

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: 3.7 m.

Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U D o.w.	0.45	0		L	0.83	0.83
U D BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	11.99	11.99
U D BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	11.99	11.99
U D TIMBER FLOOR	2.0*1.3	0		L	4.81	4.81
U D TIMBER FLOOR	2.0*1.2	0		L	4.44	4.44

Unfactored reactions (kN) Total: 34.06 34.06

Dead: 34.06 34.06

Live: 0.00 0.00

Total load: 68.12/95.36 kN Unfactored/Factored Factored reactions: 47.68 47.68

Load types: U:UDL D: Dead; L: Live (positions in m. from R1)

Maximum B.M. (factored) = 44.1 kNm at 1.85 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. (factored) = 47.7 kN at R1

Live load deflection = $0.00 \times 10^8 / EI$ at R2 (E in N/mm^2 , I in cm^4)

Total deflection = $44.9 \times 10^8 / EI$ at 1.85 m. from R1

Beam calculation to BS5950-1:2000 using S275 steel

SECTION SIZE : 152 x 152 x 37 UC S275 (compact)

D=161.8 mm B=154.4 mm t=8.0 mm T=11.5 mm $I_x=2,210 \text{ cm}^4$ $r_y=3.87 \text{ cm}$ $S_x=309 \text{ cm}^3$

Shear capacity = $0.6 p_y t D = 0.6 \times 275 \times 8.0 \times 161.8 / 1000 = 214 \text{ kN}$ (≥ 47.7) OK

Maximum moment = 44.11 kNm at 1.85 m. from R1

Moment capacity, $M_c = p_y S_x = 275 \times 309 / 1000 = 84.97 \text{ kNm}$ OK

Beam is laterally restrained at supports only: effective length = $1.0L$

Effective length (L_F) = 3.70m

Slenderness, λ (L_F/r_y) = $3.70 \times 100 / 3.87 = 95.61$

Buckling parameter (u) = 0.849

Slenderness factor (v) = 0.727 ($x = 13.3$; $\lambda/x = 7.19$)

$\beta_w = 1.000$ (Class 1/2 compact)

Equivalent slenderness (λ_{LT}) = $u.v.\lambda.\sqrt{\beta_w} = 58.99$

Bending strength, $p_b = 215.7 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Maximum moment within segment, $M_x = 44.11 \text{ kNm}$

Equivalent uniform moment factor, $m_{LT} = 0.925$ ($M_2=33.1$, $M_3=44.1$, $M_4=33.1$)

Equivalent uniform moment = $0.925 \times 44.11 = 40.80 \text{ kNm}$

Buckling resistance moment, $M_b = p_b S_x = 215.7 \times 309 / 1000 = 66.66 \text{ kNm}$ OK

Check unstiffened web capacity with load of 47.68 kN

$C1 = 84.0 \text{ kN}$; $C2 = 2.20 \text{ kN/mm}$; $C4 = 712$; $K = \min\{0.5 + (a_e / 1.4d), 1.0\}$; $p_{vw} = 275 \text{ N/mm}^2$

(for derivation of C factors see Steelwork Design Guide to BS5950-1:2000 6th ed.)

Bearing capacity, $P_w = C1 + b_1 C2$ (b_e taken as zero) Buckling capacity, $P_x = K / (C4 P_w)$

Unstiffened web bearing capacity, $P_w = 84.0 \text{ kN}$: no minimum stiff bearing length required

LL deflection = $0.000 \times 1e8 / 205,000 \times 2210.000 = 0.0 \text{ mm}$ OK

TL deflection = $44.92 \times 1e8 / 205,000 \times 2210 = 9.9 \text{ mm}$ ($L/373$)

Bearing details

152x152x37 UC stiff bearing length, $b_1 = t + 1.6r + 2T = 43.2 \text{ mm}$

Local design strength of masonry (factored) = 0.700 N/mm^2 (User-entered value)

R1: 700 x 100 x 350h mm padstone

(minimum padstone height if unreinforced: 329 mm)

Factored reaction = $34.06 \times 1.4 + 0.00 \times 1.6 = 47.68 \text{ kN}$

Factored stress under padstone = $47.68 \times 1000 / 700 \times 100 = 0.68 \text{ N/mm}^2$

R2: 250 x 300 x 125h mm padstone

(minimum padstone height if unreinforced: 104 mm)

Factored reaction = $34.06 \times 1.4 + 0.00 \times 1.6 = 47.68 \text{ kN}$

Factored stress under padstone = $47.68 \times 1000 / 250 \times 300 = 0.64 \text{ N/mm}^2$

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Encase beam to provide half-hour fire resistance as per specification. Use 2No. beams, one for each skin

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Beam: Beams over Bi-fold doors

Span: 3.6 m.

	Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U	D o.w.	0.2	0		L	0.36	0.36
U	D PITCHED ROOF	1.60*1.6	0		L	4.61	4.61
U	D ROOF SPACE	0.55*1.6	0		L	1.58	1.58

Unfactored reactions (kN) Total:

Dead:

Live:

Total load: 13.10/18.35 kN Unfactored/Factored

Factored reactions:

Load types: U:UDL D: Dead; L: Live (positions in m. from R1)

Maximum B.M. (factored) = 8.26 kNm at 1.80 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. (factored) = 9.17 kN at R1

Live load deflection = $0.00 \times 10^8 / EI$ at R2 (E in N/mm^2 , I in cm^4)

Total deflection = $7.96 \times 10^8 / EI$ at 1.80 m. from R1

Beam calculation to BS5950-1:2000 using S275 steel

SECTION SIZE : 152 x 89 x 16 UB S275 (compact)

$D=152.4$ mm $B=88.7$ mm $t=4.5$ mm $T=7.7$ mm $I_x=834$ cm^4 $r_y=2.10$ cm $S_x=123$ cm^3

Shear capacity = $0.6 p_y t D = 0.6 \times 275 \times 4.5 \times 152.4 / 1000 = 113$ kN (>9.17) OK

Maximum moment = 8.256 kNm at 1.80 m. from R1

Moment capacity, $M_c = p_y S_x = 275 \times 123 / 1000 = 33.83$ kNm OK

Beam is laterally restrained at supports only: effective length = $1.0L$

Effective length (L_F) = 3.60m

Slenderness, λ (L_F/r_y) = $3.60 \times 100 / 2.10 = 171.4$

Buckling parameter (u) = 0.889

Slenderness factor (v) = 0.675 ($x = 19.6$; $\lambda/x = 8.75$)

$\beta_w = 1.000$ (Class 1/2 compact)

Equivalent slenderness (λ_{LT}) = $u.v.\lambda.\sqrt{\beta_w} = 102.8$

Bending strength, $p_b = 120.1$ N/mm²

Maximum moment within segment, $M_x = 8.256$ kNm

Equivalent uniform moment factor, $m_{LT} = 0.925$ ($M_2=6.19$, $M_3=8.26$, $M_4=6.19$)

Equivalent uniform moment = $0.925 \times 8.256 = 7.636$ kNm

Buckling resistance moment, $M_b = p_b S_x = 120.1 \times 123 / 1000 = 14.78$ kNm OK

Check unstiffened web capacity with load of 9.173 kN

$C1 = 37.9$ kN; $C2 = 1.24$ kN/mm; $C4 = 129$; $K = \min\{0.5 + (a_e / 1.4d), 1.0\}$; $p_{vw} = 275$ N/mm²

(for derivation of C factors see Steelwork Design Guide to BS5950-1:2000 6th ed.)

Bearing capacity, $P_w = C1 + b_1 C2$ (b_e taken as zero) Buckling capacity, $P_x = K / (C4 P_w)$

With $b_1=0$, unstiffened web buckling capacity, $P_x = 34.9$ kN: no minimum stiff bearing length required

LL deflection = $0.000 \times 1e8 / 205,000 \times 834.000 = 0.0$ mm OK

TL deflection = $7.960 \times 1e8 / 205,000 \times 834 = 4.7$ mm ($L/773$)

Bearing details

152x89x16 UB stiff bearing length, $b_1 = t + 1.6r + 2T = 32.1$ mm

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

R1: 89 x 150 x 50h mm padstone

(minimum padstone height if unreinforced: 29 mm)

Factored reaction = $6.55 \times 1.4 + 0.00 \times 1.6 = 9.17$ kN

Factored stress under padstone = $9.17 \times 1000 / 89 \times 150 = 0.69$ N/mm²

R2 as R1

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