 18.12.9.3 and 18.12.9.4. Cast-in-place topping slabs on a precast ﬂoor or roof system tend to have shrinkage cracks that are aligned with the joints between adjacent precast members. Therefore, the additional shear strength requirements for topping slab diaphragms in 18.12.9.3 are based on a shear friction model (Wood et al. 2000), and the assumed crack plane corresponds to joints in the precast system along the direction of the applied shear, as shown in Fig. R22.9.4.3. The coefﬁcient of friction, μ, in the shear friction model is taken equal to 1.0 for normalweight concrete due to the presence of these shrinkage cracks.

Both distributed and boundary reinforcement in the topping slab may be considered as shear friction reinforcement A_{vf}. Boundary reinforcement within the diaphragm was called chord reinforcement in ACI 318 before 2008. Although the boundary reinforcement also resists forces due to moment and axial force in the diaphragm, the reduction in the shear friction resistance in the tension zone is offset by the increase in shear friction resistance in the compression zone. Therefore, the area of boundary reinforcement used to resist shear friction need not be added to the area of boundary reinforcement used to resist moment and axial force. The distributed topping slab reinforcement must contribute at least one-half of the nominal shear strength. It is assumed that connections between the precast elements do not contribute to the shear strength of the topping slab diaphragm.

Provision 18.12.9.4 limits the maximum shear that may be transmitted by shear friction within a topping slab diaphragm.

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R18.12.11 Structural trusses

R18.12.11.1 The expressions for transverse reinforcement A_{sh} are based on ensuring compression capacity of an equivalent column section is maintained after spalling of cover concrete.

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Table 18.12.11.1—Transverse reinforcement for structural trusses

Transverse reinforcement	Applicable expressions		
A_{sh}/sb_c for rectilinear hoop	Greater of:	$0.3\left[\dfrac{A_g}{A_{ch}}-1\right]\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(a)
		$0.09\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(b)
ρ_s for spiral or circular hoop	Greater of:	$0.45\left[\dfrac{A_g}{A_{ch}}-1\right]\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(c)
		$0.12\dfrac{f_c'}{f_{yt}}$	(d)

18.12.11.2 All continuous reinforcement in structural truss elements shall be developed or spliced for f_y in tension.

18.13—Foundations

18.13.1 Scope

18.13.1.1 This section shall apply to foundations resisting earthquake-induced forces or transferring earthquake-induced forces between structure and ground in structures assigned to SDC D, E, or F.

18.13.1.2 The provisions in this section for piles, drilled piers, caissons, and slabs-on-ground shall supplement other applicable Code design and construction criteria, including 1.4.5 and 1.4.6.

18.13.2 Footings, foundation mats, and pile caps

18.13.2.1 Longitudinal reinforcement of columns and structural walls resisting forces induced by earthquake effects shall extend into the footing, mat, or pile cap, and shall be fully developed for tension at the interface.

18.13.2.2 Columns designed assuming ¿xed-end conditions at the foundation shall comply with 18.13.2.1 and, if hooks are required, longitudinal reinforcement resisting Àexure shall have 90-degree hooks near the bottom of the foundation with the free end of the bars oriented toward the center of the column.

18.13.2.3 Columns or boundary elements of special structural walls that have an edge within one-half the footing depth from an edge of the footing shall have transverse reinforcement in accordance with 18.7.5.2 through 18.7.5.4 provided below the top of the footing. This reinforcement shall extend into the footing, mat, or pile cap a length equal to the development length, calculated for f_y in tension, of the column or boundary element longitudinal reinforcement.

R18.13—Foundations

R18.13.1 Scope—Requirements for foundations supporting buildings assigned to SDC D, E, or F represent a consensus of a minimum level of good practice in designing and detailing concrete foundations including piles, drilled piers, and caissons. It is desirable that inelastic response in strong ground motion occurs above the foundations, as repairs to foundations can be extremely dif¿cult and expensive.

R18.13.2 Footings, foundation mats, and pile caps

R18.13.2.2 Tests (Nilsson and Losberg 1976) have demonstrated that Àexural members terminating in a footing, slab, or beam (a T-joint) should have their hooks turned inward toward the axis of the member for the joint to be able to resist the Àexure in the member forming the stem of the T.

R18.13.2.3 Columns or boundary members supported close to the edge of the foundation, as often occurs near property lines, should be detailed to prevent an edge failure of the footing, pile cap, or mat.

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18.13.2.4 Where earthquake effects create uplift forces in boundary elements of special structural walls or columns, flexural reinforcement shall be provided in the top of the footing, mat, or pile cap to resist actions resulting from the factored load combinations, and shall be at least that required by 7.6.1 or 9.6.1.

18.13.2.5 Structural plain concrete in footings and basement walls shall be in accordance with 14.1.4.

18.13.3 Grade beams and slabs-on-ground

18.13.3.1 Grade beams designed to act as horizontal ties between pile caps or footings shall have continuous longitudinal reinforcement that shall be developed within or beyond the supported column or anchored within the pile cap or footing at all discontinuities.

18.13.3.2 Grade beams designed to act as horizontal ties between pile caps or footings shall be sized such that the smallest cross-sectional dimension shall be at least equal to the clear spacing between connected columns divided by 20, but need not exceed 450 mm. Closed ties shall be provided at a spacing not to exceed the lesser of one-half the smallest orthogonal cross-sectional dimension and 300 mm.

18.13.3.3 Grade beams and beams that are part of a mat foundation subjected to flexure from columns that are part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be in accordance with 18.6.

18.13.3.4 Slabs-on-ground that resist earthquake forces from walls or columns that are part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be designed as diaphragms in accordance with 18.12. The construction documents shall clearly indicate that the slab-on-ground is a structural diaphragm and part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

18.13.4 Piles, piers, and caissons

18.13.4.1 Piles, piers, or caissons resisting tension loads shall have continuous longitudinal reinforcement over the length resisting design tension forces. The longitudinal reinforcement shall be detailed to transfer tension forces within the pile cap to supported structural members.

18.13.4.2 Where tension forces induced by earthquake effects are transferred between pile cap or mat foundation and precast pile by reinforcing bars grouted or post-installed in the top of the pile, the grouting system shall have been demonstrated by test to develop at least $1.25f_y$ of the bar.

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R18.13.2.4 The purpose of this section is to emphasize that top reinforcement may be required, in addition to other required reinforcement.

R18.13.2.5 Foundation or basement walls should be reinforced in buildings assigned to SDC D, E, or F.

R18.13.3 Grade beams and slabs-on-ground—For earthquake conditions, slabs-on-ground (soil-supported slabs) are often part of the lateral-force-resisting system and should be designed in accordance with this Code as well as other appropriate standards or guidelines (refer to 1.4.7).

R18.13.3.2 Grade beams between pile caps or footings can be separate beams beneath the slab-on-ground or can be a thickened portion of the slab-on-ground. The cross-sectional limitation and minimum tie requirements provide reasonable proportions.

R18.13.3.3 Grade beams resisting flexural stresses from column moments should have reinforcement details similar to the beams of the frame above the foundation.

R18.13.3.4 Slabs-on-ground often act as a diaphragm to tie the building together at the ground level and minimize the effects of out-of-phase ground motion that may occur over the footprint of the building. In these cases, the slab-on-ground should be adequately reinforced and detailed. The construction documents should clearly state that these slabs-on-ground are structural members so as to prohibit saw cutting of the slab.

R18.13.4 Piles, piers, and caissons—Adequate performance of piles and caissons for earthquake effects requires that these provisions be met in addition to other applicable standards or guidelines (refer to R1.4.5).

R18.13.4.1 A load path is necessary at pile caps to transfer tension forces from the reinforcing bars in the column or boundary member through the pile cap to the reinforcement of the pile or caisson.

R18.13.4.2 Grouted dowels in a blockout in the top of a precast concrete pile need to be developed, and testing is a practical means of demonstrating strength. Alternatively, reinforcing bars can be cast in the upper portion of the pile,

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exposed by chipping of concrete and mechanically spliced or welded to an extension.

18.13.4.3 Piles, piers, or caissons shall have transverse reinforcement in accordance with 18.7.5.2(a) through (e), 18.7.5.3, and 18.7.5.4 excluding requirements of (c) and (f) of Table 18.7.5.4 at locations (a) and (b):

(a) At the top of the member for at least ¿ve times the member cross-sectional dimension, and at least 1.8 m below the bottom of the pile cap
(b) For the portion of piles in soil that is not capable of providing lateral support, or in air and water, along the entire unsupported length plus the length required in (a).

R18.13.4.3 During earthquakes, piles can be subjected to extremely high ¿exural demands at points of discontinuity, especially just below the pile cap and near the base of a soft or loose soil deposit. The Code requirement for con¿nement reinforcement at the top of the pile is based on numerous failures observed at this location in earthquakes. Transverse reinforcement is required in this region to provide ductile performance. Possible inelastic action in the pile at abrupt changes in soil deposits should also be considered, such as changes from soft to ¿rm or loose to dense soil layers. Where precast piles are to be used, the potential for the pile tip to be driven to an elevation different than that speci¿ed in the construction documents needs to be considered when detailing the pile. If the pile reaches refusal at a shallower depth, a longer length of pile will need to be cut off. If this possibility is not foreseen, the length of transverse reinforcement required by this provision may not be available after the excess pile length is cut off.

18.13.4.4 For precast concrete driven piles, the length of transverse reinforcement provided shall be suf¿cient to account for potential variations in the elevation of pile tips.

18.13.4.5 Concrete piles, piers, or caissons in foundations supporting one- and two-story stud bearing wall construction are exempt from the transverse reinforcement requirements of 18.13.4.3 and 18.13.4.4.

18.13.4.6 Pile caps incorporating batter piles shall be designed to resist the full compressive strength of the batter piles acting as short columns. The slenderness effects of batter piles shall be considered for the portion of the piles in soil that is not capable of providing lateral support, or in air or water.

R18.13.4.6 Extensive structural damage has often been observed at the junction of batter piles and buildings. The pile cap and surrounding structure should be designed for the potentially large forces that can be developed in batter piles.

18.14—Members not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system

18.14.1 Scope

18.14.1.1 This section shall apply to members not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system in structures assigned to SDC D, E, and F.

18.14.2 Design actions

18.14.2.1 Members not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be evaluated for gravity load combinations of (1.2D + 1.0L + 0.2S) or 0.9D, whichever is critical, acting simultaneously with the design displacement δ_u. The load factor on the live load, L, shall be permitted to be reduced to 0.5 except for garages, areas occupied as places of public assembly, and all areas where L is greater than 4.8 kN/m^2.

R18.14—Members not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system

This section applies only to structures assigned to SDC D, E, or F. For those SDCs, all structural members not designated as a part of the seismic-force-resisting system are required to be designed to support gravity loads while subjected to the design displacement. For concrete structures, the provisions of this section satisfy this requirement for columns, beams, slabs, and wall piers of the gravity system. Provision 18.14.2 de¿nes the load and displacement combinations that must be considered.

Design displacement is de¿ned in Chapter 2. Models used to determine design displacement of buildings should be chosen to produce results that conservatively bound the values expected during the design earthquake and should include, as appropriate, effects of concrete cracking, foundation ¿exibility, and deformation of ¿oor and roof diaphragms.

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The provisions of 18.14 are intended to enable ductile flexural yielding of columns, beams, slabs, and wall piers under the design displacement, by providing sufficient confinement and shear strength in elements that yield.

18.14.3 Cast-in-place beams, columns, and joints

R18.14.3 Cast-in-place beams, columns, and joints

18.14.3.1 Cast-in-place beams and columns shall be detailed in accordance with 18.14.3.2 or 18.14.3.3 depending on the magnitude of moments and shears induced in those members when subjected to the design displacement δ_u. If effects of δ_u are not explicitly checked, the provisions of 18.14.3.3 shall be satisfied.

R18.14.3.1 Cast-in-place columns and beams are assumed to yield if the combined effects of factored gravity loads and design displacements exceed the strengths specified, or if the effects of design displacements are not calculated. Requirements for transverse reinforcement and shear strength vary with member type and whether the member yields under the design displacement.

18.14.3.2 Where the induced moments and shears do not exceed the design moment and shear strength of the frame member, (a) through (c) shall be satisfied:

(a) Beams shall satisfy 18.6.3.1. Transverse reinforcement shall be provided throughout the length of the beam at spacing not to exceed $d/2$. Where factored axial force exceeds $A_g f_c'/10$, transverse reinforcement shall be hoops satisfying 18.7.5.2 at spacing s_o, according to 18.14.3.2(b).
(b) Columns shall satisfy 18.7.4.1, 18.7.5.2, and 18.7.6. The maximum longitudinal spacing of hoops shall be s_o for the full column length. Spacing s_o shall not exceed the lesser of six diameters of the smallest longitudinal bar enclosed and 150 mm
(c) Columns with factored gravity axial forces exceeding $0.35P_o$ shall satisfy 18.14.3.2(b) and 18.7.5.7. The amount of transverse reinforcement provided shall be one-half of that required by 18.7.5.4 and spacing shall not exceed s_o for the full column length.

18.14.3.3 Where the induced moments or shears exceed ϕM_n or ϕV_n of the frame member, or if induced moments or shears are not calculated, (a) through (d) shall be satisfied:

(a) Materials, mechanical splices, and welded splices shall satisfy the requirements for special moment frames in 18.2.5 through 18.2.8.
(b) Beams shall satisfy 18.14.3.2(a) and 18.6.5.
(c) Columns shall satisfy 18.7.4, 18.7.5, and 18.7.6.
(d) Joints shall satisfy 18.8.3.1.

18.14.4 Precast beams and columns

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18.14.4.1 Precast concrete frame members assumed not to contribute to lateral resistance, including their connections, shall satisfy (a) through (d):

(a) Requirements of 18.14.3
(b) Ties specified in 18.14.3.2(b) over the entire column height, including the depth of the beams

R18.14.4.1 Damage to some buildings with precast concrete gravity systems during the 1994 Northridge earthquake was attributed to several factors addressed in this section. Columns should contain ties over their entire height, frame members not proportioned to resist earthquake forces should be tied together, and longer bearing lengths should be used to maintain integrity of the gravity system during ground motion. The 50 mm increase in bearing length is

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(c) Structural integrity reinforcement, in accordance with 4.10

(d) Bearing length at the support of a beam shall be at least 50 mm longer than determined from 16.2.6

18.14.5 Slab-column connections

18.14.5.1 For slab-column connections of two-way slabs without beams, slab shear reinforcement satisfying the requirements of 8.7.6 or 8.7.7 shall be provided at any slab critical section de¿ ned in 22.6.4.1 if $\Delta_x/h_{sx} \geq 0.035 - (1/20)$ $(v_{ug}/\phi v_c)$. Required slab shear reinforcement shall provide $v_s \geq 0.29\sqrt{f_c'}$ at the slab critical section and shall extend at least four times the slab thickness from the face of the support adjacent to the slab critical section. The shear reinforcement requirements of this provision shall not apply if $\Delta_x/h_{sx} \leq 0.005$.

The value of (Δ_x/h_{sx}) shall be taken as the greater of the values of the adjacent stories above and below the slab-column connection. v_c shall be calculated in accordance with 22.6.5. v_{ug} is the factored shear stress on the slab critical section for two-way action due to gravity loads without moment transfer.

18.14.6 Wall piers

18.14.6.1 Wall piers not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall satisfy the requirements of 18.10.8. Where the general building code includes provisions to account for overstrength of the seismic-force-resisting system, it shall be permitted to calculate the design shear force as Ω_o times the shear induced under design displacements, δ_u.

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based on an assumed 4 percent story drift ratio and 1.3 m beam depth, and is considered to be conservative for the ground motions expected for structures assigned to SDC D, E, or F. In addition to this provision, precast frame members assumed not to contribute to lateral resistance should also satisfy the requirements for cast-in-place construction addressed in 18.14.3, as applicable.

R18.14.5 Slab-column connections

R18.14.5.1 Provisions for shear reinforcement at slab-column connections are intended to reduce the likelihood of slab punching shear failure if the design story drift ratio exceeds the value speci¿ ed.

No calculation of induced moments is required, based on research (Megally and Ghali 2002; Moehle 1996) that identi¿ es the likelihood of punching shear failure considering the story drift ratio and shear stress due to gravity loads without moment about the slab critical section. Figure R18.14.5.1 illustrates the requirement. The requirement can be satis¿ ed by adding slab shear reinforcement, increasing slab thickness, changing the design to reduce the design story drift ratio, or a combination of these.

If column capitals, drop panels, shear caps, or other changes in slab thickness are used, the requirements of 18.14.5 are evaluated at all potential critical sections, as required by 22.6.5.1.
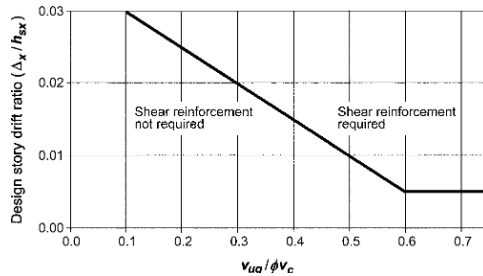
Fig. R18.14.5.1—Illustration of the criterion of 18.14.5.1.

R18.14.6 Wall piers

R18.14.6.1 Section 18.10.8 requires that the design shear force be determined according to 18.7.6.1, which in some cases may result in unrealistically large forces. As an alternative, the design shear force can be determined as the product of an overstrength factor and the shear induced when the wall pier is displaced by δ_u. The overstrength factor Ω_o included in FEMA P749, ASCE/SEI 7, and the 2012 IBC can be used for this purpose.

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CHAPTER 19—CONCRETE: DESIGN AND DURABILITY REQUIREMENTS

19.1—Scope

19.1.1 This chapter shall apply to concrete, including:

(a) Properties to be used for design
(b) Durability requirements

19.1.2 This chapter shall apply to durability requirements for grout used for bonded tendons in accordance with 19.4.

19.2—Concrete design properties

19.2.1 Speci¿ed compressive strength

19.2.1.1 The value of f_c' shall be speci¿ed in construction documents and shall be in accordance with (a) through (c):

(a) Limits in Table 19.2.1.1
(b) Durability requirements in Table 19.3.2.1
(c) Structural strength requirements

Table 19.2.1.1—Limits for f_c'

Application	Concrete	Minimum f_c', MPa	Maximum f_c', MPa
General	Normalweight and lightweight	17	None
Special moment frames and special structural walls	Normalweight	21	None
	Lightweight	21	35[1]

[1]The limit is permitted to be exceeded where demonstrated by experimental evidence that members made with lightweight concrete provide strength and toughness equal to or exceeding those of comparable members made with normalweight concrete of the same strength.

19.2.1.2 The speci¿ed compressive strength shall be used for proportioning of concrete mixtures in 26.4.3 and for testing and acceptance of concrete in 26.12.3.

19.2.1.3 Unless otherwise speci¿ed, f_c' shall be based on 28-day tests. If other than 28 days, test age for f_c' shall be indicated in the construction documents.

19.2.2 Modulus of elasticity

19.2.2.1 Modulus of elasticity, E_c, for concrete shall be permitted to be calculated as (a) or (b):

(a) For values of w_c between 1440 and 2560 kg/m^3

$$E_c = w_c^{1.5} 0.043 \sqrt{f_c'} \text{ (in MPa)} \qquad (19.2.2.1.a)$$

(b) For normalweight concrete

$$E_c = 4700 \sqrt{f_c'} \text{ (in MPa)} \qquad (19.2.2.1.b)$$

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R19.2—Concrete design properties

R19.2.1 Speci¿ed compressive strength—Requirements for concrete mixtures are based on the philosophy that concrete should provide both adequate strength and durability. The Code de¿nes a minimum value of f_c' for structural concrete. There is no limit on the maximum value of f_c' except as required by speci¿c Code provisions.

Concrete mixtures proportioned in accordance with 26.4.3 should achieve an average compressive strength that exceeds the value of f_c' used in the structural design calculations. The amount by which the average strength of concrete exceeds f_c' is based on statistical concepts. When concrete is designed to achieve a strength level greater than f_c', it ensures that the concrete strength tests will have a high probability of meeting the strength acceptance criteria in 26.12.3. The durability requirements prescribed in Table 19.3.2.1 are to be satis¿ed in addition to meeting the minimum f_c' of 19.2.1. Under some circumstances, durability requirements may dictate a higher f_c' than that required for structural purposes.

For design of special moment frames and special structural walls used to resist earthquake forces, the Code limits the maximum f_c' of lightweight concrete to 35 MPa. This limit is imposed primarily because of a paucity of experimental and ¿eld data on the behavior of members made with lightweight concrete subjected to displacement reversals in the nonlinear range.

The Code also limits f_c' for design of anchors to concrete. The requirements are in 17.2.7.

R19.2.2 Modulus of elasticity

R19.2.2.1 Studies leading to the expression for modulus of elasticity of concrete are summarized in Pauw (1960), where E_c is de¿ned as the slope of the line drawn from a stress of zero to a compressive stress of $0.45f_c'$. The modulus of elasticity for concrete is sensitive to the modulus of elasticity of aggregate and mixture proportions of the concrete. Measured elastic modulus values can range from 80 to 120 percent of calculated values. ASTM C469M provides a test method for determining the modulus of elasticity for concrete in compression.

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19.2.3 Modulus of rupture

19.2.3.1 Modulus of rupture, f_r, for concrete shall be calculated by:

$$f_r = 0.62\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} \qquad (19.2.3.1)$$

where the value of λ is in accordance with 19.2.4.

19.2.4 Lightweight concrete

19.2.4.1 To account for the properties of lightweight concrete, a modification factor λ is used as a multiplier of $\sqrt{f_c'}$ in all applicable provisions of this Code.

19.2.4.2 The value of λ shall be based on the composition of the aggregate in the concrete mixture in accordance with Table 19.2.4.2 or as permitted in 19.2.4.3.

Table 19.2.4.2—Modification factor λ

Concrete	Composition of aggregates	λ
All-lightweight	Fine: ASTM C330M Coarse: ASTM C330M	0.75
Lightweight, fine blend	Fine: Combination of ASTM C330M and C33M Coarse: ASTM C330M	0.75 to 0.85[1]
Sand-lightweight	Fine: ASTM C33M Coarse: ASTM C330M	0.85
Sand-lightweight, coarse blend	Fine: ASTM C33M Coarse: Combination of ASTM C330M and C33M	0.85 to 1[2]
Normalweight	Fine: ASTM C33M Coarse: ASTM C33M	1

[1]Linear interpolation from 0.75 to 0.85 is permitted based on the absolute volume of normalweight fine aggregate as a fraction of the total absolute volume of fine aggregate.

[2]Linear interpolation from 0.85 to 1 is permitted based on the absolute volume of normalweight coarse aggregate as a fraction of the total absolute volume of coarse aggregate.

19.2.4.3 If the measured average splitting tensile strength of lightweight concrete, f_{ct}, is used to calculate λ, laboratory tests shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM C330M to establish the value of f_{ct} and the corresponding value of f_{cm} and λ shall be calculated by:

$$\lambda = \frac{f_{ct}}{0.56\sqrt{f_{cm}}} \leq 1.0 \qquad (19.2.4.3)$$

The concrete mixture tested in order to calculate λ shall be representative of that to be used in the Work.

19.3—Concrete durability requirements

R19.2.4 *Lightweight concrete*—The modification factor λ is used to account for the lower tensile-to-compressive strength ratio of lightweight concrete compared with normalweight concrete. For design using lightweight concrete, shear strength, friction properties, splitting resistance, bond between concrete and reinforcement, and development length requirements are not taken as equivalent to normalweight concrete of the same compressive strength.

Typically, the designer will not know the blends of aggregate necessary to achieve the target design strength and density required for a project. In most cases, local concrete and aggregate suppliers have standard lightweight concrete mixtures and can provide the volumetric fractions of lightweight and normalweight aggregates necessary to achieve the target values. These volumetric fractions can be used to determine the value of λ, or in the absence of such data, it is permissible to use the lower-bound value of λ for the type of lightweight concrete specified.

Two alternative procedures are provided to determine λ. The first alternative is based on the assumption that, for equivalent compressive strength levels, the tensile strength of lightweight concrete is a fixed fraction of the tensile strength of normalweight concrete (Ivey and Buth 1967). The multipliers used for λ are based on data from tests on concrete made with many types of structural lightweight aggregate.

The second alternative procedure to determine λ is based on laboratory tests of lightweight concrete with aggregate source and compressive strength representative of that to be used in the Work. The laboratory tests performed in accordance with ASTM C330M provide a measured average splitting tensile strength f_{ct} and a measured average compressive strength f_{cm} for the lightweight concrete. The value of λ is determined using Eq. (19.2.4.3), which is based on the assumption that the average splitting tensile strength of normalweight concrete is equal to $0.56\sqrt{f_{cm}}$ (Ivey and Buth 1967; Hanson 1961).

R19.3—Concrete durability requirements

Durability of concrete is impacted by the resistance of the concrete to fluid penetration. This is primarily affected by w/cm and the composition of cementitious materials used in concrete. For a given w/cm, the use of fly ash, slag cement,

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silica fume, or a combination of these materials will typically increase the resistance of concrete to Àuid penetration and thus improve concrete durability. The Code places emphasis on w/cm for achieving low permeability to meet durability requirements. ASTM C1202 can be used to provide an indication of concrete's resistance to Àuid penetration.

Because it is dif¿cult to verify accurately the w/cm of concrete, the selected value of f_c' should be consistent with the maximum w/cm required for durability. Selection of an f_c' that is consistent with the maximum permitted w/cm required for durability will permit results of strength tests to be used as a surrogate for w/cm, and thus help ensure that the maximum w/cm is not exceeded in the ¿eld.

As stated in the footnote to Table 19.3.2.1, maximum w/cm limits are not speci¿ed for lightweight concrete because the amount of mixing water that is absorbed by the lightweight aggregates makes calculation of w/cm uncertain. Therefore, the requirement for a minimum f_c' is used to ensure a high-quality cement paste.

Exposure categories de¿ned in Table 19.3.1.1 are subdivided into exposure classes depending on the severity of the exposure. Associated requirements for concrete relative to the exposure classes are provided in 19.3.2.

The Code does not include provisions for especially severe exposures, such as acids or high temperatures.

19.3.1 Exposure categories and classes

19.3.1.1 The licensed design professional shall assign exposure classes in accordance with the severity of the anticipated exposure of members for each exposure category in Table 19.3.1.1.

R19.3.1 Exposure categories and classes

The Code addresses four exposure categories that affect the requirements for concrete to ensure adequate durability:

Exposure Category F applies to exterior concrete that is exposed to moisture and cycles of freezing and thawing, with or without deicing chemicals.

Exposure Category S applies to concrete in contact with soil or water containing deleterious amounts of water-soluble sulfate ions.

Exposure Category W applies to concrete in contact with water but not exposed to freezing and thawing, chlorides, or sulfates.

Exposure Category C applies to nonprestressed and prestressed concrete exposed to conditions that require additional protection against corrosion of reinforcement.

Severity of exposure within each category is de¿ned by classes with increasing numerical values representing increasingly severe exposure conditions. A classi¿cation of 0 is assigned if the exposure severity has negligible effect (is benign) or the exposure category does not apply to the member.

Exposure Category F: Whether concrete is damaged by cycles of freezing and thawing depends on the amount of water in the pores of the concrete at the time of freezing (Powers 1975). The amount of water present may be described in terms of the degree of saturation of the concrete. If the degree of saturation is high enough, there will be suf¿cient water in the concrete pores to produce internal tensile stresses large enough to cause cracking when

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Table 19.3.1.1—Exposure categories and classes

Category	Class	Condition	
Freezing and thawing (F)	F0	Concrete not exposed to freezing-and-thawing cycles	
	F1	Concrete exposed to freezing-and-thawing cycles with limited exposure to water	
	F2	Concrete exposed to freezing-and-thawing cycles with frequent exposure to water	
	F3	Concrete exposed to freezing-and-thawing cycles with frequent exposure to water and exposure to deicing chemicals	
Sulfate (S)		Water-soluble sulfate (SO_4^{2-}) in soil, percent by mass[1]	Dissolved sulfate (SO_4^{2-}) in water, ppm[2]
	S0	$SO_4^{2-} < 0.10$	$SO_4^{2-} < 150$
	S1	$0.10 \leq SO_4^{2-} < 0.20$	$150 \leq SO_4^{2-} < 1500$ or seawater
	S2	$0.20 \leq SO_4^{2-} \leq 2.00$	$1500 \leq SO_4^{2-} \leq 10,000$
	S3	$SO_4^{2-} > 2.00$	$SO_4^{2-} > 10,000$
In contact with water (W)	W0	Concrete dry in service Concrete in contact with water and low permeability is not required	
	W1	Concrete in contact with water and low permeability is required	
Corrosion protection of reinforcement (C)	C0	Concrete dry or protected from moisture	
	C1	Concrete exposed to moisture but not to an external source of chlorides	
	C2	Concrete exposed to moisture and an external source of chlorides from deicing chemicals, salt, brackish water, seawater, or spray from these sources	

[1]Percent sulfate by mass in soil shall be determined by ASTM C1580.

[2]Concentration of dissolved sulfates in water, in ppm, shall be determined by ASTM D516 or ASTM D4130.

the water freezes and expands. The entire member need not be saturated to be susceptible to damage. For example, if the top 10 mm of a slab or outer 6 mm of a wall is saturated, those portions are vulnerable to damage from freezing and thawing, regardless of how dry the interior may be.

For any portion of a member to be resistant to freezing and thawing, that portion of the concrete needs to have sufficient entrained air and adequate strength. Adequate strength is obtained by requiring a low w/cm, which also reduces the pore volume and increases resistance to water penetration. Entrained air makes it more difficult for the concrete to become saturated and allows for expansion of the water when it freezes.

Exposure class varies with degree of exposure to water, as this will influence the likelihood that any portion of the concrete will be saturated when exposed to cyclic freezing and thawing. Conditions that increase the potential for saturation include longer-duration or more-frequent contact with water without intervening drainage or drying periods. The likelihood that concrete in a member will be saturated depends on project location, member location and orientation in the structure, and climate. Records of performance of similar members in existing structures in the same general location can also provide guidance in assigning exposure classes.

Exposure Category F is subdivided into four exposure classes:

(a) Exposure Class F0 is assigned to concrete that will not be exposed to cycles of freezing and thawing.

(b) Exposure Class F1 is assigned to concrete that will be exposed to cycles of freezing and thawing and that will have limited exposure to water. Limited exposure to water implies some contact with water and water absorption; however, it is not anticipated that the concrete will absorb sufficient water to become saturated. The licensed design professional should review the exposure conditions carefully to support the decision that the concrete is not anticipated to become saturated before freezing. Even though concrete in this exposure class is not expected to become saturated, a minimum entrained air content of 3.5 to 6 percent is required to reduce the potential for damage in case portions of the concrete member become saturated.

(c) Exposure Class F2 is assigned to concrete that will be exposed to cycles of freezing and thawing and that will have frequent exposure to water. Frequent exposure to water implies that some portions of the concrete will absorb sufficient water such that over time they will have the potential to be saturated before freezing. If there is doubt about whether to assign Exposure Classes F1 or F2 to a member, the more conservative choice, F2, should be selected. Exposure Classes F1 and F2 are conditions where exposure to deicing chemicals is not anticipated.

(d) Exposure Class F3 is assigned to concrete that will be exposed to cycles of freezing and thawing with the same degree of exposure to water as Exposure Class F2. Addi-

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tionally, concrete in Exposure Class F3 is anticipated to be exposed to deicing chemicals. Deicing chemicals can increase water absorption and retention (Spragg et al. 2011), which would enable the concrete to become saturated more readily.

Table R19.3.1 provides examples of concrete members for each of these exposure classes.

Table R19.3.1—Examples of structural members in Exposure Category F

Exposure class	Examples
F0	• Members in climates where freezing temperatures will not be encountered • Members that are inside structures and will not be exposed to freezing • Foundations not exposed to freezing • Members that are buried in soil below the frost line
F1	• Members that will not be subject to snow and ice accumulation, such as exterior walls, beams, girders, and slabs not in direct contact with soil • Foundation walls may be in this class depending upon their likelihood of being saturated
F2	• Members that will be subject to snow and ice accumulation, such as exterior elevated slabs • Foundation or basement walls extending above grade that have snow and ice buildup against them • Horizontal and vertical members in contact with soil
F3	• Members exposed to deicing chemicals, such as horizontal members in parking structures • Foundation or basement walls extending above grade that can experience accumulation of snow and ice with deicing chemicals

Exposure Category S is subdivided into four exposure classes:

(a) Exposure Class S0 is assigned for conditions where the water-soluble sulfate concentration in contact with concrete is low and injurious sulfate attack is not a concern.
(b) Exposure Classes S1, S2, and S3 are assigned for structural concrete members in direct contact with soluble sulfates in soil or water. The severity of exposure increases from Exposure Class S1 to S3 based on the more critical value of measured water-soluble sulfate concentration in soil or the concentration of dissolved sulfate in water. Seawater exposure is classified as Exposure Class S1.

Exposure Category W is subdivided into two exposure classes:

(a) Members are assigned to Exposure Class W0 if they are dry in service or in contact with water, but there are no specific requirements for low permeability.
(b) Members are assigned to Exposure Class W1 if there is need for concrete with low permeability to water and the penetration of water into concrete might reduce the durability of the member. An example is a foundation wall below the water table.

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Exposure Category C is subdivided into three exposure classes:

(a) Exposure Class C0 is assigned if exposure conditions do not require additional protection against the initiation of corrosion of reinforcement.

(b) Exposure Classes C1 and C2 are assigned to nonprestressed and prestressed concrete members, depending on the degree of exposure to external sources of moisture and chlorides in service. Examples of exposures to external sources of chlorides include concrete in direct contact with deicing chemicals, salt, salt water, brackish water, seawater, or spray from these sources.

19.3.2 Requirements for concrete mixtures

R19.3.2 Requirements for concrete mixtures—Table 19.3.2.1 provides the requirements for concrete on the basis of the assigned exposure classes. The most restrictive requirements are applicable. For example, a member assigned to Exposure Class W1 and Exposure Class S2 would require concrete to comply with a maximum w/cm of 0.45 and a minimum f_c' of 31 MPa because the requirement for Exposure Class S2 is more restrictive than the requirement for Exposure Class W1.

19.3.2.1 Based on the exposure classes assigned from Table 19.3.1.1, concrete mixtures shall conform to the most restrictive requirements in Table 19.3.2.1.

Exposure Classes F1, F2, and F3: In addition to complying with a maximum w/cm limit and a minimum f_c', concrete for members subject to freezing-and-thawing exposures is required to be air entrained in accordance with 19.3.3.1. Members assigned to Exposure Class F3 are additionally required to comply with the limitations on the quantity of pozzolans and slag cement in the composition of the cementitious materials as given in 26.4.2.2(b).

The requirements for plain concrete members in Exposure Class F3 are less restrictive because of the reduced likelihood of problems caused by reinforcement corrosion. The licensed design professional should consider the details of the minimal reinforcement to be included in plain concrete members to ensure that the less restrictive requirements are appropriate for the specific project.

Exposure Classes S1, S2, and S3: Table 19.3.2.1 lists the appropriate types of cement and the maximum w/cm and minimum f_c' for various sulfate exposure conditions. In selecting cement for sulfate resistance, the principal consideration is its tricalcium aluminate (C_3A) content.

Exposure Class S1: ASTM C150M Type II cement is limited to a maximum C_3A content of 8.0 percent and is acceptable for use in Exposure Class S1. Blended cements under ASTM C595M with the MS designation are also appropriate for use. Since 2009, ASTM C595M has included requirements for binary (IP and IS) and ternary (IT) blended cements. The appropriate binary and ternary blended cements under ASTM C595M are Types IP, IS, and IT that includes the sufix (MS) as part of their designation, which indicates the cement meets requirements for moderate sulfate resistance. Under ASTM C1157M, the appropriate designation for moderate sulfate exposure is Type MS.

Exposure Class S2: ASTM C150M Type V cement is limited to a maximum C_3A content of 5.0 percent and is acceptable

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for use in Exposure Class S2. The appropriate binary and ternary blended cements under ASTM C595M are Types IP, IS, and IT that include the suffix (HS) as part of their designation, which indicates the cement conforms to requirements for high sulfate resistance. Under ASTM C1157M, the appropriate designation for severe sulfate exposure is Type HS.

Exposure Class S3: The Code allows the use of ASTM C150M Type V portland cement plus pozzolan or slag cement based on records of successful service, instead of meeting the testing requirements of 26.4.2.2(c). This alternative is also available for ASTM C595M binary and ternary blended cements with the (HS) suffix in their designation and for ASTM C1157M Type HS cements.

The use of fly ash (ASTM C618, Class F), natural pozzolans (ASTM C618, Class N), silica fume (ASTM C1240), or slag cement (ASTM C989M) also has been shown to improve the sulfate resistance of concrete (Li and Roy 1986; ACI 233R; ACI 234R). Therefore, a footnote to Table 19.3.2.1 provides a performance option to determine the appropriate combinations of these materials as an alternative to use of the specific cement types listed. ASTM C1012M is permitted to be used to evaluate the sulfate resistance of mixtures using combinations of cementitious materials in accordance with 26.4.2.2(c).

Some ASTM C595M and ASTM C1157M blended cements can meet the testing requirements of 19.3.4 without addition of pozzolans or slag cement to the blended cement as manufactured.

Beginning in 2012, ASTM C595M introduced requirements for Type IL cements that contain between 5 and 15 percent limestone and IT cements that contain up to 15 percent limestone. Current ASTM C595M requirements do not permit the moderate (MS) or high (HS) sulfate resistance designations for Type IT cements with more than 5 percent limestone or Type IL cements.

Note that sulfate-resisting cement will not increase resistance of concrete to some chemically aggressive solutions—for example, sulfuric acid. The construction documents should explicitly cover such cases.

Seawater is listed under Exposure Class S1 (moderate exposure) in Table 19.3.1.1, even though it generally contains more than 1500 ppm SO_4^{2-}. Portland cement with higher C_3A content improves binding of chlorides present in seawater and the Code permits other types of portland cement with C_3A up to 10 percent if the maximum w/cm is limited to 0.40 (see footnote to Table 19.3.2.1.)

In addition to the proper selection of cementitious materials, other requirements for durable concrete exposed to water-soluble sulfates are essential, such as low w/cm, strength, adequate consolidation, uniformity, adequate cover of reinforcement, and sufficient moist curing to develop the potential properties of the concrete.

Exposure Class W1: This exposure class requires low permeability when in direct contact with water, and the primary means to obtain a concrete with low permeability is to use a low w/cm. For a given w/cm, permeability can be

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reduced by optimizing the cementitious materials used in the concrete mixture.

Exposure Class C2: For nonprestressed and prestressed concrete in Exposure Class C2, the maximum w/cm, minimum specified compressive strength, and minimum cover are the basic requirements to be considered. Conditions should be evaluated for structures exposed to chlorides, such as in parking structures where chlorides may be tracked in by vehicles, or in structures near seawater. Coated reinforcement, corrosion-resistant steel reinforcement, and cover greater than the minimum required in 20.6 can provide additional protection under such conditions. Use of slag cement meeting ASTM C989M or fly ash meeting ASTM C618 and increased levels of specified compressive strength provide increased protection. Use of silica fume meeting ASTM C1240 with an appropriate high-range water reducer, ASTM C494M, Types F and G, or ASTM C1017M can also provide additional protection (Ozyildirim and Halstead 1988). The use of ASTM C1202 to test concrete mixtures proposed for use will provide additional information on the performance of the mixtures.

Chloride limits for Exposure Category C: For Exposure Classes C0, C1, and C2, the chloride ion limits apply. For nonprestressed concrete, the permitted maximum amount of water-soluble chloride ions incorporated into the concrete, measured by ASTM C1218M at ages between 28 and 42 days, depends on the degree of exposure to an anticipated external source of moisture and chlorides. For prestressed concrete, the same limit of 0.06 percent chloride ion by mass of cement applies regardless of exposure.

Additional information on the effects of chlorides on the corrosion of steel reinforcement is given in ACI 201.2R, which provides guidance on concrete durability, and ACI 222R, which provides guidance on factors that impact corrosion of metals in concrete. An initial evaluation of the chloride ion content of the proposed concrete mixture may be obtained by testing individual concrete ingredients for total chloride ion content. If total chloride ion content, calculated on the basis of concrete proportions, exceeds those permitted in Table 19.3.2.1, it may be necessary to test samples of the hardened concrete for water-soluble chloride ion content. Some of the chloride ions present in the ingredients will either be insoluble in water or will react with the cement during hydration and become insoluble under the test procedures described in ASTM C1218M.

When concretes are tested for water-soluble chloride ion content, the tests should be made at an age of 28 to 42 days. The limits in Table 19.3.2.1 are to be applied to chlorides contributed from the concrete ingredients, not those from the environment surrounding the concrete. For nonprestressed concrete that will be dry in service (Exposure Class C0), a limit of 1.00 percent has been included to control the water-soluble chlorides introduced by concrete-making materials.

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Table 19.3.2.1—Requirements for concrete by exposure class

Exposure class	Maximum w/cm[1]	Minimum f_c', MPa	Additional requirements			Limits on cementitious materials
			Air content			
F0	N/A	17	N/A			N/A
F1	0.55	24	Table 19.3.3.1			N/A
F2	0.45	31	Table 19.3.3.1			N/A
F3	0.40[2]	35[2]	Table 19.3.3.1			26.4.2.2(b)
			Cementitious materials[3] — Types			Calcium chloride admixture
			ASTM C150M	ASTM C595M	ASTM C1157M	
S0	N/A	17	No type restriction	No type restriction	No type restriction	No restriction
S1	0.50	28	II[4][5]	Types IP, IS, or IT with (MS) designation	MS	No restriction
S2	0.45	31	V[5]	Types IP, IS, or IT with (HS) designation	HS	Not permitted
S3	0.45	31	V plus pozzolan or slag cement[6]	Types IP, IS, or IT with (HS) designation plus pozzolan or slag cement[6]	HS plus pozzolan or slag cement[6]	Not permitted
W0	N/A	17	None			
W1	0.50	28	None			
			Maximum water-soluble chloride ion (Cl−) content in concrete, percent by weight of cement[7]			
			Nonprestressed concrete	Prestressed concrete	Additional provisions	
C0	N/A	17	1.00	0.06	None	
C1	N/A	17	0.30	0.06		
C2	0.40	35	0.15	0.06	Concrete cover[8]	

[1]The maximum w/cm limits in Table 19.3.2.1 do not apply to lightweight concrete.

[2]For plain concrete, the maximum w/cm shall be 0.45 and the minimum f_c' shall be 31 MPa.

[3]Alternative combinations of cementitious materials to those listed in Table 19.3.2.1 are permitted when tested for sulfate resistance and meeting the criteria in 26.4.2.2(c).

[4]For seawater exposure, other types of portland cements with tricalcium aluminate (C₃A) contents up to 10 percent are permitted if the w/cm does not exceed 0.40.

[5]Other available types of cement such as Type I or Type III are permitted in Exposure Classes S1 or S2 if the C₃A contents are less than 8 percent for Exposure Class S1 or less than 5 percent for Exposure Class S2.

[6]The amount of the specific source of the pozzolan or slag cement to be used shall be at least the amount that has been determined by service record to improve sulfate resistance when used in concrete containing Type V cement. Alternatively, the amount of the specific source of the pozzolan or slag cement to be used shall be at least the amount tested in accordance with ASTM C1012M and meeting the criteria in 26.4.2.2(c).

[7]Water-soluble chloride ion content that is contributed from the ingredients including water, aggregates, cementitious materials, and admixtures shall be determined on the concrete mixture by ASTM C1218M at age between 28 and 42 days.

[8]Concrete cover shall be in accordance with 20.6.

19.3.3 Additional requirements for freezing-and-thawing exposure

19.3.3.1 Normalweight and lightweight concrete subject to freezing-and-thawing Exposure Classes F1, F2, or F3 shall be air entrained. Except as permitted in 19.3.3.3, air content shall conform to Table 19.3.3.1.

R19.3.3 Additional requirements for freezing-and-thawing exposure

R19.3.3.1 A table of required air contents for concrete to resist damage from cycles of freezing and thawing is included in the Code, based on guidance provided for proportioning concrete mixtures in ACI 211.1. Entrained air will not protect concrete containing coarse aggregates that undergo disruptive volume changes when frozen in a saturated condition.

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Table 19.3.3.1—Total air content for concrete exposed to cycles of freezing and thawing

Nominal maximum aggregate size, mm	Target air content, percent	
	F1	F2 and F3
9.5	6	7.5
12.5	5.5	7
19.0	5	6
25.0	4.5	6
37.5	4.5	5.5
50	4	5
75	3.5	4.5

19.3.3.2 Concrete shall be sampled in accordance with ASTM C172M, and air content shall be measured in accordance with ASTM C231M or ASTM C173M.

R19.3.3.2 The sampling of fresh concrete for acceptance based on air content is usually performed as the concrete is discharged from a mixer or a transportation unit (for example, a ready mixed concrete truck) to the conveying equipment used to transfer the concrete to the forms. ASTM C172M primarily covers sampling of concrete as it is discharged from a mixer or a transportation unit, but recognizes that specifications may require sampling at other points such as discharge from a pump. Table 19.3.3.1 was developed for testing as-delivered concrete. ASTM C231M is applicable to normalweight concrete and ASTM C173M is applicable to normalweight or lightweight concrete.

If the licensed design professional requires measurement of air content of fresh concrete at additional sampling locations, such requirements should be stated in the construction documents, including the sampling protocol, test methods to be used, and the criteria for acceptance.

19.3.3.3 For f_c' exceeding 35 MPa, reduction of air content indicated in Table 19.3.3.1 by 1.0 percentage point is permitted.

R19.3.3.3 This section permits a 1.0 percentage point lower air content for concrete with f_c' greater than 35 MPa. Such higher-strength concretes, which have a lower w/cm and porosity, have greater resistance to cycles of freezing and thawing.

19.3.3.4 The maximum percentage of pozzolans, including fly ash and silica fume, and slag cement in concrete assigned to Exposure Class F3, shall be in accordance with 26.4.2.2(b).

R19.3.3.4 This provision is intended for application during concrete mixture proportioning. The provision has been duplicated in 26.4.2.2(b). Additional commentary information is presented in Chapter 26.

19.3.4 Alternative combinations of cementitious materials for sulfate exposure

R19.3.4 Alternative combinations of cementitious materials for sulfate exposure

19.3.4.1 Alternative combinations of cementitious materials to those listed in 19.3.2 are permitted when tested for sulfate resistance. Testing and acceptance criteria shall conform to Table 26.4.2.2(c).

R19.3.4.1 This provision is intended for application during concrete mixture proportioning. The provision has been duplicated in 26.4.2.2(c). Additional commentary information is presented in Chapter 26.

19.4—Grout durability requirements

19.4.1 Water-soluble chloride ion content of grout for bonded tendons shall not exceed 0.06 percent when tested in accordance with ASTM C1218M, measured by mass of chloride ion to mass of cement.

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CHAPTER 20—STEEL REINFORCEMENT PROPERTIES, DURABILITY, AND EMBEDMENTS

20.1—Scope

20.1.1 This chapter shall apply to steel reinforcement, and shall govern (a) through (c):

(a) Material properties
(b) Properties to be used for design
(c) Durability requirements, including minimum speci¿ed cover requirements

20.1.2 Provisions of 20.7 shall apply to embedments.

20.2—Nonprestressed bars and wires

20.2.1 Material properties

20.2.1.1 Nonprestressed bars and wires shall be deformed, except plain bars or wires are permitted for use in spirals.

20.2.1.2 Yield strength of nonprestressed bars and wires shall be determined by either (a) or (b):

(a) The offset method, using an offset of 0.2 percent in accordance with ASTM A370
(b) The yield point by the halt-of-force method, provided the nonprestressed bar or wire has a sharp-kneed or well-de¿ned yield point

20.2.1.3 Deformed bars shall conform to (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e):

(a) ASTM A615M – carbon steel
(b) ASTM A706M – low-alloy steel
(c) ASTM A996M – axle steel and rail steel; bars from rail steel shall be Type R
(d) ASTM A955M – stainless steel
(e) ASTM A1035M – low-carbon chromium steel

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R20.1—Scope

R20.1.1 Materials permitted for use as reinforcement are speci¿ed. Other metal elements, such as inserts, anchor bolts, or plain bars for dowels at isolation or contraction joints, are not normally considered reinforcement under the provisions of this Code. Fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) reinforcement is not addressed in this Code. ACI Committee 440 has developed guidelines for the use of FRP reinforcement (ACI 440.1R and 440.2R).

R20.2—Nonprestressed bars and wires

R20.2.1 Material properties

R20.2.1.2 The majority of nonprestressed steel bar reinforcement exhibits actual stress-strain behavior that is sharply yielding or sharp-kneed (elasto-plastic stress-strain behavior). However, reinforcement products such as bars of higher strength grade, steel wire, coiled steel bar, and stainless steel bars and wire generally do not exhibit sharply-yielding stress-strain behavior, but instead are gradually-yielding. The method used to measure yield strength of reinforcement needs to provide for both types of reinforcement stress-strain relationships.

A study (Paulson et al. 2013) considering reinforcement manufactured during 2008 through 2012 found that the offset method, using an offset of 0.2 percent, provides for a reasonable estimate of the strength of reinforced concrete structures.

The yield strength is determined by the manufacturer during tensile tests performed at the mill on samples of reinforcement. Test methods for determining yield strength of steel, including the offset method and yield point by halt-of-force method, are referenced either in the ASTM standards for nonprestressed bars and wire or in ASTM A370 Test Methods and De¿nitions.

R20.2.1.3 Low-alloy steel deformed bars conforming to ASTM A706M are intended for applications where controlled tensile properties, restrictions on chemical composition to enhance weldability, or both, are required.

Rail-steel deformed bars used with this Code are required to conform to ASTM A996M, including the provisions for Type R bars. Type R bars are required to meet more restrictive provisions for bend tests than other types of rail steel.

Stainless steel deformed bars are used in applications where high corrosion resistance or controlled magnetic permeability are required.

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Low-carbon chromium steel is a high-strength material that is permitted for use as transverse reinforcement for confinement in special earthquake-resistant structural systems and spirals in columns. Refer to Tables 20.2.2.4a and b. ASTM A1035M provides requirements for bars of two minimum yield strength levels—700 MPa and 830 MPa—designated as Grade 690 and Grade 830, respectively, but the maximum f_{yt} permitted for design calculations in this Code is limited in accordance with 20.2.2.3.

20.2.1.4 Plain bars for spiral reinforcement shall conform to ASTM A615M, A706M, A955M, or A1035M.

R20.2.1.4 Plain bars are permitted only for spiral reinforcement used as transverse reinforcement for columns, transverse reinforcement for shear and torsion, or confining reinforcement for splices.

20.2.1.5 Welded deformed bar mats shall conform to ASTM A184M. Deformed bars used in welded deformed bar mats shall conform to ASTM A615M or A706M.

20.2.1.6 Headed deformed bars shall conform to ASTM A970M, including Annex A1 requirements for Class HA head dimensions.

R20.2.1.6 The limitation to Class HA head dimensions from Annex A1 of ASTM A970M is due to a lack of test data for headed deformed bars that do not meet Class HA dimensional requirements. Heads not conforming to Class HA limits on bar deformation obstructions and bearing face features could cause unintended splitting forces in the concrete that may not be characteristic of the heads used in the tests that were the basis for 25.4.4. For heads conforming to Class HA dimensional requirements, the net bearing area of the head can be assumed to be equal to the gross area of the head minus the area of the bar. This assumption may not be valid for heads not conforming to Class HA dimensional requirements.

20.2.1.7 Deformed wire, plain wire, welded deformed wire reinforcement, and welded plain wire reinforcement shall conform to (a) or (b), except that yield strength shall be determined in accordance with 20.2.1.2:

(a) A1064M – carbon steel
(b) A1022M – stainless steel

R20.2.1.7 Plain wire is permitted only for spiral reinforcement and in welded plain wire reinforcement, the latter of which is considered deformed. Stainless steel wire and stainless steel welded wire reinforcement are used in applications where high corrosion resistance or controlled magnetic permeability is required. The physical and mechanical property requirements for deformed stainless steel wire and deformed and plain welded wire reinforcement under ASTM A1022M are the same as those for deformed wire, deformed welded wire reinforcement, and plain welded wire reinforcement under ASTM A1064M.

20.2.1.7.1 Deformed wire sizes MD25 through MD200 shall be permitted.

R20.2.1.7.1 An upper limit is placed on the size of deformed wire because tests (Rutledge and Devries 2002) have shown that MD290 wire will achieve only approximately 60 percent of the bond strength in tension given by Eq. (25.4.2.3a).

20.2.1.7.2 Deformed wire sizes larger than MD200 shall be permitted in welded wire reinforcement if treated as plain wire for calculation of development and splice lengths in accordance with 25.4.7 and 25.5.4, respectively.

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20.2.1.7.3 Except as permitted for welded wire reinforcement used as stirrups in accordance with 25.7.1, spacing of welded intersections in welded wire reinforcement in the direction of calculated stress shall not exceed (a) or (b):

(a) 400 mm for welded deformed wire reinforcement
(b) 300 mm for welded plain wire reinforcement

20.2.2 Design properties

R20.2.2 Design properties

20.2.2.1 For nonprestressed bars and wires, the stress below f_y shall be E_s times steel strain. For strains greater than that corresponding to f_y, stress shall be considered independent of strain and equal to f_y.

R20.2.2.1 For deformed reinforcement, it is reasonably accurate to assume that the stress in reinforcement is proportional to strain below the specified yield strength f_y. The increase in strength due to the effect of strain hardening of the reinforcement is neglected for nominal strength calculations. In nominal strength calculations, the force developed in tension or compression reinforcement is calculated as:

if $\varepsilon_s < \varepsilon_y$ (yield strain)

$$A_s f_s = A_s E_s \varepsilon_s$$

if $\varepsilon_s \geq \varepsilon_y$

$$A_s f_s = A_s f_y$$

where ε_s is the value from the strain diagram at the location of the reinforcement.

20.2.2.2 Modulus of elasticity, E_s, for nonprestressed bars and wires shall be permitted to be taken as 200,000 MPa.

20.2.2.3 Yield strength for nonprestressed bars and wires shall be based on the specified grade of reinforcement and shall not exceed the values given in 20.2.2.4 for the associated applications.

20.2.2.4 Types of nonprestressed bars and wires to be specified for particular structural applications shall be in accordance with Table 20.2.2.4a for deformed reinforcement and Table 20.2.2.4b for plain reinforcement.

R20.2.2.4 Tables 20.2.2.4a and b limit the maximum values of yield strength to be used in design calculations for nonprestressed deformed reinforcement and nonprestressed plain spiral reinforcement, respectively.

In Table 20.2.2.4a, for deformed reinforcement in special moment frames and special structural walls, the use of longitudinal reinforcement with strength substantially higher than that assumed in design will lead to higher shear and bond stresses at the time of development of yield moments. These conditions may lead to brittle failures in shear or bond and should be avoided even if such failures may occur at higher loads than those anticipated in design. Therefore, a limit is placed on the actual yield strength of the steel (refer to 20.2.2.5). ASTM A706M for low-alloy steel reinforcing bars now includes both Grade 420 and Grade 550; however, only Grade 420 is permitted for special seismic systems because of insufficient data to confirm applicability of existing code provisions for structures using the higher grade. For beams, the deflection provisions of 24.2 and the limitations

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on distribution of flexural reinforcement of 24.3 become increasingly critical as f_y increases.

The maximum value of yield strength for calculation purposes is limited to 700 MPa for both nonprestressed deformed reinforcement and plain spiral reinforcement in Tables 20.2.2.4a and b, respectively, when used for lateral support of longitudinal bars or for concrete confinement. The research that supports this limit for confinement is given in Saatcioglu and Razvi (2002), Pessiki et al. (2001), and Richart et al. (1929). For reinforcement in special moment frames and special structural walls, the research that indicated that higher yield strengths can be used effectively for confinement reinforcement is given in Budek et al. (2002), Muguruma and Watanabe (1990), and Sugano et al. (1990).

The limit of 420 MPa on the values of f_y and f_{yt} used in design for most shear and torsional reinforcement is intended to control width of inclined cracks. The higher yield strength of 550 MPa permitted in shear design for welded deformed wire reinforcement is also intended to control width of inclined cracks and is based on Guimares et al. (1992), Griezic et al. (1994), and Furlong et al. (1991). In particular, full-scale beam tests described in Griezic et al. (1994) indicated that the widths of inclined shear cracks at service load levels were less for beams reinforced with smaller diameter welded deformed wire reinforcement cages designed on the basis of a yield strength of 520 MPa than beams reinforced with deformed Grade 420 stirrups.

Footnote 2 of Table 20.2.2.4a is provided because ASTM A1064M and A1022M only require the welds to develop 240 MPa in the interconnected wires. Hoops, stirrups, and other elements used in special seismic systems should have anchorages that are capable of developing $1.25f_y$ or $1.25f_{yt}$, as applicable, or tensile strength of the bar or wire, whichever is less, so that moderate ductility capacity can be achieved. A welded product that is capable of developing these stress limits could be approved for use through Code Section 1.10.

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Table 20.2.2.4a—Nonprestressed deformed reinforcement

Usage	Application	Maximum value of f_y or f_{yt} permitted for design calculations, MPa	Applicable ASTM specification			
			Deformed bars	Deformed wires	Welded wire reinforcement	Welded deformed bar mats
Flexure; axial force; and shrinkage and temperature	Special seismic systems	420	Refer to 20.2.2.5	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
	Other	550	A615M, A706M, A955M, A996M	A1064M, A1022M	A1064M, A1022M	A184M[1]
Lateral support of longitudinal bars; or concrete confinement	Special seismic systems	700	A615M, A706M, A955M, A996M, A1035M	A1064M, A1022M	A1064M[2], A1022M[2]	Not permitted
	Spirals	700	A615M, A706M, A955M, A996M, A1035M	A1064M, A1022M	Not permitted	Not permitted
	Other	550	A615M, A706M, A955M, A996M	A1064M, A1022M	A1064M, A1022M	Not permitted
Shear	Special seismic systems	420	A615M, A706M, A955M, A996M	A1064M, A1022M	A1064M[2], A1022M[2]	Not permitted
	Spirals	420	A615M, A706M, A955M, A996M	A1064M, A1022M	Not permitted	Not permitted
	Shear friction	420	A615M, A706M, A955M, A996M	A1064M, A1022M	A1064M, A1022M	Not permitted
	Stirrups, ties, hoops	420	A615M, A706M, A955M, A996M	A1064M, A1022M	A1064M and A1022M welded plain wire	Not permitted
		550	Not permitted	Not permitted	A1064M and A1022M welded deformed wire	Not permitted
Torsion	Longitudinal and transverse	420	A615M, A706M, A955M, A996M	A1064M, A1022M	A1064M, A1022M	Not permitted

[1] Welded deformed bar mats shall be permitted to be assembled using A615M or A706M deformed bars.

[2] ASTM A1064M and A1022M are not permitted in special seismic systems where the weld is required to resist stresses in response to confinement, lateral support of longitudinal bars, shear, or other actions.

Table 20.2.2.4b—Nonprestressed plain spiral reinforcement

Usage	Application	Maximum value of f_y or f_{yt} permitted for design calculations, MPa	Applicable ASTM specification	
			Plain bars	Plain wires
Lateral support of longitudinal bars; or concrete confinement	Spirals in special seismic systems	700	A615M, A706M, A955M, A1035M	A1064M, A1022M
	Spirals	700	A615M, A706M, A955M, A1035M	A1064M, A1022M
Shear	Spirals	420	A615M, A706M, A955M, A1035M	A1064M, A1022M
Torsion in nonprestressed beams	Spirals	420	A615M, A706M, A955M, A1035M	A1064M, A1022M

20.2.2.5 Deformed nonprestressed longitudinal reinforcement resisting earthquake-induced moment, axial force, or both, in special moment frames, special structural walls, and all components of special structural walls including coupling beams and wall piers shall be in accordance with (a) or (b):

(a) ASTM A706M, Grade 420
(b) ASTM A615M Grade 280 reinforcement if (i) and (ii) are satisfied and ASTM A615M Grade 420 reinforcement if (i) through (iii) are satisfied.
 (i) Actual yield strength based on mill tests does not exceed f_y by more than 125 MPa
 (ii) Ratio of the actual tensile strength to the actual yield strength is at least 1.25
 (iii) Minimum elongation in 200 mm shall be at least 14 percent for bar sizes No. 10 through No. 19, at least 12 percent for bar sizes No. 22 through No. 36, and at least 10 percent for bar sizes No. 43 and No. 57.

R20.2.2.5 The requirement for the tensile strength to be greater than the yield strength of the reinforcement by a factor of 1.25 is based on the assumption that the capability of a structural member to develop inelastic rotation capacity is a function of the length of the yield region along the axis of the member. In interpreting experimental results, the length of the yield region has been related to the relative magnitudes of probable and yield moments (ACI 352R). According to this interpretation, the greater the ratio of probable-to-yield moment, the longer the yield region. Members with reinforcement not satisfying this condition can also develop inelastic rotation, but their behavior is sufficiently different to exclude them from direct consideration on the basis of rules derived from experience with members reinforced with strain-hardening steel.

For ASTM A615M Grade 420 deformed reinforcement, the requirements for minimum elongation were added to the 2014 Code. The required minimum elongations in 20.2.2.5 are the same as the values in ASTM A706M for Grade 420 deformed reinforcement.

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20.3—Prestressing strands, wires, and bars

20.3.1 Material properties

20.3.1.1 Except as required in 20.3.1.3 for special moment frames and special structural walls, prestressing reinforcement shall conform to (a), (b), (c), or (d):

(a) ASTM A416M – strand
(b) ASTM A421M – wire
(c) ASTM A421M – low-relaxation wire including Supplementary Requirement S1, "Low-Relaxation Wire and Relaxation Testing"
(d) ASTM A722M – high-strength bar

20.3.1.2 Prestressing strands, wires, and bars not listed in ASTM A416M, A421M, or A722M are permitted provided they conform to minimum requirements of these specifications and are shown by test or analysis not to impair the performance of the member.

20.3.1.3 Prestressing reinforcement resisting earthquake-induced moment, axial force, or both, in special moment frames, special structural walls, and all components of special structural walls including coupling beams and wall piers, cast using precast concrete shall comply with ASTM A416M or A722M.

20.3.2 Design properties

20.3.2.1 Modulus of elasticity, E_p, for prestressing reinforcement shall be determined from tests or as reported by the manufacturer.

20.3.2.2 Tensile strength, f_{pu}, shall be based on the specified grade or type of prestressing reinforcement and shall not exceed the values given in Table 20.3.2.2.

Table 20.3.2.2—Prestressing strands, wires, and bars

Type	Maximum value of f_{pu} permitted for design calculations, MPa	Applicable ASTM Specification
Strand (stress-relieved and low-relaxation)	1860	A416M
Wire (stress-relieved and low-relaxation)	1725	A421M
		A421M, including Supplementary Requirement S1 "Low-Relaxation Wire and Relaxation Testing"
High-strength bar	1035	A722M

20.3.2.3 Stress in bonded prestressed reinforcement at nominal flexural strength, f_{ps}

R20.3—Prestressing strands, wires, and bars

R20.3.1 Material properties

R20.3.1.1 Because low-relaxation prestressing reinforcement is addressed in a supplementary requirement to ASTM A421M, which applies only if low-relaxation material is specified, the appropriate ASTM reference is listed as a separate entity.

R20.3.2 Design properties

R20.3.2.1 Default values of E_p between 197,000 and 200,000 MPa are commonly used for design purposes. More accurate values based on tests or the manufacturer's reports may be needed for elongation checks during stressing.

R20.3.2.2 ASTM A416M specifies two grades of strand tensile strength: 1725 and 1860 MPa.
ASTM A421M specifies tensile strengths of 1620, 1655, and 1725 MPa, depending on the diameter and type of wire. For the most common diameter, 6 mm, ASTM A421M specifies a tensile strength of 1655 MPa.

R20.3.2.3 Stress in bonded prestressed reinforcement at nominal flexural strength, f_{ps}

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20.3.2.3.1 As an alternative to a more accurate calculation of f_{ps} based on strain compatibility, values of f_{ps} calculated in accordance with Eq. (20.3.2.3.1) shall be permitted for members with bonded prestressed reinforcement if all prestressed reinforcement is in the tension zone and $f_{se} \geq 0.5 f_{pu}$.

$$f_{ps} = f_{pu}\left[1 - \frac{\gamma_p}{\beta_1}\left[\rho_p \frac{f_{pu}}{f_c'} + \frac{d}{d_p}\frac{f_y}{f_c'}(\rho - \rho')\right]\right] \quad (20.3.2.3.1)$$

where γ_p is in accordance with Table 20.3.2.3.1.

If compression reinforcement is considered for the calculation of f_{ps} by Eq. (20.3.2.3.1), (a) and (b) shall be satisfied.

(a) If d' exceeds $0.15 d_p$, the compression reinforcement shall be neglected in Eq. (20.3.2.3.1).

(b) If compression reinforcement is included in Eq. (20.3.2.3.1), the term

$$\left[\rho_p \frac{f_{pu}}{f_c'} + \frac{d}{d_p}\frac{f_y}{f_c'}(\rho - \rho')\right]$$

shall not be taken less than 0.17.

Table 20.3.2.3.1—Values of γ_p for use in Eq. (20.3.2.3.1)

f_{py}/f_{pu}	γ_p
≥ 0.80	0.55
≥ 0.85	0.40
≥ 0.90	0.28

R20.3.2.3.1 Use of Eq. (20.3.2.3.1) may underestimate the strength of beams with high percentages of reinforcement and, for more accurate evaluations of their strength, the strain compatibility and equilibrium method should be used. If part of the prestressed reinforcement is in the compression zone, a strain compatibility and equilibrium method should be used.

The γ_p term in Eq. (20.3.2.3.1) and Table 20.3.2.3.1 reflects the influence of different types of prestressing reinforcement on the value of f_{ps}. Table R20.3.2.3.1 shows prestressed reinforcement type and the associated ratio f_{py}/f_{pu}.

R20.3.2.3.1(a) If d' is large, the strain in compression reinforcement can be considerably less than its yield strain. In such a case, the compression reinforcement does not influence f_{ps} as favorably as implied by Eq. (20.3.2.3.1). For this reason, if d' exceeds $0.15 d_p$, Eq. (20.3.2.3.1) is applicable only if the compression reinforcement is neglected.

R20.3.2.3.1(b) The ρ' term in Eq. (20.3.2.3.1) reflects the increased value of f_{ps} obtained when compression reinforcement is provided in a beam with a large reinforcement index. If the term $[\rho_p(f_{pu}/f_c') + (d/d_p)(f_y/f_c')(\rho - \rho')]$ is small, the neutral axis depth is small, the compressive reinforcement does not develop its yield strength, and Eq. (20.3.2.3.1) becomes unconservative. For this reason, the term $[\rho_p(f_{pu}/f_c') + (d/d_p)(f_y/f_c')(\rho - \rho')]$ may not be taken less than 0.17 if compression reinforcement is taken into account when calculating f_{ps}. The compression reinforcement may be conservatively neglected when using Eq. (20.3.2.3.1) by taking ρ' as zero, in which case the term $[\rho_p(f_{pu}/f_c') + (d/d_p)(f_y/f_c')(\rho)]$ may be less than 0.17 and an acceptable value of f_{ps} is obtained.

Table R20.3.2.3.1—Ratio of f_{py}/f_{pu} associated with reinforcement type

Prestressed reinforcement type		f_{py}/f_{pu}
High-strength pre-stressing bars	ASTM A722M Type I (Plain)	≥ 0.85
	ASTM A722M Type II (Deformed)	≥ 0.80
Stress-relieved strand and wire	ASTM A416M ASTM A421M	≥ 0.85
Low-relaxation strand and wire	ASTM A416M ASTM A421M	≥ 0.90

20.3.2.3.2 For pretensioned strands, the strand design stress at sections of members located within ℓ_d from the free end of strand shall not exceed that calculated in accordance with 25.4.8.3.

20.3.2.4 Stress in unbonded prestressed reinforcement at nominal flexural strength, f_{ps}

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20.3.2.4.1 As an alternative to a more accurate calculation of f_{ps}, values of f_{ps} calculated in accordance with Table 20.3.2.4.1 shall be permitted for members prestressed with unbonded tendons if $f_{se} \geq 0.5 f_{pu}$.

Table 20.3.2.4.1—Approximate values of f_{ps} at nominal flexural strength for unbonded tendons

ℓ_n/h		f_{ps}
≤ 35	The least of:	$f_{se} + 70 + f_c'/(100\rho_p)$
		$f_{se} + 420$
		f_{py}
> 35	The least of:	$f_{se} + 70 + f_c'/(300\rho_p)$
		$f_{se} + 210$
		f_{py}

20.3.2.5 Permissible tensile stresses in prestressed reinforcement

20.3.2.5.1 The tensile stress in prestressed reinforcement shall not exceed the limits in Table 20.3.2.5.1.

Table 20.3.2.5.1—Maximum permissible tensile stresses in prestressed reinforcement

Stage	Location	Maximum tensile stress	
During stressing	At jacking end	Least of:	$0.94 f_{py}$
			$0.80 f_{pu}$
			Maximum jacking force recommended by the supplier of anchorage device
Immediately after force transfer	At post-tensioning anchorage devices and couplers	$0.70 f_{pu}$	

20.3.2.6 Prestress losses

20.3.2.6.1 Prestress losses shall be considered in the calculation of the effective tensile stress in the prestressed reinforcement, f_{se}, and shall include (a) through (f):

(a) Prestressed reinforcement seating at transfer
(b) Elastic shortening of concrete
(c) Creep of concrete
(d) Shrinkage of concrete
(e) Relaxation of prestressed reinforcement
(f) Friction loss due to intended or unintended curvature in post-tensioning tendons

20.3.2.6.2 Calculated friction loss in post-tensioning tendons shall be based on experimentally determined wobble and curvature friction coefficients.

R20.3.2.4.1 The term $[f_{se} + 70 + f_c'/(300\rho_p)]$ reflects results of tests on members with unbonded tendons and span-to-depth ratios greater than 35 (one-way slabs, flat plates, and flat slabs) (Mojtahedi and Gamble 1978). These tests also indicate that the term $[f_{se} + 70 + f_c'/(100\rho_p)]$, formerly used for all span-depth ratios, overestimates the amount of stress increase in such members. Although these same tests indicate that the moment strength of those shallow members designed using $[f_{se} + 70 + f_c'/(100\rho_p)]$ meets the factored load strength requirements, this reflects the effect of the Code requirements for minimum bonded reinforcement as well as the limitation on concrete tensile stress that often control the amount of prestressing force provided.

R20.3.2.5 Permissible tensile stresses in prestressed reinforcement

R20.3.2.5.1 Because of the high yield strength of low-relaxation strand and wire meeting the requirements of ASTM A416M and A421M including Supplementary Requirement S1 "Low-Relaxation Wire and Relaxation Testing," it is appropriate to specify permissible stresses in terms of specified minimum ASTM yield strength along with the specified minimum ASTM tensile strength. Because of the higher allowable initial prestressing steel stresses permitted since the 1983 Code, final stresses can be greater. For structures subject to corrosive conditions or repeated loadings, consideration should be given to limiting the final stress.

R20.3.2.6 Prestress losses

R20.3.2.6.1 For an explanation of how to calculate prestress losses, see Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 423 (1958), ACI 435R, PCI Committee on Prestress Losses (1975), and Zia et al. (1979). Reasonably accurate estimates of prestress losses can be calculated in accordance with the recommendations in Zia et al. (1979), which include consideration of initial stress level ($0.7 f_{pu}$ or higher), type of steel (stress-relieved or low-relaxation wire, strand, or bar), exposure conditions, and type of construction (pretensioned, bonded post-tensioned, or unbonded post-tensioned).

Actual losses, greater or smaller than the calculated values, have little effect on the design strength of the member, but affect service load behavior (deflections, camber, cracking load) and connections. At service loads, overestimation of prestress losses can be almost as detrimental as underestimation because the former can result in excessive camber and horizontal movement.

R20.3.2.6.2 Estimation of friction losses in post-tensioned tendons is addressed in PTI TAB.1. Values of the wobble and curvature friction coefficients to be used for the partic-

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ular types of prestressing reinforcement and particular types of ducts should be obtained from the manufacturers of the tendons. An unrealistically low estimate of the friction loss can lead to improper camber, or potential deÄection, of the member and inadequate prestress. Overestimation of the friction may result in extra prestressing force. This could lead to excessive camber and excessive shortening of a member. If the friction factors are determined to be less than those assumed in the design, the tendon stressing should be adjusted to provide only that prestressing force in the critical portions of the structure required by the design.

When safety or serviceability of the structure may be involved, the acceptable range of prestressing reinforcement jacking forces or other limiting requirements should either be given or approved by the licensed design professional in conformance with the permissible stresses of 20.3.2.5 and 24.5.

20.3.2.6.3 Where loss of prestress in a member is anticipated due to connection of the member to adjoining construction, such loss of prestress shall be included in design calculations.

20.4—Structural steel, pipe, and tubing for composite columns

20.4.1 Material properties

20.4.1.1 Structural steel other than steel pipe or tubing used in composite columns shall conform to (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e):

(a) ASTM A36M – carbon steel
(b) ASTM A242M – high-strength low-alloy steel
(c) ASTM A572M – high-strength, low-alloy, columbium-vanadium steel
(d) ASTM A588M – high-strength, low-alloy, 345 MPa steel
(e) ASTM A992M – structural shapes

20.4.1.2 Steel pipe or tubing used in composite columns to encase a concrete core shall conform to (a), (b), (c), or (d):

(a) ASTM A53M Grade B – black steel, hot-dipped, zinc-coated
(b) ASTM A500M – cold-formed, welded, seamless
(c) ASTM A501 – hot-formed, welded, seamless
(d) ASTM A1085 – cold-formed, welded

20.4.2 Design properties

20.4.2.1 For structural steel in composite columns, maximum value of f_y shall be in accordance with the appropriate ASTM standards in 20.4.1.

20.4.2.2 For structural steel used in composite columns with a structural steel core, value of f_y shall not exceed 350 MPa.

R20.4—Structural steel, pipe, and tubing for composite columns

R20.4.2 Design properties

R20.4.2.2 The design yield strength of the steel core should be limited to that which would not generate spalling of the concrete. It has been assumed that axially compressed concrete will not spall at strains less than 0.0018. The yield

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strength of $0.0018 \times 200,000$, or 360 MPa, represents an upper limit of the useful maximum steel stress.

20.5—Headed shear stud reinforcement

20.5.1 Headed shear stud reinforcement and stud assemblies shall conform to ASTM A1044M.

R20.5—Headed shear stud reinforcement

R20.5.1 The configuration of the studs for headed shear stud reinforcement differs from the configuration of the headed-type shear studs prescribed in Section 7 of AWS D1.1 (2010) and referenced for use in Chapter 17 of this Code (Fig. R20.5.1). Ratios of the head to shank cross-sectional areas of the AWS D1.1 studs range from approximately 2.5 to 4. In contrast, ASTM A1044M requires the area of the head of headed shear stud reinforcement to be at least 10 times the area of the shank. Thus, the AWS D1.1 headed studs are not suitable for use as headed shear stud reinforcement. The base rail, where provided, anchors one end of the studs; ASTM A1044M specifies material width and thickness of the base rail that are sufficient to provide the required anchorage without yielding for stud shank diameters of 9.5, 12.7, 15.9, and 19 mm. In ASTM A1044M, the minimum specified yield strength of headed shear studs is 350 MPa.
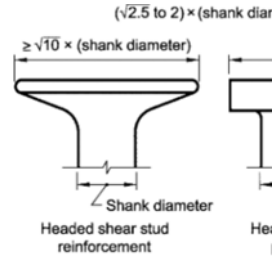

Fig. R20.5.1—Configurations of stud heads.

20.6—Provisions for durability of steel reinforcement

20.6.1 Specified concrete cover

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R20.6.1 Specified concrete cover—This section addresses concrete cover over reinforcement and does not include requirements for concrete cover over embedments such as pipes, conduits, and fittings, which are addressed in 20.7.5.

20.6.1.1 Unless the general building code requires a greater concrete cover for fire protection, the minimum specified concrete cover shall be in accordance with 20.6.1.2 through 20.6.1.4.

R20.6.1.1 Concrete cover as protection of reinforcement from weather and other effects is measured from the concrete surface to the outermost surface of the reinforcement to which the cover requirement applies. Where concrete cover is prescribed for a class of structural members, it is measured to the outer edge of stirrups, ties, or spirals if transverse reinforcement encloses main bars; to the outermost layer of bars if more than one layer is used without stirrups or ties; to the metal end fitting or duct of post-tensioning tendons; or to the outermost part of the head on headed bars.

The condition "exposed to weather or in contact with ground" refers to direct exposure to moisture changes and not just to temperature changes. Slab soffits are not usually considered directly exposed unless subject to alternate

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wetting and drying, including that due to condensation conditions or direct leakage from exposed top surface, run off, or similar effects.

Alternative methods of protecting the reinforcement from weather may be provided if they are equivalent to the additional concrete cover required by the Code. When approved by the building official under the provisions of 1.10, reinforcement with alternative protection from weather may not have concrete cover less than the cover required for reinforcement not exposed to weather.

Development length provisions given in Chapter 25 are a function of cover over the reinforcement. To meet requirements for development length, it may be necessary to use cover greater than the minimums specified in 20.6.1.

20.6.1.2 It shall be permitted to consider concrete floor finishes as part of required cover for nonstructural purposes.

R20.6.1.2 Concrete floor finishes may be considered for nonstructural purposes such as cover for reinforcement and fire protection. Provisions should be made, however, to ensure that the concrete finish will not spall off, thus resulting in decreased cover. Furthermore, considerations for development of reinforcement require minimum monolithic concrete cover in accordance with 20.6.1.3.

20.6.1.3 Specified concrete cover requirements

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20.6.1.3.1 Nonprestressed cast-in-place concrete members shall have specified concrete cover for reinforcement at least that given in Table 20.6.1.3.1.

Table 20.6.1.3.1—Specified concrete cover for cast-in-place nonprestressed concrete members

Concrete exposure	Member	Reinforcement	Specified cover, mm
Cast against and permanently in contact with ground	All	All	75
Exposed to weather or in contact with ground	All	No. 19 through No. 57 bars	50
		No. 16 bar, MW200 or MD200 wire, and smaller	40
Not exposed to weather or in contact with ground	Slabs, joists, and walls	No. 43 and No. 57 bars	40
		No. 36 bar and smaller	20
	Beams, columns, pedestals, and tension ties	Primary reinforcement, stirrups, ties, spirals, and hoops	40

20.6.1.3.2 Cast-in-place prestressed concrete members shall have specified concrete cover for reinforcement, ducts, and end fittings at least that given in Table 20.6.1.3.2.

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Table 20.6.1.3.2—Specified concrete cover for cast-in-place prestressed concrete members

Concrete exposure	Member	Reinforcement	Specified cover, mm
Cast against and permanently in contact with ground	All	All	75
Exposed to weather or in contact with ground	Slabs, joists, and walls	All	25
	All other	All	40
Not exposed to weather or in contact with ground	Slabs, joists, and walls	All	20
	Beams, columns, and tension ties	Primary reinforcement	40
		Stirrups, ties, spirals, and hoops	25

20.6.1.3.3 Precast nonprestressed or prestressed concrete members manufactured under plant conditions shall have specified concrete cover for reinforcement, ducts, and end fittings at least that given in Table 20.6.1.3.3.

Table 20.6.1.3.3—Specified concrete cover for precast nonprestressed or prestressed concrete members manufactured under plant conditions

Concrete exposure	Member	Reinforcement	Specified cover, mm
Exposed to weather or in contact with ground	Walls	No. 43 and No. 57 bars; tendons larger than 40 mm diameter	40
		No. 36 bars and smaller; MW200 and MD200 wire and smaller; tendons and strands 40 mm diameter and smaller	20
	All other	No. 43 and No. 57 bars; tendons larger than 40 mm diameter	50
		No. 19 through No. 36 bars; tendons and strands larger than 16 mm diameter through 40 mm diameter	40
		No. 16 bar, MW200 or MD200 wire, and smaller; tendons and strands 16 mm diameter and smaller	30
Not exposed to weather or in contact with ground	Slabs, joists, and walls	No. 43 and No. 57 bars; tendons larger than 40 mm diameter	30
		Tendons and strands 40 mm diameter and smaller	20
		No. 36 bar, MW200 or MD200 wire, and smaller	16
	Beams, columns, pedestals, and tension ties	Primary reinforcement	Greater of d_b and 16 and need not exceed 40
		Stirrups, ties, spirals, and hoops	10

20.6.1.3.4 For bundled bars, specified concrete cover shall be at least the smaller of (a) and (b):

R20.6.1.3.3 The lesser cover thicknesses for precast construction reflect the greater control for proportioning, placing, and curing inherent in precasting. Manufactured under plant conditions does not imply that precast members should be manufactured in a plant. Structural elements precast at the job site will also qualify under this section if the control of form dimensions, placing of reinforcement, quality control of concrete, and curing procedures are equal to that normally expected in a plant.

Concrete cover to pretensioned strand as described in this section is intended to provide minimum protection from weather and other effects. Such cover may not be sufficient to transfer or develop the stress in the strand, and it may be necessary to increase the cover accordingly.

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(a) The equivalent diameter of the bundle

(b) 50 mm

and for concrete cast against and permanently in contact with ground, the speci¿ed cover shall be 75 mm.

20.6.1.3.5 For headed shear stud reinforcement, speci¿ed concrete cover for the heads and base rails shall be at least that required for the reinforcement in the member.

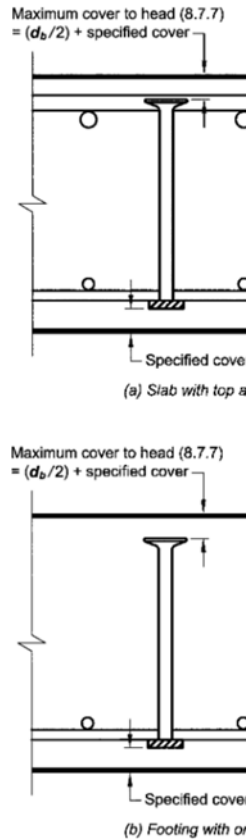**R20.6.1.3.5** Concrete cover requirements for headed shear stud reinforcement are illustrated in Fig. R20.6.1.3.5.

Fig. R20.6.1.3.5—Concrete cover requirements for headed shear stud reinforcement.

20.6.1.4 Speci¿ed concrete cover requirements for corrosive environments

R20.6.1.4 Speci¿ed concrete cover requirements for corrosive environments—Corrosive environments are de¿ned in 19.3.1, R19.3.1, and R19.3.2. Additional information on corrosion in parking structures is given in ACI 362.1R.

20.6.1.4.1 In corrosive environments or other severe exposure conditions, the speci¿ed concrete cover shall be increased as deemed necessary. The applicable requirements

R20.6.1.4.1 Where concrete will be exposed to external sources of chlorides in service, such as deicing salts, brackish water, seawater, or spray from these sources, concrete should be proportioned to satisfy the requirements for the appli-

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for concrete based on exposure categories in 19.3 shall be satis¿ed, or other protection shall be provided.

20.6.1.4.2 For prestressed concrete members classi¿ed as Class T or C in 24.5.2 and exposed to corrosive environments or other severe exposure categories such as those given in 19.3, the speci¿ed concrete cover for prestressed reinforcement shall be at least one and one-half times the cover in 20.6.1.3.2 for cast-in-place members and in 20.6.1.3.3 for precast members.

20.6.1.4.3 If the precompressed tension zone is not in tension under sustained loads, 20.6.1.4.2 need not be satis¿ed.

20.6.2 Nonprestressed coated reinforcement

20.6.2.1 Nonprestressed coated reinforcement shall conform to Table 20.6.2.1.

Table 20.6.2.1—Nonprestressed coated reinforcement

Type of coating	Applicable ASTM speci¿cations		
	Bar	Wire	Welded wire
Zinc-coated	A767M	Not permitted	A1060M
Epoxy-coated	A775M or A934M	A884M	A884M
Zinc and epoxy dual-coated	A1055M	Not permitted	Not permitted

20.6.2.2 Deformed bars to be zinc-coated, epoxy-coated, or zinc and epoxy dual-coated shall conform to 20.2.1.3(a), (b), or (c).

20.6.2.3 Wire and welded wire reinforcement to be epoxy-coated shall conform to 20.2.1.7(a).

20.6.3 Corrosion protection for unbonded prestressing reinforcement

20.6.3.1 Unbonded prestressing reinforcement shall be encased in sheathing, and the space between the strand and the sheathing shall be completely ¿lled with a material formulated to inhibit corrosion. Sheathing shall be water-tight and continuous over the unbonded length.

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cable exposure class in Chapter 19. These include maximum w/cm, minimum strength for normalweight and lightweight concrete, and maximum chloride ion in the concrete. Additionally, for corrosion protection, a speci¿ed concrete cover for reinforcement not less than 50 mm for walls and slabs and not less than 65 mm for other members is recommended. For precast concrete members manufactured under plant control conditions, a speci¿ed concrete cover not less than 40 mm for walls and slabs and not less than 50 mm for other members is recommended.

R20.6.2 Nonprestressed coated reinforcement

R20.6.2.1 Zinc-coated (hot-dipped galvanized) bars (ASTM A767M), epoxy-coated bars (ASTM A775M and A934M), and zinc and epoxy dual-coated bars (ASTM A1055M) are used in applications where corrosion resistance of reinforcement is of particular concern such as in parking structures, bridge structures, and other highly corrosive environments.

R20.6.3 Corrosion protection for unbonded prestressing reinforcement

R20.6.3.1 Material for corrosion protection of unbonded prestressing reinforcement should have the properties identi-¿ed in 19.1 of Breen et al. (1994).

Typically, sheathing is a continuous, seamless, high-density polyethylene material that is extruded directly onto the coated prestressing reinforcement.

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20.6.3.2 The sheathing shall be connected to all stressing, intermediate, and ¿xed anchorages in a watertight fashion.

20.6.3.3 Unbonded single-strand tendons shall be protected to provide resistance to corrosion in accordance with ACI 423.7.

20.6.4 Corrosion protection for grouted tendons

R20.6.4 Corrosion protection for grouted tendons

20.6.4.1 Ducts for grouted tendons shall be grout-tight and nonreactive with concrete, prestressing reinforcement, grout, and corrosion inhibitor admixtures.

20.6.4.2 Ducts shall be maintained free of water.

R20.6.4.2 Water in ducts may cause corrosion of the prestressing reinforcement, may lead to bleeding and segregation of grout, and may cause distress to the surrounding concrete if subjected to freezing conditions. A corrosion inhibitor should be used to provide temporary corrosion protection if prestressing reinforcement is exposed in the ducts for prolonged periods of time before grouting (ACI 423.7).

20.6.4.3 Ducts for grouted single-wire, single-strand, or single-bar tendons shall have an inside diameter at least 6 mm larger than the diameter of the prestressing reinforcement.

20.6.4.4 Ducts for grouted multiple wire, multiple strand, or multiple bar tendons shall have an inside cross-sectional area at least two times the cross-sectional area of the prestressing reinforcement.

20.6.5 Corrosion protection for post-tensioning anchorages, couplers, and end ¿ttings

R20.6.5 Corrosion protection for post-tensioning anchorages, couplers, and end ¿ttings

20.6.5.1 Anchorages, couplers, and end ¿ttings shall be protected to provide long-term resistance to corrosion.

R20.6.5.1 For recommendations regarding protection, refer to 4.2 and 4.3 of Mojtahedi and Gamble (1978) and 3.4, 3.6, 5, 6, and 6.3 of Breen et al. (1994).

20.6.6 Corrosion protection for external post-tensioning

R20.6.6 Corrosion protection for external post-tensioning

20.6.6.1 External tendons and tendon anchorage regions shall be protected to provide resistance to corrosion.

R20.6.6.1 Corrosion protection can be achieved by a variety of methods. The corrosion protection provided should be suitable to the environment in which the tendons are located. Some conditions will require that the prestressing reinforcement be protected by concrete cover or by cement grout in polyethylene or metal tubing; other conditions will permit the protection provided by coatings such as paint or grease. Corrosion protection methods should meet the ¿re protection requirements of the general building code, unless the installation of external post-tensioning is to only improve serviceability.

20.7—Embedments

20.7.1 Embedments shall not signi¿cantly impair the strength of the structure and shall not reduce ¿re protection.

R20.7—Embedments

R20.7.1 Any embedments not harmful to concrete or reinforcement can be placed in the concrete, but the work should be done in such a manner that the structure will not be endangered. Many general building codes have adopted

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ASME Piping Code B31.1 for power piping and B31.3 for chemical and petroleum piping. The licensed design professional should be sure that the appropriate piping codes are used in the design and testing of the system. The contractor should not be permitted to install conduits, pipes, ducts, or sleeves that are not shown in the construction documents or not approved by the licensed design professional.

20.7.2 Embedment materials shall not be harmful to concrete or reinforcement.

20.7.3 Aluminum embedments shall be coated or covered to prevent aluminum-concrete reaction and electrolytic action between aluminum and steel.

R20.7.3 The Code prohibits the use of aluminum in structural concrete unless it is effectively coated or covered. Aluminum reacts with concrete and, in the presence of chloride ions, may also react electrolytically with steel, causing cracking, spalling, or both. Aluminum electrical conduits present a special problem because stray electric current accelerates the adverse reaction. Provision 26.4.1.4.1(c) prohibits calcium chloride or any admixture containing chloride from being used in concrete with aluminum embedments.

20.7.4 Reinforcement with an area at least 0.002 times the area of the concrete section shall be provided perpendicular to pipe embedments.

20.7.5 Specified concrete cover for pipe embedments with their fittings shall be at least 40 mm for concrete exposed to earth or weather, and at least 20 mm for concrete not exposed to weather, or not in contact with ground.

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CHAPTER 21—STRENGTH REDUCTION FACTORS

21.1—Scope
21.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the selection of strength reduction factors used in design, except as permitted by Chapter 27.

21.2—Strength reduction factors for structural concrete members and connections
21.2.1 Strength reduction factors ϕ shall be in accordance with Table 21.2.1, except as modi¿ed by 21.2.2, 21.2.3, and 21.2.4.

Table 21.2.1—Strength reduction factors ϕ

	Action or structural element	ϕ	Exceptions
(a)	Moment, axial force, or combined moment and axial force	0.65 to 0.90 in accordance with 21.2.2	Near ends of pretensioned members where strands are not fully developed, ϕ shall be in accordance with 21.2.3.
(b)	Shear	0.75	Additional requirements are given in 21.2.4 for structures designed to resist earthquake effects.
(c)	Torsion	0.75	—
(d)	Bearing	0.65	—
(e)	Post-tensioned anchorage zones	0.85	—
(f)	Brackets and corbels	0.75	—
(g)	Struts, ties, nodal zones, and bearing areas designed in accordance with strut-and-tie method in Chapter 23	0.75	—
(h)	Components of connections of precast members controlled by yielding of steel elements in tension	0.90	—
(i)	Plain concrete elements	0.60	—
(j)	Anchors in concrete elements	0.45 to 0.75 in accordance with Chapter 17	—

21.2.2 Strength reduction factor for moment, axial force, or combined moment and axial force shall be in accordance with Table 21.2.2.

21.2.2.1 For deformed reinforcement, ε_{ty} shall be f_y/E_s. For Grade 420 deformed reinforcement, it shall be permitted to take ε_{ty} equal to 0.002.

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R21—STRENGTH REDUCTION FACTORS

R21.1—Scope
R21.1.1 The purposes of strength reduction factors ϕ are: (1) to account for the probability of under-strength members due to variations in material strengths and dimensions; (2) to account for inaccuracies in the design equations; (3) to reÀect the available ductility and required reliability of the member under the load effects being considered; and (4) to reÀect the importance of the member in the structure (MacGregor 1976; Winter 1979).

R21.2—Strength reduction factors for structural concrete members and connections
R21.2.1 The strength reduction factors in this Code are compatible with the ASCE/SEI 7 load combinations, which are the basis for the required factored load combinations in Chapter 5:

(e) Laboratory tests of post-tensioned anchorage zones indicate a wide range of scatter in the results. This observation is addressed with a ϕ-factor of 0.85 and by limiting the nominal compressive strength of uncon¿ned concrete in the general zone to $0.7\lambda f_{ci}'$ in 25.9.4.5.2, where λ is de¿ned in 19.2.4. Thus, the effective design strength of uncon¿ned concrete is $0.85 \times 0.7\lambda f_{ci}' = 0.6\lambda f_{ci}'$ in the general zone.

(f) Bracket and corbel behavior is predominantly controlled by shear; therefore, a single value of $\phi = 0.75$ is used for all potential modes of failure.

(i) The strength reduction factor ϕ for plain concrete members is the same for all potential modes of failure. Because both the Àexural tension strength and shear strength for plain concrete depend on the tensile strength of the concrete, without the reserve strength or ductility that might otherwise be provided by reinforcement, equal strength reduction factors for moment and shear are considered to be appropriate.

R21.2.2 The nominal strength of a member that is subjected to moment or combined moment and axial force is determined for the condition where the strain in the extreme compression ¿ber is equal to the assumed strain limit of 0.003. The net tensile strain ε_t is the tensile strain calculated in the extreme tension reinforcement at nominal strength, exclusive of strains due to prestress, creep, shrinkage, and temperature. The net tensile strain in the extreme tension reinforcement is determined from a linear strain distribution

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21.2.2.2 For all prestressed reinforcement, ε_{ty} shall be taken as 0.002.

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at nominal strength, shown in Fig. R21.2.2a for a nonprestressed member.

Members subjected to only axial compression are considered to be compression-controlled and members subjected to only axial tension are considered to be tension-controlled.

If the net tensile strain in the extreme tension reinforcement is sufficiently large (≥ 0.005), the section is defined as tension-controlled, for which warning of failure by excessive deflection and cracking may be expected. The 0.005 limit provides sufficient ductility for most applications. One condition where greater ductile behavior is required is in design for redistribution of moments in continuous members and frames, which is addressed in 6.6.5. Because redistribution of moment depends on the ductility available in the hinge regions, redistribution of moment is limited to sections that have a net tensile strain of at least 0.0075.

If the net tensile strain in the extreme tension reinforcement is small ($\leq \varepsilon_{ty}$), a brittle compression failure condition is expected, with little warning of impending failure. Before ACI 318-14, the compression-controlled strain limit was defined as 0.002 for Grade 420 reinforcement and all prestressed reinforcement, but it was not explicitly defined for other types of reinforcement. In ACI 318-14, the compression-controlled strain limit ε_{ty} is defined in 21.2.2.1 and 21.2.2.2 for deformed and prestressed reinforcement, respectively.

Beams and slabs are usually tension-controlled, whereas columns may be compression-controlled. Some members, such as those with small axial forces and large bending moments, experience net tensile strain in the extreme tension reinforcement between the limits of 0.005 and ε_{ty}. These sections are in a transition region between compression-controlled and tension-controlled.

This section specifies the appropriate strength reduction factors for tension-controlled and compression-controlled sections, and for intermediate cases in the transition region. For sections subjected to combined axial force and moment, design strengths are determined by multiplying both P_n and M_n by the appropriate single value of ϕ.

A lower ϕ-factor is used for compression-controlled sections than for tension-controlled sections because compression-controlled sections have less ductility, are more sensitive to variations in concrete strength, and generally occur in members that support larger loaded areas than members with tension-controlled sections. Columns with spiral reinforcement are assigned a higher ϕ-factor than columns with other types of transverse reinforcement because spiral columns have greater ductility and toughness. For sections within the transition region, the value of ϕ may be determined by linear interpolation, as shown in Fig. R21.2.2b.

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Table 21.2.2—Strength reduction factor ϕ for moment, axial force, or combined moment and axial force

Net tensile stain ε_t	Classiﬁcation	ϕ			
		Type of transverse reinforcement			
		Spirals conforming to 25.7.3		Other	
$\varepsilon_t \le \varepsilon_{ty}$	Compression-controlled	0.75	(a)	0.65	(b)
$\varepsilon_{ty} < \varepsilon_t < 0.005$	Transition[1]	$0.75 + 0.15\dfrac{(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{ty})}{(0.005 - \varepsilon_{ty})}$	(c)	$0.65 + 0.25\dfrac{(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{ty})}{(0.005 - \varepsilon_{ty})}$	(d)
$\varepsilon_t \ge 0.005$	Tension-controlled	0.90	(e)	0.90	(f)

[1]For sections classiﬁed as transition, it shall be permitted to use ϕ corresponding to compression-controlled sections.
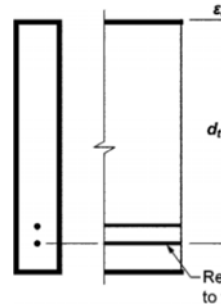

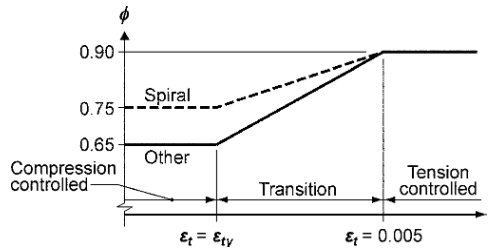Fig. R21.2.2a—Strain distribution and net tensile strain in a nonprestressed member.

Fig. R21.2.2b—Variation of ϕ with net tensile strain in extreme tension reinforcement, ε_t.

21.2.3 For sections in pretensioned members where strand is not fully developed, ϕ shall be calculated at each section in accordance with Table 21.2.3, where ℓ_{tr} is calculated using Eq. (21.2.3), ℓ_{db} is the debonded length at the end of the member, f_{se} is the effective stress in the prestressed reinforcement after allowance for all losses, and ℓ_d is given in 25.4.8.1.

$$\ell_{tr} = \left(\frac{f_{se}}{21}\right)d_b \qquad (21.2.3)$$

R21.2.3 If a critical section along a pretensioned member occurs in a region where the strand is not fully developed, bond slip failure may occur. This mode of failure resembles a brittle shear failure; hence, ϕ values for ﬂexure are reduced with respect to a section where all strands are fully developed. For sections between the end of the transfer length and the end of the development length, the value of ϕ may be determined by linear interpolation, as shown in Fig. R21.2.3a.

Where bonding of one or more strands does not extend to the end of the member, instead of more rigorous analysis, ϕ may be conservatively taken as 0.75 from the end of the

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Table 21.2.3—Strength reduction factor φ for sections near the end of pretensioned members

Condition near end of member	Stress in concrete under service load[1]	Distance from end of member to section under consideration	φ	
All strands bonded	Not applicable	$\leq \ell_{tr}$	0.75	(a)
		ℓ_{tr} to ℓ_d	Linear interpolation from 0.75 to 0.90[2]	(b)
One or more strands debonded	No tension calculated	$\leq (\ell_{db} + \ell_{tr})$	0.75	(c)
		$(\ell_{db} + \ell_{tr})$ to $(\ell_{db} + \ell_d)$	Linear interpolation from 0.75 to 0.90[2]	(d)
	Tension calculated	$\leq (\ell_{db} + \ell_{tr})$	0.75	(e)
		$(\ell_{db} + \ell_{tr})$ to $(\ell_{db} + 2\ell_d)$	Linear interpolation from 0.75 to 0.90[2]	(f)

[1]Stress calculated using gross cross-sectional properties in extreme concrete ¿ber of precompressed tension zone under service loads after allowance for all prestress losses at section under consideration.

[2]It shall be permitted to use a strength reduction factor of 0.75.

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member to the end of the transfer length of the strand with the longest debonded length. Beyond this point, φ may be varied linearly to 0.90 at the location where all strands are developed, as shown in Fig. R21.2.3b. Alternatively, the contribution of the debonded strands may be ignored until they are fully developed. Embedment of debonded strand is considered to begin at the termination of the debonding sleeves. Beyond this point, the provisions of 25.4.8.1 are used to determine whether the strands develop over a length of ℓ_d or $2\ell_d$, depending on the calculated stress in the precompressed tension zone under service loads (Fig. R21.2.3b). Strand with a slightly rusted surface can have an appreciably shorter transfer length than clean strand. Gentle release of the stand will permit a shorter transfer length than abruptly cutting the strands.
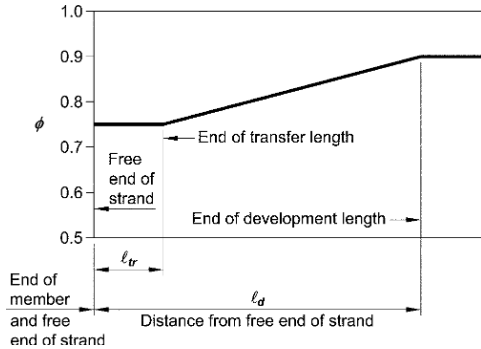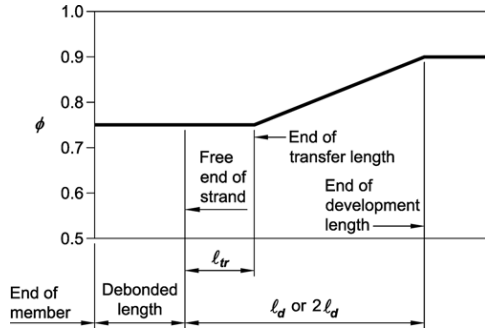

Fig. R21.2.3a—Variation of φ with distance from the free end of strand in pretensioned member with fully bonded strands.

Note: The location of the end of development length depends on the calculated stresses in the extreme concrete fiber of the precompressed tension zone under service loads.

Fig. R21.2.3b—Variation of φ with distance from the free end of strand in pretensioned member with debonded strands.

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21.2.4 For structures that rely on elements in (a), (b), or (c) to resist earthquake effects E, the value of ϕ for shear shall be modi¿ed in accordance with 21.2.4.1 through 21.2.4.3:

(a) Special moment frames
(b) Special structural walls
(c) Intermediate precast structural walls in structures assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E, or F

21.2.4.1 For any member designed to resist E, ϕ for shear shall be 0.60 if the nominal shear strength of the member is less than the shear corresponding to the development of the nominal moment strength of the member. The nominal moment strength shall be calculated considering the most critical factored axial loads and including E.

R21.2.4.1 This provision addresses shear-controlled members, such as low-rise walls, portions of walls between openings, or diaphragms, for which nominal shear strength is less than the shear corresponding to development of nominal À exural strength for the pertinent loading conditions.

21.2.4.2 For diaphragms, ϕ for shear shall not exceed the least value of ϕ for shear used for the vertical components of the primary seismic-force-resisting system.

R21.2.4.2 Short structural walls were the primary vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system in many of the parking structures that sustained damage during the 1994 Northridge earthquake. In some cases, walls remained essentially linear elastic, while diaphragms responded inelastically. This provision is intended to increase strength of the diaphragm and its connections in buildings for which the shear strength reduction factor for walls is 0.60, as those structures tend to have relatively high overstrength.

21.2.4.3 For beam-column joints and diagonally reinforced coupling beams, ϕ for shear shall be 0.85.

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CHAPTER 22—SECTIONAL STRENGTH

R22—SECTIONAL STRENGTH

22.1—Scope

22.1.1 This chapter shall apply to calculating nominal strength at sections of members, including (a) through (g):

(a) Flexural strength
(b) Axial strength or combined flexural and axial strength
(c) One-way shear strength
(d) Two-way shear strength
(e) Torsional strength
(f) Bearing
(g) Shear friction

22.1.2 Sectional strength requirements of this chapter shall be satisfied unless the member or region of the member is designed in accordance with Chapter 23.

22.1.3 Design strength at a section shall be taken as the nominal strength multiplied by the applicable strength reduction factor ϕ given in Chapter 21.

R22.1—Scope

R22.1.1 The provisions in this chapter apply where the strength of the member is evaluated at critical sections.

R22.1.2 Chapter 23 provides methods for designing discontinuity regions where section-based methods do not apply.

22.2—Design assumptions for moment and axial strength

22.2.1 Equilibrium and strain compatibility

22.2.1.1 Equilibrium shall be satisfied at each section.

R22.2—Design assumptions for moment and axial strength

R22.2.1 Equilibrium and strain compatibility—The flexural and axial strength of a member calculated by the strength design method of the Code requires that two basic conditions be satisfied: 1) equilibrium; and 2) compatibility of strains. Equilibrium refers to the balancing of forces acting on the cross section at nominal strength. The relationship between the stress and strain for the concrete and the reinforcement at nominal strength is established within the design assumptions allowed by 22.2.

22.2.1.2 Strain in concrete and nonprestressed reinforcement shall be assumed proportional to the distance from neutral axis.

R22.2.1.2 Many tests have confirmed that it is reasonable to assume a linear distribution of strain across a reinforced concrete cross section (plane sections remain plane), even near nominal strength except in cases as described in Chapter 23.

The strain in both nonprestressed reinforcement and in concrete is assumed to be directly proportional to the distance from the neutral axis. This assumption is of primary importance in design for determining the strain and corresponding stress in the reinforcement.

22.2.1.3 Strain in prestressed concrete and in bonded and unbonded prestressed reinforcement shall include the strain due to effective prestress.

22.2.1.4 Changes in strain for bonded prestressed reinforcement shall be assumed proportional to the distance from neutral axis.

R22.2.1.4 The change in strain for bonded prestressed reinforcement is influenced by the change in strain at the section under consideration. For unbonded prestressed reinforcement, the change in strain is influenced by external load, reinforcement location, and boundary conditions along the length of the reinforcement. Current Code equations for

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calculating f_{ps} for unbonded tendons, as provided in 20.3.2.4, have been correlated with test results.

22.2.2 Design assumptions for concrete

R22.2.2 Design assumptions for concrete

22.2.2.1 Maximum strain at the extreme concrete compression ¿ber shall be assumed equal to 0.003.

R22.2.2.1 The maximum concrete compressive strain at crushing of the concrete has been observed in tests of various kinds to vary from 0.003 to higher than 0.008 under special conditions. However, the strain at which strength of the member is developed is usually 0.003 to 0.004 for members of normal proportions, materials, and strength.

22.2.2.2 Tensile strength of concrete shall be neglected in Àexural and axial strength calculations.

R22.2.2.2 The tensile strength of concrete in Àexure (modulus of rupture) is a more variable property than the compressive strength and is approximately 10 to 15 percent of the compressive strength. Tensile strength of concrete in Àexure is conservatively neglected in calculating the nominal Àexural strength. The strength of concrete in tension, however, is important in evaluating cracking and deÀections at service loads.

22.2.2.3 The relationship between concrete compressive stress and strain shall be represented by a rectangular, trapezoidal, parabolic, or other shape that results in prediction of strength in substantial agreement with results of comprehensive tests.

R22.2.2.3 At high strain levels, the stress-strain relationship for concrete is nonlinear (stress is not proportional to strain). As stated in 22.2.2.1, the maximum usable strain is set at 0.003 for design.

The actual distribution of concrete compressive stress within a cross section is complex and usually not known explicitly. Research has shown that the important properties of the concrete stress distribution can be approximated closely using any one of several different assumptions for the shape of the stress distribution.

22.2.2.4 The equivalent rectangular concrete stress distribution in accordance with 22.2.2.4.1 through 22.2.2.4.3 satis¿es 22.2.2.3.

R22.2.2.4 For design, the Code allows the use of an equivalent rectangular compressive stress distribution (stress block) to replace the more detailed approximation of the concrete stress distribution.

22.2.2.4.1 Concrete stress of $0.85f_c'$ shall be assumed uniformly distributed over an equivalent compression zone bounded by edges of the cross section and a line parallel to the neutral axis located a distance a from the ¿ber of maximum compressive strain, as calculated by:

$$a = \beta_1 c \qquad (22.2.2.4.1)$$

R22.2.2.4.1 The equivalent rectangular stress distribution does not represent the actual stress distribution in the compression zone at nominal strength, but does provide essentially the same nominal combined Àexural and axial compressive strength as obtained in tests (Mattock et al. 1961).

22.2.2.4.2 Distance from the ¿ber of maximum compressive strain to the neutral axis, c, shall be measured perpendicular to the neutral axis.

22.2.2.4.3 Values of β_1 shall be in accordance with Table 22.2.2.4.3.

R22.2.2.4.3 The values for β_1 were determined experimentally. The lower limit of β_1 is based on experimental data from beams constructed with concrete strengths greater than 55 MPa (Leslie et al. 1976; Karr et al. 1978).

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Table 22.2.2.4.3—Values of β_1 for equivalent rectangular concrete stress distribution

f_c', MPa	β_1	
$17 \leq f_c' \leq 28$	0.85	(a)
$28 < f_c' < 55$	$0.85 - \dfrac{0.05(f_c' - 28)}{7}$	(b)
$f_c' \geq 55$	0.65	(c)

22.2.3 Design assumptions for nonprestressed reinforcement

22.2.3.1 Deformed reinforcement used to resist tensile or compressive forces shall conform to 20.2.1.

22.2.3.2 Stress-strain relationship and modulus of elasticity for deformed reinforcement shall be idealized in accordance with 20.2.2.1 and 20.2.2.2.

22.2.4 Design assumptions for prestressing reinforcement

22.2.4.1 For members with bonded prestressing reinforcement conforming to 20.3.1, stress at nominal flexural strength, f_{ps}, shall be calculated in accordance with 20.3.2.3.

22.2.4.2 For members with unbonded prestressing reinforcement conforming to 20.3.1, f_{ps} shall be calculated in accordance with 20.3.2.4.

22.2.4.3 If the embedded length of the prestressing strand is less than ℓ_d, the design strand stress shall not exceed the value given in 25.4.8.3, as modified by 25.4.8.1(b).

22.3—Flexural strength

22.3.1 General

22.3.1.1 Nominal flexural strength M_n shall be calculated in accordance with the assumptions of 22.2.

22.3.2 Prestressed concrete members

22.3.2.1 Deformed reinforcement conforming to 20.2.1, provided in conjunction with prestressed reinforcement, shall be permitted to be considered to contribute to the tensile force and be included in flexural strength calculations at a stress equal to f_y.

22.3.2.2 Other nonprestressed reinforcement shall be permitted to be considered to contribute to the flexural strength if a strain compatibility analysis is performed to calculate stresses in such reinforcement.

22.3.3 Composite concrete members

22.3.3.1 Provisions of 22.3.3 apply to members constructed in separate placements but connected so that all elements resist loads as a unit.

R22.3—Flexural strength

R22.3.3 Composite concrete members

R22.3.3.1 The scope of Chapter 22 is intended to include composite concrete flexural members. In some cases with cast-in-place concrete, separate placements of concrete may

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22.3.3.2 For calculation of M_n for composite slabs and beams, use of the entire composite section shall be permitted.

22.3.3.3 For calculation of M_n for composite slabs and beams, no distinction shall be made between shored and unshored members.

22.3.3.4 For calculation of M_n for composite members where the specified concrete compressive strength of different elements varies, properties of the individual elements shall be used in design. Alternatively, it shall be permitted to use the value of f_c' for the element that results in the most critical value of M_n.

22.4—Axial strength or combined flexural and axial strength

22.4.1 General

22.4.1.1 Nominal flexural and axial strength shall be calculated in accordance with the assumptions of 22.2.

22.4.2 Maximum axial compressive strength

22.4.2.1 Nominal axial compressive strength P_n shall not exceed $P_{n,max}$ in accordance with Table 22.4.2.1, where P_o is calculated by Eq. (22.4.2.2) for nonprestressed members and composite steel and concrete members, and by Eq. (22.4.2.3) for prestressed members.

Table 22.4.2.1—Maximum axial strength

Member	Transverse reinforcement	$P_{n,max}$	
Nonprestressed	Ties conforming to 22.4.2.4	$0.80P_o$	(a)
	Spirals conforming to 22.4.2.5	$0.85P_o$	(b)
Prestressed	Ties	$0.80P_o$	(c)
	Spirals	$0.85P_o$	(d)
Composite steel and concrete columns in accordance with Chapter 10	All	$0.85P_o$	(e)

22.4.2.2 For nonprestressed members and composite steel and concrete members, P_o shall be calculated by:

$$P_o = 0.85f_c'(A_g - A_{st}) + f_y A_{st} \qquad (22.4.2.2)$$

where A_{st} is the total area of nonprestressed longitudinal reinforcement.

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be designed to act as a unit. In these cases, the interface is designed for the loads that will be transferred across the interface. Composite structural steel-concrete beams are not covered in this chapter. Design provisions for these types of composite members are covered in AISC 360.

R22.4—Axial strength or combined flexural and axial strength

R22.4.2 Maximum axial compressive strength

R22.4.2.1 To account for accidental eccentricity, the design axial strength of a section in pure compression is limited to 80 to 85 percent of the nominal axial strength. These percentage values approximate the axial strengths at eccentricity-to-depth ratios of 0.10 and 0.05 for tied and spirally reinforced members conforming to 22.4.2.4 and 22.4.2.5, respectively. The same axial load limitation applies to both cast-in-place and precast compression members.

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22.4.2.3 For prestressed members, P_o shall be calculated by:

$$P_o = 0.85f_c'(A_g - A_{st} - A_{pd}) + f_yA_{st} - (f_{se} - 0.003E_p)A_{pt} \quad (22.4.2.3)$$

where A_{pt} is the total area of prestressing reinforcement, and A_{pd} is the total area occupied by duct, sheathing, and prestressing reinforcement; the value of f_{se} shall be at least $0.003E_p$. For grouted, post-tensioned tendons, it shall be permitted to assume A_{pd} equals A_{pt}.

R22.4.2.3 The effects of prestressing on the axial strength of compression members are taken into account in Eq. (22.4.2.3). Equation (22.4.2.3) is similar to Eq. (22.4.2.2) for nonprestressed compression members. The effective area of concrete subjected to the limiting stress of $0.85f_c'$ is reduced by the term A_{pd} to account for the area of ducts, sheathing, and prestressing reinforcement. A third term is added to account for the reduction of column capacity due to the prestressing force. At nominal strength, the stress in the prestressing reinforcement, f_{se}, is decreased by $0.003E_p$, where 0.003 is the assumed compressive strain at the axial capacity of the member.

22.4.2.4 Tie reinforcement for lateral support of longitudinal reinforcement in compression members shall satisfy 10.7.6.2 and 25.7.2.

22.4.2.5 Spiral reinforcement for lateral support of longitudinal reinforcement in compression members shall satisfy 10.7.6.3 and 25.7.3.

22.4.3 Maximum axial tensile strength

22.4.3.1 Nominal axial tensile strength of a nonprestressed, composite, or prestressed member, P_{nt}, shall not be taken greater than $P_{nt,max}$, calculated by:

$$P_{nt,max} = f_yA_{st} + (f_{se} + \Delta f_p)A_{pt} \quad (22.4.3.1)$$

where $(f_{se} + \Delta f_p)$ shall not exceed f_{py}, and A_{pt} is zero for nonprestressed members.

22.5—One-way shear strength

22.5.1 General

22.5.1.1 Nominal one-way shear strength at a section, V_n, shall be calculated by:

$$V_n = V_c + V_s \quad (22.5.1.1)$$

R22.5—One-way shear strength

R22.5.1 General

R22.5.1.1 In a member without shear reinforcement, shear is assumed to be resisted by the concrete. In a member with shear reinforcement, a portion of the shear strength is assumed to be provided by the concrete and the remainder by the shear reinforcement.

The shear strength provided by concrete, V_c, is assumed to be the same for members with and without shear reinforcement and is taken as the shear causing inclined cracking (Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 426 1973; MacGregor and Hanson 1969; Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 326 1962). After cracking, V_c is attributed to aggregate interlock, dowel action, and the shear transmitted across the concrete compression zone.

The shear strength is based on an average shear stress over the effective cross section, b_wd.

Chapter 23 allows the use of strut-and-tie models in the shear design of any structural concrete member, or discontinuity region in a member. Sectional shear design procedures are acceptable in B-regions.

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22.5.1.2 Cross-sectional dimensions shall be selected to satisfy Eq. (22.5.1.2).

$$V_u \le \phi(V_c + .066\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d) \qquad (22.5.1.2)$$

22.5.1.3 For nonprestressed members, V_c shall be calculated in accordance with 22.5.5, 22.5.6, or 22.5.7.

22.5.1.4 For prestressed members, V_c, V_{ci}, and V_{cw} shall be calculated in accordance with 22.5.8 or 22.5.9.

22.5.1.5 For calculation of V_c, V_{ci}, and V_{cw}, λ shall be in accordance with 19.2.4.

22.5.1.6 V_s shall be calculated in accordance with 22.5.10.

22.5.1.7 Effect of any openings in members shall be considered in calculating V_n.

22.5.1.8 Effect of axial tension due to creep and shrinkage in restrained members shall be considered in calculating V_c.

22.5.1.9 Effect of inclined flexural compression in variable depth members shall be permitted to be considered in calculating V_c.

22.5.2 Geometric assumptions

22.5.2.1 For calculation of V_c and V_s in prestressed members, d shall be taken as the distance from the extreme compression fiber to the centroid of prestressed and any nonprestressed longitudinal reinforcement but need not be taken less than 0.8h.

22.5.2.2 For calculation of V_c and V_s in solid, circular sections, d shall be permitted to be taken as 0.8 times the diameter, and b_w shall be permitted to be taken as the diameter.

22.5.3 Limiting material strengths

22.5.3.1 The value of $\sqrt{f_c'}$ used to calculate V_c, V_{ci}, and V_{cw} for one-way shear shall not exceed 8.3 MPa, unless allowed in 22.5.3.2.

R22.5.1.2 The limit on cross-sectional dimensions in 22.5.1.2 is intended to minimize the likelihood of diagonal compression failure in the concrete and limit the extent of cracking.

R22.5.1.7 Openings in the web of a member can reduce its shear strength. The effects of openings are discussed in Section 4.7 of Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 426 (1973) and in Barney et al. (1977) and Schlaich et al. (1987). Strut-and-tie models as addressed in Chapter 23 can be used to design members with openings.

R22.5.1.9 In a member of variable depth, the internal shear at any section is increased or decreased by the vertical component of the inclined flexural stresses.

R22.5.2 Geometric assumptions

R22.5.2.1 Although the value of d may vary along the span of a prestressed beam, studies (MacGregor and Hanson 1969) have shown that, for prestressed concrete members, d need not be taken less than 0.8h. The beams considered had some straight prestressed reinforcement or reinforcing bars at the bottom of the section and had stirrups that enclosed the longitudinal reinforcement.

R22.5.2.2 Shear tests of members with circular sections indicate that the effective area can be taken as the gross area of the section or as an equivalent rectangular area (Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 426 1973; Faradji and Diaz de Cossio 1965; Khalifa and Collins 1981).

Although the transverse reinforcement in a circular section may not consist of straight legs, tests indicate that Eq. (22.5.10.5.3) is conservative if d is taken as defined in 22.5.2.2 (Faradji and Diaz de Cossio 1965; Khalifa and Collins 1981).

R22.5.3 Limiting material strengths

R22.5.3.1 Because of a lack of test data and practical experience with concretes having compressive strengths greater than 70 MPa, the Code imposes a maximum value of 8.3 MPa on $\sqrt{f_c'}$ for use in the calculation of shear strength

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22.5.3.2 Values of $\sqrt{f_c'}$ greater than 8.3 MPa shall be permitted in calculating V_c, V_{ci}, and V_{cw} for reinforced or prestressed concrete beams and concrete joist construction having minimum web reinforcement in accordance with 9.6.3.3 or 9.6.4.2.

22.5.3.3 The values of f_y and f_{yt} used to calculate V_s shall not exceed the limits in 20.2.2.4.

22.5.4 Composite concrete members

22.5.4.1 This section shall apply to members constructed in separate placements but connected so that all elements resist loads as a unit.

22.5.4.2 For calculation of V_n for composite members, no distinction shall be made between shored and unshored members.

22.5.4.3 For calculation of V_n for composite members where the specified concrete compressive strength, unit weight, or other properties of different elements vary, properties of the individual elements shall be used in design. Alternatively, it shall be permitted to use the properties of the element that results in the most critical value of V_n.

22.5.4.4 If an entire composite member is assumed to resist vertical shear, it shall be permitted to calculate V_c assuming a monolithically cast member of the same cross-sectional shape.

22.5.4.5 If an entire composite member is assumed to resist vertical shear, it shall be permitted to calculate V_s assuming a monolithically cast member of the same cross-sectional shape if shear reinforcement is fully anchored into the interconnected elements in accordance with 25.7.

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of concrete members. Exceptions to this limit are permitted in beams and joists if the transverse reinforcement satisfies the requirements in 22.5.3.2.

R22.5.3.2 Based on the beam test results in Mphonde and Frantz (1984), Elzanaty et al. (1986), Roller and Russell (1990), Johnson and Ramirez (1989), and Oczebe et al. (1999), an increase in the minimum amount of transverse reinforcement is required for high-strength concrete. These tests indicate a reduction in reserve shear strength occurs as f_c' increases in beams reinforced with transverse reinforcement providing an effective shear stress of 0.35 MPa. By providing minimum transverse reinforcement, which increases as f_c' increases, the reduction in shear strength is offset.

R22.5.3.3 The upper limit of 420 MPa on the value of f_y and f_{yt} used in design is intended to control diagonal crack width.

R22.5.4 Composite concrete members

R22.5.4.1 The scope of Chapter 22 includes composite concrete members. In some cases with cast-in-place concrete, separate placements of concrete may be designed to act as a unit. In these cases, the interface is designed for the loads that will be transferred across the interface. Composite structural steel-concrete beams are not covered in this chapter. Design provisions for such composite members are covered in AISC 360.

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22.5.5 V_c for nonprestressed members without axial force

22.5.5.1 For nonprestressed members without axial force, V_c shall be calculated by:

$$V_c = 0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d \qquad (22.5.5.1)$$

unless a more detailed calculation is made in accordance with Table 22.5.5.1.

Table 22.5.5.1—Detailed method for calculating V_c

	V_c	
Least of (a), (b), and (c):	$\left(0.16\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+17\rho_w\dfrac{V_u d}{M_u}\right)b_w d$ [1]	(a)
	$(0.16\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+17\rho_w)b_w d$	(b)
	$0.29\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$	(c)

[1]M_u occurs simultaneously with V_u at the section considered.

22.5.6 V_c for nonprestressed members with axial compression

22.5.6.1 For nonprestressed members with axial compression, V_c shall be calculated by:

$$V_c = 0.17\left(1+\frac{N_u}{14A_g}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d \qquad (22.5.6.1)$$

unless a more detailed calculation is made in accordance with Table 22.5.6.1, where N_u is positive for compression.

Table 22.5.6.1—Detailed method for calculating V_c for nonprestressed members with axial compression

	V_c	
Lesser of (a) and (b):	$\left(0.16\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+17\rho_w\dfrac{V_u d}{M_u - N_u\dfrac{(4h-d)}{8}}\right)b_w d$ [1]	(a)
	Equation not applicable if $M_u - N_u\dfrac{(4h-d)}{8}\le 0$	
	$0.29\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d\sqrt{1+\dfrac{0.29N_u}{A_g}}$	(b)

[1]M_u occurs simultaneously with V_u at the section considered.

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R22.5.5 V_c for nonprestressed members without axial force

R22.5.5.1 Expression (a) in Table 22.5.5.1 contains three variables, $\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ (as a measure of concrete tensile strength), ρ_w, and $V_u d/M_u$, which are known to affect shear strength (Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 326 1962). Test results (Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 326 1962) have indicated that shear strength decreases as the overall depth of the member increases.

Expression (b) in Table 22.5.5.1 limits V_c near points of inflection. For most designs, it is convenient to assume that the second term in expressions (a) and (b) of Table 22.5.5.1 equals $0.01\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ and use V_c equal to $0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$, as permitted in Eq. (22.5.5.1).

R22.5.6 V_c for nonprestressed members with axial compression

R22.5.6.1 The expressions in rows (a) and (b) of Table 22.5.6.1, for members subject to axial compression in addition to shear and moment, are derived in the Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 326 (1962) report. Values of V_c for members subject to shear and axial load are illustrated in Fig. R22.5.6.1. The background for these equations is discussed and comparisons are made with test data in MacGregor and Hanson (1969).
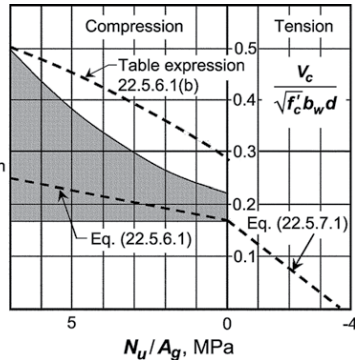

Fig. R22.5.6.1—Comparison of shear strength equations for members subject to axial force.

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22.5.7 V_c for nonprestressed members with significant axial tension

22.5.7.1 For nonprestressed members with significant axial tension, V_c shall be calculated by:

$$V_c = 0.17 \left(1 + \frac{N_u}{3.5A_g}\right) \lambda \sqrt{f_c'} b_w d \qquad (22.5.7.1)$$

where N_u is negative for tension, and V_c shall not be less than zero.

22.5.8 V_c for prestressed members

22.5.8.1 This section shall apply to the calculation of V_c for post-tensioned and pretensioned members in regions where the effective force in the prestressed reinforcement is fully transferred to the concrete. For regions of pretensioned members where the effective force in the prestressed reinforcement is not fully transferred to the concrete, 22.5.9 shall govern the calculation of V_c.

22.5.8.2 For prestressed flexural members with $A_{ps}f_{se} \geq 0.4(A_{ps}f_{pu} + A_s f_y)$, V_c shall be calculated in accordance with Table 22.5.8.2, but need not be less than the value calculated by Eq. (22.5.5.1). Alternatively, it shall be permitted to calculate V_c in accordance with 22.5.8.3.

Table 22.5.8.2—Approximate method for calculating V_c

	V_c		
Least of (a), (b), and (c):	$\left(0.05\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 4.8\dfrac{V_u d_p}{M_u}\right)b_w d$ [1]		(a)
	$(0.05\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 4.8)b_w d$		(b)
	$0.42\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$		(c)

[1] M_u occurs simultaneously with V_u at the section considered.

R22.5.7 V_c for nonprestressed members with significant axial tension

R22.5.7.1 The term "significant" is used to recognize that judgment is required in deciding whether axial tension needs to be considered. Axial tension often occurs due to volume changes, but the levels may not be detrimental to the performance of a structure with adequate expansion joints and minimum reinforcement. It may be desirable to design shear reinforcement to resist the total shear if there is uncertainty about the magnitude of axial tension.

R22.5.8 V_c for prestressed members

R22.5.8.2 This provision offers a simple means of calculating V_c for prestressed concrete beams (MacGregor and Hanson 1969). This provision may be applied to beams having prestressed reinforcement only, or to members reinforced with a combination of prestressed and nonprestressed reinforcement. Expression (a) in Table 22.5.8.2 is most applicable to members subject to uniform loading.

In applying the expression in row (a) to simply-supported members subject to uniform loads, Eq. (R22.5.8.2) can be used:

$$\frac{V_u d_p}{M_u} = \frac{d_p(\ell - 2x)}{x(\ell - x)} \qquad (R22.5.8.2)$$

where ℓ is the span length, and x is the distance from the section being investigated to the support. For concrete with f_c' equal to 35 MPa, V_c from 22.5.8.2 varies, as shown in Fig. R22.5.8.2. Design aids based on this equation are given in ASCE Joint Committee (1940).
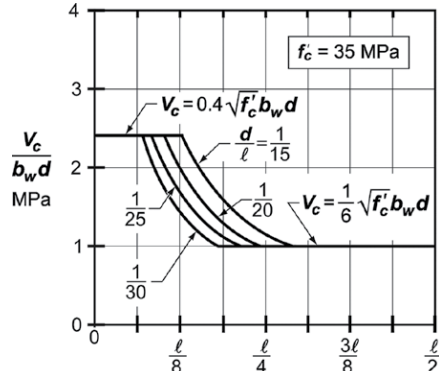
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Fig. R22.5.8.2—Application of Table 22.5.8.2 to uniformly loaded prestressed members with $f_c' = 35$ MPa.

22.5.8.3 For prestressed members, V_c shall be permitted to be the lesser of V_{ci} calculated in accordance with 22.5.8.3.1 and V_{cw} calculated in accordance with 22.5.8.3.2 or 22.5.8.3.3.

R22.5.8.3 Two types of inclined cracking occur in concrete beams: web-shear cracking and flexure-shear cracking. These two types of inclined cracking are illustrated in Fig. R22.5.8.3.

Web-shear cracking begins from an interior point in a member when the principal tensile stresses exceed the tensile strength of the concrete. Flexure-shear cracking is initiated by flexural cracking. When flexural cracking occurs, the shear stresses in the concrete above the crack are increased. The flexure-shear crack develops when the combined shear and flexural-tensile stress exceeds the tensile strength of the concrete.

The nominal shear strength provided by the concrete, V_c, is assumed equal to the lesser of V_{ci} and V_{cw}. The derivations of Eq. (22.5.8.3.1a) and Eq. (22.5.8.3.2) are summarized in ACI 318-65.
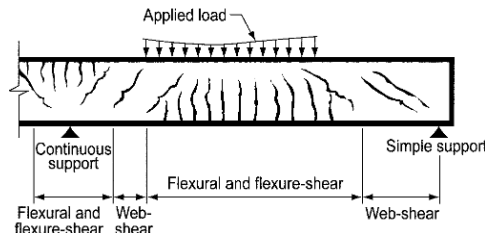
Fig. R22.5.8.3—Types of cracking in concrete beams.

22.5.8.3.1 The flexure-shear strength V_{ci} shall be the greater of (a) and (b):

(a) $V_{ci} = 0.05\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d_p + V_d + \dfrac{V_i M_{cre}}{M_{max}}$ (22.5.8.3.1a)

R22.5.8.3.1 In deriving Eq. (22.5.8.3.1a), it was assumed that V_{ci} is the sum of the shear required to cause a flexural crack at the section in question given by:

$$V = \frac{V_i M_{cre}}{M_{max}}$$ (R22.5.8.3.1a)

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(b) $V_{ci} = 0.14\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d$ (22.5.8.3.1b)

where d_p need not be taken less than 0.80h, the values of M_{max} and V_i shall be calculated from the load combinations causing maximum factored moment to occur at section considered, and M_{cre} shall be calculated by:

$$M_{cre} = \left(\frac{I}{y_t}\right)(0.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + f_{pe} - f_d)$$ (22.5.8.3.1c)

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plus an additional increment of shear required to change the flexural crack to a flexure-shear crack. The externally applied factored loads, from which V_i and M_{max} are determined, include superimposed dead load and live load. In calculating M_{cre} for substitution into Eq. (22.5.8.3.1a), I and y_t are the properties of the section resisting the externally applied loads.

For a composite member, where part of the dead load is resisted by only a part of the section, appropriate section properties should be used to calculate f_d. The shear due to dead loads, V_d, and that due to other loads, V_i, are separated in this case. V_d is then the total shear force due to unfactored dead load acting on that part of the section resisting the dead loads acting prior to composite action plus the unfactored superimposed dead load acting on the composite member. The terms V_i and M_{max} may be taken as

$$V_i = V_u - V_d$$ (R22.5.8.3.1b)

$$M_{max} = M_u - M_d$$ (R22.5.8.3.1c)

where V_u and M_u are the factored shear and moment due to the total factored loads, and M_d is the moment due to unfactored dead load (the moment corresponding to f_d).

For noncomposite, uniformly loaded beams, the total cross section resists all the shear, and the live and dead load shear force diagrams are similar. In this case, Eq. (22.5.8.3.1a) and Eq. (22.5.8.3.1c) reduce to

$$V_{ci} = 0.05\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d + \frac{V_u M_{ct}}{M_u}$$ (R22.5.8.3.1d)

where

$$M_{ct} = (I/y_t)(0.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + f_{pe})$$ (R22.5.8.3.1e)

The cracking moment M_{ct} in the two preceding equations represents the total moment, including dead load, required to cause cracking at the extreme fiber in tension. This is not the same as M_{cre} in Eq. (22.5.8.3.1a) where the cracking moment is that due to all loads except the dead load. In Eq. (22.5.8.3.1a), the dead load shear is added as a separate term.

M_u is the factored moment on the beam at the section under consideration, and V_u is the factored shear force occurring simultaneously with M_u. Because the same section properties apply to both dead and live load stresses, there is no need to calculate dead load stresses and shears separately. M_{ct} reflects the total stress change from effective prestress to a tension of $0.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$, assumed to cause flexural cracking.

22.5.8.3.2 The web-shear strength V_{cw} shall be calculated by:

$$V_{cw} = (0.29\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 0.3 f_{pc})b_w d_p + V_p$$ (22.5.8.3.2)

where d_p need not be taken less than 0.80h, and V_p is the vertical component of the effective prestress.

R22.5.8.3.2 Equation (22.5.8.3.2) is based on the assumption that web-shear cracking occurs at a shear level causing a principal tensile stress of approximately $0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ at the centroidal axis of the cross section. V_p is calculated from the effective prestress force without load factors.

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22.5.8.3.3 As an alternative to 22.5.8.3.2, it shall be permitted to calculate V_{cw} as the shear force corresponding to dead load plus live load that results in a principal tensile stress of $0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ at location (a) or (b):

(a) Where the centroidal axis of the prestressed cross section is in the web, the principal tensile stress shall be calculated at the centroidal axis.
(b) Where the centroidal axis of the prestressed cross section is in the flange, the principal tensile stress shall be calculated at the intersection of the flange and the web.

22.5.8.3.4 In composite members, the principal tensile stress in 22.5.8.3.3 shall be calculated using the cross section that resists live load.

22.5.9 V_c for pretensioned members in regions of reduced prestress force

22.5.9.1 When calculating V_c, the transfer length of prestressed reinforcement, ℓ_{tr}, shall be assumed to be $50d_b$ for strand and $100d_b$ for wire.

22.5.9.2 If bonding of strands extends to the end of the member, the effective prestress force shall be assumed to vary linearly from zero at the end of the prestressed reinforcement to a maximum at a distance ℓ_{tr} from the end of the prestressed reinforcement.

22.5.9.3 At locations corresponding to a reduced effective prestress force in 22.5.9.2, V_c shall be calculated in accordance with (a) through (c):

(a) The reduced effective prestress force shall be used to determine the applicability of 22.5.8.2.
(b) The reduced effective prestress force shall be used to calculate V_{cw} in 22.5.8.3.
(c) The value of V_c calculated using 22.5.8.2 shall not exceed the value of V_{cw} calculated using the reduced effective prestress force.

22.5.9.4 If bonding of strands does not extend to the end of the member, the effective prestress force shall be assumed to vary linearly from zero at the point where bonding commences to a maximum at a distance ℓ_{tr} from that point.

22.5.9.5 At locations corresponding to a reduced effective prestress force according to 22.5.9.4, V_c shall be calculated in accordance with (a) through (c):

(a) The reduced effective prestress force shall be used to determine the applicability of 22.5.8.2.
(b) The reduced effective prestress force shall be used to calculate V_c in accordance with 22.5.8.3.

R22.5.9 V_c for pretensioned members in regions of reduced prestress force—The effect of the reduced prestress near the ends of pretensioned beams on the shear strength should be taken into account. Provisions 22.5.9.2 and 22.5.9.3 relate to the reduced shear strength at sections within the transfer length of prestressed reinforcement when bonding of prestressing reinforcement extends to the end of the member. Provisions 22.5.9.4 and 22.5.9.5 relate to the reduced shear strength at sections within the length over which some of the prestressed reinforcement is not bonded to the concrete, or within the transfer length of the prestressed reinforcement for which bonding does not extend to the end of the beam.

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(c) The value of V_c calculated using 22.5.8.2 shall not exceed the value of V_{cw} calculated using the reduced effective prestress force.

22.5.10 One-way shear reinforcement

22.5.10.1 At each section where $V_u > \phi V_c$, transverse reinforcement shall be provided such that Eq. (22.5.10.1) is satisﬁed.

$$V_s \geq \frac{V_u}{\phi} - V_c \qquad (22.5.10.1)$$

22.5.10.2 For one-way members reinforced with transverse reinforcement, V_s shall be calculated in accordance with 22.5.10.5.

22.5.10.3 For one-way members reinforced with bent-up longitudinal bars, V_s shall be calculated in accordance with 22.5.10.6.

22.5.10.4 If more than one type of shear reinforcement is provided to reinforce the same portion of a member, V_s shall be the sum of the V_s values for the various types of shear reinforcement.

22.5.10.5 One-way shear strength provided by transverse reinforcement

22.5.10.5.1 In nonprestressed and prestressed members, shear reinforcement satisfying (a), (b), or (c) shall be permitted:

(a) Stirrups, ties, or hoops perpendicular to longitudinal axis of member
(b) Welded wire reinforcement with wires located perpendicular to longitudinal axis of member
(c) Spiral reinforcement

22.5.10.5.2 Inclined stirrups making an angle of at least 45 degrees with the longitudinal axis of the member and crossing the plane of the potential shear crack shall be permitted to be used as shear reinforcement in nonprestressed members.

22.5.10.5.3 V_s for shear reinforcement in 22.5.10.5.1 shall be calculated by:

$$V_s = \frac{A_v f_{yt} d}{s} \qquad (22.5.10.5.3)$$

where s is the spiral pitch or the longitudinal spacing of the shear reinforcement, and A_v is given in 22.5.10.5.5 or 22.5.10.5.6.

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R22.5.10 One-way shear reinforcement

R22.5.10.2 Provisions of 22.5.10.5 apply to all types of transverse reinforcement, including stirrups, ties, hoops, crossties, and spirals.

R22.5.10.5 One-way shear strength provided by transverse reinforcement—Design of shear reinforcement is based on a modiﬁed truss analogy. In the truss analogy, the force in vertical ties is resisted by shear reinforcement. However, considerable research on both nonprestressed and prestressed members has indicated that shear reinforcement needs to be designed to resist only the shear exceeding that which causes inclined cracking, provided the diagonal members in the truss are assumed to be inclined at 45 degrees. The concrete is assumed to contribute to the shear capacity through resistance across the concrete compressive zone, aggregate interlock, and dowel action in an amount equivalent to that which caused incline cracking.

Equations (22.5.10.5.3), (22.5.10.5.4), and (22.5.10.6.2a) are presented in terms of nominal shear strength provided by shear reinforcement V_s. Where shear reinforcement perpendicular to the axis of the member is used, the required area of shear reinforcement, A_v, and its spacing, s, are calculated by

$$\frac{A_v}{s} = \frac{(V_u - \phi V_c)}{\phi f_{yt} d} \qquad (R22.5.10.5)$$

Research (Anderson and Ramirez 1989; Leonhardt and Walther 1964) has shown that shear behavior of wide beams with substantial ﬂexural reinforcement is improved if the transverse spacing of stirrup legs across the section is reduced.

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22.5.10.5.4 V_s for shear reinforcement in 22.5.10.5.2 shall be calculated by:

$$V_s = \frac{A_v f_{yt} (\sin\alpha + \cos\alpha) d}{s} \qquad (22.5.10.5.4)$$

where α is the angle between the inclined stirrups and the longitudinal axis of the member, s is measured parallel to the longitudinal reinforcement, and A_v is given in 22.5.10.5.5.

22.5.10.5.5 For each rectangular tie, stirrup, hoop, or crosstie, A_v shall be the effective area of all bar legs or wires within spacing s.

22.5.10.5.6 For each circular tie or spiral, A_v shall be two times the area of the bar or wire within spacing s.

22.5.10.6 One-way shear strength provided by bent-up longitudinal bars

22.5.10.6.1 The center three-fourths of the inclined portion of bent-up longitudinal bars shall be permitted to be used as shear reinforcement in nonprestressed members if the angle α between the bent-up bars and the longitudinal axis of the member is at least 30 degrees.

22.5.10.6.2 If shear reinforcement consists of a single bar or a single group of parallel bars having an area A_v, all bent the same distance from the support, V_s shall be the lesser of (a) and (b):

(a) $V_s = A_v f_y \sin\alpha$ (22.5.10.6.2a)

(b) $V_s = 0.25\sqrt{f_c'}\, b_w d$ (22.5.10.6.2b)

where α is the angle between bent-up reinforcement and longitudinal axis of the member.

22.5.10.6.3 If shear reinforcement consists of a series of parallel bent-up bars or groups of parallel bent-up bars at different distances from the support, V_s shall be calculated by Eq. (22.5.10.5.4).

22.6—Two-way shear strength

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R22.5.10.5.4 To be effective, it is critical that inclined stirrups cross potential shear cracks. If the inclined stirrups are generally oriented parallel to the potential shear cracks, the stirrups provide no shear strength.

R22.5.10.5.6 Although the transverse reinforcement in a circular section may not consist of straight legs, tests indicate that Eq. (22.5.10.5.3) is conservative if d is taken as defined in 22.5.2.2 (Faradji and Diaz de Cossio 1965; Khalifa and Collins 1981).

R22.5.10.6 One-way shear strength provided by bent-up longitudinal bars—To be effective, it is critical that the inclined portion of the bent-up longitudinal bar cross potential shear cracks. If the inclined bars are generally oriented parallel to the potential shear cracks, the bars provide no shear strength.

R22.6—Two-way shear strength

Factored shear stress in two-way members due to shear and moment transfer is calculated in accordance with the requirements of 8.4.4. Section 22.6 provides requirements for determining nominal shear strength, either without shear reinforcement or with shear reinforcement in the form of stirrups, headed shear studs, or shearheads. Factored shear demand and strength are calculated in terms of stress,

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permitting superposition of effects from direct shear and moment transfer.

22.6.1 General

22.6.1.1 Provisions 22.6.1 through 22.6.8 apply to the nominal shear strength of two-way members with and without shear reinforcement. Where structural steel I- or channel-shaped sections are used as shearheads, two-way members shall be designed for shear in accordance with 22.6.9.

22.6.1.2 Nominal shear strength for two-way members without shear reinforcement shall be calculated by

$$v_n = v_c \qquad (22.6.1.2)$$

22.6.1.3 Nominal shear strength for two-way members with shear reinforcement other than shearheads shall be calculated by

$$v_n = v_c + v_s \qquad (22.6.1.3)$$

22.6.1.4 Two-way shear shall be resisted by a section with a depth d and an assumed critical perimeter b_o as defined in 22.6.4.

22.6.1.5 v_c for two-way shear shall be calculated in accordance with 22.6.5. For two-way members with shear reinforcement, v_c shall not exceed the limits in 22.6.6.1.

22.6.1.6 For calculation of v_c, λ shall be in accordance with 19.2.4.

22.6.1.7 For two-way members reinforced with single- or multiple-leg stirrups, v_s shall be calculated in accordance with 22.6.7.

22.6.1.8 For two-way members reinforced with headed shear stud reinforcement, v_s shall be calculated in accordance with 22.6.8.

22.6.2 Effective depth

22.6.2.1 For calculation of v_c and v_s for two-way shear, d shall be the average of the effective depths in the two orthogonal directions.

22.6.2.2 For prestressed, two-way members, d need not be taken less than $0.8h$.

22.6.3 Limiting material strengths

22.6.3.1 The value of $\sqrt{f_c'}$ used to calculate v_c for two-way shear shall not exceed 8.3 MPa.

R22.6.1 General

R22.6.1.4 The critical section perimeter b_o is defined in 22.6.4.

R22.6.3 Limiting material strengths

R22.6.3.1 There are limited test data on the two-way shear strength of high-strength concrete slabs. Until more experience is obtained for two-way slabs constructed with concretes that have compressive strengths greater than

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22.6.3.2 The value of f_{yt} used to calculate v_s shall not exceed the limits in 20.2.2.4.

22.6.4 Critical sections for two-way members

22.6.4.1 For two-way shear, critical sections shall be located so that the perimeter b_o is a minimum but need not be closer than $d/2$ to (a) and (b):

(a) Edges or corners of columns, concentrated loads, or reaction areas
(b) Changes in slab or footing thickness, such as edges of capitals, drop panels, or shear caps

22.6.4.1.1 For square or rectangular columns, concentrated loads, or reaction areas, critical sections for two-way shear in accordance with 22.6.4.1(a) and (b) shall be permitted to be defined assuming straight sides.

22.6.4.1.2 For a circular or regular polygon-shaped column, critical sections for two-way shear in accordance with 22.6.4.1(a) and (b) shall be permitted to be defined assuming a square column of equivalent area.

22.6.4.2 For two-way members reinforced with headed shear reinforcement or single- or multi-leg stirrups, a critical section with perimeter b_o located $d/2$ beyond the outermost peripheral line of shear reinforcement shall also be considered. The shape of this critical section shall be a polygon selected to minimize b_o.

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70 MPa, it is prudent to limit $\sqrt{f_c'}$ to 8.3 MPa for the calculation of shear strength.

R22.6.3.2 The upper limit of 420 MPa on the value of f_{yt} used in design is intended to control cracking.

R22.6.4 Critical sections for two-way members—The critical section defined in 22.6.4.1(a) for shear in slabs and footings subjected to bending in two directions follows the perimeter at the edge of the loaded area (Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 326 1962). Loaded area for shear in two-way slabs and footings includes columns, concentrated loads, and reaction areas. An idealized critical section located a distance $d/2$ from the periphery of the loaded area is considered.
For members of uniform thickness without shear reinforcement, it is sufficient to check shear using one section. For slabs with changes in thickness or with shear reinforcement, it is necessary to check shear at multiple sections as defined in 22.6.4.1(a) and (b) and 22.6.4.2.
For columns near an edge or corner, the critical perimeter may extend to the edge of the slab.

R22.6.4.2 For two-way members with stirrup or headed stud shear reinforcement, it is required to check shear stress in concrete at a critical section located a distance $d/2$ beyond the point where shear reinforcement is discontinued. Calculated shear stress at this section must not exceed the limits given in expressions (b) and (d) in Table 22.6.6.1. The shape of this outermost critical section should correspond to the minimum value of b_o, as depicted in Fig. R22.6.4.2a, b, and c. Note that these figures depict slabs reinforced with stirrups. The shape of the outermost critical section is similar for slabs with headed shear reinforcement. The square or rectangular critical sections described in 22.6.4.1.1 will not result in the minimum value of b_o for the cases depicted in these figures. Additional critical section checks are required at a distance $d/2$ beyond any point where variations in shear reinforcement occur, such as changes in size, spacing, or configuration.

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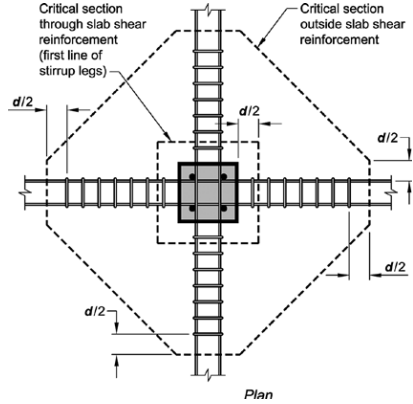CODE   COMMENTARY

Fig. R22.6.4.2a—Critical sections for two-way shear in slab with shear reinforcement at interior column.
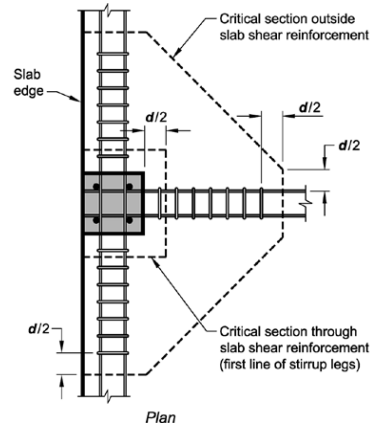

Fig. R22.6.4.2b—Critical sections for two-way shear in slab with shear reinforcement at edge column.
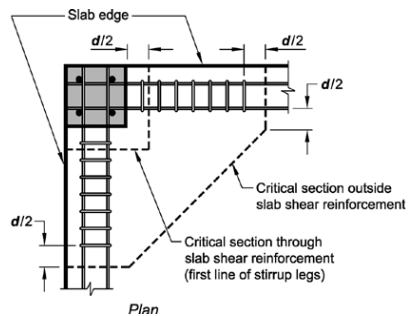

Fig. R22.6.4.2c—Critical sections for two-way shear in slab with shear reinforcement at corner column.

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22.6.4.3 If an opening is located within a column strip or closer than $10h$ from a concentrated load or reaction area, a portion of b_o enclosed by straight lines projecting from the centroid of the column, concentrated load or reaction area and tangent to the boundaries of the opening shall be considered ineffective.

R22.6.4.3 Provisions for design of openings in slabs (and footings) were developed in Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 326 (1962). The locations of the effective portions of the critical section near typical openings and free edges are shown by the dashed lines in Fig. R22.6.4.3. Research (Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 426 1974) has confirmed that these provisions are conservative.
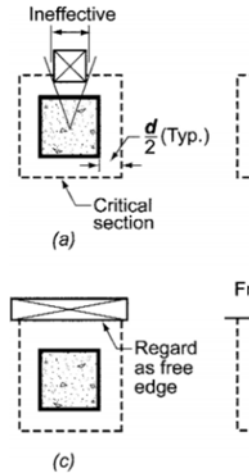
Fig. R22.6.4.3—Effect of openings and free edges (effective perimeter shown with dashed lines).

22.6.5 Two-way shear strength provided by concrete

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22.6.5.1 For nonprestressed two-way members, v_c shall be calculated in accordance with 22.6.5.2. For prestressed two-way members, v_c shall be calculated in accordance with (a) or (b):

(a) 22.6.5.2
(b) 22.6.5.5, if the conditions of 22.6.5.4 are satisfied

22.6.5.2 v_c shall be calculated in accordance with Table 22.6.5.2.

R22.6.5.2 For square columns, the stress corresponding to the nominal two-way shear strength provided by concrete in slabs subjected to bending in two directions is limited to $0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$. However, tests (Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 426 1974) have indicated that the value of $0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ is unconservative when the ratio β of the lengths of the long and short sides of a rectangular column or loaded area is larger than 2.0. In such cases, the actual shear stress on the critical section at punching shear failure varies from a maximum of approximately $0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ around the corners of the column or loaded area, down to $0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ or less along the long sides between the two end sections. Other tests (Vanderbilt 1972) indicate that v_c decreases as the ratio b_o/d increases. Expressions (b) and (c) in Table 22.6.5.2 were developed to account for these two effects.

Table 22.6.5.2—Calculation of v_c for two-way shear

	v_c	
Least of (a), (b), and (c):	$0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	(a)
	$0.17\left(1 + \dfrac{2}{\beta}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	(b)
	$0.083\left(2 + \dfrac{\alpha_s d}{b_o}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	(c)

Note: β is the ratio of long side to short side of the column, concentrated load, or reaction area and α_s is given in 22.6.5.3.

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For shapes other than rectangular, β is taken to be the ratio of the longest overall dimension of the effective loaded area to the largest overall perpendicular dimension of the effective loaded area, as illustrated for an L-shaped reaction area in Fig. R22.6.5.2. The effective loaded area is that area totally enclosing the actual loaded area, for which the perimeter is a minimum.
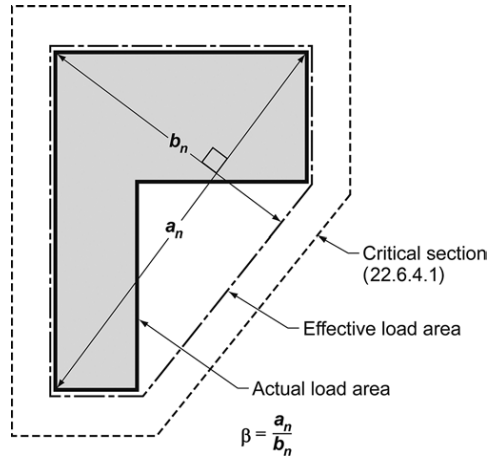

Fig. R22.6.5.2—Value of β for a nonrectangular loaded area.

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22.6.5.3 The value of α_s is 40 for interior columns, 30 for edge columns, and 20 for corner columns.

22.6.5.4 For prestressed, two-way members, it shall be permitted to calculate v_c using 22.6.5.5, provided that (a) through (c) are satisfied:

(a) Bonded reinforcement is provided in accordance with 8.6.2.3 and 8.7.5.3
(b) No portion of the column cross section is closer to a discontinuous edge than four times the slab thickness h
(c) Effective prestress f_{pc} in each direction is not less than 0.9 MPa

22.6.5.5 For prestressed, two-way members conforming to 22.6.5.4, v_c shall be permitted to be the lesser of (a) and (b):

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R22.6.5.3 The terms "interior columns," "edge columns," and "corner columns" in this provision refer to critical sections with a continuous slab on four, three, and two sides, respectively.

R22.6.5.4 For prestressed two-way members, modified forms of expressions (b) and (c) in Table 22.6.5.2 are specified. Research (ACI 423.3R) indicates that the shear strength of two-way prestressed slabs around interior columns is conservatively calculated by the expressions in 22.6.5.5, where v_c corresponds to a diagonal tension failure of the concrete initiating at the critical section defined in 22.6.4.1. The mode of failure differs from a punching shear failure around the perimeter of the loaded area of a nonprestressed slab calculated using expression (b) in Table 22.6.5.2. Consequently, the expressions in 22.6.5.5 differ from those for nonprestressed slabs. Values for $\sqrt{f_c'}$ and f_{pc} are restricted in design due to limited test data available beyond the specified limits. When calculating f_{pc}, loss of prestress due to restraint of the slab by shear walls and other structural elements should be taken into account.

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(a) $v_c = 0.29\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 0.3 f_{pc} + \dfrac{V_p}{b_o d}$ (22.6.5.5a)

(b) $v_c = 0.083\left(1.5 + \dfrac{\alpha_s d}{b_o}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 0.3 f_{pc} + \dfrac{V_p}{b_o d}$ (22.6.5.5b)

where α_s is given in 22.6.5.3; the value of f_{pc} is the average of f_{pc} in the two directions and shall not exceed 3.5 MPa; V_p is the vertical component of all effective prestress forces crossing the critical section; and the value of $\sqrt{f_c'}$ shall not exceed 5.8 MPa.

22.6.6 Maximum shear for two-way members with shear reinforcement

22.6.6.1 For two-way members with shear reinforcement, the value of v_c calculated at critical sections shall not exceed the limits in Table 22.6.6.1.

Table 22.6.6.1—Maximum v_c for two-way members with shear reinforcement

Type of shear reinforcement	Maximum v_c at critical sections defined in 22.6.4.1		Maximum v_c at critical section defined in 22.6.4.2	
Stirrups	$0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	(a)	$0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	(b)
Headed shear stud reinforcement	$0.25\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	(c)	$0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	(d)

22.6.6.2 For two-way members with shear reinforcement, effective depth shall be selected such that v_u calculated at critical sections does not exceed the values in Table 22.6.6.2

Table 22.6.6.2—Maximum v_u for two-way members with shear reinforcement

Type of shear reinforcement	Maximum v_u at critical sections defined in 22.6.4.1	
Stirrups	$\phi 0.5\sqrt{f_c'}$	(a)
Headed shear stud reinforcement	$\phi 0.66\sqrt{f_c'}$	(b)

22.6.7 Two-way shear strength provided by single- or multiple-leg stirrups

22.6.7.1 Single- or multiple-leg stirrups fabricated from bars or wires shall be permitted to be used as shear reinforcement in slabs and footings satisfying (a) and (b):

(a) d is at least 150 mm
(b) d is at least $16d_b$, where d_b is the diameter of the stirrups

22.6.7.2 For two-way members with stirrups, v_s shall be calculated by:

R22.6.6 Maximum shear for two-way members with shear reinforcement—Critical sections for two-way members with shear reinforcement are defined in 22.6.4.1 for the sections adjacent to the column, concentrated load, or reaction area, and 22.6.4.2 for the section located just beyond the outermost peripheral line of stirrup or headed shear stud reinforcement. Values of maximum v_c for these critical sections are given in Table 22.6.6.1. Limiting values of v_u for the critical sections defined in 22.6.4.1 are given in Table 22.6.6.2.

The maximum v_c and limiting value of v_u at the innermost critical section (defined in 22.6.4.1) are higher where headed shear stud reinforcement is provided than the case where stirrups are provided (refer to R12.7.7). Maximum v_c values at the critical sections defined in 22.6.4.2 beyond the outermost peripheral line of shear reinforcement are independent of the type of shear reinforcement provided.

R22.6.7 Two-way shear strength provided by single- or multiple-leg stirrups

R22.6.7.2 Because shear stresses are used for two-way shear in this chapter, shear strength provided by transverse

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$$v_s = \frac{A_v f_{yt}}{b_o s} \qquad (22.6.7.2)$$

where A_v is the sum of the area of all legs of reinforcement on one peripheral line that is geometrically similar to the perimeter of the column section, and s is the spacing of the peripheral lines of shear reinforcement in the direction perpendicular to the column face.

22.6.8 Two-way shear strength provided by headed shear stud reinforcement

22.6.8.1 Headed shear stud reinforcement shall be permitted to be used as shear reinforcement in slabs and footings if the placement and geometry of the headed shear stud reinforcement satis¿es 8.7.7.

22.6.8.2 For two-way members with headed shear stud reinforcement, v_s shall be calculated by:

$$v_s = \frac{A_v f_{yt}}{b_o s} \qquad (22.6.8.2)$$

where A_v is the sum of the area of all shear studs on one peripheral line that is geometrically similar to the perimeter of the column section, and s is the spacing of the peripheral lines of headed shear stud reinforcement in the direction perpendicular to the column face.

22.6.8.3 If headed shear stud reinforcement is provided, A_v/s shall satisfy:

$$\frac{A_v}{s} \geq 0.17\sqrt{f_c'}\,\frac{b_o}{f_{yt}} \qquad (22.6.8.3)$$

22.6.9 Design provisions for two-way members with shearheads

22.6.9.1 Each shearhead shall consist of steel shapes fabricated with a full penetration weld into identical arms at right angles. Shearhead arms shall not be interrupted within the column section.

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reinforcement is averaged over the cross-sectional area of the critical section.

R22.6.8 Two-way shear strength provided by headed shear stud reinforcement—Tests (ACI 421.1R) show that headed shear stud reinforcement mechanically anchored as close as practicable to the top and bottom of slabs is effective in resisting punching shear. The critical section beyond the shear reinforcement is generally assumed to have a polygonal shape (refer to Fig. R22.6.4.2c). Equations for calculating shear stresses on such sections are given in ACI 421.1R.

R22.6.8.2 Because shear stresses are used for two-way shear in this chapter, shear strength provided by transverse reinforcement is averaged over the cross-sectional area of the critical section.

R22.6.9 Design provisions for two-way members with shearheads—Design provisions for nonprestressed two-way members reinforced with shearheads were originally developed in terms of shear forces (Corley and Hawkins 1968). That approach has been maintained in this section.

R22.6.9.1 Based on reported test data (Corley and Hawkins 1968), design procedures are presented for shearhead reinforcement consisting of structural steel shapes. For a column connection transferring moment, the design of shearheads is given in 22.6.9.11 and 22.6.9.12.

The design of shearhead reinforcement for connections transferring shear due to gravity load should consider the following. First, a minimum Àexural strength should be provided to ensure that the required shear strength of the slab is reached before the Àexural strength of the shearhead

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is exceeded. Second, the shear stress in the slab at the end of the shearhead reinforcement should be limited. Third, after these two requirements are satisfied, the negative moment slab reinforcement can be reduced in proportion to the moment contribution of the shearhead at the design section.

22.6.9.2 A shearhead shall not be deeper than 70 times the web thickness of the steel shape.

22.6.9.3 The ends of each shearhead arm shall be permitted to be cut at angles of at least 30 degrees with the horizontal if the plastic flexural strength M_p of the remaining tapered section is adequate to resist the shear force attributed to that arm of the shearhead.

22.6.9.4 Compression flanges of steel shapes shall be within $0.3d$ of the compression surface of the slab.

22.6.9.5 The ratio α_v between the flexural stiffness of each shearhead arm and that of the surrounding composite cracked slab section of width $(c_2 + d)$ shall be at least 0.15.

22.6.9.6 For each arm of the shearhead, M_p shall satisfy:

$$M_p \geq \frac{V_u}{2\phi n}\left[h_v + \alpha_v\left(\ell_1 - \frac{c_1}{2}\right)\right] \quad (22.6.9.6)$$

where ϕ corresponds to tension-controlled members, n is the number of shearhead arms, and ℓ_v is the minimum length of each shearhead arm required to satisfy 22.6.9.8 and 22.6.9.10.

R22.6.9.6 The assumed idealized shear distribution along an arm of a shearhead at an interior column is shown in Fig. R22.6.9.6. The shear along each of the arms is taken as $\alpha_v \phi V_c/n$, where V_c equals $v_c b_o d$ and v_c is defined in 22.6.5.2.

The peak shear at the face of the column is taken as the total shear considered per arm V_u/n minus the shear considered transferred to the column by the concrete compression zone of the slab $\phi(V_c/n)(1 - \alpha_v)$. The shear considered transferred to the column by the concrete compression zone approaches zero for a heavy shearhead and approaches $\phi(V_c/n)$ when a light shearhead is used. Equation (22.6.9.6) then follows from the assumption that ϕV_c is approximately one-half the factored shear force V_u. In this equation, M_p is the required plastic flexural strength of each shearhead arm necessary to ensure that V_u is attained as the flexural strength of the shearhead is reached. The quantity ℓ_v is the length from the center of the column to the point at which the shearhead is no longer required, and the distance $c_1/2$ is one-half the dimension of the column in the direction considered.
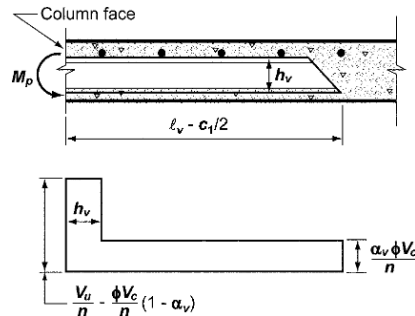

Fig. R22.6.9.6—Idealized shear acting on shearhead.

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22.6.9.7 Nominal flexural strength contributed to each slab column strip by a shearhead, M_v, shall satisfy:

$$M_v \leq \frac{\phi \alpha_v V_u}{2n} \left[\ell_v - \frac{c_1}{2} \right] \qquad (22.6.9.7)$$

where ϕ corresponds to tension-controlled members. However, M_v shall not exceed the least of (a) through (c):

(a) 30 percent of M_u in each slab column strip
(b) Change in M_u in column strip over the length ℓ_v
(c) M_p as given in 22.6.9.6

22.6.9.8 The critical section for shear shall be perpendicular to the plane of the slab and shall cross each shearhead arm at a distance $(3/4)[\ell_v - (c_1/2)]$ from the column face. This critical section shall be located so that b_o is a minimum, but need not be closer than $d/2$ to the edges of the supporting column.

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R22.6.9.7 The flexural strength contribution of the shearhead, M_v, is conservatively calculated from Eq. (22.6.9.7). This expression is based on the assumption that the peak shear at the face of the column is neglected, and ϕV_c is approximately one-half the factored shear force V_u, which is consistent with the assumption used in the development of Eq. (22.6.9.6).

R22.6.9.8 Test results (Corley and Hawkins 1968) indicated that slabs containing shearheads for which the flexural strength of the shear arms was reached prior to slab shear failure, failed at a shear stress less than $0.33\sqrt{f_c'}$ on a critical section at the end of the shearhead reinforcement. For shearheads where the flexural strength of the shear arms was not reached prior to slab shear failure, the shear strength was brought back to approximately the equivalent of $0.33\sqrt{f_c'}$. The limited test data suggest that a conservative design is desirable. Therefore, the shear strength is calculated as $0.33\sqrt{f_c'}$ on an assumed critical section located inside the end of the shearhead reinforcement.

The critical section is taken through the shearhead arms three-fourths of the distance $[\ell_v - (c_1/2)]$ from the face of the column to the end of the shearhead. However, this assumed critical section need not be taken closer than $d/2$ to the column. Refer to Fig. R22.6.9.8.
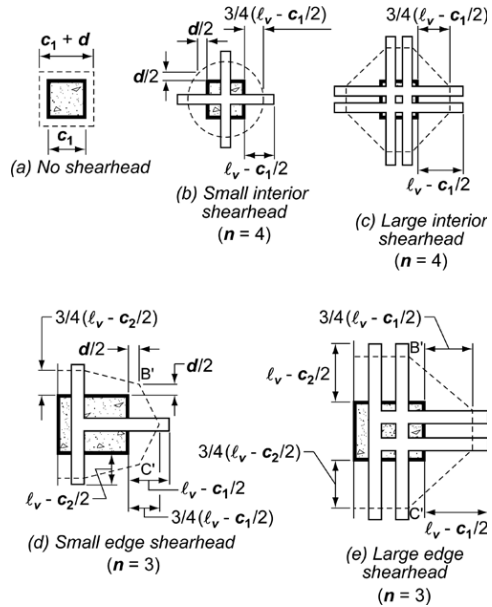
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Fig. R22.6.9.8—Location of critical section defined in 22.6.9.8.

22.6.9.9 If an opening is located within a column strip or closer than 10h from a column in slabs with shearheads, the ineffective portion of b_o shall be one-half of that given in 22.6.4.3.

22.6.9.10 Factored shear stress due to vertical loads shall not be greater than $\phi 0.33\sqrt{f_c'}$ on the critical section given in 22.6.9.8 and shall not be greater than $\phi 0.58\sqrt{f_c'}$ on the critical section closest to the column given in 22.6.4.1(a).

R22.6.9.10 If one or both of the shear stress limits of this provision is exceeded, the slab section is inadequate for the factored shear. If the factored shear stress on the critical section defined in 22.6.4.1(a) exceeds $\phi 0.58\sqrt{f_c'}$, the slab effective depth or f_c' is required to be increased. If factored shear stress on the critical section defined in 22.6.9.8 exceeds $\phi 0.33\sqrt{f_c'}$, effective depth, f_c', or shearhead length is required to be increased.

22.6.9.11 Where transfer of moment is considered, the shearhead shall have adequate anchorage to transmit M_p to the column.

R22.6.9.11 Tests (Hawkins and Corley 1974) indicate that the critical sections complying with 22.6.4.1(a) and 22.6.4.4 are appropriate for calculations of shear stresses caused by transfer of moments when shearheads are used. Even though the critical sections for direct shear and shear due to moment transfer differ, they coincide or are in close proximity at the column corners where the failures initiate. Because a shearhead attracts most of the shear, it is conservative to take the maximum shear stress as the sum of the two components (that is, direct shear and shear due to moment transfer).

This provision requires the moment M_p to be transferred to the column in shearhead connections transferring moments.

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22.6.9.12 Where transfer of moment is considered, the sum of factored shear stresses due to vertical load acting on the critical section given in 22.6.9.8 and the shear stresses resulting from factored moment transferred by eccentricity of shear about the centroid of the critical section closest to the column given in 22.6.4.1(a) shall not exceed $\phi 0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$.

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This may be accomplished by bearing within the column or by mechanical anchorage.

R22.7—Torsional strength

The design for torsion in this section is based on a thin-walled tube space truss analogy. A beam subjected to torsion is idealized as a thin-walled tube with the core concrete cross section in a solid beam neglected as shown in Fig. R22.7(a). Once a reinforced concrete beam has cracked in torsion, its torsional strength is provided primarily by closed stirrups and longitudinal bars located near the surface of the member. In the thin-walled tube analogy, the strength is assumed to be provided by the outer skin of the cross section roughly centered on the closed stirrups. Both hollow and solid sections are idealized as thin-walled tubes both before and after cracking.

In a closed thin-walled tube, the product of the shear stress τ and the wall thickness t at any point in the perimeter is known as the shear flow, $q = \tau t$. The shear flow q due to torsion acts as shown in Fig. R22.7(a) and is constant at all points around the perimeter of the tube. The path along which it acts extends around the tube at midthickness of the walls of the tube. At any point along the perimeter of the tube, the shear stress due to torsion is $\tau = T/(2A_o t)$, where A_o is the gross area enclosed by the shear flow path, shown shaded in Fig. R22.7(b), and t is the thickness of the wall at the point where τ is being calculated. For a hollow member with continuous walls, A_o includes the area of the hole.

The concrete contribution to torsional strength is ignored, and in cases of combined shear and torsion, the concrete contribution to shear strength does not need to be reduced. The design procedure is derived and compared with test results in MacGregor and Ghoneim (1995) and Hsu (1997).
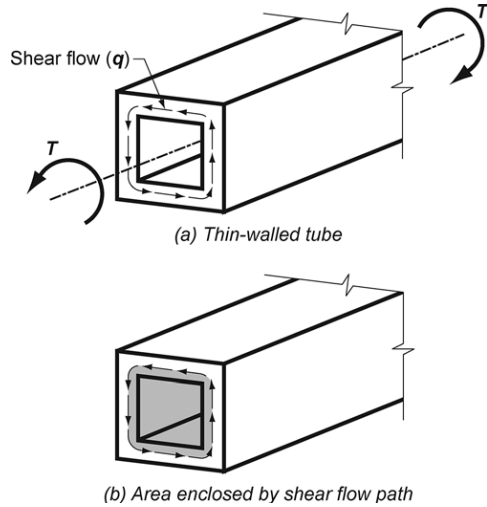
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Fig. R22.7—(a) Thin-walled tube; and (b) area enclosed by shear flow path.

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22.7.1.1 This section shall apply to members if $T_u \geq \phi T_{th}$, where ϕ is given in Chapter 21 and threshold torsion T_{th} is given in 22.7.4. If $T_u < \phi T_{th}$, it shall be permitted to neglect torsional effects.

22.7.1.2 Nominal torsional strength shall be calculated in accordance with 22.7.6.

22.7.1.3 For calculation of T_{th} and T_{cr}, λ shall be in accordance with 19.2.4.

22.7.2 Limiting material strengths

22.7.2.1 The value of $\sqrt{f_c'}$ used to calculate T_{th} and T_{cr} shall not exceed 8.3 MPa.

22.7.2.2 The values of f_y and f_{yt} for longitudinal and transverse torsional reinforcement shall not exceed the limits in 20.2.2.4.

22.7.3 Factored design torsion

22.7.3.1 If $T_u \geq \phi T_{cr}$ and T_u is required to maintain equilibrium, the member shall be designed to resist T_u.

22.7.3.2 In a statically indeterminate structure where $T_u \geq \phi T_{cr}$ and a reduction of T_u can occur due to redistribution of

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R22.7.1.1 Torsional moments that do not exceed the threshold torsion T_{th} will not cause a structurally signiﬁcant reduction in either ﬂexural or shear strength and can be ignored.

R22.7.2 Limiting material strengths

R22.7.2.1 Because of a lack of test data and practical experience with concretes having compressive strengths greater than 70 MPa, the Code imposes a maximum value of 8.3 MPa on $\sqrt{f_c'}$ for use in the calculation of torsional strength.

R22.7.2.2 The upper limit of 420 MPa on the value of f_y and f_{yt} used in design is intended to control diagonal crack width.

R22.7.3 Factored design torsion—In designing for torsion in reinforced concrete structures, two conditions may be identiﬁed (Collins and Lampert 1973; Hsu and Burton 1974):

(a) The torsional moment cannot be reduced by redistribution of internal forces (22.7.3.1). This type of torsion

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internal forces after torsional cracking, it shall be permitted to reduce T_u to ϕT_{cr}, where the cracking torsion T_{cr} is calculated in accordance with 22.7.5.

22.7.3.3 If T_u is redistributed in accordance with 22.7.3.2, the factored moments and shears used for design of the adjoining members shall be in equilibrium with the reduced torsion.

is referred to as equilibrium torsion because the torsional moment is required for the structure to be in equilibrium. For this condition, illustrated in Fig. R22.7.3(a), torsional reinforcement must be provided to resist the total design torsional moments.

(b) The torsional moment can be reduced by redistribution of internal forces after cracking (22.7.3.2) if the torsion results from the member twisting to maintain compatibility of deformations. This type of torsion is referred to as compatibility torsion.

For this condition, illustrated in Fig. R22.7.3(b), the torsional stiffness before cracking corresponds to that of the uncracked section according to St. Venant's theory. At torsional cracking, however, a large twist occurs under an essentially constant torsional moment, resulting in a large redistribution of forces in the structure (Collins and Lampert 1973; Hsu and Burton 1974). The cracking torsional moment under combined shear, moment, and torsion corresponds to a principal tensile stress somewhat less than the $0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ used in R22.7.5.

If the torsional moment exceeds the cracking torsional moment (22.7.3.2), a maximum factored torsional moment equal to the cracking torsional moment may be assumed to occur at the critical sections near the faces of the supports. The maximum factored torsional moment has been established to limit the width of torsional cracks.

Provision 22.7.3.2 applies to typical and regular framing conditions. With layouts that impose significant torsional rotations within a limited length of the member, such as a large torsional moment located close to a stiff column, or a column that rotates in the reverse directions because of other loading, a more detailed analysis is advisable.

If the factored torsional moment from an elastic analysis based on uncracked section properties is between ϕT_{th} and ϕT_{cr}, torsional reinforcement should be designed to resist the calculated torsional moments.
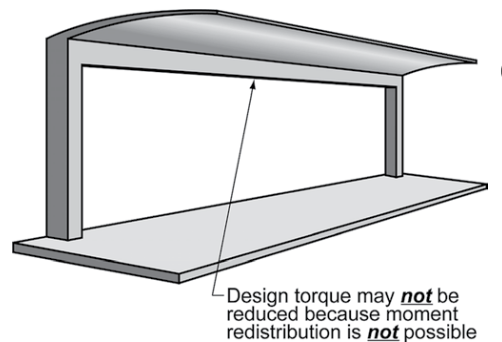

Design torque may **_not_** be reduced because moment redistribution is **_not_** possible

Fig. R22.7.3a—Equilibrium torsion, the design torsional moment may not be reduced (22.7.3.1).

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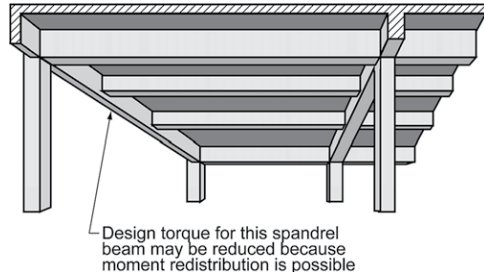| CODE	COMMENTARY

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Fig. R22.7.3b—Compatibility torsion, the design torsional moment may be reduced (22.7.3.2).

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22.7.4 Threshold torsion

22.7.4.1 Threshold torsion T_{th} shall be calculated in accordance with Table 22.7.4.1(a) for solid cross sections and Table 22.7.4.1(b) for hollow cross sections, where N_u is positive for compression and negative for tension.

Table 22.7.4.1(a)—Threshold torsion for solid cross sections

Type of member	T_{th}	
Nonprestressed member	$0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)$	(a)
Prestressed member	$0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	(b)
Nonprestressed member subjected to axial force	$0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{0.33A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	(c)

Table 22.7.4.1(b)—Threshold torsion for hollow cross sections

Type of member	T_{th}	
Nonprestressed member	$0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{p_{cp}}\right)$	(a)
Prestressed member	$0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	(b)
Nonprestressed member subjected to axial force	$0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{0.33A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	(c)

22.7.5 Cracking torsion

22.7.5.1 Cracking torsion T_{cr} shall be calculated in accordance with Table 22.7.5.1 for solid and hollow cross sections, where N_u is positive for compression and negative for tension.

R22.7.4 *Threshold torsion*—The threshold torsion is defined as one-fourth the cracking torsional moment T_{cr}. For sections of solid members, the interaction between the cracking torsional moment and the inclined cracking shear is approximately circular or elliptical. For such a relationship, a threshold torsional moment of T_{th}, as used in 22.7.4.1, corresponds to a reduction of less than 5 percent in the inclined cracking shear, which is considered negligible.

For torsion, a hollow section is defined as having one or more longitudinal voids, such as a single-cell or multiple-cell box girder. Small longitudinal voids, such as ungrouted post-tensioning ducts that result in $A_g/A_{cp} \geq 0.95$, can be ignored when calculating T_{th}. The interaction between torsional cracking and shear cracking for hollow sections is assumed to vary from the elliptical relationship for members with small voids, to a straight-line relationship for thin-walled sections with large voids. For a straight-line interaction, a torsional moment of T_{th} would cause a reduction in the inclined cracking shear of approximately 25 percent, which was considered to be significant. Therefore, the expressions for solid sections are modified by the factor $(A_g/A_{cp})^2$ to develop the expressions for hollow sections. Tests of solid and hollow beams (Hsu 1968) indicate that the cracking torsional moment of a hollow section is approximately (A_g/A_{cp}) times the cracking torsional moment of a solid section with the same outside dimensions. An additional multiplier of (A_g/A_{cp}) reflects the transition from the circular interaction between the inclined cracking loads in shear and torsion for solid members, to the approximately linear interaction for thin-walled hollow sections.

R22.7.5 *Cracking torsion*—The cracking torsional moment under pure torsion, T_{cr}, is derived by replacing the actual section with an equivalent thin-walled tube with a wall thickness t prior to cracking of $0.75A_{cp}/p_{cp}$ and an area enclosed by the wall centerline A_o equal to $2A_{cp}/3$. Cracking is assumed to occur when the principal tensile stress reaches $0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$. The stress at cracking, $0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$, has purposely been taken as a lower bound value. In a nonprestressed

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Table 22.7.5.1—Cracking torsion

Type of member	T_{cr}	
Nonprestressed member	$0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)$	(a)
Prestressed member	$0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	(b)
Nonprestressed member subjected to axial force	$0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{0.33A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	(c)

beam loaded with torsion alone, the principal tensile stress is equated to the torsional shear stress, $\tau = T/(2A_o t)$. Thus, cracking occurs when τ reaches $0.33\sqrt{f_c'}$, giving the cracking torsional moment T_{cr} as defined by expression (a) in Table 22.7.5.1.

For prestressed members, the torsional cracking load is increased by the prestress given by expression (b) in Table 22.7.5.1. A Mohr's Circle analysis based on average stresses indicates the torsional moment required to cause a principal tensile stress equal to $0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ is $\sqrt{1+f_{pc}/(0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'})}$ times the corresponding torsional cracking moment in a nonprestressed beam. A similar modification is made in expression (c) in Table 22.7.5.1 for members subjected to axial force and torsion.

If the factored torsional moment exceeds ϕT_{cr} in a statically indeterminate structure, a maximum factored torsional moment equal to ϕT_{cr} may be assumed to occur at critical sections near the faces of the supports. This limit has been established to control the width of the torsional cracks. The replacement of A_{cp} with A_g, as in the calculation of T_{th} for hollow sections in 22.7.4.1, is not applied here. Thus, the torsional moment after redistribution is larger and, hence, more conservative.

22.7.6 Torsional strength

R22.7.6 Torsional strength—The torsional design strength ϕT_n must equal or exceed the torsional moment T_u due to factored loads. In the calculation of T_n, all the torsion is assumed to be resisted by stirrups and longitudinal reinforcement, neglecting any concrete contribution to torsional strength. At the same time, the nominal shear strength provided by concrete, V_c, is assumed to be unchanged by the presence of torsion.

22.7.6.1 For nonprestressed and prestressed members, T_n shall be the lesser of (a) and (b):

(a) $T_n = \dfrac{2 A_o A_t f_{yt}}{s}\cot\theta$ (22.7.6.1a)

(b) $T_n = \dfrac{2 A_o A_l f_y}{p_h}\cot\theta$ (22.7.6.1b)

where A_o shall be determined by analysis, θ shall not be taken less than 30 degrees nor greater than 60 degrees; A_t is the area of one leg of a closed stirrup resisting torsion; A_l is the area of longitudinal torsional reinforcement; and p_h is the perimeter of the centerline of the outermost closed stirrup.

R22.7.6.1 Equation (22.7.6.1a) is based on the space truss analogy shown in Fig. R22.7.6.1a with compression diagonals at an angle θ, assuming the concrete resists no tension and the reinforcement yields. After torsional cracking develops, the torsional strength is provided mainly by closed stirrups, longitudinal reinforcement, and compression diagonals. The concrete outside these stirrups is relatively ineffective. For this reason A_o, the gross area enclosed by the shear flow path around the perimeter of the tube, is defined after cracking in terms of A_{oh}, the area enclosed by the centerline of the outermost closed transverse torsional reinforcement.

The shear flow q in the walls of the tube, discussed in R22.7, can be resolved into the shear forces V_1 to V_4 acting in the individual sides of the tube or space truss, as shown in Fig. R22.7.6.1a.

As shown in Figure R22.7.6.1b, on a given wall of the tube, the shear flow V_i is resisted by a diagonal compression component, $D_i = V_i/\sin\theta$, in the concrete. An axial tension force, $N_i = V_i(\cot\theta)$, is required in the longitudinal reinforcement to complete the resolution of V_i.

Because the shear flow due to torsion is constant at all points around the perimeter of the tube, the resultants of D_i and N_i act through the midheight of side i. As a result, half

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of N_i can be assumed to be resisted by each of the top and bottom chords as shown. Longitudinal reinforcement with a strength $A_f f_y$ is required to resist the sum of the N_i forces, $\sum N_i$, acting in all of the walls of the tube.

In the derivation of Eq. (22.7.6.1b), axial tension forces are summed along the sides of the area A_o. These sides form a perimeter length p_o approximately equal to the length of the line joining the centers of the bars in the corners of the tube. For ease in calculation, this has been replaced with the perimeter of the closed stirrups, p_h.
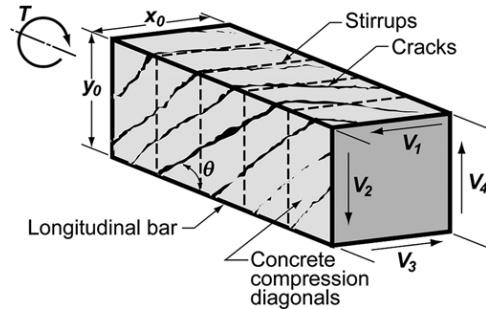
Fig. R22.7.6.1a—Space truss analogy.
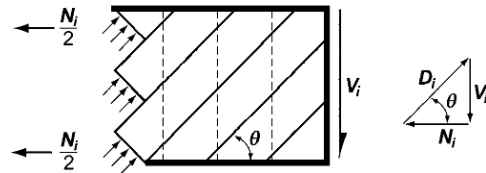
Fig. R22.7.6.1b—Resolution of shear force V_i into diagonal compression force D_i and axial tension force N_i in one wall of tube.

22.7.6.1.1 In Eq. (22.7.6.1a) and (22.7.6.1b), it shall be permitted to take A_o equal to $0.85A_{oh}$.

R22.7.6.1.1 The area A_{oh} is shown in Fig. R22.7.6.1.1 for various cross sections. In an I-, T-, or L-shaped section, A_{oh} is taken as that area enclosed by the outermost legs of interlocking stirrups.

A_{oh} = shaded area
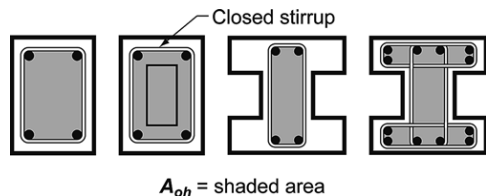
Fig. R22.7.6.1.1—Definition of A_{oh}.

22.7.6.1.2 In Eq. (22.7.6.1a) and (22.7.6.1b), it shall be permitted to take θ equal to (a) or (b):

R22.7.6.1.2 The angle θ can be obtained by analysis (Hsu 1990) or may be taken equal to the values given in

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(a) 45 degrees for nonprestressed members or members with $A_{ps}f_{se} < 0.4(A_{ps}f_{pu} + A_sf_y)$

(b) 37.5 degrees for prestressed members with $A_{ps}f_{se} \geq 0.4(A_{ps}f_{pu} + A_sf_y)$

22.7.7 Cross-sectional limits

22.7.7.1 Cross-sectional dimensions shall be selected such that (a) or (b) is satis¿ed:

(a) For solid sections

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{V_u}{b_wd}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{T_up_h}{1.7A_{oh}^2}\right)^2} \leq \varphi\left(\frac{V_c}{b_wd} + 0.66\sqrt{f_c'}\right) \quad (22.7.7.1a)$$

(b) For hollow sections

$$\left(\frac{V_u}{b_wd}\right) + \left(\frac{T_up_h}{1.7A_{oh}^2}\right) \leq \varphi\left(\frac{V_c}{b_wd} + 0.66\sqrt{f_c'}\right) \quad (22.7.7.1b)$$

22.7.6.1.2(a) or (b). The same value of θ is required to be used in both Eq. (22.7.6.1a) and (22.7.6.1b). With smaller values of θ, the amount of stirrups required by Eq. (22.7.6.1a) decreases. At the same time, the amount of longitudinal reinforcement required by Eq. (22.7.6.1b) increases.

R22.7.7 Cross-sectional limits

R22.7.7.1 The size of a cross section is limited for two reasons: ¿rst, to reduce excessive cracking, and second, to minimize the potential for crushing of the surface concrete due to inclined compressive stresses due to shear and torsion. In Eq. (22.7.7.1a) and (22.7.7.1b), the two terms on the left-hand side are the shear stresses due to shear and torsion. The sum of these stresses may not exceed the stress causing shear cracking plus $0.66\sqrt{f_c'}$, similar to the limiting strength given in 22.5.1.2 for shear without torsion. The limit is expressed in terms of V_c to allow its use for nonprestressed or prestressed concrete. It was originally derived on the basis of crack control. It is not necessary to check against crushing of the web because crushing occurs at higher shear stresses.
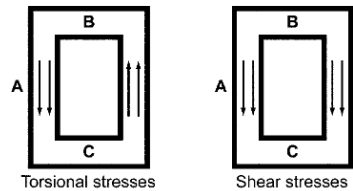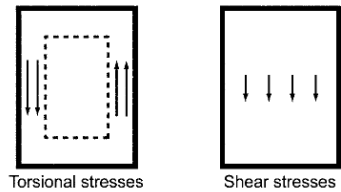
In a hollow section, the shear stresses due to shear and torsion both occur in the walls of the box as shown in Fig. R22.7.7.1(a) and hence are directly additive at Point A as given in Eq. (22.7.7.1b). In a solid section, the shear stresses due to torsion act in the tubular outside section while the shear stresses due to V_u are spread across the width of the section, as shown in Fig. R22.7.7.1(b). For this reason, stresses are combined in Eq. (22.7.7.1a) using the square root of the sum of the squares rather than by direct addition.

(a) Hollow section

(b) Solid section

Fig. R22.7.7.1—Addition of torsional and shear stresses.

22.7.7.1.1 For prestressed members, the value of d used in 22.7.7.1 need not be taken less than 0.8h.

R22.7.7.1.1 Although the value of d may vary along the span of a prestressed beam, studies (MacGregor and Hanson

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1969) have shown that, for prestressed concrete members, d need not be taken less than 0.8h. The beams considered had some straight prestressed reinforcement or reinforcing bars at the bottom of the section and had stirrups that enclosed the longitudinal reinforcement.

22.7.7.1.2 For hollow sections where the wall thickness varies around the perimeter, Eq. (22.7.7.1b) shall be evaluated at the location where the term

$$\left(\frac{V_u}{b_w d} \right) + \left(\frac{T_u p_h}{1.7 A_{oh}^2} \right)$$

is a maximum.

R22.7.7.1.2 Generally, the maximum torsional stress will be on the wall where the torsional and shearing stresses are additive (Point A in Fig. R22.7.7.1(a)). If the top or bottom flanges are thinner than the vertical webs, it may be necessary to evaluate Eq. (22.7.7.1b) at Points B and C in Fig. R22.7.7.1(a). At these points, the stresses due to the shear are usually negligible.

22.7.7.2 For hollow sections where the wall thickness is less than A_{oh}/p_h, the term $(T_u p_h / 1.7 A_{oh}^2)$ in Eq. (22.7.7.1b) shall be taken as $(T_u / 1.7 A_{oh} t)$, where t is the thickness of the wall of the hollow section at the location where the stresses are being checked.

22.8—Bearing

22.8.1 General

22.8.1.1 Section 22.8 shall apply to the calculation of bearing strength of concrete members.

R22.8—Bearing

R22.8.1 General

22.8.1.2 Bearing strength provisions in 22.8 shall not apply to post-tensioned anchorage zones or strut-and-tie models.

R22.8.1.2 Because post-tensioned anchorage zones are usually designed in accordance with 25.9, the bearing strength provisions in 22.8 are not applicable.

22.8.2 Required strength

22.8.2.1 Factored compressive force transferred through bearing shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations defined in Chapter 5 and analysis procedures defined in Chapter 6.

22.8.3 Design strength

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22.8.3.1 Design bearing strength shall satisfy:

$$\phi B_n \geq B_u \qquad (22.8.3.1)$$

for each applicable factored load combination.

22.8.3.2 Nominal bearing strength B_n shall be calculated in accordance with Table 22.8.3.2, where A_1 is the loaded area, and A_2 is the area of the lower base of the largest frustum of a pyramid, cone, or tapered wedge contained wholly within the support and having its upper base equal to the loaded area. The sides of the pyramid, cone, or tapered wedge shall be sloped 1 vertical to 2 horizontal.

R22.8.3.2 The permissible bearing stress of $0.85 f_c'$ is based on tests reported in Hawkins (1968). Where the supporting area is wider than the loaded area on all sides, the surrounding concrete confines the bearing area, resulting in an increase in bearing strength. No minimum depth is given for the support, which will most likely be controlled by the punching shear requirements of 22.6.

A_1 is the loaded area but not greater than the bearing plate or bearing cross-sectional area.

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Table 22.8.3.2—Nominal bearing strength

Geometry of bearing area	B_n		
Supporting surface is wider on all sides than the loaded area	Lesser of (a) and (b)	$\sqrt{A_2/A_1}\,(0.85 f_c' A_1)$	(a)
		$2(0.85 f_c' A_1)$	(b)
Other cases	$0.85 f_c' A_1$		(c)

Where the top of the support is sloped or stepped, advantage may still be taken of the condition that the supporting member is larger than the loaded area, provided the supporting member does not slope at too great an angle. Figure R22.8.3.2 illustrates the application of the frustum to A_1 and A_2 for a support under vertical load transfer.

Adequate bearing strength needs to be provided for cases where the compression force transfer is in a direction other than normal to the bearing surface. For such cases, this section applies to the normal component and the tangential component needs to be transferred by other methods, such as by anchor bolts or shear lugs.

The frustum should not be confused with the path by which a load spreads out as it progresses downward through the support. Such a load path would have steeper sides. However, the frustum described has somewhat flat side slopes to ensure that there is concrete immediately surrounding the zone of high stress at the bearing.

Where tensile forces occur in the plane of bearing, it may be desirable to reduce the allowable bearing stress, provide confinement reinforcement, or both. Guidelines are provided in the PCI Design Handbook for precast and prestressed concrete (PCI MNL 120).
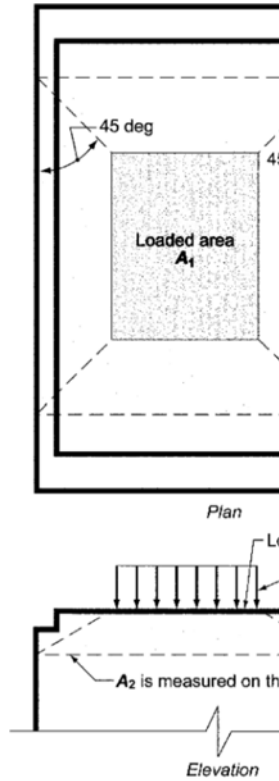
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Fig. R22.8.3.2—Application of frustum to A_1 nd A_2 in stepped or sloped supports.

22.9—Shear friction

22.9.1 General

22.9.1.1 This section shall apply where it is appropriate to consider shear transfer across any given plane, such as an existing or potential crack, an interface between dissimilar materials, or an interface between two concretes cast at different times.

R22.9—Shear friction

R22.9.1 General

R22.9.1.1 The purpose of this section is to provide a design method to address possible failure by shear sliding on a plane. Such conditions include a plane formed by a crack in monolithic concrete, an interface between concrete and steel, and an interface between concretes cast at different times (Birkeland and Birkeland 1966; Mattock and Hawkins 1972).

Although uncracked concrete is relatively strong in direct shear, there is always the possibility that a crack will form in an unfavorable location. The shear-friction concept assumes that such a crack will form, and that reinforcement is provided across the crack to resist relative displacement along it. When shear acts along a crack, one crack face slips relative to the other. If the crack faces are rough and irregular, this slip is accompanied by separation of the crack faces. At nominal strength, the separation is sufﬁcient to stress, in tension, the reinforcement crossing the crack to its speci-

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¿ed yield strength. The reinforcement in tension provides a clamping force $A_{vf} f_y$ across the crack faces. The applied shear is then resisted by friction between the crack faces, by resistance to the shearing off of protrusions on the crack faces, and by dowel action of the reinforcement crossing the crack. Successful application of this section depends on proper selection of the location of an assumed crack (PCI MNL 120; Birkeland and Birkeland 1966).

22.9.1.2 The required area of shear-friction reinforcement across the assumed shear plane, A_{vf}, shall be calculated in accordance with 22.9.4. Alternatively, it shall be permitted to use shear transfer design methods that result in prediction of strength in substantial agreement with results of comprehensive tests.

R22.9.1.2 The relationship between shear-transfer strength and the reinforcement crossing the shear plane can be expressed in various ways. Equations (22.9.4.2) and (22.9.4.3) are based on the shear-friction model and provide a conservative estimate of the shear-transfer strength.

Other relationships that provide a more accurate estimate of shear-transfer strength can be used under the requirements of this section. Examples of such procedures can be found in the PCI Design Handbook (PCI MNL 120), Mattock et al. (1976b), and Mattock (1974).

22.9.1.3 The value of f_y used to calculate V_n for shear friction shall not exceed the limit in 20.2.2.4.

22.9.1.4 Surface preparation of the shear plane assumed for design shall be speci¿ed in the construction documents.

R22.9.1.4 For concrete cast against hardened concrete or structural steel, 26.5.6.1 requires the licensed design professional to specify the surface preparation in the construction documents.

22.9.2 Required strength

22.9.2.1 Factored forces across the assumed shear plane shall be calculated in accordance with the factored load combinations de¿ned in Chapter 5 and analysis procedures de¿ned in Chapter 6.

22.9.3 Design strength

22.9.3.1 Design shear strength across the assumed shear plane shall satisfy:

$$\phi V_n \geq V_u \qquad (22.9.3.1)$$

for each applicable factored load combination.

22.9.4 Nominal shear strength

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22.9.4.1 Value of V_n across the assumed shear plane shall be calculated in accordance with 22.9.4.2 or 22.9.4.3. V_n shall not exceed the value calculated in accordance with 22.9.4.4.

22.9.4.2 If shear-friction reinforcement is perpendicular to the shear plane, nominal shear strength across the assumed shear plane shall be calculated by:

$$V_n = \mu A_{vf} f_y \qquad (22.9.4.2)$$

R22.9.4.2 The required area of shear-friction reinforcement, A_{vf}, is calculated using:

$$A_{vf} = \frac{V_u}{\phi f_y \mu} \qquad (R22.9.4.2)$$

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where A_{vf} is the area of reinforcement crossing the assumed shear plane to resist shear, and μ is the coefﬁcient of friction in accordance with Table 22.9.4.2.

Table 22.9.4.2—Coefficients of friction

Contact surface condition	Coefﬁcient of friction $\mu^{[1]}$	
Concrete placed monolithically	1.4λ	(a)
Concrete placed against hardened concrete that is clean, free of laitance, and intentionally roughened to a full amplitude of approximately 6 mm	1.0λ	(b)
Concrete placed against hardened concrete that is clean, free of laitance, and not intentionally roughened	0.6λ	(c)
Concrete placed against as-rolled structural steel that is clean, free of paint, and with shear transferred across the contact surface by headed studs or by welded deformed bars or wires.	0.7λ	(d)

[1] $\lambda = 1.0$ for normalweight concrete; $\lambda = 0.75$ for all lightweight concrete. Otherwise, λ is calculated based on volumetric proportions of lightweight and normalweight aggregate as given in 19.2.4, but shall not exceed 0.85.

22.9.4.3 If shear-friction reinforcement is inclined to the shear plane and the shear force induces tension in the shear-friction reinforcement, nominal shear strength across the assumed shear plane shall be calculated by:

$$V_n = A_{vf}f_y(\mu\sin\alpha + \cos\alpha) \qquad (22.9.4.3)$$

where α is the angle between shear-friction reinforcement and assumed shear plane, and μ is the coefﬁcient of friction in accordance with Table 22.9.4.2.

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The upper limit on shear strength that can be achieved using Eq. (22.9.4.2) is given in 22.9.4.4.

In the shear-friction method of calculation, it is assumed that all the shear resistance is due to the friction between the crack faces. It is therefore necessary to use artiﬁcially high values of the coefﬁcient of friction in the shear-friction equations so that the calculated shear strength will be in reasonable agreement with test results.

For concrete cast against hardened concrete not roughened in accordance with 22.9.4.2, shear resistance is primarily due to dowel action of the reinforcement. Test results (Mattock 1977) indicate that the reduced value of $\mu = 0.6\lambda$ speciﬁed for this case is appropriate.

For concrete placed against as-rolled structural steel, the shear-transfer reinforcement may be either reinforcing bars or headed studs. The design of shear connectors for composite action of concrete slabs and steel beams is not covered by these provisions. AISC 360 contains design provisions for these systems.

R22.9.4.3 Inclined shear-friction reinforcement is illustrated in Fig. R22.9.4.3 (Mattock 1974), where α is the acute angle between the bar and the shear plane. Equation (22.9.4.3) applies only when the shear force component parallel to the reinforcement produces tension in the reinforcement and the force component parallel to the shear plane resists part of the shear, as shown in Fig. R22.9.4.3a.

If the shear-friction reinforcement is inclined such that the shear force component parallel to the reinforcement produces compression in the reinforcement, as shown in Fig. R22.9.4.3b, then shear friction does not apply ($V_n = 0$).
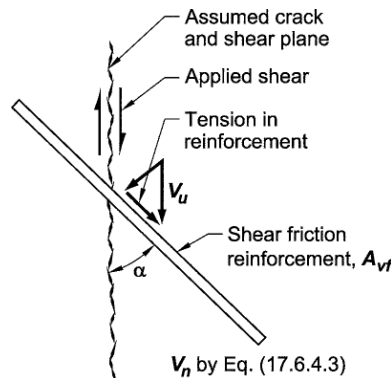

Fig. R22.9.4.3a—Tension in shear friction reinforcement.

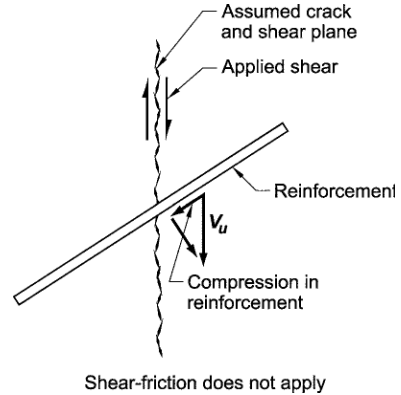CODE   COMMENTARY

Fig. R22.9.4.3b—Compression in reinforcement.

22.9.4.4 The value of V_n across the assumed shear plane shall not exceed the limits in Table 22.9.4.4. Where concretes of different strengths are cast against each other, the lesser value of f_c' shall be used in Table 22.9.4.4.

R22.9.4.4 Upper limits on shear friction strength are necessary, as Eq. (22.9.4.2) and (22.9.4.3) may become unconservative for some cases (Kahn and Mitchell 2002; Mattock 2001).

Table 22.9.4.4—Maximum V_n across the assumed shear plane

Condition	Maximum V_n		
Normalweight concrete placed monolithically or placed against hardened concrete intentionally roughened to a full amplitude of approximately 6 mm	Least of (a), (b), and (c)	$0.2f_c'A_c$	(a)
		$(3.3 + 0.08f_c')A_c$	(b)
		$11A_c$	(c)
Other cases	Lesser of (d) and (e)	$0.2f_c'A_c$	(d)
		$5.5A_c$	(e)

22.9.4.5 Permanent net compression across the shear plane shall be permitted to be added to $A_{vf}f_y$, the force in the shear-friction reinforcement, to calculate required A_{vf}.

R22.9.4.5 This provision is supported by test data (Mattock and Hawkins 1972) and should be used to reduce the amount of shear-friction reinforcement required only if the compressive force across the shear plane is permanent.

22.9.4.6 Area of reinforcement required to resist a net factored tension across an assumed shear plane shall be added to the area of reinforcement required for shear friction crossing the assumed shear plane.

R22.9.4.6 Tension across the shear plane may be caused by restraint of deformations due to temperature change, creep, and shrinkage.

Where moment acts on a shear plane, the flexural compression and tension forces are in equilibrium and do not change the resultant compression $A_{vf}f_y$ acting across the shear plane or the shear-friction resistance. It is therefore not necessary to provide additional reinforcement to resist the flexural tension stresses, unless the required flexural tension reinforcement exceeds the amount of shear-transfer reinforcement provided in the flexural tension zone (Mattock et al. 1975).

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22.9.5 Detailing for shear-friction reinforcement

22.9.5.1 Reinforcement crossing the shear plane to satisfy 22.9.4 shall be anchored to develop f_y on both sides of the shear plane.

R22.9.5 Detailing for shear-friction reinforcement

R22.9.5.1 If no moment acts across the shear plane, reinforcement should be uniformly distributed along the shear plane to minimize crack widths. If a moment acts across the shear plane, the shear-transfer reinforcement should be placed primarily in the flexural tension zone.

Anchorage may be developed by bond, by a mechanical device, or by threaded dowels and screw inserts. Space limitations often require the use of mechanical anchorage devices. For anchorage of headed studs in concrete, refer to PCI Design Handbook for precast and prestressed concrete (PCI MNL 120).

The shear-friction reinforcement anchorage should engage the primary reinforcement; otherwise, a potential crack may pass between the shear-friction reinforcement and the body of the concrete. This requirement applies particularly to welded headed studs used with steel inserts.

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CHAPTER 23—STRUT-AND-TIE MODELS

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23.1—Scope

23.1.1 This chapter shall apply to the design of structural concrete members, or regions of members, where load or geometric discontinuities cause a nonlinear distribution of longitudinal strains within the cross section.

23.1.2 Any structural concrete member, or discontinuity region in a member, shall be permitted to be designed by modeling the member or region as an idealized truss in accordance with this chapter.

R23.1—Scope

A discontinuity in the stress distribution occurs at a change in the geometry of a structural element or at a concentrated load or reaction. St. Venant's principle indicates that the stresses due to axial force and bending approach a linear distribution at a distance approximately equal to the overall depth of the member, h, away from the discontinuity. For this reason, discontinuity regions are assumed to extend a distance h from the section where the load or change in geometry occurs.

The shaded regions in Fig. R23.1(a) and (b) show typical D-regions (Schlaich et al. 1987). The plane sections assumption of 9.2.1 is not applicable in such regions. In general, any portion of a member outside a D-region is a B-region where the plane sections assumptions of flexural theory can be applied. The strut-and-tie design method, as described in this chapter, is based on the assumption that D-regions can be analyzed and designed using hypothetical pin-jointed trusses consisting of struts and ties connected at nodes.
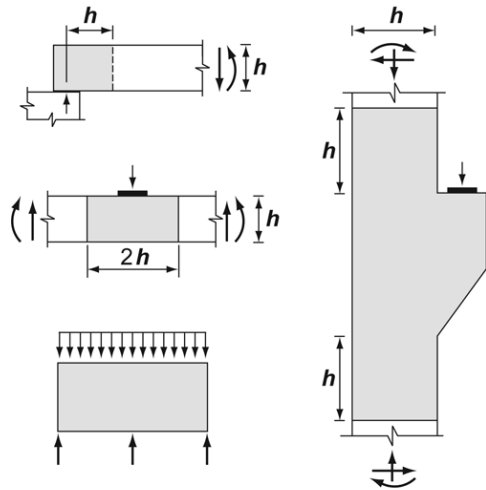
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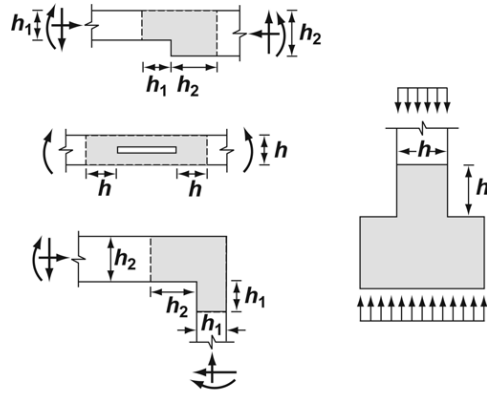
(a) Geometric discontinuities

(b) Loading and geometric discontinuities

Fig. R23.1—D-regions and discontinuities.

23.2—General

23.2.1 Strut-and-tie models shall consist of struts and ties connected at nodes to form an idealized truss.

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R23.2.1 For the idealized truss, struts are the compression members, ties are the tension members, and nodes are the joints. Details of the use of strut-and-tie models are given in Schlaich et al. (1987), Collins and Mitchell (1991), MacGregor (1997), FIP (1999), Menn (1986), Muttoni et al. (1997), and ACI 445R. Design examples for the strut-and-tie method are given in ACI SP-208 (Reineck 2002) and ACI SP-273 (Reineck and Novak 2010). The process of designing a strut-and-tie model to support the imposed forces acting

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on and within a D-region is referred to as the strut-and-tie method, and it includes the following four steps:

(1) Define and isolate each D-region.
(2) Calculate resultant forces on each D-region boundary.
(3) Select the model and compute the forces in the struts and ties to transfer the resultant forces across the D-region. The axes of the struts and ties are chosen to approximately coincide with the axes of the compression and tension fields, respectively.
(4) Design the struts, ties, and nodal zones so that they have sufficient strength. Widths of struts and nodal zones are determined considering the effective concrete strengths defined in 23.4.3 and 23.9.2. Reinforcement is provided for the ties considering the steel strengths defined in 23.7.2. The reinforcement should be anchored in or beyond the nodal zones.

The components of a strut-and-tie model of a single-span deep beam loaded with a concentrated load are identified in Fig. R23.2.1. The cross-sectional dimensions of a strut or tie are designated as thickness and width, and both directions are perpendicular to the axis of the strut or tie. Thickness is perpendicular to the plane, and width is in the plane of the strut-and-tie model. A tie consists of nonprestressed or prestressed reinforcement plus a portion of the surrounding concrete that is concentric with the axis of the tie. The surrounding concrete is included to define the zone in which the forces in the ties are to be anchored. The concrete in a tie is not used to resist the axial force in the tie. Although not explicitly considered in design, the surrounding concrete will reduce the elongations of the tie, especially at service loads.
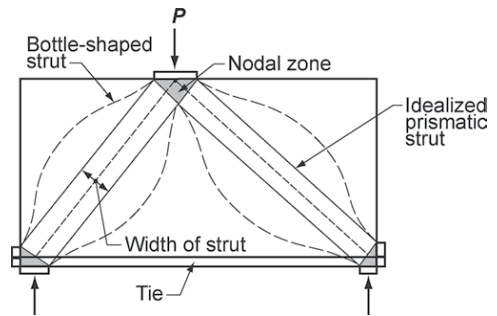

Fig. R23.2.1—Description of strut-and-tie model.

23.2.2 Geometry of the idealized truss shall be consistent with the dimensions of the struts, ties, nodal zones, bearing areas, and supports.

R23.2.2 The struts, ties, and nodal zones making up the strut-and-tie model all have finite widths, typically in the plane of the model, and thicknesses, typically the out-of-plane dimension of the structure, which should be taken into account in selecting the dimensions of the truss. Figures

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R23.2.2(a) and (b) show a node and the corresponding nodal zone. The vertical and horizontal forces equilibrate the forces in the inclined strut.

If more than three forces act on a nodal zone in a two-dimensional strut-and-tie model, as shown in Fig. R23.2.2(a), it is suggested to resolve some of the forces to form three intersecting forces. The strut forces acting on Faces A-E and C-E in Fig. R23.2.2(a) can be replaced with one force acting on Face A-C as shown in Fig. R23.2.2(b). This force passes through the node at D.

Alternatively, the strut-and-tie model can be analyzed assuming all the strut forces act through the node at D, as shown in Fig. R23.2.2(c). In this case, the forces in the two struts on the right side of Node D can be resolved into a single force acting through Point D, as shown in Fig. R23.2.2(d).

If the width of the support in the direction perpendicular to the member is less than the width of the member, transverse reinforcement may be required to restrain vertical splitting in the plane of the node. This can be modeled using a transverse strut-and-tie model.
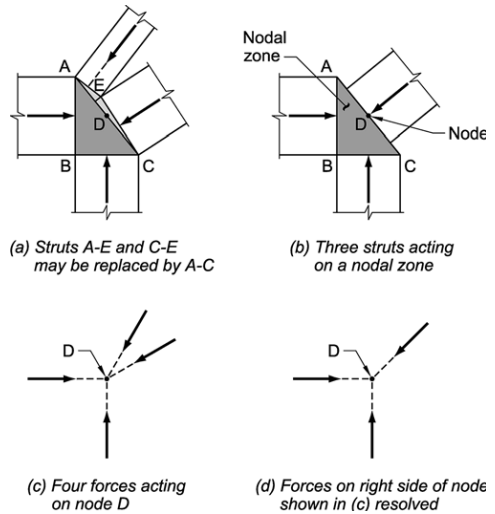

(a) Struts A-E and C-E may be replaced by A-C

(b) Three struts acting on a nodal zone

(c) Four forces acting on node D

(d) Forces on right side of node shown in (c) resolved

Fig. R23.2.2—Resolution of forces on a nodal zone.

23.2.3 Strut-and-tie models shall be capable of transferring all factored loads to supports or adjacent B-regions.

R23.2.3 Strut-and-tie models represent lower-bound strength limit states. The Code does not require a minimum level of distributed reinforcement in D-regions designed by this Chapter, but does for deep beams in 9.9.3.1 and for brackets and corbels in 16.5.5. Distributed reinforcement in similar types of D-regions will improve serviceability performance. In addition, crack widths in a tie can be controlled using 24.3.2, assuming the tie is encased in a prism of concrete corresponding to the area of the tie from R23.8.1.

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23.2.4 The internal forces in strut-and-tie models shall be in equilibrium with the applied loads and reactions.

23.2.5 Ties shall be permitted to cross struts and other ties.

23.2.6 Struts shall intersect or overlap only at nodes.

R23.2.6 A hydrostatic nodal zone, by definition, has equal stresses on the loaded faces; these faces are perpendicular to the axes of the struts and ties that act on the node. This type of node is considered a hydrostatic nodal zone because the in-plane stresses are the same in all directions. Strictly speaking, this terminology is incorrect because the in-plane stresses are not equal to the out-of-plane stresses.

Figure R23.2.6a(i) shows a C-C-C nodal zone. If the stresses on the face of the nodal zone are the same in all three struts, the ratios of the lengths of the sides of the nodal zone, $w_{n1}:w_{n2}:w_{n3}$, are in the same proportions as the three forces, $C_1:C_2:C_3$.

A C-C-T nodal zone can be represented as a hydrostatic nodal zone if the tie is assumed to extend through the node and is anchored by a plate on the far side of the node, as shown in Fig. R23.2.6a(ii), provided that the size of the plate results in bearing stresses that are equal to the stresses in the struts. The bearing plate on the left side of Fig. R23.2.6a(ii) is used to represent an actual tie anchorage. The tie force can be anchored by a plate or through embedment of straight bars (Fig. R23.2.6a(iii)), headed bars, or hooked bars. For non-hydrostatic nodes, the face with the highest stress will control the dimensions of the node.

The lightly shaded area in Fig. R23.2.6a(ii) is an extended nodal zone. An extended nodal zone is that portion of a member bounded by the intersection of the effective strut width w_s and the effective tie width w_t.

For equilibrium, at least three forces should act on each node in a strut-and-tie model, as shown in Fig. R23.2.6c. Nodes are classified according to the signs of these forces. A C-C-C node resists three compressive forces, a C-C-T node resists two compressive forces and one tensile force, and a C-T-T node resists one compressive force and two tensile forces.

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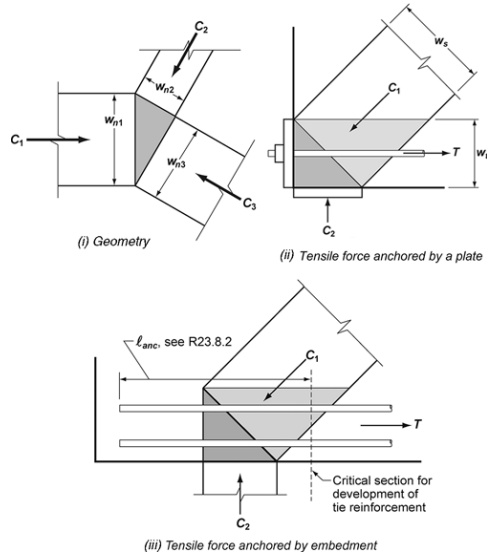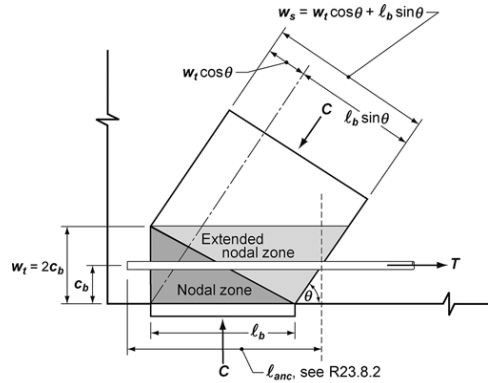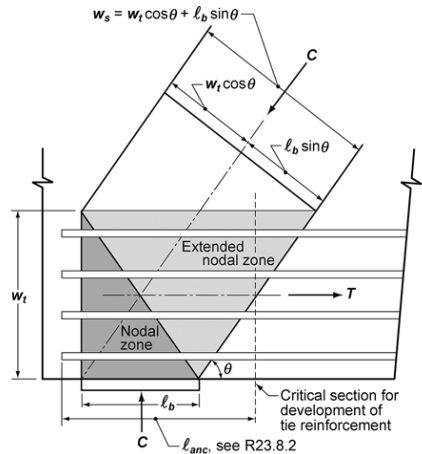CODE   COMMENTARY

Fig. R23.2.6a—Hydrostatic nodes.

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$w_s = w_t \cos\theta + \ell_b \sin\theta$

$w_t \cos\theta$

C $\ell_b \sin\theta$

Extended nodal zone

$w_t = 2c_b$ c_b Nodal zone   θ   T

ℓ_b

C ℓ_{anc}, see R23.8.2

(i) One layer of reinforcement

$w_s = w_t \cos\theta + \ell_b \sin\theta$

C

$w_t \cos\theta$

$\ell_b \sin\theta$

Extended nodal zone

w_t T

Nodal zone   θ

ℓ_b Critical section for development of tie reinforcement

C ℓ_{anc}, see R23.8.2

(ii) Distributed reinforcement

Fig. R23.2.6b—Extended nodal zone showing the effect of the distribution of the force.

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Fig. R23.2.6c—Classiﬁcation of nodes.

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23.2.7 The angle between the axes of any strut and any tie entering a single node shall be at least 25 degrees.

R23.2.7 The angle between the axes of a strut and a tie acting on a node should be large enough to mitigate cracking and to avoid incompatibilities due to shortening of the strut and lengthening of the tie occurring in approximately the same direction. This limitation on the angle prevents modeling shear spans in slender beams using struts inclined at less than 25 degrees from the longitudinal reinforcement (Muttoni et al. 1997).

23.2.8 Deep beams designed using strut-and-tie models shall satisfy 9.9.2.1, 9.9.3.1, and 9.9.4.

23.2.9 Brackets and corbels with shear span-to-depth ratio $a_v/d < 2.0$ designed using strut-and-tie models shall satisfy 16.5.2, 16.5.6, and Eq. (23.2.9).

$$A_{sc} \geq 0.04(f_c'/f_y)(b_w d) \qquad (23.2.9)$$

23.3—Design strength

23.3.1 For each applicable factored load combination, design strength of each strut, tie, and nodal zone in a strut-and-tie model shall satisfy $\phi S_n \geq U$, including (a) through (c):

(a) Struts: $\phi F_{ns} \geq F_{us}$
(b) Ties: $\phi F_{nt} \geq F_{ut}$
(c) Nodal zones: $\phi F_{nn} \geq F_{us}$

23.3.2 ϕ shall be in accordance with 21.2.

R23.3—Design strength

R23.3.1 Factored loads are applied to the strut-and-tie model, and the forces in all the struts, ties, and nodal zones are calculated. If several load combinations exist, each should be investigated separately. For a given strut, tie, or nodal zone, F_u is the largest force in that element for all load combinations considered.

23.4—Strength of struts

23.4.1 The nominal compressive strength of a strut, F_{ns}, shall be calculated by (a) or (b):

(a) Strut without longitudinal reinforcement

$$F_{ns} = f_{ce} A_{cs} \qquad (23.4.1a)$$

(b) Strut with longitudinal reinforcement

$$F_{ns} = f_{ce} A_{cs} + A_s' f_s' \qquad (23.4.1b)$$

where F_{ns} shall be evaluated at each end of the strut and taken as the lesser value; A_{cs} is the cross-sectional area at the end of the strut under consideration; f_{ce} is given in 23.4.3; A_s' is the area of compression reinforcement along the length of the strut; and f_s' is the stress in the compression reinforcement at the nominal axial strength of the strut. It shall be permitted to take f_s' equal to f_y for Grade 40 or 60 reinforcement.

23.4.2 Effective compressive strength of concrete in a strut, f_{ce}, shall be calculated in accordance with 23.4.3 or 23.4.4.

R23.4—Strength of struts

R23.4.1 The width of strut, w_s, used to calculate A_{cs} is the dimension perpendicular to the axis of the strut at the ends of the strut. This strut width is illustrated in Fig. R23.2.6a(i) and Fig. R23.2.6b. If two-dimensional strut-and-tie models are appropriate, such as for deep beams, the thickness of the struts may be taken as the width of the member except at bearing supports where the thickness of the strut must equal the least thickness of the member or supporting element.

The contribution of reinforcement to the strength of the strut is given by the last term in Eq. (23.4.1b). The stress f_s' in the reinforcement in a strut at nominal strength can be obtained from the strains in the strut when the strut crushes. Detailing requirements in 23.6 must be met including con¿nement reinforcement to prevent buckling of the strut reinforcement.

R23.4.2 In design, struts are usually idealized as prismatic compression members. If the area of a strut differs at its two ends, due either to different nodal zone strengths at the two ends or to different bearing lengths, the strut is idealized as a uniformly tapered compression member.

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23.4.3 Effective compressive strength of concrete in a strut, f_{ce}, shall be calculated by:

$$f_{ce} = 0.85\beta_s\, f_c' \tag{23.4.3}$$

where β_s, in accordance with Table 23.4.3, accounts for the effect of cracking and crack-control reinforcement on the effective compressive strength of the concrete.

Table 23.4.3—Strut coefficient β_s

Strut geometry and location	Reinforcement crossing a strut	β_s	
Struts with uniform cross-sectional area along length	NA	1.0	(a)
Struts located in a region of a member where the width of the compressed concrete at midlength of the strut can spread laterally (bottle-shaped struts)	Satisfying 23.5	0.75	(b)
	Not Satisfying 23.5	0.60λ	(c)
Struts located in tension members or the tension zones of members	NA	0.40	(d)
All other cases	NA	0.60λ	(e)

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R23.4.3 The strength coefficient $0.85f_c'$ in Eq. (23.4.3) represents the effective concrete strength under sustained compression, similar to that used in Eq. (22.4.2.2) and (22.4.2.3).

The value of β_s in (a) of Table 23.4.3 applies to a prismatic strut and results in a stress state that is equivalent to the rectangular stress block in the compression zone of a beam or column.

The value of β_s in (b) of Table 23.4.3 applies to bottle-shaped struts as shown in Fig. R23.4.3. A bottle-shaped strut is a strut located in a part of a member where the width of the compressed concrete at midlength of the strut can spread laterally (Schlaich et al. 1987; MacGregor 1997). The curved dashed outlines of the struts in Fig. R23.2.1 and the curved solid outlines in Fig. R23.4.3 approximate the boundaries of bottle-shaped struts. To simplify design, bottle-shaped struts are idealized either as prismatic or tapered, and crack-control reinforcement from 23.5.3 is provided to resist the transverse tension. The cross-sectional area A_c of a bottle-shaped strut is taken as the smaller of the cross-sectional areas at the two ends of the strut. Refer to Fig. R23.4.3(a).

The value of β_s in (c) applies to bottle-shaped struts where transverse reinforcement is not provided. The strength of a strut without transverse reinforcement is reduced by unrestrained transverse tension. Refer to Fig. R23.4.3(a).

The value of β_s in (d) applies, for example, to compression struts in a strut-and-tie model used to design the longitudinal and transverse reinforcement of the tension flanges of beams, box girders, and walls. The low value of β_s reflects that these struts need to transfer compression in a zone where tensile stresses act perpendicular to the strut.

The value of β_s in (e) applies to all other cases. Examples include a fan-shaped strut and the diagonal compression field in B-regions.

The value of β_s in (c) and (e), which are governed by longitudinal splitting of the strut, include a correction factor λ for lightweight concrete. Lightweight concrete has a lower tensile strength and higher brittleness, which can reduce the strut strength.
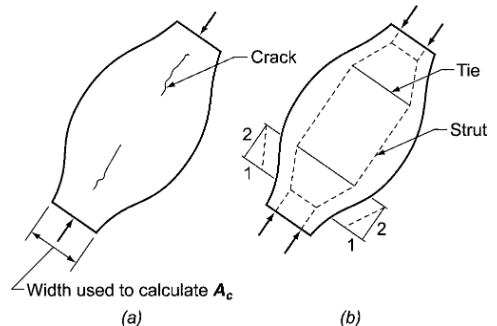
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Fig. R23.4.3—Bottle-shaped strut: (a) cracking of a bottle-shaped strut; and (b) strut-and-tie model of a bottle-shaped strut.

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23.4.4 If confining reinforcement is provided along the length of a strut and its effect is documented by tests and analyses, it shall be permitted to use an increased value of f_{ce} when calculating F_{ns}.

23.5—Reinforcement crossing bottle-shaped struts

23.5.1 For bottle-shaped struts designed using $\beta_s = 0.75$, reinforcement to resist transverse tension resulting from spreading of the compressive force in the strut shall cross the strut axis. It shall be permitted to determine the transverse tension by assuming that the compressive force in a bottle-shaped strut spreads at a slope of 2 parallel to 1 perpendicular to the axis of the strut.

R23.5—Reinforcement crossing bottle-shaped struts

R23.5.1 The reinforcement required by 23.5.1 is related to the tensile force in the concrete due to the spreading of the strut. The amount of transverse reinforcement can be calculated using the strut-and-tie model shown in Fig. R23.4.3(b) where the struts that represent the spread of the compressive force act at a slope of 1:2 to the axis of the applied compressive force. Reinforcement placed to resist the splitting force restrains crack widths, allows the strut to resist more axial force, and permits some redistribution of force. Alternatively, for f_c' not exceeding 40 MPa, Eq. (23.5.3) can be used to select the area of distributed transverse reinforcement.

23.5.2 Reinforcement required in 23.5.1 shall be developed beyond the extent of the strut in accordance with 25.4.

23.5.3 Distributed reinforcement calculated in accordance with Eq. (23.5.3) and crossing the strut axis shall be deemed to satisfy 23.5.1, if $f_c' \leq 40$ MPa.

$$\sum \frac{A_{si}}{b_s s_i} \sin \alpha_i \geq 0.003 \qquad (23.5.3)$$

where A_{si} is the total area of distributed reinforcement at spacing s_i in the i-th direction of reinforcement crossing a strut at an angle α_i to the axis of a strut, and b_s is the width of the strut.

R23.5.3 Figure R23.5.3 shows two layers of reinforcement crossing a cracked strut. This reinforcement will help control cracking in a bottle-shaped strut (refer to Fig. R23.4.3) and result in a larger strut capacity than if this distributed reinforcement was not included. The subscript i in Eq. (23.5.3) is 1 for the vertical and 2 for the horizontal bars. Equation (23.5.3) is written in terms of a reinforcement ratio rather than a stress to simplify the calculation.

Often, this distributed reinforcement is difficult to place in structures such as pile caps. If this reinforcement is not provided, the value of β_s given in expression (c) of Table 23.4.3 should be used.
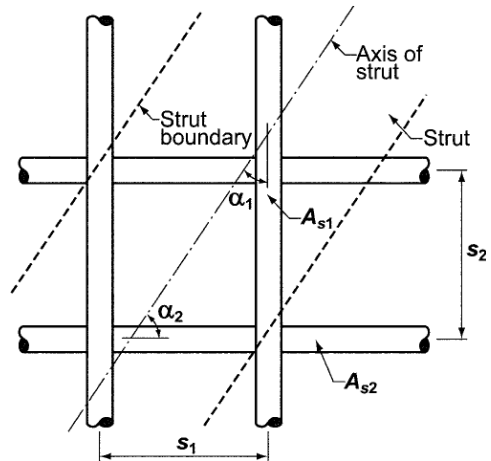

Fig. R23.5.3—Reinforcement crossing a strut.

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23.5.3.1 Distributed reinforcement required in 23.5.3 shall be placed orthogonally at angles α_1 and α_2 to the axis of the strut, or in one direction at an angle α_1 to the axis of the strut. Where the reinforcement is placed in only one direction, α_1 shall be at least 40 degrees.

23.6—Strut reinforcement detailing

23.6.1 Compression reinforcement in struts shall be parallel to the axis of the strut and enclosed along the length of the strut by closed ties in accordance with 23.6.3 or by spirals in accordance with 23.6.4.

23.6.2 Compression reinforcement in struts shall be anchored to develop f_s' at the face of the nodal zone, where f_s' is calculated in accordance with 23.4.1.

23.6.3 Closed ties enclosing compression reinforcement in struts shall satisfy 25.7.2 and this section.

23.6.3.1 Spacing of closed ties, s, along the length of the strut shall not exceed the smallest of (a) through (c):

(a) Smallest dimension of cross section of strut
(b) $48d_b$ of bar or wire used for closed tie reinforcement
(c) $16d_b$ of compression reinforcement

23.6.3.2 The ﬁrst closed tie shall be located not more than 0.5s from the face of the nodal zone at each end of a strut.

23.6.3.3 Closed ties shall be arranged such that every corner and alternate longitudinal bar shall have lateral support provided by crossties or the corner of a tie with an included angle of not more than 135 degrees and no longitudinal bar shall be farther than 150 mm clear on each side along the tie from such a laterally supported bar.

23.6.4 Spirals enclosing compression reinforcement in struts shall satisfy 25.7.3.

23.7—Strength of ties

23.7.1 Tie reinforcement shall be nonprestressed or prestressed.

23.7.2 The nominal tensile strength of a tie, F_{nt}, shall be calculated by:

$$F_{nt} = A_{ts}\,f_y + A_{tp}(f_{se} + \Delta f_p) \qquad (23.7.2)$$

where $(f_{se} + \Delta f_p)$ shall not exceed f_{py}, and A_{tp} is zero for nonprestressed members.

23.7.3 In Eq. (23.7.2), it shall be permitted to take Δf_p equal to 420 MPa for bonded prestressed reinforcement and 70 MPa for unbonded prestressed reinforcement. Higher values of Δf_p shall be permitted if justiﬁed by analysis.

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R23.5.3.1 An important example of the application of 23.5.3.1 is for a corbel with a shear span-to-depth ratio less than 1.0, for which the distributed reinforcement required to satisfy 23.5.1 is usually provided in the form of horizontal stirrups crossing the inclined compression strut, as shown in Fig. R16.5.1b.

R23.6—Strut reinforcement detailing
R23.6.1 Refer to R23.4.1.

R23.6.3.3 Refer to R25.7.2.3.

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23.8—Tie reinforcement detailing

23.8.1 The centroidal axis of the tie reinforcement shall coincide with the axis of the tie assumed in the strut-and-tie model.

R23.8—Tie reinforcement detailing

R23.8.1 The effective tie width assumed in design, w_t, can vary between the following limits, depending on the distribution of the tie reinforcement:

(a) If the bars in the tie are in one layer, the effective tie width can be taken as the diameter of the bars in the tie plus twice the cover to the surface of the bars, as shown in Fig. R23.2.6b(i).

(b) A practical upper limit of the tie width can be taken as the width corresponding to the width in a hydrostatic nodal zone, calculated as $w_{t,max} = F_{nt}/(f_{ce}b_s)$, where f_{ce} is calculated for the nodal zone in accordance with 23.9.2.

If the tie width exceeds the value from (a), the tie reinforcement should be distributed approximately uniformly over the width and thickness of the tie, as shown in Fig. R23.2.6b(ii).

23.8.2 Tie reinforcement shall be anchored by mechanical devices, post-tensioning anchorage devices, standard hooks, or straight bar development in accordance with 23.8.3.

R23.8.2 Anchorage of ties often requires special attention in nodal zones of corbels or in nodal zones adjacent to exterior supports of deep beams. The reinforcement in a tie should be anchored before it exits the extended nodal zone at the point defined by the intersection of the centroid of the bars in the tie and the extensions of the outlines of either the strut or the bearing area. This length is ℓ_{anc}. In Fig. R23.2.6b, this occurs where the outline of the extended nodal zone is crossed by the centroid of the reinforcement in the tie. Some of the anchorage may be achieved by extending the reinforcement through the nodal zone, as shown in Fig. R23.2.6a(iii) and R23.2.6b, and developing it beyond the nodal zone. If the tie is anchored using 90-degree hooks, the hooks should be confined within reinforcement to avoid cracking along the outside of the hooks in the support region.

In deep beams, hairpin bars spliced with the tie reinforcement can be used to anchor the tie forces at exterior supports, provided the beam width is large enough to accommodate such bars.

Figure R23.8.2 shows two ties anchored at a nodal zone. Development is required where the centroid of the tie crosses the outline of the extended nodal zone.

The development length of the tie reinforcement can be reduced through hooks, headed bars, mechanical devices, additional confinement, or by splicing it with layers of smaller bars.

23.8.3 Tie reinforcement shall be developed in accordance with (a) or (b):

(a) The difference between the tie force on one side of a node and the tie force on the other side shall be developed within the nodal zone.

(b) At nodal zones anchoring one or more ties, the tie force in each direction shall be developed at the point where the centroid of the reinforcement in the tie leaves the extended nodal zone.
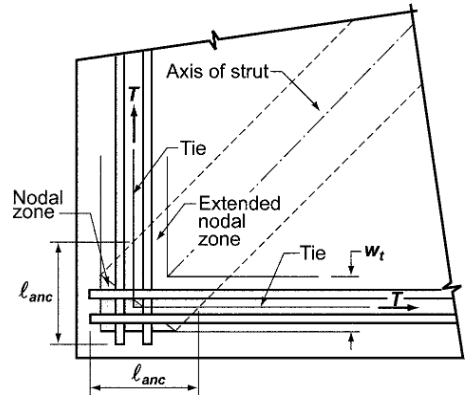
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Fig. R23.8.2—Extended nodal zone anchoring two ties.

23.9—Strength of nodal zones

23.9.1 The nominal compressive strength of a nodal zone, F_{nn}, shall be calculated by:

$$F_{nn} = f_{ce} A_{nz} \qquad (23.9.1)$$

where f_{ce} is defined in 23.9.2 or 23.9.3 and A_{nz} is given in 23.9.4 or 23.9.5.

23.9.2 The effective compressive strength of concrete at a face of a nodal zone, f_{ce}, shall be calculated by:

$$f_{ce} = 0.85\beta_n f_c' \qquad (23.9.2)$$

where β_n shall be in accordance with Table 23.9.2.

Table 23.9.2—Nodal zone coefficient β_n

Configuration of nodal zone	β_n	
Nodal zone bounded by struts, bearing areas, or both	1.0	(a)
Nodal zone anchoring one tie	0.80	(b)
Nodal zone anchoring two or more ties	0.60	(c)

23.9.3 If confining reinforcement is provided within the nodal zone and its effect is documented by tests and analyses, it shall be permitted to use an increased value of f_{ce} when calculating F_{nn}.

23.9.4 The area of each face of a nodal zone, A_{nz}, shall be taken as the smaller of (a) and (b):

(a) Area of the face of the nodal zone perpendicular to the line of action of F_{us}
(b) Area of a section through the nodal zone perpendicular to the line of action of the resultant force on the section

R23.9—Strength of nodal zones

R23.9.2 The nodes in two-dimensional models can be classified as shown in Fig. R23.2.6c. The effective compressive strength of the nodal zone is given by Eq. (23.9.2) where the value for β_n is given in Table 23.9.2.

Lower β_n values reflect the increasing degree of disruption of the nodal zones due to the incompatibility of tensile strains in the ties and compressive strains in the struts. The stress on any face of the nodal zone or on any section through the nodal zone should not exceed the value given by Eq. (23.9.2).

R23.9.4 If the stresses in all the struts meeting at a node are equal, a hydrostatic nodal zone can be used. The faces of such a nodal zone are perpendicular to the axes of the struts, and the widths of the faces of the nodal zone are proportional to the forces in the struts.

Stresses on nodal faces that are perpendicular to the axes of struts and ties are principal stresses, and 23.9.4(a) is used.

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If, as shown in Fig. R23.2.6b(ii), the face of a nodal zone is not perpendicular to the axis of the strut, there will be both shear stresses and normal stresses on the face of the nodal zone. Typically, these stresses are replaced by the normal (principal compressive) stress acting on the cross-sectional area, A_{nz}, of the strut, taken perpendicular to the axis of the strut as given in 23.9.4(a).

23.9.5 In a three-dimensional strut-and-tie model, the area of each face of a nodal zone shall be at least that given in 23.9.4, and the shape of each face of the nodal zone shall be similar to the shape of the projection of the end of the strut onto the corresponding face of the nodal zone.

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24.1—Scope

24.1.1 This chapter shall apply to member design for minimum serviceability, including (a) through (d):

(a) Deflections due to service-level gravity loads (24.2)
(b) Distribution of flexural reinforcement in one-way slabs and beams to control cracking (24.3)
(c) Shrinkage and temperature reinforcement (24.4)
(d) Permissible stresses in prestressed flexural members (24.5)

24.2—Deflections due to service-level gravity loads

24.2.1 Members subjected to flexure shall be designed with adequate stiffness to limit deflections or deformations that adversely affect strength or serviceability of a structure.

24.2.2 Deflections calculated in accordance with 24.2.3 through 24.2.5 shall not exceed the limits in Table 24.2.2.

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R24.1—Scope

This chapter prescribes serviceability requirements that are referenced by other chapters of the Code, or are otherwise applicable to provide adequate performance of structural members. This chapter does not stand on its own as a complete and cohesive compilation of serviceability requirements for the design of structural members.

R24.2—Deflections due to service-level gravity loads

This section is concerned only with deflections or deformations that may occur at service load levels. When time-dependent deflections are calculated, only the dead load and those portions of other loads that are sustained need be considered.

Two methods are given in the Code for controlling deflections (Sabnis et al. 1974). For nonprestressed one-way slabs and beams, including composite members, the minimum overall thickness required by 7.3.1 and 9.3.1 is considered to satisfy the requirements of the Code for members not supporting or attached to nonstructural elements likely to be damaged by large deflections. For nonprestressed two-way construction, the minimum thickness required by 8.3.1 is considered to satisfy the requirements of the Code.

For nonprestressed members that do not meet these minimum thickness requirements, for nonprestressed one-way members that support or are attached to nonstructural elements likely to be damaged by large deflections, and for prestressed flexural members, deflections are required to be calculated by 24.2.3 through 24.2.5. Calculated deflections are limited to the values in Table 24.2.2.

R24.2.2 It should be noted that the limitations given in Table 24.2.2 relate only to supported or attached nonstructural elements. For those structures in which structural members are likely to be affected by deflection or deformation of members to which they are attached in such a manner as to affect adversely the strength of the structure, these deflections and the resulting forces should be considered explicitly in the analysis and design of the structures as required by 24.2.1 (ACI 209R-92).

When time-dependent deflections are calculated, the portion of the deflection before attachment of the nonstructural elements may be deducted. In making this correction, use may be made of the curve in Fig. R24.2.4.1 for members of usual sizes and shapes.

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Table 24.2.2—Maximum permissible calculated deflections

Member	Condition		Deflection to be considered	Deflection limitation
Flat roofs	Not supporting or attached to nonstructural elements likely to be damaged by large deflections		Immediate deflection due to maximum of L_r, S, and R	ℓ/180[1]
Floors			Immediate deflection due to L	ℓ/360
Roof or floors	Supporting or attached to non-structural elements	Likely to be damaged by large deflections	That part of the total deflection occurring after attachment of nonstructural elements, which is the sum of the time-dependent deflection due to all sustained loads and the immediate deflection due to any additional live load[2]	ℓ/480[3]
		Not likely to be damaged by large deflections		ℓ/240[4]

[1]Limit not intended to safeguard against ponding. Ponding shall be checked by calculations of deflection, including added deflections due to ponded water, and considering time-dependent effects of sustained loads, camber, construction tolerances, and reliability of provisions for drainage.

[2]Time-dependent deflection shall be calculated in accordance with 24.2.4, but shall be permitted to be reduced by amount of deflection calculated to occur before attachment of nonstructural elements. This amount shall be calculated on basis of accepted engineering data relating to time-deflection characteristics of members similar to those being considered.

[3]Limit shall be permitted to be exceeded if measures are taken to prevent damage to supported or attached elements.

[4]Limit shall not exceed tolerance provided for nonstructural elements.

24.2.3 Calculation of immediate deflections

24.2.3.1 Immediate deflections shall be calculated using methods or formulas for elastic deflections, considering effects of cracking and reinforcement on member stiffness.

24.2.3.2 Effect of variation of cross-sectional properties, such as haunches, shall be considered when calculating deflections.

24.2.3.3 Deflections in two-way slab systems shall be calculated taking into account size and shape of the panel, conditions of support, and nature of restraints at the panel edges.

24.2.3.4 Modulus of elasticity, E_c, shall be permitted to be calculated in accordance with 19.2.2.

24.2.3.5 For nonprestressed members, effective moment of inertia, I_e, shall be calculated by Eq. (24.2.3.5a) unless obtained by a more comprehensive analysis, but I_e shall not be greater than I_g.

$$I_e = \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a}\right)^3 I_g + \left[1 - \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a}\right)^3\right] I_{cr} \quad (24.2.3.5a)$$

where M_{cr} is calculated by

$$M_{cr} = \frac{f_r I_g}{y_t} \quad (24.2.3.5b)$$

R24.2.3 Calculation of immediate deflections

R24.2.3.1 For calculation of immediate deflections of uncracked prismatic members, the usual methods or formulas for elastic deflections may be used with a constant value of $E_c I_g$ along the length of the member. However, if the member is expected to crack at one or more sections, or if its depth varies along the span, a more rigorous calculation becomes necessary.

R24.2.3.3 The calculation of deflections for two-way slabs is challenging even if linear elastic behavior can be assumed. For immediate deflections, the values of E_c and I_e specified in 24.2.3.4 and 24.2.3.5, respectively, may be used (ACI 209R). However, other procedures and other values of the stiffness $E_c I_e$ may be used if they result in predictions of deflection in reasonable agreement with the results of comprehensive tests.

R24.2.3.5 The effective moment of inertia procedure described in the Code and developed in Branson (1965) was selected as being sufficiently accurate to estimate deflections (ACI Committee 435 1966, 1968; ACI 209R). The effective moment of inertia, I_e, was developed to provide a transition between the upper and lower bounds of I_g and I_{cr} as a function of the ratio M_{cr}/M_a.

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24.2.3.6 For continuous one-way slabs and beams, I_e shall be permitted to be taken as the average of values obtained from Eq. (24.2.3.5a) for the critical positive and negative moment sections.

24.2.3.7 For prismatic one-way slabs and beams, I_e shall be permitted to be taken as the value obtained from Eq. (24.2.3.5a) at midspan for simple and continuous spans, and at the support for cantilevers.

24.2.3.8 For prestressed Class U slabs and beams as defined in 24.5.2, it shall be permitted to calculate deflections based on I_g.

24.2.3.9 For prestressed Class T and Class C slabs and beams as defined in 24.5.2, deflection calculations shall be based on a cracked transformed section analysis. It shall be permitted to base deflection calculations on a bilinear moment-deflection relationship or I_e in accordance with Eq. (24.2.3.5a), where M_{cr} is calculated as:

$$M_{cr} = \frac{\left(f_r + f_{pe}\right)I_g}{y_t} \qquad (24.2.3.9)$$

24.2.4 Calculation of time-dependent deflections

24.2.4.1 Nonprestressed members

24.2.4.1.1 Unless obtained from a more comprehensive analysis, additional time-dependent deflection resulting from creep and shrinkage of flexural members shall be calculated as the product of the immediate deflection caused by sustained load and the factor λ_Δ

$$\lambda_\Delta = \frac{\xi}{1 + 50\rho'} \qquad (24.2.4.1.1)$$

24.2.4.1.2 In Eq. (24.2.4.1.1), ρ' shall be calculated at midspan for simple and continuous spans, and at the support for cantilevers.

24.2.4.1.3 In Eq. (24.2.4.1.1), values of the time-dependent factor for sustained loads, ξ, shall be in accordance with Table 24.2.4.1.3.

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R24.2.3.7 The use of the midspan section properties for continuous prismatic members is considered satisfactory in approximate calculations primarily because the midspan stiffness (including the effect of cracking) has the dominant effect on deflections, as shown by ACI 435.5R, ACI Committee 435 (1978), and Sabnis et al. (1974).

R24.2.3.8 Immediate deflections of Class U prestressed concrete members may be calculated by the usual methods or formulas for elastic deflections using the moment of inertia of the gross (uncracked) concrete section and the modulus of elasticity for concrete specified in 19.2.2.1.

R24.2.3.9 Class C and Class T prestressed flexural members are defined in 24.5.2. The PCI Design Handbook (PCI MNL 120) gives information on deflection calculations using a bilinear moment-deflection relationship and using an effective moment of inertia. Mast (1998) gives additional information on deflection of cracked prestressed concrete members.

Shaikh and Branson (1970) shows that the I_e method can be used to calculate deflections of Class C and Class T prestressed members loaded above the cracking load. For this case, the cracking moment should take into account the effect of prestress as provided in Eq. (24.2.3.9).

A method for predicting the effect of nonprestressed tension reinforcement in reducing creep camber is also given in Shaikh and Branson (1970), with approximate forms given in ACI 209R and Branson (1970).

R24.2.4 Calculation of time-dependent deflections

R24.2.4.1 Nonprestressed members—Shrinkage and creep cause time-dependent deflections in addition to the elastic deflections that occur when loads are first placed on the structure. Such deflections are influenced by temperature, humidity, curing conditions, age at time of loading, amount of compression reinforcement, and magnitude of the sustained load. The expression given in this section is considered satisfactory for use with the Code procedures for the calculation of immediate deflections, and with the limits given in Table 24.2.2. The deflection calculated in accordance with this section is the additional time-dependent deflection due to the dead load and those portions of other loads that will be sustained for a sufficient period to cause significant time-dependent deflections.

Equation (24.2.4.1.1) was developed in Branson (1971). In Eq. (24.2.4.1.1), the term $(1 + 50\rho')$ accounts for the effect of compression reinforcement in reducing time-dependent deflections. $\xi = 2.0$ represents a nominal time-dependent factor for a 5-year duration of loading. The curve in Fig.

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Table 24.2.4.1.3—Time-dependent factor for sustained loads

Sustained load duration, months	Time-dependent factor ξ
3	1.0
6	1.2
12	1.4
60 or more	2.0

R24.2.4.1 may be used to estimate values of ξ for loading periods less than 5 years.

If it is desired to consider creep and shrinkage separately, approximate equations provided in Branson (1965, 1971, 1977) and ACI Committee 435 (1966) may be used.

Because available data on time-dependent deÀections of two-way slabs are too limited to justify more elaborate procedures, calculation of the additional time-dependent deÀection for two-way construction in accordance with Eq. (24.2.4.1.1) is required to use the multipliers given in 24.2.4.1.3.
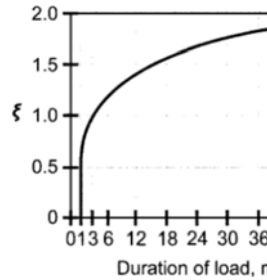
Fig. R24.2.4.1—Multipliers for time-dependent deÀections.

24.2.4.2 Prestressed members

24.2.4.2.1 Additional time-dependent deÀection of prestressed concrete members shall be calculated considering stresses in concrete and reinforcement under sustained load, and the effects of creep and shrinkage of concrete and relaxation of prestressed reinforcement.

R24.2.4.2 Prestressed members

R24.2.4.2.1 Calculation of time-dependent deÀections of prestressed concrete Àexural members is challenging. The calculations should consider not only the increased deÀections due to Àexural stresses, but also the additional time-dependent deÀections resulting from time-dependent shortening of the Àexural member.

Prestressed concrete members shorten more with time than similar nonprestressed members due to the precompression in the slab or beam, which causes creep. This creep, together with concrete shrinkage, results in signi¿cant shortening of the Àexural members that continues for several years after construction and should be considered in design. The shortening tends to reduce the tension in the prestressed reinforcement, reducing the precompression in the member and thereby causing increased time-dependent deÀections.

Another factor that can inÀuence time-dependent deÀections of prestressed Àexural members is adjacent concrete or masonry that is nonprestressed in the direction of the prestressed member. This can be a slab nonprestressed in the beam direction adjacent to a prestressed beam or a nonprestressed slab system. As the prestressed member tends to shrink and creep more than the adjacent nonprestressed concrete, the structure will tend to reach a compatibility of the shortening effects. This results in a reduction of the precompression in the prestressed member as the adjacent concrete absorbs the compression. This reduction in precompression of the prestressed member can occur over a period

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of years and will result in additional time-dependent deflections and an increase in tensile stresses in the prestressed member.

Any suitable method for calculating time-dependent deflections of prestressed members may be used, provided all effects are considered. Guidance may be found in ACI 209R, ACI Committee 435 (1963), Branson et al. (1970), and Ghali and Favre (1986).

24.2.5 Calculation of deflections of composite concrete construction

24.2.5.1 If composite concrete flexural members are shored during construction so that, after removal of temporary supports, the dead load is resisted by the full composite section, it shall be permitted to consider the composite member equivalent to a monolithically cast member for calculation of deflections.

24.2.5.2 If composite concrete flexural members are not shored during construction, the magnitude and duration of load before and after composite action becomes effective shall be considered in calculating time-dependent deflections.

24.2.5.3 Deflections resulting from differential shrinkage of precast and cast-in-place components, and of axial creep effects in prestressed members, shall be considered.

R24.2.5 Calculation of deflections of composite concrete construction—Composite concrete members are designed to meet the horizontal shear strength requirements of 16.4. Because few tests have been made to study the immediate and time-dependent deflections of composite members, the requirements given in this section are based on the judgment of ACI Committee 318 and on experience.

In 22.3.3.3, it is stated that distinction need not be made between shored and unshored members. This refers to strength calculations, not to deflections. Construction documents should indicate whether composite concrete design is based on shored or unshored construction, as required by 26.11.1.1.

24.3—Distribution of flexural reinforcement in one-way slabs and beams

24.3.1 Bonded reinforcement shall be distributed to control flexural cracking in tension zones of nonprestressed and Class C prestressed slabs and beams reinforced for flexure in one direction only.

R24.3—Distribution of flexural reinforcement in one-way slabs and beams

R24.3.1 Where service loads result in high stresses in the reinforcement, visible cracks should be expected, and steps should be taken in detailing of the reinforcement to control cracking. For reasons of durability and appearance, many fine cracks are preferable to a few wide cracks. Detailing practices limiting bar spacing will usually lead to adequate crack control where Grade 420 reinforcement is used.

Extensive laboratory work (Gergely and Lutz 1968; Kaar 1966; Base et al. 1966) involving deformed bars demonstrated that crack width at service loads is proportional to reinforcement stress. The significant variables reflecting reinforcement detailing were found to be thickness of concrete cover and the spacing of reinforcement.

Crack width is inherently subject to wide scatter even in careful laboratory work and is influenced by shrinkage and other time-dependent effects. Improved crack control is obtained where the reinforcement is well distributed over the zone of maximum concrete tension. Several bars at moderate spacing are much more effective in controlling cracking than one or two larger bars of equivalent area.

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24.3.2 Spacing of bonded reinforcement closest to the tension face shall not exceed the limits in Table 24.3.2, where c_c is the least distance from surface of deformed or prestressed reinforcement to the tension face. Calculated stress in deformed reinforcement, f_s, and calculated change in stress in bonded prestressed reinforcement, Δf_{ps}, shall be in accordance with 24.3.2.1 and 24.3.2.2, respectively.

R24.3.2 The spacing of reinforcement is limited to control cracking (Beeby 1979; Frosch 1999; ACI Committee 318 1999). For the case of beams with Grade 420 reinforcement and 50 mm clear cover to the primary reinforcement, with $f_s = 280$ MPa, the maximum bar spacing is 250 mm.

Crack widths in structures are highly variable. The Code provisions for spacing are intended to limit surface cracks to a width that is generally acceptable in practice but may vary widely in a given structure.

The role of cracks in the corrosion of reinforcement is controversial. Research (Darwin et al. 1985; Oesterle 1997) shows that corrosion is not clearly correlated with surface crack widths in the range normally found with reinforcement stresses at service load levels. For this reason, the Code does not differentiate between interior and exterior exposures.

Only tension reinforcement nearest the tension face need be considered in selecting the value of c_c used in calculating spacing requirements. To account for prestressed reinforcement, such as strand, having bond characteristics less effective than deformed reinforcement, a two-thirds effectiveness factor is used in Table 24.3.2.

For post-tensioned members designed as cracked members, it will usually be advantageous to provide crack control by the use of deformed reinforcement, for which the provisions in Table 24.3.2 for deformed bars or wires may be used. Bonded reinforcement required by other provisions of the Code may also be used as crack control reinforcement.

Table 24.3.2—Maximum spacing of bonded reinforcement in nonprestressed and Class C prestressed one-way slabs and beams

Reinforcement type		Maximum spacing s
Deformed bars or wires	Lesser of:	$380\left(\dfrac{280}{f_s}\right) - 2.5c_c$
		$300\left(\dfrac{280}{f_s}\right)$
Bonded prestressed reinforcement	Lesser of:	$\dfrac{2}{3}\left[380\left(\dfrac{280}{\Delta f_{ps}}\right) - 2.5c_c\right]$
		$\dfrac{2}{3}\left[300\left(\dfrac{280}{\Delta f_{ps}}\right)\right]$
Combined deformed bars or wires and bonded prestressed reinforcement	Lesser of:	$\dfrac{5}{6}\left[380\left(\dfrac{280}{\Delta f_{ps}}\right) - 2.5c_c\right]$
		$\dfrac{5}{6}\left[300\left(\dfrac{280}{\Delta f_{ps}}\right)\right]$

24.3.2.1 Stress f_s in deformed reinforcement closest to the tension face at service loads shall be calculated based on the unfactored moment, or it shall be permitted to take f_s as $(2/3)f_y$.

24.3.2.2 Change in stress, Δf_{ps}, in bonded prestressed reinforcement at service loads shall be equal to the calculated stress based on a cracked section analysis minus the decompression stress f_{dc}. It shall be permitted to take f_{dc} equal to the effective stress in the prestressed reinforcement f_{se}. The value of Δf_{ps} shall not exceed 250 MPa. If Δf_{ps} does not exceed 140 MPa, the spacing limits in Table 24.3.2 need not be satisfied.

R24.3.2.2 It is conservative to take the decompression stress f_{dc} equal to f_{se}, the effective stress in the prestressed reinforcement. The maximum limitation of 250 MPa for Δf_{ps} is intended to be similar to the maximum allowable stress in Grade 420 reinforcement ($f_s = 280$ MPa). The exemption for members with Δf_{ps} less than 140 MPa reflects that many structures designed by working stress methods and with low reinforcement stress served their intended functions with very limited flexural cracking.

24.3.3 If there is only one bonded bar, pretensioned strand, or bonded tendon nearest to the extreme tension face, the width of the extreme tension face shall not exceed s determined in accordance with Table 24.3.2.

24.3.4 If flanges of T-beams are in tension, part of the bonded flexural tension reinforcement shall be distributed over an effective flange width as defined in accordance with 6.3.2, but not wider than $\ell_n/10$. If the effective flange width exceeds $\ell_n/10$, additional bonded longitudinal reinforcement shall be provided in the outer portions of the flange.

R24.3.4 In T-beams, distribution of the negative moment reinforcement for control of cracking should take into account two considerations: 1) wide spacing of the reinforcement across the full effective width of flange may cause some wide cracks to form in the slab near the web; and 2) close spacing near the web leaves the outer regions of

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the flange unprotected. The one-tenth limitation is to guard against a spacing that is too wide, with some additional reinforcement required to protect the outer portions of the flange.

24.3.5 The spacing of bonded flexural reinforcement in nonprestressed and Class C prestressed one-way slabs and beams subject to fatigue, designed to be watertight, or exposed to corrosive environments, shall be selected based on investigations and precautions specific to those conditions and shall not exceed the limits of 24.3.2.

R24.3.5 Although a number of studies have been conducted, clear experimental evidence is not available regarding the crack width beyond which a corrosion danger exists. Exposure tests indicate that concrete quality, adequate compaction, and ample concrete cover may be of greater importance for corrosion protection than crack width at the concrete surface.

Provisions related to increased concrete cover and durability of reinforcement is covered in 20.6, while durability of concrete is covered in 19.3.

24.4—Shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

24.4.1 Reinforcement to resist shrinkage and temperature stresses shall be provided in one-way slabs in the direction perpendicular to the flexural reinforcement in accordance with 24.4.3 or 24.4.4.

R24.4—Shrinkage and temperature reinforcement

R24.4.1 Shrinkage and temperature reinforcement is required at right angles to the principal reinforcement to minimize cracking and to tie the structure together to ensure it is acting as assumed in the design. The provisions of this section are intended for structural slabs only; they are not intended for slabs-on-ground.

24.4.2 If shrinkage and temperature movements are restrained, the effects of T shall be considered in accordance with 5.3.6.

R24.4.2 The area of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement required by 24.4.3.2 has been satisfactory where shrinkage and temperature movements are permitted to occur. Where structural walls or columns provide significant restraint to shrinkage and temperature movements, the restraint of volume changes causes tension in slabs, as well as displacements, shear forces, and flexural moments in columns or walls. In these cases, it may be necessary to increase the amount of slab reinforcement required by Table 24.4.3.2 due to the shrinkage and thermal effects in both principal directions (PCI MNL 120; Gilbert 1992). Top and bottom reinforcement are both effective in controlling cracks. Control strips during the construction period, which permit initial shrinkage to occur without causing an increase in stress, are also effective in reducing cracks caused by restraint.

Topping slabs also experience tension due to restraint of differential shrinkage between the topping and the precast elements or metal deck (which has zero shrinkage) that should be considered in reinforcing the slab. Consideration should be given to strain demands on reinforcement crossing joints of precast elements where most of the restraint is likely to be relieved.

24.4.3 Nonprestressed reinforcement

R24.4.3 Nonprestressed reinforcement

24.4.3.1 Deformed reinforcement to resist shrinkage and temperature stresses shall conform to Table 20.2.2.4(a) and shall be in accordance with 24.4.3.2 through 24.4.3.5.

24.4.3.2 The ratio of deformed shrinkage and temperature reinforcement area to gross concrete area shall satisfy the limits in Table 24.4.3.2.

R24.4.3.2 The minimum ratios of deformed bar or welded wire reinforcement area to gross concrete area required by 24.4.3.2 are empirical but have been used satisfactorily for

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Table 24.4.3.2—Minimum ratios of deformed shrinkage and temperature reinforcement area to gross concrete area

Reinforcement type	f_y, MPa	Minimum reinforcement ratio	
Deformed bars	< 420	0.0020	
Deformed bars or welded wire reinforcement	≥ 420	Greater of:	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 420}{f_y}$
			0.0014

many years. The resulting area of reinforcement may be distributed near the top or bottom of the slab, or may be distributed between the two faces of the slab as deemed appropriate for specific conditions.

24.4.3.3 The spacing of deformed shrinkage and temperature reinforcement shall not exceed the lesser of 5h and 450 mm.

24.4.3.4 At all sections where required, deformed reinforcement used to resist shrinkage and temperature stresses shall develop f_y in tension.

R24.4.3.4 Splices and end anchorages of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement are to be designed to develop the specified yield strength of the reinforcement in accordance with Chapter 25.

24.4.3.5 For one-way precast slabs and one-way precast, prestressed wall panels, shrinkage and temperature reinforcement is not required in the direction perpendicular to the flexural reinforcement if (a) through (c) are satisfied.

(a) Precast members are not wider than 3.7 m
(b) Precast members are not mechanically connected to cause restraint in the transverse direction
(c) Reinforcement is not required to resist transverse flexural stresses

R24.4.3.5 For precast, prestressed concrete members not wider than 3.7 m, such as hollow-core slabs, solid slabs, or slabs with closely spaced ribs, there is usually no need to provide reinforcement to withstand shrinkage and temperature stresses in the short direction. This is generally also true for precast, nonprestressed floor and roof slabs. The 3.7 m width is less than that in which shrinkage and temperature stresses can build up to a magnitude requiring reinforcement. In addition, much of the shrinkage occurs before the members are tied into the structure. Once in the final structure, the members are usually not as rigidly connected transversely as monolithic concrete, thus, the transverse restraint stresses due to both shrinkage and temperature change are significantly reduced.

The waiver does not apply where reinforcement is required to resist flexural stresses, such as in thin flanges of precast single and double tees.

24.4.4 Prestressed reinforcement

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24.4.4.1 Prestressed reinforcement to resist shrinkage and temperature stresses shall conform to Table 20.3.2.2, and the effective prestress after losses shall provide an average compressive stress of at least 0.7 MPa on gross concrete area.

R24.4.4.1 Prestressed reinforcement requirements have been selected to provide an effective force on the slab approximately equal to the force required to yield nonprestressed shrinkage and temperature reinforcement. This amount of prestressing—0.7 MPa on the gross concrete area—has been used successfully on a large number of projects.

The effects of slab shortening should be evaluated to ensure serviceable behavior of the structure. In most cases, the low level of prestressing recommended should not cause difficulties in a properly detailed structure. Additional attention may be required where thermal effects or restraint become significant.

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24.5—Permissible stresses in prestressed concrete flexural members

24.5.1 General

24.5.1.1 Concrete stresses in prestressed flexural members shall be limited in accordance with 24.5.2 through 24.5.4 unless it is shown by test or analysis that performance will not be impaired.

24.5.1.2 For calculation of stresses at transfer of prestress, at service loads, and at cracking loads, elastic theory shall be used with assumptions (a) and (b):

(a) Strains vary linearly with distance from neutral axis in accordance with 22.2.1.

(b) At cracked sections, concrete resists no tension.

24.5.2 Classification of prestressed flexural members

24.5.2.1 Prestressed flexural members shall be classified as Class U, T, or C in accordance with Table 24.5.2.1, based on the extreme fiber stress in tension f_t in the precompressed tension zone calculated at service loads assuming an uncracked section.

Table 24.5.2.1—Classification of prestressed flexural members based on f_t

Assumed behavior	Class	Limits of f_t
Uncracked	U[1]	$f_t \leq 0.62\sqrt{f_c'}$
Transition between uncracked and cracked	T	$0.62\sqrt{f_c'} < f_t \leq 1.0\sqrt{f_c'}$
Cracked	C	$f_t > 1.0\sqrt{f_c'}$

[1]Prestressed two-way slabs shall be designed as Class U with $f_t \leq 0.50\sqrt{f_c'}$.

R24.5—Permissible stresses in prestressed concrete flexural members

R24.5.1 General

R24.5.1.1 Permissible stresses in concrete address serviceability but do not ensure adequate design strength, which should be checked in accordance with other Code requirements.

A mechanism is provided such that Code limits on stress need not inhibit the development of new products, materials, and techniques in prestressed concrete construction. Approvals for the design should be in accordance with 1.10 of the Code.

R24.5.2 Classification of prestressed flexural members

R24.5.2.1 Three classes of behavior of prestressed flexural members are defined. Class U members are assumed to behave as uncracked members. Class C members are assumed to behave as cracked members. The behavior of Class T members is assumed to be in transition between uncracked and cracked. The serviceability requirements for each class are summarized in Table R24.5.2.1. For comparison, Table R24.5.2.1 also shows corresponding requirements for nonprestressed members.

These classes apply to both bonded and unbonded prestressed flexural members, but prestressed two-way slab systems are required to be designed as Class U with $f_t \leq 0.50\sqrt{f_c'}$.

The precompressed tension zone is that portion of a prestressed member where flexural tension, calculated using gross section properties, would occur under unfactored dead and live loads if the prestress force was not present. Prestressed concrete is usually designed so that the prestress force introduces compression into this zone, thus effectively reducing the magnitude of the tensile stress.

For corrosive environments, defined as an environment in which chemical attack (such as seawater, corrosive industrial atmosphere, or sewer gas) is encountered, cracking at service loads becomes more critical to long-term performance. For these conditions, cover should be increased in accordance with 20.6.1.4, and tensile stresses in the concrete reduced to minimize possible cracking at service loads.

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Table R24.5.2.1—Serviceability design requirements

	Prestressed			
	Class U	Class T	Class C	Nonprestressed
Assumed behavior	Uncracked	Transition between uncracked and cracked	Cracked	Cracked
Section properties for stress calculation at service loads	Gross section 24.5.2.2	Gross section 24.5.2.2	Cracked section 24.5.2.3	No requirement
Allowable stress at transfer	24.5.3	24.5.3	24.5.3	No requirement
Allowable compressive stress based on uncracked section properties	24.5.4	24.5.4	No requirement	No requirement
Tensile stress at service loads 24.5.2.1	$\leq 0.62\sqrt{f_c'}$	$0.62\sqrt{f_c'} < f_t \leq 1.0\sqrt{f_c'}$	No requirement	No requirement
Deflection calculation basis	24.2.3.8, 24.2.4.2 Gross section	24.2.3.9, 24.2.4.2 Cracked section, bilinear	24.2.3.9, 24.2.4.2 Cracked section, bilinear	24.2.3, 24.2.4.1 Effective moment of inertia
Crack control	No requirement	No requirement	24.3	24.3
Computation of Δf_{ps} or f_s for crack control	—	—	Cracked section analysis	$M/(A_s \times$ lever arm), or $2/3 f_y$
Side skin reinforcement	No requirement	No requirement	9.7.2.3	9.7.2.3

24.5.2.2 For Class U and T members, stresses at service loads shall be permitted to be calculated using the uncracked section.

24.5.2.3 For Class C members, stresses at service loads shall be calculated using the cracked transformed section.

R24.5.2.3 Prestressed members are classified based on the magnitude of the stress in the precompressed tension zone, calculated assuming the section remains uncracked. Once it is determined that a member is Class C, with $f_t > 1.0\sqrt{f_c'}$, subsequent calculations of service load stresses are based on the cracked transformed section. A method for calculating stresses in a cracked section is given in Mast (1998).

24.5.3 Permissible concrete stresses at transfer of prestress

R24.5.3 Permissible concrete stresses at transfer of prestress—The concrete stresses at this stage are caused by the weight of the member and the force in the prestressed reinforcement after jacking reduced by the losses due to seating of the prestressed reinforcement and elastic shortening of the concrete. Shrinkage, creep, and relaxation effects are generally not included at this stage. These stresses apply to both pretensioned and post-tensioned concrete with proper modifications of the losses at transfer.

24.5.3.1 Calculated extreme concrete fiber stress in compression immediately after transfer of prestress, but before time-dependent prestress losses, shall not exceed the limits in Table 24.5.3.1.

R24.5.3.1 The permissible concrete compressive stresses at transfer of prestress are higher at ends of simply supported members than at other locations based on research in the precast, prestressed concrete industry (Castro et al. 2004; Dolan and Krohn 2007; Hale and Russell 2006).

Table 24.5.3.1—Concrete compressive stress limits immediately after transfer of prestress

Location	Concrete compressive stress limits
End of simply-supported members	$0.70 f_{ci}'$
All other locations	$0.60 f_{ci}'$

24.5.3.2 Calculated extreme concrete fiber stress in tension immediately after transfer of prestress, but before

R24.5.3.2 The tensile stress limits of $0.25\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$ and $0.50\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$ refer to tensile stresses at transfer of prestress at locations

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time-dependent prestress losses, shall not exceed the limits in Table 24.5.3.2, unless permitted by 24.5.3.2.1.

Table 24.5.3.2—Concrete tensile stress limits immediately after transfer of prestress, without additional bonded reinforcement in tension zone

Location	Concrete tensile stress limits
Ends of simply-supported members	$0.50\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$
All other locations	$0.25\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$

24.5.3.2.1 The limits in Table 24.5.3.2 shall be permitted to be exceeded where additional bonded reinforcement in the tension zone resists the total tensile force in the concrete calculated with the assumption of an uncracked section.

24.5.4 Permissible concrete compressive stresses at service loads

24.5.4.1 For Class U and T members, the calculated extreme concrete fiber stress in compression at service loads, after allowance for all prestress losses, shall not exceed the limits in Table 24.5.4.1.

Table 24.5.4.1—Concrete compressive stress limits at service loads

Load condition	Concrete compressive stress limits
Prestress plus sustained load	$0.45f_c'$
Prestress plus total load	$0.60f_c'$

other than the precompressed tension zone. Where tensile stresses exceed the permissible values, the total force in the tensile stress zone may be calculated and reinforcement proportioned on the basis of this force at a stress of $0.6f_y$, but not more than 210 MPa. The effects of creep and shrinkage begin to reduce the tensile stress almost immediately; however, some tension remains in these locations after allowance is made for all prestress losses.

R24.5.4 Permissible concrete compressive stresses at service loads

R24.5.4.1 The compressive stress limit of $0.45f_c'$ was originally established to decrease the probability of failure of prestressed concrete members due to repeated loads. This limit also seemed reasonable to preclude excessive creep deformation. At higher values of stress, creep strains tend to increase more rapidly as applied stress increases.

Fatigue tests of prestressed concrete beams have shown that concrete compressive failures are not the controlling criterion. Therefore, the stress limit of $0.60f_c'$ permits a one-third increase in allowable compressive stress for members subject to transient loads.

Sustained live load is any portion of the service live load that will be sustained for a sufficient period to cause significant time-dependent deflections. Thus, when the sustained live and dead loads are a large percentage of the total service load, the $0.45f_c'$ limit of Table 24.5.4.1 typically controls. On the other hand, when a large portion of the total service load consists of a transient or temporary service live load, the increased stress limit of $0.60f_c'$ typically controls.

The compression limit of $0.45f_c'$ for prestress plus sustained loads will continue to control the time-dependent behavior of prestressed members.

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CHAPTER 25—REINFORCEMENT DETAILS

25.1—Scope

25.1.1 This chapter shall apply to reinforcement details, including:

(a) Minimum spacing
(b) Standard hooks, seismic hooks, and crossties
(c) Development of reinforcement
(d) Splices
(e) Bundled reinforcement
(f) Transverse reinforcement
(g) Post-tensioning anchorages and couplers

25.1.2 Provisions of 25.9 shall apply to anchorage zones for post-tensioned tendons.

25.2—Minimum spacing of reinforcement

25.2.1 For parallel nonprestressed reinforcement in a horizontal layer, clear spacing shall be at least the greatest of 25 mm, d_b, and $(4/3)d_{agg}$.

25.2.2 For parallel nonprestressed reinforcement placed in two or more horizontal layers, reinforcement in the upper layers shall be placed directly above reinforcement in the bottom layer with a clear spacing between layers of at least 25 mm.

25.2.3 For longitudinal reinforcement in columns, pedestals, struts, and boundary elements in walls, clear spacing between bars shall be at least the greatest of 40 mm, $1.5d_b$, and $(4/3)d_{agg}$.

25.2.4 For pretensioned strands at ends of a member, minimum center-to-center spacing s shall be the greater of the value in Table 25.2.4, and $[(4/3)d_{agg} + d_b]$.

R25—REINFORCEMENT DETAILS

R25.1—Scope

Recommended methods and standards for preparing design drawings, typical details, and drawings for the fabrication and placing of steel reinforcement in reinforced concrete structures are given in the ACI Detailing Manual (SP-66).

All provisions in the Code relating to bar, wire, or strand diameter (and area) are based on the nominal dimensions of the reinforcement as given in the appropriate ASTM specification. Nominal dimensions are equivalent to those of a circular area having the same weight per foot as the ASTM designated bar, wire, or strand sizes. Cross-sectional area of reinforcement is based on nominal dimensions.

R25.1.1 In addition to the requirements in this chapter that affect detailing of reinforcement, detailing specific to particular members is given in the corresponding member chapters. Additional detailing associated with structural integrity requirements is covered in 4.10.

R25.2—Minimum spacing of reinforcement

The minimum limits are set to permit concrete to flow readily into spaces between bars and between bars and forms without honeycombs, and to ensure against concentration of bars on a line that may cause shear or shrinkage cracking. Use of nominal bar diameter to define minimum spacing permits a uniform criterion for all bar sizes. In 2014, the size limitations on aggregates were translated to minimum spacing requirements, and are provided to promote proper encasement of reinforcement and to minimize honeycombing. The limitations associated with aggregate size need not be satisfied if, in the judgment of the licensed design professional, the workability and methods of consolidation of the concrete are such that the concrete can be placed without creating honeycombs or voids.

The development lengths given in 25.4 are a function of the bar spacing and cover. As a result, it may be desirable to use larger than minimum bar spacing or cover in some cases.

R25.2.4 The decreased spacing for transfer strengths of 28 MPa or greater is based on Deatherage et al. (1994) and Russell and Burns (1996).

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Table 25.2.4—Minimum center-to-center spacing of pretensioned strands at ends of members

f_{ci}', MPa	Nominal strand diameter, mm	Minimum s
< 28	All	$4d_b$
≥ 28	< 12.7 mm	$4d_b$
	12.7 mm	45 mm
	15.2 mm	50 mm

25.2.5 For pretensioned wire at ends of a member, minimum center-to-center spacing s shall be the greater of $5d_b$ and $[(4/3)d_{agg} + d_b]$.

25.2.6 Reduced vertical spacing including bundling of prestressed reinforcement shall be permitted in the middle portion of a span.

25.3—Standard hooks, seismic hooks, crossties, and minimum inside bend diameters

25.3.1 Standard hooks for the development of deformed bars in tension shall conform to Table 25.3.1.

R25.3—Standard hooks, seismic hooks, crossties, and minimum inside bend diameters

R25.3.1 Standard bends in reinforcing bars are described in terms of the inside diameter of bend because the inside bend diameter is easier to measure than the radius of bend. The primary factors affecting the minimum bend diameter are feasibility of bending without breakage and avoidance of crushing the concrete inside the bend.

Table 25.3.1—Standard hook geometry for development of deformed bars in tension

Type of standard hook	Bar size	Minimum inside bend diameter, mm	Straight extension[1] ℓ_{ext}, mm	Type of standard hook
90-degree hook	No. 10 through No. 25	$6d_b$	$12d_b$	
	No. 29 through No. 36	$8d_b$		
	No. 43 and No. 57	$10d_b$		
180-degree hook	No. 10 through No. 25	$6d_b$	Greater of $4d_b$ and 65 mm	
	No. 29 through No. 36	$8d_b$		
	No. 43 and No. 57	$10d_b$		

[1]A standard hook for deformed bars in tension includes the specific inside bend diameter and straight extension length. It shall be permitted to use a longer straight extension at the end of a hook. A longer extension shall not be considered to increase the anchorage capacity of the hook.

25.3.2 Minimum inside bend diameters for bars used as transverse reinforcement and standard hooks for bars used to anchor stirrups, ties, hoops, and spirals shall conform to Table 25.3.2. Standard hooks shall enclose longitudinal reinforcement.

R25.3.2 Standard stirrup, tie, and hoop hooks are limited to No. 25 bars and smaller, and the 90-degree hook with $6d_b$ extension is further limited to No. 16 bars and smaller, as the result of research showing that larger bar sizes with 90-degree hooks and $6d_b$ extensions tend to spall off the cover concrete when the reinforcement is stressed and the hook straightens.

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The minimum $4d_b$ bend for the bar sizes commonly used for stirrups, ties, and hoops is based on accepted industry practice in the United States. Use of a stirrup bar size No. 16 or smaller for the 90, 135, or 180-degree standard stirrup hook will permit multiple bending on standard stirrup bending equipment.

Constructibility issues should be considered in selecting anchorage details. In particular, the use of 180-degree hooks should be avoided in closed stirrups, ties, and hoops made of continuous reinforcement.

Table 25.3.2—Minimum inside bend diameters and standard hook geometry for stirrups, ties, and hoops

Type of standard hook	Bar size	Minimum inside bend diameter, mm	Straight extension[1] ℓ_{ext}, mm	Type of standard hook
90-degree hook	No. 10 through No. 16	$4d_b$	Greater of $6d_b$ and 75 mm	
	No. 19 through No. 25	$6d_b$	$12d_b$	
135-degree hook	No. 10 through No. 16	$4d_b$	Greater of $6d_b$ and 75 mm	
	No. 19 through No. 25	$6d_b$		
180-degree hook	No. 10 through No. 16	$4d_b$	Greater of $4d_b$ and 65 mm	
	No. 19 through No. 25	$6d_b$		

[1]A standard hook for stirrups, ties, and hoops includes the specific inside bend diameter and straight extension length. It shall be permitted to use a longer straight extension at the end of a hook. A longer extension shall not be considered to increase the anchorage capacity of the hook.

25.3.3 Minimum inside bend diameters for welded wire reinforcement used as stirrups or ties shall not be less than $4d_b$ for deformed wire larger than D6 and $2d_b$ for all other wires. Bends with inside diameter of less than $8d_b$ shall not be less than $4d_b$ from nearest welded intersection.

R25.3.3 Welded wire reinforcement can be used for stirrups and ties. The wire at welded intersections does not have the same uniform ductility and bendability as in areas that were not heated by welding in the manufacture of the welded wire reinforcement. These effects of the welding temperature are usually dissipated in a distance of approximately four wire diameters. Minimum bend diameters permitted are in most cases the same as those required in the ASTM bend tests for wire (ASTM A1064M and A1022M).

25.3.4 Seismic hooks used to anchor stirrups, ties, hoops, and crossties shall be in accordance with (a) and (b):

(a) Minimum bend of 90 degrees for circular hoops and 135 degrees for all other hoops
(b) Hook shall engage longitudinal reinforcement and the extension shall project into the interior of the stirrup or hoop

25.3.5 Crossties shall be in accordance with (a) through (e):

R25.3.5 Crossties are illustrated in Fig. R25.3.5.

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(a) Crosstie shall be continuous between ends

(b) There shall be a seismic hook at one end

(c) There shall be a standard hook at other end with minimum bend of 90 degrees

(d) Hooks shall engage peripheral longitudinal bars

(e) 90-degree hooks of two successive crossties engaging the same longitudinal bars shall be alternated end for end, unless crossties satisfy 18.6.4.3 or 25.7.1.6.1

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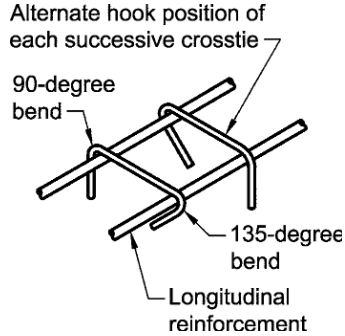
Fig. R25.3.5—Crosstie.

25.4—Development of reinforcement

25.4.1 General

25.4.1.1 Calculated tension or compression in reinforcement at each section of a member shall be developed on each side of that section by embedment length; hook, headed deformed bar, mechanical device, or a combination thereof.

R25.4—Development of reinforcement

R25.4.1 General

R25.4.1.1 The development length concept is based on the attainable average bond stress over the length of embedment of the reinforcement (ACI Committee 408 1966). Development lengths are required because of the tendency of highly stressed bars to split relatively thin sections of restraining concrete. A single bar embedded in a mass of concrete should not require as great a development length, although a row of bars, even in mass concrete, can create a weakened plane with longitudinal splitting along the plane of the bars.

In application, the development length concept requires minimum lengths or extensions of reinforcement beyond all points of peak stress in the reinforcement. Such peak stresses generally occur at the points of maximum stress and points where reinforcement is bent or terminated. From a point of peak stress in reinforcement, some length of reinforcement or anchorage is necessary to develop the stress. This development length or anchorage is necessary on both sides of such peak stress points. Often, the reinforcement continues for a considerable distance on one side of a critical stress point so that calculations need involve only the other side, for example, the negative moment reinforcement continuing through a support to the middle of the next span.

25.4.1.2 Hooks and heads shall not be used to develop bars in compression.

R25.4.1.2 Hooks and heads are ineffective in compression. No data are available to demonstrate that hooks and heads can reduce development length in compression.

25.4.1.3 Development lengths do not require a strength reduction factor ϕ.

R25.4.1.3 The strength reduction factor ϕ is not used in the development length and lap splice length equations. An allowance for strength reduction is already included in the expressions for determining development and splice lengths.

25.4.1.4 The values of $\sqrt{f_c'}$ used to calculate development length shall not exceed 8.3 MPa.

R25.4.1.4 Darwin et al. (1996) shows that the force developed in a bar in development and lap splice tests increases at a lesser rate than $\sqrt{f_c'}$ with increasing compressive strength. Using $\sqrt{f_c'}$, however, is sufﬁciently accurate for values of

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$\sqrt{f_c'}$ up to 8.3 MPa, and because of the long-standing use of the $\sqrt{f_c'}$ in design, ACI Committee 318 has chosen not to change the exponent applied to the compressive strength used to calculate development and lap splice lengths, but rather to set an upper limit of 8.3 MPa on $\sqrt{f_c'}$.

25.4.2 Development of deformed bars and deformed wires in tension

R25.4.2 Development of deformed bars and deformed wires in tension

25.4.2.1 Development length ℓ_d for deformed bars and deformed wires in tension shall be the greater of (a) and (b):

(a) Length calculated in accordance with 25.4.2.2 or 25.4.2.3 using the applicable modification factors of 25.4.2.4
(b) 300 mm

R25.4.2.1 This provision gives a two-tier approach for the calculation of tension development length. The user can either use the simpliﬁ ed provisions of 25.4.2.2 or the general development length equation (Eq. (25.4.2.3a)), which is based on the expression previously endorsed by ACI 408.1R (Jirsa et al. 1979). In Table 25.4.2.2, ℓ_d is based on two preselected values of $(c_b + K_{tr})/d_b$, whereas ℓ_d from Eq. (25.4.2.3a) is based on the actual $(c_b + K_{tr})/d_b$.

Although there is no requirement for transverse reinforcement along the tension development or lap splice length, research (Azizinamini et al. 1999a,b) indicates that in concrete with very high compressive strength, brittle anchorage failure may occur for bars with inadequate transverse reinforcement. In lap splice tests of No. 25 and No. 36 bars in concrete with an f_c' of approximately 105 MPa, transverse reinforcement improved ductile anchorage behavior.

25.4.2.2 For deformed bars or deformed wires, ℓ_d shall be calculated in accordance with Table 25.4.2.2.

R25.4.2.2 This provision recognizes that many current practical construction cases use spacing and cover values along with conﬁ ning reinforcement, such as stirrups or ties, that result in a value of $(c_b + K_{tr})/d_b$ of at least 1.5. Examples include a minimum clear cover of d_b along with either minimum clear spacing of $2d_b$, or a combination of minimum clear spacing of d_b and minimum ties or stirrups. For these frequently occurring cases, the development length for larger bars can be taken as $\ell_d = [f_y \psi_t \psi_e / (1.7\lambda \sqrt{f_c'})]d_b$. In the formulation of the provisions in ACI 318-95, a comparison with past provisions and a check of a database of experimental results maintained by ACI 408.1R indicated that for No. 19 deformed bars and smaller, as well as for deformed wire, the development lengths could be reduced 20 percent using $\psi_s = 0.8$. This is the basis for the No. 19 and smaller bars and deformed wires column of Table 25.4.2.2. With less cover and in the absence of minimum ties or stirrups, the minimum clear spacing limits of 25.2.1 and the minimum concrete cover requirements of 20.6.1.3 result in minimum values of c_b equal to d_b. Thus, for "other cases," the values are based on using $(c_b + K_{tr})/d_b = 1.0$ in Eq. (25.4.2.3a).

The user may easily construct simple, useful expressions. For example, in all members with normalweight concrete ($\lambda = 1.0$), uncoated reinforcement ($\psi_e = 1.0$), No. 22 and larger bottom bars ($\psi_t = 1.0$) with $f_c' = 28$ MPa, and Grade 420 reinforcement, the expressions reduce to

Table 25.4.2.2—Development length for deformed bars and deformed wires in tension

Spacing and cover	No. 19 and smaller bars and deformed wires	No. 22 and larger bars
Clear spacing of bars or wires being developed or lap spliced not less than d_b, clear cover at least d_b, and stirrups or ties throughout ℓ_d not less than the Code minimum *or* Clear spacing of bars or wires being developed or lap spliced at least $2d_b$ and clear cover at least d_b	$\left(\dfrac{f_y \psi_t \psi_e}{2.1\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)d_b$	$\left(\dfrac{f_y \psi_t \psi_e}{1.7\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)d_b$
Other cases	$\left(\dfrac{f_y \psi_t \psi_e}{1.4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)d_b$	$\left(\dfrac{f_y \psi_t \psi_e}{1.1\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)d_b$

$$\ell_d = \frac{(420)(1.0)(1.0)}{1.7(1.0)\sqrt{28}}\, d_b = 47d_b$$

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or

$$l_d = \frac{(420)(1.0)(1.0)}{1.1(1.0)\sqrt{28}} d_b = 72 d_b$$

Thus, as long as minimum cover of d_b is provided along with a minimum clear spacing of $2d_b$, or a minimum clear cover of d_b and a minimum clear spacing of d_b are provided along with minimum ties or stirrups, then $\ell_d = 47d_b$. The penalty for spacing bars closer or providing less cover is the requirement that $\ell_d = 72d_b$.

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25.4.2.3 For deformed bars or deformed wires, ℓ_d shall be calculated by:

$$l_d = \left[\frac{f_y}{1.1\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}} \frac{\psi_t \psi_e \psi_s}{\left(\frac{c_b + K_{tr}}{d_b} \right)} \right] d_b \quad (25.4.2.3a)$$

in which the confinement term $(c_b + K_{tr})/d_b$ shall not exceed 2.5, and

$$K_{tr} = \frac{40 A_{tr}}{sn} \quad (25.4.2.3b)$$

where n is the number of bars or wires being developed or lap spliced along the plane of splitting. It shall be permitted to use $K_{tr} = 0$ as a design simplification even if transverse reinforcement is present.

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R25.4.2.3 Equation (25.4.2.3a) includes the effects of all variables controlling the development length. In Eq. (25.4.2.3a), c_b is a factor that represents the least of the side cover, the concrete cover to the bar or wire (in both cases measured to the center of the bar or wire), or one-half the center-to-center spacing of the bars or wires. K_{tr} is a factor that represents the contribution of confining reinforcement across potential splitting planes. ψ_t is the reinforcement location factor to reflect the effect of the casting position (that is, formerly denoted as "top bar effect"). ψ_e is a coating factor reflecting the effects of epoxy coating. There is a limit on the product $\psi_t \psi_e$. The reinforcement size factor ψ_s reflects the more favorable performance of smaller-diameter reinforcement. A limit of 2.5 is placed on the term $(c_b + K_{tr})/d_b$. When $(c_b + K_{tr})/d_b$ is less than 2.5, splitting failures are likely to occur. For values above 2.5, a pullout failure is expected, and an increase in cover or transverse reinforcement is unlikely to increase the anchorage capacity.

Many practical combinations of side cover, clear cover, and confining reinforcement can be used with 25.4.2.3 to produce significantly shorter development lengths than allowed by 25.4.2.2. For example, bars or wires with minimum clear cover not less than $2d_b$ and minimum clear spacing not less than $4d_b$ and without any confining reinforcement would have a $(c_b + K_{tr})/d_b$ value of 2.5 and would require a development length of only $28d_b$ for the example in R25.4.2.2.

Before ACI 318-08, Eq. (25.4.2.3b) for K_{tr} included the yield strength of transverse reinforcement. The current expression includes only the area and spacing of the transverse reinforcement and the number of wires or bars being developed or lap spliced because tests demonstrate that transverse reinforcement rarely yields during a bond failure (Azizinamini et al. 1995).

Terms in Eq. (25.4.2.3a) may be disregarded if such omission results in longer and, hence, more conservative, development lengths.

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25.4.2.4 For the calculation of ℓ_d, modification factors shall be in accordance with Table 25.4.2.4.

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R25.4.2.4 The lightweight factor λ for calculating development length of deformed bars and deformed wire in tension is the same for all types of lightweight aggregate concrete. Research does not support the variations of this factor in Codes prior to 1989 for all-lightweight and sand-

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Table 25.4.2.4—Modification factors for development of deformed bars and deformed wires in tension

Modification factor	Condition	Value of factor
Lightweight λ	Lightweight concrete	0.75
	Lightweight concrete, where f_{ct} is specified	In accordance with 19.2.4.3
	Normalweight concrete	1.0
Epoxy[1] ψ_e	Epoxy-coated or zinc and epoxy dual-coated reinforcement with clear cover less than $3d_b$ or clear spacing less than $6d_b$	1.5
	Epoxy-coated or zinc and epoxy dual-coated reinforcement for all other conditions	1.2
	Uncoated or zinc-coated (galvanized) reinforcement	1.0
Size ψ_s	No. 22 and larger bars	1.0
	No. 19 and smaller bars and deformed wires	0.8
Casting position[1] ψ_t	More than 300 mm of fresh concrete placed below horizontal reinforcement	1.3
	Other	1.0

[1]The product $\psi_t\psi_e$ need not exceed 1.7.

25.4.3 Development of standard hooks in tension

25.4.3.1 Development length ℓ_{dh} for deformed bars in tension terminating in a standard hook shall be the greater of (a) through (c):

(a) $\left(\dfrac{0.24\,f_y\psi_e\psi_c\psi_r}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)d_b$ with ψ_e, ψ_c, ψ_r, and λ given in 25.4.3.2.

(b) $8d_b$

(c) 150 mm

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lightweight concrete. Section 25.4.2.4 allows a higher factor to be used when the splitting tensile strength of the lightweight concrete is specified. Refer to 19.2.4.

The epoxy factor ψ_e is based on studies (Treece and Jirsa 1989; Johnston and Zia 1982; Mathey and Clifton 1976) of the anchorage of epoxy-coated bars that show bond strength is reduced because the coating prevents adhesion and lowers the coefficient of friction between the bar and the concrete. The factors reflect the type of anchorage failure likely to occur. If the cover or spacing is small, a splitting failure can occur and the anchorage or bond strength is substantially reduced. If the cover and spacing between bars is large, a splitting failure is precluded and the effect of the epoxy coating on anchorage strength is not as large. Studies (Orangun et al. 1977) have shown that although the cover or spacing may be small, the anchorage strength may be increased by adding transverse reinforcement crossing the plane of splitting, and restraining the splitting crack.

Because the bond of epoxy-coated bars or zinc and epoxy dual-coated bars is already reduced due to the loss of adhesion and lower coefficient of friction between the bar and the concrete, an upper limit of 1.7 is established for the product of the factors for top reinforcement casting position and epoxy-coated reinforcement or zinc and epoxy dual-coated reinforcement.

The reinforcement size factor ψ_s reflects the more favorable performance of smaller-diameter reinforcement.

The reinforcement location or casting position factor ψ_t accounts for the position of the reinforcement in freshly placed concrete. The factor 1.3 is based on research (Jirsa and Breen 1981; Jeanty et al. 1988). The application of the casting position factor should be considered in determination of development lengths for inclined reinforcement.

R25.4.3 Development of standard hooks in tension

R25.4.3.1 Study of failures of hooked bars indicate that splitting of the concrete cover in the plane of the hook is the primary cause of failure and that splitting originates at the inside of the hook where local stress concentrations are very high. Thus, hook development is a direct function of bar diameter d_b, which governs the magnitude of compressive stresses on the inside of the hook. Only standard hooks (refer to 25.3.1) are considered, and the influence of larger bend radii cannot be evaluated by 25.4.3.

The hooked bar anchorage provisions give the total hooked bar embedment length as shown in Table 25.3.1. The development length ℓ_{dh} is measured from the critical section to the outside end (or edge) of the hook.

The effects of bar yield strength, excess reinforcement, lightweight concrete, and factors to reflect the resistance to splitting provided from confinement by concrete and transverse ties or stirrups are based on recommendations from ACI 408.1R and Jirsa et al. (1979).

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A minimum value of ℓ_{dh} is specified to prevent failure by direct pullout in cases where a hook may be located very near the critical section.

25.4.3.2 For the calculation of ℓ_{dh}, modification factors shall be in accordance with Table 25.4.3.2. Factors ψ_c and ψ_r shall be permitted to be taken as 1.0. At discontinuous ends of members, 25.4.3.3 shall apply.

R25.4.3.2 Unlike straight bar development, no distinction is made for casting position.

The epoxy factor ψ_e is based on tests (Hamad et al. 1993) that indicate the development length for hooked bars should be increased by 20 percent to account for reduced bond when reinforcement is epoxy coated.

The confining reinforcement factor ψ_r is based on tests (Jirsa and Marques 1975) that indicate closely spaced ties at or near the bend portion of a hooked bar are most effective in confining the hooked bar. For construction purposes, this is not always practicable. The cases where the modification factor ψ_r may be used are illustrated in Fig. R25.4.3.2a and R25.4.3.2b. Figure R25.4.3.2a shows placement of ties or stirrups perpendicular to the bar being developed, spaced along the development length ℓ_{dh} of the hook. Figure R25.4.3.2b shows placement of ties or stirrups parallel to the bar being developed along the length of the tail extension of the hook plus bend. The latter configuration would be typical in a beam-column joint.

Table 25.4.3.2—Modification factors for development of hooked bars in tension

Modification factor	Condition	Value of factor
Lightweight λ	Lightweight concrete	0.75
	Normalweight concrete	1.0
Epoxy ψ_e	Epoxy-coated or zinc and epoxy dual-coated reinforcement	1.2
	Uncoated or zinc-coated (galvanized) reinforcement	1.0
Cover ψ_c	For No. 36 bar and smaller hooks with side cover (normal to plane of hook) ≥ 65 mm and for 90-degree hook with cover on bar extension beyond hook ≥ 50 mm	0.7
	Other	1.0
Confining reinforcement ψ_r[2]	For 90-degree hooks of No. 36 and smaller bars (1) enclosed along ℓ_{dh} within ties or stirrups[1] perpendicular to ℓ_{dh} at s $\leq$ 3d_b, or (2) enclosed along the bar extension beyond hook including the bend within ties or stirrups[1] perpendicular to ℓ_{ext} at s $\leq$ 3d_b	0.8
	For 180-degree hooks of No. 36 and smaller bars enclosed along ℓ_{dh} within ties or stirrups[1] perpendicular to ℓ_{dh} at s $\leq$ 3d_b	
	Other	1.0

[1]The first tie or stirrup shall enclose the bent portion of the hook within 2d_b of the outside of the bend.

[2]d_b is the nominal diameter of the hooked bar.

Fig. R25.4.3.2a—Ties or stirrups placed perpendicular to the bar being developed, spaced along the development length ℓ_{dh}.
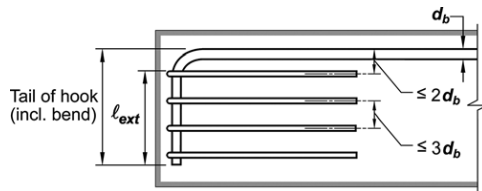
Fig. R25.4.3.2b—Ties or stirrups placed parallel to the bar being developed, spaced along the length of the tail extension of the hook plus bend.

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25.4.3.3 For bars being developed by a standard hook at discontinuous ends of members with both side cover and top (or bottom) cover to hook less than 65 mm, (a) through (c) shall be satisﬁed:

(a) The hook shall be enclosed along ℓ_{dh} within ties or stirrups perpendicular to ℓ_{dh} at $s \le 3d_b$
(b) The ﬁrst tie or stirrup shall enclose the bent portion of the hook within $2d_b$ of the outside of the bend
(c) ψ_r shall be taken as 1.0 in calculating ℓ_{dh} in accordance with 25.4.3.1(a)

where d_b is the nominal diameter of the hooked bar.

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R25.4.3.3 Bar hooks are especially susceptible to a concrete splitting failure if both side cover (perpendicular to plane of hook) and top or bottom cover (in plane of hook) are small (refer to Fig. R25.4.3.3). With minimum conﬁnement provided by concrete, additional conﬁnement provided by ties or stirrups is essential, especially if full bar strength is to be developed by a hooked bar with such small cover. Cases where hooks may require ties or stirrups for conﬁnement are at ends of simply-supported beams, at the free end of cantilevers, and at ends of members framing into a joint where members do not extend beyond the joint. In contrast, if the calculated bar stress is so low that the hook is not needed for bar anchorage, ties or stirrups are not necessary. This provision does not apply for hooked bars at discontinuous ends of slabs where conﬁnement is provided by the slab on both sides and perpendicular to the plane of the hook.
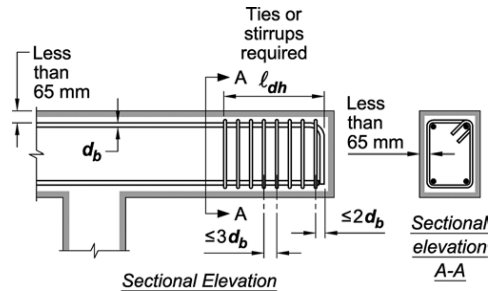
Fig. R25.4.3.3—Concrete cover according to 25.4.3.3.

25.4.4 Development of headed deformed bars in tension

25.4.4.1 Use of heads to develop deformed bars in tension shall be permitted if conditions (a) through (g) are satisﬁed:

(a) Bar shall conform to 20.2.1.3
(b) Bar f_y shall not exceed 420 MPa
(c) Bar size shall not exceed No. 36
(d) Net bearing area of head A_{brg} shall be at least $4A_b$
(e) Concrete shall be normalweight
(f) Clear cover for bar shall be at least $2d_b$
(g) Clear spacing between bars shall be at least $4d_b$

R25.4.4 Development of headed deformed bars in tension

R25.4.4.1 As used in this section, development describes cases in which the force in the bar is transferred to the concrete through a combination of a bearing force at the head and bond forces along the bar. In contrast, Chapter 17 anchorage provisions describe cases in which the force in the bar is transferred through bearing to the concrete at the head alone. Headed bars are limited to those types that meet the requirements of Class HA heads in ASTM A970M because a wide variety of methods are used to attach heads to bars, some of which involve signiﬁcant obstructions or interruptions of the bar deformations. Headed bars with signiﬁcant obstructions or interruptions of the bar deformations were not evaluated in the tests used to formulate the provisions in 25.4.4.2. The headed bars evaluated in the tests were limited to those types that meet the criteria in 20.2.1.6 for Class HA heads.

The provisions for headed deformed bars were formulated with due consideration of the provisions for anchorage in Chapter 17 and the bearing strength provisions of 22.8 (Thompson et al. 2005, 2006a). Chapter 17 contains provisions for headed anchors related to the individual failure modes of concrete breakout, side-face blowout, and pullout.

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These failure modes were considered in the formulation of 25.4.4.2. The restrictions on the upper limit of 420 MPa for f_y, maximum bar size of No. 36, and normalweight concrete are based on the available data from tests (Thompson et al. 2005, 2006a,b).

For bars in tension, heads allow the bars to be developed in a shorter length than required for standard hooks (Thompson et al. 2005, 2006a,b). The minimum limits on head size, clear cover, and clear spacing are based on the lower limits of these parameters used in the tests to establish the expression for ℓ_{dt} in 25.4.4.2. The clear cover and clear spacing requirements in 25.4.4.1 are based on dimensions measured to the bar, not to the head. The head is considered to be part of the bar for the purposes of satisfying the specified cover requirements in 20.6.1.3, and aggregate size requirements of 26.4.2.1(a)(4). To avoid congestion, it may be desirable to stagger the heads. Headed bars with $A_{brg} < 4A_b$ have been used in practice, but their performance is not accurately represented by the provisions in 25.4.4.2, and they should be used only with designs that are supported by test results under 25.4.5. These provisions do not address the design of studs or headed stud assemblies used for shear reinforcement.

25.4.4.2 Development length ℓ_{dt} for headed deformed bars in tension shall be the greatest of (a) through (c):

(a) $\left[\dfrac{0.19 f_y \psi_e}{\sqrt{f_c'}}\right] d_b$, with ψ_e given in 25.4.4.3 and value of f_c' shall not exceed 40 MPa

(b) $8d_b$

(c) 150 mm

R25.4.4.2 The provisions for developing headed deformed bars give the length of bar, ℓ_{dt}, measured from the critical section to the bearing face of the head, as shown in Fig. R25.4.4.2a.

The upper limit on the value of f_c' in 25.4.4.2 for use in calculating ℓ_{dt} is based on the concrete strengths used in the tests (Thompson et al. 2005, 2006a,b). Because transverse reinforcement has been shown to be largely ineffective in improving the anchorage of headed deformed bars (Thompson et al. 2005, 2006a,b), additional reductions in development length, such as those allowed for standard hooks with additional confinement provided by transverse reinforcement in 25.4.3.2, are not used for headed deformed reinforcing bars. Transverse reinforcement, however, helps limit splitting cracks in the vicinity of the head and for that reason is recommended.

Where longitudinal headed deformed bars from a beam or a slab terminate at a supporting member, such as the column shown in Fig. R25.4.4.2b, the bars should extend through the joint to the far face of the confined core of the supporting member, allowing for cover and avoidance of interference with column reinforcement, even though the resulting anchorage length exceeds ℓ_{dt}. Extending the bar to the far side of the column core helps to transfer compressive forces (as identified in a strut-and-tie model) that are likely to form in such a connection and improves the performance of the joint.

Where closely spaced headed bars are used, the potential for concrete breakout failure exists. For joints as shown in Fig. R25.4.4.2c and R25.4.4.2d, concrete breakout failure can be precluded by providing anchorage length equal to or greater than $d/1.5$ (Eligehausen 2006b), as shown

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in Fig. R25.4.4.2c, or by providing reinforcement in the form of hoops and ties to establish a load path in accordance with strut-and-tie modeling principles, as shown in Fig. R25.4.4.2d. Strut-and-tie models should be veri¿ed in accordance with Chapter 23. Note that the strut-and-tie models illustrated in Fig. R25.4.4.2c and R25.4.4.2d rely on a vertical strut from a column extending above the joint. Beam-column joints at roof-level and portal frames are vulnerable to joint failure and should be properly detailed to restrain diagonal cracking through the joint and breakout of the bars through the top surface.

For cases where concrete breakout is not prevented, as shown in Fig. R25.4.4.2e, this failure mode should be considered in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 17.
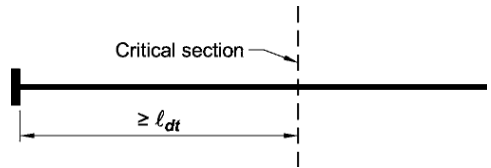
Fig. R25.4.4.2a—Development of headed deformed bars.
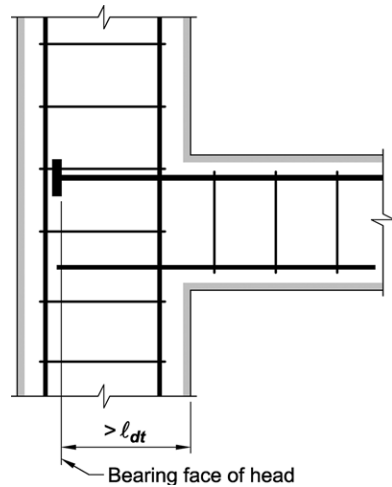
Fig. R25.4.4.2b—Headed deformed bar extended to far side of column core with anchorage length that exceeds ℓ_{dt}.

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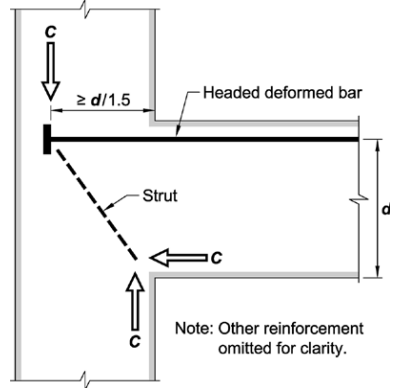
Fig. R25.4.4.2c—Breakout failure precluded in joint by keeping anchorage length greater than or equal to d/1.5.
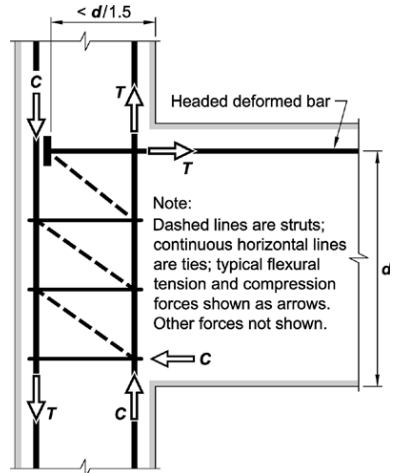
Fig. R25.4.4.2d—Breakout failure precluded in joint by providing transverse reinforcement to enable a strut-and-tie mechanism.

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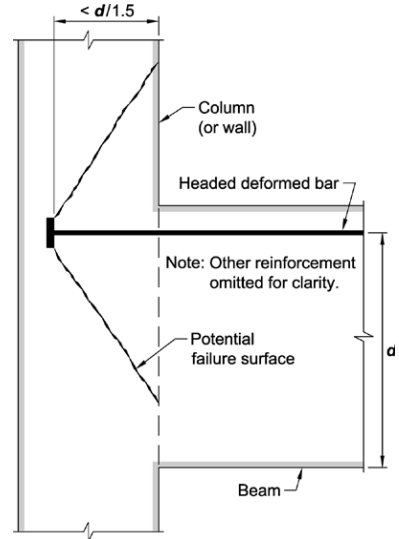
Fig. R25.4.4.2e—Breakout failure not precluded; Chapter 17 provisions applicable.

25.4.4.3 Modi¿cation factor ψ_e in 25.4.4.2(a) shall be 1.2 for epoxy-coated or zinc and epoxy dual-coated bars and 1.0 for uncoated or zinc-coated (galvanized) bars.

R25.4.4.3 A 1.2 factor is conservatively used for epoxy-coated headed deformed reinforcing bars, the same value used for epoxy-coated standard hooks.

25.4.5 *Development of mechanically anchored deformed bars in tension*

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25.4.5.1 Any mechanical attachment or device capable of developing f_y of deformed bars shall be permitted, provided it is approved by the building of¿cial in accordance with 1.10. Development of deformed bars shall be permitted to consist of a combination of mechanical anchorage plus additional embedment length of the deformed bars between the critical section and the mechanical attachment or device.

R25.4.5.1 Anchorage of deformed bars through the use of mechanical devices within concrete that do not meet the requirements in 20.2.1.6, or are not developed in accordance with 25.4.4, may be used if tests demonstrate the ability of the head and bar system to develop or anchor the desired force in the bar, as described in this provision.

25.4.6 *Development of welded deformed wire reinforcement in tension*

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25.4.6.1 Development length ℓ_d for welded deformed wire reinforcement in tension measured from the critical section to the end of wire shall be the greater of (a) and (b), where wires in the direction of the development length shall all be deformed MD200 or smaller.

R25.4.6.1 ASTM A1064M for welded deformed wire reinforcement requires the same strength of the weld as required for welded plain wire reinforcement. Some of the development is assigned to welds and some assigned to the length of deformed wire.

(a) Length calculated in accordance with 25.4.6.2
(b) 200 mm

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25.4.6.2 For welded deformed wire reinforcement, ℓ_d shall be calculated from 25.4.2.2 or 25.4.2.3, times welded deformed wire reinforcement factor ψ_w from 25.4.6.3 or 25.4.6.4. For epoxy-coated welded deformed wire reinforcement meeting 25.4.6.3, it shall be permitted to use $\psi_e = 1.0$ in 25.4.2.2 or 25.4.2.3.

25.4.6.3 For welded deformed wire reinforcement with at least one cross wire within ℓ_d that is at least 50 mm from the critical section, ψ_w shall be the greater of (a) and (b), and need not exceed 1.0:

(a) $\left[\dfrac{f_y - 240}{f_y} \right]$

(b) $\left[\dfrac{5d_b}{s} \right]$

where s is the spacing between the wires to be developed.

25.4.6.4 For welded deformed wire reinforcement with no cross wires within ℓ_d or with a single cross wire less than 50 mm from the critical section, ψ_w shall be taken as 1.0.

25.4.6.5 Where any plain wires, or deformed wires larger than D31, are present in the welded deformed wire reinforcement in the direction of the development length, the reinforcement shall be developed in accordance with 25.4.7.

25.4.6.6 Zinc-coated (galvanized) welded deformed wire reinforcement shall be developed in accordance with 25.4.7.

25.4.7 Development of welded plain wire reinforcement in tension

25.4.7.1 Development length ℓ_d for welded plain wire reinforcement in tension measured from the critical section to the outermost cross wire shall be the greater of (a) and (b) and shall require a minimum of two cross wires within ℓ_d.

(a) Length calculated in accordance with 25.4.7.2
(b) 150 mm

25.4.7.2 ℓ_d shall be the greater of (a) and (b):

(a) spacing of cross wires + 50 mm

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R25.4.6.2 The welded deformed wire reinforcement factor ψ_w is applied to the deformed wire development length calculated from 25.4.2.2 or 25.4.2.3.

Tests (Bartoletti and Jirsa 1995) have indicated that epoxy-coated welded deformed wire reinforcement has essentially the same development and splice strengths as uncoated welded deformed wire reinforcement because the cross wires provide the primary anchorage for the wire. Therefore, ψ_e of 1.0 is used for development and splice lengths of epoxy-coated welded deformed wire reinforcement with cross wires within the splice or development length.

R25.4.6.3 Figure R25.4.6.3 shows the development requirements for welded deformed wire reinforcement with one cross wire within the development length.
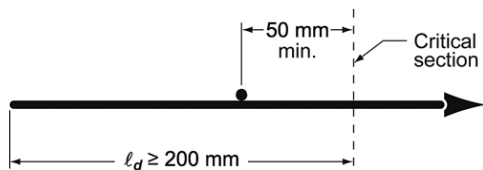
Fig. R25.4.6.3—Development of welded deformed wire reinforcement.

R25.4.6.5 Deformed wire larger than MD200 is treated as plain wire because tests show that MD290 wire will achieve only approximately 60 percent of the bond strength in tension given by Eq. (25.4.2.3a) (Rutledge and DeVries 2002).

R25.4.7 Development of welded plain wire reinforcement in tension

R25.4.7.1 ASTM A1064M for welded plain wire reinforcement requires the same strength of the weld as required for welded deformed wire reinforcement. All of the development is assigned to the welded cross wires; consequently, welded plain wire reinforcement requires at least two cross wires.

R25.4.7.2 Figure R25.4.7.2 shows the development requirements for welded plain wire reinforcement with development primarily dependent on the location of cross wires.

For welded plain wire reinforcement made with small wires, an embedment of at least two cross wires 50 mm or more beyond the point of critical section is adequate to develop

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(b) $3.3\left(\dfrac{f_y}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)\left(\dfrac{A_b}{s}\right)$, where s is the spacing between the wires to be developed, and λ is given in Table 25.4.2.4.

the full yield strength of the anchored wires. However, for welded plain wire reinforcement made with larger closely spaced wires, a longer embedment is required with the development length controlled by 25.4.7.2(b).
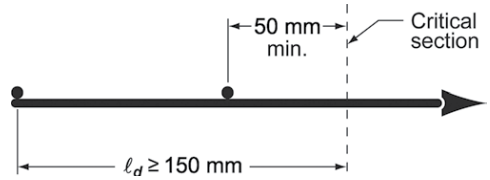

Fig. R25.4.7.2—Development of welded plain wire reinforcement.

25.4.8 Development of pretensioned seven-wire strands in tension

R25.4.8 Development of pretensioned seven-wire strands in tension—Development requirements for pretensioned strand are intended to provide bond integrity for the strength of the member. Provisions are based on tests performed on normalweight concrete members with a minimum cover of 50 mm. These tests may not represent the behavior of strand in no-slump concrete. Concrete placement operations should ensure consolidation of concrete around the strand with complete contact between the steel and concrete.

The bond of strand is a function of a number of factors, including the configuration and surface condition of the steel, the stress in the steel, the depth of concrete beneath the strand, and the method used to transfer the force in the strand to the concrete. For bonded applications, quality assurance procedures should be used to confirm that the strand is capable of adequate bond (Rose and Russell 1997; Logan 1997). The precast concrete manufacturer may rely on certification from the strand manufacturer that the strand has bond characteristics that comply with this section.

This section does not apply to plain wires, to end-anchored tendons, or to unstressed strand. The development length for plain wire could be considerably greater due to the absence of mechanical interlock. Flexural bond failure would occur with plain wire when first slip occurred. Unstressed prestressing steel is sometimes used as integrity reinforcement in precast concrete structures; however, there are limited data available regarding the bond length required to ensure development of the yield strength of the reinforcement (Salmons and McCrate 1977).

25.4.8.1 Development length ℓ_d of pretensioned seven-wire strands in tension shall be in accordance with (a) and (b):

(a) $l_d = \left(\dfrac{f_{se}}{21}\right)d_b + \left(\dfrac{f_{ps} - f_{se}}{7}\right)d_b$ (25.4.8.1)

(b) If bonding of a strand does not extend to end of member, and design includes tension at service loads

R25.4.8.1 The first term in Eq. (25.4.8.1) represents the transfer length of the strand, that is, the distance over which the strand should be bonded to the concrete to develop the effective prestress in the prestressing steel, f_{se}. The second term represents the additional length over which the strand should be bonded so that the stress in the prestressing steel at nominal strength of the member, f_{ps}, may develop.

Exploratory tests (Kaar and Magura 1965) that studied the effect of debonded strand (bond not permitted to extend to the ends of members) on performance of pretensioned

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in the precompressed tension zone, ℓ_d calculated by Eq. (25.4.8.1) shall be doubled.

25.4.8.2 Seven-wire strand shall be bonded at least ℓ_d beyond the critical section except as provided in 25.4.8.3.

25.4.8.3 Embedment less than ℓ_d shall be permitted at a section of a member, provided the design strand stress at that section does not exceed values obtained from the bilinear relationship de¿ned by Eq. (25.4.8.1).

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girders indicated that the performance of these girders with embedment lengths twice those required by Eq. (25.4.8.1) closely matched the Àexural performance of similar pretensioned girders with strand fully bonded to ends of girders. Accordingly, twice the development length is required for strand not bonded through to the end of a member. Subsequent tests (Rabbat et al. 1979) indicated that in pretensioned members designed for zero tension in the concrete under service load conditions (refer to 24.5.2), the development length for debonded strands need not be increased by a factor of 2. For analysis of sections with debonded strands at locations where strand is not fully developed, the procedure outlined in 21.2.3 is provided.

R25.4.8.3 Figure R25.4.8.3 shows the relationship between steel stress and the distance over which the strand is bonded to the concrete represented by Eq. (25.4.8.1). This idealized variation of strand stress may be used for analyzing sections within the development region (Martin and Korkosz 1995; PCI MNL 120). The expressions for transfer length and for the additional bonded length necessary to develop an increase in stress of $(f_{ps} - f_{se})$ are based on tests of members prestressed with clean, 6.4, 9.5, and 12.7 mm diameter strands for which the maximum value of f_{ps} was 1900 MPa (Kaar and Magura 1965; Hanson and Kaar 1959; Kaar et al. 1963).
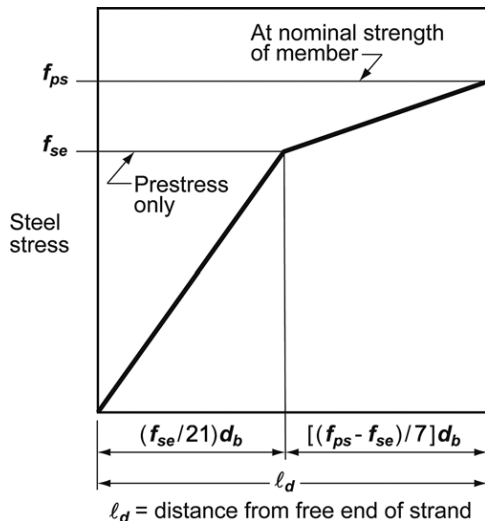
Fig. R25.4.8.3—Idealized bilinear relationship between steel stress and distance from the free end of strand.

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25.4.9 Development of deformed bars and deformed wires in compression

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25.4.9.1 Development length ℓ_{dc} for deformed bars and deformed wires in compression shall be the greater of (a) and (b)

(a) Length calculated in accordance with 25.4.9.2
(b) 200 mm

R25.4.9.1 The weakening effect of flexural tension cracks is not present for bars and wires in compression, and usually end bearing of the bars on the concrete is beneficial. Therefore, shorter development lengths are specified for compression than for tension.

25.4.9.2 ℓ_{dc} shall be the greater of (a) and (b), using the modification factors of 25.4.9.3:

(a) $\left(\dfrac{0.24\, f_y \psi_r}{\lambda \sqrt{f'_c}} \right) d_b$

(b) $0.043 f_y \psi_r d_b$

R25.4.9.2 The constant 0.043 has units of mm^2/N.

The term λ is provided in the expression for development in 25.4.9.2 recognizing that there are no known test data on compression development in lightweight concrete but that splitting is more likely in lightweight concrete.

25.4.9.3 For the calculation of ℓ_{dc}, modification factors shall be in accordance with Table 25.4.9.3, except ψ_r shall be permitted to be taken as 1.0.

R25.4.9.3 The development length may be reduced 25 percent when the reinforcement is enclosed within closely spaced spirals, ties, or hoops.

Table 25.4.9.3—Modification factors for deformed bars and wires in compression

Modification factor	Condition	Value of factor
Lightweight λ	Lightweight concrete	0.75
	Lightweight concrete, if f_{ct} is specified	In accordance with 19.2.4.3
	Normalweight concrete	1.0
Confining reinforcement ψ_r	Reinforcement enclosed within (1), (2), (3), or (4). (1) a spiral (2) a circular continuously wound tie with $d_b \geq 6$ mm and pitch 100 mm (3) No. 13 bar or MD130 wire ties in accordance with 25.7.2 spaced ≤ 100 mm on center (4) hoops in accordance with 25.7.4 spaced ≤ 100 mm on center	0.75
	Other	1.0

25.4.10 Reduction of development length for excess reinforcement

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25.4.10.1 Reduction of development lengths defined in 25.4.2.1(a), 25.4.3.1(a), 25.4.6.1(a), 25.4.7.1(a), and 25.4.9.1(a) shall be permitted by use of the ratio ($A_{s,required}$)/($A_{s,provided}$), except where prohibited by 25.4.10.2. The modified development lengths shall not be less than the respective minimums specified in 25.4.2.1(b), 25.4.3.1(b), 25.4.3.1(c), 25.4.6.1(b), 25.4.7.1(b), and 25.4.9.1(b).

R25.4.10.1 A reduction in development length is permitted in limited circumstances if excess reinforcement is provided.

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25.4.10.2 A reduction of development length in accordance with 25.4.10.1 is not permitted for (a) through (e).

R25.4.10.2 The excess reinforcement factor ($A_{s,required}$/$A_{s,provided}$), applicable to deformed bars without heads, is not applicable for headed bars where force is transferred through

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(a) At noncontinuous supports

(b) At locations where anchorage or development for f_y is required

(c) Where bars are required to be continuous

(d) For headed and mechanically anchored deformed reinforcement

(e) In seismic-force-resisting systems in structures assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, or F

a combination of bearing at the head and bond along the bar. Concrete breakout due to bearing at the head was considered in developing the provisions of 25.4.4. Because the concrete breakout strength of a headed bar is a function of the embedment depth to the 1.5 power (refer to Eq. (17.4.2.2a)), a reduction in development length with the application of the excess reinforcement factor could result in a potential concrete breakout failure.

Where a flexural member is part of the seismic-force-resisting-system, loads greater than those anticipated in design may cause reversal of moment at supports; some positive reinforcement should be fully developed into the support. This anchorage is required to ensure ductile response in the event of serious overstress, such as from earthquake or blast. It is not sufficient to use more reinforcement at lower stresses.

The reduction factor based on area is not to be used in those cases where anchorage development for full f_y is required. For example, the excess reinforcement factor does not apply for development of shrinkage and temperature reinforcement according to 24.4.3.4 or for development of reinforcement provided according to 8.7.4.2, 8.8.1.6, 9.7.7, and 9.8.1.6.

25.5—Splices

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R25.5—Splices

R25.5.1 Lap splice lengths of longitudinal reinforcement in columns should be calculated in accordance with 10.7.5, 18.7.4.3, and this section.

25.5.1.1 Lap splices shall not be permitted for bars larger than No. 36, except as provided in 25.5.5.3.

R25.5.1.1 Because of lack of adequate experimental data on lap splices of No. 43 and No. 57 bars in compression and in tension, lap splicing of these bar sizes is prohibited except as permitted in 25.5.5.3 for compression lap splices of No. 43 and No. 57 bars with smaller bars.

25.5.1.2 For contact lap splices, minimum clear spacing between the contact lap splice and adjacent splices or bars shall be in accordance with the requirements for individual bars in 25.2.1.

25.5.1.3 For noncontact splices in flexural members, the transverse center-to-center spacing of spliced bars shall not exceed the lesser of one-fifth the required lap splice length and 150 mm.

R25.5.1.3 If individual bars in noncontact lap splices are too widely spaced, an unreinforced section is created. Forcing a potential crack to follow a zigzag line (5-to-1 slope) is considered a minimum precaution. The 150 mm maximum spacing is added because most research available on the lap splicing of deformed bars was conducted with reinforcement within this spacing.

25.5.1.4 Reduction of development length in accordance with 25.4.10.1 is not permitted in calculating lap splice lengths.

R25.5.1.4 The development length ℓ_d used to obtain lap length should be based on f_y because the splice classifications already reflect any excess reinforcement at the splice location; therefore, the factor from 25.4.10.1 for excess A_s should not be used.

25.5.1.5 Lap splices of bundled bars shall be in accordance with 25.6.1.7.

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25.5.2 Lap splice lengths of deformed bars and deformed wires in tension

25.5.2.1 Tension lap splice length ℓ_{st} for deformed bars and deformed wires in tension shall be in accordance with Table 25.5.2.1, where ℓ_d shall be in accordance with 25.4.2.1(a).

Table 25.5.2.1—Lap splice lengths of deformed bars and deformed wires in tension

$A_{s,provided}/A_{s,required}$[1] over length of splice	Maximum percent of A_s spliced within required lap length	Splice type	ℓ_{st}	
≥ 2.0	50	Class A	Greater of:	$1.0\ell_d$ and 300 mm
	100	Class B	Greater of:	$1.3\ell_d$ and 300 mm
< 2.0	All cases	Class B		

[1]Ratio of area of reinforcement provided to area of reinforcement required by analysis at splice location.

25.5.2.2 If bars of different size are lap spliced in tension, ℓ_{st} shall be the greater of ℓ_d of the larger bar and ℓ_{st} of the smaller bar.

25.5.3 Lap splice lengths of welded deformed wire reinforcement in tension

25.5.3.1 Tension lap splice length ℓ_{st} of welded deformed wire reinforcement in tension with cross wires within the lap splice length shall be the greater of $1.3\ell_d$ and 200 mm, where ℓ_d is calculated in accordance with 25.4.6.1(a), provided (a) and (b) are satisﬁed:

(a) Overlap between outermost cross wires of each reinforcement sheet shall be at least 50 mm
(b) Wires in the direction of the development length shall all be deformed MD200 or smaller

25.5.3.1.1 If 25.5.3.1(a) is not satisﬁed, ℓ_{st} shall be calculated in accordance with 25.5.2.

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R25.5.2.1 Lap splices in tension are classiﬁed as Class A or B, with length of lap a multiple of the tensile development length ℓ_d calculated in accordance with 25.4.2.2 or 25.4.2.3. The two-level lap splice requirements encourage splicing bars at points of minimum stress and staggering splices to improve behavior of critical details. For the purpose of calculating ℓ_d for staggered splices, the clear spacing is taken as the minimum distance between adjacent splices, as illustrated in Fig. R25.5.2.1.

The tension lap splice requirements encourage the location of splices away from regions of high tensile stress to locations where the area of steel provided is at least twice that required by analysis.
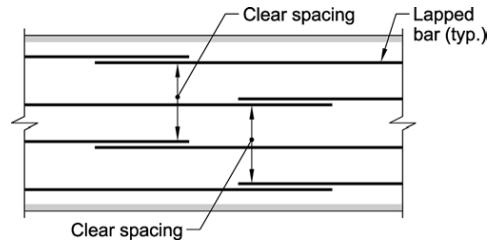
Fig. R25.5.2.1—Clear spacing of lap-spliced bars for determination of ℓ_d for staggered splices.

R25.5.3 Lap splice lengths of welded deformed wire reinforcement in tension

R25.5.3.1 Splice provisions for welded deformed wire reinforcement are based on available tests (Lloyd and Kesler 1969). Lap splices for welded deformed wire reinforcement meeting the requirements of this provision and 25.5.3.1.1 are illustrated in Fig. R25.5.3.1. If no cross wires are within the lap length, the provisions for deformed wire apply.

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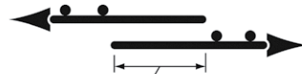
(b) Section 25.5.3.1.1

Fig. R25.5.3.1—Lap splices of welded deformed wire reinforcement.

25.5.3.1.2 If 25.5.3.1(b) is not satisfied, ℓ_{st} shall be calculated in accordance with 25.5.4.

R25.5.3.1.2 Where any plain wires, or deformed wires larger than MD200, are present in the welded deformed wire reinforcement in the direction of the lap splice or where welded deformed wire reinforcement is lap spliced to welded plain wire reinforcement, the reinforcement should be lap spliced in accordance with the plain wire reinforcement lap splice requirements. Deformed wire larger than MD200 is treated as plain wire because tests show that MD290 wire will achieve only approximately 60 percent of the bond strength in tension given by Eq. (25.4.2.3a) (Rutledge and DeVries 2002).

25.5.3.1.3 If the welded deformed wire reinforcement is zinc-coated (galvanized), ℓ_{st} shall be calculated in accordance with 25.5.4.

25.5.4 Lap splice lengths of welded plain wire reinforcement in tension

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25.5.4.1 Tension lap splice length ℓ_{st} of welded plain wire reinforcement in tension between outermost cross wires of each reinforcement sheet shall be at least the greatest of (a) through (c):

(a) s + 50 mm
(b) $1.5\ell_d$
(c) 150 mm

where s is the spacing of cross wires and ℓ_d is calculated in accordance with 25.4.7.2(b).

R25.5.4.1 The strength of lap splices of welded plain wire reinforcement is dependent primarily on the anchorage obtained from the cross wires rather than on the length of wire in the splice. For this reason, the lap is specified in terms of overlap of cross wires (in inches) rather than in wire diameters or length. The 50 mm additional lap required is to provide adequate overlap of the cross wires and to provide space for satisfactory consolidation of the concrete between cross wires. Research (Lloyd 1971) has shown an increased splice length is required when welded wire reinforcement of large, closely spaced wires is lapped and, as a consequence, additional splice length requirements are provided for this reinforcement in addition to an absolute minimum of 150 mm. Splice requirements are illustrated in Fig. R25.5.4.1. If $A_{s,provided}/A_{s,required} \geq 2$ over the length of the splice, ℓ_{st} can be determined from 25.5.4.2.
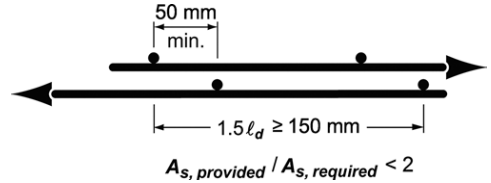
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Fig. R25.5.4.1—Lap splices of plain welded wire reinforcement where $A_{s, provided}/A_{s, required} < 2$.

25.5.4.2 If $A_{s,provided}/A_{s,required} \geq 2.0$ over the length of the splice, ℓ_{st} measured between outermost cross wires of each reinforcement sheet shall be permitted to be the greater of (a) and (b).

(a) $1.5\ell_d$
(b) 50 mm

where ℓ_d is calculated by 25.4.7.2(b).

R25.5.4.2 Where $A_{s,provided}/A_{s,required} \geq 2$, the lap splice for plain welded wire reinforcement is illustrated in Fig. R25.5.4.2.

Fig. R25.5.4.2—Lap splices of plain welded wire reinforcement where $A_{s, provided}/A_{s, required} \geq 2$.

25.5.5 Lap splice lengths of deformed bars in compression

R25.5.5 Lap splice lengths of deformed bars in compression—Bond research has been primarily related to bars in tension. Bond behavior of compression bars is not complicated by the problem of transverse tension cracking and thus compression splices do not require provisions as strict as those speci¿ed for tension splices.

Lap splice requirements particular to columns are provided in Chapter 10.

25.5.5.1 Compression lap splice length ℓ_{sc} of No. 36 or smaller deformed bars in compression shall be calculated in accordance with (a) or (b):

(a) For $f_y \leq 420$ MPa: ℓ_{sc} is the greater of $0.071f_yd_b$ and 300 mm
(b) For $f_y > 420$ MPa: ℓ_{sc} is the greater of $(0.13f_y - 24)d_b$ and 300 mm

For $f_c' < 21$ MPa, the length of lap shall be increased by one-third.

R25.5.5.1 Tests (ACI Committee 408 1966; P¿ster and Mattock 1963) have shown that splice strengths in compression depend considerably on end bearing and do not increase proportionally in strength when the splice length is doubled. Accordingly, for speci¿ed yield strengths above 420 MPa, compression lap lengths are signi¿cantly increased.

25.5.5.2 Compression lap splices shall not be used for bars larger than No. 36, except as permitted in 25.5.5.3.

25.5.5.3 Compression lap splices of No. 43 or No. 57 bars to No. 36 or smaller bars shall be permitted and shall be in accordance with 25.5.5.4.

R25.5.5.3 Lap splices are generally prohibited for No. 43 or No. 57 bars. For compression only, however, lap splices are permitted between No. 43 or No. 57 bars and No. 36 or smaller bars.

25.5.5.4 Where bars of different size are lap spliced in compression, ℓ_{sc} shall be the greater of ℓ_{dc} of larger bar

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calculated in accordance with 25.4.9.1 and ℓ_{sc} of smaller bar calculated in accordance with 25.5.5.1 as appropriate.

25.5.6 End-bearing splices of deformed bars in compression

25.5.6.1 For bars required for compression only, transmission of compressive stress by end bearing of square-cut ends held in concentric contact by a suitable device shall be permitted.

25.5.6.2 End-bearing splices shall be permitted only in members containing closed stirrups, ties, spirals, or hoops.

25.5.6.3 Bar ends shall terminate in flat surfaces within 1.5 degrees of a right angle to the axis of the bars and shall be fitted within 3 degrees of full bearing after assembly.

25.5.7 Mechanical and welded splices of deformed bars in tension or compression

25.5.7.1 A mechanical or welded splice shall develop in tension or compression, as required, at least $1.25f_y$ of the bar.

25.5.7.2 Welding of reinforcing bars shall conform to 26.6.4.

25.5.7.3 Mechanical or welded splices need not be staggered except as required by 25.5.7.4.

25.5.7.4 Splices in tension tie members shall be made with a mechanical or welded splice in accordance with 25.5.7.1. Splices in adjacent bars shall be staggered at least 750 mm.

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R25.5.6 End-bearing splices of deformed bars in compression

R25.5.6.1 Experience with end-bearing splices has been almost exclusively with vertical bars in columns. If bars are significantly inclined from the vertical, attention is required to ensure that adequate end-bearing contact can be achieved and maintained.

R25.5.6.2 This limitation ensures a minimum shear resistance in sections containing end-bearing splices.

R25.5.6.3 These tolerances represent practice based on tests of full-size members containing No. 57 bars.

R25.5.7 Mechanical and welded splices of deformed bars in tension or compression—The 2014 Code eliminated mechanical and welded splices with strengths less than $1.25f_y$. With the elimination of these mechanical and welded splices, the term "full" was deleted in reference to mechanical and welded splices that develop at least $1.25f_y$.

R25.5.7.1 The maximum reinforcement stress used in design under the Code is the specified yield strength. To ensure sufficient strength in splices so that yielding can be achieved in a member and thus brittle failure avoided, the 25 percent increase above the specified yield strength was selected as both an adequate minimum for safety and a practicable maximum for economy.

A welded splice is primarily intended for large bars (No. 19 and larger) in main members. The tensile strength requirement of 125 percent of specified yield strength is intended to provide sound welding that is also adequate for compression.

While direct butt welds are not required, AWS D1.4 states that wherever practical, direct butt welds are preferable for No. 22 bars and larger.

R25.5.7.3 Although mechanical and welded splices need not be staggered, staggering is encouraged and may be necessary for constructibility to provide enough space around the splice for installation or to meet the clear spacing requirements.

R25.5.7.4 A tension tie member has the following characteristics: member having an axial tensile force sufficient to create tension over the cross section; a level of stress in the reinforcement such that every bar should be fully effective; and limited concrete cover on all sides. Examples of members that may be classified as tension ties are arch ties,

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hangers carrying load to an overhead supporting structure, and main tension elements in a truss.

In determining if a member should be classi¿ed as a tension tie, consideration should be given to the importance, function, proportions, and stress conditions of the member related to the above characteristics. For example, a usual large circular tank, with many bars and with splices well staggered and widely spaced, should not be classi¿ed as a tension tie member, and Class B splices may be used.

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25.6—Bundled reinforcement

25.6.1 Nonprestressed reinforcement

25.6.1.1 Groups of parallel reinforcing bars bundled in contact to act as a unit shall be limited to four in any one bundle.

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R25.6.1 Nonprestressed reinforcement

R25.6.1.1 The Code phrase "bundled in contact to act as a unit" is intended to preclude bundling more than two bars in the same plane. Typical bundle shapes in cross section are triangular, L-shaped, or square-shaped patterns for three- or four-bar bundles. As a practical caution, bundles more than one bar deep in the plane of bending should not be hooked or bent as a unit. Where end hooks are required, it is preferable to stagger the individual bar hooks within a bundle.

25.6.1.2 Bundled bars shall be enclosed within transverse reinforcement. Bundled bars in compression members shall be enclosed by transverse reinforcement at least No. 13 in size.

25.6.1.3 Bars larger than a No. 36 shall not be bundled in beams.

R25.6.1.3 A limitation that bars larger than No. 36 not be bundled in beams is a practical limit for application to building size members. (AASHTO LRFDUS permits two-bar bundles for No. 43 and No. 57 bars in bridge girders.) Conformance to the crack control requirements of 24.3 will effectively preclude bundling of bars larger than No. 36 as tension reinforcement.

25.6.1.4 Individual bars within a bundle terminated within the span of Àexural members shall terminate at different points with at least $40d_b$ stagger.

R25.6.1.4 Bond research (ACI Committee 408 1966) has shown that bar cutoffs within bundles should be staggered.

25.6.1.5 Development length for individual bars within a bundle, in tension or compression, shall be that of the individual bar, increased 20 percent for a three-bar bundle, and 33 percent for a four-bar bundle.

R25.6.1.5 An increased development length for individual bars is required when three or four bars are bundled together. The extra extension is needed because the grouping makes it more dif¿cult to mobilize bond resistance from the core between the bars.

The development of bundled bars by a standard hook of the bundle is not covered by the provisions of 25.4.3.

25.6.1.6 A unit of bundled bars shall be treated as a single bar with an area equivalent to that of the bundle and a centroid coinciding with that of the bundle. The diameter of the equivalent bar shall be used for d_b in (a) through (e):

(a) Spacing limitations based on d_b
(b) Cover requirements based on d_b
(c) Spacing and cover values in 25.4.2.2
(d) Con¿nement term in 25.4.2.3

R25.6.1.6 Although splice and development lengths of bundled bars are a multiple of the diameter of the individual bars being spliced increased by 20 or 33 percent, as appropriate, it is necessary to use an equivalent diameter of the entire bundle derived from the equivalent total area of bars for determining the spacing and cover values in 25.4.2.2, the con¿nement term, $[(c_b + K_{tr})/d_b]$, in 25.4.2.3, and the ψ_e factor in 25.4.2.4. For bundled bars, bar diameter d_b

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(e) ψ_e factor in 25.4.2.4

25.6.1.7 Lap splices of bars in a bundle shall be based on the lap splice length required for individual bars within the bundle, increased in accordance with 25.6.1.5. Individual bar splices within a bundle shall not overlap. Entire bundles shall not be lap spliced.

25.6.2 Post-tensioning ducts

25.6.2.1 Bundling of post-tensioning ducts shall be permitted if shown that concrete can be satisfactorily placed and if provision is made to prevent the prestressing steel, when tensioned, from breaking through the duct.

25.7—Transverse reinforcement

25.7.1 Stirrups

25.7.1.1 Stirrups shall extend as close to the compression and tension surfaces of the member as cover requirements and proximity of other reinforcement permits and shall be anchored at both ends. Where used as shear reinforcement, stirrups shall extend a distance d from extreme compression ¿ber.

25.7.1.2 Between anchored ends, each bend in the continuous portion of a single or multiple U-stirrup and each bend in a closed stirrup shall enclose a longitudinal bar or strand.

25.7.1.3 Anchorage of deformed bar and wire shall be in accordance with (a), (b), or (c):

(a) For No. 16 bar and MD200 wire, and smaller, and for No. 19 through No. 25 bars with $f_{yt} \le 280$ MPa, a standard hook around longitudinal reinforcement
(b) For No. 19 through No. 25 bars with $f_{yt} > 280$ MPa, a standard hook around a longitudinal bar plus an embedment between midheight of the member and the outside end of the hook equal to or greater than $0.17d_b f_{yt}/(\lambda \sqrt{f_c'})$, with λ as given in Table 25.4.3.2
(c) In joist construction, for No. 13 bar and MD130 wire and smaller, a standard hook

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outside the brackets in the expressions of 25.4.2.2 and of Eq. (25.4.2.3a) is that of a single bar.

R25.6.1.7 The increased length of lap required for bars in bundles is based on the reduction in the exposed perimeter of the bars. Only individual bars are lap spliced along the bundle.

R25.6.2 Post-tensioning ducts

R25.6.2.1 Where ducts for prestressing steel in a beam are arranged closely together vertically, provisions should be made to prevent the prestressing steel from breaking through the duct when tensioned. Horizontal arrangement of ducts should allow proper placement of concrete. A clear spacing of one and one-third times the nominal maximum size of the coarse aggregate, but not less than 25 mm, has proven satisfactory.

Where concentration of tendons or ducts tends to create a weakened plane in the concrete cover, reinforcement should be provided to control cracking.

R25.7—Transverse reinforcement

R25.7.1 Stirrups

R25.7.1.1 Stirrup legs should be extended as close as practicable to the compression face of the member because, near ultimate load, the Æexural tension cracks penetrate deeply toward the compression zone.

It is essential that shear and torsional reinforcement be adequately anchored at both ends to be fully effective on either side of any potential inclined crack. This generally requires a hook or bend at the end of the reinforcement as provided by this section.

R25.7.1.3 Straight deformed bar and wire anchorage is not permitted because it is dif¿cult to hold such a stirrup in position during concrete placement. Moreover, the lack of a standard stirrup hook may make the stirrup ineffective as it crosses shear cracks near the end of the stirrup.

For a No. 16 or MD200 or smaller stirrup, anchorage is provided by a standard hook, as de¿ned in 25.3.2, hooked around a longitudinal bar.

For a No. 19, No. 22, or No. 25 stirrup with f_{yt} of only 280 MPa, a standard stirrup hook around a longitudinal bar provides suf¿cient anchorage. For a No. 19, No. 22, or No. 25 stirrup with higher strength, the embedment should be checked. A 135-degree or 180-degree hook is preferred, but a 90-degree hook may be used provided the free end of the 90-degree hook is extended the full 12 bar diameters as required in 25.3.2. Because it is not possible to bend a No. 19, No. 22,

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or No. 25 stirrup tightly around a longitudinal bar and due to the force in a bar with a design stress greater than 280 MPa, stirrup anchorage depends on both the type of hook and whatever development length is provided. A longitudinal bar within a stirrup hook limits the width of any flexural cracks, even in a tension zone. Because such a stirrup hook cannot fail by splitting parallel to the plane of the hooked bar, the hook strength as used in 25.4.3.1(a) has been adjusted to reflect cover and confinement around the stirrup hook.

In joists, a small bar or wire can be anchored by a standard hook not engaging longitudinal reinforcement, allowing a continuously bent bar to form a series of single-leg stirrups along the length of the joist.

25.7.1.4 Anchorage of each leg of welded plain wire reinforcement forming a single U-stirrup shall be in accordance with (a) or (b):

(a) Two longitudinal wires spaced at a 50 mm spacing along the member at the top of the U
(b) One longitudinal wire located not more than d/4 from the compression face and a second wire closer to the compression face and spaced not less than 50 mm from the first wire. The second wire shall be permitted to be located on the stirrup leg beyond a bend, or on a bend with an inside diameter of bend of at least $8d_b$.

R25.7.1.4 The requirements for anchorage of welded plain wire reinforcement stirrups are illustrated in Fig. R25.7.1.4.
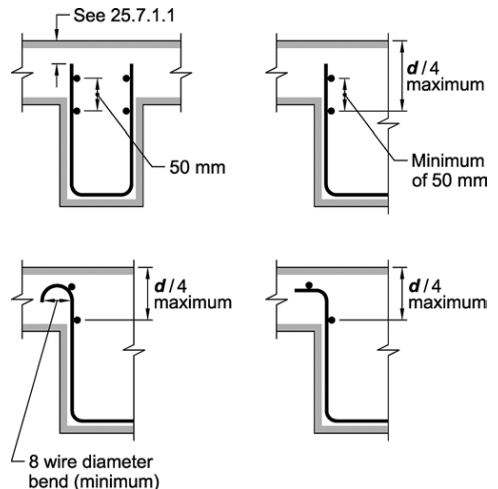
Fig. R25.7.1.4—Anchorage in compression zone of welded plain wire reinforcement U-stirrups.

25.7.1.5 Anchorage of each end of a single leg stirrup of welded wire reinforcement shall be with two longitudinal wires at a minimum spacing of 50 mm in accordance with (a) and (b):

(a) Inner longitudinal wire at least the greater of d/4 or 50 mm from d/2
(b) Outer longitudinal wire at tension face shall not be farther from the face than the portion of primary flexural reinforcement closest to the face

R25.7.1.5 Welded wire reinforcement for shear reinforcement is commonly used in the precast, prestressed concrete industry. The rationale for acceptance of straight sheets of welded wire reinforcement as shear reinforcement is presented in a report by the Joint PCI/WRI Ad Hoc Committee on Welded Wire Fabric for Shear Reinforcement (1980).

The provisions for anchorage of single-leg welded wire reinforcement in the tension face emphasize the location of the longitudinal wire at the same depth as the primary flexural reinforcement to avoid a splitting problem at the level of the tension reinforcement. Figure R25.7.1.5 illustrates the anchorage requirements for single-leg welded wire reinforcement. For anchorage of single-leg welded wire reinforcement, the Code permits hooks and embedment

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length in the compression and tension faces of members (refer to 25.7.1.3(a) and 25.7.1.4), and embedment only in the compression face (refer to 25.7.1.3(b)). This section provides for anchorage of straight, single-leg, welded wire reinforcement using longitudinal wire anchorage with adequate embedment length in compression and tension faces of members.
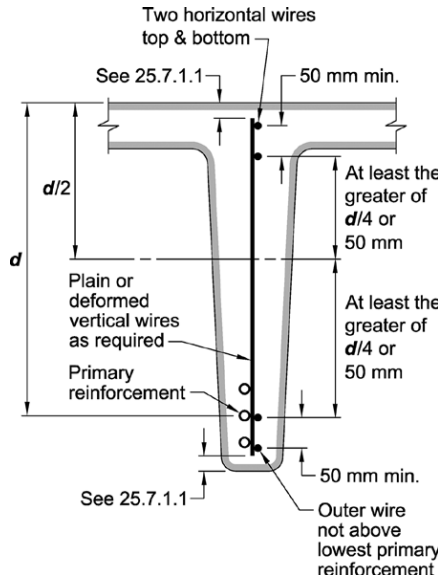

Fig. R25.7.1.5—Anchorage of single-leg welded wire reinforcement for shear.

25.7.1.6 Stirrups used for torsion or integrity reinforcement shall be closed stirrups perpendicular to the axis of the member. Where welded wire reinforcement is used, transverse wires shall be perpendicular to the axis of the member. Such stirrups shall be anchored by (a) or (b):

(a) Ends shall terminate with 135-degree standard hooks around a longitudinal bar
(b) In accordance with 25.7.1.3(a) or (b) or 25.7.1.4, where the concrete surrounding the anchorage is restrained against spalling by a flange or slab or similar member

25.7.1.6.1 Stirrups used for torsion or integrity reinforcement shall be permitted to be made up of two pieces of reinforcement: a single U-stirrup anchored according to 25.7.1.6(a) closed by a crosstie where the 90-degree hook of the crosstie shall be restrained against spalling by a flange or slab or similar member.

R25.7.1.6 Both longitudinal and closed transverse reinforcement are required to resist the diagonal tension stresses due to torsion. The stirrups should be closed because inclined cracking due to torsion may occur on all faces of a member.

In the case of sections subjected primarily to torsion, the concrete side cover to the stirrups spalls off at high torsional moments (Mitchell and Collins 1976). This renders lap-spliced stirrups ineffective, leading to a premature torsional failure (Behera and Rajagopalan 1969). In such cases, closed stirrups should not be made up of pairs of U-stirrups lapping one another.

When a rectangular beam fails in torsion, the corners of the beam tend to spall off due to the inclined compressive stresses in the concrete diagonals of the space truss changing direction at the corner as shown in Fig. R25.7.1.6(a). In tests (Mitchell and Collins 1976), closed stirrups anchored by 90-degree hooks failed when this occurred. For this reason, 135-degree standard hooks or seismic hooks are preferable for torsional stirrups in all cases. In regions where this spalling is prevented by an adjacent slab or flange, 25.7.1.6(b) relaxes this requirement and allows 90-degree

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hooks because of the added con¿nement from the slab (refer to Fig. R25.7.1.6(b)).
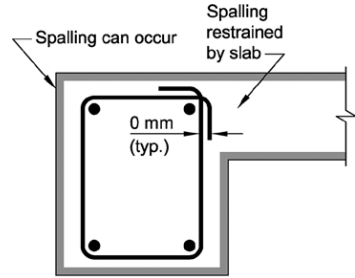
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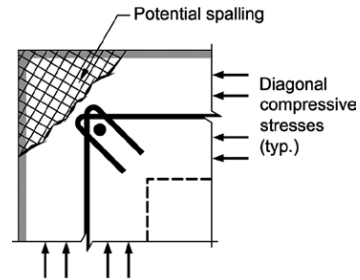
(b) Detail at corner

Fig. R25.7.1.6—Spalling of corners of beams subjected to torsion.

25.7.1.7 Except where used for torsion or integrity reinforcement, closed stirrups are permitted to be made using pairs of U-stirrups spliced to form a closed unit where lap lengths are at least $1.3\ell_d$. In members with a total depth of at least 450 mm, such splices with $A_b f_{yt} \leq 40$ kN per leg shall be considered adequate if stirrup legs extend the full available depth of member.

R25.7.1.7 Requirements for lapping of double U-stirrups to form closed stirrups control over the lap splice provisions of 25.5.2. Figure R25.7.1.7 illustrates closed stirrup con¿gurations created with lap splices.
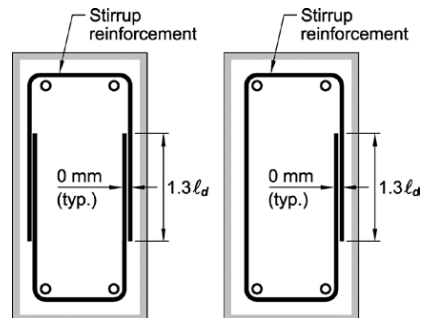
Fig. R25.7.1.7—Closed stirrup con¿gurations.

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25.7.2 Ties

25.7.2.1 Ties shall consist of a closed loop of deformed bar with spacing in accordance with (a) and (b):

(a) Clear spacing of at least $(4/3)d_{agg}$
(b) Center-to-center spacing shall not exceed the least of $16d_b$ of longitudinal bar, $48d_b$ of tie bar, and smallest dimension of member

25.7.2.2 Diameter of tie bar shall be at least (a) or (b):

(a) No. 10 enclosing No. 32 or smaller longitudinal bars
(b) No. 13 enclosing No. 36 or larger longitudinal bars or bundled longitudinal bars

25.7.2.2.1 As an alternative to deformed bars, deformed wire or welded wire reinforcement of equivalent area to that required in 25.7.2.1 shall be permitted subject to the requirements of Table 20.2.2.4a.

25.7.2.3 Rectilinear ties shall be arranged to satisfy (a) and (b):

(a) Every corner and alternate longitudinal bar shall have lateral support provided by the corner of a tie with an included angle of not more than 135 degrees
(b) No unsupported bar shall be farther than 150 mm clear on each side along the tie from a laterally supported bar

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R25.7.2.2 These provisions apply to crossties as well as ties.

R25.7.2.3 The maximum permissible included angle of 135 degrees and the exemption of bars located within 150 mm clear on each side along the tie from adequately tied bars are illustrated in Fig. R25.7.2.3a. Limited tests (Pfister 1964) on full-size, axially-loaded, tied columns containing full-length bars (without splices) showed that ties on alternate longitudinal bars within 150 mm clear of a laterally supported longitudinal bar are adequate in columns subjected to axial force.

Continuously wound bars or wires can be considered as ties, provided their pitch and area are at least equivalent to the area and spacing of separate ties. Anchorage at the end of a continuously wound bar or wire should be by a standard hook as for separate bars or by one additional turn of the tie pattern (refer to Fig. R25.7.2.3b). A circular, continuously wound bar or wire is considered a spiral if it conforms to 25.7.3; otherwise, it is considered a tie.

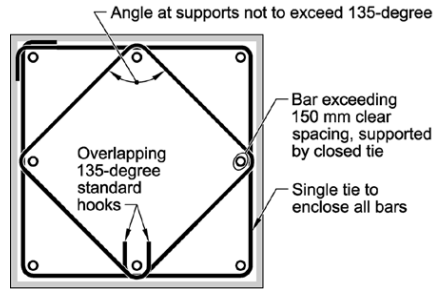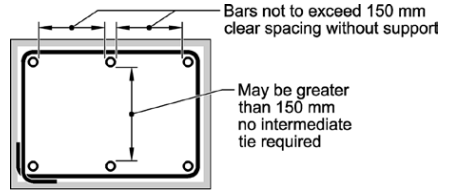CODE   COMMENTARY
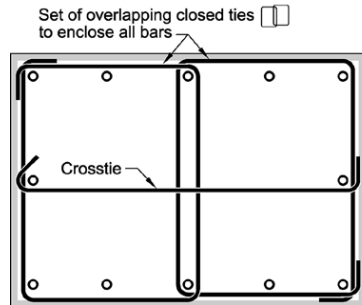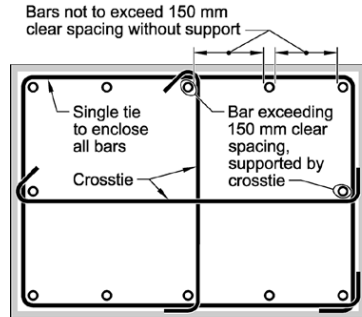
Fig. R25.7.2.3a—Illustrations to clarify measurements between laterally supported column bars and rectilinear tie anchorage.

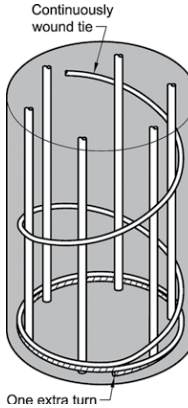| CODE	COMMENTARY

Fig. R25.7.2.3b—Continuous tie anchorage.

25.7.2.3.1 Anchorage of rectilinear ties shall be provided by standard hooks that conform to 25.3.2 and engage a longitudinal bar. A tie shall not be made up of interlocking headed deformed bars.

R25.7.2.3.1 Standard tie hooks are intended for use with deformed bars only and should be staggered where possible.

25.7.2.4 Circular ties shall be permitted where longitudinal bars are located around the perimeter of a circle.

R25.7.2.4 While the transverse reinforcement in members with longitudinal bars located around the periphery of a circle can be either spirals or circular ties, spirals are usually more effective.

25.7.2.4.1 Anchorage of individual circular ties shall be in accordance with (a) through (c):

(a) Ends shall overlap by at least 150 mm
(b) Ends shall terminate with standard hooks in accordance with 25.3.2 that engage a longitudinal bar
(c) Overlaps at ends of adjacent circular ties shall be staggered around the perimeter enclosing the longitudinal bars

R25.7.2.4.1 Vertical splitting and loss of tie restraint are possible where the overlapped ends of adjacent circular ties are anchored at a single longitudinal bar. Adjacent circular ties should not engage the same longitudinal bar with end hook anchorages (refer to Fig. R25.7.2.4).
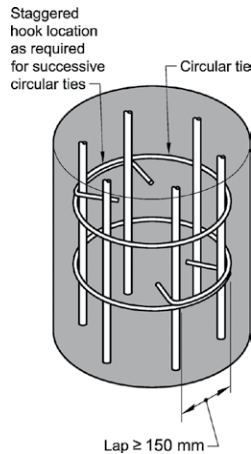
Fig. R25.7.2.4—Circular tie anchorage.

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25.7.2.5 Ties to resist torsion shall be perpendicular to the axis of the member anchored by either (a) or (b):

(a) Ends shall terminate with 135-degree standard hooks or seismic hooks around a longitudinal bar
(b) In accordance with 25.7.1.3(a) or (b) or 25.7.1.4, where the concrete surrounding the anchorage is restrained against spalling

25.7.3 Spirals

25.7.3.1 Spirals shall consist of evenly spaced continuous bar or wire with clear spacing conforming to (a) and (b):

(a) At least the greater of 25 mm and $(4/3)d_{agg}$
(b) Not greater than 75 mm

25.7.3.2 For cast-in-place construction, spiral bar or wire diameter shall be at least 9.5 mm.

25.7.3.3 Volumetric spiral reinforcement ratio ρ_s shall satisfy Eq. (25.7.3.3).

$$\rho_s \geq 0.45 \left(\frac{A_g}{A_{ch}} - 1 \right) \frac{f_c'}{f_{yt}} \qquad (25.7.3.3)$$

where the value of f_{yt} shall not be taken greater than 700 MPa.

25.7.3.4 Spirals shall be anchored by 1-1/2 extra turns of spiral bar or wire at each end.

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R25.7.2.5 Refer to R25.7.1.6.

R25.7.3 Spirals

R25.7.3.1 Spirals should be held firmly in place, at proper pitch and alignment, to prevent displacement during concrete placement.

R25.7.3.2 For practical considerations in cast-in-place construction, the minimum diameter of spiral reinforcement is 9.5 mm (No. 10 deformed or plain bar, or MD70 deformed or MW70 plain wire).

Standard spiral sizes are 9.5, 12.7, and 15.9 mm diameter for hot-rolled or cold-drawn material, plain or deformed.

R25.7.3.3 The effect of spiral reinforcement in increasing the strength of the concrete within the core is not fully realized until the column has been subjected to a load and deformation sufficient to cause the concrete shell outside the core to spall off. The amount of spiral reinforcement required by Eq. (25.7.3.3) is intended to provide additional strength for concentrically loaded columns equal to or slightly greater than the strength lost when the shell spalls off. The derivation of Eq. (25.7.3.3) is given by Richart (1933). Tests and experience show that columns containing the amount of spiral reinforcement required by this section exhibit considerable toughness and ductility. Research (Richart et al. 1929; Richart 1933; Pessiki et al. 2001; Saatcioglu and Razvi 2002) has also indicated that up to 700 MPa yield strength reinforcement can be effectively used for confinement.

R25.7.3.4 Spiral anchorage is illustrated in Fig. R25.7.3.4.
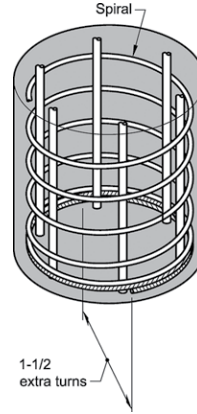
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Fig. R25.7.3.4—Spiral anchorage.

25.7.3.5 Spirals are permitted to be spliced by (a) or (b):

(a) Mechanical or welded splices in accordance with 25.5.7

(b) Lap splices in accordance with 25.7.3.6 for f_{yt} not exceeding 420 MPa

25.7.3.6 Spiral lap splices shall be at least the greater of 300 mm and the lap length in Table 25.7.3.6.

Table 25.7.3.6—Lap length for spiral reinforcement

Reinforcement	Coating	Ends of lapped spiral bar or wire	Lap length mm
Deformed bar	Uncoated or zinc-coated (galvanized)	Hook not required	$48d_b$
	Epoxy-coated or zinc and epoxy dual-coated	Hook not required	$72d_b$
		Standard hook of 25.3.2[1]	$48d_b$
Deformed wire	Uncoated	Hook not required	$48d_b$
	Epoxy-coated	Hook not required	$72d_b$
		Standard hook of 25.3.2[1]	$48d_b$
Plain bar	Uncoated or zinc-coated (galvanized)	Hook not required	$72d_b$
		Standard hook of 25.3.2[1]	$48d_b$
Plain wire	Uncoated	Hook not required	$72d_b$
		Standard hook of 25.3.2[1]	$48d_b$

[1]Hooks shall be embedded within the core confined by the spiral.

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25.7.4.1 Hoops shall consist of a closed tie or continuously wound tie, which can consist of several reinforcement elements each having seismic hooks at both ends.

R25.7.4.1 Refer to R25.7.2.4.

25.7.4.2 The ends of the reinforcement elements in hoops shall be anchored using seismic hooks that conform to 25.3.4 and engage a longitudinal bar. A hoop shall not be made up of interlocking headed deformed bars.

25.8—Post-tensioning anchorages and couplers

25.8.1 Anchorages and couplers for tendons shall develop at least 95 percent of f_{pu} when tested in an unbonded condition, without exceeding anticipated set.

R25.8—Post-tensioning anchorages and couplers

R25.8.1 The required strength of the tendon-anchorage or tendon-coupler assemblies for both unbonded and bonded tendons, when tested in an unbonded state, is based on 95 percent of the specified tensile strength of the prestressing steel in the test. The prestressing steel is required to comply with the minimum provisions of the applicable ASTM standards as prescribed in 20.3.1. The specified strength of anchorages and couplers exceeds the maximum design strength of the prestressing steel by a substantial margin and, at the same time, recognizes the stress-riser effects associated with most available post-tensioning anchorages and couplers. Anchorage and coupler strength should be attained with a minimum amount of permanent deformation and successive set, recognizing that some deformation and set will occur when testing to failure. Tendon assemblies should conform to the 2 percent elongation requirements in ACI 423.7.

Static and fatigue test methods for anchorage and couplers are provided in ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria AC303 (2011).

25.8.2 Anchorages and couplers for bonded tendons shall be located so that 100 percent of f_{pu} shall be developed at critical sections after the post-tensioned reinforcement is bonded in the member.

R25.8.2 Anchorages and couplers for bonded tendons that develop less than 100 percent of the specified tensile strength of the prestressing steel should be used only where the bond transfer length between the anchorage or coupler and critical sections equals or exceeds that required to develop the prestressing steel strength. This bond length may be calculated based on the results of tests of bond characteristics of untensioned prestressing strand (Salmons and McCrate 1977), or bond tests on other prestressing steel materials, as appropriate.

25.8.3 In unbonded construction subject to repetitive loads, the possibility of fatigue of prestressed reinforcement in anchorages and couplers shall be considered.

R25.8.3 A discussion on fatigue loading is provided in ACI 215R.

Detailed recommendations on tests for static and cyclic loading conditions for tendons and anchorage fittings of unbonded tendons are provided in ACI 423.3R (Section 4.1.3) and ACI 301 (Section 15.2.2).

25.8.4 Couplers shall be placed at locations approved by the licensed design professional and enclosed in housings long enough to permit necessary movements.

25.9—Anchorage zones for post-tensioned tendons

25.9.1 General

R25.9—Anchorage zones for post-tensioned tendons

R25.9.1 General—The detailed provisions in the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications (AASHTO LRFDUS) for analysis and reinforcement detailing of post-

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tensioned anchorage zones are considered to satisfy the more general requirements of this Code. In the specific areas of anchorage device evaluation and acceptance testing, this Code references the detailed AASHTO provisions.

25.9.1.1 Anchorage regions of post-tensioned tendons shall consist of two zones, (a) and (b):

(a) The local zone shall be assumed to be a rectangular prism (or equivalent rectangular prism for circular or oval anchorages) of concrete immediately surrounding the anchorage device and any confining reinforcement
(b) The general zone includes the local zone and shall be assumed to be the portion of the member through which the concentrated prestressing force is transferred to the concrete and distributed more uniformly across the section

R25.9.1.1 Based on St. Venant's principle, the extent of the anchorage zone may be estimated as approximately equal to the largest dimension of the cross section. Local zones and general zones are shown in Fig. R25.9.1.1a.

When anchorage devices located away from the end of the member are tensioned, large local tensile stresses are generated ahead of and behind the device. These tensile stresses are induced by incompatibility of deformations. The entire shaded region shown in Fig. R25.9.1.1b should be considered in the design of the general zone.
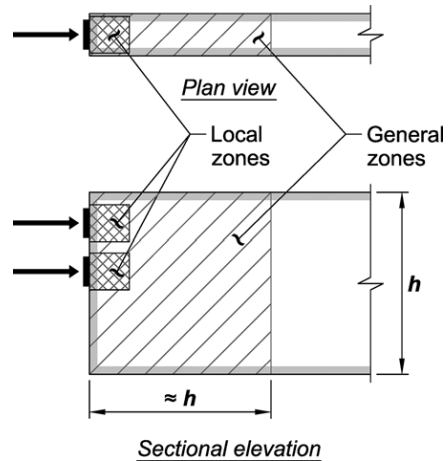
Fig. R25.9.1.1a—Local and general zones.
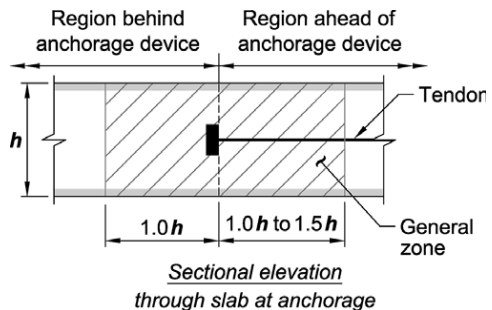
Fig. R25.9.1.1b—General zone for anchorage device located away from the end of a member.

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25.9.1.2 The local zone shall be designed in accordance with 25.9.3.

25.9.1.3 The general zone shall be designed in accordance with 25.9.4.

25.9.1.4 Compressive strength of concrete required at time of post-tensioning shall be speci¿ed as required by 26.10.

25.9.1.5 Stressing sequence shall be considered in the design process and speci¿ed as required by 26.10.

R25.9.1.5 The sequence of anchorage device stressing can have a signi¿cant effect on the general zone stresses. Therefore, it is important to consider not only the ¿nal stage of a stressing sequence with all tendons stressed, but also intermediate stages during construction. The most critical bursting forces caused by each of the sequentially post-tensioned tendon combinations, as well as that of the entire group of tendons, should be taken into account.

25.9.2 Required strength

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25.9.2.1 Factored prestressing force at the anchorage device, P_{pu}, shall exceed the least of (a) through (c), where 1.2 is the load factor from 5.3.12:

R25.9.2.1 The factored prestressing force is the product of the load factor and the maximum prestressing force permitted. The maximum permissible tensile stresses during jacking are de¿ned in 20.3.2.5.1.

(a) $1.2(0.94f_{py})A_{ps}$
(b) $1.2(0.80f_{pu})A_{ps}$
(c) Maximum jacking force designated by the supplier of anchorage devices multiplied by 1.2

25.9.3 Local zone

25.9.3.1 The design of local zone in post-tensioned anchorages shall meet the requirements of (a), (b), or (c):

(a) Monostrand or single 16 mm or smaller diameter bar anchorage devices shall meet the bearing resistance and local zone requirements of ACI 423.7
(b) Basic multistrand anchorage devices shall meet the bearing resistance requirements of AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Speci¿cations, Article 5.10.9.7.2, except that the load factors shall be in accordance with 5.3.12 and ϕ shall be in accordance with 21.2.1
(c) Special anchorage devices shall satisfy the tests required in AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Speci¿cations, Article 5.10.9.7.3, and described in AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Speci¿cations, Article 10.3.2.3

R25.9.3 Local zone—The local zone resists very high local stresses introduced by the anchorage device and transfers them to the remainder of the anchorage zone. The behavior of the local zone is strongly inÀuenced by the speci¿c characteristics of the anchorage device and its con¿ning reinforcement, and is less inÀuenced by the geometry and loading of the overall structure. Local-zone design sometimes cannot be completed until speci¿c anchorage devices are selected. If special anchorage devices are used, the anchorage device supplier should furnish test information to demonstrate that the device is satisfactory under Article 10.3.2.3 of the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Speci-¿cations (LRFDCONS) and provide information regarding necessary conditions for use of the device. The main considerations in local-zone design are the effects of high bearing pressure and the adequacy of any con¿ning reinforcement provided to increase concrete bearing resistance.

25.9.3.2 Where special anchorage devices are used, supplementary skin reinforcement shall be provided in addition to the con¿ning reinforcement speci¿ed for the anchorage device.

25.9.3.2.1 Supplementary skin reinforcement shall be similar in con¿guration and at least equivalent in volumetric

R25.9.3.2.1 Skin reinforcement is placed near the outer faces in the anchorage zone to limit local crack width

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ratio to any supplementary skin reinforcement used in the qualifying acceptance tests of the anchorage device.	and spacing. Reinforcement in the general zone for other actions (such as shrinkage and temperature) may be used in satisfying the supplementary skin reinforcement requirement. Determination of the supplementary skin reinforcement depends on the anchorage device hardware used and frequently cannot be determined until the speci¿c anchorage devices are selected.

25.9.4 General zone

R25.9.4 General zone—Within the general zone, the assumption that plane sections remain plane is not valid. Tensile stresses that can be caused by the tendon anchorage device, including bursting, spalling, and edge tension, as shown in Fig. R25.9.4, should be considered in design. In addition, the compressive stresses immediately ahead of the local zone should be checked (Fig. R25.9.1.1b).
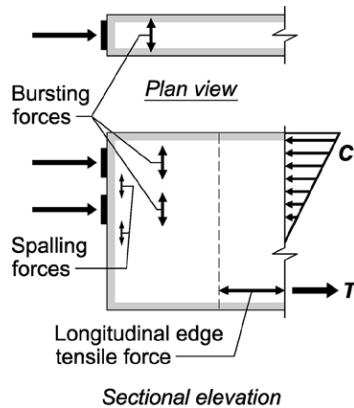
Fig. R25.9.4—Tensile stress zones within the general zone.

25.9.4.1 The extent of the general zone is equal to the largest dimension of the cross section. In the case of slabs with anchorages or groups of anchorages spaced along the slab edge, the depth of the general zone shall be taken as the spacing of the tendons.

R25.9.4.1 The depth of the general zone in slabs is de¿ned in AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Speci¿cations (LRFDUS), Article 5.10.9 as the spacing of the tendons (Fig. R25.9.4.1). Refer to 25.9.4.4.6 for monostrand anchorages.
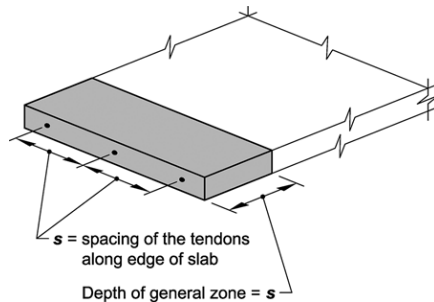

Fig. R25.9.4.1—Dimensions of general zone in post-tensioned slab.

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25.9.4.2 For anchorage devices located away from the end of a member, the general zone shall include the disturbed regions ahead of and behind the anchorage devices.

25.9.4.3 Analysis of general zones

25.9.4.3.1 Methods (a) through (c) shall be permitted for design of general zones:

(a) Strut-and-tie models in accordance with Chapter 23
(b) Linear stress analysis, including ﬁnite element analysis or equivalent
(c) Simpliﬁed equations in AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Speciﬁcations, Article 5.10.9.6, except where restricted by 25.9.4.3.2

The design of general zones by other methods shall be permitted, provided that the speciﬁc procedures used for design result in prediction of strength in substantial agreement with results of comprehensive tests.

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R25.9.4.2 The dimensions of the general zone for anchorage devices located away from the end of the member are deﬁned in Fig. R25.9.1.1b.

R25.9.4.3 Analysis of general zones

R25.9.4.3.1 The design methods include those procedures for which guidelines have been given in AASHTO LRFDUS and Breen et al. (1994). These procedures have been shown to be conservative predictors of strength compared to test results (Breen et al. 1994). The use of the strut-and-tie method is especially helpful for general zone design (Breen et al. 1994). In many anchorage applications, where substantial or massive concrete regions surround the anchorages, simpliﬁed equations based on AASHTO LRFDUS and Breen et al. (1994) can be used except in the cases noted in 25.9.4.3.2.

Values for the magnitude of the bursting force, T_{burst}, and for its centroidal distance from the major bearing surface of the anchorage, d_{burst}, may be estimated from Eq. (R25.9.4.3.1a) and (R25.9.4.3.1b), respectively. The terms used in these equations are shown in Fig. R25.9.4.3.1 for a prestressing force with a small eccentricity. In the application of these equations, the speciﬁed stressing sequence should be considered if more than one tendon is present.

$$T_{burst} = 0.25 \sum P_{pu} \left[1 - \frac{h_{anc}}{h} \right] \quad \text{(R25.9.4.3.1a)}$$

$$d_{burst} = 0.5(h - 2e_{anc}) \quad \text{(R25.9.4.3.1b)}$$

where $\sum P_{pu}$ is the sum of the P_{pu} forces from the individual tendons; h_{anc} is the depth of the anchorage device or single group of closely spaced devices in the direction considered; and e_{anc} is the eccentricity (always taken as positive) of the anchorage device or group of closely spaced devices with respect to the centroid of the cross section (Fig. R25.9.4.3.1).

Anchorage devices should be treated as closely spaced if their center-to-center spacing does not exceed 1.5 times the width of the anchorage device in the direction considered.
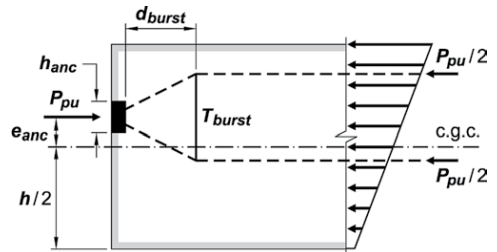

Fig. R25.9.4.3.1—Deﬁnition of terms used to deﬁne the general zone.

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25.9.4.3.2 Simpli¿ed equations as permitted by 25.9.4.3.1(c) shall not be used for the design of a general zone if any of the situations listed in (a) through (g) occur:

(a) Member cross sections are nonrectangular

(b) Discontinuities in or near the general zone cause deviations in the force Àow path

(c) Minimum edge distance is less than 1.5 times the anchorage device lateral dimension in that direction

(d) Multiple anchorage devices are used in other than one closely spaced group

(e) Centroid of the tendons is located outside the kern

(f) Angle of inclination of the tendon in the general zone is less than –5 degrees from the centerline of axis of the member, where the angle is negative if the anchor force points away from the centroid of the section

(g) Angle of inclination of the tendon in the general zone is greater than +20 degrees from the centerline of axis of the member, where the angle is positive if the anchor force points towards the centroid of the section

25.9.4.3.3 Three-dimensional effects shall be considered in design and analyzed by (a) or (b):

(a) Three-dimensional analysis procedures

(b) Approximated by considering the summation of effects for two orthogonal planes

25.9.4.4 Reinforcement limits

25.9.4.4.1 Tensile strength of concrete shall be neglected in calculations of reinforcement requirements.

25.9.4.4.2 Reinforcement shall be provided in the general zone to resist bursting, spalling, and longitudinal edge tension forces induced by anchorage devices, as applicable. Effects of abrupt changes in section and stressing sequence shall be considered.

R25.9.4.3.2 The simpli¿ed equations in the AASHTO LRFDUS are not applicable in several common situations listed in 25.9.4.3.2. In these cases, a detailed analysis is required. In addition, in the post-tensioning of thin sections, Àanged sections, or irregular sections, or where the tendons have appreciable curvature within the general zone, more general procedures such as those of AASHTO LRFDUS Articles 5.10.9.4 and 5.10.9.5 are required. Detailed recommendations for design principles that apply to all design methods are given in Article 5.10.9.3.2 of the AASHTO LRFDUS.

Groups of monostrand tendons with individual monostrand anchorage devices are often used in beams. If a beam has a single anchorage device or a single group of closely spaced anchorage devices, the use of simpli¿ed equations such as those given in R25.9.4.3.1 is permitted, unless 25.9.4.3.2 governs. More complex conditions can be designed using the strut-and-tie method. Detailed recommendations for use of such models are given in AASHTO LRFDUS and Breen et al. (1994).

R25.9.4.3.3 The provision for three-dimensional effects is to ensure that the effects perpendicular to the main plane of the member, such as bursting forces in the thin direction of webs or slabs are considered. In many cases, these effects can be determined independently for each direction, but some applications require a full three-dimensional analysis (for example, diaphragms for the anchorage of external tendons).

R25.9.4.4 Reinforcement limits

R25.9.4.4.2 In some cases, reinforcement requirements cannot be determined until speci¿c tendon and anchorage device layouts are selected. Design and approval responsibilities should be clearly assigned in the construction documents.

Abrupt changes in section can cause substantial deviation in force paths. These deviations can greatly increase tensile forces, as shown in Fig. R25.9.4.4.2.
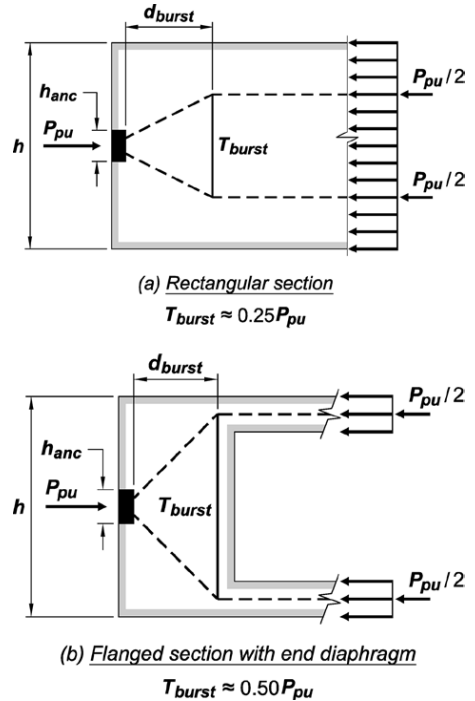
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Fig. R25.9.4.4.2—Effect of cross section change.

25.9.4.4.3 For anchorage devices located away from the end of the member, bonded reinforcement shall be provided to transfer at least $0.35P_{pu}$ into the concrete section behind the anchor. Such reinforcement shall be placed symmetrically around the anchorage device and shall be fully developed both behind and ahead of the anchorage device.

R25.9.4.4.3 Where anchorages are located away from the end of a member, local tensile stresses are generated behind these anchorages (Fig. R25.9.1.1b) due to compatibility of deformations ahead of and behind the anchorages. Bonded tie-back reinforcement parallel to the tendon is required in the immediate vicinity of the anchorage to limit the extent of cracking behind the anchorage. The requirement of $0.35P_{pu}$ was derived using 25 percent of the unfactored prestressing force being resisted by reinforcement at $0.6f_y$ considering a load factor of 1.2. Therefore, the full yield strength of the reinforcement, f_y, should be used in calculating the provided capacity.

25.9.4.4.4 If tendons are curved in the general zone, bonded reinforcement shall be provided to resist radial and splitting forces, except for monostrand tendons in slabs or where analysis shows reinforcement is not required.

25.9.4.4.5 Reinforcement with a nominal tensile strength equal to 2 percent of the factored prestressing force shall be provided in orthogonal directions parallel to the loaded face of the anchorage zone to limit spalling, except for monostrand tendons in slabs or where analysis shows reinforcement is not required.

R25.9.4.4.5 The spalling force for tendons for which the centroid lies within the kern of the section may be estimated as 2 percent of the total factored prestressing force, except for multiple anchorage devices with center-to-center spacing greater than 0.4 times the depth of the section.

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25.9.4.4.6 For monostrand anchorage devices for 12.7 mm or smaller diameter strands in normalweight concrete slabs, reinforcement satisfying (a) and (b) shall be provided in the general zone, unless a detailed analysis in accordance with 25.9.4.3 shows that this reinforcement is not required:

(a) Two horizontal bars at least No. 13 in size shall be provided parallel to the slab edge. They shall be permitted to be in contact with the front face of the anchorage device and shall be within a distance of h/2 ahead of each device. Those bars shall extend at least 150 mm either side of the outer edges of each device.

(b) If the center-to-center spacing of anchorage devices is 300 mm or less, the anchorage devices shall be considered as a group. For each group of six or more anchorage devices, n + 1 hairpin bars or closed stirrups at least No. 10 in size shall be provided, where n is the number of anchorage devices. One hairpin bar or stirrup shall be placed between each anchorage device and one on each side of the group. The hairpin bars or stirrups shall be placed with the legs extending into the slab perpendicular to the edge. The center portion of the hairpin bars or stirrups shall be placed perpendicular to the plane of the slab from 3h/8 to h/2 ahead of the anchorage devices.

R25.9.4.4.6 For monostrand slab tendons, the general-zone minimum reinforcement requirements are based on the recommendations of ACI 423.3R, which were based on Breen et al. (1994). Typical details are shown in Fig. R25.9.4.4.6. The horizontal bars parallel to the edge required by 25.9.4.4.6(a) should be continuous where possible.

The tests on which the recommendations of Breen et al. (1994) were based were limited to anchorage devices for 12.7 mm diameter, 1860 MPa strand, and unbonded tendons in normalweight concrete. Thus, for larger strand anchorage devices and for use in lightweight concrete slabs, ACI Committee 423 recommended that the amount and spacing of reinforcement should be conservatively adjusted to provide for the larger anchorage force and smaller splitting tensile strength of lightweight concrete (ACI 423.3R).

ACI 423.3R and Breen et al. (1994) both recommend that hairpin bars also be furnished for anchorages located within 300 mm of slab corners to resist edge tension forces. The meaning of "ahead of" in 25.9.4.4.6 is illustrated in Fig. R25.9.1.1b.

In those cases where multistrand anchorage devices are used for slab tendons, all provisions of 25.9.4 are to be satisfied.

The reinforcement perpendicular to the plane of the slab required by 25.9.4.4.6(b) for groups of relatively closely spaced tendons should also be provided in the case of widely spaced tendons.

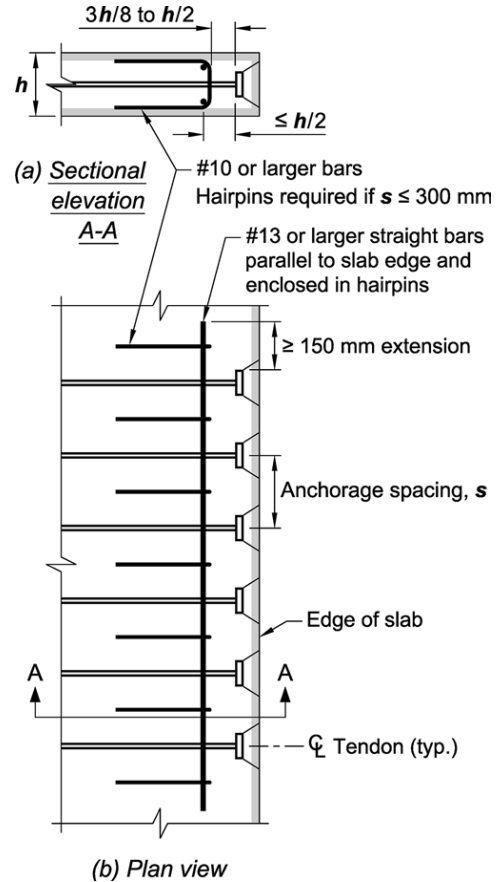CODE   COMMENTARY

Fig. R25.9.4.4.6—Anchorage zone reinforcement for groups of 12.7 mm or smaller diameter tendons in slabs.

25.9.4.5 Limiting stresses in general zones

25.9.4.5.1 Maximum design tensile stress in reinforcement at nominal strength shall not exceed the limits in Table 25.9.4.5.1.

Table 25.9.4.5.1—Maximum design tensile stress in reinforcement

Type of reinforcement	Maximum design tensile stress
Nonprestressed reinforcement	f_y
Bonded, prestressed reinforcement	f_{py}
Unbonded, prestressed reinforcement	$f_{se} + 70$

R25.9.4.5 Limiting stresses in general zones

R25.9.4.5.1 The value for nominal tensile strength of bonded prestressing steel is limited to the yield strength of the prestressing steel because Eq. (20.3.2.3.1) may not apply to these nonflexural applications. The value for unbonded prestressing steel is based on 20.3.2.4.1, but limited for these short-length, nonflexural applications.

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25.9.4.5.2 Compressive stress in concrete at nominal strength shall not exceed $0.7\lambda f_{ci}'$, where λ is defined in 19.2.4.

R25.9.4.5.2 Some inelastic deformation of concrete within general zones is expected because anchorage zone design is based on a strength approach. The inclusion of the λ factor for lightweight concrete reflects its lower tensile strength, which is an indirect factor in limiting compressive stresses, as well as the wide scatter and brittleness exhibited in some lightweight concrete anchorage zone tests.

25.9.4.5.3 If concrete is confined by spirals or hoops and the effect of confining reinforcement is documented by tests and analysis, it shall be permitted to use an increased value of compressive stress in concrete when calculating the nominal strength of the general zone.

R25.9.4.5.3 For well-confined concrete, the effective compressive strength may be increased (Breen et al. 1994). Test results given in Breen et al. (1994) indicate that the compressive stress introduced by auxiliary prestressing applied perpendicular to the axis of the main tendons can be effective in increasing anchorage zone strength.

25.9.4.5.4 Prestressing reinforcement shall not be stressed until compressive strength of concrete, as indicated by tests of cylinders cured in a manner consistent with curing of the member, is at least 17 MPa for single-strand or bar tendons or at least 28 MPa for multistrand tendons unless 25.9.4.5.5 is satisfied.

R25.9.4.5.4 To limit early shrinkage cracking, monostrand tendons are sometimes stressed at concrete strengths less than 17 MPa. In such cases, either oversized monostrand anchorages are used, or the strands are stressed in stages, often to levels one-third to one-half of the final prestressing force as permitted by 25.9.4.5.5.

25.9.4.5.5 Provisions of 25.9.4.5.4 need not be satisfied if (a) or (b) is satisfied:

(a) Oversized anchorage devices are used to compensate for a lower concrete compressive strength
(b) Prestressing reinforcement is stressed to no more than 50 percent of the final prestressing force

25.9.5 Reinforcement detailing

25.9.5.1 Selection of reinforcement size, spacing, cover, and other details for anchorage zones shall make allowances for tolerances on fabrication and placement of reinforcement; for the size of aggregate; and for adequate placement and consolidation of the concrete.

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CHAPTER 26—CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND INSPECTION

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This chapter establishes the minimum requirements for information that must be included in the construction documents as applicable to the project. The requirements include information developed in the structural design that must be conveyed to the contractor, provisions directing the contractor on required quality, and inspection requirements to verify compliance with the construction documents. In previous editions of the Code through 2011, these provisions were located throughout the document. Starting with the 2014 edition, with the exception of Chapter 17, all provisions relating to construction have been gathered into this chapter for use by the licensed design professional. Construction- and inspection-related provisions associated with anchors are in Chapter 17 and are called out within Sections 26.7 and 26.13, as appropriate.

This chapter is directed to the licensed design professional responsible for incorporating project requirements into the construction documents. The construction documents should contain all of the necessary design and construction requirements for the contractor to achieve compliance with the Code. It is not intended that the Contractor will need to read and interpret the Code.

A general reference in the construction documents requiring compliance with this Code is to be avoided because the contractor is rarely in a position to accept responsibility for design details or construction requirements that depend on detailed knowledge of the design. References to specific Code provisions should be avoided as well because it is the intention of the Code that all necessary provisions be included in the construction documents. For example, references to specific provisions within Chapter 26 are expected to be replaced with the appropriate references within the project construction documents. Reference to ACI and ASTM standards as well as to other documents is expected.

This chapter includes provisions for some of the information that is to be in the construction documents. This chapter is not intended as an all-inclusive list; additional items may be applicable to the Work or required by the building official. ACI 301 is a reference construction specification that is written to be consistent with the requirements of this Code.

It is recognized that there are situations, such as those in precast or post-tensioned structures, where design and detailing of portions of the Work are delegated to specialty engineers or contractors who may retain the services of a specialty engineer. Such specialty engineers should be licensed design professionals who are sufficiently knowledgeable in the design and construction of the structural items being delegated for design.

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26.1.1 This chapter addresses (a) through (c):

(a) Design information that the licensed design professional shall specify in the construction documents, if applicable.

(b) Compliance requirements that the licensed design professional shall specify in the construction documents, if applicable.

R26.1.1 Chapter 17, Anchoring to Concrete, also contains design information, compliance requirements, and inspection requirements for anchoring to concrete.

R26.1.1(a) and **(b)** Except for the inspection requirements of 26.13, the provisions of this chapter are organized by design information and compliance requirements.

Design information is project specific and developed during the structural design. It describes the basis of the design or provides information regarding the construction of the Work. Only design information that is applicable to the Work need be provided.

Compliance requirements are general provisions that provide a minimum acceptable level of quality for construction of the Work. It is not the intent of the Code to require the licensed design professional to incorporate verbatim the compliance requirements into the construction documents. Some of these requirements may not be applicable to a specific project.

Construction documents that incorporate the minimum applicable compliance requirements of this chapter are considered to comply with the Code, even if the requirements are stated differently, exceed these minimum requirements, or provide more detail.

(c) Inspection requirements that the licensed design professional shall specify in the construction documents, if applicable.

R26.1.1(c) Section 26.13 provides inspection provisions to be used in the absence of general building code inspection provisions. These inspection requirements are intended to provide verification that the Work complies with the construction documents.

The inspection requirements of the governing jurisdiction or the general building code take precedence over those included in this chapter. Refer to 26.13.1. ACI 311.4R provides guidance for inspection of concrete construction, and ACI 311.6 is a reference specification for testing services for ready mixed concrete.

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26.2—Design criteria

26.2.1 Design information:

(a) Name and year of issue of the Code, general building code, and any supplements governing design.

(b) Loads used in design.

(c) Design work delegated to the contractor including applicable design criteria.

R26.2—Design criteria

R26.2.1(a) and (b) Reference to the applicable version of the documents that govern the design including essential loading information, such as gravity and lateral loading, is to be included in the construction documents.

R26.2.1(c) The licensed design professional often delegates the design of portions of the structure to a specialty engineer, such as one retained by the contractor. The licensed design professional should provide the necessary information for the completion of this design consistent with the overall design of the structure. This information includes design loads that impact the delegated design work. An example is earthquake design criteria for precast concrete fascia panel connections to provide compatibility with the overall structural system.

26.3—Member information

26.3.1 Design information:

(a) Member size, location, and related tolerances.

R26.3—Member information

R26.3.1(a) Construction tolerances for member size and location can be incorporated in construction documents by reference to ACI 117 for cast-in-place construction or to ACI ITG-7 for precast construction. Specific project tolerances that are more restrictive or that are not covered in these references should also be included in the construction documents.

26.4—Concrete materials and mixture requirements

26.4.1 Concrete materials

26.4.1.1 Cementitious materials

26.4.1.1.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Cementitious materials shall conform to the specifications in Table 26.4.1.1.1(a).

R26.4—Concrete materials and mixture requirements

Table 26.4.1.1.1(a)—Specifications for cementitious materials

Cementitious material	Specification
Portland cement	ASTM C150M
Blended hydraulic cements	ASTM C595M, excluding Type IS ($\geq$70) and Type IT (S$\geq$ 70)
Expansive hydraulic cement	ASTM C845M
Hydraulic cement	ASTM C1157M
Fly ash and natural pozzolan	ASTM C618
Slag cement	ASTM C989M
Silica fume	ASTM C1240

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(b) All cementitious materials specified in Table 26.4.1.1.1(a) and the combinations of these materials shall be included in calculating the w/cm of the concrete mixture.

26.4.1.2 Aggregates

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26.4.1.2.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Aggregates shall conform to (1) or (2):
  (1) Normalweight aggregate: ASTM C33M.
  (2) Lightweight aggregate: ASTM C330M.
(b) Aggregates not conforming to ASTM C33M or ASTM C330M are permitted if they have been shown by test or actual service to produce concrete of adequate strength and durability and are approved by the building official.

R26.4.1.2.1(b) Aggregates conforming to ASTM specifications are not always economically available and, in some instances, materials that do not conform to ASTM C33M or C330M may have a documented history of satisfactory performance under similar exposure. Such nonconforming materials are permitted if acceptable evidence of satisfactory performance is provided. Generally, aggregates conforming to the designated specifications should be used.

26.4.1.3 Water

R26.4.1.3 Water—Almost any natural water that is potable and has no pronounced taste or odor is satisfactory as mixing water for making concrete. Excessive impurities in mixing water may affect setting time, concrete strength, and volume stability, and may also cause efflorescence or corrosion of reinforcement.

26.4.1.3.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Mixing water shall conform to ASTM C1602M.
(b) Mixing water, including that portion of mixing water contributed in the form of free moisture on aggregates, shall not contain deleterious amounts of chloride ion when used for prestressed concrete, for concrete that will contain aluminum embedments, or for concrete cast against stay-in-place galvanized steel forms.

Salts or other deleterious substances contributed from the aggregate or admixtures add to those that might be contained in the mixing water. These additional amounts are to be considered in establishing the total impurities that may be present in the concrete.

R26.4.1.3.1(a) ASTM C1602M allows the use of potable water without testing and includes methods for qualifying nonpotable sources of water, such as from concrete production operations, with consideration of effects on setting time and strength. Testing frequencies are established to ensure continued monitoring of water quality.

ASTM C1602M includes optional limits for chlorides, sulfates, alkalis, and solids in mixing water that can be invoked if appropriate.

26.4.1.4 Admixtures

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26.4.1.4.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Admixtures shall conform to (1) through (4):
  (1) Water reduction and setting time modification: ASTM C494M.
  (2) Producing flowing concrete: ASTM C1017M.
  (3) Air entrainment: ASTM C260M.
  (4) Inhibiting chloride-induced corrosion: ASTM C1582M.

R26.4.1.4.1(a) ASTM C494M includes Type S—specific performance admixtures—that can be specified if performance characteristics not listed in 26.4.1.4.1(a) are desired, such as viscosity-modifying admixtures. The basic requirement for a Type S admixture is that it will not have adverse effects on the properties of concrete when tested in accordance with ASTM C494M. Meeting the requirements of Type S does not ensure that the admixture will perform its described function. The manufacturer of an admixture presented as

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conforming to Type S should also be required to provide data that the product will meet the performance claimed.

(b) Admixtures that do not conform to the specifications in 26.4.1.4.1(a) shall be subject to prior review by the licensed design professional.

(c) Calcium chloride or admixtures containing chloride from sources other than impurities in admixture ingredients shall not be used in prestressed concrete, in concrete containing embedded aluminum, or in concrete cast against stay-in-place galvanized steel forms.

R26.4.1.4.1(c) Calcium chloride is prohibited from use in prestressed concrete because corrosion of prestressing reinforcement is generally of greater concern than corrosion of nonprestressed reinforcement. Local reduction in the cross section of the prestressing steel may result in fracture of the steel (ACI 222R).

The presence of chloride ions may cause corrosion of embedded aluminum such as conduit, especially if the aluminum is in contact with embedded steel and the concrete is in a humid environment. Protection requirements for embedded aluminum are given in 26.8.2. Corrosion of galvanized steel sheet and galvanized steel stay-in-place forms may occur, especially in humid environments or where drying is inhibited by the thickness of the concrete or coatings or impermeable coverings. Specific limits on chloride ion concentration in concrete are given in 19.3.2.1.

(d) Admixtures used in concrete containing expansive cements conforming to ASTM C845M shall be compatible with the cement and produce no deleterious effects.

R26.4.1.4.1(d) In some cases, the use of admixtures in concrete containing ASTM C845M expansive cements has resulted in reduced levels of expansion or increased shrinkage values. Refer to ACI 223R.

26.4.1.5 Steel fiber reinforcement

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26.4.1.5.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Steel fiber reinforcement used for shear resistance shall satisfy (1) and (2):
  (1) Be deformed and conform to ASTM A820M.
  (2) Have a length-to-diameter ratio of at least 50 and not exceeding 100.

R26.4.1.5.1(a) Deformations in steel fibers enhance mechanical anchorage with the concrete. The limits for the fiber length-to-diameter ratio are based on available test data (Parra-Montesinos 2006). Because data are not available on the potential for corrosion problems due to galvanic action, the use of deformed steel fibers in members reinforced with stainless-steel bars or galvanized steel bars is not recommended.

26.4.2 Concrete mixture requirements

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26.4.2.1 Design information:

(a) Requirements (1) through (11) for each concrete mixture, based on assigned exposure classes or design of members:
  (1) Minimum specified compressive strength of concrete, f_c'.
  (2) Test age for demonstrating compliance with f_c' if different from 28 days.
  (3) Maximum w/cm applicable to most restrictive assigned durability exposure class from 19.3.2.1.
  (4) Nominal maximum size of coarse aggregate not to exceed the least of (i), (ii), and (iii):
    (i) one-fifth the narrowest dimension between sides of forms

R26.4.2.1(a) The requirements for each concrete mixture used for the Work are to be stated in the construction documents. These are determined from applicable concrete design requirements in 19.2 and durability requirements in 19.3. The most restrictive requirements that apply are to be stated.

R26.4.2.1(a)(4) The size limitations on aggregates are provided to facilitate placement of concrete around the reinforcement without honeycombing due to blockage by closely-spaced reinforcement. It is the intent of the Code

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(ii) one-third the depth of slabs

(iii) three-fourths the minimum specified clear spacing between individual reinforcing bars or wires, bundles of bars, prestressed reinforcement, individual tendons, bundled tendons, or ducts

These limitations shall not apply if, in the judgment of the licensed design professional, workability and methods of consolidation are such that concrete can be placed without honeycombs or voids.

(5) For members assigned to Exposure Category F, air content from 19.3.3.1.

(6) For members assigned to Exposure Class C, applicable chloride ion limits for assigned Exposure Class from 19.3.2.1.

(7) For members assigned to Exposure Category S, type of cementitious materials for assigned Exposure Class from 19.3.2.1.

(8) For members assigned to Exposure Class S2 or S3, admixtures containing calcium chloride are prohibited.

(9) Equilibrium density of lightweight concrete.

(10) Requirement for submittal of the volumetric fractions of aggregate in lightweight concrete mixtures for the verification of λ value if used in design.

(11) If used for shear resistance in accordance with 9.6.3.1, requirements for steel fiber-reinforced concrete.

(b) At the option of the licensed design professional, exposure classes based on the severity of the anticipated exposure of members.

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that the licensed design professional select the appropriate nominal maximum size aggregate and include this value in the construction documents for each concrete mixture. Because maximum aggregate size can impact concrete properties such as shrinkage, and also the cost of concrete, the largest aggregate size consistent with the requirements of 26.4.2.1 should be permitted. Increasing aggregate size will only decrease shrinkage if there is a concurrent reduction in paste volume.

R26.4.2.1(a)(5) ASTM C94M and ASTM C685M include a tolerance for air content as delivered of ±1.5 percentage points.

R26.4.2.1(a)(9) Equilibrium density is an estimate of the density of lightweight concrete assuming some degree of drying after initial construction. The equilibrium density of lightweight concrete is determined in accordance with ASTM C567M. Based on an established correlation between the density of fresh concrete and equilibrium density, lightweight concrete is accepted at time of delivery on the basis of density of the fresh concrete.

R26.4.2.1(a)(11) If steel fibers are used for shear resistance, there are specific requirements for the steel fiber-reinforced concrete: 26.4.1.5.1(a) provides fiber requirements; 26.4.2.2(d) provides minimum dosage requirements; and 26.12.5.1(a) provides acceptance criteria. Fibers are typically specified by fiber type, fiber length, aspect ratio (ℓ/d), and dosage rate (ACI 544.3R).

For structural applications, the Code only addresses the use of discontinuous deformed steel fibers in resisting shear. For other structural applications where it is desired to use discontinuous deformed steel fibers, Section 1.10 provides a procedure for approval. Also, there are nonstructural applications or functional purposes where discontinuous steel fibers are used in concrete. The provisions of the Code that address use of steel fibers for shear strength are not intended for such nonstructural applications.

R26.4.2.1(b) Durability requirements for concrete are based on exposure classification of members as given in 19.3. Therefore, the exposure classes applicable to the members establish the basis for the requirements for concrete mixtures. Section 19.3.1 requires the licensed design professional to assign exposure classes for different members in the structure. Concrete mixtures should be specified accord-

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ingly, but the Code does not require the assigned exposure classes to be explicitly stated in the construction documents. If the licensed design professional is requiring the contractor to determine concrete properties by specifying ACI 301, the assigned exposure classes for all members will need to be stated explicitly in the construction documents.

(c) The required compressive strength at designated stages of construction for each part of the structure designed by the licensed design professional.

R26.4.2.1(c) If design or construction requirements dictate that in-place strength of concrete be achieved at specific ages or stages of construction, these requirements should be stated explicitly in the construction documents. Typical stages of construction when the required compressive strength of concrete needs to be specified include at removal of form-work and shores. Additionally, required compressive strength of concrete should be specified for: 1) cast-in-place post-tensioned concrete at the application of post-tensioning; 2) precast concrete at stripping from the forms and during handling, shipping, and erection; and 3) precast, prestressed concrete at transfer of prestress, at stripping from the forms, and during handling, shipping, and erection.

For portions of the structure that are not designed by the licensed design professional, refer to 26.4.2.2(a).

26.4.2.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) The required compressive strength at designated stages of construction for each part of the structure not designed by the licensed design professional shall be submitted for review.

(b) The maximum percentage of pozzolans, including fly ash and silica fume, and slag cement in concrete assigned to Exposure Class F3, shall be in accordance with Table 26.4.2.2(b) and (1) and (2).

(1) The maximum percentage limits in Table 26.4.2.2(b) shall include the fly ash or other pozzolans, slag cement, and silica fume used in the manufacture of ASTM C595M and C1157M blended cements.

(2) The individual limits in Table 26.4.2.2(b) shall apply regardless of the number of cementitious materials in a concrete mixture.

Table 26.4.2.2(b)—Limits on cementitious materials for concrete assigned to Exposure Class F3

Cementitious materials	Maximum percent of total cementitious materials by mass
Fly ash or other pozzolans conforming to ASTM C618	25
Slag cement conforming to ASTM C989M	50
Silica fume conforming to ASTM C1240	10
Total of fly ash or other pozzolans and silica fume	35
Total of fly ash or other pozzolans, slag cement, and silica fume	50

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(c) For concrete exposed to sulfate, alternative combinations of cementitious materials to those specified in 26.4.2.1(a)(7) are permitted if tests for sulfate resistance satisfy the criteria in Table 26.4.2.2(c).

Table 26.4.2.2(c)—Requirements for establishing suitability of combinations of cementitious materials exposed to water-soluble sulfate

Exposure class	Maximum expansion strain if tested using ASTM C1012M		
	At 6 months	At 12 months	At 18 months
S1	0.10 percent	No requirement	No requirement
S2	0.05 percent	0.10 percent[1]	No requirement
S3	No requirement	No requirement	0.10 percent

[1]The 12-month expansion limit applies only if the measured expansion exceeds the 6-month maximum expansion limit.

(d) Steel fiber-reinforced concrete used for shear resistance shall satisfy (1) and (2):
(1) Conform to ASTM C1116M.
(2) Contain at least 60 kg of deformed steel fibers per cubic meter of concrete.

26.4.3 Proportioning of concrete mixtures

26.4.3.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Concrete mixture proportions shall be established so that the concrete satisfies (1) through (3):
(1) Can be placed readily without segregation into forms and around reinforcement under anticipated placement conditions.
(2) Meets requirements for assigned exposure class in accordance with either 26.4.2.1(a) or 26.4.2.1(b).
(3) Conforms to strength test requirements for standard-cured specimens.

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R26.4.2.2(c) Mixture requirements for Exposure Category S are given in 19.3.2.1. ASTM C1012M may be used to evaluate the sulfate resistance of concrete mixtures using alternative combinations of cementitious materials to those listed in Table 19.3.2.1 for all classes of sulfate exposure. More detailed guidance on qualification of such mixtures using ASTM C1012M is given in ACI 201.2R. The expansion criteria in Table 26.4.2.2(c) for testing according to ASTM C1012M are the same as those in ASTM C595M for moderate sulfate resistance (Optional Designation MS) in Exposure Class S1 and for high sulfate resistance (Optional Designation HS) in Exposure Class S2, and the same as in ASTM C1157M for Type MS in Exposure Class S1 and Type HS in Exposure Class S2.

R26.4.3 Proportioning of concrete mixtures—The 2014 edition of the Code does not include the statistical requirements for proportioning concrete that were contained in previous editions. This information was removed from the Code because it is not the responsibility of the licensed design professional to proportion concrete mixtures. Further, this information is available in other ACI documents, such as ACI 301 and ACI 214R. Finally, the quality control procedures of some concrete producers allow meeting the acceptance criteria of the Code without following the process included in previous editions of the Code.

R26.4.3.1(a) This section provides requirements for developing mixture proportions. The concrete is required to be workable and to meet the durability and strength requirements of the Code. The term "without segregation" is intended to provide for a cohesive mixture in which aggregates remain well distributed while the concrete is in its fresh state. It is recognized that some segregation in the form of bleeding will occur. The required workability will depend on reinforcement congestion, member geometry, and the placement and consolidation methods to be used. Construction requirements of the contractor should be considered in establishing required workability of the concrete.

The Code does not include provisions for especially severe exposures, such as chemical contact, high temperatures, temporary freezing-and-thawing conditions during construction, abrasive conditions, alkali-aggregate reactions, or other unique durability considerations pertinent to the structure. The Code also does not address aesthetic considerations

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such as surface ¿nishes. If applicable, these items should be covered speci¿cally in the construction documents.

Strength test requirements for standard-cured specimens are given in 26.12.3.

(b) Concrete mixture proportions shall be established in accordance with Article 4.2.3 of ACI 301 or by an alternative method acceptable to the licensed design professional. Alternative methods shall have a probability of satisfying the strength requirements for acceptance tests of standard-cured specimens that meets or exceeds the probability associated with the method in Article 4.2.3 of ACI 301. If Article 4.2.3 of ACI 301 is used, the strength test records used for establishing and documenting concrete mixture proportions shall not be more than 24 months old.

R26.4.3.1(b) Article 4.2.3 of ACI 301 contains the statistical procedures for selecting the required average strength that were included previously in the Code. Alternatively, the concrete producer may provide evidence acceptable to the licensed design professional that the concrete can be proportioned by another method to meet the project requirements and the acceptance criteria of 26.12.3. The Code presumes that the probability of not meeting the acceptance criteria in 26.12.3 is not more than 1 in 100. Following the method of proportioning in ACI 301 will maintain this level of risk. A key factor in evaluating any proposed alternative proportioning method should be its ability to preserve this presumed level of risk. Refer to ACI 214R for additional information.

(c) The concrete materials used to develop the concrete mixture proportions shall correspond to those to be used in the proposed Work.

(d) If different concrete mixtures are to be used for different portions of proposed Work, each mixture shall comply with the concrete mixture requirements stated in the construction documents.

R26.4.3.1(d) If more than one concrete mixture is used for the project, each mixture is required to satisfy Code requirements. A change in concrete constituents, such as sources or types of cementitious materials, aggregates, or admixtures, is considered a different mixture. A minor change in mixture proportions made in response to ¿eld conditions is not considered a new mixture.

Concrete mixture requirements to be placed in the construction documents are given in 26.4.2.1(a).

26.4.4 Documentation of concrete mixture characteristics

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26.4.4.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Documentation of concrete mixture characteristics shall be submitted for review by the licensed design professional before the mixture is used and before making changes to mixtures already in use. Evidence of the ability of the proposed mixture to comply with the concrete mixture requirements in the construction documents shall be included in the documentation. The evidence shall be based on ¿eld test records or laboratory trial batches. Field test records shall represent conditions similar to those anticipated during the proposed Work.

R26.4.4.1(a) Review of the proposed concrete mixture is necessary to ensure that it is appropriate for the project and meets all of the requirements for strength and durability as established by the licensed design professional. The licensed design professional typically reviews the documentation on a proposed concrete mixture to evaluate the likelihood that the concrete will meet the strength-test acceptance requirements of 26.12.3 and that acceptable materials are used. The statistical principles discussed in ACI 214R can be useful in evaluating the likelihood that a proposed mixture will meet the strength-test requirements of 26.12.3.

Concrete mixture requirements to be placed in the construction documents are given in 26.4.2.1(a).

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(b) If ¿eld or laboratory test data are not available, and f_c' ≤ 35 MPa, concrete proportions shall be based on other experience or information, if approved by the licensed design professional. If f_c' > 35 MPa, test data documenting the characteristics of the proposed mixtures are required.

R26.4.4.1(b) If f_c' ≤ 35 MPa and test data are not available, concrete mixture proportions should be established to produce a suf¿ciently high average strength such that the likelihood that the concrete would not meet the strength acceptance criteria would be acceptably low. Guidance on an appropriate average strength is provided in ACI 214R. The

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purpose of this provision is to allow construction to continue when there is an unexpected interruption in concrete supply and there is not sufﬁcient time for testing and evaluation. It also applies for a small project where the cost of trial mixture data is not justiﬁed.

(c) If data become available during construction that consistently exceed the strength-test acceptance criteria for standard-cured specimens, it shall be permitted to modify a mixture to reduce the average strength. Submit evidence acceptable to the licensed design professional to demonstrate that the modiﬁed mixture will comply with the concrete mixture requirements in the construction documents.

R26.4.4.1(c) Often, at the beginning of a project, concrete mixtures will be proportioned conservatively to ensure passing the strength-test acceptance criteria. As test data showing actual variability become available, it may be appropriate to proportion the mixture less conservatively. Refer to ACI 214R for guidance.

Concrete mixture requirements to be placed in the construction documents are given in 26.4.2.1(a).

26.5—Concrete production and construction

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Detailed recommendations for mixing, handling, transporting, and placing concrete are given in ACI 304R.

26.5.1 Concrete production

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26.5.1.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Cementitious materials and aggregates shall be stored to prevent deterioration or contamination.
(b) Material that has deteriorated or has been contaminated shall not be used in concrete.
(c) Equipment for mixing and transporting concrete shall conform to ASTM C94M or ASTM C685M.

R26.5.1.1(c) ASTM C94M and ASTM C685M address operational requirements for equipment used to produce concrete.

(d) Ready-mixed and site-mixed concrete shall be batched, mixed, and delivered in accordance with ASTM C94M or ASTM C685M.

R26.5.1.1(d) ASTM C94M is a speciﬁcation for ready mixed concrete whereby materials are primarily measured by mass (weight) and production is by batches. This is the more common method of concrete production, and it is also used in precast concrete plants. ASTM C685M is a speciﬁcation for concrete where materials are measured by volume and the production is by continuous mixing. These speciﬁcations include provisions for capacity of mixers, accuracy of measuring devices, batching accuracy, mixing and delivery, and tests for evaluating the uniformity of mixed concrete.

26.5.2 Concrete placement and consolidation

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26.5.2.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Debris and ice shall be removed from spaces to be occupied by concrete before placement.

R26.5.2.1(a) Forms need to be cleaned before beginning to place concrete. In particular, sawdust, nails, wood pieces, and other debris that may collect inside forms need to be removed.

(b) Standing water shall be removed from place of deposit before concrete is placed unless a tremie is to be used or unless otherwise permitted by both the licensed design professional and the building ofﬁcial.

R26.5.2.1(b) The tremie referred to in this provision is not a short tube or "elephant trunk." It is a full-depth pipe used in accordance with accepted procedures for placing concrete under water. Information regarding placing concrete using a tremie is given in ACI 304R.

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(c) Masonry ¿ller units that will be in contact with concrete shall be prewetted prior to placing concrete.

(d) Equipment used to convey concrete from the mixer to the location of ¿nal placement shall have capabilities to achieve the placement requirements.

R26.5.2.1(d) The Code requires the equipment for handling and transporting concrete to be capable of supplying concrete to the place of deposit continuously and reliably under all conditions and for all methods of placement. This applies to all placement methods, including pumps, belt conveyors, pneumatic systems, wheelbarrows, buggies, crane buckets, and tremies.

(e) Concrete shall not be pumped through pipe made of aluminum or aluminum alloys.

R26.5.2.1(e) Loss of strength can result if concrete is pumped through pipe made of aluminum or aluminum alloy. Hydrogen gas generated by the reaction between the cement alkalies and the aluminum eroded from the interior of the pipe surface has been shown to cause strength reduction as much as 50 percent. Hence, equipment made of aluminum or aluminum alloys should not be used for pump lines, tremies, or chutes other than short chutes such as those used to convey concrete from a truck mixer.

(f) Concrete shall be placed in accordance with (1) through (5):
(1) At a rate to provide an adequate supply of concrete at the location of placement.
(2) At a rate so concrete at all times has suf¿cient workability such that it can be consolidated by the intended methods.
(3) Without segregation or loss of materials.
(4) Without interruptions suf¿cient to permit loss of workability between successive placements that would result in cold joints.
(5) Deposited as near to its ¿nal location as practicable to avoid segregation due to rehandling or Àowing.

R26.5.2.1(f) Concrete should be available at a supply rate consistent with the capacity of the placement equipment and the placement crew. Concrete supplied at a faster rate than can be accommodated by placement equipment or crew can result in loss of workability of concrete in equipment waiting to discharge. Excessive delays in the supply of concrete can cause previous placements to stiffen and result in the formation of cold joints.

Each step in the handling and transporting of concrete needs to be controlled to maintain uniformity within a batch and from batch to batch. It is important to minimize segregation of the coarse aggregate from the mortar or of water from the other ingredients.

Rehandling and transferring concrete over large distances from delivery vehicles to the point of placement in the structure can cause segregation of materials. The Code therefore requires that concrete be deposited as close to its ¿nal location as possible. However, self-consolidating concrete mixtures can be developed to Àow longer distances and maintain their stability with minimal segregation. Guidance on self-consolidating concrete is provided in ACI 237R.

(g) Concrete that has been contaminated or has lost its initial workability to the extent that it can no longer be consolidated by the intended methods shall not be used.

(h) Retempering concrete in accordance with the limits of ASTM C94M shall be permitted unless otherwise restricted by the licensed design professional.

R26.5.2.1(h) ASTM C94M permits water addition to mixed concrete before concrete is discharged to bring it up to the speci¿ed slump range as long as prescribed limits on the maximum mixing time and w/cm are not violated.

(i) After starting, concreting shall be carried on as a continuous operation until the completion of a panel or section, as de¿ned by its boundaries or predetermined joints.

(j) Concrete shall be consolidated by suitable means during placement and shall be worked around reinforcement and embedments and into corners of forms.

R26.5.2.1(j) Detailed recommendations for consolidation of concrete are given in ACI 309R. This guide presents information on the mechanism of consolidation and

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provides recommendations on equipment characteristics and procedures for various types of concrete mixtures.

(k) Top surfaces of vertically formed lifts shall be generally level.

26.5.3 Curing concrete

R26.5.3 Curing concrete—Detailed recommendations for curing concrete are given in ACI 308R. This guide presents basic principles of proper curing and describes the various methods, procedures, and materials for curing of concrete.

26.5.3.1 Design information:

(a) If supplementary tests of ¿eld-cured specimens are required to verify adequacy of curing and protection, the number and size of test specimens and the frequency of these supplementary tests.

26.5.3.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) Concrete, other than high-early-strength, shall be maintained at a temperature of at least 10°C and in a moist condition for at least the ¿rst 7 days after placement, except if accelerated curing is used.

(b) High-early-strength concrete shall be maintained at a temperature of at least 10°C and in a moist condition for at least the ¿rst 3 days after placement, except if accelerated curing is used.

(c) Accelerated curing to accelerate strength gain and reduce time of curing is permitted using high-pressure steam, steam at atmospheric pressure, heat and moisture, or other process acceptable to the licensed design professional. If accelerated curing is used, (1) and (2) shall apply:

R26.5.3.2(c) This section applies whenever an accelerated curing method is used, whether for precast or cast-in-place elements. EB-001.15, and PCI MNL 116, and PCI MNL 117 provide general information on accelerated curing. Accelerated curing procedures require careful attention to obtain uniform and satisfactory results. Preventing moisture loss during the curing is essential.

(1) Compressive strength at the load stage considered shall be at least the strength required at that load stage.

(2) Accelerated curing shall not impair the durability of the concrete.

The compressive strength of accelerated-cured concrete is not as high at later ages as that of nominally identical concrete continuously cured under moist conditions at moderate temperatures. Also, the modulus of elasticity, E_c, of accelerated-cured specimens may vary from that of specimens moist-cured at normal temperatures.

(d) If required by the building of¿cial or licensed design professional, results of tests of cylinders made and cured in accordance with (1) and (2) shall be provided in addition to results of standard-cured cylinder strength tests.

R26.5.3.2(d) Strengths of cylinders cured under ¿eld conditions may be required to evaluate the adequacy of curing and protection of concrete in the structure.

The Code provides a speci¿c criterion in 26.5.3.2(e) for judging the adequacy of curing and protection afforded to the structure. For a valid comparison, ¿eld-cured cylinders and companion standard-cured cylinders need to be made from the same sample. Field-cured cylinders are to be cured, as nearly as possible, under the same conditions as the structure. The ¿eld-cured cylinders should not be treated more favorably than the structural members they represent.

(1) At least two 150 x 300 mm or at least three 100 x 200 mm ¿eld-cured cylinders shall be molded at the same time and from the same samples as standard-cured cylinders;

(2) Field-cured cylinders shall be cured in accordance with the ¿eld curing procedure of ASTM C31M and tested in accordance with ASTM C39M.

In evaluating test results of ¿eld-cured cylinders, it should be recognized that even if cylinders are protected in the same manner as the structure, they may not experience the same temperature history as the concrete in the structure. This different temperature history occurs because heat of hydration may be dissipated differently in a cylinder compared with the structural member.

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(e) Procedures for protecting and curing concrete shall be considered adequate if (1) or (2) are satisﬁed:

(1) Average strength of ﬁeld-cured cylinders at test age designated for determination of f_c' is equal to or at least 85 percent of that of companion standard-cured cylinders.

(2) Average strength of ﬁeld-cured cylinders at test age exceeds f_c' by more than 3.5 MPa.

R26.5.3.2(e) Research (Bloem 1968) has shown that the strength of cylinders protected and cured to simulate good ﬁeld practice should be at least about 85 percent of standard-cured cylinders if both are tested at the age designated for f_c'. Thus, a value of 85 percent has been set as a rational basis for judging the adequacy of ﬁeld curing. The comparison is made between the measured strengths of companion ﬁeld-cured and standard-cured cylinders, not between the strength of ﬁeld-cured cylinders and the speciﬁed value of f_c'. Test results for the ﬁeld-cured cylinders are considered satisfactory, however, if the strength of ﬁeld-cured cylinders exceeds f_c' by more than 3.5 MPa, even though they fail to reach 85 percent of the strength of companion standard-cured cylinders.

The 85 percent criterion is based on the assumption that concrete is maintained above 10°C and in a moist condition for at least the ﬁrst 7 days after placement, or high-early-strength concrete is maintained above 10°C and in a moist condition for at least the ﬁrst 3 days after placement.

If the ﬁeld-cured cylinders do not provide satisfactory strength by this comparison, steps need to be taken to improve the curing. If the tests indicate a possible serious deﬁciency in strength of concrete in the structure, core tests may be required, with or without supplemental wet curing, to evaluate the structural adequacy, as provided in 26.12.4.

26.5.4 Concreting in cold weather

R26.5.4 Concreting in cold weather—Detailed recommendations for cold weather concreting are given in ACI 306R. Speciﬁcation requirements for concreting in cold weather are provided in ACI 301 and ACI 306.1. If both ACI 301 and ACI 306.1 are referenced in construction documents, the governing requirements should be identiﬁed.

26.5.4.1 Design information:

(a) Temperature limits for concrete as delivered in cold weather.

R26.5.4.1(a) ASTM C94M, ACI 306R, and ACI 301 contain requirements and recommendations for concrete temperature based on section size.

26.5.4.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) Adequate equipment shall be provided for heating concrete materials and protecting concrete during freezing or near-freezing weather.

(b) Frozen materials or materials containing ice shall not be used.

(c) Forms, ﬁllers, and ground with which concrete is to come in contact shall be free from frost and ice.

(d) Concrete materials and production methods shall be selected so that the concrete temperature at delivery complies with the speciﬁed temperature limits.

26.5.5 Concreting in hot weather

R26.5.5 Concreting in hot weather—Detailed recommendations for hot weather concreting are given in ACI 305R. This guide identiﬁes the hot weather factors that affect concrete properties and construction practices and

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recommends measures to eliminate or minimize undesirable effects. Speci¿cation requirements for concreting in hot weather are provided in ACI 301 and ACI 305.1.

26.5.5.1 Design information:

(a) Temperature limits for concrete as delivered in hot weather.

R26.5.5.1(a) ACI 301 and ACI 305.1 limit the maximum concrete temperature to 35°C at the time of placement.

26.5.5.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) Concrete materials and production methods shall be selected so that the concrete temperature at delivery complies with the speci¿ed temperature limits.
(b) Handling, placing, protection, and curing procedures shall limit concrete temperatures or water evaporation that could reduce strength, serviceability, and durability of the member or structure.

26.5.6 Construction, contraction, and isolation joints

R26.5.6 Construction, contraction, and isolation joints—For the integrity of the structure, it is important that joints in the structure be located and constructed as required by the design. Any deviations from locations indicated in construction documents should be approved by the licensed design professional.

Construction or other joints should be located where they will cause the least weakness in the structure. Lateral force design may require additional consideration of joints during design.

26.5.6.1 Design information:

(a) If required by the design, locations and details of construction, isolation, and contraction joints.
(b) Details required for transfer of shear and other forces through construction joints.

R26.5.6.1(b) Shear keys, intermittent shear keys, diagonal dowels, or shear friction may be used where force transfer is required. If shear friction at a joint interface in accordance with 22.9 is invoked in the design, include applicable construction requirements in the construction documents.

(c) Surface preparation, including intentional roughening of hardened concrete surfaces where concrete is to be placed against previously hardened concrete.

R26.5.6.1(c) The preparations referenced are applicable if design for shear friction is in accordance with 22.9 and for contact surfaces at construction joints for structural walls.

(d) Locations where shear is transferred between as-rolled steel and concrete using headed studs or welded reinforcing bars requiring steel to be clean and free of paint.
(e) Surface preparation including intentional roughening if composite topping slabs are to be cast in place on a precast Àoor or roof intended to act structurally with the precast members.

R26.5.6.1(d) The locations referenced are those for which design for shear friction is in accordance with 22.9.

26.5.6.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) Joint locations or joint details not shown or that differ from those indicated in construction documents shall be

R26.5.6.2(a) If the licensed design professional does not designate speci¿c joint locations, the contractor should

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submitted for review by the licensed design professional.

submit joint locations for construction to the licensed design professional for review to determine that the proposed locations do not impact the performance of the structure.

(b) Except for prestressed concrete, construction joints in floor and roof systems shall be located within the middle third of spans of slabs, beams, and girders unless otherwise approved by the licensed design professional.

R26.5.6.2(b) Tendons of continuous post-tensioned slabs and beams are usually stressed at a point along the span where the tendon profile is at or near the centroid of the concrete cross section. Therefore, interior construction joints are usually located within the end thirds of the span rather than the middle third of the span. Construction joints located within the end thirds of continuous post-tensioned slab and beam spans have a long history of satisfactory performance; therefore, 26.5.6.2(b) is not applicable to prestressed concrete.

(c) Construction joints in girders shall be offset a distance of at least two times the width of intersecting beams, measured from the face of the intersecting beam, unless otherwise approved by the licensed design professional.

(d) Construction joints shall be cleaned and laitance removed before new concrete is placed.

(e) Surface of concrete construction joints shall be intentionally roughened if specified.

(f) Immediately before new concrete is placed, construction joints shall be prewetted and standing water removed.

26.5.7 Construction of concrete members

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26.5.7.1 Design information:

(a) Details required to accommodate dimensional changes resulting from prestressing, creep, shrinkage, and temperature.

(b) Identify if a slab-on-ground is designed as a structural diaphragm or part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

R26.5.7.1(b) Slabs-on-ground often act as a diaphragm to hold the building together at the ground level and minimize the effects of out-of-phase ground motion that may occur over the footprint of the building. The construction documents should clearly state that these slabs-on-ground are structural members so as to prohibit saw cutting of the slab. Refer also to 26.5.7.2(d).

(c) Details for construction of sloped or stepped footings designed to act as a unit.

(d) Locations where slab and column concrete placements are required to be integrated during placement in accordance with 15.3.

(e) Locations where steel fiber-reinforced concrete is required for shear resistance in accordance with 9.6.3.1.

26.5.7.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) Beams, girders, or slabs supported by columns or walls shall not be cast until concrete in the vertical support members is no longer plastic.

R26.5.7.2(a) Delay in placing concrete in members supported by columns and walls is necessary to minimize potential cracking at the interface of the slab and supporting member caused by bleeding and settlement of plastic concrete in the supporting member.

(b) Beams, girders, haunches, drop panels, shear caps, and capitals shall be placed monolithically as part of

R26.5.7.2(b) Separate placement of slabs and beams, haunches, or similar elements is permitted if shown in the

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a slab system, unless otherwise shown in construction documents.

(c) At locations where slab and column concrete placements are required to be integrated during placement, column concrete shall extend full slab depth at least 600 mm into floor slab from face of column and be integrated with floor concrete.

R26.5.7.2(c) Application of the concrete placement procedure described in 15.3 requires the placing of two different concrete mixtures in the floor system. The lower-strength mixture in the floor slab needs to be placed while the higher-strength concrete is still plastic and should be adequately vibrated so that the concretes are well integrated. This requires careful coordination of the concrete deliveries and the possible use of retarders in the column concrete. In some cases, additional inspection services will be required if this procedure is used. It is important that the higher-strength column concrete in the floor be placed before the lower-strength concrete in the remainder of the floor to prevent accidental placing of the low-strength concrete in the column area. It is the responsibility of the licensed design professional to indicate in the construction documents where the high- and low-strength concretes are to be placed.

(d) Saw cutting in slabs-on-ground identified in the construction documents as structural diaphragms or part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall not be permitted unless specifically indicated or approved by the licensed design professional.

R26.5.7.2(d) This restriction applies to slabs identified as structural diaphragms in 26.5.7.1(b).

26.6—Reinforcement materials and construction requirements
26.6.1 General

26.6.1.1 Design information:

(a) ASTM designation and grade of reinforcement.
(b) Type, size, location requirements, detailing, and embedment length of reinforcement.
(c) Concrete cover to reinforcement.
(d) Location and length of lap splices.

R26.6—Reinforcement materials and construction equipment
R26.6.1 General

R26.6.1.1(d) Splices should, if possible, be located away from points of maximum tensile stress. The lap splice requirements of 25.5.2 encourage this practice.

(e) Type and location of mechanical splices.
(f) Type and location of end-bearing splices.
(g) Type and location of welded splices and other required welding of reinforcing bars.
(h) ASTM designation for protective coatings of nonprestressed reinforcement.
(i) Corrosion protection for exposed reinforcement intended to be bonded with extensions on future Work.

R26.6.1.1(g) Refer to R26.6.4.

26.6.1.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) Mill test reports for reinforcement shall be submitted.
(b) Nonprestressed reinforcement with rust, mill scale, or a combination of both shall be considered satisfactory, provided a hand-wire-brushed representative test specimen of the reinforcement complies with the appli-

R26.6.1.2(b) Specific limits on rust are based on tests (Kemp et al. 1968) plus a review of earlier tests and recommendations. Kemp et al. (1968) provides guidance with regard to the effects of rust and mill scale on bond charac-

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cable ASTM specification for the minimum dimensions (including height of deformations) and weight per unit length.

(c) Prestressing reinforcement shall be free of mill scale, pitting, and excessive rust. A light coating of rust shall be permitted.

(d) At the time concrete is placed, reinforcement to be bonded shall be clean of ice, mud, oil, or other deleterious coatings that decrease bond.

26.6.2 Placement

26.6.2.1 Design information:

(a) Tolerances on location of reinforcement taking into consideration tolerances on d and specified concrete cover in accordance with Table 26.6.2.1(a).

Table 26.6.2.1(a)—Tolerances on d and specified cover

d, mm	Tolerance on d, mm	Tolerance on specified concrete cover, mm [1]	
≤ 200	±10	Smaller of:	−10
			− (1/3) · specified cover
> 200	±13	Smaller of:	−13
			− (1/3) · specified cover

[1]Tolerance for cover to formed soffits is −6 mm

(b) Tolerance for longitudinal location of bends and ends of reinforcement in accordance with Table 26.6.2.1(b). The tolerance for specified concrete cover in Table 26.6.2.1(a) shall also apply at discontinuous ends of members.

Table 26.6.2.1(b)—Tolerances for longitudinal location of bends and ends of reinforcement

Location of bends or reinforcement ends	Tolerances, mm
Discontinuous ends of brackets and corbels	±13
Discontinuous ends of other members	±25
Other locations	±50

26.6.2.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) Reinforcement, including bundled bars, shall be placed within required tolerances and supported to prevent displacement beyond required tolerances during concrete placement.

teristics of deformed reinforcing bars. Research has shown that a normal amount of rust increases bond. Normal rough handling generally removes rust that is loose enough to impair the bond between the concrete and reinforcement.

R26.6.1.2(c) Guidance for evaluating the degree of rusting on strand is given in Sason (1992).

R26.6.1.2(d) The use of epoxy coating in accordance with 20.6.2 is permitted. Materials used for the protection of prestressed reinforcement against corrosion in unbonded tendons are not considered to be contaminants as described in this provision.

R26.6.2 Placement—Generally accepted practice, as reflected in ACI 117, has established tolerances on total depth (formwork or finish) and fabrication of closed ties, stirrups, spirals, and truss bent reinforcing bars. The licensed design professional should specify more restrictive tolerances than those permitted by the Code when necessary to minimize the accumulation of tolerances resulting in excessive reduction in effective depth or cover.

More restrictive tolerances have been placed on minimum clear distance to formed soffits because of their importance for durability and fire protection and because reinforcement is usually supported in such a manner that the specified tolerance is practical.

More restrictive tolerances than those required by the Code may be desirable for prestressed concrete. In such cases, the construction documents should specify the necessary tolerances. Recommendations are provided in ACI ITG-7.

The Code permits a reinforcement placement tolerance on effective depth d that is directly related to the flexural and shear strength of the member. Because reinforcement is placed with respect to edges of members and formwork surfaces, d is not always conveniently measured in the field. This provision is included in the design information section because tolerances on d should be considered in member design. Placement tolerances for cover are also provided.

Tolerances for placement of reinforcement should be specified in accordance with ACI 117 unless stricter tolerances are required.

R26.6.2.2(a) Reinforcement, including bundled bars, should be adequately supported in the forms to prevent displacement by concrete placement or workers. Bundled bars should be tied or otherwise fastened together to maintain their position, whether vertical or horizontal. Beam stirrups should be supported on the bottom form of the beam

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(b) Spiral units shall be continuous bar or wire placed with even spacing and without distortion beyond the tolerances for the speci¿ed dimensions.

(c) Splices of reinforcement shall be made only as permitted in the construction documents, or as authorized by the licensed design professional.

(d) For longitudinal column bars forming an end-bearing splice, the bearing of square cut ends shall be held in concentric contact.

(e) Bar ends shall terminate in ﬂat surfaces within 1.5 degrees of a right angle to the axis of the bars and shall be ¿tted within 3 degrees of full bearing after assembly.

26.6.3 Bending

26.6.3.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Reinforcement shall be bent cold prior to placement, unless otherwise permitted by the licensed design professional.

(b) Field bending of reinforcement partially embedded in concrete shall not be permitted, except as shown in the construction documents or permitted by the licensed design professional.

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by supports such as continuous longitudinal beam bolsters. If only the longitudinal beam bottom reinforcement is supported, construction traf¿c can dislodge the stirrups as well as any top beam reinforcement tied to the stirrups.

R26.6.2.2(b) Spirals should be held ¿rmly in place, at proper pitch and alignment, to prevent displacement during concrete placement. The Code has traditionally required spacers to hold the fabricated spiral cage in place, but alternate methods of installation are also permitted. If spacers are used, the following may be used for guidance: for spiral bar or wire smaller than 16 mm diameter, a minimum of two spacers should be used for spirals less than 500 mm in diameter, three spacers for spirals 500 to 750 mm in diameter, and four spacers for spirals greater than 750 mm in diameter. For spiral bar or wire 16 mm diameter or larger, a minimum of three spacers should be used for spirals 600 mm or less in diameter, and four spacers for spirals greater than 600 mm in diameter.

R26.6.2.2(d) Experience with end-bearing splices has been almost exclusively with vertical bars in columns. If bars are signi¿cantly inclined from the vertical, attention is required to ensure that adequate end-bearing contact can be achieved and maintained.

R26.6.2.2(e) These tolerances represent practice based on tests of full-size members containing No. 57 bars.

R26.6.3 Bending

R26.6.3.1(b) Construction conditions may make it necessary to bend bars that have been embedded in concrete. Such ¿eld bending should not be done without authorization of the licensed design professional. Construction documents should specify whether the bars will be permitted to be bent cold or if heating should be used. Bends should be gradual and should be straightened as required.

Tests (Black 1973; Stecich et al. 1984) have shown that ASTM A615M Grade 280 and Grade 420 reinforcing bars can be cold bent and straightened up to 90 degrees at or near the minimum diameter speci¿ed in 25.3. If cracking or breakage is encountered, heating to a maximum temperature of 820°C may avoid this condition for the remainder of the bars. Bars that fracture during bending or straightening can be spliced outside the bend region.

Heating should be performed in a manner that will avoid damage to the concrete. If the bend area is within approxi-

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mately 150 mm of the concrete, some protective insulation may need to be applied. Heating of the bar should be controlled by temperature-indicating crayons or other suitable means. The heated bars should not be artï¿cially cooled (with water or forced air) until after cooling to at least 320°C.

(c) Offset bars shall be bent before placement in the forms.

26.6.4 Welding

26.6.4.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Welding of all nonprestressed bars shall conform to the requirements of AWS D1.4. ASTM speciï¿cations for bar reinforcement, except for ASTM A706M, shall be supplemented to require a mill test report of material properties that demonstrate conformance to the requirements in AWS D1.4.

R26.6.4 Welding—If welding of reinforcing bars is required, the weldability of the steel and compatible welding procedures need to be considered. The provisions in AWS D1.4 cover aspects of welding reinforcing bars, including criteria to qualify welding procedures.

Weldability of the steel is based on its carbon equivalent (CE), calculated from the chemical composition of the steel. AWS D1.4 establishes preheat and interpass temperatures for a range of carbon equivalents and reinforcing bar sizes. AWS D1.4 has two expressions for calculating CE. The expression considering only the elements carbon and manganese is to be used for bars other than ASTM A706M. A more comprehensive CE expression is given for ASTM A706M bars, which is identical to the CE formula presented in ASTM A706M.

ASTM A706M covers low-alloy steel reinforcing bars intended for applications that require controlled tensile properties, welding, or both. Weldability is accomplished in ASTM A706M by requiring the CE not to exceed 0.55 percent and controlling the chemical composition. The manufacturer is required by ASTM A706M to report the chemical analysis and carbon equivalent (Gustafson and Felder 1991). When welding reinforcing bars other than ASTM A706M, the construction documents should speciï¿cally require that the mill test report include chemical analysis results to permit calculation of the carbon equivalent.

It is often necessary to weld to existing reinforcing bars in a structure when no mill test report of the existing reinforcement is available. This condition is particularly common in alterations or building expansions. AWS D1.4 states for such bars that a chemical analysis may be performed on representative bars. If the chemical composition is not known or obtained, AWS D1.4 requires a minimum preheat. For bars other than ASTM A706M, the minimum preheat required is 150°C for No. 19 bars or smaller, and 260°C for No. 22 bars or larger. The required preheat for all sizes of ASTM A706M bars is to be the temperature given in the Welding Code's table for minimum preheat corresponding to the range of CE "over 0.45 percent to 0.55 percent." Welding of the particular bars should be performed in accordance with AWS D1.4. It should also be determined if additional precautions are necessary, based on other considerations such as stress level in the bars, consequences of failure, and heat damage to existing concrete due to welding operations.

AWS D1.4 requires the contractor to prepare welding procedure speciï¿cations (WPSs) conforming to the requirements of the Welding Code. Appendix A in AWS D1.4 contains a suggested form that shows the information required for a WPS.

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(b) Welding of crossing bars shall not be used for assembly of reinforcement unless permitted by the licensed design professional.

26.7—Anchoring to concrete

26.7.1 Design information:

(a) Requirements for assessment and qualiﬁcation of anchors for the applicable conditions of use in accordance with 17.1.3.

(b) Type, size, location requirements, effective embedment depth, and installation requirements for anchors.

(c) Minimum edge distance of anchors in accordance with 17.7.

(d) Inspection requirements in accordance with 26.13.

(e) For post-installed anchors, parameters associated with the strength used for design, including anchor category, concrete strength, and aggregate type.

(f) For adhesive anchors, parameters associated with the characteristic bond stress used for design in accordance with 17.4.5, including minimum age of concrete, concrete temperature range, moisture condition of concrete at time of installation, type of lightweight concrete if applicable, and requirements for hole drilling and preparation.

(g) Qualiﬁcation requirements for installers of anchors in accordance with 17.8.1.

(h) Adhesive anchors installed in a horizontal or upwardly inclined orientation, if they support sustained tension loads.

(i) Required certiﬁcations for installers of adhesive anchors that are installed in a horizontal or upwardly inclined orientation to support sustained tension loads in accordance with 17.8.2.2 and 17.8.2.3.

(j) For adhesive anchors, proof loading where required in accordance with 17.8.2.1.

(k) Corrosion protection for exposed anchors intended for attachment with future Work.

26.7.2 Compliance requirements:

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Welding of wire to wire, and of wire or welded wire reinforcement to reinforcing bars or structural steel elements is not covered by AWS D1.4. If welding of this type is required on a project, the construction documents should specify requirements or performance criteria for this welding. If cold-drawn wires are to be welded, the welding procedures should address the potential loss of yield strength and ductility achieved by the cold-working process (during manufacture) when such wires are heated by welding. These potential concerns are not an issue for machine and resistance welding as used in the manufacture of welded plain and deformed wire reinforcement covered by ASTM A1064M.

R26.6.4.1(b) "Tack" welding (welding crossing bars) can seriously weaken a bar at the point welded by creating a metallurgical notch effect. This operation can be performed safely only when the material welded and welding operations are under continuous competent control, as in the manufacture of welded wire reinforcement.

R26.7—Anchoring to concrete

Minimum requirements for speciﬁcation of anchors in the construction documents for conformance with the Code are listed. Other information may be applicable for speciﬁc cases. For adhesive anchors, application-dependent requirements for qualiﬁcation of installers and inspection may apply.

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(a) Post-installed anchors shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Post-installed adhesive anchors shall be installed in accordance with the Manufacturer's Printed Installation Instructions (MPII)

R26.7.2(a) The Manufacturer's Printed Installation Instructions (MPII) contain all relevant information for the proper installation of post-installed adhesive anchors. Other information may be applicable for speci¿c cases. For adhesive anchors, application-dependent requirements for quali-¿cation of installers and inspection requirements may apply.

26.8—Embedments

26.8.1 Design information:

(a) Type, size, details, and location of embedments designed by the licensed design professional.
(b) Reinforcement required to be placed perpendicular to pipe embedments.
(c) Speci¿ed concrete cover for pipe embedments with their ¿ttings.
(d) Corrosion protection for exposed embedments intended to be connected with future Work.

26.8.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) Type, size, details, and location of embedments not shown in the construction documents shall be submitted for review by the licensed design professional.
(b) Aluminum embedments shall be coated or covered to prevent aluminum-concrete reaction and electrolytic action between aluminum and steel.
(c) Pipes and ¿ttings not shown in the construction documents shall be designed to resist effects of the material, pressure, and temperature to which they will be subjected.
(d) No liquid, gas, or vapor, except water not exceeding 32°C or 0.35 MPa pressure, shall be placed in the pipes until the concrete has attained its speci¿ed strength.
(e) In solid slabs, piping, except for radiant heating or snow melting, shall be placed between top and bottom reinforcement.
(f) Conduit and piping shall be fabricated and installed so that cutting, bending, or displacement of reinforcement from its speci¿ed location is not required.

26.9—Additional requirements for precast concrete

26.9.1 Design information:

(a) Dimensional tolerances for precast members and interfacing members.

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R26.9.1(a) Design of precast members and connections is particularly sensitive to tolerances on the dimensions of individual members and on their location in the structure. To prevent misunderstanding, the tolerances used in design should be speci¿ed in the construction documents. Instead of specifying individual tolerances, the standard industry tolerances assumed in design may be speci¿ed. It is important to specify any deviations from standard industry tolerances.

The tolerances required by 26.6.2 are considered to be a minimum acceptable standard for reinforcement in precast concrete. Industry-standard product and erection tolerances are provided in ACI ITG-7-09. Interfacing tolerances for

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precast concrete with cast-in-place concrete are provided in ACI 117.

(b) Details of lifting devices, embedments, and related reinforcement required to resist temporary loads from handling, storage, transportation, and erection, if designed by the licensed design professional.

R26.9.1(b) If the devices, embedments, or related reinforcement are not designed by the licensed design professional, these details should be provided in shop drawings in accordance with 26.9.2(c).

26.9.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) Members shall be marked to indicate location and orientation in the structure and date of manufacture.

(b) Identi¿cation marks on members shall correspond to erection drawings.

(c) Design and details of lifting devices, embedments, and related reinforcement required to resist temporary loads from handling, storage, transportation, and erection shall be provided if not designed by the licensed design professional.

R26.9.2(c) Refer to R26.9.1(b). At the option of the licensed design professional, speci¿cations can require that shop drawings, calculations, or both be submitted for the items included in this provision when their design is delegated to the contractor.

(d) During erection, precast members and structures shall be supported and braced to ensure proper alignment, strength, and stability until permanent connections are completed.

R26.9.2(d) All temporary erection connections, bracing, and shoring as well as the sequencing of removal of these items should be shown in construction documents or erection drawings, depending on the assignment of responsibility for the means and methods of construction.

(e) If approved by the licensed design professional, items embedded while the concrete is in a plastic state shall satisfy (1) through (4):

(1) Embedded items shall protrude from the precast concrete members or remain exposed for inspection.

(2) Embedded items are not required to be hooked or tied to reinforcement within the concrete.

(3) Embedded items shall be maintained in the correct position while the concrete remains plastic.

(4) The concrete shall be consolidated around embedded items.

R26.9.2(e) Many precast products are manufactured in such a way that it is dif¿cult, if not impossible, to position reinforcement that protrudes from the concrete before the concrete is placed. Such items as ties for horizontal shear and inserts can be placed while the concrete is plastic, if proper precautions are taken. This provision is not applicable to reinforcement that is completely embedded, or to embedded items that will be hooked or tied to embedded reinforcement.

26.10—Additional requirements for prestressed concrete

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26.10.1 Design information:

(a) Magnitude and location of prestressing forces.

(b) Stressing sequence of tendons.

R26.10.1(b) The sequence of anchorage device stressing can have a signi¿cant effect on general zone stresses. Therefore, it is important to consider not only the ¿nal stage of a stressing sequence with all tendons stressed, but also intermediate stages during construction. The most critical bursting forces caused by each of the sequentially post-tensioned tendon combinations, as well as that of the entire group of tendons, should be taken into account.

(c) Type, size, details, and location of post-tensioning anchorages for systems selected by the licensed design professional.

(d) Tolerances for placement of tendons and post-tensioning ducts in accordance with Table 26.6.2.1(a).

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(e) Materials and details of corrosion protection for tendons, couplers, end ﬁttings, post-tensioning anchorages, and anchorage regions.

(f) Requirements for ducts for bonded tendons.

(g) Requirements for grouting of bonded tendons, including maximum water-soluble chloride ion (Cl⁻) content requirements in 19.4.1.

26.10.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) Type, size, details, and location of post-tensioning anchorage systems not shown in the construction documents shall be submitted to the licensed design professional for review.

(b) Tendons and post-tensioning ducts shall be placed within required tolerances and supported to prevent displacement beyond required tolerances during concrete placement.

(c) Couplers shall be placed in areas approved by the licensed design professional and enclosed in housings long enough to permit necessary movements.

(d) Burning or welding operations in the vicinity of prestressing reinforcement shall be performed in such a manner that prestressing reinforcement is not subject to welding sparks, ground currents, or temperatures that degrade the properties of the reinforcement.

(e) Prestressing force and friction losses shall be veriﬁed by (1) and (2).

　(1) Measured elongation of prestressed reinforcement compared with elongation calculated using the modulus of elasticity determined from tests or as reported by the manufacturer.

　(2) Jacking force measured using calibrated equipment such as a hydraulic pressure gauge, load cell, or dynamometer.

(f) The cause of any difference in force determination between (1) and (2) of 26.10.2(e) that exceeds 5 percent for pretensioned construction or 7 percent for post-tensioned construction shall be ascertained and corrected, unless otherwise approved by the licensed design professional.

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R26.10.1(e) For recommendations regarding protection, refer to Sections 4.2 and 4.3 of ACI 423.3R, and Sections 3.4, 3.6, 5, 6, and 8.3 of ACI 423.7. Also refer to 20.6.1.4.2 for corrosion protection requirements.

Corrosion protection can be achieved by a variety of methods. The corrosion protection provided should be suitable for the environment in which the tendons are located. Some conditions will require that the prestressed reinforcement be protected by concrete cover or by cement grout in metal or plastic duct; other conditions will permit the protection provided by coatings such as paint or grease. Corrosion protection methods should meet the ﬁre protection requirements of the general building code unless the installation of external post-tensioning is to only improve serviceability.

R26.10.1(f) Guidance for specifying duct requirements for bonded tendons is provided in PTI M50.3 and PTI M55.1.

R26.10.1(g) Guidance for specifying grouting requirements for bonded tendons is provided in PTI M55.1.

R26.10.2(e) Elongation measurements for prestressing should be in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Manual for Quality Control for Plants and Production of Structural Precast Concrete Products (MNL 117), published by the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute.

R26.10.2(f) The 5 percent tolerance for pretensioned construction reﬂects experience with production of those members. Because prestressing reinforcement for pretensioned construction is usually stressed in air with minimal friction effects, a 5 percent tolerance is considered reasonable. For post-tensioned construction, a slightly higher tolerance is permitted. Elongation measurements for post-

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tensioned construction are affected by several factors that are less significant or that do not exist for pretensioned construction. The friction along prestressing reinforcement in post-tensioning applications may be affected to varying degrees by placing tolerances and small irregularities in tendon profile due to tendon and concrete placement. The friction coefficients between the prestressing reinforcement and the duct are also subject to variation.

(g) Loss of prestress force due to unreplaced broken prestressed reinforcement shall not exceed 2 percent of the total prestress force in prestressed concrete members.

R26.10.2(g) This provision applies to all prestressed concrete members. For cast-in-place post-tensioned slab systems, a member should be that portion considered as an element in the design, such as the joist and effective slab width in one-way joist systems, or the column strip or middle strip in two-way flat plate systems.

(h) If the transfer of force from the anchorages of the pretensioning bed to the concrete is accomplished by flame cutting prestressed reinforcement, the cutting locations and cutting sequence shall be selected to avoid undesired temporary stresses in pretensioned members.

(i) Long lengths of exposed pretensioned strand shall be cut near the member to minimize shock to the concrete.

(j) Prestressing reinforcement in post-tensioned construction shall not be stressed until the concrete compressive strength is at least 17 MPa for single-strand or bar tendons, 28 MPa for multistrand tendons, or a higher strength, if required. An exception to these strength requirements is provided in 26.10.2(k).

(k) Lower concrete compressive strength than required by 26.10.2(j) shall be permitted if (1) or (2) is satisfied:

(1) Oversized anchorage devices are used to compensate for a lower concrete compressive strength.

(2) Prestressing reinforcement is stressed to no more than 50 percent of the final prestressing force.

R26.10.2(k) To limit early shrinkage cracking, monostrand tendons are sometimes stressed at concrete strengths less than 17 MPa. In such cases, either oversized monostrand anchorages are used, or the strands are stressed in stages, often to levels one-third to one-half the final prestressing force.

26.11—Formwork

26.11.1 Design of formwork

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R26.11.1 Typically, the contractor is responsible for formwork design, and the Code provides the minimum formwork performance requirements necessary for public health and safety. Concrete formwork design, construction, and removal demands sound judgment and planning to achieve adequate safety. Detailed information on formwork for concrete is given in "Guide to Formwork for Concrete" (ACI 347). This guide is directed primarily to contractors for design, construction, materials for formwork, and forms for unusual structures, but it should aid the licensed design professional in preparing the construction documents.

Formwork for Concrete, ACI SP-4, is a practical handbook for contractors, engineers, and architects. It follows the guidelines established in ACI 347 and includes information on planning, building, and using formwork. It also includes tables, diagrams, and formulas for formwork design loads.

ACI 301 Section 2 provides reference specifications for formwork.

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26.11.1.1 Design information:

(a) Requirement for the contractor to design, fabricate, install, and remove formwork.
(b) Location of composite members requiring shoring.
(c) Requirements for removal of shoring of composite members.

26.11.1.2 Compliance requirements:

(a) Design of formwork shall consider (1) through (5):
 (1) Method of concrete placement.
 (2) Rate of concrete placement.
 (3) Construction loads, including vertical, horizontal, and impact.
 (4) Avoidance of damage to previously constructed members.
 (5) For post-tensioned members, allowance for movement of the member during application of the prestressing force without damage to the member.
(b) Formwork fabrication and installation shall result in a ¿nal structure that conforms to shapes, lines, and dimensions of the members as required by the construction documents.
(c) Formwork shall be suf¿ciently tight to inhibit leakage of paste or mortar.
(d) Formwork shall be braced or tied together to maintain position and shape.

26.11.2 Removal of formwork

26.11.2.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Before starting construction, the contractor shall develop a procedure and schedule for removal of formwork and installation of reshores, and shall calculate the loads transferred to the structure during this process.
(b) Structural analysis and concrete strength requirements used in planning and implementing the formwork removal and reshore installation shall be furnished by the contractor to the licensed design professional and to the building of¿cial, when requested.
(c) No construction loads shall be placed on, nor any formwork removed from, any part of the structure under construction except when that portion of the structure in combination with remaining formwork has suf¿cient strength to support safely its weight and loads placed thereon and without impairing serviceability.
(d) Suf¿cient strength shall be demonstrated by structural analysis considering anticipated loads, strength of formwork, and an estimate of in-place concrete strength.

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Section 24.2.5 covers the requirements pertaining to deÀections of shored and unshored members.

R26.11.2 Removal of formwork—In determining the time for removal of formwork, consideration should be given to the construction loads, in-place strength of concrete, and possibility of deÀections greater than acceptable to the licensed design professional (ACI 347 and ACI 347.2R). Construction loads may be greater than the speci¿ed live loads. Even though a structure may have adequate strength to support the applied loads at early ages, deÀections can cause serviceability problems.

The removal of formwork for multistory construction should be a part of a planned procedure developed by the contractor that considers the temporary support of the entire structure as well as each individual member. Such a procedure should be planned before construction and should be based on a structural analysis taking into account at least (a) through (e):

(a) The structural system that exists at the various stages of construction, and the construction loads corresponding to those stages;
(b) The in-place strength of the concrete at the various stages during construction;
(c) The inÀuence of deformations of the structure and shoring system on the distribution of dead loads and construction loads during the various stages of construction;

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(d) The strength and spacing of shores or shoring systems used, as well as the method of shoring, bracing, shore removal, and reshoring including the minimum time interval between the various operations;

(e) Any other loading or condition that affects the safety or serviceability of the structure during construction.

ACI 347.2R provides information for shoring and reshoring multistory buildings.

(e) The estimate of in-place concrete strength shall be based on tests of ¿eld-cured cylinders or on other procedures to evaluate concrete strength approved by the licensed design professional and, when requested, approved by the building of¿cial.

R26.11.2.1(e) Evaluation of concrete strength during construction may be demonstrated by ¿eld-cured test cylinders or other procedures approved by the licensed design professional and, when requested, approved by the building of¿cial, such as (a) though (d):

(a) Tests of cast-in-place cylinders in accordance with ASTM C873M. This method is limited to use for slabs where the depth of concrete is between 125 to 300 mm

(b) Penetration resistance in accordance with ASTM C803M

(c) Pullout strength in accordance with ASTM C900

(d) Maturity index measurements and correlation in accordance with ASTM C1074

Procedures (b), (c), and (d) require suf¿cient data for the materials used in the Work to demonstrate correlation of measurements on the structure with the compressive strength of molded cylinders or drilled cores. ACI 228.1R discusses the use of these methods to evaluate the in-place strength of concrete

(f) Formwork shall be removed in such a manner not to impair safety and serviceability of the structure.

(g) Concrete exposed by formwork removal shall have suf¿cient strength not to be damaged by the removal.

(h) Formwork supports for post-tensioned members shall not be removed until suf¿cient post-tensioning has been applied to enable post-tensioned members to support their dead load and anticipated construction loads.

(i) No construction loads exceeding the combination of superimposed dead load plus live load including reduction shall be placed on any unshored portion of the structure under construction, unless analysis indicates adequate strength to support such additional loads and without impairing serviceability.

R26.11.2.1(i) The nominal live load speci¿ed on the drawings is frequently reduced for members supporting large Àoor areas, and the limit on construction loads needs to account for such reductions.

26.12—Concrete evaluation and acceptance
26.12.1 General

26.12.1.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) A strength test shall be the average of the strengths of at least two 150 x 300 mm cylinders or at least three 100 x 200 mm cylinders made from the same sample of concrete and tested at 28 days or at test age designated for f_c'.

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R26.12.1 General

R26.12.1.1(a) Casting and testing more than the minimum number of specimens may be desirable in case it becomes necessary to discard an outlying individual cylinder strength in accordance with ACI 214R. If individual cylinder strengths are discarded in accordance with ACI 214R, a strength test is valid provided at least two individual 150 x 300 mm. cylinder

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strengths or at least three 100 x 200 mm cylinder strengths are averaged. All individual cylinder strengths that are not discarded in accordance with ACI 214R are to be used to calculate the average strength. The size and number of specimens representing a strength test should be the same for each concrete mixture. The cylinder size should be agreed upon by the owner, licensed design professional, and testing agency before construction.

Testing three instead of two 100 x 200 mm cylinders preserves the confidence level of the average strength because 100 x 200 mm cylinders tend to have approximately 20 percent higher within-test variability than 150 x 300 mm cylinders (Carino et al. 1994).

(b) The testing agency performing acceptance testing shall comply with ASTM C1077.

R26.12.1.1(b) ASTM C1077 defines the duties, responsibilities, and minimum technical requirements of testing agency personnel and defines the technical requirements for equipment used in testing concrete and concrete aggregates. Agencies that test cylinders or cores to determine compliance with Code requirements should be accredited or inspected for conformance to the requirements of ASTM C1077 by a recognized evaluation authority.

(c) Qualified field testing technicians shall perform tests on fresh concrete at the job site, prepare specimens for standard curing, prepare specimens for field curing, if required, and record the temperature of the fresh concrete when preparing specimens for strength tests.

R26.12.1.1(c) Technicians can establish qualifications by becoming certified through certification programs. Field technicians in charge of sampling concrete; testing for slump, density (unit weight), yield, air content, and temperature; and making and curing test specimens should be certified in accordance with the ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician—Grade 1 Certification Program, the requirements of ASTM C1077, or an equivalent program.

(d) Qualified laboratory technicians shall perform required laboratory tests.

R26.12.1.1(d) Concrete testing laboratory personnel should be certified in accordance with the ACI Concrete Laboratory Testing Technician—Level 1 Certification Program, the ACI Concrete Strength Testing Technician Certification Program, the requirements of ASTM C1077, or an equivalent program.

(e) All reports of acceptance tests shall be provided to the licensed design professional, contractor, concrete producer, and, if requested, to the owner and the building official.

R26.12.1.1(e) The Code requires testing reports to be distributed to the parties responsible for the design, construction, and approval of the Work. Such distribution of test reports should be indicated in contracts for inspection and testing services. Prompt distribution of testing reports allows for timely identification of either compliance or the need for corrective action. A complete record of testing allows the concrete producer to reliably establish appropriate mixture proportions for future work.

26.12.2 Frequency of testing

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26.12.2.1 Compliance requirements:

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(a) Samples for preparing strength test specimens of each concrete mixture placed each day shall be taken in accordance with (1) through (3):

(1) At least once a day.

(2) At least once for each 110 m³ of concrete.

(3) At least once for each 460 m² of surface area for slabs or walls.

(b) On a given project, if total volume of concrete is such that frequency of testing would provide fewer than ¿ve strength tests for a given concrete mixture, strength test specimens shall be made from at least ¿ve randomly selected batches or from each batch if fewer than ¿ve batches are used.

(c) If the total quantity of a given concrete mixture is less than 38 m³, strength tests are not required if evidence of satisfactory strength is submitted to and approved by the building of¿cial.

26.12.3 Acceptance criteria for standard-cured specimens

26.12.3.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Specimens for acceptance tests shall be in accordance with (1) and (2):

(1) Sampling of concrete for strength test specimens shall be in accordance with ASTM C172M.

(2) Cylinders for strength tests shall be made and standard-cured in accordance with ASTM C31M and tested in accordance with ASTM C39M.

(b) Strength level of a concrete mixture shall be acceptable if (1) and (2) are satis¿ed:

(1) Every arithmetic average of any three consecutive strength tests equals or exceeds f_c'.

(2) No strength test falls below f_c' by more than 3.5 MPa if f_c' is 35 MPa or less; or by more than $0.10f_c'$ if f_c' exceeds 35 MPa.

(c) If either of the requirements of 26.12.3.1(b) are not satis¿ed, steps shall be taken to increase the average of subsequent strength results.

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R26.12.2.1(a) Samples for strength tests are to be taken on a strictly random basis if they are to measure properly the acceptability of the concrete. To be representative within the period of placement, the choice of sampling times, or the concrete batches to be sampled, is to be made on the basis of chance alone. Batches are not sampled on the basis of appearance, convenience, or other possibly biased criterion, because the statistical analyses will lose their validity. ASTM D3665 describes procedures for random selection of the batches to be tested. Specimens for one strength test (as de¿ned in 26.12.2.1(a)) are to be made from a single batch, and water is not to be added to the concrete after the sample is taken.

In calculating surface area, only one side of the slab or wall is considered. Criterion (3) will require more frequent sampling than once for each 110 m³ placed if average wall or slab thickness is less than 240 mm.

R26.12.3 Acceptance criteria for standard-cured specimens—Evaluation and acceptance of the concrete can be judged immediately, as test results are received during the course of the Work. Strength tests failing to meet these criteria will occur occasionally, with a probability of approximately once in 100 tests (ACI 214R) even though concrete strength and uniformity are satisfactory. Allowance should be made for such statistically expected variations in deciding whether the strength level being produced is adequate. The strength acceptance criteria of 26.12.3.1(b) apply to test results from either 100 x 200 mm or 150 x 300 mm test cylinders permitted in 26.12.1.1(a). The average difference (Carino et al. 1994) between test results obtained by the two specimen sizes is not considered to be signi¿cant in design.

R26.12.3.1(c) The steps taken to increase the average level of subsequent strength test results will depend on the particular circumstances but could include one or more of (a) through (g):

(a) Increase in cementitious materials content;

(b) Reduction in or better control of water content;

(c) Use of a water-reducing admixture to improve the dispersion of cementitious materials;

(d) Other changes in mixture proportions;

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(e) Reduction in delivery time;

(f) Closer control of air content;

(g) Improvement in the quality of the testing, including strict compliance with ASTM C172M, ASTM C31M, and ASTM C39M.

Such changes in operating procedures or small changes in cementitious materials content or water content should not require a formal resubmission of mixture proportions; however, changes in sources of cement, aggregates, or admixtures need to be accompanied by evidence that the average strength level will be improved.

(d) Requirements for investigating low strength-test results shall apply if the requirements of 26.12.3.1(b)(2) are not met.

26.12.4 Investigation of low strength-test results

26.12.4.1 Compliance requirements:

R26.12.4 Investigation of low strength-test results— Requirements are provided if strength tests have failed to meet the speciﬁed acceptance criteria, speciﬁcally 26.12.3.1(b) (2) or 26.5.3.2(e). These requirements are applicable only for evaluation of in-place strength at the time of construction. Strength evaluation of existing structures is covered by Chapter 27. The building ofﬁcial should apply judgment as to the signiﬁcance of low test results and whether they indicate need for concern. If further investigation is deemed necessary, such investigation may include in-place tests as described in ACI 228.1R or, in extreme cases, strength tests of cores taken from the structure.

In-place tests of concrete, such as probe penetration (ASTM C803M), rebound hammer (ASTM C805M), or pullout test (ASTM C900), may be useful in determining whether a portion of the structure actually contains low-strength concrete. Unless these in-place tests have been correlated with standard strength test results for the concrete in the structure, they are of value primarily for comparisons within the same structure rather than as quantitative estimates of strength.

For cores, if required, conservative acceptance criteria are provided that should ensure structural adequacy for virtually any type of construction (Bloem 1965, 1968; Malhotra 1976, 1977). Lower strength may be tolerated under many circumstances, but this is a matter of judgment on the part of the licensed design professional and building ofﬁcial. If the strengths of cores obtained in accordance with 26.12.4.1(c) fail to comply with 26.12.4.1(d), it may be practicable, particularly in the case of ﬂoor or roof systems, for the building ofﬁcial to require a strength evaluation as described in Chapter 27. Short of a strength evaluation, if time and conditions permit, an effort may be made to improve the strength of the concrete in place by supplemental wet curing. Effectiveness of supplemental curing should be veriﬁed by further strength evaluation using procedures previously discussed.

The Code, as stated, concerns itself with achieving structural safety, and the requirements for investigation of low strength-test results (26.12.4) are aimed at that objective. It

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is not the function of the Code to assign responsibility for strength deficiencies.

(a) If any strength test of standard-cured cylinders falls below f_c' by more than the limit allowed for acceptance, or if tests of field-cured cylinders indicate deficiencies in protection and curing, steps shall be taken to ensure that structural adequacy of the structure is not jeopardized.

R26.12.4.1(a) If the strength of field-cured cylinders does not conform to 26.5.3.2(e), steps need to be taken to improve the curing. If supplemental in-place tests confirm a possible deficiency in strength of concrete in the structure, core tests may be required to evaluate structural adequacy.

(b) If the likelihood of low-strength concrete is confirmed and calculations indicate that structural adequacy is significantly reduced, tests of cores drilled from the area in question in accordance with ASTM C42M shall be permitted. In such cases, three cores shall be taken for each strength test that falls below f_c' by more than the limit allowed for acceptance.

(c) Cores shall be obtained, moisture-conditioned by storage in watertight bags or containers, transported to the testing agency, and tested in accordance with ASTM C42M. Cores shall be tested between 48 hours and 7 days after coring unless otherwise approved by the licensed design professional. The specifier of tests referenced in ASTM C42M shall be the licensed design professional or the building official.

R26.12.4.1(c) The use of a water-cooled bit results in a core with a moisture gradient between the exterior surface and the interior. This gradient lowers the apparent compressive strength of the core (Bartlett and MacGregor 1994). The requirement of at least 48 hours between the time of coring and testing provides a minimum time for the moisture gradient to be reduced. The maximum time between coring and testing is intended to ensure timely testing of cores if strength of concrete is in question.

Research (Bartlett and MacGregor 1994) has also shown that other moisture conditioning procedures, such as soaking or air drying, affect measured core strengths and result in conditions that are not representative of the in-place concrete. Therefore, to provide reproducible moisture conditions that are representative of in-place conditions, a standard moisture conditioning procedure that permits dissipation of moisture gradients is prescribed for cores. ASTM C42M permits the specifier of tests to modify the default duration of moisture conditioning before testing.

(d) Concrete in an area represented by core tests shall be considered structurally adequate if (1) and (2) are satisfied:
   (1) The average of three cores is equal to at least 85 percent of f_c'.
   (2) No single core is less than 75 percent of f_c'.

R26.12.4.1(d) An average core strength of 85 percent of the specified strength is realistic (Bloem 1968). It is not realistic, however, to expect the average core strength to be equal to f_c', because of differences in the size of specimens, conditions of obtaining specimens, degree of consolidation, and curing conditions. The acceptance criteria for core strengths have been established with consideration that cores for investigating low strength-test results will typically be extracted at an age later than specified for f_c'. For the purpose of satisfying 26.12.4.1(d), this Code does not intend that core strengths be adjusted for the age of the cores.

(e) Additional testing of cores extracted from locations represented by erratic core strength results shall be permitted.

(f) If criteria for evaluating structural adequacy based on core strength results are not met, and if the structural adequacy remains in doubt, the responsible authority shall be permitted to order a strength evaluation in accordance with Chapter 27 for the questionable portion of the structure or take other appropriate action.

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26.12.5 Acceptance of steel ¿ber-reinforced concrete

26.12.5.1 Compliance requirements:

(a) Steel ¿ber-reinforced concrete used for shear resistance shall satisfy (1) through (3):

(1) The compressive strength acceptance criteria for standard-cured specimens

(2) The residual strength obtained from Àexural testing in accordance with ASTM C1609M at a midspan deÀection of 1/300 of the span length is at least the greater of (i) and (ii):

(i) 90 percent of the measured ¿rst-peak strength obtained from a Àexural test and

(ii) 90 percent of the strength corresponding to $0.62\sqrt{f_c'}$.

(3) The residual strength obtained from Àexural testing in accordance with ASTM C1609M at a midspan deÀection of 1/150 of the span length is at least the greater of (i) and (ii):

(i) 75 percent of the measured ¿rst-peak strength obtained from a Àexural test and

(ii) 75 percent of the strength corresponding to $0.62\sqrt{f_c'}$.

26.13—Inspection

26.13.1 General

26.13.1.1 Concrete construction shall be inspected as required by the general building code.

26.13.1.2 In the absence of general building code inspection requirements, concrete construction shall be inspected throughout the various Work stages by or under the supervision of a licensed design professional or by a quali¿ed inspector in accordance with the provisions of this section.

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R26.12.5 Acceptance of steel ¿ber-reinforced concrete—The performance criteria for the ASTM C1609M tests are based on results from Àexural tests (Chen et al. 1995) conducted on steel ¿ber-reinforced concretes with ¿ber types and contents similar to those used in the tests of beams that served as the basis for 9.6.3.1.

The term "residual strength" is de¿ned in ASTM C1609M and is related to the ability of cracked ¿ber-reinforced concrete to resist tension. The strength of $0.62\sqrt{f_c'}$ is consistent with the design modulus of rupture of the concrete provided by Eq. (19.2.3.1).

R26.13—Inspection

R26.13.1 General—The quality of concrete structures depends largely on workmanship in construction. The best materials and design practices will not be effective unless construction is performed well. Inspection is necessary to verify that construction is in accordance with construction documents. Proper performance of the structure depends on construction that accurately represents the design and meets Code requirements.

R26.13.1.2 The licensed design professional responsible for the design is in the best position to determine if construction is in conformance with construction documents. However, if the licensed design professional responsible for the design is not retained, inspection of construction through other licensed design professionals or through separate inspection organizations with demonstrated capability for performing the inspection may be used.

Inspectors should establish their quali¿cations by becoming certi¿ed to inspect and record the results of concrete construction, including pre-placement, placement, and post-placement operations through the ACI Inspector Certi¿cation Program: Concrete Construction Special Inspector, or equivalent.

When inspection is conducted independently of the licensed design professional responsible for the design, it is recommended that the licensed design professional responsible for the design oversee inspection and observe the Work to verify that the design requirements are properly executed. In some jurisdictions, legislation has established registration or licensing procedures for persons performing certain

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26.13.1.3 The licensed design professional, a person under the supervision of a licensed design professional, or a qualiﬁed inspector shall verify compliance with construction documents.

26.13.1.4 For continuous construction inspection of special moment frames, qualiﬁed inspectors under the supervision of the licensed design professional responsible for the structural design or under the supervision of a licensed design professional with demonstrated capability to supervise inspection of these elements shall inspect placement of reinforcement and concrete.

26.13.2 Inspection reports

26.13.2.1 Inspection reports shall document inspected items and be developed throughout each construction Work stage by the licensed design professional, person under the

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inspection functions. The general building code should be reviewed or the building ofﬁcial should be consulted to ascertain if any such requirements exist within a speciﬁc jurisdiction. Inspection reports should be distributed promptly to the owner, licensed design professional responsible for the design, contractor, appropriate subcontractors, appropriate suppliers, and the building ofﬁcial to allow timely identiﬁcation of compliance or the need for corrective action.

Inspection responsibility and the degree of inspection required should be set forth in the contracts between the owner, architect, engineer, contractor, and inspector. Adequate resources should be provided to properly perform and oversee the inspection.

R26.13.1.3 By inspection, the Code does not mean that the inspector should supervise the construction. Rather, it means that the individual employed for inspection should visit the project with the frequency necessary to observe the various stages of Work and ascertain that it is being done in compliance with construction documents. The frequency of inspections should be sufﬁcient to provide general knowledge of each operation.

Inspection does not relieve the contractor from the obligation to follow the construction documents and to provide the designated quality and quantity of materials and workmanship for all stages of work.

The Code prescribes minimum requirements for inspection of all structures within its scope. It is not a construction speciﬁcation and any user of the Code may require higher standards of inspection than cited in the general building code if additional requirements are necessary. Recommended procedures for organization and conduct of concrete inspection are given in ACI 311.4R, "Guide for Concrete Inspection". This document serves as a guide to owners, architects, and engineers in planning an inspection program. Detailed methods for inspecting concrete construction are given in ACI SP-2, "Manual of Concrete Inspection" reported by ACI Committee 311. This document describes methods of inspecting concrete construction that are generally accepted as good practice and is intended as a supplement to speciﬁcations and as a guide in matters not covered by speciﬁcations.

R26.13.1.4 The purpose of this requirement is to verify that the detailing required in special moment frames is properly executed through inspection by personnel who are qualiﬁed to inspect these elements. Qualiﬁcations of inspectors should be acceptable to the jurisdiction enforcing the general building code.

R26.13.2 Inspection reports

R26.13.2.1 A record of inspection is required in case questions subsequently arise concerning the performance

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supervision of a licensed design professional, or qualiﬁed inspector. Records of the inspection shall be preserved by the party performing the inspection for at least 2 years after completion of the project.

or safety of the structure or members. Photographs documenting construction progress are also desirable.

The general building code or other legal requirements may require a longer than 2 years of preservation of such records.

26.13.2.2 Inspection reports shall document (a) through (d):

(a) General progress of the Work.
(b) Any signiﬁcant construction loadings on completed ﬂoors, members, or walls.
(c) The date and time of mixing, quantity, proportions of materials used, approximate placement location in the structure, and results of tests for fresh and hardened concrete properties for all concrete mixtures used in the Work.
(d) Concrete temperatures and protection given to concrete during placement and curing when the ambient temperature falls below 4°C or rises above 35°C.

R26.13.2.2(d) The term "ambient temperature" means the temperature of the environment to which the concrete is directly exposed. Concrete temperature as used in this section may be taken as the surface temperature of the concrete. Surface temperatures may be determined by placing temperature sensors in contact with concrete surfaces or between concrete surfaces and covers used for curing, such as insulation blankets or plastic sheeting.

26.13.2.3 Test reports shall be reviewed to verify compliance with 20.2.2.5 if ASTM A615M deformed reinforcement is used to resist earthquake-induced ﬂexure, axial forces, or both in special moment frames, special structural walls, and components of special structural walls including coupling beams and wall piers.

26.13.3 Items requiring inspection

R26.13.3 Items requiring inspection

26.13.3.1 Unless otherwise speciﬁed in the general building code, items requiring veriﬁcation and inspection shall be continuously or periodically inspected in accordance with 26.13.3.2 and 26.13.3.3.

R26.13.3.1 Table 1705 in Chapter 17 of the 2012 IBC was used to determine which items of Work require continuous or periodic inspection.

26.13.3.2 Items requiring continuous inspection shall include (a) through (d):

(a) Placement of concrete.
(b) Tensioning of prestressing steel and grouting of bonded tendons.
(c) Installation of adhesive anchors in horizontal or upwardly inclined orientations to resist sustained tension loads in accordance with 17.8.2.4 and where required as a condition of the anchor assessment in accordance with ACI 355.4.
(d) Reinforcement for special moment frames.

26.13.3.3 Items requiring periodic inspection shall include (a) through (g):

(a) Placement of reinforcement, embedments, and post-tensioning tendons.

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(b) Curing method and duration of curing for each member.

(c) Construction and removal of forms and reshoring.

(d) Sequence of erection and connection of precast members.

R26.13.3.3(d) Some jurisdictions may require continuous inspection of sequence of erection and connection of precast members, and also may require inspection of the shoring, bracing, or other temporary measures.

(e) Veri¿cation of in-place concrete strength before stressing post-tensioned reinforcement and before removal of shores and formwork from beams and structural slabs.

(f) Installation of cast-in anchors, expansion anchors, and undercut anchors in accordance with 17.8.2.

(g) Installation of adhesive anchors where continuous inspection is not required in accordance with 17.8.2.4 or as a condition of the assessment in accordance with ACI 355.4.

R26.13.3.3(g) Inspection requirements for adhesive anchors are derived from three sources: a) the general building code, which requires periodic inspection for anchors in concrete; b) the assessment and quali¿cation of the anchor under the provisions of ACI 355.4, which may require either periodic inspection or continuous inspection with proof loading depending on the strength reduction factors assigned to the anchor; and c) the requirements of 17.8, which mandate continuous inspection for anchors that resist sustained tension loads in speci¿c orientations.

CHAPTER 27—STRENGTH EVALUATION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES

27.1—Scope

27.1.1 Provisions of this chapter shall apply to strength evaluation of existing structures by analytical means or by load testing.

27.2—General

27.2.1 If there is doubt that a part or all of a structure meets the safety requirements of this Code and the structure is to remain in service, a strength evaluation shall be carried out as required by the licensed design professional or building of¿cial.

27.2.2 If the effect of a strength de¿ciency is well understood and it is practical to measure the dimensions and determine the material properties of the members required for analysis, an analytical evaluation of strength based on this information is permitted. Required data shall be determined in accordance with 27.3.

27.2.3 If the effect of a strength de¿ciency is not well understood or it is not practical to measure the dimensions and determine the material properties of the members required for analysis, a load test is required in accordance with 27.4.

27.2.4 If uncertainty about the strength of part or all of a structure involves deterioration, and if the observed response during the load test satis¿es the acceptance criteria in 27.4.5, the structure or part of the structure is permitted to remain in service for a time period speci¿ed by the licensed design professional. If deemed necessary by the licensed design professional, periodic re-evaluations shall be conducted.

R27—STRENGTH EVALUATION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES

R27.1—Scope

R27.1.1 Provisions of this chapter may be used to evaluate whether a structure or a portion of a structure satis¿es the safety requirements of the Code. A strength evaluation may be required if the materials are considered to be de¿cient in quality, if there is evidence indicating faulty construction, if a building will be used for a new function, or if, for any reason, a structure or a portion of it does not appear to satisfy the requirements of the Code. In such cases, this chapter provides guidance for investigating the safety of the structure. This chapter does not cover load testing for the approval of new design or construction methods. Acceptance of alternative materials or systems is covered in 1.10.

R27.2—General

R27.2.1 If a load test is described as part of the strength evaluation process, it is desirable for all parties to agree on the region to be loaded, the magnitude of the load, the load test procedure, and acceptance criteria before any load tests are conducted. If the safety concerns are related to an assemblage of members or an entire structure, it is not feasible to load test every member and section. In such cases, it is appropriate that an investigation plan be developed to address the speci¿c safety concerns.

R27.2.2 Strength considerations related to axial load, Àexure, and combined axial load and Àexure are well understood. There are reliable theories relating strength and short-term displacement to load in terms of member dimensional and material data. To determine the strength of the structure by analysis, calculations should be based on data gathered on the actual dimensions of the structure, properties of the materials in place, and all pertinent details.

R27.2.3 If the shear or bond strength of a member is critical in relation to the doubt expressed about safety, a test may be the most ef¿cient solution to eliminate or con¿rm the doubt. A test may also be appropriate if it is not feasible to determine the material and dimensional properties required for analysis, even if the cause of the concern relates to Àexure or axial load. Wherever possible and appropriate, the results of the load test should be supported by analysis.

R27.2.4 For a deteriorating structure, acceptance provided by the load test is, by necessity, limited in terms of future service life. In such cases, a periodic inspection program is useful. A program that involves physical tests and periodic inspection can justify a longer period in service. Another option for maintaining the structure in service, while the periodic inspection program continues, is to limit the live load to a level determined to be appropriate. The length of the speci¿ed time period between inspections should be based on consideration of: a) the nature of the deterioration;

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b) environmental and load effects; c) service history of the structure; and d) scope of the periodic inspection program. At the end of a speci¿ed time period, further strength evaluation is required if the structure is to remain in service. With the agreement of all concerned parties, procedures may be devised for periodic testing that do not necessarily conform to the loading and acceptance criteria speci¿ed within this chapter.

27.3—Analytical strength evaluation

27.3.1 Veri¿cation of as-built condition

27.3.1.1 Dimensions of members shall be established at critical sections.

27.3.1.2 Locations and sizes of reinforcement shall be determined by measurement. It shall be permitted to base reinforcement locations on available drawings if ¿eld-veri¿ed at representative locations to con¿rm the information on the drawings.

27.3.1.3 If required, an estimated equivalent f_c' shall be based on analysis of results of cylinder tests from the original construction or tests of cores removed from the part of the structure where strength is in question.

27.3.1.4 The method for obtaining and testing cores shall be in accordance with ASTM C42M.

27.3.1.5 The properties of reinforcement are permitted to be based on tensile tests of representative samples of the material in the structure.

R27.3—Analytical strength evaluation

R27.3.1 Veri¿cation of as-built condition

R27.3.1.1 Critical sections for different load effects, such as moment, shear force, and axial force, are locations where stresses caused by such effects reach their maximum value and as further de¿ned for various member types in the Code. Additionally, critical sections may be de¿ned by speci¿c conditions in the structure being evaluated. For example, deterioration could de¿ne a critical section.

R27.3.1.2 If investigating individual members, the amount, size, arrangement, and location of reinforcement designed to resist applied load should be determined at the critical sections. Nondestructive investigation methods are generally acceptable. In large structures, determination of these data for approximately 5 percent of the reinforcement in each critical region may suf¿ce if these measurements con¿rm the data provided in the available drawings.

R27.3.1.3 ACI Committee 214 has developed two methods for determining an equivalent f_c' from cores taken from an existing structure. These methods are described in ACI 214.4R and rely on statistical analysis techniques. The procedures described are only appropriate where the determination of an equivalent f_c' is necessary for the strength evaluation of an existing structure and should not be used to investigate low cylinder strength test results in new construction, which is considered in 26.12.4. The number of core tests may depend on the size of the structure and the sensitivity of structural safety to concrete strength. Guidance on estimating equivalent f_c' from original cylinder data can be found in Bartlett (2012). In cases where the potential de¿ciency involves Àexure only, investigation of concrete strength can be minimal for a lightly reinforced section ($\rho f_y / f_c' \leq 0.15$ for rectangular section).

R27.3.1.5 The number of tests required depends on the uniformity of the material within the structure and should be determined by the licensed design professional responsible for the evaluation.

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27.3.2 Strength reduction factors

27.3.2.1 If dimensions, size, and location of reinforcement, and material properties are determined in accordance with 27.3.1, it is permitted to increase φ from the design values elsewhere in this Code; however, φ shall not exceed the limits in Table 27.3.2.1.

Table 27.3.2.1—Maximum permissible strength reduction factors

Strength	Classiﬁcation	Transverse reinforcement	Maximum permissible φ
Flexure, axial, or both	Tension controlled	All cases	1.0
	Compression controlled	Spirals[1]	0.9
		Other	0.8
Shear, torsion, or both			0.8
Bearing			0.8

[1]Spirals shall satisfy 10.7.6.3, 20.2.2, and 25.7.3.

27.4—Strength evaluation by load test
27.4.1 General

27.4.1.1 Load tests shall be conducted in a manner that provides for safety of life and the structure during the test.

27.4.1.2 Safety measures shall not interfere with the load test or affect the results.

27.4.1.3 The portion of the structure subject to the test load shall be at least 56 days old. If the owner of the structure, the contractor, the licensed design professional, and all other involved parties agree, it shall be permitted to perform the load test at an earlier age.

27.4.1.4 A precast member to be made composite with cast-in-place concrete shall be permitted to be tested in ﬂexure as a precast member alone in accordance with (a) and (b):

(a) Test loads shall be applied only when calculations indicate the isolated precast member will not fail by compression or buckling.
(b) The test load, when applied to the precast member alone, shall induce the same total force in the tensile reinforcement as would be produced by loading the composite member with the test load in accordance with 27.4.2.

27.4.2 Test load arrangement and load factors

27.4.2.1 Test load arrangements shall be selected to maximize the deﬂection, load effects, and stresses in the critical regions of the members being evaluated.

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R27.3.2 Strength reduction factors

R27.3.2.1 The strength reduction factors are larger than those deﬁned in Chapter 21. These increased values are justiﬁed by the use of ﬁeld-obtained material properties and actual in-place dimensions.

R27.4—Strength evaluation by load test

R27.4.2 Test load arrangement and load factors

R27.4.2.1 It is important to apply the load at locations so the effects on the suspected deﬁciency are a maximum and sharing of the applied load with unloaded members is minimized. In cases where it is shown by analysis that adjoining unloaded members will help carry some of the load, the test

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27.4.2.2 The total test load T_t, including dead load already in place, shall be at least the greatest of (a), (b), and (c):

(a) $T_t = 1.15D + 1.5L + 0.4(L_r \text{ or } S \text{ or } R)$ (27.4.2.2a)
(b) $T_t = 1.15D + 0.9L + 1.5(L_r \text{ or } S \text{ or } R)$ (27.4.2.2b)
(c) $T_t = 1.3D$ (27.4.2.2c)

27.4.2.3 It is permitted to reduce L in 27.4.2.2 in accordance with the general building code.

27.4.2.4 The load factor on the live load L in 27.4.2.2(b) shall be permitted to be reduced to 0.45 except for parking structures, areas occupied as places of public assembly, or areas where L is greater than 4.8 kN/m^2.

27.4.3 Test load application

27.4.3.1 Total test load T_t shall be applied in at least four approximately equal increments.

27.4.3.2 Uniform T_t shall be applied in a manner that ensures uniform distribution of the load transmitted to the structure or portion of the structure being tested. Arching of the test load shall be avoided.

27.4.3.3 After the final load increment is applied, T_t shall remain on the structure for at least 24 hours unless signs of distress, as noted in 27.4.5, are observed.

27.4.3.4 After all response measurements are recorded, the test load shall be removed as soon as practical.

27.4.4 Response measurements

27.4.4.1 Response measurements, such as deflection, strain, slip, and crack width, shall be made at locations where maximum response is expected. Additional measurements shall be made if required.

27.4.4.2 The initial value for all applicable response measurements shall be obtained not more than 1 hour before applying the first load increment.

27.4.4.3 A set of response measurements shall be recorded after each load increment is applied and after T_t has been applied on the structure for at least 24 hours.

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load should be adjusted to ensure sufficient forces act on the critical region of the members being evaluated.

R27.4.2.3 The live load L may be reduced as permitted by the general building code governing safety considerations for the structure. The test load should be increased to compensate for resistance provided by unloaded portions of the structure in question. The increase in test load is determined from analysis of the loading conditions in relation to the selected pass/fail criterion for the test.

R27.4.3 Test load application

R27.4.3.1 Inspecting the area of the structure subject to test loading for signs of distress after each load increment is advisable (refer to R27.4.5.1).

R27.4.3.2 Arching refers to the tendency for the load to be transmitted nonuniformly to the flexural member being tested. For example, if a slab is loaded by a uniform arrangement of bricks, arching of bricks in contact would result in reduction of the load on the slab near the midspan of the slab.

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27.4.4.4 A set of ¿nal response measurements shall be made 24 hours after T_t is removed.

27.4.5 Acceptance criteria

27.4.5.1 The portion of the structure tested shall show no spalling or crushing of concrete, or other evidence of failure.

R27.4.5 Acceptance criteria

R27.4.5.1 Evidence of failure includes distress (cracking, spalling, or deÀection) of such magnitude and extent that the observed result is obviously excessive and incompatible with the safety requirements of the structure. No simple rules have been developed for application to all types of structures and conditions. If suf¿cient damage has occurred so that the structure is considered to have failed that test, retesting is not permitted because it is considered that damaged members should not be put into service even at a lower load rating.

Local spalling or Àaking of the compressed concrete in Àexural members related to casting imperfections need not indicate overall structural distress. Crack widths are good indicators of the state of the structure and should be observed to help determine whether the structural strength and behavior are satisfactory. However, accurate prediction or measurement of crack widths in structural concrete members is not likely to be achieved under ¿eld conditions. It is advisable to establish criteria before the test relative to the types of cracks anticipated; where the cracks will be measured; how they will be measured; and approximate limits or criteria to evaluate new cracks or limits for the changes in crack width.

27.4.5.2 Members tested shall not exhibit cracks indicating imminent shear failure.

R27.4.5.2 Forces are transmitted across a shear crack plane by aggregate interlock at the interface of the crack that is enhanced by clamping action of transverse reinforcement and by dowel action of stirrups crossing the crack. The member is assumed to be approaching imminent shear failure when crack lengths increase to approach a horizontal projected length equal to the depth of the member and concurrently widen to the extent that aggregate interlock cannot occur, and as transverse stirrups, if present, begin to yield or display loss of anchorage so as to threaten their integrity.

27.4.5.3 In regions of members without transverse reinforcement, structural cracks inclined to the longitudinal axis and having a horizontal projection greater than the depth of the member shall be evaluated. For variable-depth members, the depth shall be measured at the mid-length of the crack.

R27.4.5.3 Inclined cracks may lead to brittle failure of members without transverse reinforcement. Assessment of all inclined cracks is advisable where transverse reinforcement is not present.

27.4.5.4 In regions of anchorage and lap splices of reinforcement, short inclined cracks or horizontal cracks along the line of reinforcement shall be evaluated.

R27.4.5.4 Cracking along the axis of the reinforcement in anchorage zones may be related to high stresses associated with the transfer of forces between the reinforcement and the concrete. These cracks may be indicators of impending brittle failure of the member if they are associated with the development of main reinforcement. It is important that their causes and consequences be evaluated.

27.4.5.5 Measured deÀections shall satisfy (a) or (b):

R27.4.5.5 If the structure shows no evidence of failure, recovery of deÀection after removal of the test load is used

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(a) $\Delta_1 \leq \dfrac{l_t^2}{20,000h}$ (27.4.5.5a)

(b) $\Delta_r \leq \dfrac{\Delta_1}{4}$ (27.4.5.5b)

27.4.5.6 If 27.4.5.5 is not satisﬁed, it shall be permitted to repeat the load test, provided that the second load test begins no earlier than 72 hours after removal of externally applied loads from the ﬁrst load test.

27.4.5.7 Portions of the structure tested in the second load test shall be considered acceptable if:

$$\Delta_r \leq \dfrac{\Delta_2}{5} \qquad (27.4.5.7)$$

27.5—Reduced load rating

27.5.1 Provision for lower load rating—If the structure under investigation does not satisfy conditions or criteria of 27.3 or 27.4.5, the structure shall be permitted for use at a lower load rating, based on the results of the load test or analysis, if approved by the building ofﬁcial.

to determine whether the strength of the structure is satisfactory. In the case of a very stiff structure, however, the errors in measurements under ﬁeld conditions may be of the same order as the actual deﬂections and recovery. To avoid penalizing a satisfactory structure in such a case, recovery measurements are waived if the maximum deﬂection is less than $\ell_t^2/(20,000h)$.

R27.5—Reduced load rating

R27.5.1 Provision for lower load rating—Except for load tested members that have failed under a test (refer to 27.4.5), the building ofﬁcial may permit the use of a structure or member at a lower load rating that is judged to be safe and appropriate on the basis of the strength evaluation.

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APPENDIX A—STEEL REINFORCEMENT INFORMATION

As an aid to users of the ACI Building Code, information on sizes, areas, and weights of various steel reinforcement is presented.

ASTM STANDARD REINFORCING BARS

Bar size, no.	Nominal diameter, in.	Nominal area, in.^{2}	Nominal weight, lb/ft
3	0.375	0.11	0.376
4	0.500	0.20	0.668
5	0.625	0.31	1.043
6	0.750	0.44	1.502
7	0.875	0.60	2.044
8	1.000	0.79	2.670
9	1.128	1.00	3.400
10	1.270	1.27	4.303
11	1.410	1.56	5.313
14	1.693	2.25	7.65
18	2.257	4.00	13.60

ASTM STANDARD PRESTRESSING STRANDS, WIRES, AND BARS

Type*	Nominal diameter, in.	Nominal area, in.^{2}	Nominal weight, lb/ft
Seven-wire strand (Grade 250)	1/4 (0.250)	0.036	0.122
	5/16 (0.313)	0.058	0.197
	3/8 (0.375)	0.080	0.272
	7/16 (0.438)	0.108	0.367
	1/2 (0.500)	0.144	0.490
	(0.600)	0.216	0.737
Seven-wire strand (Grade 270)	3/8 (0.375)	0.085	0.290
	7/16 (0.438)	0.115	0.390
	1/2 (0.500)	0.153	0.520
	(0.520)	0.167	0.570
	(0.563)	0.192	0.650
	(0.600)	0.217	0.740
	(0.620)	0.231	0.780
	(0.700)	0.294	1.000
Prestressing wire	0.192	0.029	0.098
	0.196	0.030	0.102
	0.250	0.049	0.170
	0.276	0.060	0.204
Prestressing bars (Type I, plain)	3/4	0.44	1.50
	7/8	0.60	2.04
	1	0.78	2.67
	1-1/8	0.99	3.38
	1-1/4	1.23	4.17
	1-3/8	1.48	5.05
Prestressing bars (Type II, deformed)	5/8	0.28	0.98
	3/4	0.42	1.49
	1	0.85	3.01
	1-1/4	1.25	4.39
	1-3/8	1.58	5.56
	1-3/4	2.58	9.10
	2-1/2	5.16	18.20
	3	6.85	24.09

*Availability of some strand, wire, and bar sizes should be investigated in advance.

WRI STANDARD WIRE REINFORCEMENT*

W & D size		Nominal diameter, in.	Nominal area, in.^{2}	Nominal weight, lb/ft	Area, in.^{2}/ft of width for various spacings						
					Center-to-center spacing, in.						
Plain	Deformed				2	3	4	6	8	10	12
W31	D31	0.628	0.310	1.054	1.86	1.24	0.93	0.62	0.46	0.37	0.31
W30	D30	0.618	0.300	1.020	1.80	1.20	0.90	0.60	0.45	0.36	0.30
W28	D28	0.597	0.280	0.952	1.68	1.12	0.84	0.56	0.42	0.33	0.28
W26	D26	0.575	0.260	0.884	1.56	1.04	0.78	0.52	0.39	0.31	0.26
W24	D24	0.553	0.240	0.816	1.44	0.96	0.72	0.48	0.36	0.28	0.24
W22	D22	0.529	0.220	0.748	1.32	0.88	0.66	0.44	0.33	0.26	0.22
W20	D20	0.505	0.200	0.680	1.20	0.80	0.60	0.40	0.30	0.24	0.20
W18	D18	0.479	0.180	0.612	1.08	0.72	0.54	0.36	0.27	0.21	0.18
W16	D16	0.451	0.160	0.544	0.96	0.64	0.48	0.32	0.24	0.19	0.16
W14	D14	0.422	0.140	0.476	0.84	0.56	0.42	0.28	0.21	0.16	0.14
W12	D12	0.391	0.120	0.408	0.72	0.48	0.36	0.24	0.18	0.14	0.12
W11	D11	0.374	0.110	0.374	0.66	0.44	0.33	0.22	0.16	0.13	0.11
W10.5		0.366	0.105	0.357	0.63	0.42	0.315	0.21	0.15	0.12	0.105
W10	D10	0.357	0.100	0.340	0.60	0.40	0.30	0.20	0.15	0.12	0.10
W9.5		0.348	0.095	0.323	0.57	0.38	0.285	0.19	0.14	0.11	0.095
W9	D9	0.338	0.090	0.306	0.54	0.36	0.27	0.18	0.13	0.10	0.09
W8.5		0.329	0.085	0.289	0.51	0.34	0.255	0.17	0.12	0.10	0.085
W8	D8	0.319	0.080	0.272	0.48	0.32	0.24	0.16	0.12	0.09	0.08
W7.5		0.309	0.075	0.255	0.45	0.30	0.225	0.15	0.11	0.09	0.075
W7	D7	0.299	0.070	0.238	0.42	0.28	0.21	0.14	0.10	0.08	0.07
W6.5		0.288	0.065	0.221	0.39	0.26	0.195	0.13	0.09	0.07	0.065
W6	D6	0.276	0.060	0.204	0.36	0.24	0.18	0.12	0.09	0.07	0.06
W5.5		0.265	0.055	0.187	0.33	0.22	0.165	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.055
W5	D5	0.252	0.050	0.170	0.30	0.20	0.15	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.05
W4.5		0.239	0.045	0.153	0.27	0.18	0.135	0.09	0.06	0.05	0.045
W4	D4	0.226	0.040	0.136	0.24	0.16	0.12	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.04
W3.5		0.211	0.035	0.119	0.21	0.14	0.105	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.035
W3		0.195	0.030	0.102	0.18	0.12	0.09	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.03
W2.9		0.192	0.029	0.098	0.174	0.116	0.087	0.058	0.04	0.03	0.029
W2.5		0.178	0.025	0.085	0.15	0.10	0.075	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.025
W2		0.160	0.020	0.068	0.12	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.02
W1.4		0.134	0.014	0.049	0.084	0.056	0.042	0.028	0.02	0.01	0.014

*Reference "Structural Welded Wire Reinforcement Manual of Standard Practice," Wire Reinforcement Institute, Hartford, CT, sixth edition, Apr., 2001, 38 pp.

APPENDIX B—EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN SI-METRIC, MKS-METRIC, AND U.S. CUSTOMARY UNITS OF NONHOMOGENOUS EQUATIONS IN THE CODE

Provision number	SI-metric stress in MPa	mks-metric stress in kgf/cm^2	U.S. Customary units stress in pounds per square inch (psi)
	1 MPa	10 kgf/cm^2	145 psi
	$f_c' = 21$ MPa	$f_c' = 210$ kgf/cm^2	$f_c' = 3000$ psi
	$f_c' = 28$ MPa	$f_c' = 280$ kgf/cm^2	$f_c' = 4000$ psi
	$f_c' = 35$ MPa	$f_c' = 350$ kgf/cm^2	$f_c' = 5000$ psi
	$f_c' = 40$ MPa	$f_c' = 420$ kgf/cm^2	$f_c' = 6000$ psi
	$f_y = 280$ MPa	$f_y = 2800$ kgf/cm^2	$f_y = 40{,}000$ psi
	$f_y = 420$ MPa	$f_y = 4200$ kgf/cm^2	$f_y = 60{,}000$ psi
	$f_{pu} = 1725$ MPa	$f_{pu} = 17{,}600$ kgf/cm^2	$f_{pu} = 250{,}000$ psi
	$f_{pu} = 1860$ MPa	$f_{pu} = 19{,}000$ kgf/cm^2	$f_{pu} = 270{,}000$ psi
	$\sqrt{f_c'}$ in MPa	$3.18\sqrt{f_c'}$ in kgf/cm^2	$12\sqrt{f_c'}$ in psi
	$0.313\sqrt{f_c'}$ in MPa	$\sqrt{f_c'}$ in kgf/cm^2	$3.77\sqrt{f_c'}$ in psi
	$0.083\sqrt{f_c'}$ in MPa	$0.27\sqrt{f_c'}$ in kgf/cm^2	$\sqrt{f_c'}$ in psi
	$0.17\sqrt{f_c'}$ in MPa	$0.53\sqrt{f_c'}$ in kgf/cm^2	$2\sqrt{f_c'}$ in psi
6.6.4.5.4	$M_{2,min} = P_u(15 + 0.03h)$	$M_{2,min} = P_u(1.5 + 0.03h)$	$M_{2,min} = P_u(0.6 + 0.03h)$
7.3.1.1.1	$\left(0.4 + \dfrac{f_y}{700}\right)$	$\left(0.4 + \dfrac{f_y}{7000}\right)$	$\left(0.4 + \dfrac{f_y}{100{,}000}\right)$
7.3.1.1.2	$(1.65 - 0.0003w_c) \geq 1.09$	$(1.65 - 0.0003w_c) \geq 1.09$	$(1.65 - 0.005w_c) \geq 1.09$
7.6.1.1	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 420}{f_y}A_s$	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 4200}{f_y}A_s$	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 60{,}000}{f_y}A_s$
7.7.3.5(c)	$0.41\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$	$4.2\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$	$60\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$
8.3.1.2(b)(c)	$h = \dfrac{\ell_n\left(0.8 + \dfrac{f_y}{1400}\right)}{36 + 5\beta\left(\alpha_{fm} - 0.2\right)} \geq 125$ mm	$h = \dfrac{\ell_n\left(0.8 + \dfrac{f_y}{14{,}000}\right)}{36 + 5\beta\left(\alpha_{fm} - 0.2\right)} \geq 12.5$ cm	$h = \dfrac{\ell_n\left(0.8 + \dfrac{f_y}{200{,}000}\right)}{36 + 5\beta\left(\alpha_{fm} - 0.2\right)} \geq 5$ in.
8.3.1.2(d)(e)	$h = \dfrac{\ell_n\left(0.8 + \dfrac{f_y}{1400}\right)}{36 + 9\beta} \geq 90$ mm	$h = \dfrac{\ell_n\left(0.8 + \dfrac{f_y}{14{,}000}\right)}{36 + 9\beta} \geq 9$ cm	$h = \dfrac{\ell_n\left(0.8 + \dfrac{f_y}{200{,}000}\right)}{36 + 9\beta} \geq 3.5$ in.
8.3.4.1	$f_t \leq 0.50\sqrt{f_c'}$	$f_t \leq 1.6\sqrt{f_c'}$	$f_t \leq 6\sqrt{f_c'}$
8.6.1.1	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 420}{f_y}A_s$	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 4200}{f_y}A_s$	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 60{,}000}{f_y}A_s$
8.6.2.3	$0.17\sqrt{f_c'}$ $0.50\sqrt{f_c'}$	$0.53\sqrt{f_c'}$ $1.6\sqrt{f_c'}$	$2\sqrt{f_c'}$ $6\sqrt{f_c'}$
8.7.5.6.3.1(a) and (b)	$A_s = \dfrac{0.37\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d}{f_y}$ $A_s = \dfrac{2.1b_w d}{f_y}$	$A_s = \dfrac{1.2\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d}{f_y}$ $A_s = \dfrac{2 lb_w d}{f_y}$	$A_s = \dfrac{4.5\sqrt{f_c'}b_w d}{f_y}$ $A_s = \dfrac{300b_w d}{f_y}$

8.7.7.1.2	$\phi 0.5\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\phi 1.6\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\phi 6\sqrt{f_c'}$
9.3.1.1.1	$\left(0.4+\dfrac{f_y}{700}\right)$	$\left(0.4+\dfrac{f_y}{7000}\right)$	$\left(0.4+\dfrac{f_y}{100,000}\right)$
9.3.1.1.2	$(1.65-0.0003w_c)\ge 1.09$	$(1.65-0.0003w_c)\ge 1.09$	$(1.65-0.005w_c)\ge 1.09$
9.6.1.2(a) and (b)	$\dfrac{0.25\sqrt{f_c'}}{f_y}b_wd$ $\dfrac{1.4}{f_y}b_wd$	$\dfrac{0.80\sqrt{f_c'}}{f_y}b_wd$ $\dfrac{14}{f_y}b_wd$	$\dfrac{3\sqrt{f_c'}}{f_y}b_wd$ $\dfrac{200}{f_y}b_wd$
9.6.3.1	$V_u\le\phi 0.17\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$	$V_u\le\phi 0.53\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$	$V_u\le\phi 2\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$
9.6.3.3	$A_{v,min}\ge 0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min}\ge 0.35\dfrac{b_ws}{f_y}$	$A_{v,min}\ge 0.2\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min}\ge 3.5\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$	$A_{v,min}\ge 0.75\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min}\ge\dfrac{50b_ws}{f_{yt}}$
9.6.4.2(a) and (b)	$(A_v+2A_t)/s\ge 0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w}{f_{yt}}$ $(A_v+2A_t)/s\ge\dfrac{0.35b_w}{f_{yt}}$	$(A_v+2A_t)/s\ge 0.2\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w}{f_{yt}}$ $(A_v+2A_t)/s\ge\dfrac{3.5b_w}{f_{yt}}$	$(A_v+2A_t)/s\ge 0.75\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w}{f_{yt}}$ $(A_v+2A_t)/s\ge\dfrac{50b_w}{f_{yt}}$
9.6.4.3(a) and (b)	$A_{l,min}\le\dfrac{0.42\sqrt{f_c'}A_{cp}}{f_y}-\left(\dfrac{A_t}{s}\right)p_h\dfrac{f_y}{f_y}$ $A_{l,min}\le\dfrac{0.42\sqrt{f_c'}A_{cp}}{f_y}-\left(\dfrac{0.175b_w}{f_{yt}}\right)p_h\dfrac{f_{yt}}{f_y}$	$A_{l,min}\le\dfrac{1.33\sqrt{f_c'}A_{cp}}{f_y}-\left(\dfrac{A_t}{s}\right)p_h\dfrac{f_{yt}}{f_y}$ $A_{l,min}\le\dfrac{1.33\sqrt{f_c'}A_{cp}}{f_y}-\left(\dfrac{2.5b_w}{f_{yt}}\right)p_h\dfrac{f_{yt}}{f_y}$	$A_{l,min}\le\dfrac{5\sqrt{f_c'}A_{cp}}{f_y}-\left(\dfrac{A_t}{s}\right)p_h\dfrac{f_{yt}}{f_y}$ $A_{l,min}\le\dfrac{5\sqrt{f_c'}A_{cp}}{f_y}-\left(\dfrac{25b_w}{f_{yt}}\right)p_h\dfrac{f_{yt}}{f_y}$
9.7.3.5(c)	$0.41\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$	$4.2\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$	$60\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$
9.7.6.2.2	$0.33\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$	$1.1\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$	$4\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$
9.9.2.1	$V_u\le\phi 0.83\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$	$V_u\le\phi 2.65\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$	$V_u\le\phi 10\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$
10.6.2.2	$A_{v,min}\ge 0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min}\ge 0.35\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$	$A_{v,min}\ge 0.2\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min}\ge 3.5\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$	$A_{v,min}\ge 0.75\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_ws}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min}\ge\dfrac{50b_ws}{f_{yt}}$
10.7.6.5.2	$0.33\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$	$1.1\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$	$4\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_wd$
11.5.4.3	$0.83\sqrt{f_c'}\,hd$	$2.65\sqrt{f_c'}\,hd$	$10\sqrt{f_c'}\,hd$
11.5.4.5 and 11.5.4.6 (a)	$0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,hd$	$0.53\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,hd$	$2\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,hd$

11.5.4.6(b)	$0.17\left(1 + \dfrac{0.29 N_u}{A_g}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$0.53\left(1 + \dfrac{N_u}{35 A_g}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$2\left(1 + \dfrac{N_u}{500 A_g}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$
11.5.4.6(d)	$V_c = 0.27\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}hd + \dfrac{N_u d}{4\ell_w}$	$V_c = 0.88\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}hd + \dfrac{N_u d}{4\ell_w}$	$V_c = 3.3\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}hd + \dfrac{N_u d}{4\ell_w}$
11.5.4.6(e)	$V_c =$ $\left[0.05\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \dfrac{\ell_w\left(0.1\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \dfrac{0.2 N_u}{\ell_w h}\right)}{\dfrac{M_u}{V_u} - \dfrac{\ell_w}{2}}\right]hd$	$V_c =$ $\left[0.16\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \dfrac{\ell_w\left(0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \dfrac{0.2 N_u}{\ell_w h}\right)}{\dfrac{M_u}{V_u} - \dfrac{\ell_w}{2}}\right]hd$	$V_c =$ $\left[0.6\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \dfrac{\ell_w\left(1.25\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \dfrac{0.2 N_u}{\ell_w h}\right)}{\dfrac{M_u}{V_u} - \dfrac{\ell_w}{2}}\right]hd$
12.5.3.3	$\sqrt{f_c'} \le 8.3$ MPa	$\sqrt{f_c'} \le 27$ kgf/cm^2	$\sqrt{f_c'} \le 100$ psi
12.5.3.4	$V_u \le \phi 0.66 A_{cv}\sqrt{f_c'}$ $\sqrt{f_c'} \le 8.3$ MPa	$V_u \le \phi 2.1 A_{cv}\sqrt{f_c'}$ $\sqrt{f_c'} \le 27$ kgf/cm^2	$V_u \le \phi 8 A_{cv}\sqrt{f_c'}$ $\sqrt{f_c'} \le 100$ psi
14.5.2.1a	$M_n = 0.42\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,S_m$	$M_n = 1.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,S_m$	$M_n = 5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,S_m$
14.5.4.1(a)	$\dfrac{M_u}{S_m} - \dfrac{P_u}{A_g} \le \phi 0.42\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\dfrac{M_u}{S_m} - \dfrac{P_u}{A_g} \le \phi 1.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\dfrac{M_u}{S_m} - \dfrac{P_u}{A_g} \le \phi 5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$
14.5.5.1(a)	$V_n = 0.11\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w h$	$V_n = 0.35\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w h$	$V_n = \dfrac{4}{3}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w h$
14.5.5.1(b) and (c)	$V_n = 0.11\left(1 + \dfrac{2}{\beta}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_o h$ $V_n = 0.22\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_o h$	$V_n = 0.35\left(1 + \dfrac{2}{\beta}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_o h$ $V_n = 0.71\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_o h$	$V_n = \left(1 + \dfrac{2}{\beta}\right)\dfrac{4}{3}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_o h$ $V_n = 2\left(\dfrac{4}{3}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_o h$
15.4.2	$A_{v,min} \ge 0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min} \ge 0.35\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$	$A_{v,min} \ge 0.2\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min} \ge 3.5\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$	$A_{v,min} \ge 0.75\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min} \ge 50\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$
16.4.4.1	$\phi(3.5 b_v d)$	$\phi(35 b_v d)$	$\phi(500 b_v d)$
16.4.4.2	$\lambda\left(1.8 + 0.6\dfrac{A_v f_{yt}}{b_v s}\right)b_v d$ $3.5 b_v d$ $0.55 b_v d$	$\lambda\left(18 + 0.6\dfrac{A_v f_{yt}}{b_v s}\right)b_v d$ $35 b_v d$ $5.6 b_v d$	$\lambda\left(260 + 0.6\dfrac{A_v f_{yt}}{b_v s}\right)b_v d$ $500 b_v d$ $80 b_v d$
16.4.6.1	$A_{v,min} \ge 0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min} \ge 0.35\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$	$A_{v,min} \ge 0.2\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min} \ge 3.5\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$	$A_{v,min} \ge 0.75\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min} \ge 50\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$
16.5.2.4(b) and (c)	$(3.3 + 0.08 f_c')b_w d$ $11 b_w d$	$(34 + 0.08 f_c')b_w d$ $110 b_w d$	$(480 + 0.08 f_c')b_w d$ $1600 b_w d$

16.5.2.5(b)	$\left(5.5 - 1.9\dfrac{a_v}{d}\right)b_w d$	$\left(55 - 20\dfrac{a_v}{d}\right)b_w d$	$\left(800 - 280\dfrac{a_v}{d}\right)b_w d$
17.4.2.2a	$N_b = k_c\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}\,h_{ef}^{1.5}$ $k_c = 10$ or 7	$N_b = k_c\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}\,h_{ef}^{1.5}$ $k_c = 10$ or 7	$N_b = k_c\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}\,h_{ef}^{1.5}$ $k_c = 24$ or 17
17.4.2.2b	$N_b = 3.9\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}\,h_{ef}^{5/3}$	$N_b = 5.8\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}\,h_{ef}^{5/3}$	$N_b = 16\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}\,h_{ef}^{5/3}$
17.4.4.1	$N_{sb} = 13c_{a1}\sqrt{A_{brg}}\,\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}$	$N_{sb} = 42.5c_{a1}\sqrt{A_{brg}}\,\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}$	$N_{sb} = 160c_{a1}\sqrt{A_{brg}}\,\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}$
17.4.5.1d	$10d_a\sqrt{\dfrac{\tau_{cr}}{7.6}}$	$10d_a\sqrt{\dfrac{\tau_{cr}}{76}}$	$10d_a\sqrt{\dfrac{\tau_{cr}}{1100}}$
17.5.2.2a	$V_b = 0.6\left(\dfrac{\ell_e}{d_a}\right)^{0.2}\sqrt{d_a}\,\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}(c_{a1})^{1.5}$	$V_b = 1.9\left(\dfrac{\ell_e}{d_a}\right)^{0.2}\sqrt{d_a}\,\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}(c_{a1})^{1.5}$	$V_b = 7\left(\dfrac{\ell_e}{d_a}\right)^{0.2}\sqrt{d_a}\,\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}(c_{a1})^{1.5}$
17.5.2.2b	$V_b = 3.7\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}(c_{a1})^{1.5}$	$V_b = 3.8\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}(c_{a1})^{1.5}$	$V_b = 9\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}(c_{a1})^{1.5}$
17.5.2.3	$V_b = 0.66\left(\dfrac{\ell_e}{d_a}\right)^{0.2}\sqrt{d_a}\,\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}(c_{a1})^{1.5}$	$V_b = 2.1\left(\dfrac{\ell_e}{d_a}\right)^{0.2}\sqrt{d_a}\,\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}(c_{a1})^{1.5}$	$V_b = 8\left(\dfrac{\ell_e}{d_a}\right)^{0.2}\sqrt{d_a}\,\lambda_a\sqrt{f_c'}(c_{a1})^{1.5}$
18.7.5.2	$f_c' > 70$ MPa	$f_c' > 700$ kgf/cm^2	$f_c' > 10{,}000$ psi
18.7.5.3	$s_o = 100 + \left(\dfrac{350 - h_x}{3}\right)$	$s_o = 10 + \left(\dfrac{35 - h_x}{3}\right)$	$s_o = 4 + \left(\dfrac{14 - h_x}{3}\right)$
18.7.5.4(a)	$k_f = \dfrac{f_c'}{175} + 0.6 \ge 1.0$	$k_f = \dfrac{f_c'}{1750} + 0.6 \ge 1.0$	$k_f = \dfrac{f_c'}{25{,}000} + 0.6 \ge 1.0$
18.8.4.1	$1.7\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_j$ $1.2\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_j$ $1.0\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_j$	$5.3\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_j$ $4.0\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_j$ $3.2\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_j$	$20\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_j$ $15\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_j$ $12\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_j$
18.8.5.1	$\ell_{dh} = f_y d_b/\left(5.4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\right)$	$\ell_{dh} = f_y d_b/\left(17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\right)$	$\ell_{dh} = f_y d_b/\left(65\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\right)$
18.10.2.1	$0.083A_{cv}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$0.27A_{cv}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$A_{cv}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$
18.10.2.2	$0.17A_{cv}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$0.53A_{cv}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$2A_{cv}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$
18.10.4.1	$V_n = A_{cv}(\alpha_c\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \rho_t f_y)$ $\alpha_c = 0.25$ for $\dfrac{h_w}{\ell_w} \le 1.5$ $\alpha_c = 0.17$ for $\dfrac{h_w}{\ell_w} \ge 2.0$	$V_n = A_{cv}(\alpha_c\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \rho_t f_y)$ $\alpha_c = 0.80$ for $\dfrac{h_w}{\ell_w} \le 1.5$ $\alpha_c = 0.53$ for $\dfrac{h_w}{\ell_w} \ge 2.0$	$V_n = A_{cv}(\alpha_c\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \rho_t f_y)$ $\alpha_c = 3.0$ for $\dfrac{h_w}{\ell_w} \le 1.5$ $\alpha_c = 2.0$ for $\dfrac{h_w}{\ell_w} \ge 2.0$
18.10.4.4	$0.66A_{cv}\sqrt{f_c'}$ $0.83A_{cw}\sqrt{f_c'}$	$2.12A_{cv}\sqrt{f_c'}$ $2.65A_{cw}\sqrt{f_c'}$	$8A_{cw}\sqrt{f_c'}$ $10A_{cw}\sqrt{f_c'}$
18.10.4.5	$0.83A_{cw}\sqrt{f_c'}$	$2.65A_{cw}\sqrt{f_c'}$	$10A_{cw}\sqrt{f_c'}$
18.10.6.5(a)	$2.8/f_y$	$28/f_y$	$400/f_y$
18.10.6.5(b)	$0.083A_{cv}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$0.27A_{cv}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$A_{cv}\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$

18.10.7.2	$0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_{cw}$	$1.1\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_{cw}$	$4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_{cw}$
18.10.7.4	$V_n = 2A_{vd}f_y\sin\alpha \le 0.83\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_{cw}$	$V_n = 2A_{vd}f_y\sin\alpha \le 2.65\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_{cw}$	$V_n = 2A_{vd}f_y\sin\alpha \le 10\sqrt{f_c'}\,A_{cw}$
18.12.7.6(b)	$A_{v,min} \ge 0.062\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min} \ge 0.35\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$	$A_{v,min} \ge 0.2\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min} \ge 3.5\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$	$A_{v,min} \ge 0.75\sqrt{f_c'}\dfrac{b_w s}{f_{yt}}$ $A_{v,min} \ge \dfrac{50 b_w s}{f_{yt}}$
18.12.9.1	$V_n = A_{cv}(0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \rho_t f_y)$	$V_n = A_{cv}(0.53\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \rho_t f_y)$	$V_n = A_{cv}(2\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + \rho_t f_y)$
18.12.9.2	$0.66A_{cv}\sqrt{f_c'}$	$2.12A_{cv}\sqrt{f_c'}$	$8A_{cv}\sqrt{f_c'}$
18.14.5.1	$0.29\sqrt{f_c'}$	$0.93\sqrt{f_c'}$	$3.5\sqrt{f_c'}$
19.2.2.1(a)	$E_c = w_c^{1.5}\,0.043\sqrt{f_c'}$	$E_c = w_c^{1.5}\,0.14\sqrt{f_c'}$	$E_c = w_c^{1.5}\,33\sqrt{f_c'}$
19.2.2.1(b)	$E_c = 4700\sqrt{f_c'}$	$E_c = 15{,}100\sqrt{f_c'}$	$E_c = 57{,}000\sqrt{f_c'}$
19.2.3.1	$f_r = 0.62\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$f_r = 2\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$f_r = 7.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$
19.2.4.3	$\lambda = f_{ct}/(0.56\sqrt{f_{cm}}) \le 1.0$	$\lambda = f_{ct}/(1.78\sqrt{f_{cm}}) \le 1.0$	$\lambda = f_{ct}/(6.7\sqrt{f_{cm}}) \le 1.0$
20.3.2.4.1	$f_{se} + 70 + \dfrac{f_c'}{100\rho_p}$ $f_{se} + 420$ $f_{ps} = f_{se} + 70 + \dfrac{f_c'}{300\rho_p}$ $f_{se} + 210$	$f_{se} + 700 + \dfrac{f_c'}{100\rho_p}$ $f_{se} + 4200$ $f_{ps} = f_{se} + 700 + \dfrac{f_c'}{300\rho_p}$ $f_{se} + 2100$	$f_{se} + 10{,}000 + \dfrac{f_c'}{100\rho_p}$ $f_{se} + 60{,}000$ $f_{ps} = f_{se} + 10{,}000 + \dfrac{f_c'}{300\rho_p}$ $f_{se} + 30{,}000$
21.2.3	$\ell_{tr} = \left(\dfrac{f_{se}}{21}\right)d_b$	$\ell_{tr} = \left(\dfrac{f_{se}}{210}\right)d_b$	$\ell_{tr} = \left(\dfrac{f_{se}}{3000}\right)d_b$
22.2.2.4.3	$0.85 - \dfrac{0.05\left(f_c' - 28\right)}{7}$	$0.85 - \dfrac{0.05\left(f_c' - 280\right)}{70}$	$0.85 - \dfrac{0.05\left(f_c' - 4000\right)}{1000}$
22.5.1.2	$V_u \le \phi(V_c + 0.66\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d)$	$V_u \le \phi(V_c + 2.2\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d)$	$V_u \le \phi(V_c + 8\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d)$
22.5.5.1	$V_c = 0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$ $V_c = \left(0.16\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 17\rho_w\dfrac{V_u d}{M_u}\right)b_w d$ $\le \left(0.16\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 17\rho_w\right)b_w d$ $\le 0.29\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$V_c = 0.53\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$ $V_c = \left(0.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 176\rho_w\dfrac{V_u d}{M_u}\right)b_w d$ $\le \left(0.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 176\rho_w\right)b_w d$ $\le 0.93\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$V_c = 2\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$ $V_c = \left(1.9\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 2500\rho_w\dfrac{V_u d}{M_u}\right)b_w d$ $\le \left(1.9\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 2500\rho_w\right)b_w d$ $\le 3.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$
22.5.6.1	$V_c = 0.17\left(1 + \dfrac{N_u}{14 A_g}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$V_c = 0.53\left(1 + \dfrac{N_u}{140 A_g}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$V_c = 2\left(1 + \dfrac{N_u}{2000 A_g}\right)\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$
22.5.6.1(a)	$V_c = \left(0.16\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 17\rho_w\dfrac{V_u d}{M_u - N_u\frac{4h-d}{8}}\right)b_w d$	$V_c = \left(0.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 176\rho_w\dfrac{V_u d}{M_u - N_u\frac{4h-d}{8}}\right)b_w d$	$V_c = \left(1.9\lambda\sqrt{f_c'} + 2500\rho_w\dfrac{V_u d}{M_u - N_u\frac{4h-d}{8}}\right)b_w d$

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22.5.6.1(b)	$V_c = 0.29\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d\sqrt{1+\dfrac{0.29N_u}{A_g}}$	$V_c = 0.93\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{35A_g}}$	$V_c = 3.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{500A_g}}$
22.5.7.1	$V_c = 0.17\left[1+\dfrac{0.29N_u}{A_g}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d\geq 0$	$V_c = 0.53\left[1+\dfrac{N_u}{35A_g}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d\geq 0$	$V_c = 2\left[1+\dfrac{N_u}{500A_g}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d\geq 0$
22.5.8.2	$V_c = \left[0.05\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+4.8\dfrac{V_u d_p}{M_u}\right]b_w d$ $V_c \leq \left(0.05\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+4.8\right)b_w d$ $0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d \leq V_c \leq 0.42\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$V_c = \left[0.16\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+49\dfrac{V_u d_p}{M_u}\right]b_w d$ $V_c \leq \left(0.16\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+49\right)b_w d$ $0.53\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d \leq V_c \leq 1.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$V_c = \left[0.6\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+700\dfrac{V_u d_p}{M_u}\right]b_w d$ $V_c \leq \left(0.6\sqrt{~'~}700\right)b_w d$ $2\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d \leq V_c \leq 5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$
22.5.8.3.1a	$V_{ci} = 0.05\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d_p + V_d + \dfrac{V_i M_{cre}}{M_{max}}$	$V_{ci} = 0.16\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d_p + V_d + \dfrac{V_i M_{cre}}{M_{max}}$	$V_{ci} = 0.6\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d_p + V_d + \dfrac{V_i M_{cre}}{M_{max}}$
22.5.8.3.1b	$V_{ci} = 0.14\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$V_{ci} = 0.45\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$V_{ci} = 1.7\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$
22.5.8.3.1c	$M_{cre} = \left[\dfrac{I}{y_t}\right](0.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+f_{pe}-f_d)$	$M_{cre} = \left[\dfrac{I}{y_t}\right](1.6\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+f_{pe}-f_d)$	$M_{cre} = \left[\dfrac{I}{y_t}\right](6\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+f_{pe}-f_d)$
22.5.8.3.2	$V_{cw} = (0.29\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+0.3f_{pc})b_w d_p + V_p$	$V_{cw} = (0.93\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+0.3f_{pc})b_w d_p + V_p$	$V_{cw} = (3.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+0.3f_{pc})b_w d_p + V_p$
22.5.8.3.3	$0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$1.1\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$
22.5.10.6.2a 22.5.10.6.2b	$V_s \leq 0.25\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$V_s \leq 0.8\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$	$V_s \leq 3\sqrt{f_c'}\,b_w d$
22.6.3.1	$\sqrt{f_c'}\leq 8.3$ MPa	$\sqrt{f_c'}\leq 27$ kgf/cm^2	$\sqrt{f_c'}\leq 100$ psi
22.6.5.2(a)	$v_c = 0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$v_c = 1.1\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$v_c = 4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$
22.6.5.2(b)	$V_c = 0.17\left[1+\dfrac{2}{\beta}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$V_c = 0.53\left[1+\dfrac{2}{\beta}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$V_c = \left[2+\dfrac{4}{\beta}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$
22.6.5.2(c)	$V_c = 0.083\left[2+\dfrac{\alpha_s d}{b_o}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$V_c = 0.27\left[2+\dfrac{\alpha_s d}{b_o}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$V_c = \left[2+\dfrac{\alpha_s d}{b_o}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$
22.6.5.5	$\sqrt{f_c'}\leq 5.8$ MPa 0.9 MPa $\leq f_{pe}\leq 3.5$ MPa	$\sqrt{f_c'}\leq 19$ kgf/cm^2 9 kgf/cm$^2 \leq f_{pe}\leq 35$ kgf/cm^2	$\sqrt{f_c'}\leq 70$ psi 125 psi $\leq f_{pe}\leq 500$ psi
22.6.5.5a	$v_c = (0.29\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+0.3f_{pc})+V_p/(b_o d)$	$v_c = (0.93\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+0.3f_{pc})+V_p/(b_o d)$	$v_c = (3.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}+0.3f_{pc})+V_p/(b_o d)$
22.6.5.5b	$v_c = 0.083\left[1.5+\dfrac{\alpha_s d}{b_o}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ $+0.3f_{pc}+V_p/(b_o d)$	$v_c = 0.27\left[1.5+\dfrac{\alpha_s d}{b_o}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ $+0.3f_{pc}+V_p/(b_o d)$	$v_c = \left[1.5+\dfrac{\alpha_s d}{b_o}\right]\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$ $+0.3f_{pc}+V_p/(b_o d)$
22.6.6.1(a), (b), (d)	$0.17\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$0.53\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$2\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$
22.6.6.1(c)	$0.25\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$0.80\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$3\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$
22.6.6.2(a)	$\phi 0.5\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\phi 1.6\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\phi 6\sqrt{f_c'}$
22.6.6.2(b)	$\phi 0.66\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\phi 2.1\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\phi 8\sqrt{f_c'}$

22.6.8.3	$\left(\dfrac{A_v}{s}\right) \geq 0.17\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{b_o}{f_{yt}}\right)$	$\left(\dfrac{A_v}{s}\right) \geq 0.53\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{b_o}{f_{yt}}\right)$	$\left(\dfrac{A_v}{s}\right) \geq 2\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{b_o}{f_{yt}}\right)$
22.6.9.10	$\phi 0.33\sqrt{f_c'}$ $\phi 0.58\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\phi 1.1\sqrt{f_c'}$ $\phi 1.9\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\phi 4\sqrt{f_c'}$ $\phi 7\sqrt{f_c'}$
22.6.9.12	$\phi 0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\phi 1.1\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$	$\phi 4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}$
22.7.2.1	$\sqrt{f_c'} \leq 8.3$ MPa	$\sqrt{f_c'} \leq 27$ kgf/cm²	$\sqrt{f_c'} \leq 100$ psi
22.7.4.1(a)(a)	$T_{th} < 0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)$	$T_{th} < 0.27\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)$	$T_{th} < \lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)$
22.7.4.1(a)(b)	$T_{th} < 0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{th} < 0.27\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{th} < \lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$
22.7.4.1(a)(c)	$T_{th} < 0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{0.33A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{th} < 0.27\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{th} < \lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{4A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$
22.7.4.1(b)(a)	$T_{th} < 0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{P_{cp}}\right)$	$T_{th} < 0.27\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{P_{cp}}\right)$	$T_{th} < \lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{P_{cp}}\right)$
22.7.4.1(b)(b)	$T_{th} < 0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{P_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{th} < 0.27\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{P_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{th} < \lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{P_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$
22.7.4.1(b)(c)	$T_{th} < 0.083\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{P_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{0.33A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{th} < 0.27\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{P_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{th} < \lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_g^2}{P_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{4A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$
22.7.5.1(a)	$T_{cr} = 0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)$	$T_{cr} = \lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)$	$T_{cr} = 4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)$
22.7.5.1(b)	$T_{cr} = 0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{cr} = \lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{cr} = 4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{f_{pc}}{4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$
22.7.5.1(c)	$T_{cr} = 0.33\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{0.33A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{cr} = \lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$	$T_{cr} = 4\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}\left(\dfrac{A_{cp}^2}{p_{cp}}\right)\sqrt{1+\dfrac{N_u}{4A_g\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}}$
22.7.7.1a	$\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{V_u}{b_w d}\right)^2 + \left(\dfrac{T_u p_h}{1.7A_{oh}^2}\right)^2} \leq \phi\left(\dfrac{V_c}{b_w d}+0.66\sqrt{f_c'}\right)$	$\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{V_u}{b_w d}\right)^2 + \left(\dfrac{T_u p_h}{1.7A_{oh}^2}\right)^2} \leq \phi\left(\dfrac{V_c}{b_w d}+2\sqrt{f_c'}\right)$	$\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{V_u}{b_w d}\right)^2 + \left(\dfrac{T_u p_h}{1.7A_{oh}^2}\right)^2} \leq \phi\left(\dfrac{V_c}{b_w d}+8\sqrt{f_c'}\right)$
22.7.7.1b	$\left(\dfrac{V_u}{b_w d}\right) + \left(\dfrac{T_u p_h}{1.7A_{oh}^2}\right) \leq \phi\left(\dfrac{V_c}{b_w d}+0.66\sqrt{f_c'}\right)$	$\left(\dfrac{V_u}{b_w d}\right) + \left(\dfrac{T_u p_h}{1.7A_{oh}^2}\right) \leq \phi\left(\dfrac{V_c}{b_w d}+2\sqrt{f_c'}\right)$	$\left(\dfrac{V_u}{b_w d}\right) + \left(\dfrac{T_u p_h}{1.7A_{oh}^2}\right) \leq \phi\left(\dfrac{V_c}{b_w d}+8\sqrt{f_c'}\right)$
22.9.4.4(b), (c), and (e)	$(3.3 + 0.08f_c')A_c$ $11A_c$ $5.5A_c$	$(34 + 0.08f_c')A_c$ $110A_c$ $55A_c$	$(480 + 0.08f_c')A_c$ $1600A_c$ $800A_c$
24.3.2	$s = 380\left(\dfrac{280}{f_s}\right) - 2.5c_c$ $s = 300\left(\dfrac{280}{f_s}\right)$	$s = 38\left(\dfrac{2800}{f_s}\right) - 2.5c_c$ $s = 30\left(\dfrac{2800}{f_s}\right)$	$s = 15\left(\dfrac{40,000}{f_s}\right) - 2.5c_c$ $s = 12\left(\dfrac{40,000}{f_s}\right)$

24.3.2.2	$\Delta f_{ps} \le 250$ MPa $\Delta f_{ps} < 140$ MPa	$\Delta f_{ps} \le 2500$ kgf/cm^2 $\Delta f_{ps} < 1400$ kgf/cm^2	$\Delta f_{ps} \le 36{,}000$ psi $\Delta f_{ps} < 20{,}000$ psi
24.4.3.2	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 420}{f_y}$	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 4200}{f_y}$	$\dfrac{0.0018 \times 60{,}000}{f_y}$
24.5.2.1	$f_t \le 0.62\sqrt{f_c'}$ $0.62\sqrt{f_c'} < f_t \le 1.0\sqrt{f_c'}$ $f_t > 1.0\sqrt{f_c'}$ $f_t \le 0.50\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$	$f_t \le 2\sqrt{f_c'}$ $2\sqrt{f_c'} < f_t \le 3.2\sqrt{\ }$ $f_t > 3.2\sqrt{f_c'}$ $f_t \le 1.6\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$	$f_t \le 7.5\sqrt{f_c'}$ $7.5\sqrt{f_c'} < f_t \le 12\sqrt{f_c'}$ $f_t > 12\sqrt{f_c'}$ $f_t \le 6\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$
24.5.3.2	$0.50\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$ $0.25\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$	$1.6\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$ $0.8\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$	$6\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$ $3\sqrt{f_{ci}'}$
25.4.1.4	$\sqrt{f_c'} \le 8.3$ MPa	$\sqrt{f_c'} \le 26.5$ kgf/cm^2	$\sqrt{f_c'} \le 100$ psi
25.4.2.2	$\ell_d = \left[\dfrac{f_y \psi_t \psi_e}{2.1\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right] d_b$	$\ell_d = \left[\dfrac{f_y \psi_t \psi_e}{6.6\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right] d_b$	$\ell_d = \left[\dfrac{f_y \psi_t \psi_e}{25\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right] d_b$
25.4.2.3a	$\ell_d = \dfrac{f_y}{1.1\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\dfrac{\psi_t\psi_e\psi_s}{\left(\dfrac{c_b + K_{tr}}{d_b}\right)} d_b$	$\ell_d = \dfrac{f_y}{3.5\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\dfrac{\psi_t\psi_e\psi_s}{\left(\dfrac{c_b + K_{tr}}{d_b}\right)} d_b$	$\ell_d = \dfrac{3\,f_y}{40\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\dfrac{\psi_t\psi_e\psi_s}{\left(\dfrac{c_b + K_{tr}}{d_b}\right)} d_b$
25.4.4.2(a)	$\left(\dfrac{0.19\,f_y\psi_e}{\sqrt{f_c'}}\right) d_b$	$\left(\dfrac{0.06\,f_y\psi_e}{\sqrt{f_c'}}\right) d_b$	$\left(\dfrac{0.016\,f_y\psi_e}{\sqrt{f_c'}}\right) d_b$
25.4.6.3(a)	$\left(\dfrac{f_y - 240}{f_y}\right)$	$\left(\dfrac{f_y - 2460}{f_y}\right)$	$\left(\dfrac{f_y - 35{,}000}{f_y}\right)$
25.4.7.2(b)	$3.3\left(\dfrac{f_y}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)\left(\dfrac{A_b}{s}\right)$	$\left(\dfrac{f_y}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)\left(\dfrac{A_b}{s}\right)$	$0.27\left(\dfrac{f_y}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)\left(\dfrac{A_b}{s}\right)$
25.4.8.1(a)	$\left(\dfrac{f_{se}}{21}\right)d_b + \left(\dfrac{f_{ps} - f_{se}}{7}\right)d_b$	$\left(\dfrac{f_{se}}{210}\right)d_b + \left(\dfrac{f_{ps} - f_{se}}{70}\right)d_b$	$\left(\dfrac{f_{se}}{3000}\right)d_b + \left(\dfrac{f_{ps} - f_{se}}{1000}\right)d_b$
25.4.9.2(a)	$\left(\dfrac{0.24\,f_y}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)d_b$	$\left(\dfrac{0.075\,f_y}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)d_b$	$\left(\dfrac{f_y}{50\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}\right)d_b$
25.4.9.2(b)	$(0.043f_y)d_b$	$(0.0044f_y)d_b$	$(0.0003f_y)d_b$
25.5.5.1(a) and (b)	$0.071f_y d_b$ $(0.13f_y - 24)d_b$	$0.0073f_y d_b$ $(0.013f_y - 24)d_b$	$0.0005f_y d_b$ $(0.0009f_y - 24)d_b$
25.7.1.3(b)	$0.17\dfrac{d_b\, f_{yt}}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}$	$0.053\dfrac{d_b\, f_{yt}}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}$	$0.014\dfrac{d_b\, f_{yt}}{\lambda\sqrt{f_c'}}$
25.7.1.7	$A_b f_{yt} \le 40{,}000$ N	$A_b f_{yt} \le 4000$ kgf	$A_b f_{yt} \le 9000$ lb
25.9.4.5.1	$f_{ps} = f_{se} + 70$	$f_{ps} = f_{se} + 700$	$f_{ps} = f_{se} + 10{,}000$
26.12.5.1	$0.62\sqrt{f_c'}$	$2\sqrt{f_c'}$	$7.5\sqrt{f_c'}$

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