

Structural Calculations
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The span quoted is solely for the purpose of producing these structural calculations. Measurements must be taken on site before ordering any materials.

Beams specified for load bearing walls of cavity construction, are often two beams, one for each skin of brick/blockwork. Check the comments at the bottom of the page for each beam specified, before ordering any materials.

Loading Data

9"BRICKWORK:

215mm Brickwork	=4.80kN/m ²
Plaster	=0.60kN/m ²
Total Load	=5.40kN/m²

BRICKWORK PARTITION:

100mm Brickwork	=2.10kN/m ²
2 No. Plaster Faces	=0.60kN/m ²
Total Load	=2.70kN/m²

BLOCKWORK PARTITION:

100mm Blockwork	=1.00kN/m ²
2 No. Plaster Faces	=0.50kN/m ²
Total Load	=1.50kN/m²

TILE HANGING TO TIMBER FRAME:

Concrete Tiles	=0.55kN/m ²
Battens & Felt	=0.10kN/m ²
Timber Studs	=0.10kN/m ²
Plasterboard	=0.15kN/m ²
Insulation	=0.05kN/m ²
Plaster	=0.25kN/m ²
Total Load	=1.20kN/m²

TIMBER STUD PARTITION:

2 No. Plasterboard	
Faces	=0.30kN/m ²
Timber Studs	=0.10kN/m ²
2 No. Plaster Faces	=0.30kN/m ²
Insulation	=0.05kN/m ²
Total Load	=0.75kN/m²

PITCHED ROOF:

Concrete Tiles	=0.60kN/m ²
Battens & Felt	=0.10kN/m ²
Rafters	=0.15kN/m ²
Total Dead Load	=0.85kN/m ²
Imposed Load	=0.75kN/m ²
Total Load	=1.60kN/m²

ROOF SPACE:

Joists & Insulation	=0.15kN/m ²
Ceiling	=0.15kN/m ²
Total Dead Load	=0.30kN/m ²
Imposed Load	=0.25kN/m ²
Total Load	=0.55kN/m²

SLOPING CEILING:

Plasterboard	=0.15kN/m ²
Insulation	=0.10kN/m ²
Total Dead Load	=0.25kN/m ²
Total Load	=0.45kN/m²

FLAT ROOF:

Chipping & Felt	=0.35kN/m ²
Boards, Joists	
& Firings	=0.30kN/m ²
Ceiling &	
Insulation	=0.15kN/m ²
Total Dead Load	=0.80kN/m ²
Imposed Load	=0.75kN/m ²
Total Load	=1.55kN/m²

TIMBER ROOF:

Boards & Joists	=0.35kN/m ²
Ceiling	=0.15kN/m ²
Total Dead Load	=0.50kN/m ²
Imposed Load	=1.50kN/m ²
Total Load	=2.00kN/m²

EXTERNAL RENDER WALL:

Render	
2 No. Skins	=0.30kN/m ²
100mm Blockwork	=2.00kN/m ²
Insulation	=0.05kN/m ²
Plaster	=0.25kN/m ²
Total Load	=2.60kN/m²

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Beam: Beam A

Span: 5.9 m.

	Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U T	o.w.	0.25	0		L	0.74	0.74
U T	ROOF SPACE	0.55*1.60	0		L	2.60	2.60
U T	ROOF SPACE	0.55*2.80	0		L	4.54	4.54
						7.88	7.88

Total load: 15.75 kN

Load types: U:UDL T: Total (positions in m. from R1)

Maximum B.M. = 11.6 kNm at 2.95 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. = 7.88 kN at R1

Total deflection = $42.1 \times 10^8 / EI$ at 2.95 m. from R1 (E in N/mm^2 , I in cm^4)

Steel calculation to BS449 Part 2 using S275 (Grade 43) steel

SECTION SIZE : 203 x 102 x 23 UB Grade 43

$D=203.2$ mm $B=101.8$ mm $t=5.4$ mm $T=9.3$ mm $I_x=2,110$ cm⁴ $r_y=2.36$ cm $Z_x=207$ cm³

$L_E/r_y = 5.90 \times 100 / 2.36 = 250$ $D/T = 21.8$

Permissible bending stress, $p_{bc} = 65.7$ N/mm² (Table 3a)

Actual bending stress, $f_{bc} = 11.62 \times 1000 / 207.0 = 56.1$ N/mm² OK

Maximum shear in web, $f_s = 7.876 \times 1000 / (5.4 \times 203.2) = 7.2$ N/mm² OK

Check unstiffened web capacity with load of 7.876 kN

Bearing: $p_b = 210$ N/mm² (Table 9); $C1 = 33.2$ kN; $C2 = 1.13$ kN/mm

Buckling: $p_c = 140$ N/mm² (Table 17a); $C1 = 76.6$ kN; $C2 = 0.754$ kN/mm

Unstiffened web bearing capacity, $P_w = 33.2$ kN: no minimum stiff bearing length required

Total deflection = $42.1 \times 10^8 / (205,000 \times 2,110) = 9.7$ mm ($L/606$) OK

Combined bending and shear check (14.c): $(f_{bc}/p_{bc})^2 + (f_s/p_s)^2 = 0.730$ at 2.95 m. (≤ 1.25 OK)

Bearing details (bearing plate sizing to BS5950-1:2000)

203x102x23 UB stiff bearing length, $b_1 = t + 1.6r + 2T = 36.2$ mm

Factor reactions by 1.55 (user selected value)

Local design strength of masonry (factored) = 0.700 N/mm² (User-entered value)

R1: 175 x 100 mm bearing plate

Factored reaction = $7.88 \times 1.55 = 12.21$ kN

8 mm m.s. bearing plate, size 175 x 100 mm

Bearing plate projection beyond stiff bearing length = $(175 - 36.2) / 2 = 69.4$ mm

Factored stress under plate = $1.55 \times 7.88 \times 1000 / 175 \times 100 = 0.70$ N/mm²

Required plate thickness = $\sqrt{(3 \times 0.70 \times 69.4 \times 69.4 / 275)} = 6.06$ mm: use 8 mm

Factored bending stress in plate = $0.70 \times 69.4 \times (69.4 / 2) / (8 \times 8 / 6) = 157.6$ N/mm² ($p_y = 275$ N/mm²)

R2 as R1

Encase beam to provide half-hour fire resistance as per specification.

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Beam: Rafters

Span: 4.6 m.

	Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U T	o.w.	0.1	0		L	0.23	0.23
U T	PITCHED ROOF	1.60*0.40	0		L	1.47	1.47
						1.70	1.70

Total load: 3.40 kN

Load types: U:UDL T: Total (positions in m. from R1)

Maximum B.M. = 1.96 kNm at 2.30 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. = 1.70 kN at R1

Total deflection = $4.31 \times 10^8 / EI$ at 2.30 m. from R1 (E in N/mm^2 , I in cm^4)

Timber beam calculation to BS5268 Part 2: 2002 using C24 timber

Use 50 x 225 C24 4.7 kg/m approx

$z = 421.9 \text{ cm}^3$ $I = 4,746 \text{ cm}^4$

Timber grade: C24 Single member: No load sharing

K_3 (loading duration factor) = 1.00 K_7 (depth factor) = 1.032 K_8 (load sharing factor) = 1.0

$E = 7,200 \text{ N/mm}^2$ (E_{\min})

Bending

Permissible bending stress, $\sigma_{m,adm} = \sigma_{m,g} \cdot K_3 \cdot K_7 \cdot K_8 = 7.5 \times 1.00 \times 1.032 \times 1.0 = 7.74 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Applied bending stress, $\sigma_{m,a} = 1.96 \times 1000 / 421.9 = 4.64 \text{ N/mm}^2$ OK

Shear

Permissible shear stress, $\tau_{adm, //} = \tau_{g, //} \cdot K_3 \cdot K_8 = 0.71 \times 1.00 \times 1.0 = 0.71 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Applied shear stress, $\tau_a = 1.70 \times 1000 \times 3/2 \times 50 \times 225 = 0.23 \text{ N/mm}^2$ OK

Deflection

Bending deflection = $4.31 \times 10^8 / 7,200 \times 4,746 = 12.62 \text{ mm}$

Mid-span shear deflection = $1.2 \times 1.96 \times 10^6 / ((E/16) \times 50 \times 225) = 0.46 \text{ mm}$

Total deflection = $12.62 + 0.46 = 13.09 \text{ mm}$ (0.0028 L) $\leq 0.003L$ OK

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Beam: Ceiling joist area 1

Span: 5.6 m.

	Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U	T	o.w.	0.25	0	L	0.70	0.70
U	T	ROOF SPACE	0.55*0.40	0	L	0.62	0.62
						1.32	1.32

Total load: 2.63 kN

Load types: U:UDL T: Total (positions in m. from R1)

Maximum B.M. = 1.84 kNm at 2.80 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. = 1.32 kN at R1

Total deflection = $6.02 \times 10^8 / EI$ at 2.80 m. from R1 (E in N/mm^2 , I in cm^4)

Timber beam calculation to BS5268 Part 2: 2002 using C16 timber

Use 50 x 200 C16 + 8 x 175 flitch plate 14.7 kg/m approx

$z = 333.3 \text{ cm}^3$ $I = 3,333 \text{ cm}^4$ Flitch plate $z = 40.8 \text{ cm}^3$ $I = 357 \text{ cm}^4$

Timber grade: C16 2 members acting together: $K_8 = 1.1$

K_3 (loading duration factor) = 1.00 K_7 (depth factor) = 1.046 K_8 (load sharing factor) = 1.1

Loading will be carried by the timber members and flitch plate in proportion to their EI values. Checks are made using the mean and minimum E-values for timber to produce worst case stresses on timber and steel members respectively. See TRADA guidance document GD9, 2008, for more information.

$EI_{\text{steel}} = 205,000 \times 357 \times 10^4 = 732 \times 10^9 \text{ Nmm}^2$

Calculate K_{8A} (modified K_8 as per TRADA GD9)

Using E_{mean} , $EI_{\text{timber}} = 8,800 \times 3,333 \times 10^4 = 293 \times 10^9 \text{ Nmm}^2$

Timber carries $293 / (293 + 732) = 0.286$ of total load (in worst case)

$K_{8A} = 1.04$ ($EI_{\text{steel}} \geq 0.2EI_{\text{total}}$ and $EI_{\text{steel}} \leq 0.8EI_{\text{total}}$)

Calculate effect of bolt holes

M16 bolts, centres offset 0 mm from beam centre line: assume 17 mm holes

To allow for holes factor bending stresses by 1.0 (timber) and 1.0 (steel)

Bending

Permissible bending stress, $\sigma_{m,adm} = \sigma_{m,g} \cdot K_3 \cdot K_7 \cdot K_{8A} = 5.3 \times 1.00 \times 1.046 \times 1.04 = 5.76 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Applied bending stress, $\sigma_{m,a} = 0.286 \times 1.84 \times 1,000 \times 1,000 / 333.3 = 1.58 \text{ N/mm}^2$ OK

Shear

Permissible shear stress, $\tau_{adm} = 0.67 \times 1.04 = 0.70 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Applied shear stress, $\tau_a = 0.286 \times 1.316 \times 1,000 \times 3 / (2 \times 50 \times 200) = 0.06 \text{ N/mm}^2$ OK

Deflection:

Using E_{min} x K_9 (2 members) Timber $EI = 5,800 \times 1.14 \times 3,333 \times 10^4 = 220 \times 10^9 \text{ Nmm}^2$

Timber carries $220 / (220 + 732) = 0.231$ of total load (average case)

Bending deflection = $0.231 \times 6.02 \times 10^8 / (6,611 \times 3,333) = 6.32 \text{ mm}$

Mid-span shear deflection = $0.231 \times 1.2 \times 1.84 \times 10^6 / (E/16) \times 50 \times 200 = 0.12 \text{ mm}$

Total deflection = $6.32 + 0.12 = 6.44 \text{ mm}$ (0.0011 L) OK

Mid-span creep deflection:

Note that this calculation simplifies the Annex K calculation by taking all live loads as the leading live load rather than just the primary one if more than one

Service class 1 (dry) assumed: $k_{def} = 0.6$ $\psi_2 = 0.3$ (domestic) $Defl_{dead} = 1.50$ $Defl_{live} = 4.51$

Loads are assumed to be 25.0% dead; 75.0% live

$E_{fin} = E_{inst} \times (Defl_{dead} + Defl_{live}) / (Defl_{dead} (1 + k_{def}) + Defl_{live} (1 + \psi_2 \cdot k_{def})) = E_{inst} \times 0.778$

$E_{min,fin} = 5,800 \times 1.14 \times 0.778 = 5,146 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Timber $E_{min,fin} I = 5,146 \times 3,333 \times 10^4 = 172 \times 10^9 \text{ Nmm}^2$

Long term/instantaneous deflection = $(220 + 732) / (172 + 732) = 1.05$

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Final deflection = $6.44 \times 1.05 = 6.79 \text{ mm}$ (0.0011 L) OK

Check flitch plate:

Using $E_{\min \text{ fin}}$ for timber, flitch plate carries $732/(172 + 732) = 0.810$ of total load

Per TRADA GD9 factor load by 1.10 to allow for slip and shear deflection in plate

Flitch plate $f_{bc} = 0.810 \times 1.84 \times 1.10 \times 1.000 \times 1000/40.8 = 40.2 \text{ N/mm}^2$ OK

Bolting:

Use M16 4.6 bolts. Bolt numbers are calculated assuming worst case load on flitch plate

Load capacity per bolt in double shear = 3.69kN (BS5268 eq. G.7 - limiting value)

(G.7: 3.69kN; G.8: 32.0kN; G.9: 7.40kN; G.10: 10.2kN)

$F_d=1350$; $M_{y,d}=196,608\text{Nmm}$; $p_k=310\text{kg/m}^3$; $K_{90}=1.59$; $f_{h,0,d}=9.895$; $f_{h,1,d}=6.223$; B and K_a taken as 1.0

Bearings: R1 (1.32kN): Required number of bolts = $0.791 \times 1.32/3.69 = 0.28$ i.e. 1 bolt min.

R2 (1.32kN): Required number of bolts = $0.791 \times 1.32/3.69 = 0.28$ i.e. 1 bolt min.

For load transference a minimum of 1 bolt is also required across the span

Recommended bolting pattern across span: Bolts at max 500 mm max c/s, alternately set 0mm above and below centre line of beam with an additional centred bolt at each significant point load position.

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Beam: Ceiling joist area 2

Span: 3.1 m.

	Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U T	o.w.	0.25	0		L	0.39	0.39
U T	ROOF SPACE	0.55*0.40	0		L	0.34	0.34
						0.73	0.73

Total load: 1.46 kN

Load types: U:UDL T: Total (positions in m. from R1)

Maximum B.M. = 0.565 kNm at 1.55 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. = 0.729 kN at R1

Total deflection = $0.565 \times 10^8 / EI$ at 1.55 m. from R1 (E in N/mm^2 , I in cm^4)

Timber beam calculation to BS5268 Part 2: 2002 using C16 timber

Use 50 x 150 C16 2.8 kg/m approx

$z = 187.5 \text{ cm}^3$ $I = 1,406 \text{ cm}^4$

Timber grade: C16 2 members acting together: $K_8 = 1.1$

K_3 (loading duration factor) = 1.00 K_7 (depth factor) = 1.079 K_8 (load sharing factor) = 1.1

$E = 5,800 \times 1.14 = 6,612 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ($E_{min} \cdot K_9$)

Bending

Permissible bending stress, $\sigma_{m,adm} = \sigma_{m,g} \cdot K_3 \cdot K_7 \cdot K_8 = 5.3 \times 1.00 \times 1.079 \times 1.1 = 6.29 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Applied bending stress, $\sigma_{m,a} = 0.565 \times 1000 / 187.5 = 3.01 \text{ N/mm}^2$ OK

Shear

Permissible shear stress, $\tau_{adm,||} = \tau_{g,||} \cdot K_3 \cdot K_8 = 0.67 \times 1.00 \times 1.1 = 0.74 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Applied shear stress, $\tau_a = 0.729 \times 1000 \times 3/2 \times 50 \times 150 = 0.15 \text{ N/mm}^2$ OK

Deflection

Bending deflection = $0.565 \times 10^8 / 6,612 \times 1,406 = 6.08 \text{ mm}$

Mid-span shear deflection = $1.2 \times 0.565 \times 10^6 / ((E/16) \times 50 \times 150) = 0.22 \text{ mm}$

Total deflection = $6.08 + 0.22 = 6.30 \text{ mm}$ ($0.0020 L$) $\leq 0.003L$ OK