

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: 3.9 m.

	Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U T	o.w.	0.55	0		L	1.07	1.07
U T	BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	12.64	12.64
U T	BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	12.64	12.64
U T	PITCHED ROOF	1.60*2.00	0		L	6.24	6.24
U T	TIMBER FLOOR	2.00*1.00	0		L	3.90	3.90
						36.48	36.48

Total load: 72.97 kN

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

Maximum B.M. = 35.6 kNm at 1.95 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. = 36.5 kN at R1

Total deflection = $56.4 \times 10^8 / EI$ at 1.95 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 : 152 x 152 x 44 UC Grade 43

$D=166.0$ mm $B=155.9$ mm $t=9.5$ mm $T=13.6$ mm $I_x=2,703$ cm^4 $r_y=3.92$ cm $Z_x=326$ cm^3

$L_E/r_y = 3.90 \times 100 / 3.92 = 99$ $D/T = 12.2$

Permissible bending stress, $p_{bc} = 153.6$ N/mm^2 (Table 3a)

Actual bending stress, $f_{bc} = 35.57 \times 1000 / 326.0 = 109.1$ N/mm^2 OK

Maximum shear in web, $f_s = 36.48 \times 1000 / (9.5 \times 166.0) = 23.1$ N/mm^2 OK

Check unstiffened web capacity with load of 36.48 kN

Bearing: $p_b = 210$ N/mm^2 (Table 9); $C1 = 73.2$ kN; $C2 = 2.00$ kN/mm

Buckling: $p_c = 158$ N/mm^2 (Table 17a); $C1 = 125$ kN; $C2 = 1.50$ kN/mm

Unstiffened web bearing capacity, $P_w = 73.2$ kN: no minimum stiff bearing length required

Total deflection = $56.4 \times 1e8 / (205,000 \times 2,703) = 10.2$ mm ($L/383$) OK

Combined bending and shear check (14.c): $(f_{bc}/p_{bc})^2 + (f_s/p_s)^2 = 0.504$ at 1.95 m. (≤ 1.25 OK)

Bearing details

152x152x44 UC stiff bearing length, $b_1 = t + 1.6r + 2T = 48.9$ mm

Factor reactions by 1.55 (user selected value)

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

R1: 850 x 100 mm padstone

Factored reaction = $36.48 \times 1.55 = 56.55$ kN

Factored stress under padstone = $1.55 \times 36.48 \times 1000 / 850 \times 100 = 0.67$ N/mm^2

R2 as R1

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Beam: Beam B

Span: 3.4 m.

	Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U T	o.w.	0.55	0		L	0.94	0.94
U T	BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	11.02	11.02
U T	BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	11.02	11.02
U T	PITCHED ROOF	1.60*2.00	0		L	5.44	5.44
U T	TIMBER FLOOR	2.00*1.00	0		L	3.40	3.40
						31.81	31.81

Total load: 63.61 kN

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

Maximum B.M. = 27.0 kNm at 1.70 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. = 31.8 kN at R1

Total deflection = $32.6 \times 10^8 / EI$ at 1.70 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 : 152 x 152 x 30 UC Grade 43

$D=157.6$ mm $B=152.9$ mm $t=6.5$ mm $T=9.4$ mm $I_x=1,750$ cm^4 $r_y=3.83$ cm $Z_x=222$ cm^3

$L_E/r_y = 3.40 \times 100 / 3.83 = 89$ $D/T = 16.8$

Permissible bending stress, $p_{bc} = 150.2$ N/mm^2 (Table 3a)

Actual bending stress, $f_{bc} = 27.04 \times 1000 / 222.0 = 121.8$ N/mm^2 OK

Maximum shear in web, $f_s = 31.81 \times 1000 / (6.5 \times 157.6) = 31.0$ N/mm^2 OK

Check unstiffened web capacity with load of 31.81 kN

Bearing: $p_b = 210$ N/mm^2 (Table 9); $C1 = 40.2$ kN; $C2 = 1.37$ kN/mm

Buckling: $p_c = 153$ N/mm^2 (Table 17a); $C1 = 78.4$ kN; $C2 = 0.994$ kN/mm

Unstiffened web bearing capacity, $P_w = 40.2$ kN: no minimum stiff bearing length required

Total deflection = $32.6 \times 10^8 / (205,000 \times 1,750) = 9.1$ mm ($L/375$) OK

Combined bending and shear check (14.c): $(f_{bc}/p_{bc})^2 + (f_s/p_s)^2 = 0.658$ at 1.70 m. (≤ 1.25 OK)

Bearing details

152x152x30 UC stiff bearing length, $b_1 = t + 1.6r + 2T = 37.5$ mm

Factor reactions by 1.55 (user selected value)

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

R1: 750 x 100 mm padstone

Factored reaction = $31.81 \times 1.55 = 49.30$ kN

Factored stress under padstone = $1.55 \times 31.81 \times 1000 / 750 \times 100 = 0.66$ N/mm^2

R2 as R1

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Beam: Beam C

Span: 2.6 m.

	Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U T	o.w.	0.2	0		L	0.26	0.26
U T	PITCHED ROOF	1.60*2.00	0		L	4.16	4.16
U T	BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	8.42	8.42
						12.84	12.84

Total load: 25.69 kN

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

Maximum B.M. = 8.35 kNm at 1.30 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. = 12.8 kN at R1

Total deflection = $5.88 \times 10^8 / EI$ at 1.30 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 : 152 x 89 x 16 UB Grade 43

$D=152.4$ mm $B=88.7$ mm $t=4.5$ mm $T=7.7$ mm $I_x=834$ cm^4 $r_y=2.10$ cm $Z_x=109$ cm^3

$L_E/r_y = 2.60 \times 100 / 2.10 = 124$ $D/T = 19.8$

Permissible bending stress, $p_{bc} = 117.9$ N/mm^2 (Table 3a)

Actual bending stress, $f_{bc} = 8.349 \times 1000 / 109.0 = 76.6$ N/mm^2 OK

Maximum shear in web, $f_s = 12.84 \times 1000 / (4.5 \times 152.4) = 18.7$ N/mm^2 OK

Check unstiffened web capacity with load of 12.84 kN

Bearing: $p_h = 210$ N/mm^2 (Table 9); $C1 = 25.0$ kN; $C2 = 0.945$ kN/mm

Buckling: $p_c = 146$ N/mm^2 (Table 17a); $C1 = 50.1$ kN; $C2 = 0.657$ kN/mm

Unstiffened web bearing capacity, $P_w = 25.0$ kN: no minimum stiff bearing length required

Total deflection = $5.88 \times 10^8 / (205,000 \times 834) = 3.4$ mm ($L/756$) OK

Combined bending and shear check (14.c): $(f_{bc}/p_{bc})^2 + (f_s/p_s)^2 = 0.422$ at 1.30 m. (≤ 1.25 OK)

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

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

Factor reactions by 1.55 (user selected value)

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

R1: 300 x 100 mm bearing plate

Factored reaction = $12.84 \times 1.55 = 19.91$ kN

15 mm m.s. bearing plate, size 300 x 100 mm

Bearing plate projection beyond stiff bearing length = $(300 - 32.1) / 2 = 134$ mm

Factored stress under plate = $1.55 \times 12.84 \times 1000 / 300 \times 100 = 0.66$ N/mm^2

Required plate thickness = $\sqrt{(3 \times 0.66 \times 134 \times 134 / 275)} = 11.4$ mm: use 15mm

Factored bending stress in plate = $0.66 \times 134 \times (134 / 2) / (15 \times 15 / 6) = 158.8$ N/mm^2 ($p_y = 275$ N/mm^2)

R2 as R1

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Beam: Beam D

Span: 3.9 m.

	Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U T	o.w.	0.4	0		L	0.78	0.78
U T	BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	12.64	12.64
U T	TIMBER FLOOR	2.00*1.1	0		L	4.29	4.29
U T	TIMBER FLOOR	2.00*1.0	0		L	3.90	3.90
						21.61	21.61

Total load: 43.21 kN

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

Maximum B.M. = 21.1 kNm at 1.95 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. = 21.6 kN at R1

Total deflection = $33.4 \times 10^8 / EI$ at 1.95 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 : 152 x 152 x 37 UC Grade 43

$D=161.8$ mm $B=154.4$ mm $t=8.0$ mm $T=11.5$ mm $I_x=2,210$ cm⁴ $r_y=3.87$ cm $Z_x=273$ cm³

$L_E/r_y = 3.90 \times 100 / 3.87 = 101$ $D/T = 14.1$

Permissible bending stress, $p_{bc} = 147.3$ N/mm² (Table 3a)

Actual bending stress, $f_{bc} = 21.07 \times 1000 / 273.0 = 77.2$ N/mm² OK

Maximum shear in web, $f_s = 21.61 \times 1000 / (8.0 \times 161.8) = 16.7$ N/mm² OK

Check unstiffened web capacity with load of 21.61 kN

Bearing: $p_h = 210$ N/mm² (Table 9); $C1 = 55.6$ kN; $C2 = 1.68$ kN/mm

Buckling: $p_c = 156$ N/mm² (Table 17a); $C1 = 101$ kN; $C2 = 1.25$ kN/mm

Unstiffened web bearing capacity, $P_w = 55.6$ kN: no minimum stiff bearing length required

Total deflection = $33.4 \times 10^8 / (205,000 \times 2,210) = 7.4$ mm ($L/529$) OK

Combined bending and shear check (14.c): $(f_{bc}/p_{bc})^2 + (f_s/p_s)^2 = 0.274$ at 1.95 m. (≤ 1.25 OK)

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

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

Factor reactions by 1.55 (user selected value)

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

R1: 500 x 100 mm bearing plate

Factored reaction = $21.61 \times 1.55 = 33.49$ kN

20 mm m.s. bearing plate, size 500 x 100 mm

Bearing plate projection beyond stiff bearing length = $(500 - 43.2) / 2 = 228.4$ mm

Factored stress under plate = $1.55 \times 21.61 \times 1000 / 500 \times 100 = 0.67$ N/mm²

Required plate thickness = $\sqrt{(3 \times 0.67 \times 228 \times 228 / 265)} = 19.9$ mm: use 20 mm

Factored bending stress in plate = $0.67 \times 228 \times (228/2) / (20 \times 20/6) = 262.1$ N/mm² ($p_y = 265$ N/mm²)

R2 as R1

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