

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: 2.7 m.

Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U D o.w.	0.2	0		L	0.27	0.27
U D BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	8.75	8.75
U D BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	8.75	8.75
U D TIMBER FLOOR	2.0*1.20	0		L	3.24	3.24

Unfactored reactions (kN) Total: 21.01 21.01

Dead: 21.01 21.01

Live: 0.00 0.00

Total load: 42.01/58.82 kN Unfactored/Factored

Factored reactions: 29.41 29.41

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

Maximum B.M. (factored) = 19.9 kNm at 1.35 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. (factored) = 29.4 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 = $10.8 \times 10^8/EI$ at 1.35 m. from R1

Beam calculation to BS5950-1:2000 using S275 steel

SECTION SIZE : 178 x 102 x 19 UB S275 (compact)

$D=177.8$ mm $B=101.2$ mm $t=4.8$ mm $T=7.9$ mm $I_x=1,360$ cm⁴ $r_y=2.37$ cm $S_x=171$ cm³

Shear capacity = $0.6 p_y t D = 0.6 \times 275 \times 4.8 \times 177.8/1000 = 141$ kN (≥ 29.4) OK

Maximum moment = 19.85 kNm at 1.35 m. from R1

Moment capacity, $M_c = p_y S_x = 275 \times 171/1000 = 47.02$ kNm OK

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

Effective length (L_F) = 2.70m

Slenderness, λ (L_F/r_y) = $2.70 \times 100/2.37 = 113.9$

Buckling parameter (u) = 0.886

Slenderness factor (v) = 0.815 ($x = 22.6$; $\lambda/x = 5.04$)

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

Equivalent slenderness (λ_{LT}) = $u.v.\lambda.\sqrt{\beta_w} = 82.23$

Bending strength, $p_b = 159.9$ N/mm²

Maximum moment within segment, $M_x = 19.85$ kNm

Equivalent uniform moment factor, $m_1 m_T = 0.925$ ($M_2=14.9$, $M_3=19.9$, $M_4=14.9$)

Equivalent uniform moment = $0.925 \times 19.85 = 18.36$ kNm

Buckling resistance moment, $M_b = p_b S_x = 159.9 \times 171/1000 = 27.34$ kNm OK

Check unstiffened web capacity with load of 29.41 kN

$C1 = 40.9$ kN; $C2 = 1.32$ 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, $P_x = 36.4$ kN: no minimum stiff bearing length required

LL deflection = $0.000 \times 1e8/205,000 \times 1360.000 = 0.0$ mm OK

TL deflection = $10.77 \times 1e8/205,000 \times 1360 = 3.9$ mm ($L/699$)

Bearing details

178x102x19 UB stiff bearing length, $b_1 = t + 1.6r + 2T = 32.8$ mm

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

R1: 450 x 100 mm bearing plate

Factored reaction = $21.01 \times 1.4 + 0.00 \times 1.6 = 29.41$ kN

20 mm m.s. bearing plate, size 450 x 100 mm

Bearing plate projection beyond stiff bearing length = $(450 - 32.8)/2 = 208.6$ mm

Factored stress under plate = $29.41 \times 1000/450 \times 100 = 0.65$ N/mm²

Required plate thickness = $\sqrt{(3 \times 0.65 \times 209 \times 209/265)} = 17.9$ mm: use 20mm

Factored bending stress in plate = $0.65 \times 209 \times (209/2)/(20 \times 20/6) = 213.3$ N/mm² ($p_y = 265$ N/mm²)

R2: 102 x 450 mm bearing plate

Factored reaction = $21.01 \times 1.4 + 0.00 \times 1.6 = 29.41$ kN

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5 mm m.s. bearing plate, size 102 x 450 mm

Bearing plate projection beyond stiff bearing length = $(102 - 32.8) / 2 = 34.6 \text{ mm}$

Factored stress under plate = $29.41 \times 1000 / 102 \times 450 = 0.64 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Required plate thickness = $\sqrt{(3 \times 0.64 \times 34.6 \times 34.6 / 275)} = 2.89 \text{ mm}$: use 5mm

Factored bending stress in plate = $0.64 \times 34.6 \times (34.6 / 2) / (5 \times 5 / 6) = 92.1 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ($p_y = 275 \text{ N/mm}^2$)

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

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Beam: Beam B

Span: 4.0 m.

Load name	Loading w1	Start x1	Loading w2	End x2	R1comp	R2comp
U D o.w.	0.5	0		L	1.00	1.00
U D BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	12.96	12.96
U D BRICKWORK PARTITION	2.70*2.40	0		L	12.96	12.96
U D TIMBER FLOOR	2.0*1.20	0		L	4.80	4.80

Unfactored reactions (kN) Total:

31.72 31.72

Dead:

31.72 31.72

Live:

0.00 0.00

Total load: 63.44/88.82 kN Unfactored/Factored

Factored reactions:

44.41 44.41

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

Maximum B.M. (factored) = 44.4 kNm at 2.00 m. from R1

Maximum S.F. (factored) = 44.4 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 = $52.9 \times 10^8 / EI$ at 2.00 m. from R1

Beam calculation to BS5950-1:2000 using S275 steel

SECTION SIZE : 203 x 203 x 46 UC S275 (compact)

D=203.2 mm B=203.6 mm t=7.2 mm T=11.0 mm $I_x=4,570 \text{ cm}^4$ $r_y=5.13 \text{ cm}$ $S_x=497 \text{ cm}^3$

Shear capacity = $0.6 p_y \cdot t \cdot D = 0.6 \times 275 \times 7.2 \times 203.2 / 1000 = 241 \text{ kN}$ (≥ 44.4) OK

Maximum moment = 44.41 kNm at 2.00 m. from R1

Moment capacity, $M_c = p_y \cdot S_x = 275 \times 497 / 1000 = 136.7 \text{ kNm}$ OK

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

Effective length (L_E) = 4.00m

Slenderness, λ (L_E / r_y) = $4.00 \times 100 / 5.13 = 77.97$

Buckling parameter (u) = 0.846

Slenderness factor (v) = 0.844 ($x = 17.7$; $\lambda/x = 4.41$)

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

Equivalent slenderness (λ_{LT}) = $u \cdot v \cdot \lambda \cdot \sqrt{\beta_w} = 55.68$

Bending strength, $p_b = 224.0 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Maximum moment within segment, $M_x = 44.41 \text{ kNm}$

Equivalent uniform moment factor, $m_1 = 0.925$ ($M_2=33.3$, $M_3=44.4$, $M_4=33.3$)

Equivalent uniform moment = $0.925 \times 44.41 = 41.08 \text{ kNm}$

Buckling resistance moment, $M_b = p_b \cdot S_x = 224.0 \times 497 / 1000 = 111.3 \text{ kNm}$ OK

Check unstiffened web capacity with load of 44.41 kN

$C1 = 84.0 \text{ kN}$; $C2 = 1.98 \text{ kN/mm}$; $C4 = 399$; $K = \min\{0.5 + (a_e / 1.4d), 1.0\}$; $p_{vw} = 275 \text{ N/mm}^2$

(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, $P_x = K / (C4 \cdot P_w)$

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

LL deflection = $0.000 \times 1e8 / 205,000 \times 4570.000 = 0.0 \text{ mm}$ OK

TL deflection = $52.86 \times 1e8 / 205,000 \times 4570 = 5.6 \text{ mm}$ ($L/709$)

Bearing details

203x203x46 UC stiff bearing length, $b_1 = t + 1.6r + 2T = 45.5 \text{ mm}$

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

R1: 650 x 100 mm bearing plate

Factored reaction = $31.72 \times 1.4 + 0.00 \times 1.6 = 44.41 \text{ kN}$

30 mm m.s. bearing plate, size 650 x 100 mm

Bearing plate projection beyond stiff bearing length = $(650 - 45.5) / 2 = 302.2 \text{ mm}$

Factored stress under plate = $44.41 \times 1000 / 650 \times 100 = 0.68 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Required plate thickness = $\sqrt{(3 \times 0.68 \times 302 \times 302 / 265)} = 26.6 \text{ mm}$: use 30mm

Factored bending stress in plate = $0.68 \times 302 \times (302 / 2) / (30 \times 30 / 6) = 208.0 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ($p_y = 265 \text{ N/mm}^2$)

R2: 204 x 650 mm bearing plate

Factored reaction = $31.72 \times 1.4 + 0.00 \times 1.6 = 44.41 \text{ kN}$

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5 mm m.s. bearing plate, size 204 x 650 mm

Bearing plate projection beyond stiff bearing length = $(204-45.5)/2 = 79.2\text{mm}$

Factored stress under plate = $44.41 \times 1000/204 \times 650 = 0.33 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Required plate thickness = $\sqrt{(3 \times 0.33 \times 79.2 \times 79.2/275)} = 4.79 \text{ mm}$: use 5mm

Factored bending stress in plate = $0.33 \times 79.2 \times (79.2/2)/(5 \times 5/6) = 252.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ($p_y=275 \text{ N/mm}^2$)

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